



**PRIVATE RESIDENCES BY VERITAS** - VERITAS has been responsible for many high-profile private residences and gated community projects throughout Malaysia, the Indian subcontinent and the wider Asia-Pacific region. These include exclusive stand-alone single family residences as well as multiple-family gated communities comprising many individual homes. With broad capabilities and extensive experience, VERITAS has long been recognized for its expertise in the design of its ever-enduring architectural type.

Featured below is a review of some of our latest residential projects.

**BRUAS HOUSE, DAMANSARA HEIGHTS, KUALA LUMPUR**

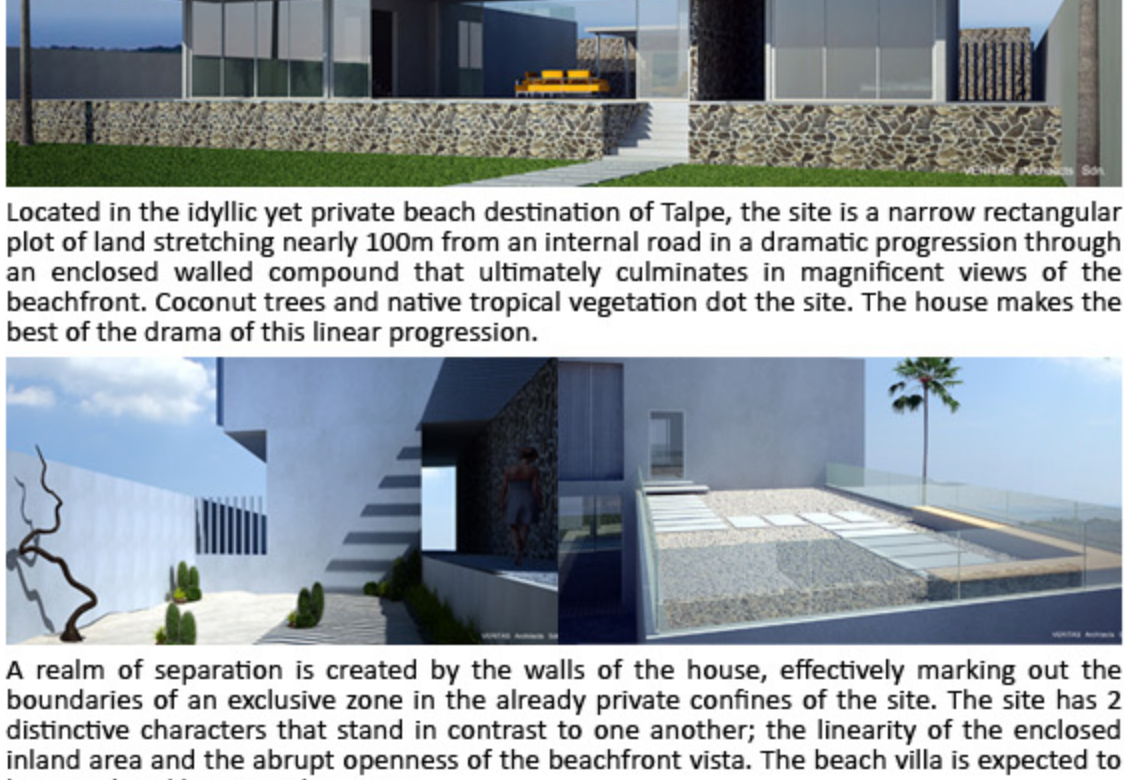


The C-shaped plan layout with a central courtyard allows natural daylight and breezes to infiltrate the entire 3-storey house. All living spaces are planned around the courtyard; which is the heart of the house and a central gathering space. Solid walls and tall glazed panels are planned to create a layering of spaces, changing light and shade and hierarchy as one moves through the light-filled interior. Both the double-height living hall and dramatic dining hall with bare concrete walls overlook the central swimming pool courtyard. This house was completed in November 2013.

