

# VERITAS DESIGN GROUP

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## Ho Ho Ho!!! Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers!!!

In this month's E-news, we are pleased to feature some of the recent work of VERITAS Interiors, which has been busier than ever in the last couple of years.

Professional interior design services have always been an important component of the VERITAS portfolio of work. We are committed to continually improving and expanding our expertise in this important aspect of the built environment.

We shall also feature other interesting "Happenings" at VERITAS. We hope you will enjoy this month's VERITAS e-news! And please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to know more about any of the stories featured here.

### VERITAS INTERIORS SDN BHD

Innovative interior design has always been an important part of the VERITAS brand. The earliest independent business unit with VERITAS Design Group was VERITAS Interiors Sdn. Bhd. launched in 1990 under the able leadership of Principal Shamsuddin Wahap and it continues today to be an important component of the interior design profession in Malaysia. With over 20 personnel, VERITAS Interiors is backed-up with 2 design associates Winston Ong and Jimmy Othman.

### MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSION, NEW DELHI, INDIA

The new Malaysian High Commission in Delhi is intended to house the expanding needs of Malaysia's diplomatic mission within a 5-acre compound in the ambassadorial district of India's capital. The project comprises of offices for various departments, a relocated High Commissioners' Residence and a Multipurpose Hall. The main design challenge as in most embassies, was to organize the relationship between the different components on plan with the appropriate degree of distance, security and privacy.



To express its Malaysian character a coloured-fritted glass envelope with Malaysian batik motifs was introduced in various parts of the project. Each translucent panel has a different motif superimposed on one another to create an interesting effect of shifting patterns in shadow and light. This language of Malaysian identity is further evoked by incorporating traditional craft decorated motifs to the underside of the overhangs of the facade. The Malaysian High Commission was completed in December 2015 for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



### THE CASCADE, KOTA DAMANSARA, SELANGOR

The Cascade is an integrated mixed development located in Kota Damansara in Selangor. This ultra-modern office tower and apartment complex consists of retail, office and living spaces and offers state-of-the-art amenities, breathtaking views and ample parking space. The sleek marble-and-aluminium lobby was conceived as having an open and welcoming ambience balanced with the use of aluminium cladding to give a futuristic look. The Cascade was completed in April 2015 for Miralrand Group.



### WORLD ISLAMIC ECONOMIC FORUM, KUALA LUMPUR

This new 9,000sq.ft. Headquarters for the World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) is located at Hampshire Place, Kuala Lumpur. With the main portion of the office dedicated to hosting services for foreign dignitaries, the WIEF HQ offers an opportunity to design several interconnected executive areas. The Boardroom, which includes purpose-built washrooms are expandable by means of foldaway walls to be converted into a larger lounge. This in turn is connected to the Chairman's suite which is accessible to the library. An executive business center is also incorporated between these interwoven spaces to form a unified experience.



### MALAYSIAN GLOBAL INNOVATION & CREATIVITY CENTRE (MAGIC), CYBERJAYA, MALAYSIA

The Malaysian Global Innovation and Creativity Centre or MaGIC, is an innovation and creativity hub located at Persiaran APEC, Cyberjaya in Selangor, Malaysia. The centre which is managed by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia was officially opened on 27 April 2014, by the Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his counterpart US President Barack Obama in conjunction with his recent visit to the country. The Obama Oval at the building compound was named after the US President.



### BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION AT MENARA BINJAI, KUALA LUMPUR

Moving from a lush garden setting to a sleek modern office tower in KLCC, the LEED Certified British High Commission expresses a contemporary "New Britain", moving away from colonial paradigms. Subtle references to the tropical location are inserted in the use of FSC certified local timber louvers that soften the blast-proof glazed meeting room at the foyer.



Brightly-colored full-height glazing imprinted with iconic London buildings and objects, relieve the central corridor separating the workspace from the reception.

