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SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	St James Bastion - Valletta		
Address	Pope Pius V Street, Valletta		
Town Name	Valletta	Toponym	Local Council Valletta
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Central Bank of Malta
Guardianship Deed			

Period	Modern (16th to 18th Century AD)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (16th Century)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Fortification	Conservation Area	UCA (Valletta)

Outline Description	Bastion
Property Description	<p>St James Bastion is one of the four main land front bastions designed by Francesco Laparelli. It is an obtuse-angled bastion of the arrow-head type with projecting rounded orillions. The bastion has two flanking batteries (piazze basse), one in each flank. The original thick parapet along the faces with embrasures was dismantled to increase the parking space on the bastion. placed centrally on each face and a cylindrical domed echaugette on the salient angle. The piazze basse have retired and open casemated flanks reached by vaulted underground passages from entrances located close to the flanks of the cavalier to the rear. A communication tunnel extends from the piazza bassa on the left flank of the bastion and passes through the bulwark to open up at a sally-port high up on the left face which was served by a arched bridge spanning the ditch in order to provide access to the counterguard. The bastion was turned into a public garden in the nineteenth century and forms part of Hastings Garden. A funerary monument to Lord Hastings was erected in the garden.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	133	G.N. Date	2001
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Recommended Bibliography	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Knights (Malta, 2001), 268-80
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Coordinates : Easting

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Property Plan



Property Images

