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Greetings to all our Readers!

In this month's E-news, we are pleased to feature some of VERITAS' most exciting hospitality projects around the world. Hotels, resorts and holiday villas present an opportunity to explore the limits of lifestyle and fantasy and VERITAS excels at creating these unique hospitality projects wherever they may be.

Also, it covers many other interesting happenings 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.

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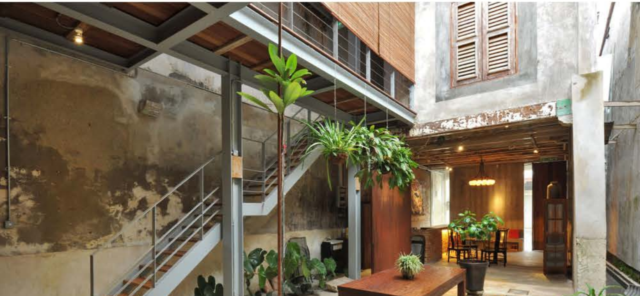
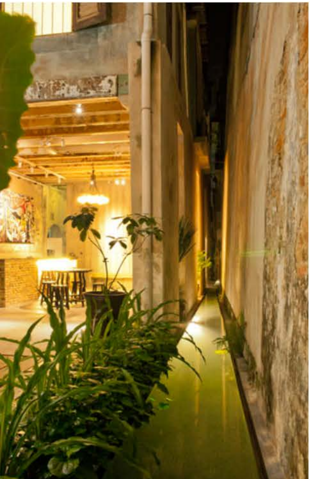
Hospitality

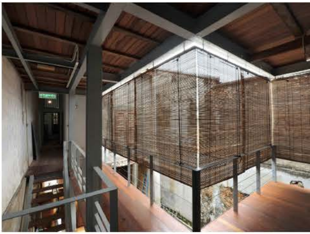
VERITAS' involvement in leisure development is extensive with award-winning projects ranging from tropical resorts designed to blend with their surroundings to modern urban hotels, up-market holiday apartments and golf/family clubhouses. Here are a few outstanding ones:

Sinkeh Hotel, Penang

Located at the boundary of the Core Heritage Zone gazetted as a UNESCO World Heritage site in the historical heart of Georgetown, this project functions both as a space for the arts and a small hotel. The challenge was finding an acceptable balance between past and present.







The original building is a typical Straits Chinese townhouse which, apart from the air-well, provides little access to natural light. The design opens one side of the house out into this space and on the other side, pulled away from the party wall, thereby maximizing the potential for natural light to infiltrate the otherwise dark spaces. The project won the Cityscape Awards for Emerging Markets in 2016.

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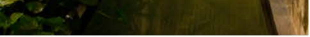

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W Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Making a commentary about the street wall of Jalan Ampang, the building is recessed from Jalan Ampang's street wall, to create a plaza and a more generous drop-off area in front of the W hotel. Due to the depth of the site, instead of conventionally arranging the program such that all public spaces face the front, a deliberate decision was made to stack the program on top of one another.

This relationship between the different parts of the building is expressed via the different façade treatments.

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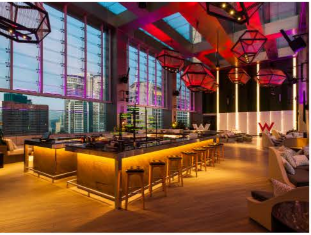

Fairmont Resort, Maldives

This resort was originally designed to be a Marriott property, but was rebranded as a Fairmont when new investors acquired it in 2016. Gaakoshibee Island is a tropical paradise fringed by pristine beaches and dense tropical vegetation, encircled by a reef rich in exotic marine life.

Set in this backdrop of tropical splendour, the retreat is a 5-star resort comprising over-the-water beach villas, a fully integrated spa, diving and water sports centre and several dining and entertainment outlets.

The design is distinctly tropical modern without being rustic - the lines are clean, minimalist, uncomplicated. The island traces a shape of a crescent on the azure Indian Ocean.

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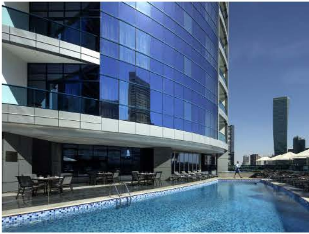
Raddison Blu, Dubai Waterfront

Inspired by the metaphor of music the 24-storey Radisson Blu tower was envisaged to be a beautiful composition of various spatial programs to create a unique user experience as well a visually pleasant architectural form.



