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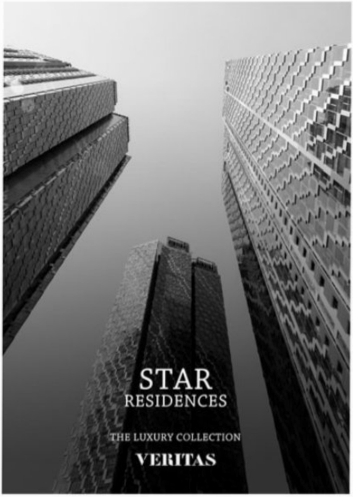
Hi Everyone and Happy Deepavali!

In this month's E-news, we are pleased to feature VERITAS' Luxury Collection. The Luxury Collection is an exclusive selection of high-end residential developments designed by VERITAS and curated into a limited collection of the firm's finest work.

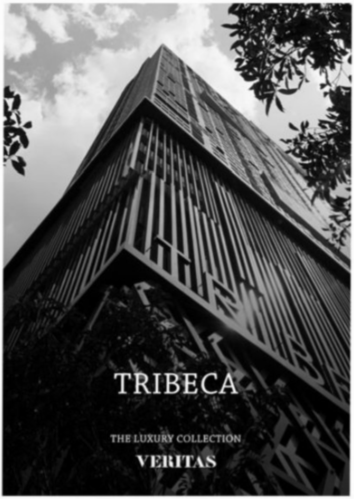
This E-news will also cover many other interesting happenings in VERITAS. We hope you enjoy this month's VERITAS E-news! And please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to know more about any of the stories featured here.

Luxury Collection



Star Star Residences

Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, Kuala Lumpur



Tribeca Serviced Suite

Jalan Imbi, Kuala Lumpur

Star Residences was designed to reshape and create a new character to the urban fabric. With its avant-garde design, the three-tower commercial development is unquestionably becoming the latest talk of the town with the two hundred metre Walk of Fame introduced along the perimeter sidewalk of the Star development to enliven the streetscape and promote public activities. The concept of "Meteor Shower" adopted on the façade of the 57-storey high-end residential towers is inspired by the urban life culture and night lifestyle in Kuala Lumpur and the lights of the urban landscape. The idea is interpreted through the utilisation of Mondrian inspired pattern combined with a mixed use of colored metal cladding and tinted glass.

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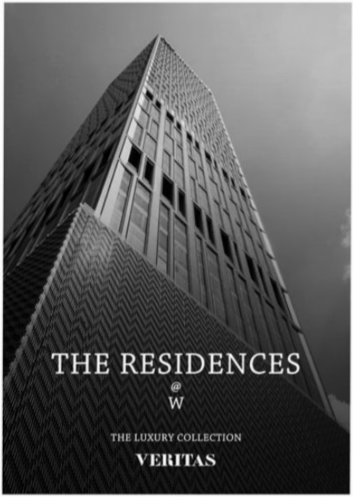
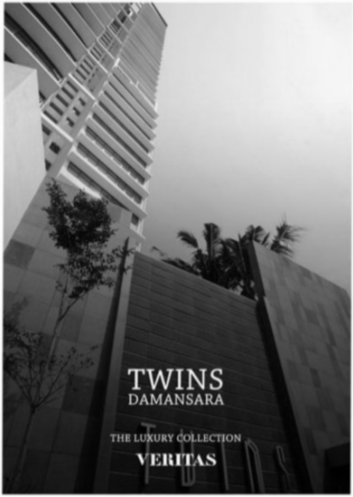


The Residences @ W

Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur

Tribeca Serviced Suite is designed as two residential towers merged into one development linked via a central atrium. The simple yet chic rectilinear composition shouts contemporary sophistication standing amongst the city's sought-after addresses, situated within the heart of the Golden Triangle. The 32 and 37 storey towers bear 318 units on a V-shaped floor plan. The highrise offers luxurious serviced suites, providing an array of smaller studios ranging from 510 sq.ft, to larger apartment suites and loft type units sizing up to 1293sq.ft.

