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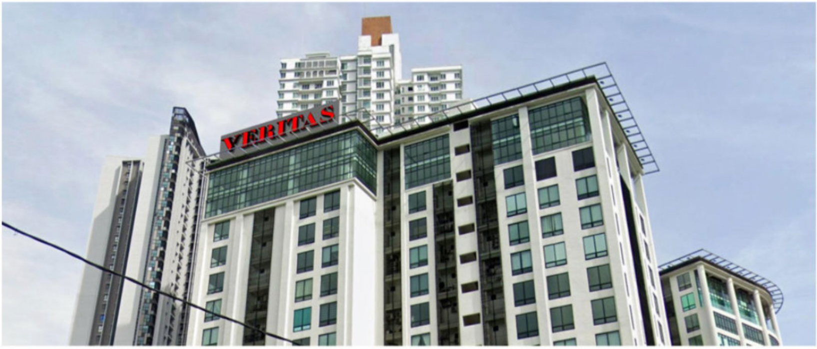
## Dear Readers;
## A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

In this month's E-news, we are pleased to feature VERITAS' new operations office at the Wangsa 118 tower. The building is located in the Wangsa Maju commercial area in Kuala Lumpur and in this issue of E-News we will cover the design of the building as well as VERITAS' new and exciting office interiors sneak previews!

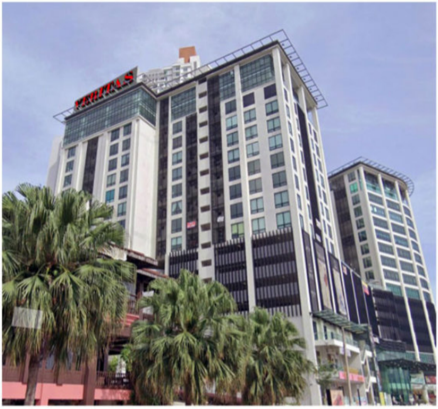
This E-news will also cover many other interesting happenings in VERITAS. We hope you enjoy this month's VERITAS E-news! And please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to know more about any of the stories featured here.

## WANGSA 118 MIXED DEVELOPMENT

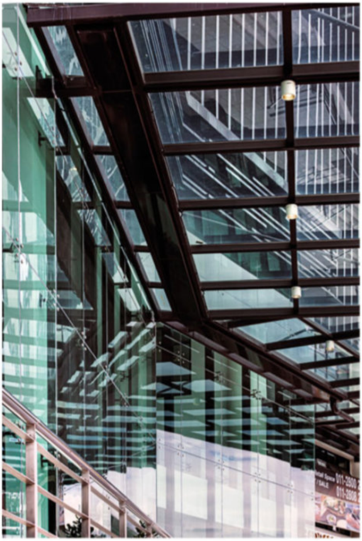
*WANGSA MAJU, Kuala Lumpur*

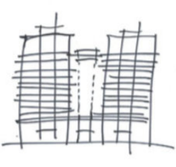


**W**angsa 118 is a 16-storey corporate office tower of 143,000 sq.ft located at Wangsa Maju, Kuala Lumpur. The configuration of the podium is centered around a skylit atrium facing the arrival lobby and main road



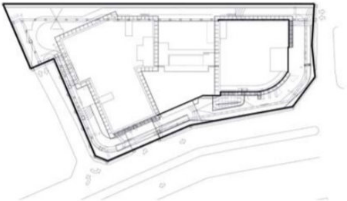
**A** dark band of aluminium louvres on the façade of the podium lend unity to the massing of the podium block to relieve the repetition of the glass elements on the ground floor-these screen-off the podium carpark levels. At street level, full height glass panels allow the blending of the interior and exterior. White vertical elements become the backdrop against variable glazing components, expressing the different office spaces behind.





an early sketch of Wangsa 118 by David Hashim

**V**isitors to VERITAS will take lifts up to the south tower which houses typical office suites and office penthouses - the latter is differentiated by specifications, such as greater ceiling heights and balconies cum sky gardens.