Located in the vicinity of other iconic structures in the Business Bay area such as Burj Khalifa, the Radisson Blu tower is oriented to respond to the immediate context, maximize the benefit of being close to the water front, protecting privacy of the interior spaces as well as capitalizing on the premium views towards Burj Khalifa.

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Angsana by Banyan Tree, Penang

The design of the Angsana Resort celebrates the experience of the meeting of the Forest and the Sea. The narrow 3.5 acre site is sandwiched between the majestic, forested slope of Penang Hill and the pristine bay of Teluk Bahang where remnants of the old Malay fishing village community still bring in their daily catch each morning in their weathered wooden boats near the abandoned timber jetty.

Inspired by the tenacity of the Malay fishing community and their closeness with the outdoors, the hotel and service apartments are laid out to allow a constant experience of the outdoors and the sea, with naturally ventilated circulation and common areas connecting the hotel and serviced apartment block. The project recently won silver for the PAM Awards 2022 under the category of Commercial Mixed

Development.

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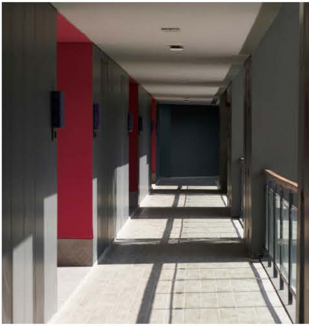
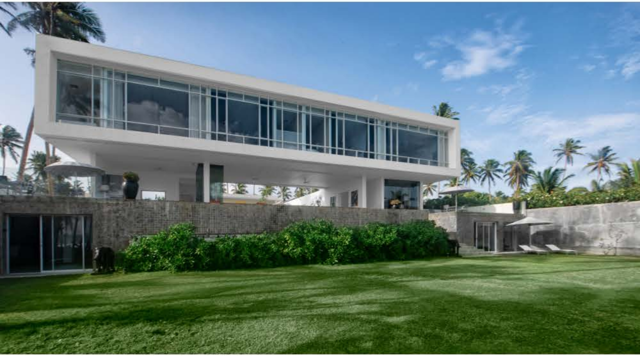


Villa Sielen Diva, Sri Lanka

Located in the idyllic yet private beach destination of Talpe outside Galle in southern Sri Lanka, the site is a narrow rectangular plot of land stretching nearly 100m from an internal road in a dramatic progression through an enclosed walled compound that ultimately culminates in magnificent views of the beachfront, with the choppy waves of the Laccadive sea literally at the doorstep of the site.



The site has two distinctive characters that stand in contrast to one another; the linearity of the enclosed inland area and the abrupt openness of the beachfront vista. The project was Highly Commended at the Cityscape Awards 2019.

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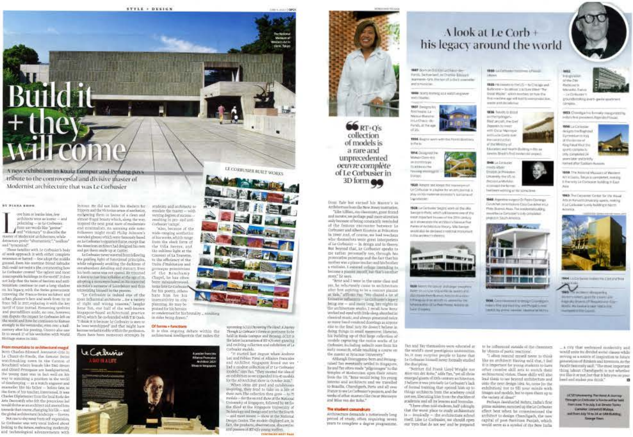
THE EDGE Newspaper

On 6th June 2022, VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay was featured in The Edge Newspaper for her role as Convenor of “LC121 Uncovering the Hand”; an exhibition happening at the Dewan Tunku

Canselor, University Malaya (UM) from 11th June till 3rd July 2022. The exhibition pays tribute to the master of modernist architecture; Le Corbusier.



