## Society pages launch of Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants January 2009 - Malta Now

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#### **DEFINITIVELY GOOD GUIDE TO RESTAURANTS DECEMBER 2008 AWARDS GALA DINNER**

01. Josef Formosa Gauci, Roger Degiorgio and Josianne Degiorgio

02. Mrs. Demarco, Colin Best

03. Presenting the winners, Ta'Marija for Most Lively Entertainment Restaurant sponsored by Adam & Eve Ltd

#### MADC - SINBAD THE TAILOR PANTO CAST PARTY

04. Josef Micallef, Jon Camilleri, Jean-Pierre Agius, Andrew Barberi

05. David Ellul, Rachael Darmanin Demajo

06. Peter Howitt

07. Martin Azzopardi, Simon Walker

08. Mandy and Helena Abela

09. Helena Abela, Chiara Hyzler

10. Adrian Gatt, Jean-Pierre Agius

11. David Ellul Mercer, Carmelo Ebejer

#### TITAN VISIT BY JOSEPH MUSCAT

12. Leo Brincat, Hugh Mercieca, Maurice Mizzi, Joseph Muscat

13. Maurice Mizzi giving his speech



# The Definitively good launch July 2009 - Sunday Times Society





#### Restaurants in coffee table book

2 July 2009 - The Times

THE TIMES J Thursday, July 2, 2009

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## Restaurants in coffee table book

The finest restaurants in Malta and Gozo feature in a coffee table book just published to mark the 10th anniversary of the Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta and Gozo.

The Definitive(ly) Best Restaurants In Malta & Gozo was launched at the *Luna di Sera* in the Gardens of Palazzo Parisio, Naxxar. The restaurants featured, were visually brought to life by one of Malta's most talented photographers, Kurt Arrigo, who captured their ambience and unique personality.

Apart from the restaurants, the book includes a good selection of cuisine ranging from traditional local specialty dishes to a range of international cuisine.

Also included are the chef's favourite recipes. Lisa Grech, managing director of The Definitive(ly) Good Guide Co., said the aim of the new book was to further promote the finest restaurants in Malta and Gozo and also to mark the company's 10th anniversary.

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and score them in terms of food, service and ambience, Ms Grech explained. "It today prides itself in being the only objective and best-selling restaurant guide in Malta, which has helped to set new standards in the restaurant industry, bringing the Maltese

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Ms Grech said the next restaurant survey will be held this September, the top 150 restaurants making it into the Guide. A number of awards will subsequently be given.

A special Restaurant Gala Dinner Award Ceremony is being planned for this December to mark the anniversary when special prizes will be presented to restaurants that have consistently won awards over the past decade.

www.restaurantsmalta.com



# The definitive(ly) good launch 5 July 2009 - The Sunday Times





# The Definitive(Iy) Good Guide launches Best Restaurant book to celebrate 10th Anniversary

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To celebrate this 10 year achievement The Definitive(ly) Good Guide Co have produced a stunning coffee table book: 'The Definitive(ly) Best Restaurants in Malta and Gozo' including Malta and Gozo's finest restaurants with photography by Kurt Arrigo. This unique book was launched at a glamourous event held at Luna di Sera in the Gardens of Palazzo Parisio.

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# The Definitive(Iy) Best Restaurants coffee table book

9 July 2009 - Malta Business Weekly

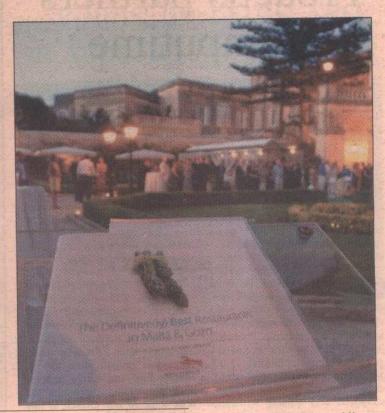
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THE MALTA INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY 12 July 2009

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Here are some comments about the evening and the book: "As an amateur foodie and a newcomer to Malta, I've found the Guide indispensable. Before booking any meals out, I always check out what the Guide says first. I'm trying to make my way round all of the top recommendations, and every one I've tried so far has been superb." Her Excellency, Ms Louise Stanton, British High Commissioner.

"We were both very impressed with the quality of the book, a magnificent celebration of your 10 year success". Norma Carr "Stunning Book! Fabulous evening! Amazing venue! The music... aahhh!!!!!! And what food! Innovative – stylish – succulent – and with such flavour... Are there any more adjectives? They would do you no more justice! Rarely does one have a chance to attend such a faultless event. Jimmy and I had such a nice evening, those who didn't (couldn't) come will regret it for all time". John Taylor

"Just wanted to congratulate to you on the launch. It was a fantastic evening and once again well done for making it all happen". Kurt Arrigo

"Yesterday was fantastic we both had a ball". Congratulations". Lizzie Lowell & Steve

"Thanks for inviting me to the book launch – it was a lovely evening, a nice mix of people and beautiful surroundings – very enjoyable all in all! Well done for putting it all together. Am also really enjoying flicking through the book .....Thanks again". Nadya German.

