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**CURRY LOUNGE BEATS POPPADOM TOWER WORLD RECORD!**

Renowned Nottingham Indian restaurant the Curry Lounge is "on poppa the world" after setting a new record.

Owner Arfan Razak (also known as Raz) and his team of chefs built a poppadom tower that measured 1.51m (4ft 11.4ins) – beating by 3cm the existing record which was set in Greater Manchester two years ago.

In accordance to guidelines from The Guinness Book of World Records, independent witnesses were on hand to verify that the attempt was carried out correctly – making sure that the total height of the 1,052 poppadoms were measured.

The witnesses, Tom Nicholson from accountants UHY Hacker Young and Tom Redgate from law firm Rothera Dowson, will submit written reports to Guinness, along with photographs and video footage.

Raz commented: "We're all really excited that we managed to get the poppadom tower to such an immense height. Special thanks to my chefs Jamshed Aktar, Imran Quershi and Sumil Bhatia.

"It was great fun, but there were some nerve-racking moments when we reached the current record holder's height, because we knew from our many practice runs that the weight of the poppadoms would begin to make some of the lower ones crack.

"It just goes to show that you can smash any world record if you have an enthusiastic yet determined team with you, right through from start to finish."

A spokesman for the Guinness Book of Records said that it is hoped the record bid will be determined within six weeks.

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Visit [www.currylounge.co.uk](http://www.currylounge.co.uk) or log onto Facebook to view the poppadom tower video and images on the Curry Lounge Restaurant Member's Group page.

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**Notes to editors:**

The tallest stack of poppadoms measured at 1.48 m (4 ft 10 in) by the previous record holders Nahim Aslam and Fayaz Aslam, at the Indian Ocean restaurant, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire on 9 October 2007.

**About the Curry Lounge:**

Promising traditional Indian and Punjabi cuisine freshly cooked to order, The Curry Lounge has been praised by the toptable Top 100 Dining Awards 2009 as one of the top 10 restaurants that offers the best value meals when dining out in the UK.

Having opened the first Curry Lounge restaurant in Nottingham in 2007, the brand has gone from strength-to-strength since its appearance on Gordon Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares series.

Restaurant owner Arfan Razak (better known as Raz) is the brainchild behind Curry Lounge Ltd, and has set up a franchise venture that reaches right across the globe, with the London debut opening imminently. It's this entrepreneurship that got Raz noticed when he came in the top five of the Midlands Business Awards' Entrepreneur of the Year category in 2008.

The Curry Lounge has also been voted Best Indian Restaurant East Midlands 2008 by the Customer Excellence Awards in recognition for the quality of the food, service and authenticity.

Located in Nottingham's city centre, The Curry Lounge caters for dinner, corporate events and special occasions. Visit [www.currylounge.co.uk](http://www.currylounge.co.uk) for more information.

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**Picture caption:**

The Curry Lounge team celebrate beating the world record:

(L-R): Imran Quershi, Curry Lounge chef; Tom Nicholson, UHY Hacker Young accountant and independent witness; Natasha Deniro, Curry Lounge head waitress; Sumil Bhatia, Curry Lounge chef; Arfan Razak, Curry Lounge owner; Nabeel Asif, Curry Lounge waiter; Kasim Mohammed, Curry Lounge waiter; Jamshed Aktar, Curry Lounge chef.



(Top L-R): Tom Nicolson, UHY Hacker Young accountant and independent witness; Sumil Bhatia, Curry Lounge chef; Tom Redgate, Rothera Dowson partner and independent witness.  
(Bottom L-R): Jamshed Aktar, Curry Lounge chef; Arfan Razak, Curry Lounge owner.

