



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 01127

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Property Name	Auberge de Castille et Leon		
Address	Misrah Kastilja		
Town Name	Valletta	Toponym	N/A
Property Owner	Government	Local Council	Valletta
Guardianship Deed	-		
	Managing Body	Office of the Prime Minister	

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>The present building was designed by Belli in 1741, and built in 1744 under the supervision the capomastro Domenico Cachia, which has replaced the older auberge designed and built by Girolamo Cassar in 1574. The facade of this two-storey palace consists of an ornate central portal flanked by freestanding columns and raised on a podium of stairs. The main facade is subdivided into eleven bays, where superimposed pilasters define the central bays while plain panelling characterise the three outer bays. The windows are decorated with a plain frame having mouldings at the sill and lintel. The building is decorated with a continuous cornice, while the corners are enhanced by the use of rusticated masonry. The windows are set within recessed wall panels that are rusticated at ground level and plain at the upper level. The windows of the piano nobile are characterized by decorative mouldings. Approached by a flight of steps, the doorway is flanked by columns and surmounted by a bronze bust of GM Pinto and an impressive display of arms and armour. The cornice of the central window, outside the piano vestibule and the piano notabile, there is Pinto's coat of arms, while the centrepiece bears the coat of arms of Spain and Portugal.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	276	G.N. Date	2008
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Recommended Bibliography	<p>Cilia D & Ellul M, (1991), <i>Legacy in Stone: the Architecture of the Knights in Malta</i>, Malta: Miranda Publications.</p> <p>Unkown Author, One World - Protecting the most significant buildings, monuments and features of Valletta (92) Auberge de Castille and the courtyard fountain, Times of Malta, 10th November 2012. http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20081213/opinion/one-world-protecting-the-most-significant-</p>
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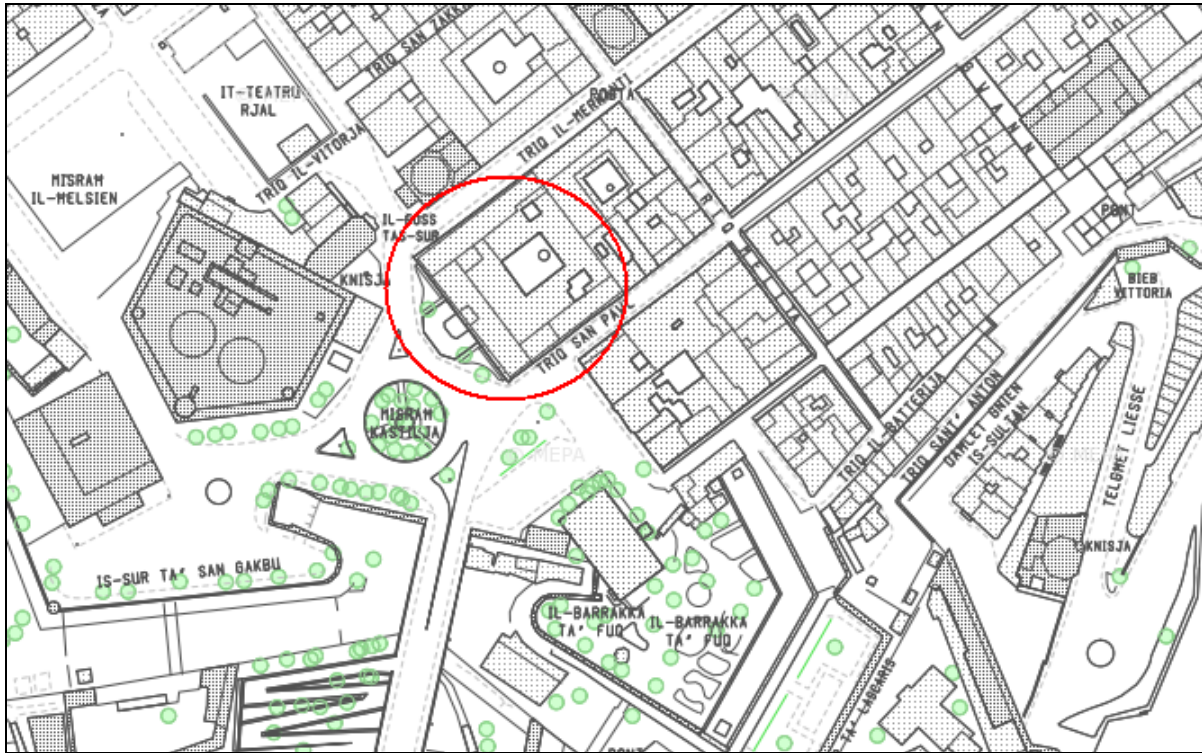
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Property Plan



Property Images

