

Greetings, **Selamat Hari Merdeka** and **Salam Satu VERITAS** to all our readers!

In this month's E-news, we are delighted to feature four **premium high-rise** residential projects by VERITAS which have recently been completed or are under construction; **Sentral Suites** in Brickfields, **Tribeca Residence** on Jalan Imbi, **Isola Towers** at Subang Jaya and the **Evora Towers** on Jalan Tun Razak.

We are also pleased to feature our recent **Staff Quarterly meeting**, the VERITAS Social & Sports Club (VSSC) **white water rafting** adventure and other interesting happenings here 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.

SENTRAL SUITES, KUALA LUMPUR - Sentral Suites is an urban regeneration project in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur. The site is adjacent to the dense urban transportation mixed-development commercial hub of KL Sentral and also within the low-density and vibrant residential neighborhood of Brickfields/Little India South.



The development is a **mixed-use complex** which consists of car park podium with retail program and three high-rise tower blocks containing the following program elements; hotel / service apartment, residential and SOHO.

Landscape, public and semi-public open space elements with indoor/outdoor facilities spaces are integrated with the development brief.

Sentral Suites is under construction and will be completed mid 2019.

TRIBECA RESIDENCE, KUALA LUMPUR - The Tribeca Residence combines the style and opulence of a luxury hotel with the space and comfort of a luxuriously appointed apartment to create a whole new experience, promising an innovative contemporary expression of downtown living.



The Tribeca embraces a selection of 318 units of studios, suites and lofts gracefully placed within its soaring 37 storey tower targeted to those who seek a **safe and value-added convenient lifestyle** coupled with a prestigious address in the city center. The Tribeca on Jalan Imbi is designed to take advantage of the panoramic views of KL city's skyline and the surroundings overlooking the Royal Selangor Golf Club to the East and the bustling commercial area of Bukit Bintang to the West.

Excellent accessibility and connectivity - The project will connect to an underground MRT station at Bukit Bintang, designed by VERITAS as well. The Tribeca project is under construction and will be completed mid of 2017.

EVORA TOWERS - This three-acre site sits in the heart of the city, next to a the Klang River that will form part of the River of Life programme envisioned by DBKL. The Evora Towers ground floor area is designed to interact with the river by providing **vibrant landscaping** that surrounds and embraces the water front.



The inspiration for the Evora Towers comes from the design principles of the Lotus sports car brand which is owned by the Client. It embodies the dynamics of motion, anthropomorphic shape and a cockpit experience, adapted in a perfect proportion that will make it visible from over a kilometer away.

This iconic residential development comprises of two seventy and fifty-five storey high residential towers with seventy percent of the units having an exclusive view towards KLCC. The towers sit on a podium that houses a car showroom and a host of exciting facilities. Connecting the two towers is a spectacular **sky dining restaurant** that bridges the towers at level 54.

HAPPENINGS



TAYLOR'S UNIVERSITY INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE GRADUATION EXHIBITION - The VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) and VERITAS Interiors Sdn. Bhd. sponsored students from Taylor's University for their Interior Architecture Graduation Exhibition. The exhibition was held at Jaya One Mall, Petaling Jaya from 5th of August till 7th of August 2016. The Exhibition featured student's work and competitions throughout the year.

The VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) in Design Education was founded in 2004 by the VERITAS Design Group to further our **core values** of constant innovation, commitment to design excellence and social responsibility toward the built environment. The fund arose from VERITAS' vision to encourage more design students and educators to excel in their respective fields and eventually contribute further toward nation building as designers and educators.



CITYSCAPE AWARDS FOR EMERGING MARKETS 2016 - SHORTLIST ANNOUNCEMENT

VERITAS' project the **Sinkeh Hotel** was shortlisted for the 2016 Cityscape Awards for Emerging Markets under the category: Leisure & Hospitality Project Award (BUILT). Judging Day will be held on 3rd September 2016 and followed by an award ceremony on the 6th of September 2016 in Dubai, UAE.

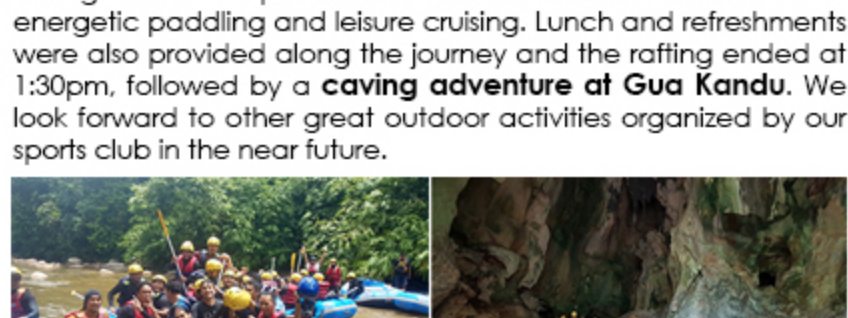
LEAN IN MALAYSIA 2016 - CIRCLE DIALOGUE #6

VERITAS Principal, Lillian Tay was the speaker for the Lean In Malaysia 2016 – 6th Circle Dialogue on 23rd August 2016 at the Black Box Publika. The talk was about **women labour force participation** in Malaysia because women are being awarded more than half of the university degrees in Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OCED) member countries in 2008 but only 30% of these degrees are in science and technology.



