

"There are three responses to a piece of design - yes, no, and WOW! Wow is the one to aim for." ~ Milton Glaser



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Greetings and Ramadan Mubarak to all our readers!

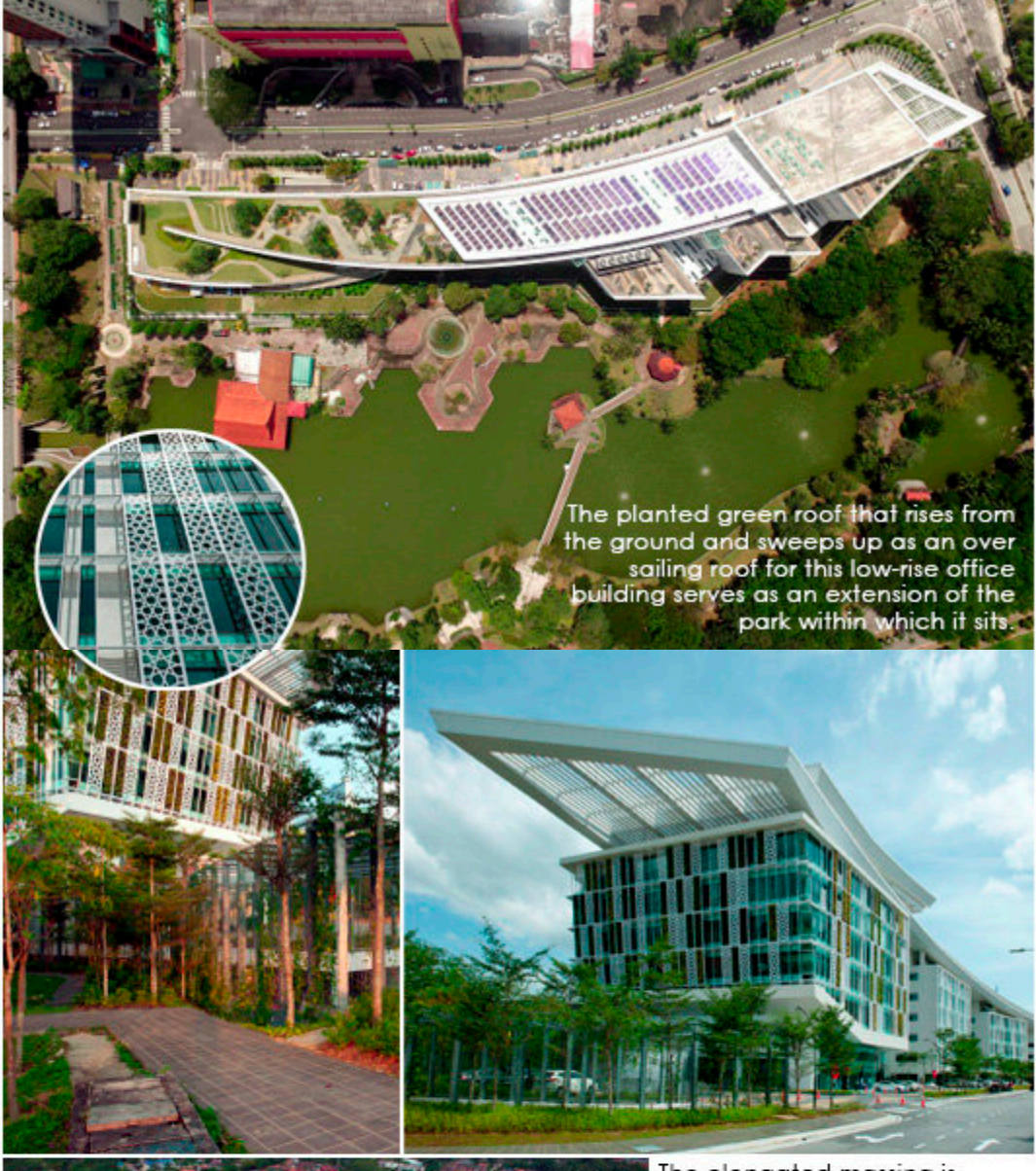
In this month's E-news we are delighted to feature one of our recently completed PAM Gold Award winning projects; the Headquarters of Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor (PKNS).

We are also pleased to feature the PAM Annual Dinner, the BCI Asia Award and many other interesting happenings here at VERITAS.