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Mr & Mrs Kevin & Rowena Sciberras, Mr & Mrs Frank & Aida Grech grandparents of Miss Rebecca Rashleigh, the Australian soprano





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# The Definitive(Iy) Good Guide to Restaurants' 10th anniversary

12 July 2009 - Malta Today

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Kurt Arrigo (second from left) with The Definitive(ly) Good Guide team including Denise Briffa, Lisa Grech and Andrea Critien



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#### **Food Glorious Food**

August 2009 - First Magazine -





30 August 2009 - Malta Today

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And help create the 10th anniversary edition of Malta's only objective restaurant guide



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30 August 2009 - The Sunday Times

THE SUNDAY TIMES | August 30, 2009

#### News

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4 September 2009 - Malta Times

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13 September 2009 - Malta Independent on Sunday



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#### Last chance to vote for Malta's Best Restaurants

17 September 2009 - Malta Business Weekly

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20 September 2009 - Malta Today

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#### **Restaurant Guide Survey**

26 September 2009 - Malta Times

## Restaurant guide survey

Response for participation in an online survey to vote for Malta's best restaurants has been described by the promoters as the biggest rate so far.

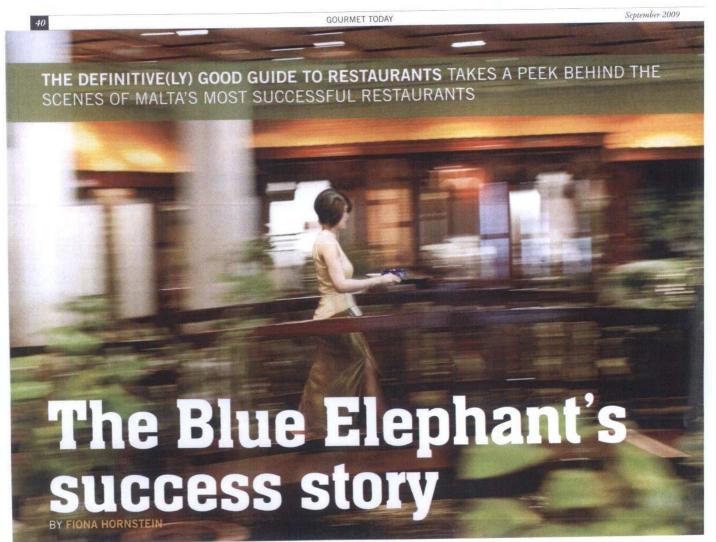
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# The Definitive(Iy) Good Guide to Restaurants takes a peek ...

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alking through the doors of The Blue Elephant at the Hilton is like entering a beautiful Thai village. Courteous staff greet you, and offers you delectable Royal Thai cuisine in luscious surroundings. Since opening, the Blue Elephant has maintained a highly enviable reputation and an impressive awards record. Over the years it has won awards for fine dining, ambience, service, best

restrooms, most romantic restaurant, best business entertainment restaurant and best overall restaurant. This year it was chosen as one of 18 restaurants to feature in the book, "The Definitive(ly) Best Restaurants in Malta and Gozo".

#### Meeting the Manager

It is evident when meeting Richard Webb, the Manager at the Blue Elephant, that he feels very passionate about his work. Following his appointment, he underwent further training at the Blue Elephant in London, also spending time in Brussels. He accredits the success of the restaurant to the unique winning package that they offer: "exquisite, high quality Royal Thai cuisine offered at a competitive price in a great atmosphere with exceptional service." He asks his staff to "imagine you are the guest, how would you like

to be treated?" He insists that guests are always treated as if it is their first visit, with staff taking time to suggest complimentary food and wine combinations.

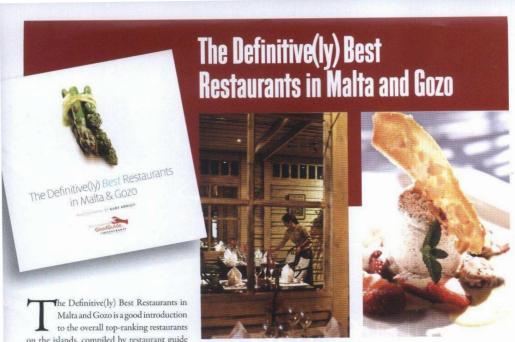
#### The Winning Formula

The Blue Elephant Malta forms part of the exclusive worldwide chain, created by Karel Steppé and was brought to Malta by Tumas Group Chairman



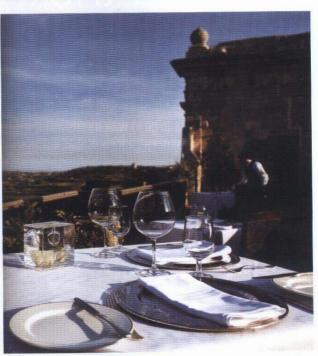
# The Definitive(Iy) Best Restaurants in Malta & Gozo