**GLENMARIE GARDENS, SHAH ALAM**



In this gated community, plot sizes of 10,000sqft are planned in a meandering row, fringed by generous pedestrian footpaths that run alongside the main traffic arteries. Emphasis is placed on the pedestrian experience, alluding to an intimate stroll in a lush landscaped park affected by applying principles of traffic calming to achieve a family-friendly safe walking environment. The houses express a tropical modern ethos balancing view optimization with protection from sun and rain exposure with shading louvers over full-height glazing. The luxury bungalow development was completed in July 2013.

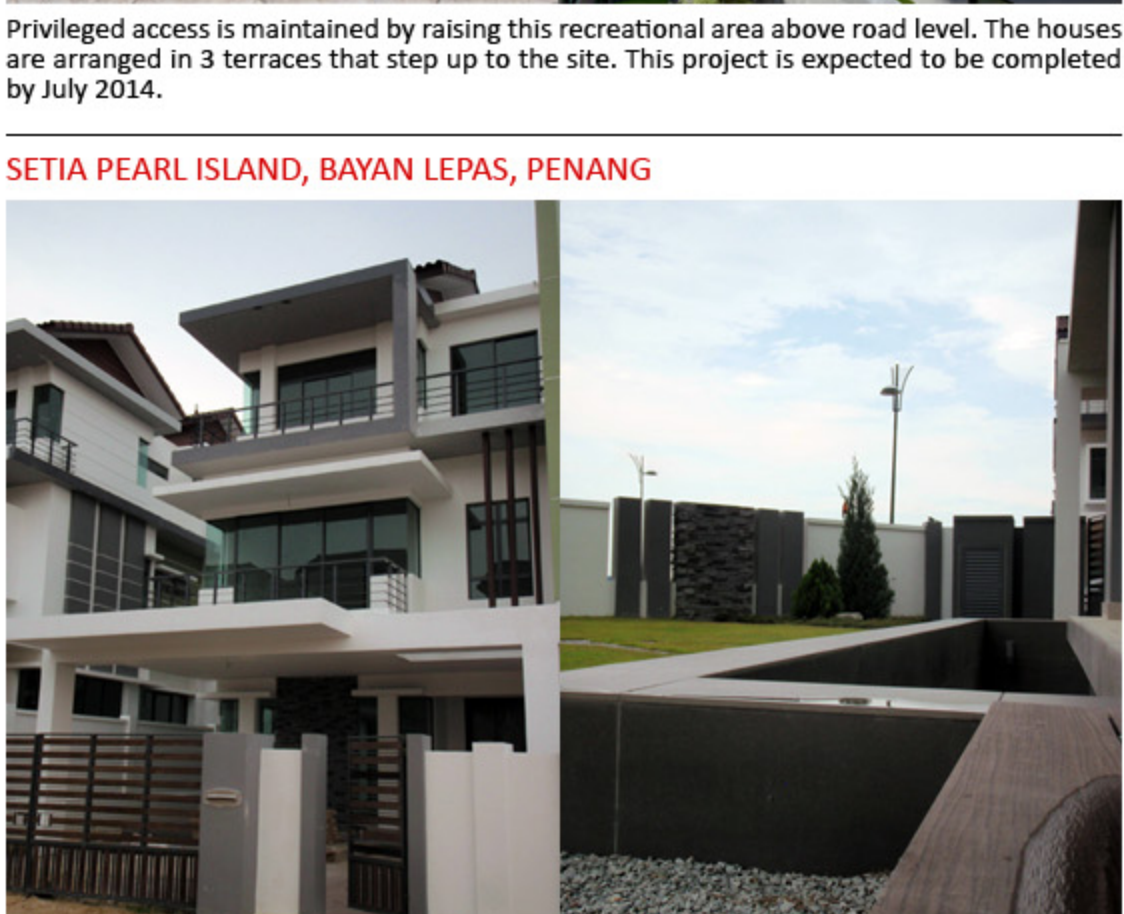


Located in the idyllic yet private beach destination of Talpe, the site is a narrow rectangular plot of land stretching nearly 100m from an internal road in a dramatic progression through an enclosed walled compound that ultimately culminates in magnificent views of the beachfront. Coconut trees and native tropical vegetation dot the site. The house makes the best of the drama of this linear progression.