Status: Completed 2018

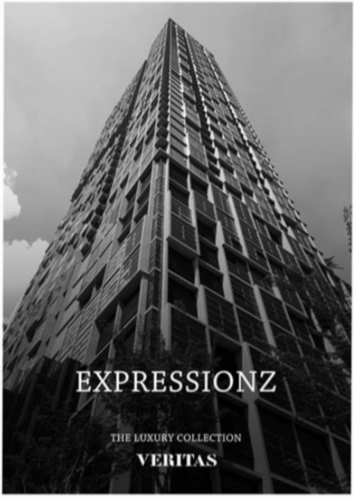


The Twins

Damansara Heights, Kuala Lumpur

Making a commentary about the street wall of Jalan Ampang, the building is recessed from Jalan Ampang's street wall, to create a plaza. The different parts of the building are expressed via the different façade treatments. Façade treatments are also determined according to the needs of that particular program. For example, the towers façade has more glass per surface area than the residential apartments. Nonetheless, the drop-off areas are shared between the hotel and residential apartment. Therefore, the façade expresses the sequence of programs as one moves through the building.

This project was in collaboration with SOM, USA.
Status: Completed 2018

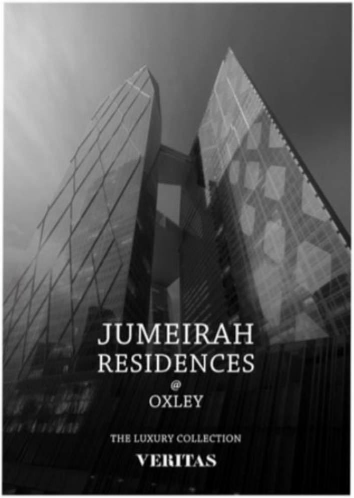


The Expressionz

Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur

Twins Residency signals a change in the development character of the area as its scale directly influences the surrounding infrastructure of the area. The identical towers of its namesake rise unobstructed above the area with long views of the surrounding residential and commercial townscape. Having to contend with changing levels as Jalan Johar slopes down towards Jalan Damanlela, the design instead tries to capitalize on this segregation by making privacy and exclusivity the defining feature of the project by raising public amenities above ground level yet below the noise and traffic of Jalan Johar. Elevation treatments are minimal, a fully-glazed façade with generous balconies that simply express the internal floor configuration of the apartment units.

This project was in collaboration with Axis Associates, Singapore.
Status: Completed 2011



Jumeirah Residence (Oxley Towers)

The Expressionz is designed to make a bold statement with intent to 'Express to Impress'. Towering at 53 and 45 storeys high, the service residence is envisioned to be Kuala Lumpur's latest modern landmark with a taste of innovative architecture and elegance while providing a state-of-the-art facilities and superior views of the city center. It is strategically situated in a prime area with close proximity to the City Center and the vast green lung of Tasik Titiwangsa recreational area.

The project was in collaboration with W Design Associates.
Status: Completed 2018

Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur

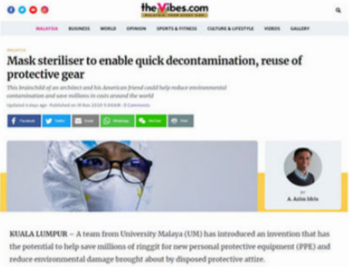
A stone throws away from the renowned Petronas Twin Towers, the Oxley Towers is a vibrant and upcoming development made from an ensemble of three cascading skyscrapers interlinked with landscaped sky decks. This commercial scheme is known to become a future landmark on the Kuala Lumpur skyline. The curtain-wall embodies a distinctive diagonal grain - a recurring leitmotif in indigenous textiles and weaving traditions of Malaysia. Window panels and sun-shading fins form a layered, textured façade reinforcing the diagonal pattern which distinguishes the interior experience. The asymmetrical composition of three tapering and interconnect towers creates constantly changing perspectives of the buildings from different viewpoints. The Jumeirah has 267 residential units and 186 hotel rooms.

