

De Mondion Restaurants wins

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Survey Winners

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The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants Survey winners

Winners of The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants 2011 survey sponsored by the Malta Tourism Authority (MTA) and supported by HSBC and Marsovin were recently presented with fantastic prizes. Timothy Bartolo won the first prize of two nights for two persons on bed and breakfast basis in a deluxe room at the Hilton Malta, St Julian's; the second prize, a weekend break for two persons on bed and breakfast basis at the Radisson Blu, St Julian's was won by Keith Cortis while the third prize, a lavish gourmet hamper to the value of €200 from Dical House Fine Foods was won by Ruth Aquilina.

Prizes of the stunning coffee table book *The Definitive(ly) Best Restaurants in Malta & Gozo* with photography by Kurt Arrigo were given to the next 10 best reviewers, Chris Micallef, Marianne Grima, Shane Hunter, Trevor De Giorgio, Bryan Muscat, Christine Borg, Marthese Camilleri, Gabi Mizzi, Christie Grech and Michael King, who returned their surveys with ratings and included the funniest, relevant and most informative comments.

The 12th edition of the Restaurant Guide incorporating results of the 2011 Restaurant Survey will be published soon and will include the top survey rated 150 restaurants out of over 1,000 restaurants on the Maltese islands. There was an over-



Andrea Critien (The Definitive(ly) Good Guide), third prize winner Ruth Aquilina receiving the lavish hamper from Dominic Calleja of Dical House Fine Foods

whelming response to the survey with 1,700 people dining out on average of twice weekly to an equivalent of 176,800 dining experiences in a year.

Last Monday a Restaurant Award Ceremony Gala Dinner was held at the Radisson BLU Resort & Spa Golden Sands, whereupon the top rated restaurants for food, service and ambience were presented with awards.

Also awards were presented for the following categories including the top rated best Ambience Award, Best Service sponsored by Charles Grech Ltd, top rated Maltese food restaurant sponsored by the Ministry for Tourism and

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Awards Announcement

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A great
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Corinthia Award Winners

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Two restaurant awards for Corinthia

The Grill3301 at the Corinthia Hotel St George's Bay and the Ristorante Da Marina at the adjoining Marina Hotel were both presented with awards at the awards ceremony held this week by Definitive(y) Good Guide.

The 2012 Restaurant Awards announced on 5 December at the Restaurant Awards Ceremony Gala Dinner were the result of the 2011 Malta and Gozo Restaurant Survey and included the 150 highest rated eating establishments in Malta and Gozo out of over 1,000 restaurants on the islands.

Two restaurants at the Corinthia Beach Resort each had the privilege of winning a prestigious award. Grill3301 won a restaurant award that is based on the following criteria: food, service, ambience and also an overall restaurant rating. Out of 150 restaurants that achieved this result, Grill3301 achieved the very prestigious fourth position overall.

Corinthia Hotel St George's Bay general manager Stuart Chappell commented "Grill3301 continues to go from strength to strength as we strive for excellence I would like to congratulate the team for all their efforts and also thank our loyal clients who continue to vote for us, making this award possible. We assure all our clients that it remains our priority to continue improving on all levels to continue offering an outstanding experience."

The Ristorante Da Marina at the Marina Hotel, Corinthia Beach Resort also won an award for the first time. It was rated as the best restaurant offering vegetarian options, showing that the new menu introduced recently has achieved the result of being more inclusive, offering a wider option to suit all tastes.

A delighted Reuben Mifsud, general manager of the Marina Hotel,



Corinthia Beach Resort said: "We are thrilled to have received this award. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the team for the work they have

done to introduce innovative vegetarian options to our established menu. This award recognises the improvements we are constantly achieving

and we thank our customers for voting for us."

The Definitive(y) Good Guide Awards are eagerly awaited from year

to year by restaurants and diners alike and when a restaurant receives such an award, it brings to fruition all efforts made throughout the year.



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Restaurant Awards

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The presentations were made by Tourism Parliamentary Secretary Mario de Marco during a gala dinner at the Grand Ballroom, Radisson Blu Resort and Spa, Golden Sands, last Monday.

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De Mondion Restaurant executive chef Kevin Bonello holding the overall award with (from left) Justin Zammit Tabona, Dr Mario de Marco, Adrian Bonello, Paul Steel from HSBC, Alfred Cuschieri and Paul Attard. Photo: Hammphotography



Marvin Gauci, chef patron of Tarragon Restaurant (fourth from left), with (from left) Alison Gauci, Andrea Crtean, Graciella Attard Gauci, Lisa Grech, Denise Briffa and Ramon Attard. Photo: Luan Cuffe

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A delicious dish served at the Tarragon. Photo: Sean Mallia

Awarded for third time

Located in the old capital Mdina, de Mondion Restaurant has been named the country's top eating place, winning the award for the third time since 2008.

The restaurant scored the highest points for food, service and ambience in the annual survey conducted by the Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants, supported by the Malta Tourism Authority, HSBC and Marsovin. More than 1,700 regular diners took part in the survey, the largest response to-date.

"We are delighted that 12 years on we are still considered to be the number one restaurant guide in Malta for objectivity and comprehensiveness," managing director Lisa Grech said during the award-giving night. The awards were presented by Tourism parliamentary Secretary Mario de Marco.

Additional awards

Best Maltese Food - Ta'Marija.
Best Business Entertainment - Tarragon.
Most Romantic Restaurant - Tarragon.
Best Children-Friendly - Mamma Mia.
Best Restaurant for Vegetarian Options - Da Marina.
Best Restroom - Blue Elephant.
Best Value for Money - Mamma Mia.
Best Service - de Mondion.
Best Ambience - Palazzo Parisio and Gardens - The Luna Collection.

Patrick's Tmun wine list was rated for two awards, including The People's Choice and best Presentation & Accessibility and best overall.

Ta' Frenč wine list was voted best for fine wines and The Arches had the best list of Maltese wines.

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