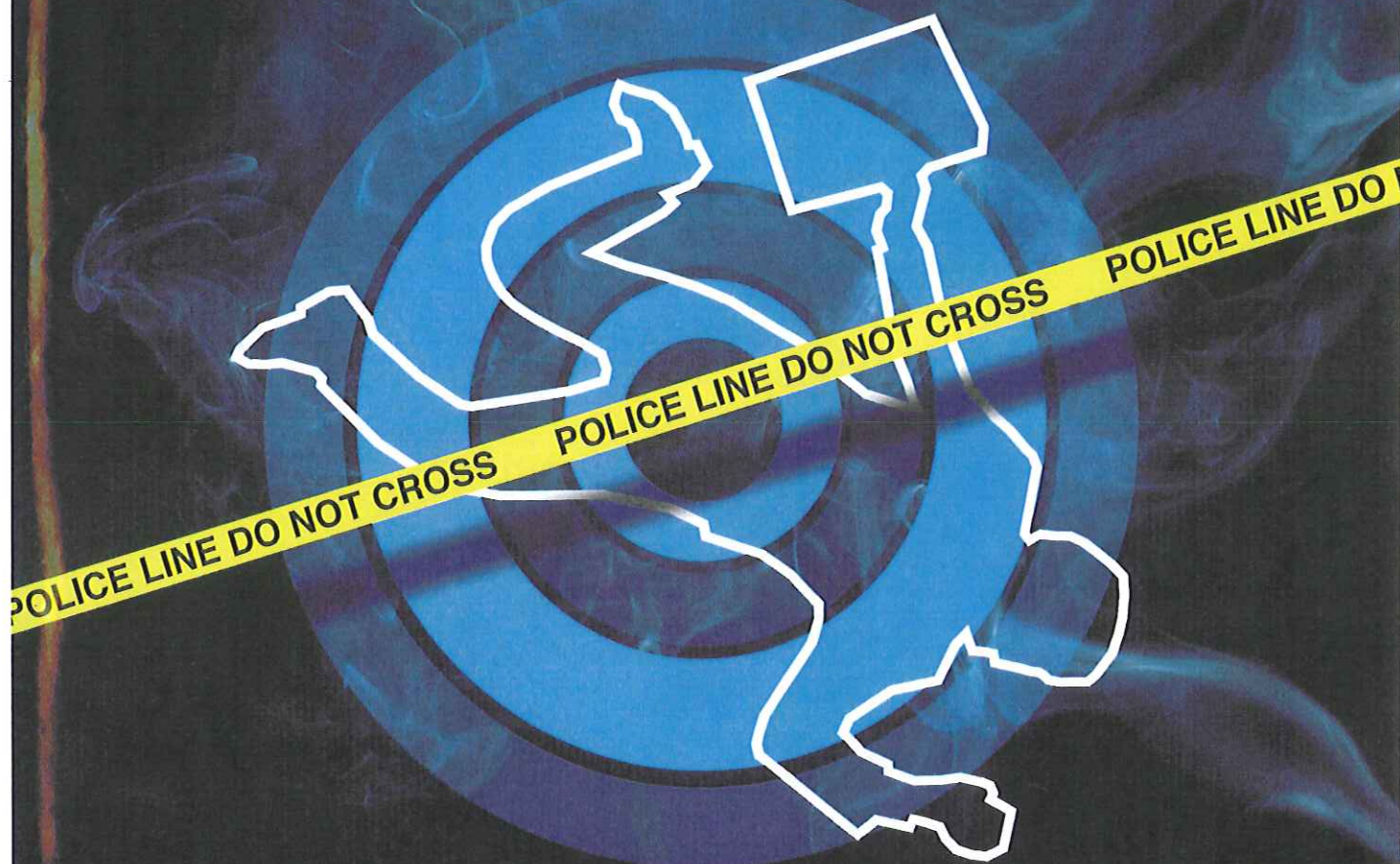


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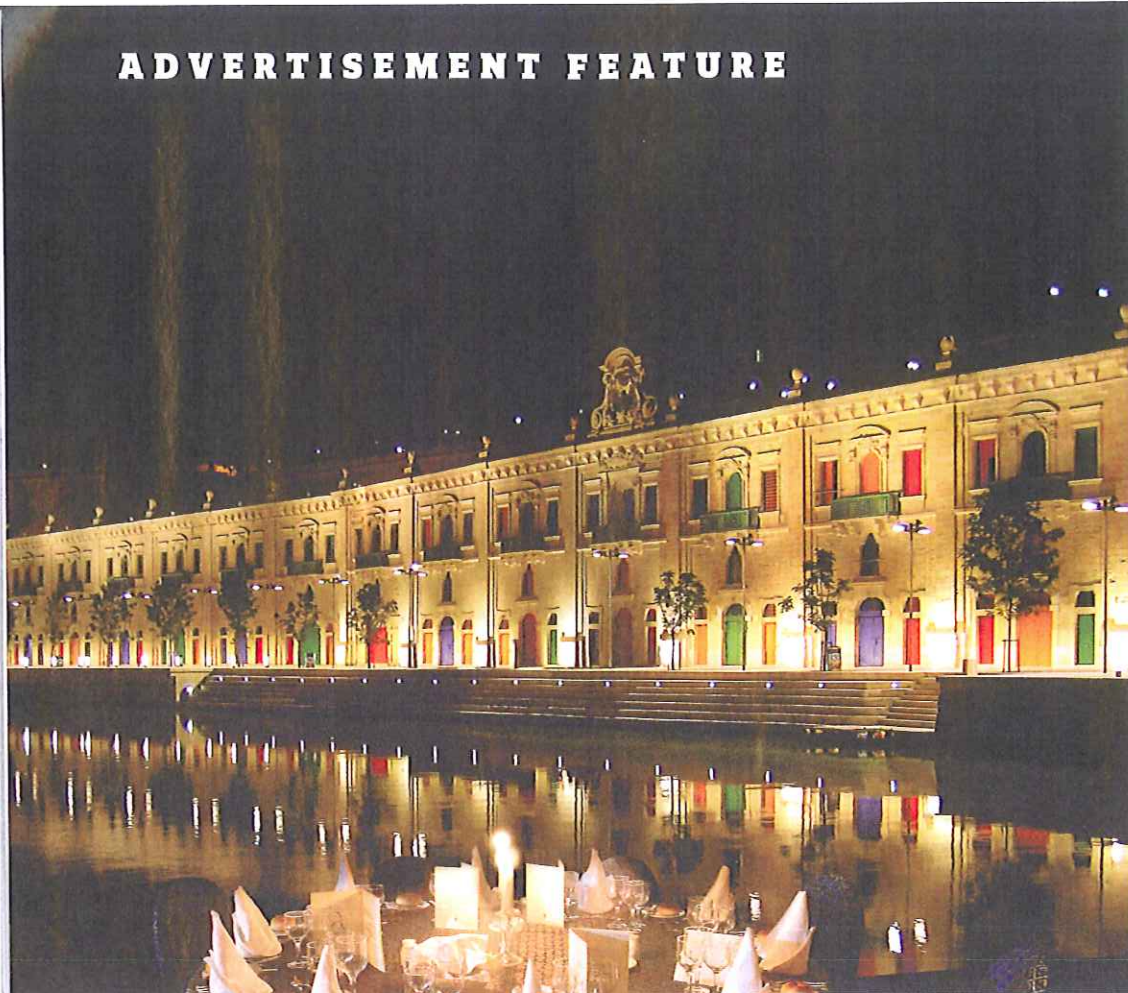
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MALTA'S MARVELS

SIZE HAS BEEN NO RESTRICTION TO MALTA'S ENORMOUS WEALTH OF VENUES THAT HAVE HELPED MAKE THE COUNTRY A C&I GIANT

A small country it might be, but Malta stands tall in the C&I world. The picturesque Mediterranean destination offers calm sanctuary from the strains of modern life, but more than that it provides culture, inspiration, industry expertise and a host of superb venues. For discerning organisers, its key areas are as follows:

Valletta

Europe's tiniest capital is also one of its most captivating, its baroque sandstone architecture sitting proud above twinkling harbour waters. The

five-star Grand Hotel Excelsior is a new and remarkable addition to the city's venue portfolio, offering 439 rooms over ten floors and boasting conference facilities for up to 1,000. Nearby, the refined Hotel Phoenicia has benefited from recent renovation, while the Mediterranean Conference Centre – a one-time knights' hospital – remains one of the continent's most impressive meeting venues.

St Julians

As the dynamic hub of Maltese life, St Julians provides the country's widest choice of high-end hotels and restaurants. Organisers will find a prestigious, spirited town that

knows how to appreciate the finer things in life. But where to start? Visiting groups can take their pick from a range of world-class names, among them the Westin Dragonara, the Intercontinental Malta, the Radisson SAS Bay Point, Le Méridien St Julians and both the Corinthia San Gorg and the Corinthia Marina. Also of real note is the refurbished Hilton Malta, home to a four-storey conference centre with space for up to 1,400 delegates. In the adjoining town of Sliema, meanwhile, a four-star option comes in the form of The Victoria, a traditionally furnished property with 120 rooms and theatre-style meeting space for 160.