Status: Under Construction

Where We Are Featured?

- TheVibes.com:
  Mask Sterilizer to Enable Quick Decontamination, Reuse of Protective Gear.

On 18th November 2020 one of VERITAS' recent CSR projects, The UV Mask Sterilizer was featured in thevibes.com. This special project was undertaken in collaboration with Mr. Sasha Dobrovolsky of EPAC, and a group of doctors and technicians at the University of Malaya (UM) to design and fabricate an Ultra Violet (UV) light exposure appliance which potentially will revolutionize the process for disinfection and re-use of N95 Facemasks which are used extensively in the Covid-19 battle.



Mask steriliser to enable quick decontamination, reuse of protective gear

This brainchild of an architect and his American friend could help reduce environmental contamination and save millions in costs around the world

BY
A. Azim Idris

KUALA LUMPUR – A team from University Malaya (UM) has introduced an invention that has the potential to help save millions of ringgit for new personal protective equipment (PPE) and reduce environmental damage brought about by disposed protective attire.

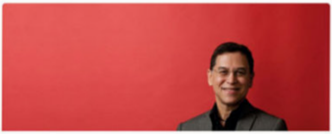
- The Edge:
  Living Spaces Evolving to Meet Changing Needs.

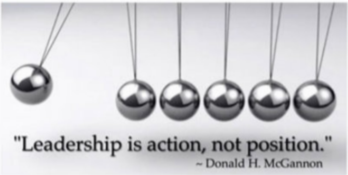
On 2nd November 2020 VERITAS Vice-President Lillian Tay was featured in The Edge newspaper. The article emphasized on the constant change in living spaces to achieve greater comfort and convenience. Lillian spoke about how IT infrastructure is becoming an increasingly important component in houses and how it will eventually emerge as one of the basic amenities of residential design.

Living spaces evolving to meet changing needs

Dubbed the "hybrid mask steriliser", the device resembling a microwave set allows surgical face masks and other single-use protective wear to be decontaminated and reused.

One of the key men who conceived it, architect David Mizan Hashim, says that he has no wish to make monetary gain from it.




"Leadership is action, not position."
~ Donald H. McGannon

enclosed rooms to family lifestyle-centric spaces" – Tan

It should be a basic amenity for everyone to have access to data." – Tay

WFH may change concept of living spaces

"The demand for residential properties has changed over the years with lifestyles progressively changing in terms of technology, ageing, environment, design, spaces and others."
– Siders

"Co-living started off as an affordable housing option, and there is potential for the concept to gain acceptance wherever there is the issue of housing affordability"
– Wong

What's Happening

■ 4th Staff Quarterly Meeting 2020

On 21st November 2020 VERITAS held its last quarterly meeting for the year 2020 via Zoom. VERITAS President David Hashim gave a rousing speech on the plans and future of VERITAS for the coming year, predicting exponential growth of VERITAS. Following that each SBU updated on their respective upcoming and on-going projects. VERITAS General Manager Nik Hasnini also briefed everyone about the upcoming VERITAS Headquarters move to Wangsa 118 in December whereby operations in the new office will commence from 28th December 2020 onwards.

