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The 2019 Definitive(Ly) Good Guide to Restaurants on Malta & Gozo Awards Ceremony



The Definitive(Ly) Good Guide to Restaurants Awards Ceremony sponsored by HSBC and Global Payments held at The Grand Ballroom of The Radisson Blu Resort & Spa, Golden Sands on Monday 3 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.

Based on popular vote, only 150 restaurants make it to be included in the latest 2019 edition of The Definitive(Ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo and its official portal www.restaurantsmalta.com.

The results were revealed by Lisa Grech Managing Director of the Definitive(Ly) Good Guide Co and presented by Clint Camilleri, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries & Animal Rights, Sergio Bellizzi from HSBC, Ray Zammit from Global Payments and Mark Ciantar of Continental Purchasing on behalf of Villeroy & Boch who supplied the beautiful commemorative award plates for the occasion.

This year's Malta & Gozo Restaurant

Survey conducted in September 2018 returned an incredibly high number of responses, with 3,153 participants who dined out on average one to two times a week, equivalent to a total of 245,934 dining experiences in a year! This year sees 26 new restaurants in the *The Definitive(Ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo* and its portal www.restaurantsmalta.com which was also launched on the evening.

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.

The results of the Restaurant Survey can be found in the 2019 edition of *The Definitive(Ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo* and is now available to purchase online for 8 Euros 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 & Gozo.

Restaurants to win award plates in order from most highly rated included:

Dinner in the Sky Malta
The Chef's Table
Caviar & Bull Restaurant
Buddhamann
Tarragon
The Lord Nelson
Root 81
La Buona Trattoria del Nonno
Patakka Restaurant
Ta' Marija Restaurant
Grotto Tavern
Venus Restaurant
Suruchi Indian Restaurant
Noni Restaurant
De Mondion Restaurant
Beppe's Restaurant
Palazzo Preca Restaurant
Trattoria AD 1530
Porticello
SALT Kitchen & Lounge
Castelletti Restaurant
Tosca Restaurant
Madliena Lodge
La Vida
Rickshaw
Miro
Rubino
Country Terrace
Capistrano Restaurant
The Boathouse Restaurant
Lovage Bistro
Ristorante La Vela
Phoenix
Capo Crudo
L'Artiglio Ristorante
Le Bistro
59 Republic
Tal-Familja
The Fork and Cork Restaurant
Bacchus

Additional Awards were made to:
Best Food (sponsored by Decante represented by Attard & Co Food Ltd) – Root 81
Best Service (sponsored by C&H Bartoli) – Dinner in the Sky Malta

Best Ambience (sponsored by Design Hub) – Dinner in the Sky Malta
Best Maltese Food – 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 Pen-tole Agnelli represented exclusively by The Catering Centre) – Marvin Gauci
Best Business Entertainment (sponsored by Rummo) – Caviar & Bull
Most Romantic Restaurant (sponsored by Churchill represented exclusively by The Catering Centre) – Palazzo Preca
Best Value for Money – iPlace
Best Restaurant offering Vegetarian options (Jimmy Vella Fruit & Veg. Ltd & Le Breton) – Taro
Most Children-Friendly (sponsored by the *Malta Baby & Kids Directory*) – iPlace
Best Newcomer – The Chef's Table
Best Restroom – districtfive
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 2017/2018 – The Medina.

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 – districtfive).

The Riedel Wine Experience of the Year – Tarragon

Wine List of the Year – Ristorante La Vela
Commended Wine Lists were: Cent'Anni, Country Terrace, one80 Kitchen & Lounge, Miro

The Best Maltese Wine List (sponsored by The Parliamentary Secretariat for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights) – Ristorante La Vela



The team behind Dinner in the Sky Malta, rated Best Overall Restaurant for 2019

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2019 Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo Awards

Dinner in the Sky Malta wins Best Overall Restaurant

The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants Awards ceremony, held at the Radisson Blu Resort & Spa, Golden Sands, celebrated the outstanding achievement of Malta and Gozo's top-rated restaurants – as voted by diners who took part in the Malta & Gozo Restaurant Survey online at www.restaurantsmalta.com.

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Dinner in the Sky Malta was rated Best Overall Restaurant for 2019. In the short time since its inception, this gastronomy experience has clearly captured the imagination of adventurous diners rating high on all counts – food, ambience and service.

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Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights, Sergio Bellizzi from HSBC, Ray Zammit from Global Payments and Mark Ciantar of Continental Purchasing, on behalf of Villeroy & Boch, who supplied the commemorative award plates for the occasion. The event was sponsored by HSBC and Global Payments.

This year's survey, which was conducted in September, returned a high number of responses, with 3,153 participants who dined out once to twice a week – equivalent to 245, 934 dining experiences in a year.

This year sees 26 new restaurants in the *The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo* and its portal, which was also launched during the evening.

