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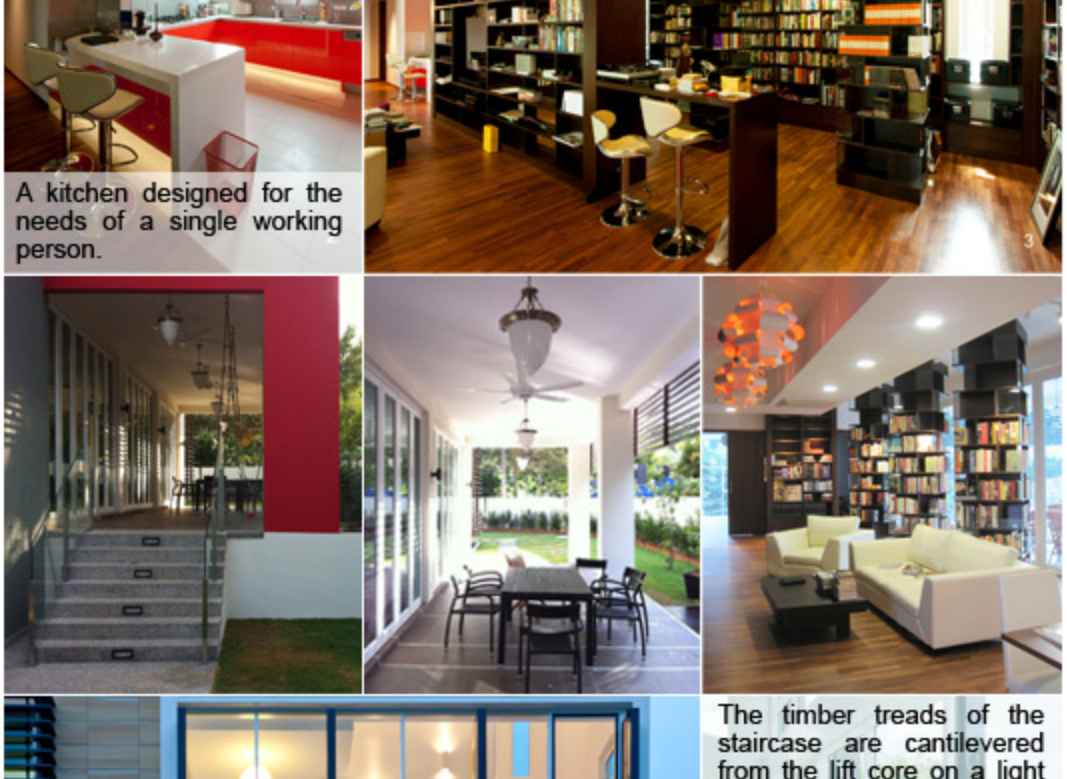
March 2012

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature an in-depth expose some of our completed Private Residences. VERITAS is very selective about undertaking private homes, so we do only a few every year. But when we do them, we go all-the-way to ensure that they meet the highest expectation of our Clients.

