



Grand Magisterial House

Certificate

I the undersigned, as Master of the Magisterial State Mint of the Federation, certify by the present document, that this coin of One Tari Fed. is part and parcel of the second and exclusive edition of 360 coins of One Tari Fed. minted in the year 2015.

The present Certificate is signed and stamped by me and duly numbered from 01 to 360.



Technical data

Denomination: 1 TARI

Quality: Silver Proof

Fineness: Ag.999

Total weight: 31,104 gr (1 ounce)

Diameter: 42,5 mm

Issue limit: 360 pcs



Design:

Front side: corrected version of 2008 Tari by the State Mint

Back side: new design by the State Mint

Date of issue: September 2015

Individual number:

Sir Adam Schuman
Master of the Magisterial State Mint



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Brief history of the currency of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem

The Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem started to mint its own currency after the conquest of the Rhodes Island in 1318.

In 1530, Emperor Charles V of Spain donated the Maltese Islands in fief to the Order of St John of Jerusalem, and through the intercession of Pope Clement VII, the Order obtained the privilege of striking coins in Malta.

The first coins, which appear to have been minted in Malta by the Knights, were struck during the brief reign of the Grand Master, Pietro del Ponte (1534-35). The Order of St John minted coins in gold, silver and copper during its 268-year rule in Malta.

In 1565 the Order minted fiduciary copper coins. The reverse side of these coins depicted clasped hands surrounded by the legend 'NON AES SED FIDES', (Not Money But Trust).

The minting art of the Order reached its peak in the gold and silver coins issued during the reign of Grand Master Antonio Manoel de Vilhena (1722-1736), who was the first to coin the 12 Zecchini gold piece, the highest denomination in the Order's coinage. He also introduced the silver 2 Scudi and the 8 and 12 Tari pieces.

The highest value silver coin minted by the Order was the Maltese dollar, known as the "pezza", "oncia d'argento" or "uqija". This was first issued during the long reign of Grand Master Prince Emmanuel Pinto (1741-1773).

In 2008, during the reign of the Grand Master Prince Jose Cosmelli, in the due and legal exercise of its Sovereignty Rights internationally recognised by many States, the Zecchino was re-established as the basic Currency of The Federation.

This first edition of currency coins of the modern times was composed of two different coins: the Silver coin called Tari and the coin made of brass with the value of 2 Zecchini. The coin of 1 Tari has the value of 20 Zecchini.

In 2015, the second edition of the silver 1 Tari was released. This coin commemorated the 485th anniversary of Maltese Islands were granted to the Order. Same year the Order celebrated the 10th anniversary of reign of Prince José Manuel Cosmelli as Grand Master.