The open plan layout creates a daylight-filled workspace with a view of the adjoining sky-garden serving as a sheltered outdoor breakout area for staff.

### TROIKA SKY DINING - STRATO (Italian Restaurant), CANTALOUPE (French Restaurant) & CLARET (Wine Bar), KUALA LUMPUR

The Troika Sky Dining cluster of F&B outlets is located on the 24th floor of the Troika tower overlooking KLCC Park, and was designed to have corners and pockets of dining areas linked with bridges and gantry-like walks within a fluid volumetric space. Although the design scheme is sleek and modern, it employs finishes that are rustic and industrial such as brickwork and bare steel beams to create an ambience of confidence and integrity. The layout flows along a pathway that suggests breakpoints whenever a wine room or a drinks bar is located. Further on, a raised marble platform is introduced over a reflective pool as another unique dining space.



### WHERE ARE WE FEATURED? NEW STRAITS TIMES



One of our exciting recently completed projects "University of Reading, Johor" was featured in the Star newspaper on the 10th & 17th December 2015. The University of Reading is a globally ranked University and is part of EduCity in Iskandar Malaysia in Johor Bahru and its first cohort of students began their studies in September 2015. The project was done in collaboration with Scott Brownrigg Architects of London, UK and was completed in September 2015.

### VERITAS MANAGEMENT RETREAT



On the 4th & 5th of December 2015, VERITAS Design Group held its STAR WARS themed Management Retreat at the 'GALACTIC SENATE' at the Lexis Hibiscus Resort, Port Dickson. The purpose of the bi-annual 2-day beachfront retreat was to prepare a rigorous management strategy and business plan for 2016. The event was well attended, including international office representatives Anton Alers from our Melbourne office, Mahendra Pawar from our Mumbai office, Adrin Fahad from our Damman Saudi Arabia office and Kriszian Kelner from our office in Vietnam. Overall, it was a very useful gathering wherein VERITAS leaders were given the opportunity to expand their perspective of the future, and share this vision with their colleagues.

### YTL HQ GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY



On the 16th December 2015, a groundbreaking ceremony that was officiated by Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Yeoh Tiong Lay was held to mark the long awaited commencement of construction for the YTL headquarters Tower at Jalan Bukit Bintang in Kuala Lumpur. This project is located on a 0.75 acre and an atrium soars 7 stories above street level.



The minimal width of the street facade accentuates the verticality of the robust structural frame, a mega-brace cantled to follow the diagonal lines of the facade. The YTL HQ is a collaborative effort between KPF and VERITAS and it is expected to be completed in 2019.

### STAFF OF THE MONTH - NAVINESH VASANTHAN



Navinesh has been working with the VERITAS Interiors since November 2013 as an Interior Designer.

KR: What made you decide to take up a course in interior design?

N: I have always had an interest in art since I was young, but was afraid to take the plunge for some reason. Ultimately, it was my parents who saw my potential in the field of design and supported my decision to do art. But I was torn between studying Graphic Design or Interior Architecture and Design. Finally, I decided on the latter because the concept of sketching something out on a piece of paper which later turns into a 3 dimensional object fascinated me!!

KR: Tell me a little about the project that you are working on right now.

N: I am currently working on a very exciting project; the Red Q at KLIA2, Sepang. It is the corporate headquarters for AirAsia and consists of three floors of office with an area over 90,000 sq. ft. per floor. I am looking forward to the completion of this amazing project.

KR: What was your proudest moment working in VERITAS?

N: My proudest moment will be the completion of office towers Level 27 & 28 for Miralrand Group at the Cascades in Kota Damansara. I'd like to thank my fellow VERITAS Interiors colleagues and especially our leader Sham Wahap for all their words of advice and support.

KR: Who is your favourite interior designer and why?

N: Hmmmm..... I do look up to Philippe Starck a French Architect and Designer. I love the way he creates unconventional places and objects with a purpose, and I am inspired by his words of wisdom "I have this mental sickness called creativity"

KR: What are your interests/hobbies?