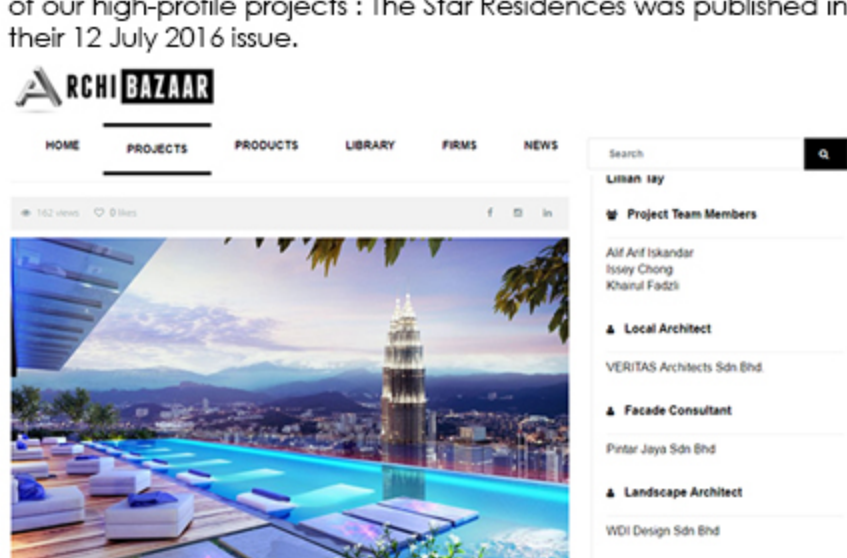
VERITAS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB (VSSC) WHITE-WATER RAFTING AND CAVING

VERITAS Sports And Social Club (VSSC) organised a **white-water rafting trip to Sungai Kampar**, Perak on 13th August 2016. VERITASians were treated to an adventurous journey down the rough waters of the Perak River for an adrenaline-pumping ride through the nine rapids. The adventure involved about 2 hours of energetic paddling and leisure cruising. Lunch and refreshments were also provided along the journey and the rafting ended at 1:30pm, followed by a **caving adventure at Gua Kandu**. We look forward to other great outdoor activities organized by our sports club in the near future.



ARCHIBAZAAR ONLINE

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VERITAS 3RD STAFF QUARTERLY MEETING

VERITAS held its 3rd staff quarterly meeting for 2016 on 20th August at Menara Getah Asli Kuala Lumpur. The meeting kick-off with our Group President David Mizan Hashim's inspiring presentation on teamwork by quoting Maxwell's 17 Essential Qualities of a Team Player. This was followed by updates from the various group Principals. The event also featured the **Core Value Awards**, which were presented to the following VERITASian achievers:

- **Integrity** - Suhaimi Mohd Yunus
- **Design** - Nurul Atiqah Fauzi (TH TRX Competition)
- **Environment** - Helmi Mohd Nor (MGBC Competition)
- **Audacity** - Mohamad Binti Abdul Rahman
- **Service** - Mohd Aizzuddin Idris (Brunsfield/MRT - Earned Clients Trust)



Also at the Staff Quarterly meeting 4 VERITASian architects received their **Part 3 LAM Professional Certificates** of congratulation. These went to Hazri Bin Abdul Aziz (VAJB), Noor Azlina Binti Mohd Ismail (VAKL), Syahril Nizam Kamaruddin (VAKL) and Ezatul Sharida Binti Abdul Rahman (VAKL).

Also at this quarterly meeting a team-work challenge called the **Spaghetti-Marshmallow game** was played by all 200+ attendees. Congratulations to the winning team of Azif, Andi, Kate, Hamilton and Surayyn who managed to erect a **118.5cm tall spaghetti-marshmallow tower** in just 15 minutes. Well done to the team!

so WHO's the STAFF OF THE MONTH?



Our staff of the month is **Miguel Angel Robles-Cardona**, an Architect from Spain. Designing first, but also Teaching, is his passion. He would like to move the Architecture Education system to another that promotes and preserves the real and timeless values of the Discipline, outside of fancy trends and ideas that quickly will become old-fashioned. This is why he dreams of having a chair in an University.

