

‘Divided’: the new TV game show is lit by FOS.



‘Divided’ is the new game show broadcast every week by TVM, Malta. On Divided, three contestants join forces to win a prize that can build up to € 80.000 in one night.

Divided, which started in October, is produced by Watermelon Media & Communications. The format of the TV show is distributed by Endemol International, owner of famous formats such as Big Brother, Deal or No Deal, etc. Divided is spreading throughout Europe, and Malta has been one of the first countries to have this TV show produced locally. The game room looks like a penthouse on the top floor of a skyscraper. The skyline suggests a large city.

In the TVM studio from which the new show is broadcast, **forty-four FOS Series LED bars** have been installed, with **thirty FOS 100 FULL COLOUR** and **fourteen FOS 33 FULL COLOUR**. Ismael Portelli, the show’s lighting director, describes how he uses the FOS bars in Divided. “The FOS 33’s and some of the FOS 100’s are built into the risers of the steps on the amphitheatre platform where the game is played. “The other FOS 100’s are fitted onto the inner edge of the portico surrounding the set, and inside a circular structure suspended above the players.

***FOS 100 FULL COLOUR******FOS 33 FULL COLOUR***

“The FOS’s are synchronized with the different phases of the game. If players give a wrong answer, they flash from white to red, but if the answer’s right, the bars turn green, and the columns light up in a kind of lilac pink. While the questions are read, the atmosphere changes with a mix of lavender and blue. When the timer counts the seconds, instead, the FOS’s mark the time by switching between white and blue.

“I liked the mix of colours and the linear performance of the dimmer. The bars are very low on power use, and also give off very little heat - the set’s made of wood and heat was a big problem!” The Divided lighting designers are Ismael Portelli and Gerald Agius Ordway.

