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Greetings to all our readers!

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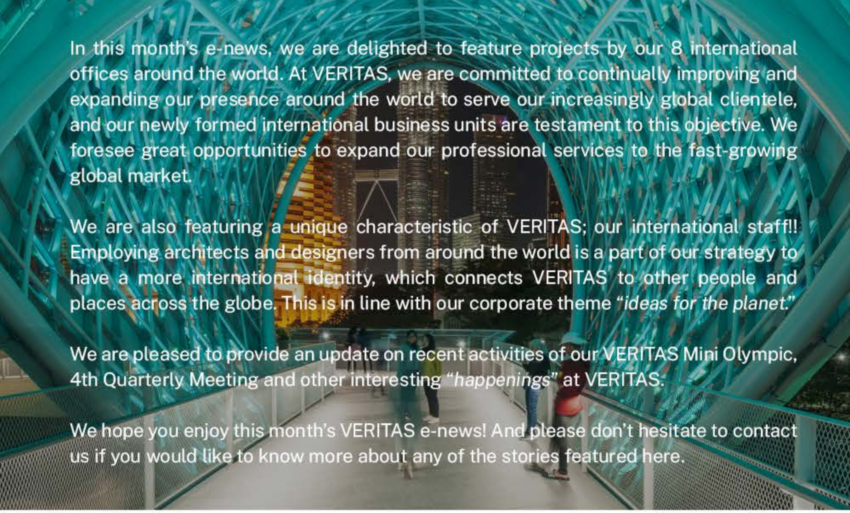

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature projects by our 8 international offices around the world. At VERITAS, we are committed to continually improving and expanding our presence around the world to serve our increasingly global clientele, and our newly formed international business units are testament to this objective. We foresee great opportunities to expand our professional services to the fast-growing global market.

We are also featuring a unique characteristic of VERITAS; our international staff!! Employing architects and designers from around the world is a part of our strategy to have a more international identity, which connects VERITAS to other people and places across the globe. This is in line with our corporate theme *"ideas for the planet."*

We are pleased to provide an update on recent activities of our VERITAS Mini Olympic, 4th Quarterly Meeting and 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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MAIN NEWS
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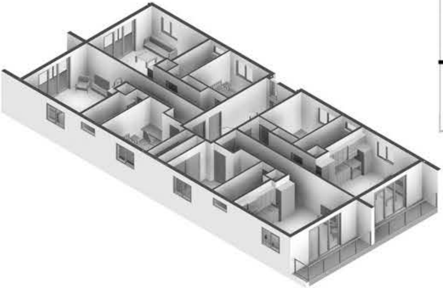
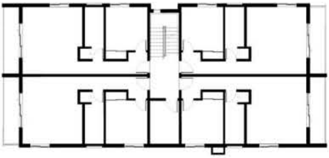
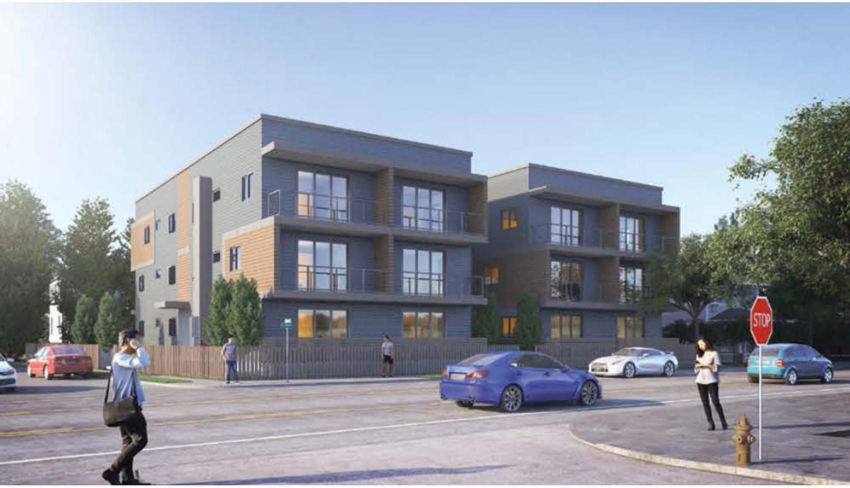
VERITAS USA Inc

Net Zero Apartments
Portland, Oregon, USA





The Net Zero Apartments on Lombard Street in Portland Oregon is a pilot project by the Client that aims to embody Oregon's claims as the leader in zero energy buildings. It consists of 2 identical blocks of 24 units apartment building with a plot ratio of 1:1.54. Net Zero energy buildings have the capacity to produce as much or more energy than they consume over the course of a year.

