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Greetings to All our Readers.

Beyond Aesthetics: Designing for Health and Well-being.

Creating Places That Support Better Living

As Malaysia continues to urbanise and cities become increasingly dense, the role of architecture extends beyond creating functional and visually engaging spaces. The environments we design influence how people live, move, interact and experience everyday life.

Well-being in the built environment is shaped by many layers—from access to nature and daylight, to comfortable interiors, healthy environments, active public spaces and urban planning that encourages connection. Achieving this requires a holistic approach where multiple disciplines work together from the earliest stages of design.

Across the following six VERITAS projects, we explore how Architecture, Landscape, Interiors, Environment, Planning and other specialist disciplines contribute to creating spaces that support physical comfort, emotional well-being and stronger communities.

From learning environments surrounded by nature, to healthcare spaces designed with empathy, urban landscapes that encourage movement and residential developments that respond to Malaysia's tropical climate, these projects demonstrate a shared belief: when well-being becomes a fundamental design consideration, architecture has the power to improve everyday life.

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We hope you find this edition insightful, and as always, we welcome you to reach out should you wish to learn more about the

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MAIN NEWS

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PETRONAS Leadership Centre

Bangi, Selangor | Completed 2022

Disciplines: Architecture · Environment · Interiors · Landscape · Planning · Project Management · Quantity Surveying

Set within 35 acres of greenery, the PETRONAS Leadership Centre offers a different interpretation of the corporate learning environment—one where nature, movement and human interaction become integral parts of the experience.

Rather than separating learning spaces from their surroundings, the campus is organised around a flowing central spine connecting classrooms, breakout areas, amphitheatres and communal spaces.

Daylight, landscaped views and open circulation create opportunities for interaction, reflection and moments of pause throughout the day.

Through the integration of architecture, landscape and environmental strategies, the campus demonstrates how learning environments can be designed not only for productivity, but also for comfort, connection and well-being.

Disciplines: Architecture · Engineering · Interiors · Project Management · Quantity Surveying

M Social Resort Penang

Tanjung Bungah, Penang | Completed 2025

Located along the coastline of Penang, M Social Resort Penang creates a hospitality experience shaped by its relationship with the sea, landscape and social interaction.

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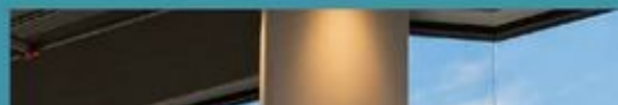

The 318-room resort integrates communal spaces designed for gathering, leisure and connection, allowing guests to move between moments of privacy and shared experiences.

The coastal setting further enhances the sense of retreat, bringing the natural character of Penang into the everyday guest experience.

Behind this experience is careful coordination between architecture and engineering, ensuring the resort remains comfortable, resilient and responsive to its environment.

Disciplines: *Interiors· Landscape*

Thomson Hospital

Kota Damansara, Kuala Lumpur | Completed 2022

Healthcare environments are often associated with stress and uncertainty. At Thomson Hospital, the interior design approach focuses on creating a more supportive and reassuring experience for patients, visitors and healthcare workers.

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Natural light, biophilic elements and a gentle nature-inspired palette help soften the clinical environment, while colour strategies assist navigation throughout the 326-bed complex.

Within the women's and children's wards, playful motifs and garden-inspired imagery introduce a sense of warmth and familiarity.

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HOSPITAL
SUBWAY

These design decisions may appear subtle, but they play an important role in creating spaces that feel calmer, more welcoming and more human during moments when comfort matters most.

Urban Skate Plaza by Vans

Ampang Park, Kuala Lumpur | Completed 2023

Created in collaboration with Vans, a global lifestyle brand known for its strong connection to skateboarding, action sports and creative youth culture, the Urban Skate Plaza by Vans transforms an underutilised urban space above the MRT Ampang Park interchange into an active destination for movement, recreation and community interaction.

The landscape design integrates skateboarding elements—including quarter pipes, bowls and ledges—with pedestrian routes, seating areas and food kiosks, creating

an inclusive public space where skaters, commuters and visitors can share the same environment.

