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The third-floor landing, adorned with a giant wall piece of Michael Jackson and Bubbles by Paul McCarthy and a hanging light sculpture by Olafur Eliasson, opens to the main living room on the right and the dining room on the left. Once the banqueting salon, the living room is flooded with light from the traditional Maltese balconies that puncture the room's 26-feet-high walls, and the original ceiling beams have been transformed into a site-specific installation by conceptual artist Daniel Buren. In the dining room, the carved limestone architrave (formerly the entrance to the knight's bedroom) reminded Sultana of the city's Co-Cathedral of St. John, so that historic space inspired its decor, especially the dark-blue walls embellished with gilded Maltese crosses and towers.

The staircase swirls up one more floor, around a neon-light installation by Jason Rhoades, leading to Sultana and Gill's private quarters. A sleek, all-white space, it stands in stark contrast to the rest of the house, a minimalist sanctuary perfectly suiting a new generation of Maltese gentlemen.

RIGHT MASKS BY
DJORDJE OZBOLT
OVERLOOK THE POOL.
HURRICANES BY
SULTANA. BELOW IN A
GUEST BEDROOM,
A PRINT BY FRANCESCO
CLEMENTE HANGS
ABOVE A SULTANADESIGNED DESK. BED BY
SULTANA; BONACINA
1889 CHAIR; CURTAINS
OF A LORO PIANA
INTERIORS LINEN.

"These palaces were the most extraordinary bachelor pads, built for one knight and his staff—up to 22 in some cases!"