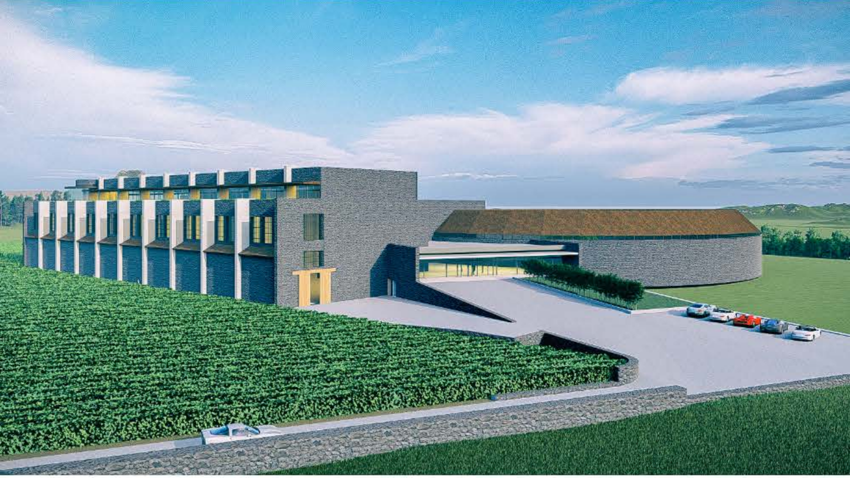


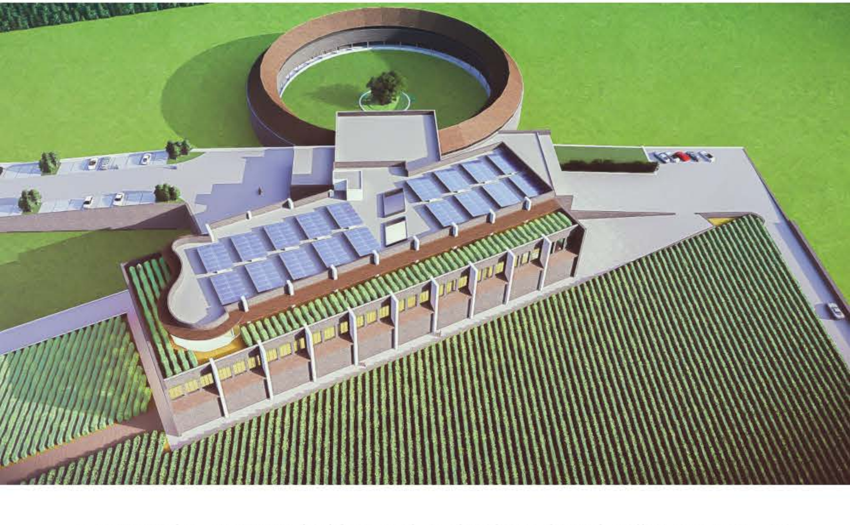
To achieve this target, the 3-storey development comes equipped with insulated walls and roof, triple pane windows and approximately 112 panels of rooftop photovoltaic array that covers the entire roof of the apartment block. To encourage reduction in the carbon footprint, the apartment blocks also come with ample and easily accessible bicycle storage at ground floor.

VERITAS Japan LLC

N-Winery
Hokkaido, Japan

This 13,000sm winery sits on a 17ha parcel in the beautiful natural landscape of gently rolling hills on the northern island of Hokkaido. Its planning transcribes the process of sparkling wine making which dictates the placement of respective spaces while the separation of controlled (clean) zones for employees and non-controlled zones for both staff and visitors ensures efficient yet sanitary operations.