STYLE + DESIGN

Build it + they will come

A new exhibition in Kuala Lumpur and Penang pays tribute to the controversial and divisive master of Modernist architecture that was Le Corbusier

BY DIANA KHOO

From mountains to architectural mogul

Of forms + functions

LE CORBUSIER BUILT WORKS

Le Corbusier A DAY IN A LIFE

RT+Q's collection of models is a rare and unprecedented *oeuvre complète* of Le Corbusier in 3D form

The student conundrum

A look at Le Corb + his legacy around the world

BULETIN TV3, ASTRO AWANI and BERNAMA

On 19th June 2022, the Malaysia – Indonesia Business Networking Luncheon hosted by VERITAS was featured on Buletin TV3, Astro Awani and Bernama. VERITAS Group President David Hashim explained that a design competition scheme for Indonesia's legislatives and judicial buildings in the nation's new capital in Nusantara, Kalimantan had been submitted and that VERITAS was awaiting the results. Click on the links below to watch the news.

Buletin TV3 - https://youtu.be/vD0CAYBEx18

Astro Awani - https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/veritas-sasar-lebih-banyak-peluang-niaga-di-nusantara-indonesia-367045

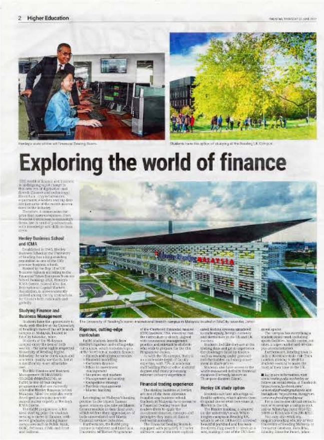
Bernama - https://www.bernama.com/en/news.php?id=2092366

THE STAR Newspaper

On 23rd June 2022, featured in Star Special was the University of Reading Malaysia (UoRM) which comprises of North and South 4-storey blocks with a “Heartspace” spanning in between.

The design is based on the “Reading Experience” concept of grouping the departments around a central courtyard and blurring the edges of internal and external space.

The UoRM project was the result of a collaboration between VERITAS and Scott Browning Architects of UK.



2 Higher Education

Exploring the world of finance

Henley Business School and ICMA

Studying Finance and Business Management

Rigorous, cutting-edge curriculum

Financial trading experience

Henley UK study option

Staff of the Month

Our staff of the month for June is VERITASian **Mohd Redzuan** commonly known as just Redzuan among his colleagues and friends. Redzuan is currently holding the position of Project Manager and has been with the firm for almost 11 years. **Redzuan (MR)** shares his personal story with **Ranjetha Vijaya Kumar (RV)**:

RV: How did you connect with VERITAS and what is your role here?
MR: I joined VERITAS in 2011 and I am a Project Manager here. I specialize in project drawings and I am in charge of the drawings' submissions.

RV: Tell us a little about Angsana project.
MR: Angsana is a project that is very close to my heart as it evokes lots of sentiments in terms of the local's identity that is intertwined with the Peranakan culture through its Architecture.

RV: What is the design inspiration behind it?
The remnants of old Malay fishing village community nearby the site and the idea of weaving the mountain and the sea really influenced the project, I'd say.

RV: Can you explain about the recycled timber?
MR: It was actually a decision made instantly during the site visit that the reclaimed timber must be used at the lobby portal to pay tribute to the nearby Malay fishing village.

RV: What were the challenges faced to complete the project?
MR: I would say that the challenges faced would be the constant change in designs to cater to the Client and meeting the deadlines with lack of man power. Nevertheless, we persisted and completed the project which matters the most.

RV: How did you feel during the site walks after the completion of the project?

MR: It was a very proud moment yet emotional too and all I wished was to be able to spend a night or two in Angsana, our creation as a team which I hope is something we could plan for staff retreat, in the future.