More than a dedicated skate facility, the project demonstrates how landscape design can contribute to urban well-being by encouraging physical activity, social connection and meaningful use of city spaces. What was once simply part of the city's transport infrastructure has been reimagined into a vibrant place where people choose to gather, engage and spend time.

VIVO Residence 9 Seputeh

Kuala Lumpur | Completed 2023

At VIVO Residence 9 Seputeh, well-being begins with creating a residential environment that responds to the way people live today. The development integrates thoughtfully planned communal spaces, landscaped areas and recreational facilities that encourage interaction, relaxation and a stronger connection between residents and their surroundings.

Beyond the individual home, the project considers the importance of shared experiences and outdoor spaces in supporting healthier lifestyles.

Landscape design, environmental considerations and spatial planning work together to create a more comfortable living environment suited to Malaysia's tropical climate.

By balancing privacy with opportunities for community engagement, VIVO

Residence 9 Seputeh reflects a contemporary approach to residential design—where well-being is embedded not only within the home, but across the wider living environment.

Residensi Astrea

Kuala Lumpur | Completed 2023

Disciplines: Landscape · Environment

At Residensi Astrea, Mont Kiara, the design approach focuses on creating a more comfortable residential environment suited to Malaysia's tropical climate.

Landscape gardens, pool terraces and communal outdoor spaces provide opportunities for recreation, relaxation and social interaction, while environmental considerations such as daylight, natural ventilation and solar response help improve residential comfort.

Many of these qualities are intentionally subtle. Their success is reflected in the everyday experience of residents—homes that feel cooler, healthier and more connected to their surroundings.

VERITAS' Vision for a Healthier Nation

Across these six projects, well-being takes many forms. It can be found in environments that reconnect people with nature, interiors that provide comfort during challenging moments, public spaces that encourage movement and interaction, and communities planned around healthier ways of living.

For VERITAS, designing for well-being means looking beyond the building as an isolated object and considering the wider relationship between people, place and environment.

Through the integration of our multidisciplinary expertise, we strive to create spaces that are not only designed to perform, but designed to support the lives they hold.

Ultimately, the success of architecture is measured not only by how a place looks, but by how well it enables people and communities to thrive.

WHERE ARE WE FEATURED

September 2026

Ng Yiek Seng Featured on the Future of Urban Connectivity.

On 21 September, VERITAS Principal Ng Yiek Seng was featured in Nanyang Property for his insights on the evolving challenges of urban planning and city connectivity.

高密度分层生活成新常态

城市规划迎连接新考题

大型综合体破交通困局

资本分拆如意算盘

真正智慧不必看得见

Titled *"城市规划迎连接新考题"* (Urban Planning Faces New Questions in Connectivity), the feature explores how cities are adapting to increasing density, changing lifestyles and the need for more integrated urban environments.

Ng shared his perspectives on the importance of thoughtful planning and design in creating cities that are not only connected and efficient, but also more liveable and responsive to the needs of communities.

As cities continue to evolve, VERITAS remains committed to shaping urban environments through integrated planning, design innovation and a human-centred approach.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

September 2026

Bringing Professional Perspectives into the Studio.

On 27 August, VERITAS Architect Ridhwan Ahmad joined the External Panel for the Interim 2 assessment of Year 1 students from the Master of Architecture programme at Universiti Malaya.

Held at Mercu Alam Bina, the session provided students with professional insights on their design development, strengthening the connection between architectural education and industry practice.

Connecting Investors with Vietnam's Real Estate Opportunities.

On 3 September, VERITAS Design

Group participated as an international architectural and urban design consultancy at Vietnam International Sourcing 2026.

Joining the delegation organised by the Vietnam Trade Office in Malaysia and Vietnam Malaysia Business Club (VMBC), VERITAS shared its expertise in master planning, architectural design and project feasibility, connecting investors with emerging opportunities in Vietnam's real estate market.

Principals from VERITAS Vietnam, Hai Nguyen and Dai Do, also attended the VMBC Gala Dinner organised by the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Vietnam, further strengthening regional partnerships.

A Dialogue on Malaysia's Future.

