

# The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants

## Survey winners

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**Matthew Bugeja (Marketing Manager, Hilton Malta) presenting the winner in first prize to Simon Falson (The Definitive(ly) Good Guide).**

**Andrea Critien (The Definitive(ly) Good Guide), second prize winner Alexander Farrugia and Christopher Genge (director of Sales and Marketing, InterContinental Malta).**

**Dominic Calleja (Dical House Fine Foods & Wellbeing) presenting the lavish hamper to third prize winner Simon Falson and Andrea Critien (The Definitive(ly) Good Guide).**

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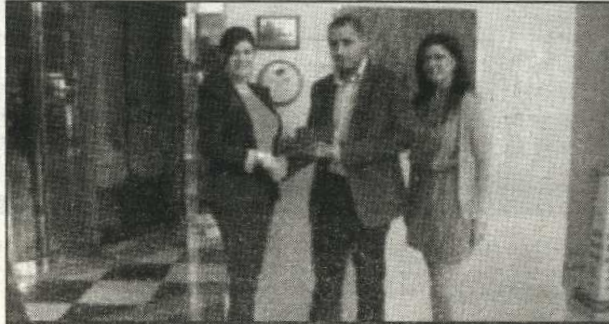
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L to R - Melanie Deguara (Marketing Manager, Hilton Malta) presenting voucher to 1st prize winner, Matthew Bugeja and Andrea Critien (The Definitive(ly) Good Guide).



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## SURVEY WINNERS

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Hilton Malta marketing manager  
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# Best Restaurants in Malta and Gozo

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## News



Therese Scerri from Medina Restaurant, Sergio Bellizzi from HSBC, Justice Minister Owen Bonnici, Noel Debono and Stephen Ellul from Charles Grech Co. Ltd, Alfred Cuschieri from Continental Purchasing, Christine Attard and Matthew Schembri.

## Best restaurants in Malta and Gozo named

Medina Restaurant in Mdina and Caviar and Bull in St George's Bay were named best overall restaurants during *The Definitive (ly) Good Guide to Restaurants* awards ceremony, held at the Radisson Blu Golden Sands Resort.

The event celebrated the outstanding achievement of Malta and Gozo's top survey-rated restaurants, as voted by diners.

Out of over 1,800 restaurants, 150 are to be included in the latest edition of the guide and on [www.restaurants-malta.com](http://www.restaurants-malta.com).

The results were announced by Lisa Grech, managing director of *The Definitive (ly) Good Guide Co.*, and the awards presented by Justice Minister Owen Bonnici, Sergio Bellizzi from HSBC, Stephen Ellul from Charles Grech Co. Ltd and Alfred Cuschieri of Continental Purchasing, on behalf of Villeroy & Boch, who supplied the commemorative award plates.

The restaurant survey was conducted last September, with over 1,700 results returned by reviewers who dined out around twice a week.

This is equivalent to over 176,800 dining experiences in a year. Of the respondents, 47 per cent were women and 53 per cent were men.

The new edition of the eating guide, launched on the evening, features 39 new restaurants.

**"Out of over 1,800 restaurants on the islands, 150 are to be included"**

Restaurants were chosen from the highest-rated results, both overall and in the various price categories, taking into account not only the overall rating but also individual food, service and ambience ratings, the number of people rating, value for money, comments and other data from the survey.

The results of the survey can be found in the 2015 edition of the guide, which is available for purchase online at €8.

The guide is also available from leading stationers and bookshops.