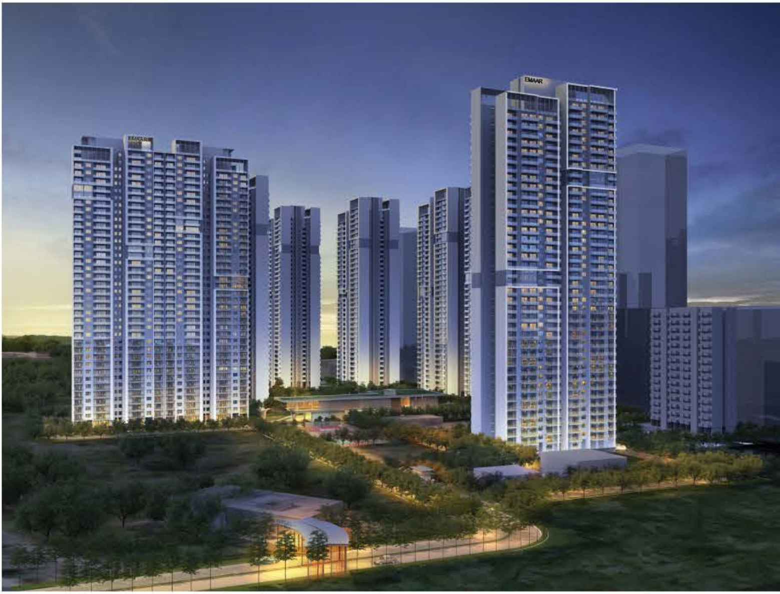


A rectangular "factory" building and a doughnut-shaped cellar structure are connected with a volume housing vertical circulation in the middle, a loading dock and employee entrance to the north and the guest area to the south. The predominant exterior finish is basalt rock from the site applied in different sizes and textures. The interior of the guest receiving area, offices, employee lounge, locker rooms and dining hall use wood finishes including teak and mahogany window frames.

The project is currently in the concept design stage.

VERITAS Design & Planning India Pvt Ltd

Emaar EMD-65
New Delhi, India

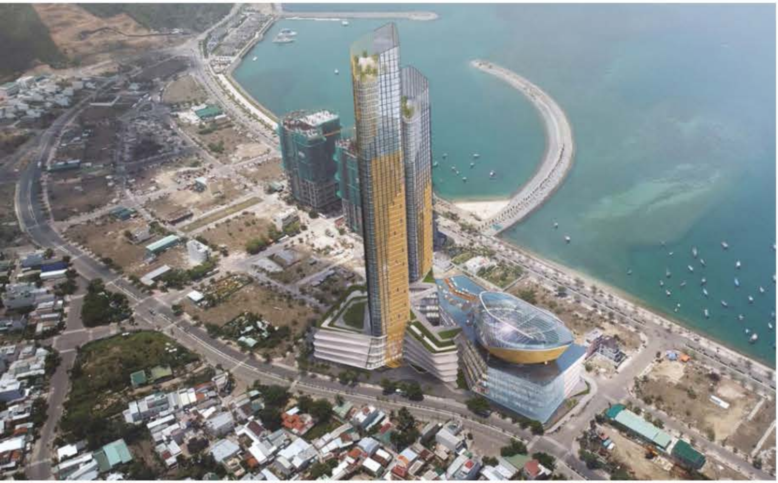


EMD-65 is an exclusive residential development in the upcoming sector 65 on Golf Course Extension Road in the city of Gurugram, Haryana, NCR near New Delhi in India. The 7.5 ha site of EMD-65 will cater to the demands of premium housing in Gurugram, being the second largest information technology and third largest financial and banking hub in the country. In total, there will be approximately 1,500 units distributed across 10 towers averaging 38 stories each, with a total gross floor area of 220,000 sm.

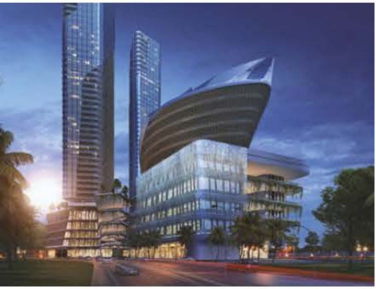
The goal of the detail master plan for EMD-65 is to create a secure, convenient and futuristic residential enclave with Health & Wellness concept supporting the entire development. It is envisioned towards transforming the lifestyles of the residents while ensuring sustainable growth and value. The project is being developed by Emaar India and construction is scheduled to commence in mid-2023.

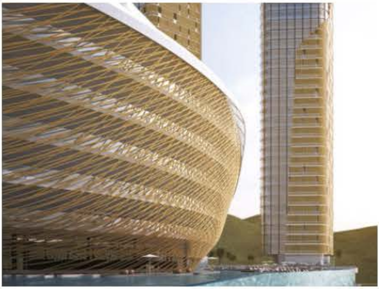
VERITAS Architects (Vietnam) Co. Ltd

Nam Hung Resort and Waterpark
Nha Trang, Vietnam



This exclusive waterfront resort and spa development is located at the edge of the city of Nha Trang in Vietnam. The design for this luxury hospitality complex draws inspiration from the water reflections created by the sunlight and the waves. The shimmering lights reflected unto the towers suggest the effect of a mirror image of the water surrounding the bay, while celebrating the unique site which brings together land and sea.