**WHAT'S NEW in VERITAS?**



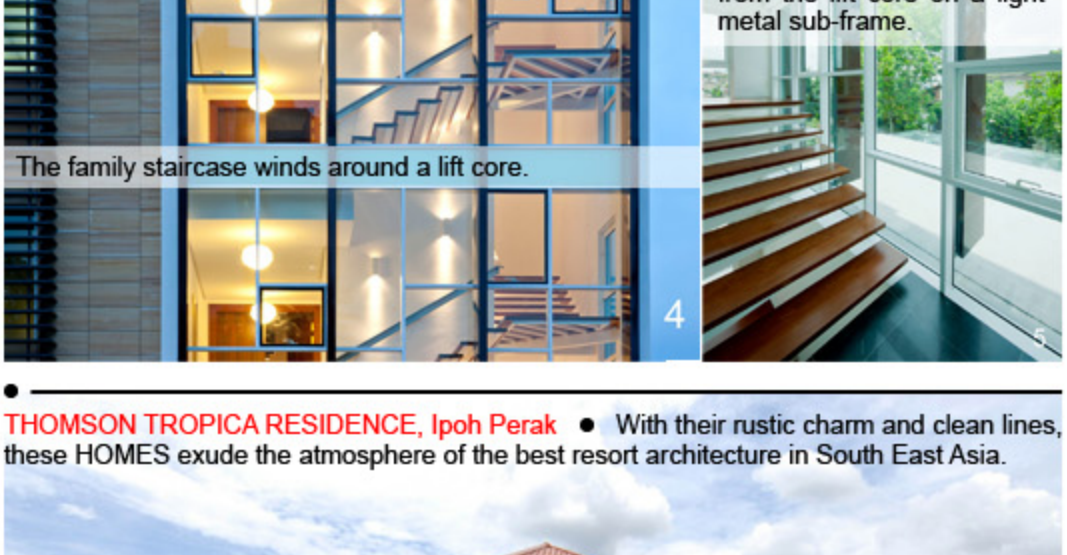
**DAMANSARA RESIDENCE I, Kuala Lumpur** • The composition of the building's form, its materials and the division of architectural elements clearly express the hierarchy of spaces beyond the external of the house. The sandstone-clad feature wall indicates the presence of each family's study room, stacked atop one another. The white walls of the car porch and the glazed facade immediately above it indicates the 'public zone', a permissive space open to every member of the family. The stacked verandahs to the left indicate the private zone of each respective family.



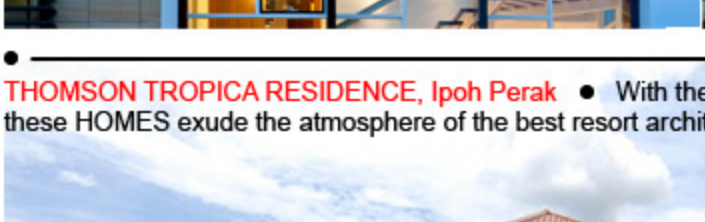
The open plan library-themed living area on the 2nd floor. Dark timber paneled built-ins and freestanding bookshelves dominate this level.



A kitchen designed for the needs of a single working person.



The timber treads of the staircase are cantilevered from the lift core on a light metal sub-frame.

