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SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Municipal Palace/ Banca Guratale		
Address	Triq il-Merkanti		
Town Name	Valletta	Toponym	N/A
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	-
Local Council	Valletta		
Guardianship Deed	-		

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Historical	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Very High
Property Function	Domestic	Conservation Area	UCA

Outline Description	Palace: Knights' Period
Property Description	<p>This palace is one of the few non-ecclesiastical buildings designed by Romano Carapecchia. Originally, the building was intended to be the administrative quarters of the Università. The building was reconstructed and embellished by Zondadari in 1721, an event which is commemorated by a tablet above the main door. The façade of this building is considered to be one of the first Baroque examples of public palaces to be built in Valletta. The façade is distinguished by its clear horizontal articulation; the main entrance is in the form of an arcade flanked by Doric columns elevated on bases supporting an open balcony. On either side of the main portal, there are two arcades with square-headed doors with oval windows above them set under blind arches with a decorative keystone – these openings are used as botteghe. The upper level contains a rectangular windows with ornate pediments with intricate carved decorations, above each archway on the ground floor. The palace is endowed with a scrolled centrepiece containing stone carved drapery and figures, and carved corbels supporting the main cornice, where the commemoration tablet along with a bust, and 2 coat-of-arms are set.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	276	G.N. Date	2008
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Recommended Bibliography	Unkown Author, One World - Protecting the most significant buildings, monuments and features of Valletta (59): The Banca Giuratale, Times of Malta, 13 th December
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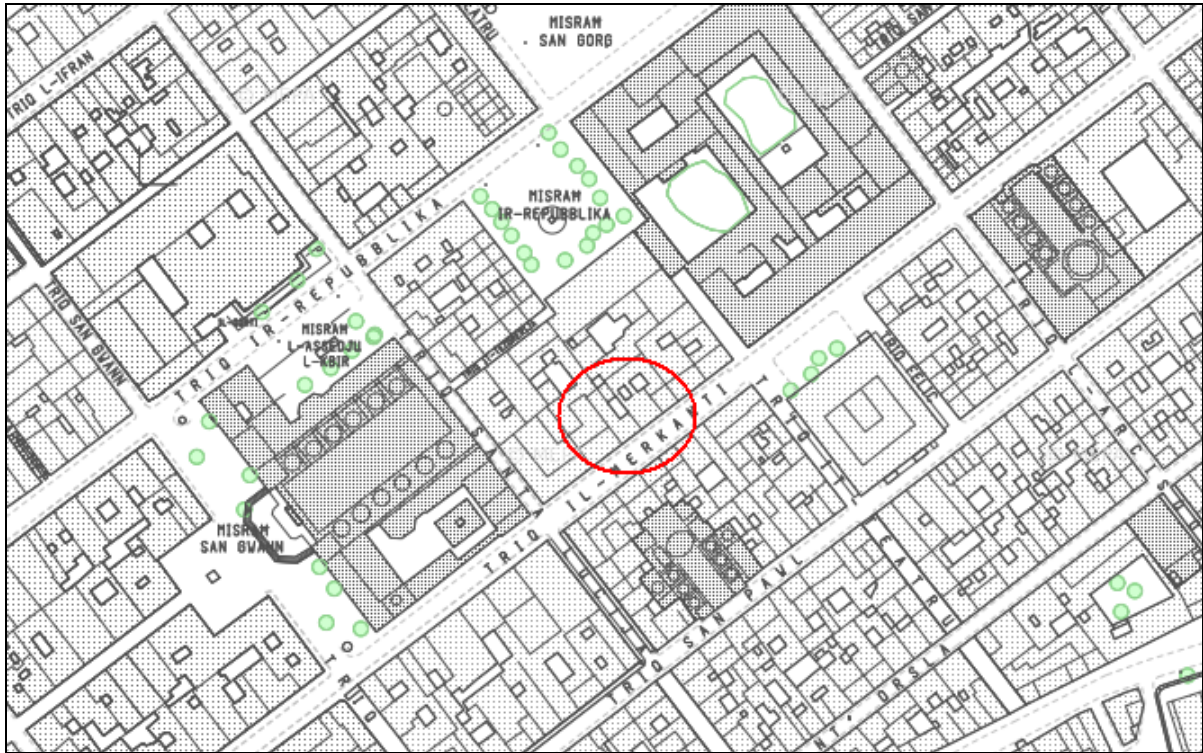
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Property Plan



Property Images