Universal Design in Green and Public Space

TAYLOR'S UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, BUILDING AND DESIGN

ADP LECTURE SERIES III

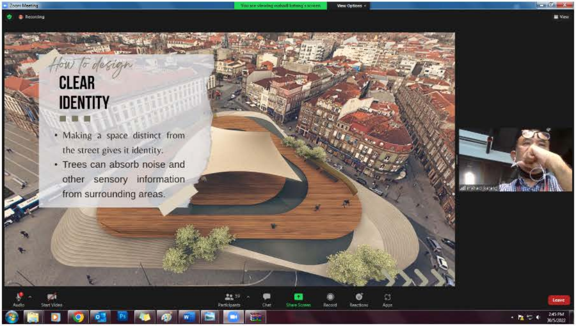
LECTURE 05`

Universal Design in Green and Public Spaces

Date
30.05.2022

Time
2:00pm-4:00pm

Guest Speaker
Mr. Mahadi Katang
Landscape Associate, VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd



How to design
CLEAR
IDENTITY

- Making a space distinct from the street gives it identity.
- Trees can absorb noise and other sensory information from surrounding areas.

On 30th May 2022, VERITAS Landscape Associate Mahadi Katang gave a talk entitled "Universal Design in Green and Public Space" via zoom at the Taylor's University Architectural Design Project (ADP) Lecture Series III which emphasized on the role of landscape in fostering how we live, work and play.

THE VIBE.COM
Interview

On 30th May 2022 VERITAS Associate Miguel Robles was interviewed by The Vibes.com. During the interview, he stated that one of the very important questions that lays under every

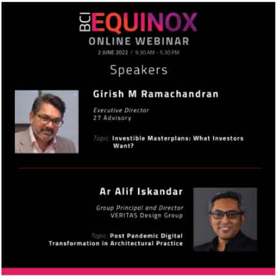
building that VERITAS do is:

How can we, through our building proposals, give something back to the city? How can we make it more accessible, safer to walk, more comfortable, nicer, healthier, for both citizens and visitors? How can we, through our buildings' design, inspire and promote a more responsible, environmentally conscious, democratic and civic use of the public space in the city?

BCI Central Equinox

Presentations

- *Post Pandemic Digital Transformation in Architectural Practice*



BCI EQUINOX

ONLINE WEBINAR

2 JUNE 2022 / 9.30 AM - 5.30 PM

Speakers

Girish M Ramachandran

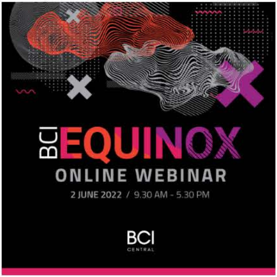
Executive Director
27 Advisory

Topic: **Investible Masterplans: What Investors Want?**

Ar Alif Iskandar

Group Principal and Director
VERITAS Design Group

Topic: **Post Pandemic Digital Transformation in Architectural Practice**



BCI EQUINOX

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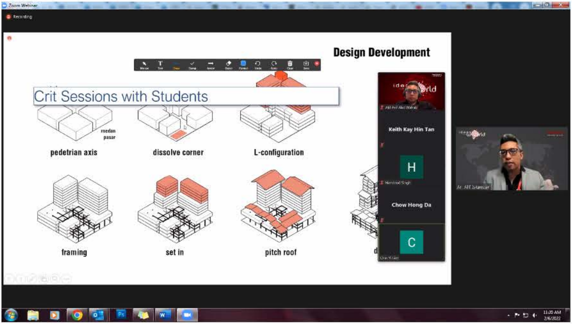
BCI CENTRAL

On 2nd June 2022, VERITAS Principal Alif Arif Iskandar gave a presentation entitled "Post Pandemic Digital Transformation in Architectural Practice" via zoom at BCI Equinox, a networking event for design professionals. Through his presentation, Alif demonstrated how the pandemic incurred a digital transformation especially in architectural practice.

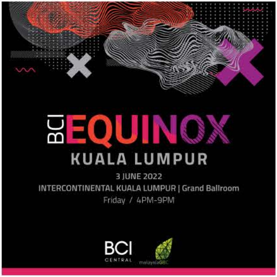


Design Development

Crit Sessions with Students

- *Energy Efficiency - The Key Towards a Compact, Resilient and Sustainable Future*

On 3rd June 2022, VERITAS Principal Ng Yiek Seng, gave a talk at the Intercontinental Hotel, KL entitled: Energy Efficiency - The Key Towards a Compact, Resilient and Sustainable Future. Global warming is happening at an alarming pace and the effects of it are being felt throughout the entire world. The recent flooding in the country is a strong reminder that climate change is real.