VERITAS' new operations office of approximately 30,000sf will be located in this building at levels 15, 16 and 17 (with roof access) and linked by internal staircases with a new and exciting interior layout. The office design concept is set to promote a futuristic and efficient work culture.

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## Where We Are Featured?

- Edge Property: YTL's Futuristic Headquarters KL

On 4th December 2020 VERITAS' recently completed project, the YTL Headquarters was featured in the Edge newspaper. The article highlighted the futuristic design of the building which was originally conceptualized back in 2016 by KPF Architects of New York City. The recently completed building is expected to bring a new and dynamic work culture to YTL that promotes creativity, collaboration and inspiration.

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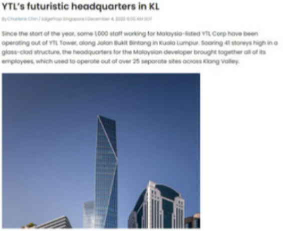
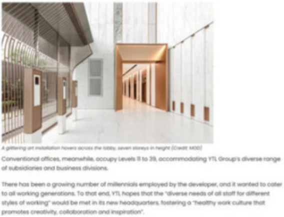


### YTL's futuristic headquarters in KL

By Charlene Chin / EdgeProp Singapore | December 4, 2020 6:00 AM SGT

Since the start of the year, some 1,000 staff working for Malaysia-listed YTL Corp have been operating out of YTL Tower, along Jalan Bukit Bintang in Kuala Lumpur. Soaring 41 storeys high in a glass-clad structure, the headquarters for the Malaysian developer brought together all of its employees, which used to operate out of over 25 separate sites across Klang Valley.



A glittering art installation hovers across the lobby, seven storeys in height (Credit: MOD)

Conventional offices, meanwhile, occupy Levels 11 to 39, accommodating YTL Group's diverse range of subsidiaries and business divisions.

There has been a growing number of millennials employed by the developer, and it wanted to cater to all working generations. To that end, YTL hopes that the "diverse needs of all staff for different styles of working" would be met in its new headquarters, fostering a "healthy work culture that promotes creativity, collaboration and inspiration".

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## YES Magazine: Seeking Property Market Vaccine Solutions

On 4th December 2020, quotations by VERITAS Group President David Hashim were featured in the YES Magazine. The article was about the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the property industry and the urgency of a vaccine to revive the market. David expressed the importance of resilient design for buildings which is crucial for society during disasters such as pandemics and other future calamities.

Seeking Property Market Vaccine Solutions

The race against time continues in finding a cure in the fight against Covid-19, so too the need to find vaccine for an already badly beleaguered property market, plagued with past problems and further compounded by the pandemic

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# What's Happening

## Meeting the KL Mayor

## Tropical High-Rise Studio 2020

On 6th December 2020 VERITAS Group President David Hashim and Vice-President Lillian Tay met the Kuala Lumpur Mayor, Datuk Mahadi Che Ngah at the APW, Bangsar for an informal breakfast meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways of improving the pedestrian and cycling experience in Kuala Lumpur.

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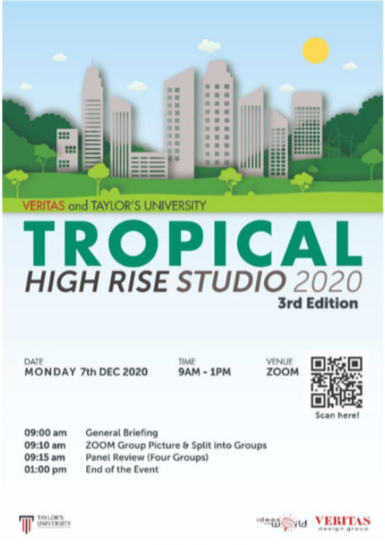
## ■ PKNS Floating Restaurant Site Visit

On 12th December 2020 ten VERITASians visited our recently completed project, the PKNS Floating Restaurant located on the Shah Alam lake, next to the recently completed PKNS Headquarters, also by VERITAS. VERITAS Principal Azril Jaafar led the inspections and a briefing was provided by Architect Helmi Mohd Nor.

