



# FOUNDATIONS

## HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT FIVE NEW MEMBERS

Five industry leaders will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on October 23 during the High Point Market.



**Michael Amini**, chairman and CEO of AICO/Amini Innovation Corp., founded his company in 1988 as an occasional table importer. It has since grown to include case goods, upholstery, home accents, accessories, lighting, wall décor, rugs and textiles in a vast array of styles at multiple price points. His showrooms in High Point and Las Vegas feature extravagant audio visual experiences.



**Michael K. Dugan**, former president and CEO of Henredon Furniture Industries, is a savvy businessman who fostered great discussion with his book, *The Furniture Wars: How America Lost a \$50 Billion Dollar Industry*. The president of Henredon Furniture Industries for 17 years and a co-founder of Jamestown Sterling, he skillfully and strategically positioned companies for greater success.



**John Gabbert**, founder of Room & Board, left a traditional family retail store at age 33 with the vision to create a new business model: Room & Board. The brand is known for conducting its own product development of timeless modern design, quality American craftsmanship and a commitment to environmental stewardship. With customers coast to coast, it is a thriving omni-channel organization with 22 stores.



**Neil Goldberg**, chairman and CEO of Raymour & Flanigan Furniture, leads the largest furniture and mattress retailer in the Northeast and seventh largest nationwide. Under his leadership, the company known for operational excellence has grown through organic expansion and acquisitions, from three stores to 145 locations in seven states.



**Stephen K. Pond**, founding publisher of Furniture Today, founded the publication in 1976 with the vision to create "the industry's newspaper" that would inform the stakeholders and build businesses globally and throughout the home furnishings industry. During his ownership, the parent company, Communications Today, launched seven additional news outlets known for its journalistic integrity, research, and accuracy.

## LA-Z-BOY FOUNDATION DONATES \$350,000 FOR HALL OF FAME NEW HOME



The La-Z-Boy Foundation has awarded a generous grant to the Hall of Fame Building Fund. The \$350,000 gift will name the Grand Story Wall, the iconic feature that will become the distinguishing feature on the front of the building.

"Throughout La-Z-Boy Incorporated's history, we've had an amazing group of executives associated with our company, with eight already inducted into the Hall of Fame," says Melinda Whittington, La-Z-Boy CEO. "Naming the Story Wall allows us to recognize their contributions as well as to honor all associates over our 95 years – the past, present and future employees."

The La-Z-Boy Incorporated Story Wall is a 25- by 13-foot digital matrix of interlaced LED screens that can be programmed with photography and videos. Just feet from the street, it will draw visitors into the building with inspirational images and videos.



## DESIGN STARS AVIVA STANOFF AND DAVID SANTIAGO TO HOST INDUCTION CELEBRATION

Design superstars Aviva Stanoff and David Santiago will host the Hall of Fame Induction Celebration on October 23 during the High Point Market. Stanoff, an artisan and multigenerational maker, founded her eponymous design studio and home décor brand with a focus on pieces that embody deliberate luxury. She has won numerous awards, and her work is featured in the permanent collection of the Brooklyn Museum of Decorative Arts. Santiago, an industry ambassador and founder of Casa Santi Interior Design, is an award-winning designer and gifted vocalist whose Strictly Santi brand was created to be as diverse as his repertoire of talents. He has appeared as a guest designer on the NBC hit television series *George to the Rescue* and as a lifestyle correspondent for *The Donna Drake Show* on CBS NY.

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