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NEW KTP COUNCIL ASSUMES OFFICE DURING CRITICAL YEAR FOR THE INDUSTRY AND THE PROFESSION

The Kamra tal-Periti, the statutory body regulating and representing the architectural and civil engineering profession in Malta, is pleased to announce the composition of its recently elected Council following the appointment of its official statutory leadership positions as follows:

President	Perit André Pizzuto
Vice President	Perit Matias Camilleri de Marco
Honorary Treasurer	Perit Ivynne Gixti
Honorary Secretary	Perit Julian Thompson
Council Members	Perit Paul Dalli
	Perit Elaine Genovese
	Perit Sebastian Grima
	Perit Daniel Micallef
	Perit Lino Micallef
	Perit Malcolm Xuereb

The new Council, which will serve until December of this year, assumes offices at a defining moment, not only for the profession, but for Malta's construction industry more broadly. The Council's term will be defined by a wide-ranging programme of legislative, regulatory, and policy work with direct consequences for the profession, the industry, and the Maltese public.

Chief among the Council's priorities is the drafting of the first part of the new building and construction regulations on behalf of the Building and Construction Authority. This work represents foundational legislation that will modernise the regulatory framework governing how buildings are designed, constructed, and overseen. The quality and rigour of this framework has a direct bearing on building safety, construction standards, and the protection of the public interest.

In parallel, the Council will initiate the development of Malta's first national architecture policy with the support of the Planning Authority. This is a landmark undertaking that will establish a long-term vision for architecture as a discipline in the service of the public, the quality of the built environment, and the cultural and social identity of the Maltese Islands. This policy will, for the first time, give formal national expression to the role that architecture plays in shaping the spaces in which people live their daily lives.

The Council will also continue the structural reform of the Kamra tal-Periti in preparation for the full implementation of key provisions of the Periti Act, including mandatory professional indemnity insurance and a framework for continuous professional development. These measures are not merely administrative. They represent a fundamental strengthening of the profession's accountability to the public, and of the assurance that those engaging the services of a perit can expect.

The new Council will further advance the introduction of new specialisation chapters, building on the announcement of the Chapter for Conservation Architects, unveiled at the first seminar of the ongoing *Concrete & Stone* series on Maltese Modernist Architecture two weeks ago, as a model for recognising and deepening expertise across the full breadth of the profession.

A further critical area of the Council's work is its active engagement with Government and the Planning Authority on Malta's ongoing planning reform. The Kamra tal-Periti has a statutory and professional responsibility to contribute to shaping a planning system that is transparent, evidence-based, and genuinely responsive to the long-term needs of communities and the environment. The Council will continue to advocate for reform that places the quality of the built environment and the public interest at the centre of planning policy and decision-making.

The Council also assumes responsibility for the continuation of ongoing professional conduct investigations, including those arising from serious incidents affecting public safety. Among these is the investigation related to the structural collapse in Paceville in July 2025 which served as a stark reminder about the need to upgrade the industry with purpose, structure, and most importantly, competence. The Kamra tal-Periti is committed to conducting its investigative and disciplinary functions with rigour, impartiality, and transparency, in fulfilment of its duty to protect the public and to uphold the integrity of the profession.

The breadth and importance of this mandate reflects the centrality of the perit's role in Maltese society. From the safety of individual structures to the character of entire neighbourhoods, from the resilience of the construction industry to the liveability of our towns and villages, the profession touches the lives of every person in Malta. The Kamra tal-Periti is committed to discharging its statutory responsibility with the seriousness, dedication, and sense of public purpose it demands.

The Kamra tal-Periti looks forward to constructive engagement with Government, the construction industry, fellow professionals, and the general public as it works to fulfil this mandate in the interest of the profession and of the country as a whole.

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