

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature some important architectural projects in Malaysia that are the result of collaborative efforts between VERITAS and foreign design architects. VERITAS has enjoyed a long tradition of professional association with renowned international designers, resulting in many noteworthy and award-winning projects throughout the country. We firmly believe that capable foreign design expertise is a sometimes necessary ingredient in the making of great architecture, and to this end we welcome the opportunity to learn from these collaborative experiences.

Also, we would like to share with you our Staff Retreat 2014 outing and other interesting "happenings" at VERITAS. We hope you enjoy this month's VERITAS e-news!

PLATINUM TOWER, KUALA LUMPUR

In collaboration with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM), New York City (<http://www.som.com>) <http://www.1mdb.com.my>. The Platinum Tower is projected to become the heart of a new Kuala Lumpur financial district. The competition brief called for an 80 storey tower that houses comprehensive programs ranging from offices, a hotel, serviced apartment, conference center, retail components and other public amenities.

At 380-meters high, the elegant bullet-shaped tower is shaped by program, climate and views; this elliptical floor plan improves energy performance by reducing the surface area to volume ratio and reducing wind loads. It has no 'hot face', reducing energy use by more than 4% whilst producing 84% efficiency floor plans. The mechanical and structural engineering of the tower is optimized to allow maximum light penetration into the building. This tower is a model of fine-tuned efficiency that can be constructed rapidly, with significantly reduced materials and which will operate at LEED or GBI Platinum efficiency.

YTL HQ, KUALA LUMPUR

In collaboration with Kohn Pederson Fox Associates, United States of America (<http://www.kpf.com>) <http://www.ytl.com>. The building is located at Jalan Bukit Bintang, a high-end retail strip that has developed into a highly lucrative commercial and hospitality hub in Kuala Lumpur.

The form of the building is generated from the awkward geometry of the site. Shaped like a jagged shard, the site has a finger extended from it that terminates at a narrow street frontage along Jalan Bukit Bintang. The lack of workable proportions on the ground floor results in difficulty in space planning and a need to take a different approach strengthen the building's street presence. Instead of rationalizing the footprint into a cartesian form, the building takes on the prescribed character of its crystal-shaped floor plan, transforming as it rises into a 3-dimensional crystalline sculpture. The design is set to qualify for a GBI Gold Rating, including a rainwater harvesting unit, an energy efficient cooling and electrical system, energy saving light ballast and other passive features.

LEGOLAND, NUSAJAYA

In collaboration with Forrec (<http://www.forrec.com>) <http://www.legoland.com.my>. 'Lego' is a brand of popular children's toys, comprising colorful interlocking plastic bricks which can be assembled and connected in immense variation to construct many objects.

The Legoland Theme park is a 76-acre life-scaled experience of this brand within the concept of a theme park targeting families with children between the ages of 2 to 12 years old. Within the local context, this project also has a specific role in furthering the tourism agenda of the Nusajaya Masterplan by becoming the anchor initiative that attracts tourists from the surrounding region.

At the bold entrance the visitor is ushered into a vast playground of theme park rides and recreational zones divided thematically to provide a story and focus to each ride's experience. All components of this master plan are modeled after long established branches of Legoland from Europe and America, adapted to the local climate culture and building methods. Legoland® Malaysia is the sixth Legoland to be built in the world and its first in Asia.

THE TWINS

In collaboration with Axis Architects, Singapore (www.axis.com.sg) <http://www.twinsdh.com.my>. The Twins, completed in 2012, is a luxury high-rise residential development for Panareno Sdn Bhd; a joint venture between the Lion Group Berhad (www.lion.com.my), the American International Group (AIG) Inc. (www.aig.com.my), and Singapore-based Koh Wai and Heeton Holdings Limited (www.heeton.com).

The Twins offers 318 units of luxury residential suites, built on twin 36-storey blocks, with 159 units in each block. The "avant garde" residential twin towers combine modern elevational treatments with efficient planning to achieve a highly rigorous design solution. A stunning glass and metal will allow residents to enjoy the view of the surrounding affluent neighborhoods and the city skyline. The project offers many facilities including two sky gyms, a studio suitable for yoga, aerobics workout and dance sessions, swimming pool, landscape gardens and a hi-tech home automation security system.

THE MINES CLUBHOUSE

In collaboration with Klages Carter Vail, USA (<http://www.kcv.com/kcv>) <http://www.minesgolfclub.com/web>. The Mines Resort Golf Clubhouse, completed in 1995, is located on a hilly bank of the vast man made lake formerly a Sungai Besi open cast tin mine.

Designed for 1388 members only, the clubhouse has a total area of 80,000 sqft, with facilities comprising a coffeehouse, bar lounge, billiard room, swimming pool, conference facilities, a men's fitness centre and special VIP suites for overnight stays and afternoon rendezvous. A generous porte cochere leads one to a spacious open lobby, from which one catches the first glimpses of the lake beyond the building. A 4-storey viewing tower offers a dramatic view of the surrounding landscape developed by Country Heights Holdings Berhad <http://www.countryheights.com.my>. The overall structure is configured as a complex of pavilions around landscaped courtyards, overlooking a panorama of the lake and an 18-hole golf course.

ASSUNTA HOSPITAL

In collaboration with Thomson Adsett, Australia (www.tagroup.com.au). Located in the older part of the Petaling Jaya district, Assunta Hospital <http://www.assunta.com.my> is a long established medical institution.

The floors located consist of a separate carpark wing comprising 6 carpark floors and new specialist facilities along Jalan Assunta and a new 6 storey medical wing with new service clinics, operating theatres and wards. The original Assunta Hospital was an iconic building designed in the Modernist style. The new wing retains these modernist qualities by keeping the lines of the building clean and minimal. The overall form of the new wing's frontage echo the old frontage's massing but clad in white aluminum panels and long glazed fenestrations. Horizontal sun-shading elements fringe the glazed surfaces to reduce sun exposure. This project was completed in 2006.

