



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 01129

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Property Name	Auberge D'Italie		
Address	Triq il-Merkanti		
Town Name	Valletta	Toponym	N/A
Property Owner	Government	Local Council	Valletta
Guardianship Deed	-		
	Managing Body	Malta Tourism Authority	

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 two-storey palace was originally designed by Girolamo Cassar; but has undergone numerous alterations. The palace is rectangular in plan, and rooms are built around a large courtyard. The facade is symmetrical and is characterized by six sets of windows on each floor. The windows at ground floor are rectangular, while those at the mezzanine level are small and square-shaped. The upper floor was probably added in the late 17th century by GM Caraffa, however, the the windows are aligned with those of the lower levels. Corners are heavily rusticated, and a cornice runs uninterruptedly along the whole palace which also distinguishes the ground and mezzanine floors from the upper level. Centrepiece above the central doorway is an effigy of GM Caraffa which consists of a marble inscription and a bronze bust of the Grand Master which is flanked by an impressive display of trophies. The courtyard is characterised by a triumphal arch, with a curved broken pediment. It consists of a pair of composite pillars, within which the arch is supported by a pair of Doric pilasters. The central feature of the pediment has an elaborate niche with the statue of St Catherine at the back, while the coat of arms of the GM at the front.</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>Unkown Author, One World - Protecting the most significant buildings, monuments and features of Valletta (91) Auberge d' Italie and triumphal arch, Times of Malta, 10th November 2012 http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20090228/opinion/one-world-protecting-the-most-significant-</p> <p>Unknown Author, <i>The Auberge d' Italie</i>, www.mta.com, 13 November 2012. http://www.mta.com.mt/page.aspx?id=56</p>
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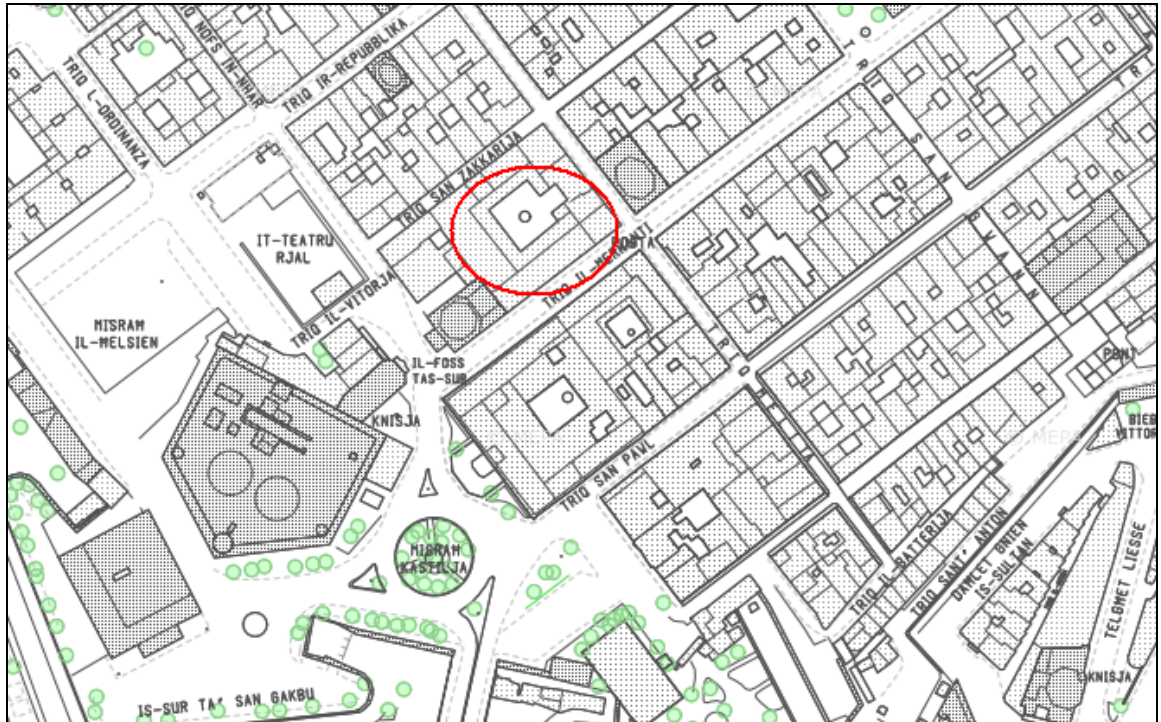
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Property Plan



Property Images