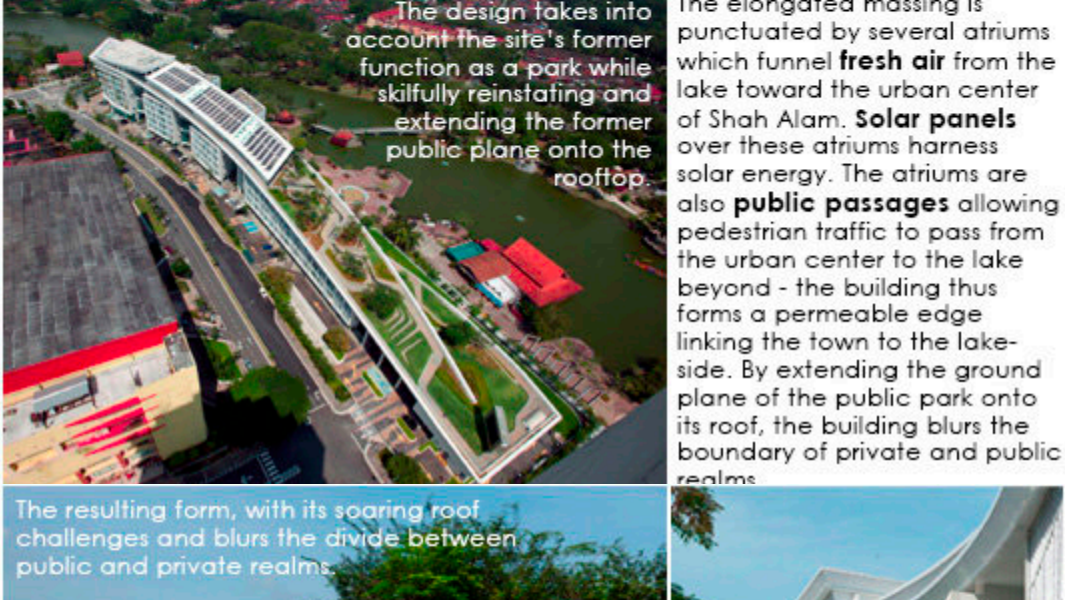
We hope you will enjoy this month's VERITAS e-news! And please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to know more about any of the projects featured here.

PERBADANAN KEMAJUAN NEGERI SELANGOR HQ (PKNS), SHAH ALAM SELANGOR

The Laman (lawn) PKNS was designed to co-exist in harmony with the renowned Shah Alam lake gardens which surround it.



The planted green roof that rises from the ground and sweeps up as an overhanging roof for this low-rise office building serves as an extension of the park within which it sits.



The design takes into account the site's former function as a park while skilfully reinstating and extending the former public plane onto the rooftop. The elongated massing is punctuated by several atriums which funnel fresh air from the lake toward the urban center of Shah Alam. Solar panels over these atriums harness solar energy. The atriums are also public passages allowing pedestrian traffic to pass from the urban center to the lake beyond - the building thus forms a permeable edge linking the town to the lake-side. By extending the ground plane of the public park onto its roof, the building blurs the boundary of private and public realms.



The resulting form, with its soaring roof challenges and blurs the divide between public and private realm.

PAM ANNUAL DINNER 2017



MALAYSIAN Institute of Architects (PAM) held their Annual dinner and Awards at JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur on May 12. It is with great pleasure that we announce that VERITAS received the Gold Award under the category Low Rise of Commercial Building for our project the PKNS HQ, Shah Alam. Congratulations to all VERITASians who worked on this important project!!

LILLIAN - VICE PRESIDENT OF PERSATUAN AKITEK MALAYSIA (PAM)



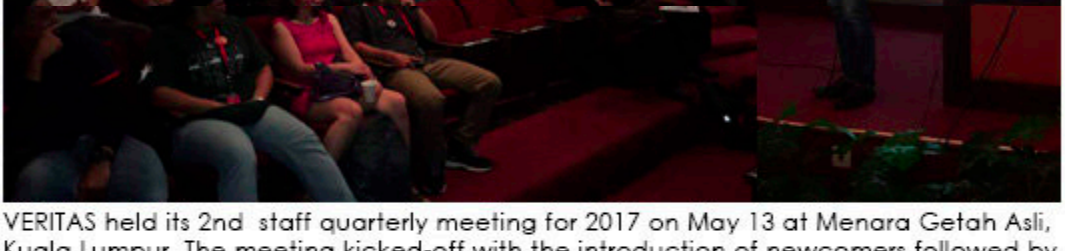
On the same night VERITAS Principal Lillian Tay was conferred the Vice President post for 2017/2018 PAM Council. Congratulations to Lillian Tay!!