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INTERCONTINENTAL KUALA LUMPUR | Grand Ballroom
Friday / 4PM-9PM

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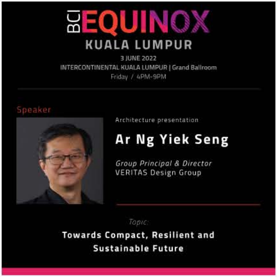

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KUALA LUMPUR
3 JUNE 2022
INTERCONTINENTAL KUALA LUMPUR | Grand Ballroom
Friday / 4PM-9PM

Speaker

Architecture presentation

Ar Ng Yiek Seng

Group Principal & Director
VERITAS Design Group

Topic:

Towards Compact, Resilient and Sustainable Future

ALA LUMPUR
INTERCONTINENTAL KUALA LUMPUR

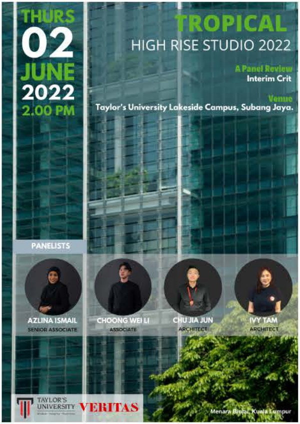
As the saying goes

"Good Design is Sustainable, Great Design is Responsible"

Visit from Students of **College of Engineering Trivandrum,** India

On 2nd June 2022, 18 second semester students of the Master's program in Environmental Design, College of Engineering Trivandrum, India visited the HQ of VERITAS in Kuala Lumpur. The trip successfully achieved its objective by ensuring the students are well equipped with the necessary knowledge to aid them in becoming the designers they aspire to be.

Tropical High-Rise Building



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2022
2.00 PM

TROPICAL
HIGH RISE STUDIO 2022

A Panel Review
Interim Crit

Venue
Taylor's University Lakeside Campus, Subang Jaya.

PANELISTS

AZLINA ISMAIL
SENIOR ASSOCIATE

CHOONG WEI LI
ASSOCIATE

CHU JIA JUN
ARCHITECT

IVY TAM
ARCHITECT

TAYLOR'S UNIVERSITY
VERITAS

Menara Binjai, Kuala Lumpur

On 2nd June 2022, VERITAS Senior Associate Azlina Ismail, Associate Choong Wei Li, Architects Chu Jia Jun and Ivy Tam served as panelists at Taylor's University Tropical High-Rise Studio's interim crit session.

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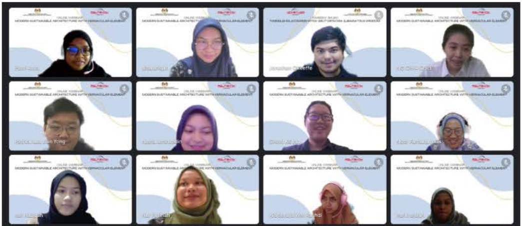
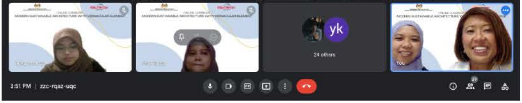
Visit from Students of **University Sains Malaysia (USM)**

On 3rd June 2022, 54 students from University Sains Malaysia (USM) visited VERITAS Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. The purpose of the visit was for the students to understand VERITAS' core values and how that has shaped the firm's approach to design. The visit also aimed to expose the students to the working environment of an architectural practice.

Ungku Omar Polytechnic
Webinar





On 7th June 2022, VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay together with Design Associate Farah Yusof gave an online talk at the Ungku Omar Polytechnic. The talk was entitled "Modern Sustainable Architecture with Vernacular Elements".

Astro Awani Interview

What makes a city liveable?

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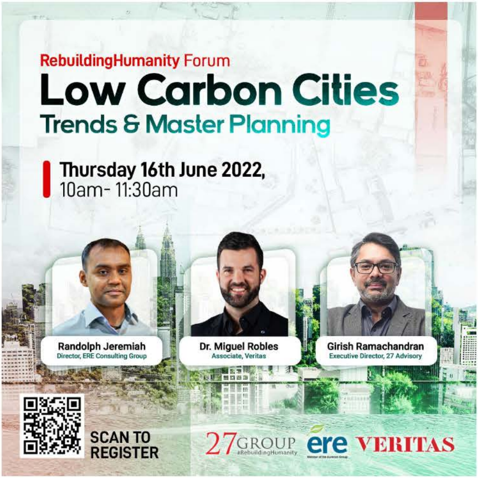
On 7th June 2022, VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay gave an interview on the topic: "Liveability of Kuala Lumpur" for Astro Awani's "Consider This"; an English talkshow hosted by Melisa Idris and Sharaad Kuttan.

