

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE KTP PRESIDENT SENDS OPEN LETTER TO THE PROFESSION

Kamra tal-Periti has officially launched the 2025 edition of the Premju Emanuele Luigi Galizia, Malta's national architecture awards. Entries are now being accepted online at www.premjugalizia.org, with a closing date of 26 September 2025.

To mark this occasion, KTP President André Pizzuto wrote an open letter to the profession highlighting the need for architects and civil engineers to adopt values grounded in rigorous attention to detail, a sense of civic duty, and a holistic view of how buildings sit within wider urban systems, inspired from Emanuele Luigi Galizia after whom the national architecture awards organised by the Kamra are named - one of Malta's most significant 19th-century architects and civil engineers.

The Premju Galizia recognises excellence in architecture, urban design, engineering and conservation within the built environment across Malta and Gozo. The awards foreground multidisciplinary teamwork, encouraging submissions from full project teams rather than individuals.

Clients, architects, engineers, designers and specialists all share in the recognition. In his letter, Pizzuto outlined the values underpinning this year's edition: "Good architecture is not only about strong design concepts, but also about effective engineering and meticulous detailing solutions, the urban forms and spatial impacts, the sensitive conservation strategies, skilled execution of works, and the stamina and financial backing of clients".

Award categories have been strategically chosen to reflect pressing national priorities: adaptive reuse of existing buildings, density and housing, hospitality, open space design, and public projects. The programme is inspired by the legacy of Emanuele Luigi Galizia,





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whose values, rigour, civic commitment, and systemic thinking, remain urgently relevant today.

Shortlisted projects will be invited to present publicly during awards week in October 2025 at Villa Bighi, Kalkara.

Submissions must include the full list of team members, with their consent. Guidance, eligibility, and submission requirements can be found in detail at www.premjugalizia.org.

Full open letter by Andre Pizzuto

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