VERITAS makes it to the top ten again! We are proud to announce that VERITAS was chosen again by BCI Asia as among the "top ten" architectural firms in Malaysia. VERITAS is the only firm to have won this award 10 years in a row since it was inaugurated. This further confirms our status within the Southeast Asia design industry and we are looking forward to greater success in the coming years. David Hashim, Group President of VERITAS received the award at a dinner which was held at the Hilton Hotel Kuala Lumpur on May 12.

The BCI Asia Top 10 Awards have become an institution for architectural communities of Southeast Asia, China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Being a BCI Asia Top 10 laureate is a coveted prize among architectural firms, symbolizing the extent of their contribution to the built environment.

VERITAS 2ND STAFF QUARTERLY MEETING



VERITAS held its 2nd staff quarterly meeting for 2017 on May 13 at Menara Getah Asli, Kuala Lumpur. The meeting kicked-off with the introduction of newcomers followed by project updates by the Principals of respective SBUs. The new VSSC committee for 2017/2018 was introduced and the proposed activities for the year were shared.

Later the Bali Study Trip Photography competition awards were presented by VERITAS Principal Lillian Tay. The first prize winner was Muhd Hafiz (Uluwatu Man) with a RM1,000 cash award, the second prize winner was Nurul Ain (Kuta beach surfer) and the third prize winner was Komathi Ramakrishna (Ubud Market lady). Congratulations to all the winners!!

Finally, a 4-hour professional training session was held on 'Sijil Formula Unit Share calculation' and the latest amendments to the STRATA Title Act by Ms Teo Bin Sui from Bin & Associates.

SUNWAY NEXIS LINK BRIDGE LAUNCH



Commuters of the Easy access to the SBK mass rapid transit (MRT) line can now look forward to the Sunway Nexis commercial developments. The Sunway Nexis bridge, designed by VERITAS, is the first of at least 12 link-bridges that will eventually connect private developments with MRT stations. Sunway Group held a launch event on May 13 at Sunway Nexis for this project.

BARCELONA TALK



VERITAS' Architect Dr Miguel Angel Robles-Cardona presented a lecture on Barcelona, where he lived and studied for 5 years, to the architecture students of University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur on May 17. Miguel deliberated on the history and architecture of the city Barcelona, Spain. The talk focused on the well-known projects of architect Antoni Gaudi and other 'modernista' buildings in Barcelona.

VERITAS LEADERSHIP RETREAT



On May 21, the Principals and EXCO of VERITAS Design Group held their 1st 2017 Leadership Retreat at the Eco City Hotel, Putrajaya. The purpose of the day-long retreat was to prepare a rigorous leadership strategy and plan for the 2nd half of 2017 and beyond. Our day started with a guest speaker, Anwar Jumabohy the author of the book ENTREPRENEURISM. He gave a rousing talk on the 'nine entrepreneurship' that must be part of the infrastructure of a corporation in order to achieve success in today's volatile, uncertain, complex ambiguous world.

ANNOUNCEMENT

VERITAS Interiors proud to announce that due to our remarkable growth in 2017, we have moved to 1st floor Bangunan Getah Asli, 148 Jalan Ampang 50450 Kuala Lumpur. Our telephone and fax numbers remain the same. This is just one of many exciting developments. Visit our website to find out more.

WHO'S the TEAM OF THE MONTH? PKNS TEAM



NHMN: When I first joined the team, I had a look at the artist impression and thought it might be a challenging and fun project to work on. I wanted to focus more on creating the brief, giving my best and having fun. I had no idea we would win this prestigious award!

KR: How did you do about solving the design of the PKNS HQ? Did you have several ideas or did you settle on your final design straight away?

AAJ: When I first looked at the site, I immediately envisaged it to be a low-rise environmentally friendly sustainable building that would become public realm and complement the surrounding.

KR: What are the unique features of the PKNS HQ?

MA: The sloping green roof is special. The building also achieved the highest accreditation for a green building: dual platinum GBI rating which implements green and eco-friendly concepts.

KR: What challenges did you have to overcome to get PKNS HQ completed?

FS: The greatest challenge for me was meeting the deadlines, staying back and completing the huge amount of drawings on time.

KR: Were you happy with your final design? What might you have done differently?

MA: Given the time and other constraints we faced, I am quite satisfied with the outcome. However, like every other project, it could always have been better in some way.

KR: What are you hoping to do next?

MA: I hope to continue to refine my skills and learn and grow as more opportunities arise.

MK: I intend to build-up the momentum of the win to work harder, stay hungry and get better at what I love. My next big project would be ...who knows?

AAJ: This achievement motivates me to pursue green agenda further and we are already applying the lessons learned in the current projects we are working on. The knowledge would be further developed in the future projects.

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY - MAY?