Click on the link below to watch the full interview.

https://www.astroawani.com/video-english/consider-cities-part-1-what-does-liveability-mean-1970379

Rebuilding Humanity Forum: **Low Carbon Cities: Trends & Master Planning**



RebuildingHumanity Forum

Low Carbon Cities

Trends & Master Planning

Thursday 16th June 2022,
10am- 11:30am

Randolph Jeremiah
Director, ERE Consulting Group

Dr. Miguel Robles
Associate, Veritas

Girish Ramachandran
Executive Director, 27 Advisory

SCAN TO REGISTER

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#RebuildingHumanity
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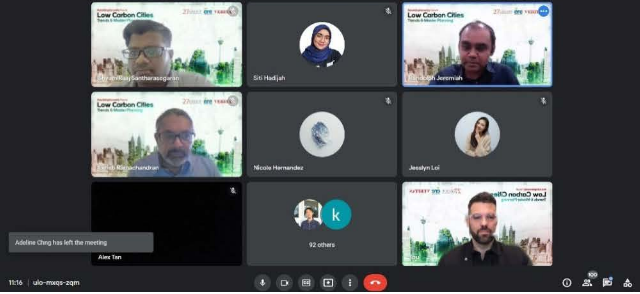

On 16th June 2022, VERITAS Associate Miguel Robles gave a talk at a Rebuilding Humanity Forum Webinar on Low Carbon Cities. He explained how architects can positively impact the walkability in the city through architectural design and urban planning, while also contributing to public welfare and well-being, promoting environmentally conscious behaviours and habits and even spurring prosperity!!

Megabuild Indonesia Exhibition

SELAMAT DATANG
CHOOSE MALAYSIA
CHOOSE MALAYSIA

Megabuild Indonesia was held at the Balai Sidang, Jakarta Convention Center from 16th till 19th June 2022. VERITAS participated in the exhibition and it was a golden opportunity to reach out to VERITAS Clients in Indonesia.

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Our booth received substantial attention and was visited by many attendees during the 3-day exhibition. Also, during the exhibition, VERITAS Group President, Vice President and Principals gave informational presentations which attracted crowds at the speaker's forum.

Malaysia - Indonesia Business Networking Luncheon

MALAYSIA-INDONESIA
Business Networking Luncheon
hosted by VERITAS

On 18th June 2022 a Malaysia - Indonesia Business Networking Luncheon was hosted by VERITAS at Sultan Hotel, Jakarta. During the event, En. Har Man from MATRADE explained about the business opportunities available in Indonesia and Kalimantan in particular. As one of the main components of the event, the latest design of Indonesia's New Capital Nusantara was presented by Ardzuna Sinaga from Urban+.

The luncheon was an effective business development networking event and VERITAS can't wait to have more Malaysia - Indonesia collaborations in the future!

PAM Awards

VERITAS bagged a quintuple at the 2022 PAM Awards!!

CORTEN HOUSE
Architect
Client / Owner
Builder / Contractor
VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD
DATO JUSTIN SOO SZE GHING
NUSANILAI SDN BHD

ANGSANA TELUK BAHANG
Architect
Client / Owner
Builder / Contractor
VERITAS ARCHITECS SDN BHD
SENJA AMAN DEVELOPMENT SDN BHD
SLS ALPHA ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SDN BHD

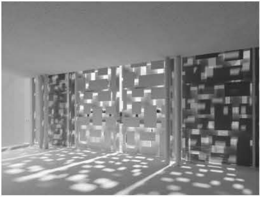
ANNUAL DINNER
SATURDAY,
MANDARIN
UALA LUMPUR

WOMEN'S AID ORGANIZATION
Architect
VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD
WOMEN'S AID ORGANIZATION
TIMBUNAN MAKMUR SDN BHD

