



Aga Khan Museum Patrons' Lounge Renamed in Recognition of the Rupani Family's Transformative Contribution

The prominent Museum space has been renamed to honour the generous contribution made in support of the Museum's mission and vision.

TORONTO, ON – November 26, 2024 – The Aga Khan Museum is pleased to announce the renaming of the Patrons' Lounge to the Rupani Family Patrons' Lounge, in recognition of the transformational gift and extraordinary, long-time generosity extended by Amirali Rupani and his family. This dedication marks a milestone for the institution, celebrating the family's outstanding and sustained contributions over the years to advancing the Museum's mandate of bridging cultures and promoting peaceful societies through the arts.

As the Museum celebrates its 10th anniversary, the Rupani family's unwavering support has played a critical role in achieving its ambitions for consolidating its financial sustainability, which is now further strengthened by their endowment gift. A significant and much-beloved space within the Museum, the Rupani Family Patrons' Lounge serves as a calm sanctuary where Patrons gather each week to connect, reflect, and share meaningful moments with their friends and family.

"Our family is passionately dedicated to the Museum's mission and proud to support an institution that makes a meaningful impact worldwide. We look forward to seeing the Rupani Family Patrons' Lounge enhance cultural connections and unite people from all walks of life. We hope our support inspires others and creates lasting change for future generations," said the Rupani family.

The Rupani family, based in Dallas, Texas, are long-standing advocates of the Museum, championing the growth of its global reach and network since it opened its doors in 2014. Their commitment is reflected in their roles as key supporters of the *Marvelous Creatures* exhibition in 2016 and the *World of the Fatimids* exhibition in 2018. They have also been steadfast supporters of the Museum's Lapis Ball since 2017.

"We are immensely grateful to the Rupani family for their unwavering support and inspiring generosity," said Dr. Ulrike Al-Khamis, Director and CEO of the Aga Khan Museum. "The Rupani Family Patrons' Lounge stands as a heartfelt reminder of the crucial role our supporters play in realizing the Museum's mandate and in providing a warm, inclusive welcome to everyone for intercultural conversations, learning, and strengthening our sense of community."

Located on the second floor, the Rupani Family Patrons' Lounge will continue to welcome Patrons for years to come. Whether hosting guests, visiting the Museum, or celebrating life's monumental events, it will provide a space where conversations open minds and memories are made.

To learn more about supporting the Museum's Endowment or legacy giving opportunities, please [contact Nadia Humayun](#), Director, Development.

About the Aga Khan Museum

The Aga Khan Museum in Toronto, Canada, has been established and developed by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC), which is an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). Through permanent and temporary exhibitions, educational activities and performing arts, the Museum's mission is to spark wonder, curiosity, and understanding of Muslim cultures and their connection with other cultures through the arts. Designed by architect Fumihiko Maki, the Museum shares a 6.8-hectare site with Toronto's Ismaili Centre, which was designed by architect Charles Correa. The surrounding landscaped park was designed by landscape architect Vladimir Djurovic.



From left: Rahim Lalani, Reena Lalani, Prince Ayn Aga Khan, Amiral Rupani, Parveen Rupani, Sanayah Rupani, Muneera Rupani, and Arman Rupani.