Taurus May 1st to May 20th - Zafrrul Shahrman 2nd, Wong Yuet Lin 5th, Norzila Hayati Mohd Yatim 8th, Noor Azlina Mohd Ismail 16th, Siti Jemaah Mansor 17th, Zaimi Mafidah 18th, Ng Jia Han 18th, Zakie Che Cob 20th

Gemini May 21st to May 31st - Muhammad Zulhilmi Md Ali 21st, Syed Badrul 21st, Muhammad Faris Shamsudin 23rd, Amruddin Osman 26th, Regina Thangam Kulandaysamy @ Ramu 26th Azril Amir Jaafar 27th, Eric Tham 28th Mohd Saifuddin Mat Said 30th, David Mizan Hashim 31st, Mohd Yahya Saru 31st and Adrinfaad Adnan 31st

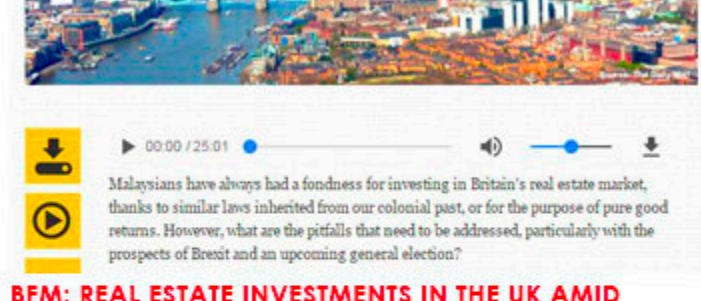
WHERE are we FEATURED?



Podcast - Morning Riza - The Property Show - Real Estate Investments in the UK Amid Current Challenges

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS IN THE UK AMID CURRENT CHALLENGES

David Mizan Hashim | President, Veritas Design Group | Peter Stocker, Managing Director, Veritas Architects UK



Malaysians have always had a fondness for investing in Britain's real estate market, thanks to similar laws inherited from our colonial past, or for the purpose of pure good returns. However, what are the pitfalls that need to be addressed, particularly with the prospects of Brexit and an upcoming general election?

BFM: REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS IN THE UK AMID CURRENT CHALLENGES:

VERITAS Design Group has recently expanded to the United Kingdom with the formation and registration of VERITAS Architects in London. VERITAS UK has been formed by acquiring a substantial stake in MPA Design Strategy and Planning Ltd, which was re-branded as VERITAS UK, and has been totally integrated into the VERITAS Design Group. VERITAS UK has achieved a number of international quality standards and accreditations. This initiative is another step in our aspiration to eventually evolve into a total design solutions provider throughout the world. Led by VERITAS Principal, Architect Peter Stocker, VAUK represents the latest addition to the expanding international presence of the VERITAS Design Group. Our office in Paddington, London shall soon be serving our Malaysian Clients on their projects in London and throughout the UK.

This BFM radio interview with VERITAS Group President David Hashim and VERITAS UK Principal Peter Stocker covers the opportunities and challenges in the current UK Real estate development and investment market.

Practicality, space-saving designs 'in' for children's bedrooms

Goa forms, the 80's styles, Scandinavian designs and childrens are trending in sleeping quarters become

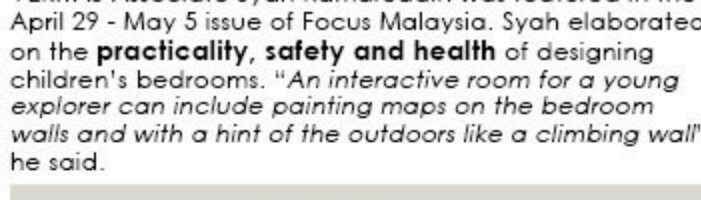


Practicality is the key to a successful child's bedroom. The room should be functional, safe and comfortable. It should also be a space where the child can express their creativity and imagination. Space-saving designs are becoming increasingly popular as parents look for ways to maximize the use of their child's bedroom. This includes built-in furniture, multi-functional pieces, and storage solutions that keep the room clutter-free.

PRACTICALITY, SPACE SAVING DESIGNS 'IN' FOR CHILDREN'S BEDROOMS

VERITAS Associate Syah Kamaruddin was featured in the April 29 - May 5 issue of Focus Malaysia. Syah elaborated on the practicality, safety and health of designing children's bedrooms. "An interactive room for a young explorer can include painting maps on the bedroom walls and with a hint of the outdoors like a climbing wall" he said.

