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WHEN EAST MEETS WEST



Dear Friend,

What better way start the new season, in the year dedicated to the great **Victor Horta**, than with a visit to **Maison Frison** – Foundation Frison Horta, the only Horta house in the Sablon area. We love taking you to meet fascinating people with an extraordinary story to tell and **Nupur Tron** certainly meets this bill.

Nupur is from India but has lived most of her adult life in the U.S., France, and now Belgium. She likes to say that it was the house that found her and not the other way around. From the moment she first stepped into Maison Frison, **this art nouveau jewel**, it was love at first site. She bought the house 1 year ago making it the home she shares with her delightful 4-year-old daughter and has started an extensive renovation program aided by experts from the **Royal Commission for Monuments and Sites**. The sleeping beauty slowly awakens. The **Winter Garden**, touted to be the architect's best, has just been completed and everywhere you will see glimpses of the original intricate murals, frescos and mosaics which are painstakingly being rediscovered. Much of the furniture and light fixtures originally designed for the house have found their way back.

Nupur will show us around, explain the restoration projects and tell us how, via her non-profit **Foundation Frison Horta**, she channels her roots and brings the legacies of the East to the West. She is brimming with ideas on how to share her house and make it a platform for the exchange of culture and artistic projects between India and Europe and will share these with us over a **glass of champagne** at the end of the visit.