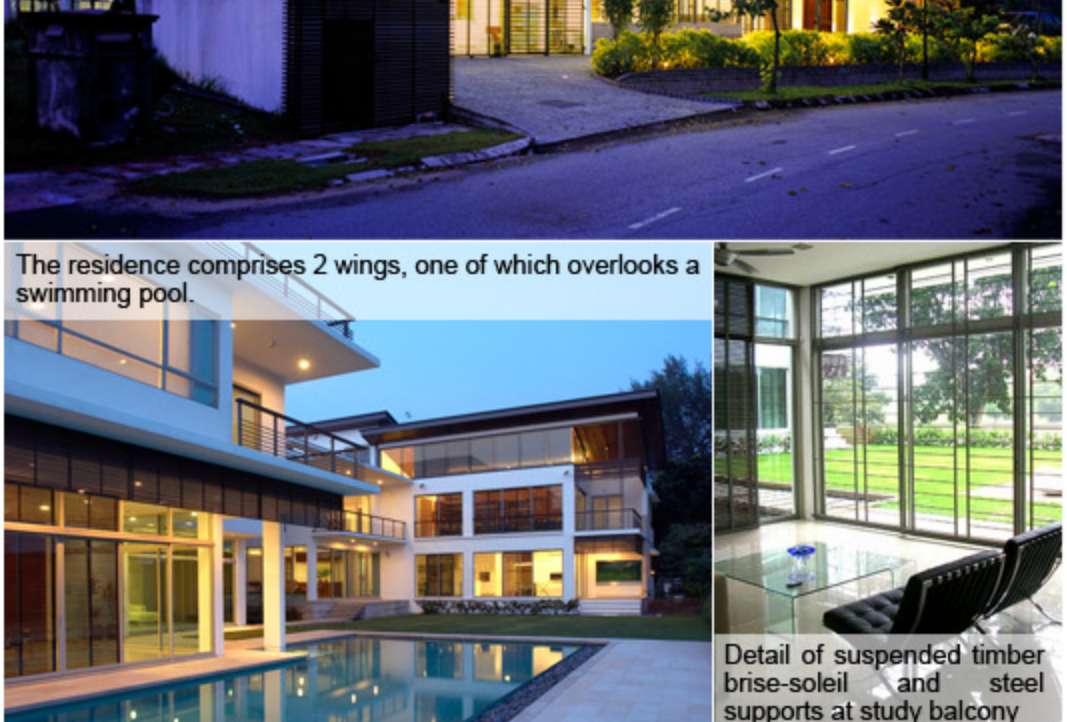


The family staircase winds around a lift core.

**THOMSON TROPICA RESIDENCE, Ipoh Perak** • With their rustic charm and clean lines, these HOMES exude the atmosphere of the best resort architecture in South East Asia.



**SAUJANA RESIDENCE, Shah Alam, Selangor**



The residence comprises 2 wings, one of which overlooks a swimming pool.



Detail of suspended timber brise-soleil and steel supports at study balcony

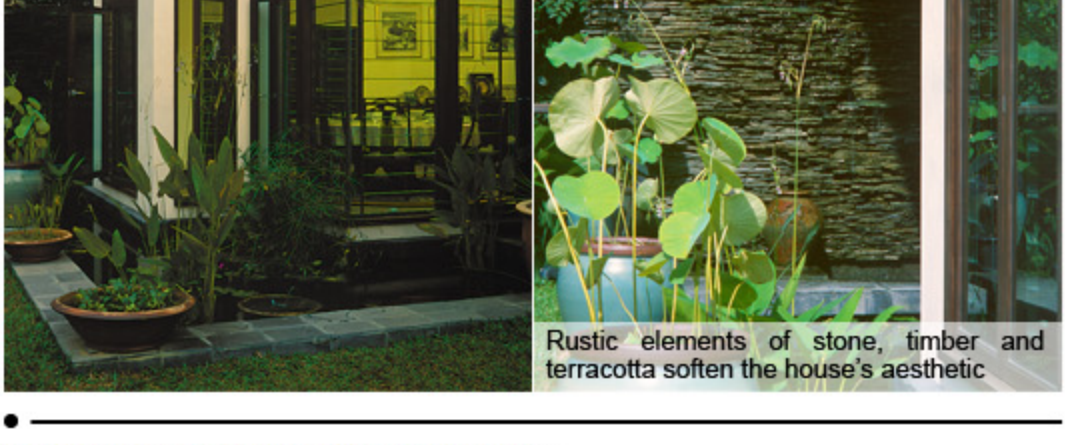


The living area overlooks the koi pond

**DAMANSARA RESIDENCE II, Kuala Lumpur**



Deep overhangs reinforce the tropical modern syntax.



Full height glass door opens the interiors to the outdoors



Rustic elements of stone, timber and terracotta soften the house's aesthetic

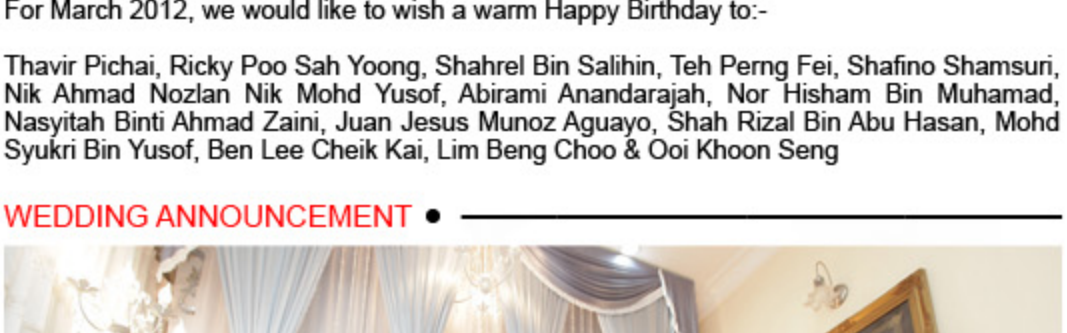
**DAMANSARA RESIDENCE III, Kuala Lumpur**



