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The Villas at La Plantation  
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## Winning with flying colours!

Malta Air Traffic Services Ltd awarded the 5 star European Commercial Property Award for Best Interior Design Malta

You must see this to believe it! The Malta Air Traffic Services Ltd (MATS) is the Air Navigation Service Provider for Malta. MATS provides a variety of services primarily aimed at ensuring that aircraft flying in the Malta Flight Information Region (FIR) are safely separated in accordance with international civil aviation regulations.

Safety is therefore the first and foremost priority but MATS also aims to provide its services in an efficient and cost-effective way. Indeed, the Air Traffic Control centre of the MATS handles an average of over 70,000 aircraft movement per year! A stressful job you may say. And indeed it is, thus inspiring the management at MATS to invest in a new office administration annex, detached to the main Control Tower, to serve as administration offices for 15 users.

The brief strictly dictated that this project had to be set in a tranquil and organised environment while offering the necessary facilities to operate under the most demanding situations. In achieving this aim Architect Joe Grech conceived the structural concept and together with Mario Cassar Incorporated Design applied their knowledge and experience to the best and vested the nude structures with interiors that are only synonymous to comfort, concentration and utility. No stone was left unturned to ensure that the colours, furniture and finishing chosen blended together to create a working environment that emphasis comfort by promoting ergonomics in all the settings with the main aim to fulfill the two goals of health and productivity.

Indoor and outdoor recreational space was created to allow employees and visitors alike to enjoy the external attractive landscaping set

within typical natural Mediterranean scenic surroundings. Indoors were adorned with a more modern corporate style applying wenge furniture and stainless steel as base materials. The finishing touches involved the application of venetian plastering with a view to add a feeling of luxury without being too classical.

By implication this new office administration had to be a place to inspire hence, instigate concentration. In achieving this aim top management were provided with private offices while general staff were located in an open space environment to facilitate interaction and flexibility. All the necessary high tech equipment was installed within the setting in way that complemented the design of the interiors thus positioning itself as a feature.

Utility was emphasised through the creation of a training area aimed to serve as a location where staff further develop their knowledge and skills; project rooms and a conference room where staff can interact and work on project based assignments; and a mini-auditorium where presentation and workshops can be organised for staff and invitees, often delegates from other Air Navigation Services Providers offices and aviation oriented organisations from the world.

Winning the 5 star European Commercial Property Award for Best Interior Design Malta at the 2009 International Property Awards in association with CNBC Arabia was the cherry on the cake for MATS, Architect Joe Grech and Mario Cassar Incorporated Design team. The rest is there to enjoy by the MATS staff while carrying out their services putting your mind at rest that every time you're flying around Malta and within you are in good hands!



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