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## Frank V. Farrugia elected Malta Chamber President

Following the Annual General Meeting of the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry held on 27th March, the newly elected Council met today, and elected Frank V. Farrugia President of the Malta Chamber. Mr Farrugia was Deputy President of the Malta Chamber since 2015 and held the post of Vice President for the preceding two years.

Addressing the Council for the first time, Mr Farrugia outlined his priorities for his Presidency for the coming 2 year-term. He said that he was honoured to take the baton from a tireless out-going President who enjoyed the respect of the business community as well as our political leaders. He said that his Presidency will aim to maintain the Chamber's leading role in the representation of business, and it will seek to face the new challenges of the times.

Mr Farrugia said that he looked forward to working with all members, boards and committees of the Chamber in order to bring about the necessary changes that would result in greater competitiveness for the country.

Frank V. Farrugia joined the Malta Chamber of Commerce in 1976 and is well-placed to lead the Malta Chamber having served in virtually all positions. Apart from Deputy President and Vice President Mr Farrugia served as Honorary Treasurer in 2001 and Honorary Secretary in 2002/3. He also served as member of the ethics, import levies, VAT and taxation committees; Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Manufacturers and Exporters Trade Section; Member of the Commission Agents Screening Commission and served as Chairman of its Trade Section; Chairman of the Importers Trade Section, and founding member of the Maltese American Chamber of Commerce.

He has also formed part of various committees on behalf of the Chamber. He served as a member of the Malta Standard Authority. He is also a founding member of the Libyan-Maltese Chamber of Commerce and has served as its President and the Vice President of the Joint Council of the Libyan-Maltese Chamber. He had served on the board of the Building Industry Consultative Council. In his own right, Mr Farrugia was also director of Malta Countertrade. He is currently serving as Chairman of the SME Committee within the Chamber and is the Chamber representative on the board of Conservatorio Vincenzo Bugeja and Director on the board of Employment and Industrial Relations, Jobs Plus (formerly Employment Training Corporation), Trade Malta and Malta Enterprise and member of MCESD. He also served as President of the Lions Club (Malta) Host.

Frank V. Farrugia is owner and managing director of Alphacom Int. Services Co Ltd, a company specialising in the supply of textiles, industrial sewing machines and all related equipment, as well as Alcom Enterprises Co Ltd, which specialises in the supply in of professional tools, all garage equipment, engineering solutions, exhaust extraction systems, Industrial maintenance and treatment chemicals, industrial plant and heavy equipment, RO's and water treatment technology. Besides the Maltese market, the group also exports and offers its services to companies in North Africa.

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