Kate Ker (KK) gets in-depth info about Miguel Angel Robles-Cardona (MARC)

KK: What inspired you to go all the way from Spain to Malaysia and join VERITAS?

MARC: I love my job, I love this stress, and I love Architecture as you love a partner in life. To me, Architecture is my most stable relationship so far (hehe). During my years in Barcelona, where I got my PhD, I got to know many people from all over the world.

My friend Varvara, Russian and Architect too, had been living in KL for three years. She encouraged me to come and to try my luck: after three weeks here, I started to work with VERITAS, the firm that I really wanted to join. I feel blessed everyday to come to the office and to spend my time in doing what I love.

KK: Besides the work, what other experiences are you having in VERITAS?

MARC: A lot of them. On the one hand, having the opportunity of chairing this year's VERITAS Lecture Series (VLS 9: EDUCATION-HOUSE: Educational Institutions Building Communities), to be held in KLCC on 22nd September, is giving me the other perspective of the Architecture industry: from the business point of view, where David M. Hashim is a master. Besides of that: all the personal skills that I am learning with my team on this. I am pretty sure it will be a great success. On the other hand, our recently signed MoU with Taylor's University, first between VERITAS and an Educational Institution, is giving me the chance of being in touch with the Academia, by giving some talks or by attending critics from time to time. I am also sure that this will bring lots of benefits for both VERITAS and Taylor's.

KK: What is the difference in the architectural scenario between Spain and Malaysia?

MARC: Well, the main difference is that now, in Spain, there is no-scenario. Many European countries are still suffering the consequences of a very deep economical crisis that started 8 years ago. So that, Europe's low market cannot offer me now opportunities at the level of my expectations. However, I believe that this situation meant the opportunity that pushed me to do something unexpected.

KK: What are your interests/hobbies?

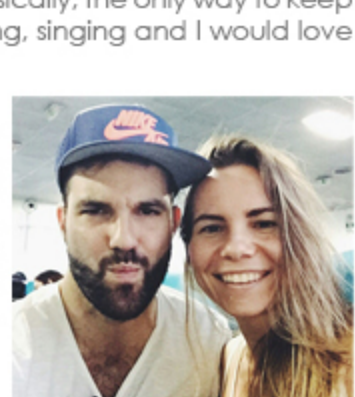
MARC: I love travelling: after my first year in Malaysia I will have visited 7 countries and few other cities within Malaysia. I love doing sports too: basically, the only way to keep my mind in order and away from stress. I also love cooking, singing and I would love to learn how to play piano.

KK: What are your future plans with VERITAS?

MARC: One of the very strong feelings that I have by working with VERITAS is: when I grow, my company grows; when I win, my company wins. But, step by step, I want more. First, I want to gain experience and confidence in different projects, at different stages, in different fields. Later, I wish to get a senior position with VERITAS. After that, who knows? I would like to come back somewhere in Europe, but only if time will tell when and where.

KK: Describe VERITAS in your own few words?

MARC: It is a House with the Light always on.



So WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?



Syed Luqman B Syed Omar for Inspector Of Work, Nurjiamah Bt Ahmad Dahalan for Document Controller, Samsudin B Zainal Abidin @ Mohamed, Muhammad Najib B Mohd Zailani, Mohamed Farhan B Shapour Shagaspour for Assistant Architect, Mohamad Fazul bin Zaidi for Architect Landscape.

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?

Nur Sofia Bt Mohd Ghazasy, Dawindar Singh A/L Resham Singh, Ruzaini Binti Bantan, Neamat Bin Abu, Jonathan Low Jun Loong, Leo Faizal Bin Suliyi, Maryasim Bin Rumfari, Nur Aisyah Binti Mohd Ruzi, Mhd Faizal B Zadzri, Syed Luqman B Syed Omar, Izzarni Bt Abd Shukur, Siti Nurhajar Alias, Latha A/P Ramasamy, Hairulnizar B. Pardi, Mohd Faizal B Mamat@Rahmat, Rozaini Bin Majid, Azlisham Bin Kassim, Liew Chee Thung @ Thomas Liew, Noorisham Bin Mokhtar, Che Amaludin Bin Che Harun, Saniah Binti Ibrahim, Maddi Ugarte Olabe, Mohd Arif Mohd Yaakob, Mohd Ashfaq Sofian bin Mohd Rashid, Khairi Izwan Bin Zakaria, Wan Zalelawati Binti Wan Mohamed, Devi Subramaniam, Nurulhuda Binti Mhd Non, Hazri Bin Abdul Aziz, Navinesh, Nursyuhada Ahmad Khaidar and Norsyafiqah Abd Kadir.

"Great leaders always remember their people."