Robb Report

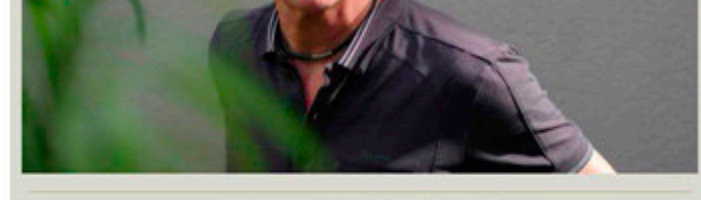


DAVID HASHIM PRESIDENT AND FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF VERITAS DESIGN GROUP

ROBB REPORT MAGAZINE

VERITAS Group President David Hashim was featured in the May issue of the Robb Report Magazine. The story focused on how VERITAS evolved from its humble beginnings to eventually become Malaysia's first fully-integrated multi-disciplinary design firm.

Byline



MEET THE PROPERTY & CONSTRUCTION SUB-COMMITTEE

FUTURE TRENDS IN THE MALAYSIAN PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

As part of VERITAS' international practice reach, Anton Alers, director of VERITAS Australia contributed this article to the Malaysia Australia Business Council's May issue of Byline magazine. The publication focuses on the activities of the Construction and Property Sub-Committee of which Anton is a member. Should any of our VERITAS readers be interested in contacting or joining the MABC, please contact Linda Tay at linda.tay@mabc.org.my

OTHER HAPPENINGS



DAVID'S TAYLORS TALK

On April 26, VERITAS Group President David Hashim gave a talk to students of Taylors School of Architecture at their Lake side campus in Subang, Selangor. David shared his expertise and opinions on 'Recreating the Traditional Urban Fabric of Mixed-Use Activity in the Vertical Dimension.' About 200 plus students attended the talk.



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KUALA LUMPUR (ISKL) PRESENTATION & TOUR

VERITAS Principal Ng Yiek Seng and Senior Architect Arzuwan Abas presented and explained the role of VERITAS' as Architects to the ISKL Scouts team on May 9 at the ISKL Campus, Ampang. This was followed by a fantastic tour of the under-construction campus for which VERITAS is the Architect. This tour was attended by 36 parents and scout members. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned a lot about design and construction in the process.



TASPUTRA BIG BIKES FUNDRAISING CHARITY EVENT

Over 500 people, and a fair number of superbikes, from across the Klang Valley gathered at the Tasputra Perkim Center for a joyful event held to aid children with special needs on May 14. Some 50 Harley Davidson bikes (including one ridden by VERITAS' own senior Architect Arzuwan Abas) gathered to support the fundraising event of Tasputra Perkim and VERITAS Group President David Hashim presented a mock cheque of RM10,000 to the center on behalf of VERITAS. Tasputra Perkim will soon be moving to a brand new center designed by VERITAS as part of our CSR initiatives.



So WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?

Architect Akmyr Ahmad Syaher Abdul Kadir and Draughtperson Jamaludin Alias for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur.

Technical Assistant Nurul Nazreen Azlan for VERITAS Planning.

Senior Landscape Architect Syufendi Syofianis for VERITAS Architects Johor Bharu

Our VERITAS Team of the month is featured by Principal Azril Amir Jaafar (AAJ) and includes Architect Noor Halwani (NH), Project Manager Nur Hassim Mohd Noor (NHMN), Assistant Architects Muhammad Khairul (MK), Shamsudin Amkarom (MA) and Draughtperson Faris Shamsudin. They share what they experienced and learned working on our Gold Award winning project Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor HQ (PKNS HQ) with Komathi Ramakrishna (KR).

KR: Congratulations on winning the PAM Gold Award for the PKNS project! How did it feel when they announced the winner?

AAJ: Thank you! Well, it was a combination of excitement, joy and relief all mixed-up among us. Up to the moment when they announced the winner we were still very nervous about the outcome. Then we felt such satisfaction that our hard work had been recognised and had finally paid off. It is really difficult to describe that amazing feeling of accomplishment.

KR: What did you hope to achieve when you joined the PKNS Team to design and execute this project?

NH: I wanted to share my ideas with my team-mates and make my mark on the project.

BUNDLE OF JOY

Congratulations to VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur Draughtperson Engku Mohd Faez Bin Ungku Md Saleh and his wife Noor Azlinda Hamzah on the arrival of their adorable baby girl Rahadatul Aisyah Engku Mohd Faez born on 30th April 2017.



Congratulations also to VERITAS Architects Penang Draughtperson Ahmad Rizal Ahmad Rodzi and his wife Sharifah Rosmawani Syed Hashim on the arrival of their cute baby boy Ahmad Waqid Ahmad Rizal born on 8 May 2017!