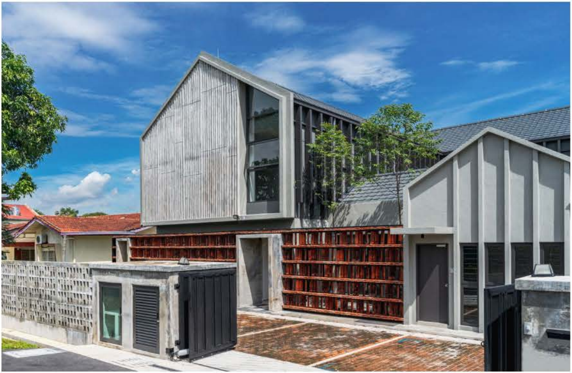
This year's awards Gala Dinner took place on June 18th, 2022 at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, and the winners were revealed. VERITAS Design Group received 5 awards: one gold, two silver and two commendations.

SALOMA LINK
Architect
Client / Owner
VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD
KAMPONG BHARU
BERHAD

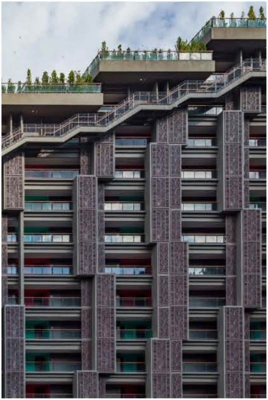
01. Single Residential - Corten House, Kuala Lumpur



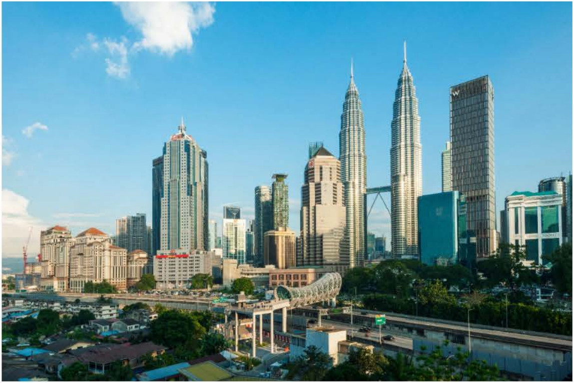
02. Adaptive Reuse - Women’s Aid Organisation Shelter Home, Klang Valley

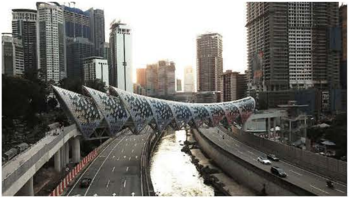


03. Commercial Mixed Development - Angsana Teluk Bahang, Penang



04. **Special Project** - Saloma Link, Kuala Lumpur





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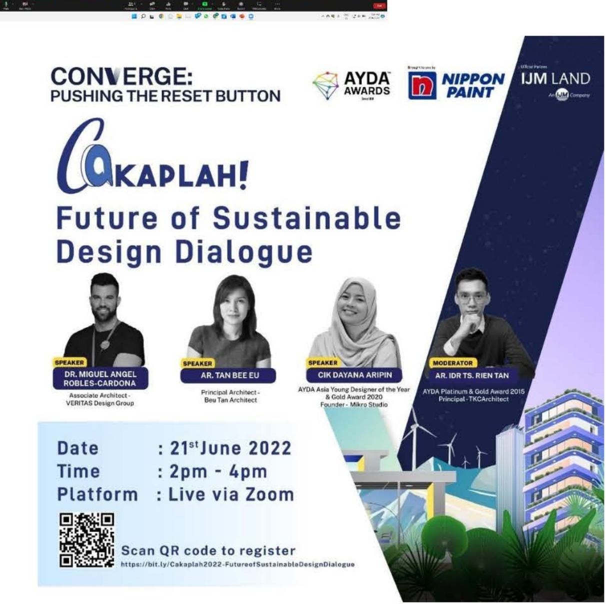
05. **Sustainable Development Goal** - Women's Aid Organisation Shelter Home, Klang Valley

Congratulations to all the VERITASian who were involved in these award-winning projects!

Future of Sustainable Design Dialogue

CONVERGE: PUSHING THE RESET BUTTON
AYDA
NIPPON PAINT
OKAPLAH!
Future of Sustainable Design Dialogue

On 21st June 2022, VERITAS Associate Miguel Robles was invited as a speaker at the Asia Young Designers Award (AYDA) hosted by Nippon Paint. The talk was entitled "Principles for Resilient Design in Architecture" and he spoke about the 7 aspects that determine the degree of resiliency of buildings.