N: I love to travel, watch movies and play football. Travelling gives me a different perspective to life. You meet people from different cultures, with differing cuisines, art and design as well.

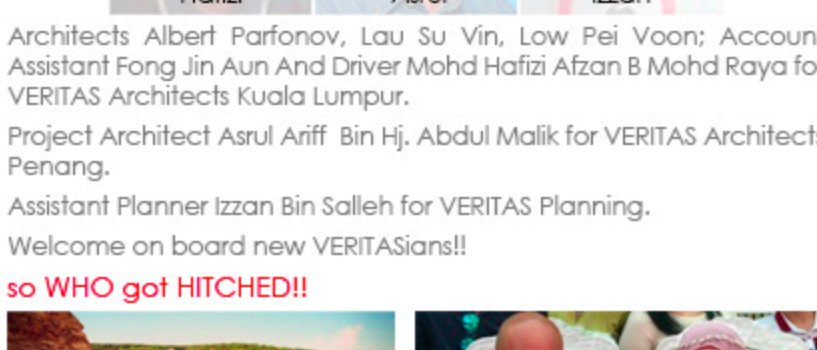
KR: What is your future plan with VERITAS?

N: To become a well-rounded Interior Designer in both design and project management.

KR: Describe VERITAS in your own words

N: Great Exposure and Learning Ground.

### so WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?



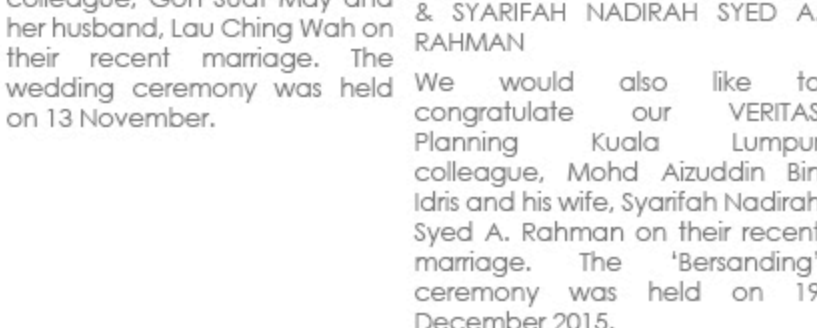
Albert, Lau Su Vin, Low Pei Voon, Fong Jin Aun, Hafizi, Asrul, Izzan

Project Architect Asrul Aniff Bin Hj. Abdul Malik for VERITAS Architects Penang.

Assistant Planner Izzan Bin Salleh for VERITAS Planning.

Welcome on board new VERITASians!!!

### so WHO got HITCHED!!



MOHD AZUDDIN BIN IDRIS & SYARIFAH NADIRAH SYED A. RAHMAN

We would also like to congratulate our VERITAS Planning Kuala Lumpur colleague, Mohd Aizuddin Bin Idris and his wife, Syarifah Nadirah Syed A. Rahman on their recent marriage. The 'bersanding' ceremony was held on 19 December 2015.

### BUNDLE OF JOY

Congratulations to VERITAS Architects Johor Mohd Fazi Abd Ghapar and his wife Roshimawati bin Rosli on the arrival of their adorable baby boy Fayyad Rizq Mohd Fazi born on 25th November 2015.

Congratulations to VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur Ahmad Rodzane and his wife Siti Nurbaya Abd Rahman on the arrival of their gorgeous baby girl, Alesha Rey Ahmad Rodzane born on 3 December 2015.

Congratulations also to VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur Mohd Izzat Bin Sidi and his wife SYAZALINA BI SAIFUDDIN on the arrival of their lovely baby boy, Muhammad Ziyad Iskandar B Mohd Izzat born on 16th December 2015.

It has been a productive month at VERITAS!! Best wishes to the proud parents!!

### QUOTE

"Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakens."

Carl Gustav Jung