Award-winning restaurants were chosen, 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. Restaurants that won award plates included: Dinner in the Sky Malta; The Chef's Table; Caviar & Bull Restaurant; Buddhamann; Tarragon; The Lord Nelson; Root 81; La Buona Trattoria del Nonno; Patakka Restaurant; Ta' Marija Restaurant; Grotto Tavern; Venus Restaurant; Suruchi Indian Restaurant; Noni Restaurant; De Mondion Restaurant; Beppe's Restaurant; Palazzo Preca Restaurant; Trattoria AD 1530; Porticello; SALT Kitchen & Lounge; Castelletti Restaurant; Tosca Restaurant; Madliena Lodge; La Vida; Rickshaw; Miro; Rubino; Country Terrace; Capistrano Restaurant; The Boathouse Restaurant; Lovage Bistro; Risorante La Vela; Phoenix; Capo Crudo; L'Artiglio Ristorante; Le Bistro; 59 Republic; Tal-Familja; The Fork and Cork Restaurant; and Bacchus.



Ray Zammit (Global Payments), Sergio Bellizzi (HSBC), Mark Ciantar (Continental Purchasing), Marvin Gauci, Emily Agius, Jean Paul Gauci, Zack Sammut, Sergi Huerga Marin and Clint Camilleri.

Additional awards were presented for: Best Food (Root 81); Best Service (Dinner in the Sky Malta); Best Ambience (Dinner in the Sky Malta); Best Maltese Food (Gululu); Restaurant Most Dedicated to Supporting Local (Country Terrace); Best Chef Award (Marvin Gauci); Best Business Entertainment (Caviar & Bull); Most Romantic Restaurant (Palazzo Preca); Best Value for Money (iPlace); Best Restaurant offering Vegetarian options (Taro); Most Children-Friendly (iPlace); Best Newcomer (The Chef's Table); Best Restroom (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 2017/2018

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The results of the survey can be found in the 2019 edition of *The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta and Gozo*. Buying the guide online for €8 also entitles buyers to a free hard copy in the post.

The guide is available at leading stationers and bookshops.



Restaurant awards ceremony at the Radisson Blu Golden Sands

Top, clockwise from left: Denise Briffa, Lisa Grech, Crysta Darmanin, Marlise Caruana, Angie Azzopardi, Kim Bonnici, Caroline Paris, Sarah Zerafa and Jean Paul Farrugia at the Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants Awards ceremony held at the Radisson Blu Golden Sands Resort.

Definitive(ly) Good Guide Co. announces collaboration with Malta Tourism Authority

The Definitive(ly) Good Guide is this year celebrating its 20th anniversary but due to the pandemic situation, its annual restaurant survey was not held in September.

Managing director Lisa Grech said that, as a result, there will be no annual restaurants awards ceremony or published guidebook this year. However, she added that the survey will be back in 2021 "better and stronger" thanks to the support of dedicated, loyal sponsors and the additional collaboration of the Malta Tourism Authority.

The collaboration with the MTA will see the 2022 edition of the restaurant guide feature those eateries that, apart from The Definitive(ly) Good Guide award, would have also received the authority's 'Quality Assured' seal.

Grech said: "As always, the guide's aim is to lead diners to the best restaurants on the islands and, at the same time, incentivise restaurants to keep raising their standards. This new arrangement will now include both systems which complement each other, ensuring that diners are always as informed as possible about their choice of restaurant. We are very excited to welcome the MTA's Quality Assured on board."

The Definitive(Ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo Survey 2018: The Winners

Five fantastic prizes given to participants in the survey

The results are in. This September we launched the 19th Definitive(Ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo survey with the added incentive of prizes for those participants who vote for the largest number of restaurants and sent in their witty and informative comments.

Sponsored by HSBC & Global Payments, who have provided their support to demonstrate the importance of customer feedback in every successful business venture, this publication will shortly be launching its 19th edition.

The public was invited to rate their favourite contenders, which will in turn determine which restaurants will ultimately be published in the upcoming publication and portal. Diners were also asked to vote for the overall winner in most of the categories, from Family Friendly to Best Restrooms, Most Romantic to Best Business Entertainment even to name the Best Pet-friendly restaurant.

That means the awards are not a reflection of the best critically-



From left: Dominic Calleja, Dical House, Massimo Abela, third prize winner and Crysta Darmanin, The Definitive(Ly) Good Guide Co. Ltd

acclaimed restaurants of the year; but an unbiased compilation of

those most-loved by the people who actually eat there.

The response was overwhelming, with 3,153 surveys cast, and the sur-

vey winners are a fine-looking bunch, too, as you can see from the images.

A big well done to Chris Sultana who will surely relax during his luxury two night stay at the fortress hotel on the Water's Edge, Cugo Gran Macina Grand Harbour; Maria Grech Gerada will feel flash with a dozen of her mates during the one-hour ride in a Route 66 Hummer Limousine with free flowing prosecco; Massimo Abela gets green-fingered with his Herb Garden Trolley from Dical House, Fine Foods & Wellbeing Mosta; while both Lovedana Falson and Doryne Abela's voucher prize from Mirachem to spend on Mirachem wines and Riedel glassware respectively will come in handy while entertaining. Well done to all!