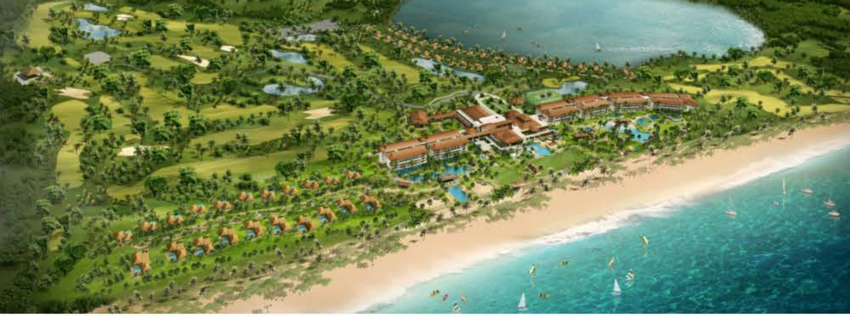


The architectural character expresses a new style of development that takes a contemporary approach to the local traditional roof forms to create a feature of attraction. The hemispherical form of the hotel resembles the *"basket boat"* (thuyen thung) and is situated over a body of water on the facilities floor above the podium. This strategy integrates the residential use with the One Central Complex: living, business, shopping, leisure, and entertainment: a true Live, Work and Play destination.

The proposal was prepared for Crystal Bay JSC in 2018.

VERITAS Architects Singapore

Shangri-La Hambantota
Hambantota, Sri Lanka



The site is in Hambantota at the southern tip of the island. With a site area of approximately 40 hectares, it faces the sea and beach front at the southern side and a lake view to the east. The approach to the resort style is to adopt the eclectic style of the Sri Lankan architecture stripped down to a more minimalist approach.

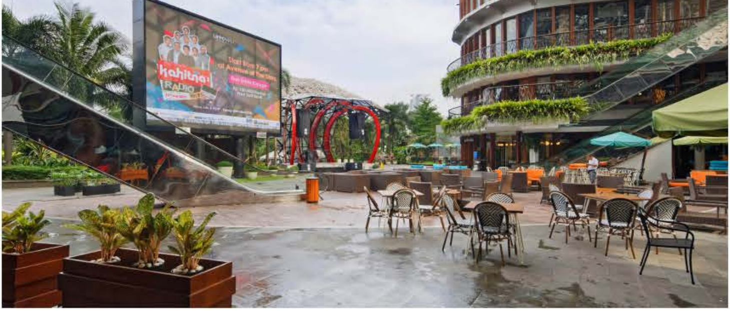
The structure is kept to basic geometric shapes with play of shadow and light using texture, colours, clean and fine detailing to bring out tasteful non-fussy design. The beauty of nature patterns on stone cladding and real wood encapsulated within ordered simplified structures is key to a simplified but stunning modern architecture. Ornamentations are quality rather than quantity and set in gallery design spaces to give full flavour to the Sri Lankan cultural heritage in a modern futuristic resort setting.

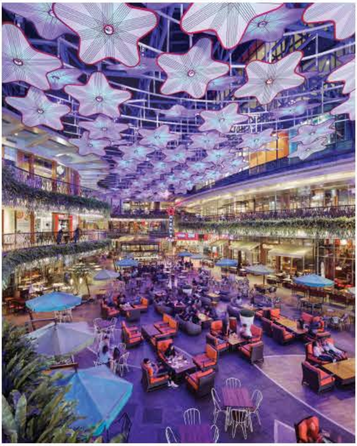
Overall conceptual layout design is to maximize the panoramic views for the villas facing the sea with the lake villas being constructed on the lake. Overall height of the Resort is kept below the coconut trees level to maintain and integrate the architectural built-forms with nature and landscape.

This project was completed in 2017.

PT. VERITAS Desain Indonesia

Avenue of the Stars, Lippo Mall Kemang
Jakarta, Indonesia





The project is situated in the Lippo Mall in Kemang, Jakarta. It is a multi-purpose roof screening installation for an outdoor area created by two building masses, utilized as an alfresco area called Avenue of the Stars. The design solution was an array of large lighting modules, like lanterns, hung from the existing structure. These lanterns filter direct sunlight, protect visitors from rain and invigorate the space. The star-shaped lanterns are clad in stretched fabric and are also intended to protect the neighboring residential towers from the sounds emanating from the stage.

The built result transforms the mall's alfresco area into a thriving F&B zone and has since been extremely popular among visitors to the shopping mall.

The Client for the project was Lippo Group and it was completed in 2018.

