

Martin Audio BlacklineQ for Nordic Bar



Known for being one of Malta's most popular nightlife hubs, the Paceville area of St. Julians comes alive after dark. And at the centre of the action for many years has been the Nordic Bar, a destination nightclub / sports bar, with a preference for exotic cocktails and superior sound. Over two decades, Martin Audio partner Futuretech has twice updated its previous sound system installations with more contemporary iterations. However, this latest upgrade is probably the most significant as it features the British manufacturer's brand new BlacklineQ series. Futuretech MD Stefan Farrugia was at the front of the pack when it came to unveiling this reimagining of Blackline - a vastly improved version of this iconic series, with its all-new column speakers and a suite of subwoofers.

At the Nordic Bar, the speakers are distributed through five different zones. Aside from the kudos of being BlacklineQ's first specifier, Farrugia believes the series offers excellent value for money and high quality. "It demonstrated a huge upgrade in quality and headroom, delivering good power without any fatigue," he said. The system is also equally adept at handling lower-level background music during the day as it is with high-octane DJ-produced music after dark. In the DJ area (Zone 1) Futuretech have mounted a pair each of Q12 and Q118 subs, with a pair of Q12 DJ monitors (in Zone 2). Four Q12 and pair of Q218 subs provide the sound on the main dancefloor (Zone 3), a further pair of Q10 are found in the Lounge Area (Zone 4), and finally a pair of Q10 provide playback out on the Terrace (Zone 5).

Martin Audio's new BlacklineQ debuts in Malta

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Futuretech also installed a new cable infrastructure and an updated lighting package, and overcame numerous challenges, including a low ceiling, and difficult room set-ups. Nevertheless the client, Alan Mizzi, is delighted with the fit-out. "The new Martin Audio BlacklineQ system sounds great - without needing to overstretch it - and our clientele are really enjoying the quality of the sound," he said.

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