### Some of the main awards

**Best food:** Caviar & Bull  
**Best service:** Medina Restaurant  
**Best ambience:** Medina Restaurant  
**Best Maltese food:** La Maltija Restaurant  
**Best business entertainment:** Zeit's Restaurant  
**Most romantic restaurant:** Tarragon  
**Most child-friendly:** iPlace  
**Best restaurant offering vegetarian options:** Tarragon  
**Best value for money:** Mamma Mia Restaurant  
**Most lively atmosphere:** Tarragon  
**Best newcomer:** Caviar & Bull  
**Best restaurant:** The Blue Elephant  
**Colin Best award for the most**

**consistently outstanding restaurant in Malta and Gozo for 2014/2015:** The Blue Elephant  
**People's choice wine list taken from the results of the returned surveys:** Tarragon  
**Best Maltese wine list:** Tal-Familja  
**Best value for money wine list:** La Mera  
**Best fine wine list:** Patrick's Lounge & Restaurant  
**The most progressive wine list:** Del Borgo  
**Best style and readability wine list:** Del Borgo  
**Best assortment and diversity wine list:** Pistonino  
**Hotel wine list of the year:** Xara Palace, Relais & Chateau  
**Wine list of the year:** Tarragon



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# Medina Restaurants wins Best Overall Restaurant in Malta

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The Definitive(y) Good Guide to Restaurants Awards Ceremony sponsored by HSBC and Charles Grech & Co Ltd, held at the Radisson Blu Golden Sands on Monday 8 December celebrated the outstanding achievement of Malta & Gozo's top survey rated restaurants as voted by diners out who participated in the Malta & Gozo Restaurant Survey online at [www.restaurantsmalta.com](http://www.restaurantsmalta.com).

One of over 1800 restaurants on the Maltese Islands only 150 make it to be included in the latest 2013 edition of The Definitive(y) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo and its official portal [www.restaurantsmalta.com](http://www.restaurantsmalta.com).

The results were revealed by Tina Grech of the Definitive(y) Good Guide Co and presented by Minister for Justice, Culture & Local Government Owen Bonnici, Sergio Bellusci from HSBC, Stephen Tili from Charles Grech Co Ltd and Alfred 'Couchie' of Continental Purchasing on behalf of Villeroy & Boch who supplied the beautiful commemorative award plates for the occasion.

The Malta & Gozo Restaurant Survey was conducted in September 2014 and had a fantastic response of over 1700 surveys returned, with



reviewers who dined out an average 2 times per week equivalent to over 176,000 dining experiences in a year!

Of the survey respondents 47% were women and 53% men. This year saw a remarkable 39 new restaurants in the The Definitive(y) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo and [www.restaurantsmalta.com](http://www.restaurantsmalta.com) which was also launched on the evening.

Award restaurants were chosen from the highest rated restaurants, both in profit, and in the various price

categories for Malta and Gozo, taking into account not only the Overall rating but also individual Food, Service and Ambience ratings, the number of people rating, value for money, comments and other data from the survey.

The winners were:

- Best Food sponsored by Hamnet - Carver & Bull
- Best Service sponsored by Charles Grech Co Ltd - Medina Restaurant
- Best Ambience sponsored by F Busniti & Sons - Medina Restaurant

Best Maltese Food sponsored by The Definitive(y) Good Guide Co - La Maltese Restaurant

• Best Business Entertainment sponsored by The Catering Centre - Zeri's Restaurant

• Most Romantic Restaurant (sponsored by Francis Busniti & Sons) - Tarragon

• Most Children-Friendly (sponsored by the Malta Baby & Kids Directory) - (Place)

• Best Restaurant offering Vegetarian options (sponsored by Good Earth Ltd) - Tarragon

• Best Value for Money (sponsored by Apple Coos Foodie) - Mamma Mia Restaurant

• Most Lively Atmosphere (sponsored by Lord Chamber) - Tarragon

• Best Newcomer (sponsored by Strina Wine & Co) - Carver & Bull

• Best Restaurant - The Blue Elephant

And in recognition of Colin Best - co-founder of the Restaurant Guide - The Colin Best Award for the Most Consistently Outstanding Restaurant in Malta & Gozo for 2014/2015 - The Blue Elephant.