A realm of separation is created by the walls of the house, effectively marking out the boundaries of an exclusive zone in the already private confines of the site. The site has 2 distinctive characters that stand in contrast to one another; the linearity of the enclosed inland area and the abrupt openness of the beachfront vista. The beach villa is expected to be completed by December 2014.

**10 DAMANSARA VILLAS, KUALA LUMPUR**



10 Damansara in an exclusive residential enclave, located on a sloping square-shaped site, with road frontages on the front and back. The 8 generous-sized bungalow units and 2 duplex units are arranged around a courtyard. Each unit has a discreet connection to this shared recreational space, which comprises a swimming pool deck and clubhouse facilities.

Privileged access is maintained by raising this recreational area above road level. The houses are arranged in 3 terraces that step up to the site. This project is expected to be completed by July 2014.

**SETIA PEARL ISLAND, BAYAN LEPAS, PENANG**



The Setia Pearl Island project is a residential development located in Bayan Lepas, off the Jelutong Expressway, comprising 54-units of terrace houses. The development is one phase of a much larger masterplan, based on the detachable density and development capacity of the site. The unit typology is a 3-storey semi-detached home. Echoing the unit layouts of the Bukit Dumbar Residences to cater to the same market cross-section, each unit has up to 5 bedrooms, with the master bedroom occupying the entire topmost floor of the house. The 54 units were completed on June 2012.

**BUKIT DUMBAR RESIDENCES, JELUTONG, PENANG**



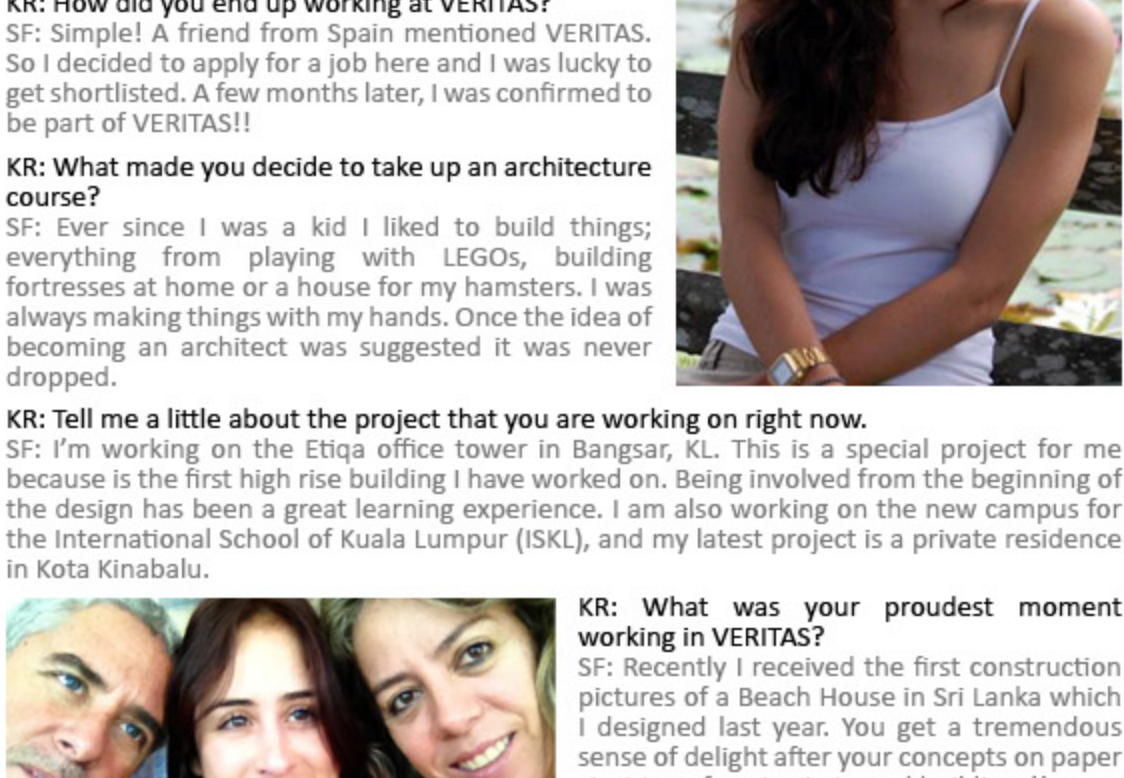
The Bukit Dumbar project comprises 60 units of 3-storey linked terrace houses and 2 units of semi-detached units, also 3-storeys high. The masterplan divides the rectangular plots into double-loaded rows of 15 units, each approximately 100m long. The longer sides of these rows are oriented along the north-south axis to maximize the number of units that can be fitted onto the site. The project was completed early of 2013.

