

Dedication of the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business
Remarks of President Peter Dorman
Tuesday, October 13 at 5:30 pm
Maamari Auditorium, OSB

Program:

Speakers – Dean George Najjar
Provost Ahmad Dallal
President Peter Dorman
Sheikh Khalid Olayan
BOT Chair Philip Khoury

Followed by a tour of the building and a seated open-air dinner

This has been a banner year for the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business: accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in April and now a state-of-the-art, fully-dedicated facility. Both of these are not ends in themselves, but are more properly seen as new beginnings. Accreditation is a continuous process of self-reflection, programmatic enhancement, and strategic planning. And this new home marks the next stage in what has been a steady rise of the OSB in both size and stature.

With an abiding commitment to delivering a first-rate undergraduate education, an ever-growing MBA program, and the now well-established Executive MBA program, which are all recognized throughout the region and beyond, the OSB is dedicated to excellence in business education and research for an impressive range of constituencies. The building has allotted space for each of these programs, with room to grow and change, as well as ample spaces for interactions across disciplines and programs and with the rest of the AUB community.

With its many open areas and sight corridors to other parts of the university, as well as to the ‘outside world’ of the Corniche and Beirut, this building encompasses the loftiest goals of the OSB: to serve as a conduit for those seeking the knowledge base for a career in business and to provide the more esoteric, but perhaps more important, competencies of critical thinking, ethical discernment, and leadership.

A short nine years ago, the Olayan family chose to honor Suliman S. Olayan's passion for business by supporting and naming the newly-independent school of business at AUB. Since then, the family has never wavered in its commitment to the success and growth of the school of business in particular, and AUB in general. Our most sincere and heartfelt thanks for all you do – as donors, as trustees, and most importantly as long-time friends of this university.