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Dear Lars:

My patience has finally come to fruition. The 1,300 m2 first contemporary art museum in Istanbul opens in September 2001. This is the one I had mentioned you back in September. I am putting together a small staff, it is a tiny budget operation, and I am trying to put together a community of supporters, that includes, inevitably, my trusted international supporters, like your institution. It is of course a dilemma, because I have espoused for a long time the support of artistic communities that do not have links to sources and communities of funding, and now, not having any major funds myself - in charge of an institution - I cannot bypass its reality. We will see how it works.

I am also moving my little institution (Istanbul contemporary art project) under the protection of a new operation which will be funded! It will be a contemporary art center with the financial backing of a bank.

These are two revolutions for Istanbul, setting up of new situations for artists and audiences. Now since I have done some of my homework, I rely on your support and collaboration, hopefully very soon.

Warmest regards,

Vasif