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April 2018 e-newsletter

Hey Everyone! Here comes April again!

In this month's E-news, we are delighted to feature two incredible projects by VERITAS Johor Bahru: the **Jland Tower** and the **Larkin Indoor Stadium**. We are also pleased to feature many exciting events at VERITAS such as our **family day at Cherating beach** and other interesting activities.

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.

Larkin Indoor Stadium



Situated in Larkin, Johor next to the existing Tan Sri Dato Haji Hassan Yunus Stadium, the new indoor stadium designed by VERITAS is located on a site which already has a vibrant community which will utilize the project.

The stadium is expected to be an important piece in the **SUKMA 2020 games** which will be hosted in Johor. The design introduces a facility for sporting events while also integrating the existing public realm elements of the site.

The stadium will house 7,000 spectators and will accommodate numerous types of indoor sports, i.e. badminton, takraw, basketball, etc. The building form is derived from the requirement of the stadium itself. The seating arrangement employed is best for the spectator's line-of-sight and for the placement of ancillary spaces. This arrangement, which is a hybrid of a square and a circle, therefore becomes the main generator for the building form.

The motif of the ornamentation is abstracted and re-utilized in the design using contemporary methods and materials.



The geometric motif, repeated in the facade and structure of the building, is derived from ornamentation found in traditional Johorean houses.



Current progress images



Jland Tower



MENARA JLAND or Jland Tower is the latest addition to the skyline of JOHOR BAHRU city which has been stagnant for 30 years.



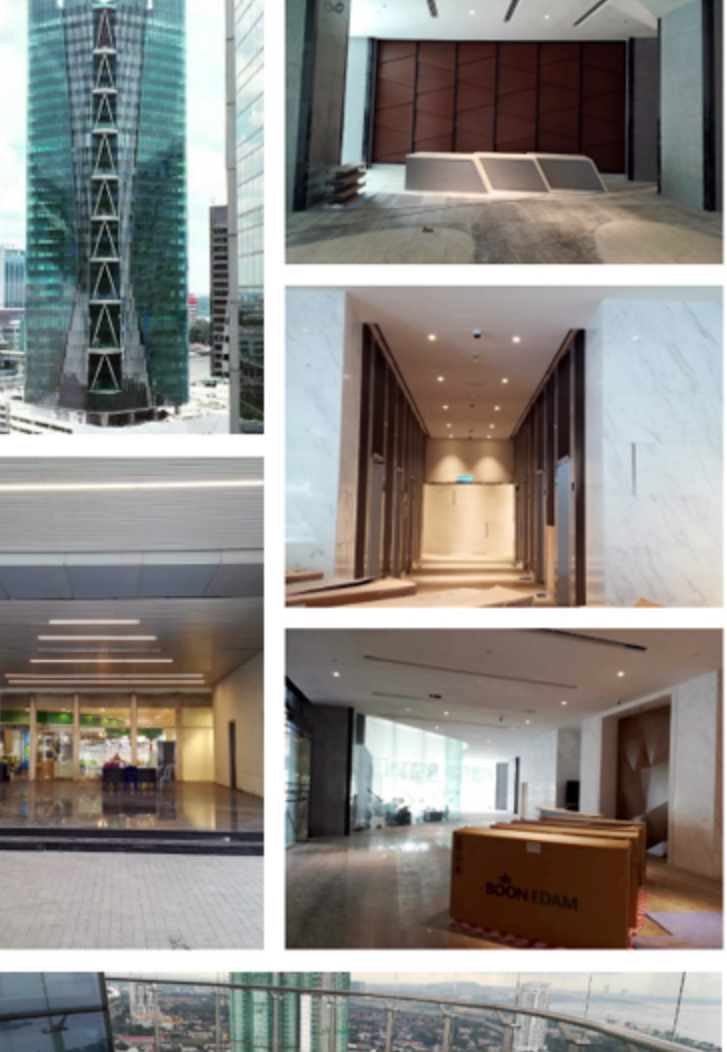
80's Johor Bahru Town

Sitting atop the well-known Johor Bahru City Centre or JBCC (formerly known as Plaza Komtar), the tower is designed in an asymmetrical form with a contemporary styling which appears a modern urban sculpture to be appreciated from many different angles.



The tower design presents a unique visual phenomenon to the Johor Bahru city residents and is a "gateway" to Jalan Wong Ah Fook and downtown areas to the south.

The observation deck offers a stunning SKY BRIDGE presented as a curved cantilevered glass object and a first of its kind-structure to offer an impressive vista of the city at 150m above ground, thus creating a new tourist attraction for Johor Bahru.



