SOVRINTENDENZA TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Palazzo Santa Sofia				
Address	Triq Villegaignon				
Town Name	Mdina	**Toponym**	N/A	**Local Council**	Mdina
Property Owner	Private	**Managing Body**	Fondazzjoni Patrimonju Malti		
Guardianship Deed	-				

Period	Medieval (6th to 16th Century AD)		
Phase	Late Medieval : Angevines - Aragonese (late 13 - early 16 C. AD)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Historical	**Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment**	Very High
Property Function	Domestic	**Conservation Area**	UCA

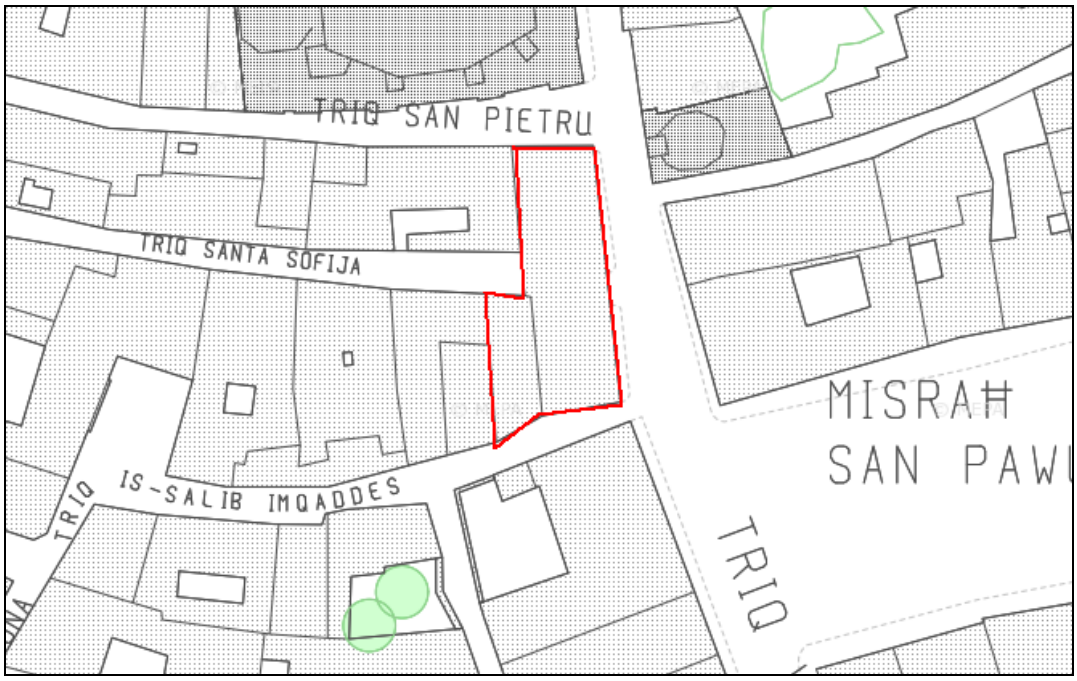
Outline Description	residential palace
Property Description	This palace is considered to be the oldest surviving building in Mdina, as a moulding inscribed with the date 1233 is found set on a square-headed window located in the oldest part of the exterior wall of the building. Originally, the palazzo was a one story building with a central courtyard. The palace has a siqifah leading into a courtyard, now a narrow street, which divided the building into to parts. The main doorway was originally under this passageway. The façade of the floor level is rather plain compared to the upper floor. It is characterized by a large passageway, flanked by a large door on the left, and a smaller one the right. The left-hand side door has a partially surviving drip-mould decorated with acanthus leave. The façade is further enhanced with the use of the 'palline losanghe' cornice which consists of two tiers of inverted triangles with spheres attached, marking the division of the ground and first floor. The same design but consisting of one tier is repeated at roof level. The first floor is characterized by four delicately decorated bifora windows.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	**Degree of Protection**	Grade 1	**G.N. No.**	348	**G.N. Date**	2001

Recommended Bibliography	Grima J.F. (2008), *Legacy of an Order in Malta 360`, VOL I 1530-1680,* Malta: Miranda Publications.

Coordinates : Easting	46174	71715	Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