On 7th December 2020 the VERITAS-Taylors University High-Rise Studio was held via zoom. The studio started with a group picture and thereafter everyone split into four groups for panel reviews with VERITAS Senior Associates Alif Arif and Azlina Ismail, and Associates Chong Wei Li and Miguel Robles.



VERITAS and TAYLOR'S UNIVERSITY

**TROPICAL**

**HIGH RISE STUDIO 2020**

**3rd Edition**

DATE
**MONDAY 7th DEC 2020**

TIME
**9AM - 1PM**

VENUE
**ZOOM**

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| 09:00 am | General Briefing |
| 09:10 am | ZOOM Group Picture & Split into Groups |
| 09:15 am | Panel Review (Four Groups) |
| 01:00 pm | End of the Event |

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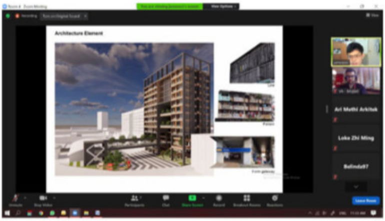

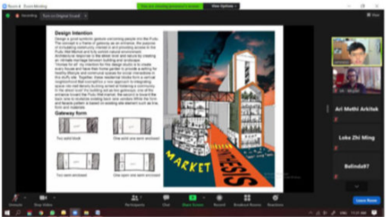

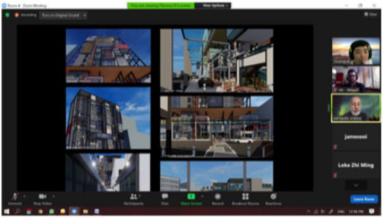

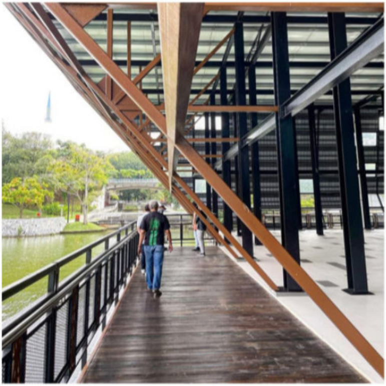

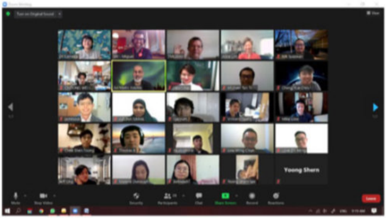

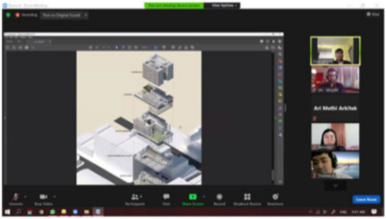

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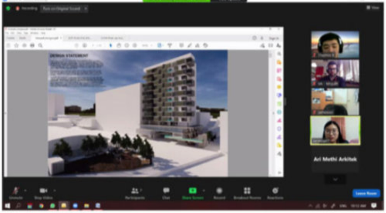

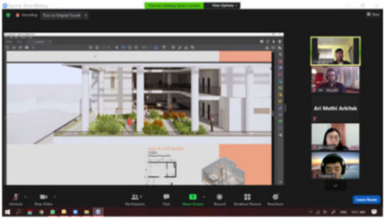

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## VERITAS New Office Move!

VERITAS is pleased to inform that as of 28th of December 2020, our operations office in Kuala Lumpur will be located at a new address; Level 16, Wangsa 118, Jalan Wangsa Delima, Wangsa Maju, 53300 Kuala Lumpur. The new operations office, in a building designed by VERITAS, with its larger area and more stimulating/integrated atmosphere will be more conducive to the efficient delivery of professional services to our Clients.

## VERITAS Johor Birthday Party

On16th December 2020 VERITAS Johor organized the year end birthday party at their office. The celebration was to commemorate the 10th year Service Award for the following staffs :-

1) Syed Hamid Sha B Syed Hussein - Draftsman. Joined 4th Jan 2010
2) Wan Zalelawati binti Wan Mohamed - Admin Clerk - Joined 1st June 2010
3) Mohd Rafiuddin bin Jasman - Account Assistant - Joined 1st Nov 2010

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Congratulations to all three VERITASians !

