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Italian technology helps the pioneering spirit of a family business continue to shape the unstoppable building & construction industry in the Maltese Islands

Ballut Blocks Ltd started as a family business way back in the early fifties. It was one of the first companies to be established in the Maltese building industry. Ballut Blocks Ltd is synonymous with the introduction of innovative systems both to the building and construction sectors on the Maltese Islands. It has spearheaded the transition from the production of concrete blocks to the manufacture of all types of precast products. The Company, which nowadays forms part of Ballut Blocks Group of Companies, offers one of the most comprehensive ranges of building construction products and services in Malta. It was the first company to introduce Nordimpianti machines to Malta way back in 1977 through its investment in two Slipform machines for the production of hollow core concrete panels. It always strived to introduce new sections including inverted double T beams and other concrete elements including the large 800 mm high hollow core slabs. The capital outlay in Nordimpianti Slipform technology has proved even more viable since this system is also capable of producing inverted T-beams.



Nordimpianti's extruder technology in action

In order to further consolidate its position in the local market, the company took over General Precast Concrete Ltd in 2004. General Precast Concrete Ltd which is spread on over 40,000 sq m of land comprises two separate production plants. It specialises in the production of precast elements and the manufacture of hollow core concrete panels. This acquisition enabled Ballut Blocks to strengthen its position as one of the leading precast concrete providers on the island.

Over the years, the Group built a solid reputation for both quality and efficiency. This is evidenced by its long track record as a major supplier of prefabricated concrete products and other building materials to both the public and the private sector. In

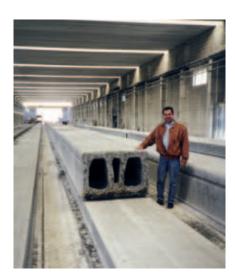
fact, the Group is proud of having been for all these years involved in most of the local projects of national importance, such as hotels, factories, public buildings, sports complexes, roads, tunnelling, bridges and other infrastructural projects.

Investment in world renowned technology coupled with decades of valuable experience places Ballut Blocks Group of Companies at the forefront of the manufacture of precast and prestressed concrete elements as well as suppliers of ready mix concrete, aggregates and other raw materials. In addition, it has also successfully ventured into the ever thriving Maltese real estate market.

Recently Ballut Blocks Ltd formed part of a joint venture which has been appointed as

general contractor for Building 01 - Phase 1A of the Smart City Malta project in Ricasoli. Completed in October 2010, this first office building forms part of the multimillion ICT project and showcases cutting edge precast technology coupled with the world's premier certification program for sustainable buildings - LEED®. The office buildings are the first in Malta to be granted a low environmental footprint rating. The building was totally constructed in precast using prestressed hollow core concrete panels allowing free spans with excellent load capabilities.

To accomplish this project, Ballut Blocks Ltd invested in Nordimpianti's latest generation Extruder machine – an automatic choice given the previous investment in Nordimpianti Slipformers. Both Slipform and Extruder machines have their own functional advantages. Machine versatility, low main-



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Construction in full swing at the Smart City Malta project in Ricasoli



Completing Phase 1A of the Smart City Malta project

tenance costs and production capacities were the key factors that motivated Ballut to continue with such collaboration with Nordimpianti.

Mr. Francis Vella, Managing Director at Ballut Blocks, confirmed the high degree of support and satisfaction throughout the company's dealings with Nordimpianti which is further backed by an excellent engineering and after-sales support service from Philip A Tabone International.

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