

Ben Cowan-Dewar



In 2004, Ben Cowan-Dewar set out to turn a former mining site on the west coast of Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia, into a golf resort. Today, Cowan-Dewar, Co-founder and CEO of Cabot Links, and recipient of Canada's prestigious Top 40 under 40, is credited for his growing business success, and also for his role in revitalizing the economy in a region of rural Nova Scotia.

Along with business partner Mike Keiser, Cowan-Dewar developed Cabot Links and Cabot Cliffs, both named among the World's Top 50 golf courses. The resort now includes two award-winning courses, internationally-renowned accommodations and villas, restaurants, and employs more than 500 people in an area that previously struggled to create new jobs.

Cowan-Dewar recently expanded the Cabot brand with the ground-breaking of Cabot Saint Lucia, a masterplan resort community in the Caribbean. Located on Point Hardy, a 375-acre peninsula at the northern tip of Saint Lucia, this property will include Cabot's third golf course and second resort in its expanding portfolio of world-class properties.

Ben has served as the Chair of Destination Canada since 2017 and was recently named to the Industry Strategy Council with the aim of aiding Canada's economic recovery from COVID-19. He is a member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO) and has served on the boards of the Golf Canada Foundation and Cape Breton University. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by Governor General David Johnston in 2017. Ben lives in Toronto, Ontario and Inverness, Nova Scotia, with his wife, Allie, and their three children.