Skybridge: Completed

Happenings

VERITAS Family Day

On 31st March 2018, the VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) organized its 2018 Family Day in Cherating beach, Kuantan. The event was held at the Swiss-Garden Beach Resort and almost 200 VERITASians and their family members joined the fun-filled occasion.



Paintball Activity

On 14th April 2018, VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) Penang held a colourful weekend and organized a paintball tournament in the Kaizer Paintball Park, Bukit Mertajam, Penang. About a dozen VERITASians took part in the event which ended with paint-soaked warriors exhausted by the exhilarating experience.



So, WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?



Ihsan Hassan Architect VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD	Nik Nubhan Resident Architect VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD	Lavanya A/P Rajamani Accounts Cum Admin Exec VERITAS INTERIORS	Kharthiyaeni A/P Pratapa Singam Junior Designer VERITAS INTERIORS	Nur Diyana Shahirah Bt Abdul Shukur Junior Designer VERITAS INTERIORS	Nurul Jannah Abdulllah Account Asst Cum Admin Exec VERITAS PLANNING
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What's Happening @VERITAS?



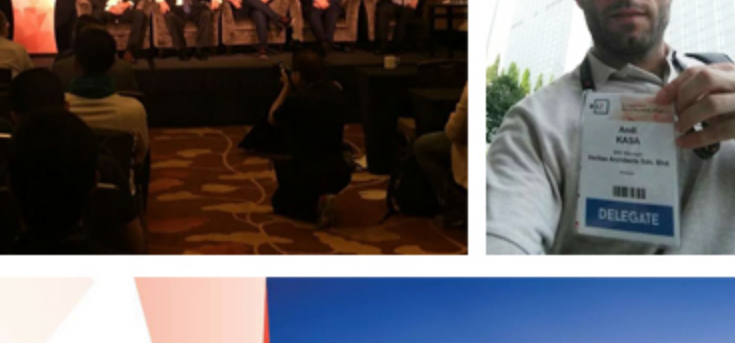
GROUNDUP VISIONARIES

Experiments in Global Design Practice: the VERITAS adventure
 David Hashim MArch '86
 GSD Alumni Insights Lecture Series
 Friday, March 30
 12:00 pm
 5th Floor 112
 Quasi Hall
 48 Quay Street
 Cambridge, MA 02138



GSD Alumni Insights Lecture Series

On 30th March 2018, VERITAS Group President David Hashim was invited to speak at the Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD) Insights Lecture Series at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The presentation was entitled "Experiments in Global Design Practice: The VERITAS Adventure". David Hashim is also an alumnus of Harvard University's GSD.



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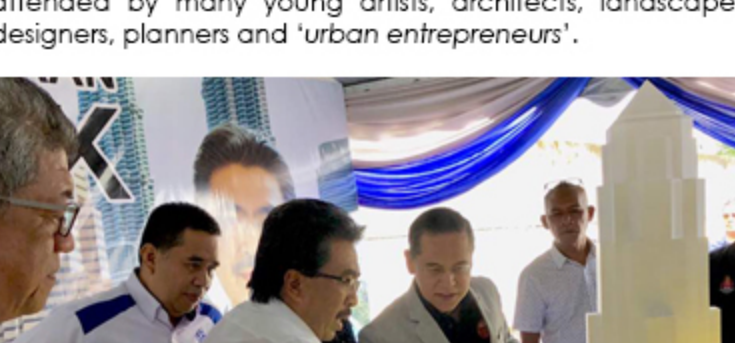
BIM Conference

On 5th April 2018, VERITAS BIM (Building Information Modeling) Manager, Andi Kassa attended a BIM Conference held at the Marina Bay Sands, Singapore. The conference was organized by a non-profit community dedicated to BIM excellence through education. VERITAS is one of the top architecture firms in the nation specializing and excelling in BIM.



PechaKucha Night

On 18th April 2018, VERITAS Principal Lillian Tay gave a talk at the PechaKucha Night held at the Mano Plus Select Store, Beach Street, Penang. The talk focused on VERITAS' award-winning project **Sinkah Hotel**. Lillian spoke on the importance of historical cities to be more liveable for residents besides for tourists to admire. The event was attended by many young artists, architects, landscape designers, planners and 'urban entrepreneurs'.



Saloma Bridge Launch

On 26 April 2018, VERITAS Group President David Hashim and Principals Lillian Tay and Azril Amir Jaafar attended the launch of VERITAS' design "Saloma Link" pedestrian bridge at Jalan Saloma Kuala Lumpur. It was launched by Malaysia 2nd Minister of Finance Y'ng. Datuk Seri Johari bin Abdul Ghani.