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on the islands, compiled by restaurant guide publishers The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants according to votes from members of the public surveyed through a questionnaire. It is a well-presented hard-back book which carries beautiful photography by Kurt Arrigo and the tempting bonus of recipes by the chefs at these restaurants. It makes a good gift for those who love restaurant life. The restaurants featured in this book are: The Arches, The Blue Elephant at the Hilton, Essence at the Radisson Golden Sands, Ta' Frenc, Giuseppi's, The Lord Nelson, Luna di Sera at Palazzo Parisio, Maji, The Medina, de Mondion at the Xara Palace Relais & Chateaux, Paranga at the InterContinental Hotel, Phoenix at the Hotel Phoenicia, Rickshaw at the Corinthia Palace Hotel, Tarragon, Taste at the Fortina Hotel, TemptAsian at The Palace Hotel, It-Tmun in Victoria and Zeri's.

Editor Lisa Grech says: "It is amazing to think that in Malta, which is so small, there are more than a thousand restaurants. Only the top 150, as gauged through surveys of people's preferences, make it into our guide each year. This book offers a flavour of the wide and varied range of excellent restaurants in Malta and Gozo, which have been visually brought to life by one of Malta's most talented photographers, Kurt Arrigo, who has captured their ambience and personality."



The book is available through www.restaurantsmalta.com, at all good booksellers or through Miller Publishing – Tel 21 664 488



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This year, special awards will be given to those restaurants that have been consistently well-rated during the past 10 years.

The winners of the The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants 2009 Survey sponsored by the Malta Tourism Authority (MTA), HSBC and Marsovin were presented with their prizes which include: Gloria Cassar, first prize - a flight and one-week accommodation in Malta sponsored by the MTA; William Azzopardi, second prize - a weekend break for two at the Radisson Blu Resort and Spa and Louise Stanton, third prize - a weekend break for two at the Hilton Malta.

Copies of The Definitive(ly) Best Restaurants in Malta and Gozo' (hardback) were given to the other 10 winners.



Louise Stanton, who won the third prize, with Clement Hassid,



# Definitive(ly) Good guide restaurant survey winners

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# Definitive(ly) Good Guide's restaurants survey winners

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will be launched on Monday, 14 December at the GrandMaster's Suite, Hilton Malta at a 10th Anniversary Celebration Restaurant Awards Ceremony Gala dinner.

The top rated restaurants for food, service, ambience and overall will be presented with awards as well as additional awards including the top rated Maltese food restaurant sponsored by the Ministry for Tourism, top rated Best Value for Money restaurant sponsored by Malta Gold, top rated Best Business Entertainment restaurant, Most Romantic restaurant, 'Children Friendly' restaurant sponsored by the Malta Baby & Kids Directory, Restaurant offering most healthy option sponsored by Good Earth Ltd and the best restaurant restroom sponsored by Satariano Ltd.

Wine Awards sponsored by Marsovin will also be presented and this year there will also be special awards presented to those restaurants that have been consistently well rated over the last 10 years.



Lucky ambassador gets third prize: Hilton general manager Clement Hassid with UK Ambassador Louise Stanton, and Andrea Critien (The Definitive(ly Good Guide Co)



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The results were revealed this week when the CEO of the Malta Tourism Authority, Josef Formosa Gauci, presented awards produced by Villeroy & Boch at the Guide's Gala Dinner, which has established itself over the last 10 years as the most prestigious food event in Malta.

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The restaurants that received awards based on food, service, ambience and overall ratings in the Fine Dining Category were: Palazzo Parisio – The Luna Collection; de Mondion; Blue Elephant; The Arches; Ta' Frenc; Rebekah's; Eastern Breeze; Zest; Quadro and Phoenix.

The restaurants that received Malta and Gozo Restaurant Awards included: Oceana; The Medina; Tarragon; It-Tmun Victoria; Grill 3301; Nuvo Art & Dine; Gazebo; TemptAsian; Zeri's; Essence; Can Thai; The Lord Nelson; Le Bistro; Hibiki; Giuseppi's; Zen; The Terrace; Trabuxu; Fusion 4; Fra Martino; The Edge; Barracuda; Point Break; Spice Island; Palazzo Santa Rosa; Maji Wine & Dine; Villa Corinthia, The Carriage; Bottega del Vino and Terrazza.

Additional presentations were made to Ta' Marija — best Maltese Food Restaurant (sponsored by the Ministry for Tourism & Culture); Blue Elephant — top rated for Romantic Dining and best Restaurant Restroom and Cloakroom (sponsored by Satariano Ltd); Tarragon — top rated best for Business Entertaining; Mamma Mia — rated Best Value for Money Restaurant (sponsored by Malta Gold) and was also voted Most Children-Friendly Restaurant sponsored by Malta Baby and Kids Directory; and The Kitchen — Best Restaurant offering Healthy Options sponsored by Ame at Good Earth.



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John Pressgrove (left) of Malta Gold, sponsor of the Best Value for Money Restaurant award, presently the trophy to Angelo Pullicino and Gaetano Fenech of Mamma Mia.



Marvin Gauci of Tarragon restaurant, winner of the Be Business Entertainment restaurant, being presente



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