**TROPICANA RESIDENCES, CHENNAI, INDIA**



This is a gated community development comprising 14 villas. Within the boundaries of the L-shaped site, spaces are unhindered by the clutter of fences and defensive features. Each unit is a free-standing villa with its own private pool. The houses are organized around leisure zones of openness and light; a theme that recurs through every level of the house. Spaces on the roof are orientated towards the void of an open air courtyard called the spa area, which one needs to pass through in order to enter the family area. In substance, the different zones of the unit are planned around these moments of drama that frame the surroundings.

**THE LIGHT COLLECTION 1, PENANG**



The design concept and planning layout of the Light Collection brings the experience of water right to the edge of the living spaces of this seafront residential enclave in Penang. The network of canals with the primary waterway running east-west with north-south branches, channels in cooling sea breezes between the floating water-villas. The filtered seawater in these artificial waterways is engineered to sustain marine life, an attempt to normalize and rehabilitate the former reclaimed land and man-made environment. The swimming pool is suspended above the main waterway while landscaped footpaths and cycling paths weave in between the canals. Each villa has its own private waterfront. The Light Collection 1 was completed in June 2013.

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

SARA FRANCO (SF) - early years in Medellin, Bogota but spent her early years in Miami, USA. After a few years her family moved to an island in the Caribbean Sea; San Andres where she grew up. "Growing up there is quite different. It is a really small island with no shopping malls or highways so I spent most of my free time on the beach and in the sea".

Sara has a Bachelor in Architecture degree from the University of Andes in Bogota and after a couple of years of working experience there she decided to continue her Masters at the Polytechnic University of Madrid, Spain.

KR: How did you end up working at VERITAS?  
SF: I'm friends with a friend from Spain mentioned VERITAS. So I decided to apply for a job here and I was lucky to get shortlisted. A few months later, I was confirmed to be part of VERITAS!!

KR: What made you decide to take up an architecture course?  
SF: Ever since I was a kid I liked to build things; everything from playing with LEGOs, building fortresses at home or a house for my hamsters. I was always making things with my hands. Once the idea of becoming an architect was suggested, it was never dropped.

KR: Tell me a little about the project that you are working on right now.  
SF: I'm working on the Etiga equity tower in Bangsar, KL. This is a special project for me because it's the first high rise building I have worked on. Being involved from the beginning of the design has been a great learning experience. I am also working on the new campus for the International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL), and my latest project is a private residence in Kota Kinabalu.

KR: What was your proudest moment working in VERITAS?  
SF: Recently I received the first construction pictures of a Beach House in Sri Lanka which I designed last year. You get a tremendous sense of delight after your concepts on paper start transforming in to real buildings!!

KR: Who is your favorite architect and why?  
SF: My favorite architect is Mies van der Rohe. I admire his original and elegant style, but what I like the most is that his work is free of ornamentation and excess... less is more!!

KR: What are your interests/hobbies?  
SF: I enjoy yoga very much. I also like hiking, fishing and spending time outdoors in nature.

KR: Describe VERITAS in your own words?  
SF: VERITAS is like a box of chocolates. Some days are really good, some are nutty and you never know which kind you're gonna get.

KR: You are also the chairman of VERITAS Lecture Series 7, tell me a little about it? What's the topic for this year?  
SF: This year the title of our VERITAS Lecture Series event will be on "GO GO GLOBAL". It's to share the successful testimonies of Malaysian development companies that have succeeded abroad. The Lecture Series will be a great opportunity to bring together leading business practitioners through an international business networking forum.