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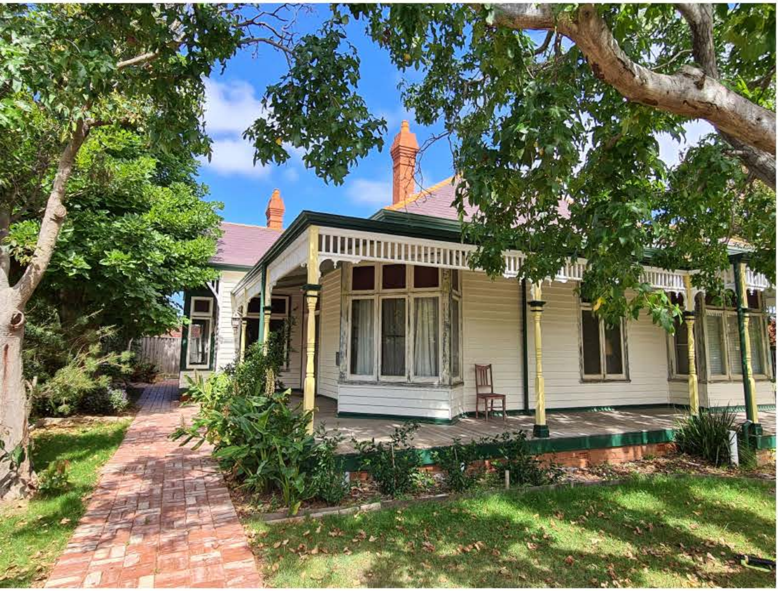
Australia Pty Ltd

Balei Gadja, Mornington
Melbourne, Australia



This Federation/Edwardian 1910 bungalow now named after a plantation on Aceh, Sumatra is restoration work in progress. The original roofing slate tiles have been used where possible, but as these came from the Welsh quarry, “*Penrhyn*” a quarry producing two colour palettes neither of which now match the originals, more suitable colours were found in rural Victoria.

BALEI-GADJA

Lichen removal and the restoration of the terracotta capping has been done and the rotted iron valleys replaced with lead flashing, oiled to prevent oxidation.

This project won the Mornington Peninsula Heritage Award 2021 Restoration of a Heritage Place for Balei Gadja Private Residence, Melbourne, Australia

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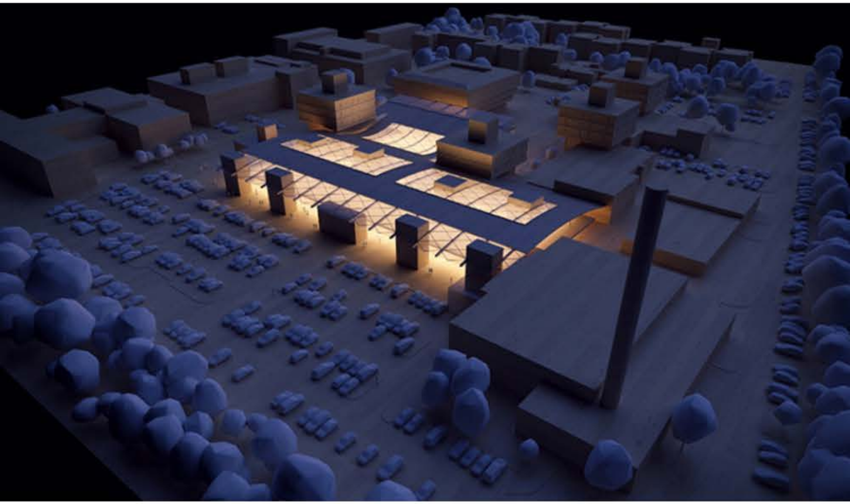
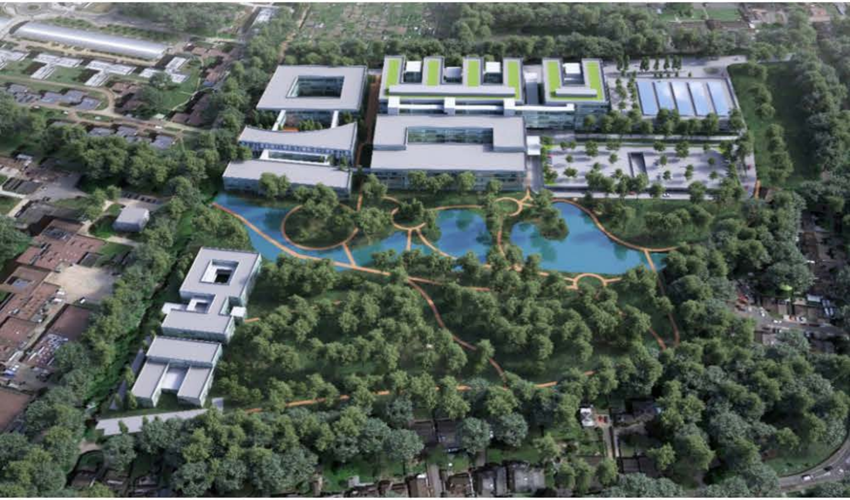
VERITAS Architects (UK) Limited

Brunel University Health Campus
London, United Kingdom



The Brunel University Health Campus is the product of a strategic partnership between Brunel University London (BUL) and the local primary and acute care agencies, to create an integrated health treatment, care, education and research facility on a vacant site between the existing university and the local acute hospital. The key objective for the university is to create an innovative and multi-disciplinary medical school building on the School of Health Sciences facility designed by VERITAS between 2006 and 2009.