MALAYSIA AIRLINES GROUND SUPPORT FACILITIES

In collaboration with McCluer, USA www.mccluer.com. The Ground Support Facilities for Malaysia Airlines (www.malaysiaairlines.com) are housed on a 100-hectare campus to the South of the KLIA Main Terminal Building and was completed in 1998.

The project comprises 5 components: the Inflight Catering Facility, an Advanced Cargo Terminal, a Freight Forwarding Agents Complex, the MAS Administrative Support Offices and the Engineering and Maintenance Complex. The design seeks to reinforce the corporate identity of the national airline by employing a consistent architectural language throughout the scheme. The modern aesthetic of the previous MAS buildings are carried through to this facility but reinterpreted with new materials. The overall masterplan is driven by efficient administration and the interfacing of the ground support facilities.

so WHO's the STAFF OF THE MONTH?

My Group's staff of the month is Nik Ninie. She is VERITAS Design Group's General Manager and she has been with us since April. She is a Kelatense girl born on 1 April 1973. Ninie can be described as very helpful and friendly. She is happily married to Nor Rodzam Othman who works at Ministry of Human Resources and has 3 kids; Nor Batriasya Balqis, 12, Nor Amalin Aisyah, 8 and Nor Kareema Khadeeja, 5.

KR: What inspired you to join the VERITAS Team?
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KR: You have been working here for 7 weeks now. What is your proudest moment so far?
Being here for just 7 weeks, I felt many have positive vibes. VERITASians are full of team spirit, good sense of humor, and they passionate with their work. I am proud to be one of them.

KR: Tell us how you could make the world better?
I start my day with a smile, with a smile you make everyone around you happy. I believe in sending someone a kind message or tell someone how much they mean to you.

KR: What are your interests/hobbies?
My hobbies are reading books and mastering the mandarin language. My interest has always been learning an additional language, I enjoy mandarin very much which I picked it as my third language. Now I can say I am amongst the millions of people around the world who speaks Mandarin! Ha ha

KR: What are your future plans with VERITAS?
My future plans are to contribute my skills and knowledge to the company. My responsibilities are to grow with the company.

KR: What inspired VERITAS in your own 7 words?
Challenging, passionate with their work and opportunities

so WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?

Welcome on board new VERITASians:
Architect Lau Zhen Khai, Assistant Architect Arshadul Ibad Mohd Fauzi, Dalia Kamal Ismail Ahmed and Muhammad Najib Mohd Zailani, draughtspersons Durrany Mohamad and Khairul Redzuan Jamaludin for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur. Receptionist Nurmarsya Irdina Zafri for VERITAS Architects Penang. Clerk of Work Muhammad Luznan Ab Halim for VERITAS Landscape. Assistant Town Planner Fakhru Ridzuan Bin Mokhtar for VERITAS Planning. Senior Quantity Surveyor Siti Hazar Bt Tahir for VERITAS Contracts

WEDDING

We would like to congratulate our VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur architect Adrinahad Adnan and his wife Rosmahina Abd Kadir on their recent marriage. The "Bersanding" ceremony was held on the 26th April and 3rd of May respectively by both sides.

BIRTHDAY GREETING

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QUOTE

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WHERE are we FEATURED?

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

STAR BIZWEEK

One of our exciting new hotel and serviced apartment projects; the "Banyan Tree-Angsana Teluk Bahang" was featured at the Starbiz week section of The Star newspaper. The site is located at the far end of the Batu Feringghi stretch of luxury beach hotels. The development strategy of the resort is to make the best of the difference in character from the Batu Feringghi hotel strip; the seclusion of the site, the unspoiled stretch of public beachfront of Teluk Bahang and the natural attractions that the natural seclusion of the site affords. The Banyan Tree-Angsana Teluk Bahang for Senja Aman is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by 2017.

did we WIN any AWARDS?

PAM ANNUAL DINNER AWARD 2014

We are proud to announce that VERITAS Architects Penang received a commendation award for the "Multiple Residence - Low Rise" category at the PAM Annual Dinner 2014 Award night which was held on the 24th May 2014 at the Pullman Hotel, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur.

HAPPENINGS

ANNUAL STAFF RETREAT TRIP-LANGKAWI ISLAND KEDAH
On 10th to 12 May 2014, all VERITASians embarked on our Annual Staff Retreat and Study Trip to Langkawi Island, Kedah. Our stay at the Aseania Hotel on Cenang Beach was filled with day-to-night activities including an assortment of visits to tourist hot-spots such as Temple Tree at Bon Ton, the Cable Car and of course to the famous Dayang Bunting Lake.

The VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) organised the 2nd night dinner; with a "Crazees Hat" theme. The best dressed prize went to Faiz Zainal who wore a shower cap and clad himself in a bathrobe. There were many "Crazees" games arranged by the VSSC throughout the dinner and congratulations to all the winners!

Overall, it was an amazing trip wherein our VERITASians were given the opportunity to expand their perspectives. No doubt, the trip was an invaluable and fun experience for all.

VERITAS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB (VSSC)
The VSSC is actively arranging many sporting events headed by its President Megat Arzuhan and his team. In conjunction with the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil that kicks off on 12 June, the VSSC has arranged many Football related activities throughout the month May - July.

PS3 TOURNAMENT

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FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

FUTSAL OPENING GAME!!!
ALL STAR VS CHAMPION
DATE: 7-5-2014
TIME: 8:00pm - 10:00pm
VENUE: 100m Field
SPONSOR: 100m Field

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