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## Staff of Month

Our staff of the month for December is VERITASian Yi Zhi Yew, commonly known as just "Yi Zhi" among her colleagues and friends. Yi Zhi is currently holding the position of Architect and has been with the firm for past 3 years. Yi Zhi shares her personal story with Venuthan Ganasan (VG):

**VG:** How would you describe working at VERITAS in a Movie Title? and Why?
***YZ:*** *I would say "Jumanji". In Jumanji, all the characters are drawn into the game's jungle setting and literally become the adult avatars they chose. In order for the characters to return to the real world, they have to overcome whatever hurdles they may encounter in the game.*

*Likewise, in VERITAS, of course I don't see it as a*

**VG:** What is the first thing you notice about a building and why?
***YZ:*** *Façade. I have to admit I am a very practical person. Undoubtedly, visual is always our first engagement when it comes to seeing an object. As such, the appearances and attractiveness of a building design forms an essential element to grab one's or at least my attention before wanting to explore further about the building.*

**VG:** What's your passion or hobby? Is that what inspired you to choose a career in architecture?
***YZ:*** *I love sewing and knitting since young. Of course, I am absolutely nowhere near to a professional tailor. It is through sewing that actually stimulates my imagination and creativity, which eventually inspire me to utilize such skills set in the pursuit of my career as an architect. I would say the patience and meticulousness garnered whilst sewing actually contributed to my personalities and prepared me for whatever I am doing today.*

**VG:** How would you revolutionize the architecture industry if you were given a chance?
***YZ:*** *Iwould be happy to create a more diverse platforms, like forums for the younger generations to discuss the contemporaneous issues the architecture industry is facing at present. For instance, most of the construction materials today are derived from natural resources and they may deplete. Having the industry accessible to more if not all, would definitely encourage innovation from different sectors and could invite several feasible and viable alternatives when it comes to the designing and construction of a building moving forward.*

*game, but I could relate it very much upon having started my career here. There are goals to achieve and responsibilities to fulfil. You don't just work, but you must also survive it with no turning back which is pretty much of a Jumanji spirit. We work in a team. More often than not we help out each other with our strength but again, there are times we may also encounter difficult people and work progress becomes a little more challenging. Having said that, it is the differences that actually make us stronger with various contribution of perspectives. With that spirit in mind, I believe we'll be able to clear each "level" and "score" beautifully in our "game" and ultimately, we shall survive!*

EVERY POSSIBILITY GIVES POSSIBILITIES

**VG:** In your opinion, which building in Malaysia is a true work of art?
***YZ:*** *The Petronas twin tower. I would describe it as a striking sculpture erected in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, rendering a breath-taking capital skyline of Malaysia. Its finest design and detailed construction are something we as Malaysians can absolutely be proud of as the twin tower successfully become the country's highlight and is largely known worldwide.*

## ■ WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY - December

1st Edward Chew, Mohd Azril, Ahmad Muzhafar, Ahmad Rizal Ahmad Rodzi
2nd Azizuddin
3rd Mohamad Zahir Bin Abu Bakar
4th Ai Lin, Anthony Lau Yin Hon
5th Helmi, Syed Hamid Sha B Syed Hussein
6th Sham Wahap
7th Wei Li, Md Shah Bin Jaffar
9th Mohamad Fauzi Mohamad
11th Joo Yin
13th Husman Bin Setta
15th Ainazura
17th Shakthee, Afif Fathullah
18th Zulhisham
22nd Syahril Nizam, Kamarul Hafiezi
24th Mohd Fauzee
28th Mohd Zar, Nur Fazuin
31st Musripah, Nicole

## ■ New Staff

Azlan Bin Azizan - Resident Architect

Syamine Irdina Binti Asrizam - Intern

Suzanne Reutens - Admin Executive

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*LEADERS become GREAT,*
*NOT because of their POWER,*
*but because of their*
*ABILITY TO EMPOWER OTHERS.*

John Maxwell