The first phase comprises the replacement and re-organisation of the failing, and now obsolete, Hillingdon District General Hospital, with a new tertiary emergency care and diagnostic centre, together with new facilities for rehabilitative and step-down care. A major new "teaching" polyclinic creates the focus for the new BUL medical school, integrating the existing BUL health training and laboratory centres and creating skilled professionals in areas of growing graduate employment need.

Four VERITAS international staff share their working experiences in VERITAS with Komathi Ramakrishna

Indonesia

Michael Tan
Architect

Yemen

Khaled Salem
Design Technologist Manager

Pakistan

Haroon Sarfraz Qureshi
Senior Draftsperson

Philippines

Flory Ann Gajo
Senior Interior Designer

VERITAS has always been proud to have staff from around the world. This is part of our "international" corporate culture, manifested in our global presence. Our goal is to have 10% foreign staff in all VERITAS group companies, something which has already been achieved in our VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur office. Here is a short interview with some of our international employees:

What made you want to join VERITAS?
MT: *My lecturer introduced VERITAS to me after my final year at Lim Kok Wing University; and here I am! Still going on after 8 years.*

What is it like to work in Malaysia?
MT: *Greater exposure is what I am looking for, but of course it is more lucrative to work in Malaysian compared to Indonesia.*

HSQ: *There have been many sacrifices as my family is in Pakistan. But there are also lot things that I gain from working in Malaysia. Constantly there are new developments, new applications of technology and most important of all; working with people from around the world.*

KS: *Working here in Malaysia is quite good for me even though I am away from home I don't really feel the thought of being homesickness unlike working in far countries like Europe where homesickness does really exist.*

FA: *I have been working in Malaysia for 14 years, I picked up an extra language. I could say I speak Bahasa Melayu fluently. I had the opportunity to work with Ministers, Sultan and high-profile Clients e.g Istana Kinta in Perak.*

What are your expectations from VERITAS?

KS: *My expectation from VERITAS is working with a good firm like VERITAS; people are nice and there is a good relationship between the staff & the principals, VERITASians have a kind attitude of treating you like a "family & friends relationship" and in terms of work & duties we all have responsibilities. VERITASians are also friendly people, especially to the new comers.*

FA: *Over here I can improve my skills.*

What are the changes you have seen in VERITAS throughout the years you have been here?

KS: *It is my 5th year here; we have been through a lot of changes from the previous office to the new office, there are a lot of things we miss and lose. I am sure some of you will agree with me, friends, and team members who join and find their way. I mean, change is part of life. Everything around us is in a dynamic cycle for instance, the sky clouds sunset, and our body to the smallest atom. Some changes can be observed daily.*

Other International Staff Based in Malaysia

Yemen

Aboras Shama
Architectural Assistant

Yemen

Nuha Altaifi
Interior Designer

United Kingdom

Bianca Purkis
Associate

Spain

Miguel Robles
Associate

India

Lavanya Penumarthy
BIM Manager

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MINI OLYMPICS 2022

After a 4-year breather, the VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) held its 2022 Mini Olympics in a grand manner at the Setiawangsa Sports Complex near Kuala Lumpur on 5th November 2022. The event started at 9am with a Grand March by VERITASians (divided into 5 tribes - I.D.E.A.S - according to their birthdates)

VERITAS Group President, David Hashim gave a short welcoming speech about team spirit and the event was officiated by releasing the Olympic Banner at the grandstand. All VERITASians participated enthusiastically in many races and challenges despite the extremely hot weather.

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The event ended at 4 pm with the prize giving ceremony. Winning multiple medals, Tribe E (for Environment) secured the overall championship for 2022. Thank you again and kudos to the Olympic committee members for organizing such a successful event!