The Definitive(y) Good Guide to Restaurants in association with Charles Grech Co Ltd Wine Awards were as follows:

• The People's Choice Wine List taken from the results of the returned survey - Tarragon

• The Best Maltese Wine List - Tal-Fajjola

• The Best Value for Money Wine List - La Moss

• The Best Fine Wine List - Patrick's Lounge & Restaurant

• The Most Progressive Wine List - Del Borgo

• The Best Style & Readability Wine List - Del Borgo

• The Best Assortment & Diversity Wine List - Pinzgauer

• The Best Wine List of the year - Sans Palace, Refais & Chateau

• Wine List of the Year - Tarragon

The results of the Restaurant Survey can be found in the 2013 edition of The Definitive(y) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta and Gozo and is now available to purchase online for €4.95 at [www.restaurantsmalta.com](http://www.restaurantsmalta.com) which will also enable you to the Guide online and a free hard copy in the post. It is also available at leading stations and bookshops in Malta & Gozo.



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# Events diary

First December 2014

## SOCIETY

Mariella Muscat, Philip Borg, Victor Galea, Adrian Stivala, Antoine Galea Salamone & Anthony Galea

Guests attended the launch of Food Saver, and other small domestic appliance products, at Michael's Civil Service Club in Valletta organized by VJ Salomone Marketing Ltd

Mr. Tommy Tonn & Mr. Fredo Tonn

Bernard Lynch & his wife, Lillian

Marie Therese Vassallo, Roberto Mercieca & Charles Vassallo

Le Méridien St Julian's Hotel & Spa in Balluta Bay marked the beginning of its festive season last Friday, with an innovative media launch celebrating Gingerbread Christmas

Cristina Dimech, Keith Mangion & Elyse Borg

Trevor Portelli, Mario Scerri, Rose & Joseph Attard & Massimo Bonafacio

The Definitive(y) Good Guide Co. hosted a gala dinner for the 2015 Restaurant Award winners

Marc Bianco & Denise Briffa

Dorothy Butcher, Jennifer Coulson, Lisa Grech & Luan Cuffe





# Circle Paparazzi

## Circle December 2014

PAPARAZZI

- 1-4. Victor Azzopardi Jewellers event on 29th November.
- 5-8. Opening of Diamonds new Boutique at Pjazza Tigne on Saturday 29th November.
- 9-11. V.J. Salomone Marketing Ltd recently hosted an event at the Civil Service Sports Club in Valletta to launch the entry into the Small Domestic Appliance category.

12. The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants Awards Ceremony held at the Radisson Blu Golden Sands on Monday 8th December celebrated the outstanding achievement of Malta & Gozo's top survey rated restaurants.



Nigel Azzopardi, Anne Schäfer & Kevin Bencini

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Jennifer Dimech, Yvonne Casha, Stephanie Hodgkins, Josette Fava, Martha Fenech, Madeleine Baldacchino, Biljana Boric & Julia Uskova

02



Joseph Azzopardi & Ms Vella

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Mr Franco Boiocchi & Mr & Mrs Cauchi

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Luana Micallef, Ruth Migneco, Dorianne Micallef & Therese Anastasi

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Ineta Adomaityte & Dorian Bimbli

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Martha Fenech, Antoinette Darmanin, Jessica Camilleri, Rosabelle Pulis & Bernadine Galea

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Dorian Bimbli, Joanne & Chris Poulton

07



David Grech with Chef Michael Cauchi

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Donna Bianco, Mr and Mrs Nicky Scerri & Sergio Sciberras

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Victor Galea Salomone

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Andrea Critien, Lisa Grech & Denise Briffa

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Tony Cutajar, Mary Cutajar, Manuel Caruana, Charmaine Caruana & Zoran Crncevic (Charles Grech Co Ltd)

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Salvu Spiteri, Clare Spiteri, Patrick Buttigieg, Yosefa Mejlak, Mario Grech Xerri & Lesley Stayman

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# Best Restaurant

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Therese Scerri, Sergio Bellizzi, Culture Minister Owen Bonnici, Noel Debono [Medina owner and award winner], Stephen Ellul, Alfred Cuschieri, Christine Attard and Matthew Schembri.

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