St Pauls Bay

If St Julians is where to head for five-star hospitality, then pretty St Pauls Bay is the perfect complement, offering an exceptional trio of four-star properties. The Dolmen Resort Hotel has 413 rooms and suites as well as the 1,100-capacity Oracle Conference Centre, while the Suncrest Hotel gives unspoiled views of the surrounding coastline and has quality meeting facilities of its own. Completing the threesome, the San Antonio Hotel & Spa is a chic 295-room option offering a wide range of wellness treatments.

Northern region

The northern region of Malta's main island hides some extremely well equipped hotels, most notably the five-star Radisson SAS Golden Sands. An elegant property on its own headland, it provides top-of-the-range leisure facilities alongside more than 2,000m² of meeting space – it welcomed the Commonwealth Heads of State in late 2005. Also in the area are the Ramla Bay Resort and the Riviera Resort & Spa, both well accustomed to industry business.

Gozo

The second largest Maltese island is a haven of rural peace and quiet, offering an attractive option for those looking to get well and truly off the beaten path. Top-end accommodation comes courtesy of the Kempinski San Lawrenz, which provides stylish meeting facilities and an Ayurveda centre, and the luxurious Ta'Cenc, where relaxation and tranquility are a well realised priority. For smaller groups, farmhouse accommodation is also available. ■

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