Best Sport man (Male above 50) **Hairulnizar Pardi (Tribe A)**
Best Sport woman (Female above 50) **Sellorani Sellapan (Tribe E)**
Best Sport man (Male between the 20-50) **Kenny Lim (Tribe I)**
Best Sport woman (Female between the 20-50) **Komathi Ramakrishna (Tribe A)**

VIDEO LINK

VFE AND FERUNI
PROJEK URBAN HIJAU

On 12th November 2022, the VERITAS Fund for Excellent (VFE) hosted the Projek Urban Hijau, an initiative to promote awareness and education of environmental sustainability. By collaborating with Yayasan Feruni which has affiliations with 7 orphanages, VFE introduced sustainable urban farming as a way to mitigate climate change. The Kasih Harmoni Paya Jaras home in Sg Buloh was chosen because it has a well-lit area and ample space for children to operate the system. This initiative could also potentially develop entrepreneurship skills among the young residents by selling fresh produce around their neighborhood.

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PAYA JARAS

VERITAS Principal Ng Yiek Seng officiated and gave a talk to 20 Students and 15 staff from VERITAS and Feruni.

The VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) is part of our CSR program whereby the VERITAS Design Group pledges a portion of its revenue toward the agenda of Environmental, Sustainability and Governance (ESG). The VFE was founded in 2004 to further our core values of constant innovation, a commitment to design excellence, and social responsibility towards the built environment.

Kudos to VFE Head Nicole Hernandez and her team!!

4TH QUARTERLY MEETING

VERITAS held its 4th quarterly staff meeting of the year at the Theatrette of Bangunan Getah Asli on the 26th of November.

Among the highlights of the gathering were updates by our Group President, David Mizan Hashim, who gave a rousing speech on the plans and future of VERITAS for the coming year, predicting the exponential growth of VERITAS. Following that, each SBU updated on their respective upcoming and ongoing projects.

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LANDSCAPE
VERITAS STAFF QUARTERLY MEETING , 26 NOVEMBER 2022

UNITY IS STRENGTH

Also, the overall VERITAS Mini Olympic 2022 Champions, Tribe E (for Environment) was presented.

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WHERE ARE WE FEATURED?

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OXLEY TOWERS

On 31st October 2022, The Oxley Towers was featured at The Edge Newspaper.

A stone's throw away from the renowned Petronas Twin Towers, the Oxley Towers is a vibrant mixed-use development comprising a combination of three cascading skyscrapers interlinked with landscaped sky decks. The high-density mixed development of 280,000sm consists of a concoction of components.

> The future landmark of the Kuala Lumpur skyline comprises two hotels, serviced residences, offices, and retail which will soon transform the civic realm and urban experience of the KLCC area.

Under the guidance of VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay and led by Principal Alif Arif, backed up by a team including associate Miguel A. Robles and architects Fatin Shaza Hassanudin, Yi Zhi Yew, and Michael Tan the project is under construction and is expected to be completed by end of 2023.

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TALKS BY VERITASIANS

ARCHITECTURE FOR WELL-BEING

In celebration of World Architecture Day and UIA Year of Design for Health 2022, on 30th of October, VERITAS Principal Syah Kamaruddin was a speaker in a half-day forum event which was organized by Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM).

WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY 2022
FORUM

In celebration of the World Architecture Day (WAD) 2022 & UIA Year of Design For Health 2022. Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) will be organising a half day forum in line with WAD 2022 theme. 'Architecture For Well-being'.

WHEN?
Date: 29 October 2022 (Saturday)
Time : 2pm - 6pm

Syah's talk entitled '*Mental Health and the WAO Shelter Home*' was in line with PAM's World Architecture Day theme "*Architecture for Well-Being.*"

SENIBINA 2022 TALK

In conjunction with the 20th Anniversary of the Department of Architecture and Built Environment, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), VERITAS Design Group Principal Alif Arif Iskandar gave a talk at the International Conference on Regional Architecture & Built Environment (seniBina 2022) on 3rd of November.

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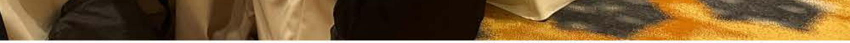
Alif's talk was entitled 'Architecture and Design.' **SeniBINA 2022** is a platform for academics, researchers, policymakers, practitioners and stakeholders to present and share their knowledge on recent discoveries in the Architecture and Built Environment as well as to promote and disseminate findings in various studies and widen collaboration network.

