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Congratulations go to the winner of this year's Definitive(ly) Good Guide restaurant survey, Joanna Pisani, who was thrilled to discover that rating the highest number of restaurants and adding comments from her personal experiences had won her a luxury weekend break on B&B basis at the Westin Dragonara Resort, St Julian's. Stephanie Vassallo was very popular among her colleagues when she announced that she had won



herself a one-hour ride in an exclusive Route 66 Hummer limousine with free flowing prosecco, by bagging second place among the many restaurant survey participants! Dical House were proud to present a stunning leather wine set and sparkling wine, worth €300, to Jayne Wood who came in third place. The fourth and fifth runners-up, Maria Grech Gerada and Sheena Mifsud respectively, won themselves a €100 voucher to exchange with Mirachem's selection of fine wines and €100 voucher to exchange with internationally-acclaimed Riedel glassware.

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LIFE & WELLBEING **FOOD**

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Joanna Pisani, winner of this year's *The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo* survey (centre) receiving her prize – a weekend break at the Westin Dragonara Resort. Also seen are, from left, Sabrina Agius from the resort and Crysta Darmanin from the *Definitive(ly) Good Guide Co. Ltd*.

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The results were announced by Lisa Grech, managing director of the Definitive(ly) Good Guide Co, and presented by Clint Camilleri, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights, Gregory Inglott from HSBC, Ray Zammit from Global Payments and Alfred Cuschieri of Continental Purchasing on behalf of Villeroy & Boch, who supplied the commemorative award plates for the occasion.

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Award winning restaurants were chosen from the highest rated restaurants, both overall 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.

Tarragon also won for best service and for best ambience.

The results of the restaurant survey can be found in the 2018 edition of *The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta and Gozo*.



From left: Ray Zammit, Lisa Grech, Gregory Inglott, Donald Agius, Marvin Gauci and Michael Sultana (Top Restaurant, Tarragon) with Clint Camilleri, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights.

Lifestyle & Culture

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Tarragon
Patrick's
Rocksalt
L'Artiglio
Buddhamann
Bacchus
Caviar & Bull
Wejla
LVB
de Mondion
Hammett's Gastrobar
La Vida



David Theuma, Jonathan Vassallo, Livio Piffari



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Zeri's
Panorama
Dinner in the Sky
Suruchi
Marina Club VW
La Buona Trattoria del Nonno
The Chophouse
Gululu
The Villa
Tosca
Pexxi
Le Bistro
The Avenue
Country Terrace
Tartarun
Rubino
A Modo Mio
one80 Kitchen & Lounge
Trattoria A.D. 1530

Beppe's
San Andrea
La Maltija
Fork & Cork
Blue Elephant
Ta' Marija
Lovage
Rebekah's
Taro

Additional Awards were made to:

- Best Food (sponsored by Unika Beef represented by Alf Mizzi & Sons) - Patrick's
- Best Service (sponsored by C&H Bartoli) - Tarragon
- Best Ambience (sponsored by Design Hub) - Tarragon
- Best Maltese Food (sponsored by The

Definitive(Ly) Good Guide Co) - Gululu

- Restaurant Most Dedicated to Supporting Local (sponsored by The Parliamentary Secretariat for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights) - Country Terrace
- The Best Chef Award (sponsored by The Catering Centre) - Jonathan Vassallo
- Best Business Entertainment (sponsored by Rummo) - Capo Crudo
- Best Value for Money (sponsored by Meats & Eats) - iPlace
- Best Restaurant offering Vegetarian options (sponsored by Good Earth Ltd) - Naar
- Most Children-Friendly (sponsored by the Malta Baby & Kids Directory) - iPlace
- Best Restaurant on Valletta Waterfront (sponsored by The Valletta Cruise Port) - Marina Club VW
- Best Newcomer (sponsored by Villa Sandi represented by Vivian Corp) - Rocksalt
- Most Mentioned Restaurant in Survey (sponsored by The Definitive(Ly) Good Guide Co) - iPlace
- Best Restroom (sponsored by The Definitive(Ly) Good Guide Co - districtive)
- And in memory of Colin Best - co-founder of the Restaurant Guide - The Colin Best Award for the Most Consistently Outstanding Restaurant in Malta & Gozo for 2016/2017 - Patrick's.

The Definitive(Ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in association with Riedel, The Wine Glass Company Wine Awards were as follows:

- The People's Choice Wine List (taken from the results of the returned surveys - districtive).
- The Riedel Wine Experience of the Year - Capo Crudo
- Wine List of the Year - Palazzo Preca
- Commended Wine Lists were: Panorama, La Vela, Tarragon, Surf n Turf
- The Best Maltese Wine List (sponsored by The Parliamentary Secretariat for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights) - Nenu the Artisan Baker

The results of the Restaurant Survey can be found in the 2018 edition of *The Definitive(Ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta and Gozo* and is now available to purchase online for €8 at www.restaurantsmalta.com which will also entitle you to the Guide online and a free hard copy in the post. It is also available at leading stationers and bookshops in Malta and Gozo.