The existing rubble wall is retained to give privacy to the house and shade from the afternoon sun



Bare concrete wall slatted at the entrance foyer



Aerofoil profiled timber sunshades extend the roof eave to protect from the western sun

**BIRTHDAY GREETING**

For March 2012, we would like to wish a warm Happy Birthday to:-

Thavir Pichai, Ricky Poo Sah Yoong, Shahrel Bin Salihin, Teh Peng Fei, Shafino Shamsuri, Nik Ahmad Nozlan Nik Mohd Yusof, Abrami Anandarahaj, Nor Hisham Bin Muhamad, Nasyidah Binti Ahmad Zaini, Juan Jesus Munoz Aguayo, Shah Rizal Bin Abu Hasan, Mohd Syukri Bin Yusof, Ben Lee Cheik Kai, Lim Beng Choo & Ooi Khoon Seng

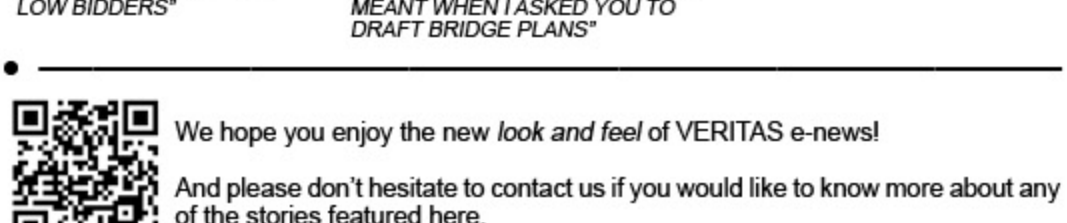
**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT**



Faiz Zainal Arif & Zuliaty Zulkifly

We would like to congratulate our draftperson, Faiz Zainal Arif and his spouse Zuliaty Zulkifly on their recent marriage. The 'Bersanding' ceremony was held on the 11 March 2012 at the bridegroom's residence in Tampin, Negeri Sembilan. We wish them a happy married life together.

**WITTY SECTION**



"LET ME JUST CHECK THE CODE BOOK"

"FRANKLY I PREFER THE MONKEY'S PLANS"

"IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME DESIGN I WISH HE'D GET A MORE IMAGINATIVE SET OF HOUSE PLANS"

"WELL... THEY WERE THE LOW BIDDERS"

"FARNSWORTH, THIS ISN'T WHAT I MEANT WHEN I ASKED YOU TO DRAFT BRIDGE PLANS"

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**HOME CONTACT**

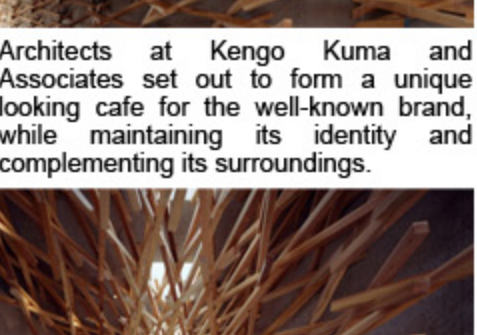


**WHAT'S NEW ELSEWHERE?**

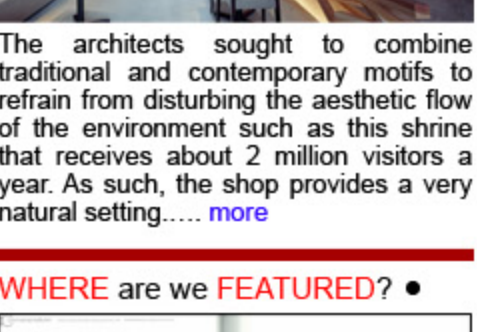


**Unique Carpentry at the Starbucks Shop in Dazaifu, Japan**

Almost everyone nowadays is familiar with Starbucks, and their standard interior design template all over the world. This specific Starbucks shop in Dazaifu, Japan is quite different, it features a gorgeous custom-made carpentry design.



