



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MHRA on new MTA Chairpersons**

The Council of the Malta Hotels and Restaurants Association congratulates Mr. Louis Farrugia on his appointment as Chairman of the Malta Tourism Authority as of January 2010. Mr Farrugia will be heading the Authority through what clearly appears to be another challenging year ahead and without any doubt, Mr. Farrugia's business acumen will prove to be an asset to the organization.

The Malta Hotels and Restaurants Association would like to publicly thank outgoing chairman Mr. Sam Mifsud for his efforts during his tenure and for having headed the MTA during some very difficult and strenuous times. His drive and knowledge of the industry was instrumental in attracting new airlines and the development of new routes to Malta. MHRA is also pleased to note that Mr. Mifsud will continue to assist the industry as advisor to the Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism.

MHRA pledges its full support and co-operation to the new Chairman and indeed MTA, and commits itself to a mutual working collaboration in the interest of the tourism industry

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#### **About MHRA**

The MHRA has been established since 1958 and today represents 70% of all hotels in Malta and 35% of all restaurants, collectively representing an investment of over Euros 1.1 billion and employing in excess of 20,000 people. For the past 50 years the MHRA has represented the interest of hoteliers and restaurateurs on the Island acting as a lobby group to ensure that the policy decisions taken on the Island are in line with what the tourism industry needs to flourish. For more information about the MHRA visit [www.mhra.org.mt](http://www.mhra.org.mt) or call (356) 21 318133. The MHRA is also a member of HOTREC and an Associate member of World Tourism Organisation