

Ivar de Lange

Ivar de Lange started bartending in **1996** in the city of **Amsterdam**. Throughout his university years he kept on working in the cocktail and hospitality industry. Educated as a **medical psychologist** he soon found out that working in the hospital was not his biggest passion and he decided to follow his dreams and open **a cocktail bar in 2008**.

Both with the bar and as a bartender, Ivar has won many **awards, competitions and accolades** amongst which **Best Bar in the Netherlands, World Class Best Bartender, Top 5 IBA World Cocktail Championships**, winner of the **Maker's Mark Mixology Sessions** and he has been honored with the **Golden Bow Tie award for Best Bartender in the Netherlands** by his colleagues from the industry.

Ivar joined the **Bols Cocktail Academy** in 2016 as the **Global Education Manager & Master Bartender** and is responsible for the Bols Cocktail Academy and the Bols global cocktail program. Currently he is working on a project to make the Bols Cocktail Academy a globally leading barschool which involves **e-learning** and worldwide partners of the Bols Bartending Academy. He and his team work closely together with the product development team to make sure that each product Lucas Bols releases is designed for bartenders and cocktails. Besides that, Ivar is a **global consultant** for restaurants, bars and high-end hotel groups on their staff and education programs.



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