

# Fast-expanding pub group acquires two more South Wales venues

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A fast-expanding pub group has acquired two more venues in South Wales.

Red Dragon Pubs has added the Pemberton in Burry Port and The Gwesty in Brynmawr to its pubco portfolio .

After officially launching at The Aubrey Arms in Ystradgynlais last month, Red Dragon Pubs now owns 10 pubs in the Swansea and Gwent Valleys, with plans to expand its portfolio by even more in the coming months.

Its first investment was The Aubrey Arms, then Red Dragon Pubs added The Mill House in Morriston, The Other Place in Pontardawe, The Tregib Arms in Ammanford, and the Old Glais Inn, Glais as well as The Red Lion in Brecon, The Doll's House in Abertillery and The Torbay Inn in Llandeilo to its

The company is the brainchild of serial entrepreneur James Hunt who, along with a group of investors, have ambitions to acquire and invest in pubs across south Wales in a bid to make Red Dragon Pubs the most familiar and well-loved pubs in Wales.

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Mr Hunt is adamant they have no absolutely no intention of stopping: “We are hugely ambitious and believe there is a great opportunity to create a Welsh pub company, fit for the people of Wales that everyone is proud of.

“We want Red Dragon Pubs to be a recognisable part of every Welsh community and, with 10 pubs acquired so far, we certainly believe that we are on our way to achieving this.

Mr Hunt added: “We’re very excited to welcome these pubs to the Red Dragon Pubs family and are confident that many more will be added to our expanding portfolio in the next few months. The new acquisitions don’t just bring new pubs to communities, but also many recruitment opportunities for locals too. We want attract people who have a keen interest in carving a career out in hospitality to join us here at Red Dragon Pubs. We are looking to invest in much in our staff as we are in our pubs.

“This is the perfect chance to be involved in a new and exciting business and one which is growing rapidly, offering lots of opportunities around south Wales. We want the best pub managers, chefs, bar and waiting staff to join us and feel as passionate about our business as we do. Working for Red Dragon Pubs is not just a job, but a career.”

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Red Dragon Pubs also runs The Red Dragon Foundation, which helps support charities around south Wales with 1p from every drink ordered in a Red Dragon pub going towards a chosen Red Dragon charity.

“The more people come and enjoy a drink in the local community Red Dragon pub, the more they will be helping to support really worthwhile community projects and charities,” Mr Hunt said.

“So, we see it as a win-win situation and a true reflection of what we are trying to achieve at Red Dragon Pubs.”

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