FUTURE CITIES CONFERENCE

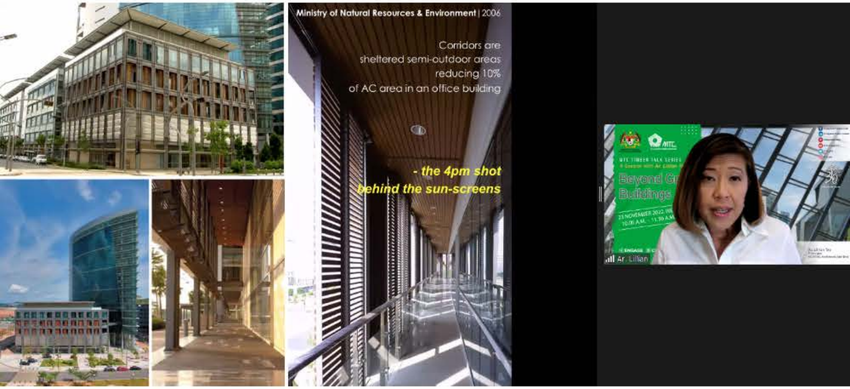
On 29th June 2022, VERITAS Founder and President, David Mizan Hashim gave a talk at the Future Cities Conference held at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore and organized by Marcus Evans. His talk was entitled, "Nusantara: Future Capital of Indonesia." David spoke on the current status of design and implementation of Indonesia's new capital city. He also shared VERITAS' award-winning project's design and planning.

Representation of Nusantara's Cosmology
marcus evans



BEYOND
GREEN BUILDINGS

On 23rd November 2022, VERITAS Design Group Vice President Lillian Tay presented a talk at the Malaysian Timber Council via Zoom.



Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment | 2006

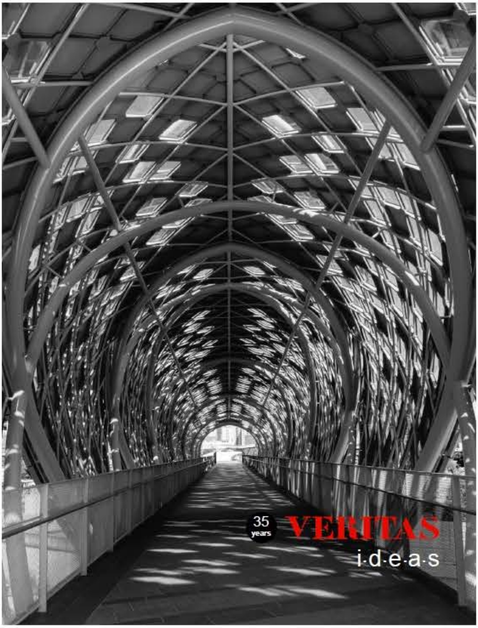
Corridors are sheltered semi-outdoor areas reducing 10% of AC area in an office building

- the 4pm shot behind the sun-screens

She spoke intensely on *"Beyond Green Buildings"* which discussed how green buildings are more than quantitative parameters and certifications.

She further explained that buildings should also focus on qualitative aspects to aspire for a better quality of urban life.

The latest VERITAS "Monograph" is a publication of our works, showcasing the many significant projects we have undertaken between 1987 and 2022. The work of VERITAS strives to connect the confluences of the social, cultural, and economic context of the times in artistic discourse.



The Monograph represents the evolution of VERITAS in the fields of architecture, interior design, landscape design, planning, quantity surveying, project management and environmental consulting over the last 35years.

The monograph will soon be available at local and international bookstores.

For any enquires on the book, please contact us at arch@theveritasdesigngroup.com

Newcomers

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

Welcome to the Team!

Affan bin Wazir
Architect
@ VERITAS
Architects
Sdn. Bhd.
(Kuala Lumpur)

Ainani Syukriah Binti Sanam
Corporate
Communications
Executive
@ VERITAS
Architects
Sdn. Bhd.
(Kuala Lumpur)

Siti Aisyah Norazli Sham
Assistant
Urban/Tourism
Planner
@ VERITAS
Planning
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Tuan Nurashikin Binti Tuan Kamal
Executive Asst.
Business
Development
@ VERITAS
Contracts
Sdn. Bhd.

Jimmy Bin Olusin
HSE Manager
@ VERITAS
Contracts
Sdn. Bhd.

Who's Celebrating Their Birthday - November

- Megat Arzuan Bin Abas
- Zawika Ab Kadir
- Syed Salem Syed Abu Bakar
- Chui Yee Kwan
- Abdul Aziz Bin Rusly
- Lee Chuin Shane
- Michael Tan
- Asmazaris Ismail
- Suhaimi Bin Mohd Yunus
- Izzatur Aizzat binti Mohd Khalil Sreedaran
- Logesan A/L K Supumaran
- Tan Zi Ling
- Suhaimi bin Abdul Ghani
- Sharulnizam Bin Amir
- Nur 'Aisyah Binti Muhamad Anis
- Aliff Khusairi

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