Architects at Kengo Kuma and Associates set out to form a unique looking cafe for the well-known brand, while maintaining its identity and complementing its surroundings.



The architects sought to combine traditional and contemporary motifs to refrain from disturbing the aesthetic flow of the environment such as this shrine that receives about 2 million visitors a year. As such, the shop provides a very natural setting..... [more](#)

**WHERE are we FEATURED?**



**Architect Concept Issue 06**

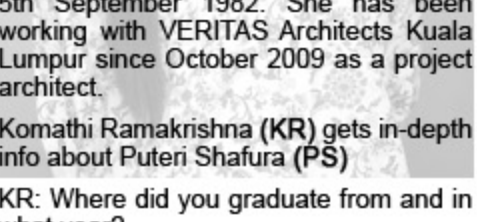
**Desha Park City International School, Kuala Lumpur**

Completed in June 2011, The International School @ ParkCity (ISP) is a joint venture between Perdana ParkCity Sdn. Bhd., the developer of the award winning township of Desha ParkCity and a subsidiary of Miri-based Samling Group, and Brighton Education Group Sdn. Bhd. an education services company with expertise in instituting and running private and international schools broadly based on the UK National Curriculum.



**Architect Concept Issue 06**

The VERITAS Annual Dinner 2012 was held in the Architect Concept magazine issue 06 at the Focus Section.



**so WHO'S the STAFF OF THE MONTH?**

• Its Puteri, our staff of the month. She is commonly known as "Puts" among staff and friends. She was born on 5th September 1982. She has been working with VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur since OCTOBER 2009 as a project architect.

Komathi Ramakrishna (KR) gets in-depth info about Puteri Shafura (PS)

KR: Where did you graduate from and in what year?

PS: UiTM in the year 2009

KR: Where do you live?

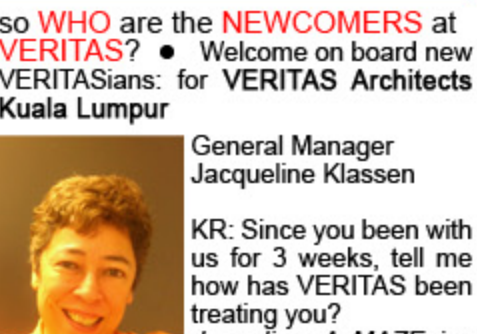
PS: Ampang...oh...Ampang.

KR: What is your hobby?

PS: Hmm.... Home deco at the moment.

KR: What is your favourite fashion line and why?

PS: Top Shop and Zara are my fav!! And you do notice that I dress up casually most of the time. Ha ha ha....



KR: What are the projects that you are involved currently and have completed?

PS: I am currently working on a private gym for a wealthy client in Taman Melawati, a private bungalow for famous political figure in Wangsa Maju and I just completed a private residence for renowned doctor and his wife in Damansara Heights.

KR: How would you describe VERITAS in less than 10 words?

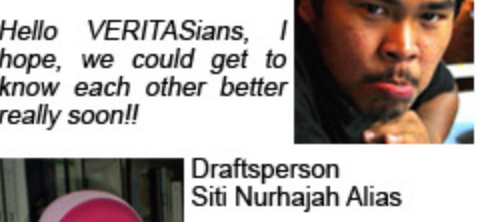
PS: Veritas always aim for the skies and passionately driven for success.

KR: What is your favourite quote?

PS: 'Good things come to those who wait'

**so WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?**

• Welcome on board new VERITASians: for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur



General Manager  
Jacqueline Klassen

KR: Since you been with us for 3 weeks, tell me how has VERITAS been treating you?

