

Murad Al-Katib

Murad Al-Katib's parents were his inspiration. The Al-Katib family immigrated to Canada from Turkey in 1965 and settled in Davidson in 1975. They showed him the value of community and giving back. This is where he developed his passion to become an entrepreneur in agriculture and to create opportunities in rural Saskatchewan.

Murad Al-Katib is the president and CEO and a board member of AGT Food and Ingredients Inc. In 2001 he founded Saskcan Pulse Trading, the inspiration that became Alliance Grain Traders in 2007. In 2014 Alliance Grain Traders underwent a name change to AGT Food and Ingredients Inc. to reflect its expanding business and increased focus on pulse, staple foods, food ingredients and packaged foods.

AGT Food and Ingredients is one of the largest suppliers of value-added pulses, staple foods and food ingredients in the world. They buy lentils, peas, beans and chickpeas from farmers around their facilities located in the best pulse-growing regions in Canada, the United States, Turkey, Australia, China and South Africa. They ship their products to customers in over 120 countries, with over 45 manufacturing facilities on five continents. AGT has approximately 2,200 employees, roughly 650 of them in Saskatchewan. AGT creates value for producers, quality products for their customers and growth for their shareholders.

AGT Foods, through its subsidiaries Mobil Grain, Last Mountain Railway, Big Sky Railway and MobilEx, as well as its investments in CanEst Transit, offers competitive freight opportunities for producers to move their products, matching origination and production to supply and demand requirements from farm to customer. AGT Foods directly operates nearly 700 km of rail line across Saskatchewan and features port facilities in Port Ridley, B.C., Thunder Bay, Ont. and Montreal Que., connecting producers to markets across the world. They also operate a small innovative trucking component that haul b-train and triple trailer configurations hauling sea containers from their facilities to railhead in Saskatchewan.

Murad completed his Masters from Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Saskatchewan. He currently serves as chairman of the Government of Canada National Agri-Food Strategy Roundtable, sits on the board of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and is the current chair of Economic Development Regina. His accomplishments are exemplary from the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, World Entrepreneur of the Year, Canadian Entrepreneur of the Year, Prairie Entrepreneur of the Year, Top 40 under 40, Global Citizen Laureate and Business Leader of the Year to name a few. With his varied experience at AGT, Murad has proven himself to be a strong financial and strategic business thinker, able to anticipate and mitigate the risks in international trading and commodities.

Murad is married to Michelle; they have two children, Tariq and Serra, and reside in Regina Saskatchewan.

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