

Bill Chait

Restaurateur

A native Angeleno, Bill Chait has been involved in the restaurant industry for more than 25 years during which time he has developed and operated several successful restaurant concepts. Bill is the founder of a multi-unit restaurant operation, Louise's Trattoria, with locations in Southern California, Wisconsin, Washington D.C. and Maryland. Chait's other restaurant concepts have included Angel City Grill, The Beverly Restaurant and Market and Louise's Italian Kitchen. In 2010, he created the nationally acclaimed Los Angeles pop-up restaurant Test Kitchen, which pioneered an exciting new concept in dining featuring world renowned guest chefs and budding culinary talent. The Test Kitchen "Townhouse" on Pico is now home to Picca and Sotto restaurants.

Bill is currently director and vice chairman of LT Acquisition Corp., principal of Spark Restaurants LLC and the managing partner of Sprout L.A. He's also principal and managing partner for Rivera with Chef John Sedlar, Sotto with Chefs Steve Samson and Zach Pollack, Picca with Chef Ricardo Zarate, Short Order and Short Cake with Nancy Silverton and the late Amy Pressman, Bestia with Chef Ori Menashe, Petty Cash and Republique with Walter Manzke, as well as Vibiana and Redbird with Amy Knoll Fraser and Chef Neal Fraser. Chait and his restaurants have been featured in countless publications including, most recently, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *Bon Appetit*, *Nation's Restaurant News*, *Sunset* magazine, *Los Angeles* magazine, *Entrepreneur* magazine and *Bloomberg Financial*.