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



Welcome on board new VERITASians:  
Architect Wong Jun Hoe; Assistant architects Hilman Norman bin Insanul Kamil and Sapturinah Pt Pudin for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur.  
Assistant quantity surveyor Jason Tew Siew Yong and admin assistant Elizabeth D'cruz for VERITAS Contracts.  
Draftsman Tunku Zahri Raja Abdul Hamid and Muhammad Faisal Abd Razak for VERITAS Architects Penang.

**WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?**

Zulhelmy Bin Shahib, Zakiyah Binti Subadar, Nik Ahmad Nozlan Nik Mohd Yusof, Nik Ahmad Nozlan Nik Mohd Yusof, Thavir A/L Pichai, Abirami A/P Anandarajah, Nasiyah Binti Ahmad Zaini, Juan Jesus Munoz Aguayo, Ahmad Abdul Aziz Bin Razaley, Chong Yeh She, Issey, Poo Sah Yoong, Lee Cheik Kai (Ben), Sukri Bin Md Jali, Yvonne Chew Yun Yi, Amirah Bee Bte Abdul Aziz, Nuruleyana Bte Ramli, Mohamad Hasbullah Bin Yunus @ Hassan and Lim Teck Khang.

**QUOTE**

"Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall."  
~Oliver Goldsmith

Greetings to all our readers!

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to present some exciting new single-family residential work being undertaken by various VERITAS offices in Malaysia and around the region.

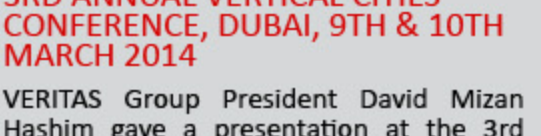
We are also pleased to feature one of our CSR projects with accounting firm Crowe Horwath (Project Change), the Raffles University Student visit and other interesting "happenings" at VERITAS.

We hope you 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.

**Is there anything HAPPENING?**

visions for the vertical asian city  
3rd Annual Vertical Cities Conference  
Dubai, 9th March 2014

David Mizan Hashim  
VERITAS Design Group



**3RD ANNUAL VERTICAL CITIES CONFERENCE, DUBAI, 9TH & 10TH MARCH 2014**

VERITAS Group President David Mizan Hashim gave a presentation at the 3rd Annual Vertical Cities Conference that was held on 9th & 10th March 2014 at the Sofitel the Palm Resort & Spa, Dubai, UAE.

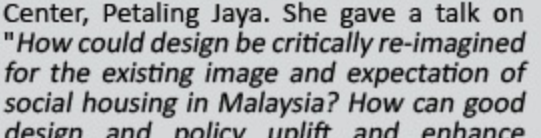
He gave a talk on Delivering a Whole New Level of Vibrancy and Business Synergy by Integrating a 'Mix of Uses' organized vertically into high-rise towers. The event was well attended by international design leaders and developers from countries such as Australia, South Korea, France, India, China, Germany and also Malaysia.

**HOUSING VS. HABITAT: THE SOCIAL HOUSING CHALLENGE**



VERITAS Principal Lillian Tay gave a talk on "Better Cities" that was held on 22nd March 2014 (Saturday) at the PT Trade Center, Petaling Jaya. She gave a talk on "How could design be critically re-imagined for the existing image and expectation of social housing in Malaysia? How can good design and policy uplift and enhance relationship within a social housing community?"

**PROJECT CHANGE**



VERITAS recently sponsored another student; Lee Kah Suang for his 3rd Year of a Bachelor of Architectural Science degree program at the University of Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia. Project Change is a Scholarship program collaboration between Crowe Horwath and VERITAS. The program connects companies with promising young Malaysians to help them further their education and improve their future.

Lee Kah Suang said "The value of this Project Change scholarship from VERITAS to me is not only the amount of money received but we (my family & I) also look upon it as an encouragement, whereby I am able to earn someone's trust. Project Change has encouraged me to help make the world a better place".