Not all the restaurant winners were selected by the public: the sponsors will decide on the Wine awards, Restaurant most dedicated to supporting local produce and Most popular offering vegetarian option awards.

All results will be revealed during the glitzy Restaurant Awards Gala Dinner on Monday, 3 December at Radisson Blu Resort & Spa, Golden Sands - so be sure to save the date! Alternatively you may pre-order your copy or register on www.restaurantsmalta.com for online access.

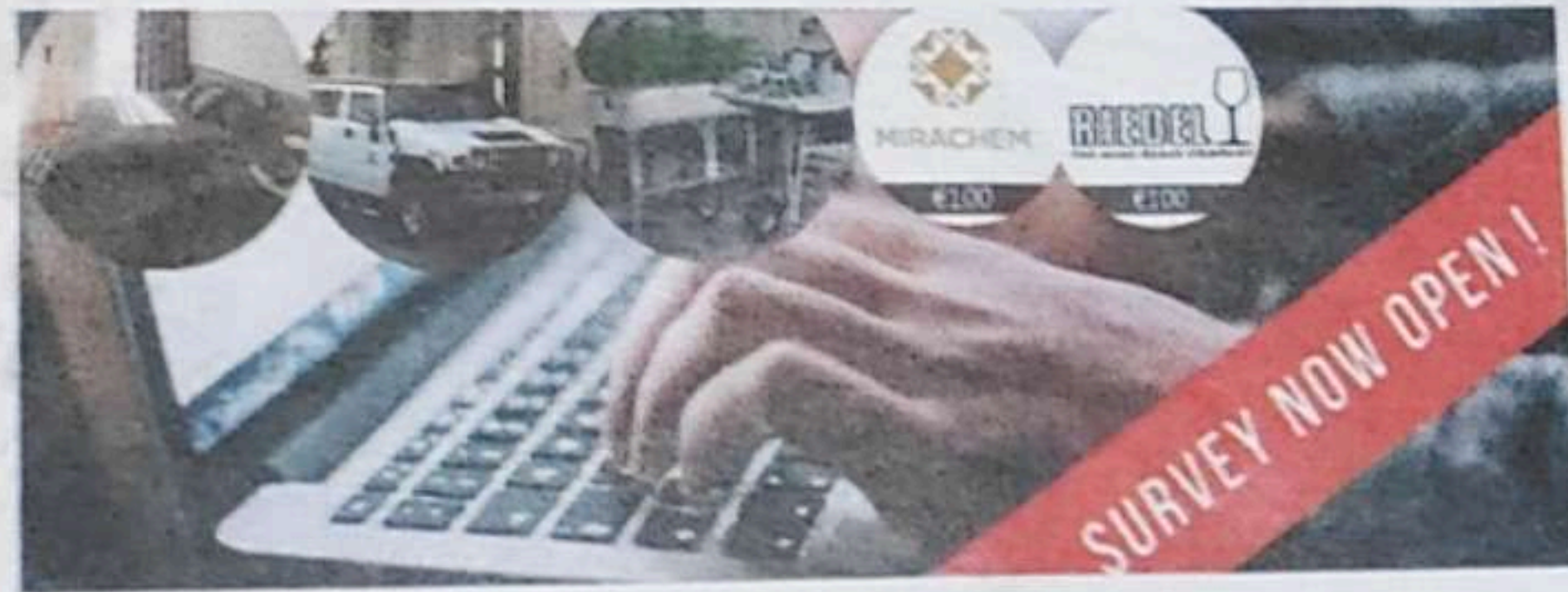
The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo annual restaurant survey is back

The Definitive(ly) Good Guide Co., with the support of HSBC & Global Payments, are once again collaborating to publish the 19th edition of the well-known guide that allows diners to choose from Malta's top restaurants. The 2019 edition of the guide will feature those 150 restaurants rated highest in the upcoming annual survey. The guide remains completely objective by including all 150 top-rated restaurants for free on both www.restaurantsmalta.com and The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo.

For this month all diners out

can once again rate their favourite restaurants which they have dined at over the previous 12 months on the [restaurantsmalta](http://restaurantsmalta.com) portal. Their ratings will determine which restaurants will be included in the 2019 edition of the guide.

Rate the restaurants on Food, Service and Ambience on a scale of 1 to 10. Answer additional questions to let us know who you feel should be the winners of the special awards including best Maltese restaurant; best restaurant for business entertainment; best value for money restaurant; most romantic restaurant; most child-friendly



restaurant, best restaurant restaurant and also most pet-friendly restaurant, as well as which have your favourite wine lists. Send in your funny and informative comments and you could win one of these fantastic

prizes:

- A luxury two-night stay at the fortress hotel on the Water's Edge, Cugo Gran Macina Grand Harbour;
- A one-hour ride in a Route 66 Hummer Limousine with free

flowing prosecco;

- A Herb Garden Trolley from Dical House, Fine Foods & Wellbeing Mosta;
- A €100 voucher to exchange with Mirachem wines;
- A €100 voucher to exchange with Riedel Glassware.

Log onto www.restaurants-malta.com to get voting and help shape dining out in Malta in 2019!

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