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PUSHING THE RESET BUTTON

AYDA AWARDS

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Future of Sustainable Design Dialogue

SPEAKER
DR. MIGUEL ANGEL ROBLES-CARDONA
Associate Architect - VERITAS Design Group

SPEAKER
AR. TAN BEE EU
Principal Architect - Beu Tan Architect

SPEAKER
CIK DAYANA ARIPIN
AYDA Asia Young Designer of the Year & Gold Award 2020
Founder - Mikro Studio

MODERATOR
AR. IDR TS. RIEN TAN
AYDA Platinum & Gold Award 2015
Principal - TKCArchitect

Date : 21st June 2022
Time : 2pm - 4pm
Platform : Live via Zoom

Scan QR code to register
https://bit.ly/Cakaplah2022-FutureofSustainableDesignDialogue

We are excited to announce the Topping-Out ceremony of the, Imperial Lexis Hotel and Serviced Apartments in Kuala Lumpur which was held on 22nd June 2022. VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay and Principal Syah Kamaruddin together with Datuk Musa Haji Yusof, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Tourism Malaysia, Clients Dato' Low Tak Fatt and Dato' Yap Chuan Thai participated in the Topping-Out ceremony indicating the near completion of the project. Congratulations VERITAS team!

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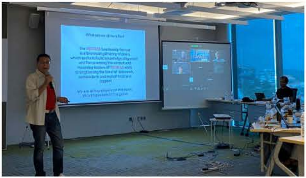
Topping Out Ceremony of **Imperial Lexis Hotel and Serviced Apartments**

The Imperial Lexis is a proposed 55-storey mixed-use development located along Jalan

Kia Peng in Kuala Lumpur's Golden Triangle district.

VERITAS Leadership Retreat



On 25th June 2022, the first VERITAS Leadership Retreat for 2022 was held at the Etiqa Building in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur. The retreat was intended to prepare for a rigorous leadership strategy and planning for the 2nd half of 2022 and beyond. In addition to the various presentations, guest speaker Michael Wang, Senior Continent Leader of Global Design Asia-Pacific Marriott International Hotels gave a stimulating talk on the topic of hotel branding and sustainability.

Newcomers

On behalf of VERITASians, we would like to welcome you to be part of VERITAS!

Myriace Majurice
Intern
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (KL)

Osama Amir
Intern
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (KL)

Aisyah Binti Ahmad Jamalun Naser
Intern
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (KL)

Chong Ishuan
Intern
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (KL)

Gurcharanvir Singh
Assistant Architect
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (KL)

Wong Wei Gin
Intern
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (KL)

Lim Yao Li, Kenny
Landscape Artists/3D Visualizer
VERITAS Landscape Sdn. Bhd.

WHO'S CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY - JUNE

VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. (Kuala Lumpur)

- Kanakaraja A/L Vellasamy 1st
- Alvin Choo Hua Ping 7th
- Haroon Sarfraz Qureshi 8th
- Nik Nubhan Bin Nik Mahmood 9th
- Ahmad Zahir Bin Osman 11th
- Muhammad Khairul Hisham 11th
- Annadhurai A/L Paskaran 16th
- Ngoo Li Si 16th
- Muhamad Amirul Faiz 17th
- Sellorani A/P Sellapan 21st

VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. (Johor Bahru)

- Fakhrurazi Bin Bustani 7th

VERITAS Planning Sdn. Bhd.

- Ramlah Izhar 28th

VERITAS Landscape Johor Bahru

- Al Ratni Abdul Said 25th

VERITAS Landscape Sdn. Bhd.

- Zainul Fadli Zaini 16th

VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. (Penang)

- Daniel Chong Voon Chuen 8th
- Mohd Ridzal Hassan 7th

VERITAS Contracts Sdn. Bhd.

- Nazrul Fikri Zainal Rashid 10th
- Khairunnisa Mohamed Borhan 16th

Bundle Of Joy

We are delighted to welcome a bundle of joy in VERITAS this month!

On 1st June, our staff, Hairun Bin Ahmad and spouse Wan Zarin Ashiqin Binti Wan Zulkifli welcomed a baby boy Zufar Bin Hairun. Congratulations to the happy couple!