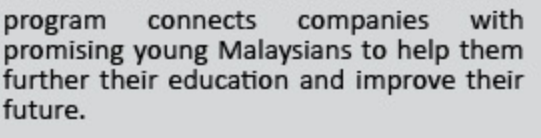
**VISIT FROM RAFFLES UNIVERSITY**



VERITAS was chosen to be the host for a student delegation from Raffles University in Johor. The 30 students were met and briefed by our Johor Principal, Shah Jaffar on the wide range of projects being undertaken by VERITAS. The students were accompanied by Raffles University Iskandar President, Professor Graeme Britton, Academic Coordinator Dr Tan Wee Chuen and Tutor Muhammad Syukri.



Where are we FEATURED?



**ARCHITECTURE MALAYSIA - SUTLETTY AND GRACE**

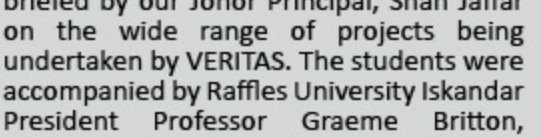
One of our recently completed interiors projects; the World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Headquarters was featured in Vol. 26 issue 1 of Architecture Malaysia Magazine. The HQ is a new 9,000sq.ft. office for the WIEF Foundation and it is located on Level 9 at Hampshire Place, Kuala Lumpur. With the main portion of the office dedicated to hosting services for foreign dignitaries, the WIEF project offers an opportunity to design several interconnected executive areas. This project was completed in October 2013 and was fully occupied in January 2014.

**FOCUS - VERITAS' GROUP PRESIDENT ABSEILS**



VERITAS Design Group President, David Hashim was featured in the March 10th issue of Focus Malaysia Magazine. The article featured David's recent abseiling inspection on the 27th February 2014. He personally inspected the building's external facade by abseiling from the rooftop of Block B of Tower 1 of Glomac Damansara, covering a height of 126 metres or 26 floors from the podium level. Glomac Damansara Blocks B & C are targeted to be completed by April 2014.

**THE EDGE - VERITAS FOCUSING ON SUSTAINABLE HOSPITALS**



VERITAS Principal, Anton Alpers was featured in The Edge newspaper on 3rd March 2014. Anton shared his many years of experience in designing health-care projects. The article also featured VERITAS' Sg Hijau Hospital. The hospital is strategically located approximately 2km north of the Kuala Lumpur city centre. The site is on the banks of the Gombak River, with panoramic vistas across the water. The hospital aims to incorporate the latest technologies in healthcare planning and environmentally sustainable design, and is scheduled to start construction by end of 2014 with completion by 2016.

**THE EDGE - AN ECO LUXURIOUS RESORT IN TELUK BAHANG**



VERITAS' project "Angsana Teluk Bahang" was featured in a pull-out of a 2-full page advertisement in the March 10th issue of The Edge. VERITAS is the architect and landscape architect for this prestigious project which comprises a 9 storey 5-star hotel, 170 units of serviced suites and wellness facilities with a gross floor area of 12,000 sq ft. This project is scheduled to start construction in June 2014 with completion by 2016 and operation by early 2017.

For more details on investing in "Angsana Teluk Bahang", please visit [www.angsanatelukbahang.com](http://www.angsanatelukbahang.com) or call +603-62039899/+604-8997800 or visit their sales gallery at BG08 - ground floor of the Galleria Hartamas, Kuala Lumpur.

**WHO and WHO got MARRIED this Month?**



We would like to congratulate our VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur architect Fazlina Rafar and VERITAS Architects Johor architect Sofian Rashid on their recent marriage. The "Bersanding" ceremony was held on the 2nd March and 9th March respectively by both sides. It is always a pleasure to see two VERITASians getting married to each other!!



We would like to congratulate our VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur draughtsman Muhammad Fazli on his recent marriage. The "Bersanding" ceremony was held on the 2nd March 2014 at the Kampung Haji Abdullah Hukum, Bangsar.



We would like to congratulate our VERITAS Architects Penang administrative Fitriasia Armina on her recent marriage. Her "Aqad Nikah" was held at Masjid Terapung Tanjung Bungah while the "Bersanding" ceremony was at TM Resort Tanjung Bunga. Both ceremonies were arranged on the 1st March 2014.