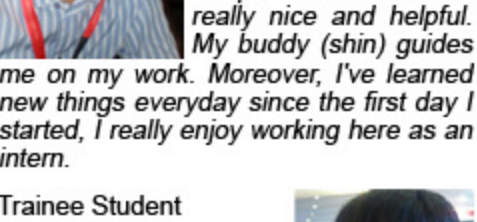
Jaqueline: A MAZE ing hehehe.....



Assistant Architect  
Bianca Rodrigues from Brazil

KR: What made you come back working in VERITAS?

Bianca: First of all I see Malaysia as a growing new country that still has a lot to offer and a lot to be done. Since I really like the working experience here in VERITAS when I first joined the group for my internship in 2010, I couldn't think of another company to start my career as an architect, but here.



Assistant Architect  
Rae Anne

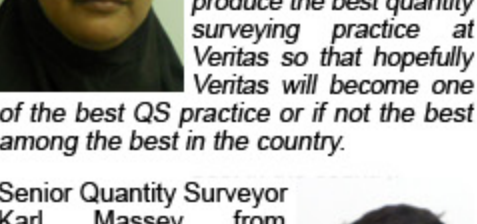
KR: Tell me how you landed-up at VERITAS?

Rae: I have been always looking forward to work in an international firm with variety of people working together regardless of their race & religion. Among other international architect firms, Veritas has always been top of my list.



Assistant Architect  
Muhammad Abdurrahman Mohamad

Hello VERITASians, I hope, we could get to know each other better really soon!!



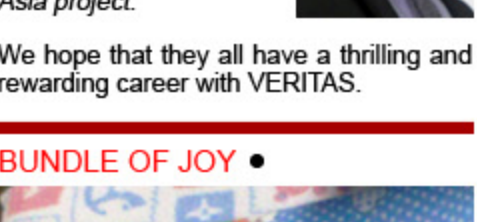
Draftsperson  
Siti Nurhajah Alias

I have a lot of things to learn and study from my new colleague here. So hope that you all can give me support and advice.



Senior Draftsperson  
Wong Cheng Fai

People around me are really nice and helpful. My buddy (shin) guides me on my work. Moreover, I've learned new things everyday since the first day I started, I really enjoy working here as an intern.

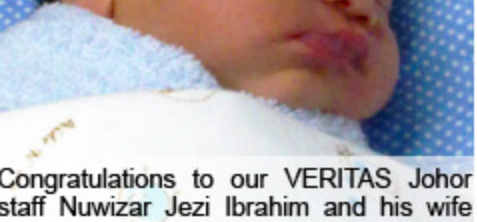


Trainee Student  
Dilaynie Albert

KR: How is it like working in VERITAS?

Dilaynie: People are friendly and very approachable...

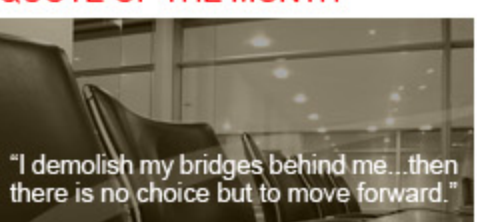
**New VERITASian for VERITAS Contracts**



Senior Assistant Malek  
Jumilah Abdul Malek

KR: What is your vision for VERITAS?

Jumilah: My vision is to produce the best quantity surveying practice at Veritas so that hopefully Veritas will become one of the best QS practice or if not the best among the best in the country.



Senior Quantity Surveyor  
Karl Massey from Australia

KR: What projects are you working on currently?

Karl: I am currently working on the Time dotcom project & the Air Asia project.

We hope that they all have a thrilling and rewarding career with VERITAS.

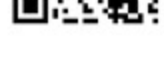
**BUNDLE OF JOY**



Congratulations to our VERITAS Johor staff Nuwiz Jemil Ibrahim and his wife Shazlina Shirin Jamaludin on the arrival of their adorable baby boy, Muhammad Danish born on 20th March 2012.

Best wishes to the proud parents and apologies for the late announcement!!

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**



We hope you enjoy the new look and feel of 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.