The Saloma Link will be the main pedestrian bridge across Sungai Klang and AKLEH highway. This unique structure will connect Kampung Bharu City Center (KBCC) with its neighbouring commercial district the Kuala Lumpur City Center (KLCC). It will serve a link between the international scene of KLCC and the heritage neighbourhood of KBCC. This project is expected to complete by mid-2019.



So, WHO IS THE STAFF OF THE MONTH?



Our staff of the month for April 2018 is VERITASian **Salman Hassan** or commonly known as just "Salman Khan" among all his colleagues. Girls don't get excited as he is married with 2 kids. Salman is currently holding the position of **3D designer in VERITAS Johor Bahru**. Salman enjoys reading books and spending time with his family. **Salman (SM)** shares his personal story with **Venuthan Ganasan (VG)**:

VG: How long have you been working in VERITAS?
SM: I have been working here for the past 8 months and it has been great! VERITAS is a firm that offers many things to learn while maintaining a fun-filled working environment.

VG: How would you describe working in VERITAS in a movie title?
SM: It will definitely be "The Other Guys" by Adam McKay. When the opportunity hits you must grab the chance and prove your worth!

VG: Being a designer must be time consuming, what do you do in your free time?
SM: Yes, indeed, I enjoy reading, watching movies, and going out with my family during my free time. In a nutshell, I would say that I am a family man who mostly enjoys a relaxing day at home.

VG: What inspired you to become a 3d designer?
SM: I have always dreamed of becoming an architect, but during my studies I discovered 3Ds Max (3D modeling, animation and rendering software) and got totally immersed in it. Even if initially visualization was not a tool for presenting architectural projects, today it is the basis of my creative work.

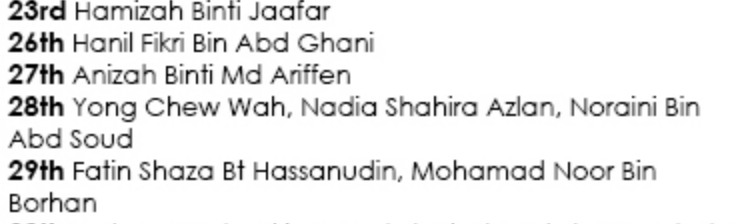
VG: How do you balance family life and working life?
SM: I am a very organized person and I carefully plan everything that I do. This helps me to easily find a balance between family and work. Being a designer and a family man, I have to keep a well-planned schedule. This is crucial to make sure I meet my deadlines.

VG: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
SM: The current rise of virtual and augmented reality in 3d architecture visualization is something I look forward to. Hopefully I will be able to incorporate it into our workflow.

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY ~ April

- 1st Nik Hasnini
- 2nd Sandra Caplikate
- 3rd Mohamad Bin Salleh
- 4th Muhammad Nashrif Aliff Bin Abd Rahim
- 5th Norshamsiah B Bakar, Venuthan A/L Ganason
- 6th Farah Izzati Binti Muhammad Yusof, Nur Hidayah Yezid
- 7th Nor Razalee Bin Nordin
- 8th King Fung Fui
- 9th Chew Ting Ting
- 10th Miza Raimi Bt Abdul Rahim
- 11th Syaiful Hafiz Bin Ahmad
- 13th Ahmad Hafizuddin Bin Abdu Rahim
- 14th Winston Ong Yoke Hou
- 15th Kau Pei En (Eva)
- 17th Abdul Halim Bin Hashim
- 19th Chin Yolan, Salman Bin Abu Hassan
- 22nd Mohamad Fazul Bin Zaidi
- 23rd Hamzah Binti Jaafar
- 24th Haniffi Bin Abd Ghani
- 27th Anisah Binti Md Ariffin
- 28th Yung Chew Wah, Nadia Shahira Azlan, Noraini Bin Abd Soud
- 29th Fatin Shaza Bt Hassanudin, Mohamad Noor Bin Borhan
- 30th Muhammad Hakim B Mohd Iqbal, Mohd Irwan Shah Bin Mohd Hashim

Bundle of Joy



Congratulations to VERITASian **Suat May** and spouse **Lau Ching Wah** for their baby girl **Daphne Lau Ruo Xuan** born on 11th April 2018.

Congratulations to VERITASian **Ahmad Yusuf Bin Ahmad Zarif** and the spouse **Liana Afrida Heruwati** for their baby boy **Amnan Yusuf Bin Ahmad Zarif** born on 29th March 2018.

Congratulations to VERITASian **AdrinFahad Bin Adnan** and spouse **Rosmahla Binti Abd Kadir** for their baby boy **Allyyafah Bin AdrinFahad** born on 21st March 2018.



With the **New Day** Comes **New Strengths** and **New Thoughts.**
 -Eleanor Roosevelt