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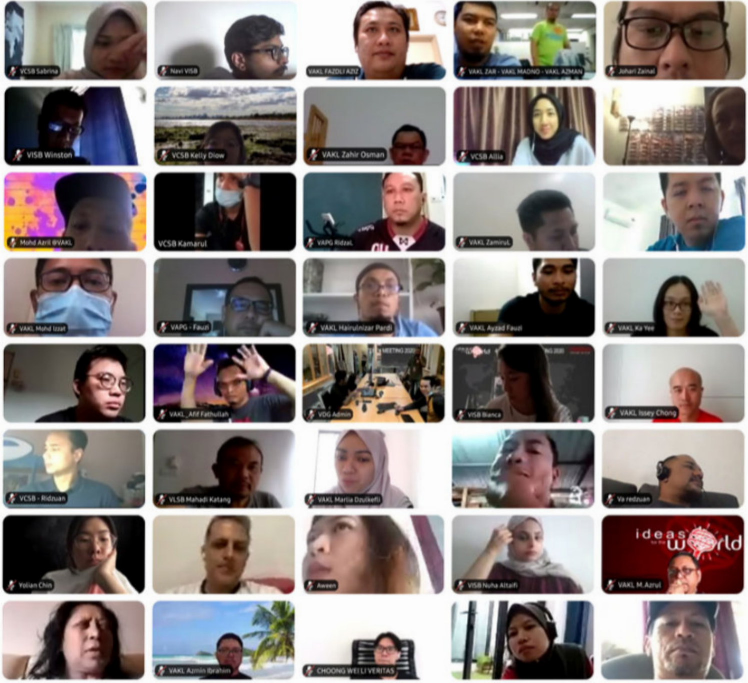
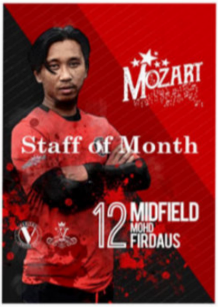


Our staff of the month for August is VERITASian Firdaus Ahmat, commonly known as just "Firdaus" among his colleagues and friends. Firdaus is currently holding the position of Draftsman and has been with the firm for almost 7 years. Firdaus shares his personal story with Venuthan Ganasan (VG):

VG: How would you describe working at VERITAS in a Movie Title? and Why?
Firdaus: *Hacksaw Ridge. The story inspired me to stay and give full commitment to VERITAS no matter what is the situation. Among the qualities that the movie thought was c unwavering courage, selflessness and compassion even with multiple challenges.Working in VERITAS is like an adventure that enhance my passion for design which enables me to sacrifice and reach my goal.*



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VG: What's your passion or hobby? Is that what inspired you to choose acareer in

architecture?
Firdaus: *I have always been interested in learning and exploring different software especially about my field of work. It helps me to keep up with current updates and advanced systems that is ever growing. My hobby is playing Football on weekends. Apart from that I spend my free time with my kids playing PS4 & online games with my friends.*

VG: What do you think about VERITAS' transformation from since you joined?
Firdaus: *VERITAS is constantly expanding/growing and it's a no doubt it will be the top architecture firm in the world.*

VG: How would you describe the changes/evolution in design technology?
Firdaus: *Intense in a good way. I never imagined that the design technology now has become more simpler and more flexible to users and everything is accessible at your fingertips. In architectural industry we need to always invest in ourselves to keep our self-updated with the current design technology to remain relevant.*

VG: What are some of the upcoming challenges for you?
Firdaus: *The "new norm" is my biggest concern, how are we going to adapt with it and how will we bounce back with current economy situation. It is going to be very challenging and competitive as everyone will be struggling to survive the post-pandemic effect. I believe that we need to have a positive mentality to keep us strong and motivated to face the hardships.*

■ WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY - November

4th Suhaimi Abdul Ghani
8th Megat Arzuan
10th Zawika
11th Syed Salem
13th Hawatul Aqilah
19th Mohd Razif, Subashiny Selvaraju
20th Caroline Chui
24th Abdul Aziz, Lee Chuin Shane
26th Jenny Lum
27th Michael Tan
28th Suhaimi Yunus

■ Bundle Of Joy

Congratulations to VERITASian Komathi Ramakrishna and her spouse Sanjay Pattis for the arrival of their new baby girl Tamira Pattis on 30th November 2020.

Welcome to the world baby girl!