On 9 September, VERITAS Group President David M. Hashim moderated the closed-door discussion "*State of the Nation: Quo Vadis Malaysia?*", organised by EOX Malaysia.

The discussion brought together speakers including YB Datuk Seri Rafizi Ramli, Former Minister of Economy, alongside Mildred Voon and Prof. Dr. Wong Chin Huat, to explore Malaysia's socio-economic direction, challenges and opportunities ahead.

Strengthening Regional Connections with

Timor-Leste.

On 14 September, VERITAS Group President David M. Hashim had the honour of meeting with H.E. Mr. Lisualdo Gaspar, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to Malaysia, to discuss opportunities for stronger collaboration between Malaysia and Timor-Leste.

The engagement reflects VERITAS' growing regional presence and commitment to contributing its architectural expertise beyond Malaysia, including the upcoming hospitality development in Dili, Timor-Leste.

The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange perspectives on the role of design, hospitality and development in supporting the growth of destinations, while strengthening connections between both nations.

VERITAS looks forward to contributing to Dili's evolving built environment through thoughtful design and meaningful regional collaboration.

Bringing Architecture Education Closer to Practice.

On 14 September, VERITAS welcomed 14 undergraduate students and lecturers from Inha University, South Korea, for a knowledge-sharing session and office visit.

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Senior Associate Ar. Chu Jia Jun and Senior Architect Daryl Law shared insights on high-rise mixed-use developments, followed by an office tour showcasing VERITAS' multidisciplinary practice.

Shaping Ideas Through Design Dialogue.

On 14 September, VERITAS Assistant Architect Edwin Chu De Yeong participated as an external critic for a design crit session with Part 1 architecture students from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR).

The session provided students with industry perspectives and constructive feedback to refine their design thinking.

On 14 September, VERITAS joined Ibraco Bhd for the official launch of Northbank Business Xchange at the Ibraco Sales Gallery, Kuching.

Representing VERITAS was Landscape Principal Khalifah Jamaluddin, marking another milestone in the collaboration between the project team and partners.

Designed by VERITAS Architects and Landscape, Northbank Business Xchange integrates leisure, workplace and serviced residences within a connected urban environment, contributing to Kuching's evolving city landscape.

Nurturing Future Architects Through Design Dialogue.

On 17 September, VERITAS joined Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) for a design crit session with students from the Department of Architecture and Sustainable Design.

Representing VERITAS as industry critics were Principal Edward Chew, Architect Ridhwan Ahmad and Architect Syaqina Mazelan. The session focused on the students' final project, "A *Regenerative and Sustainable Future*", providing professional perspectives to strengthen their design approach and understanding of practice.

A New Chapter for VERITAS in the UAE.

We're delighted to welcome Jamal Najjar as Principal of VERITAS Dubai in the UAE and to the VERITAS leadership team.

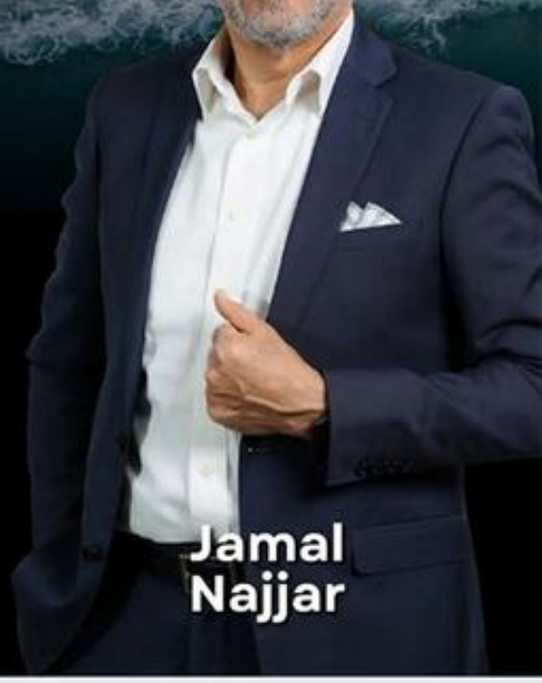
We are delighted to share this exciting milestone and warmly welcome **Jamal Najjar** to the VERITAS leadership team.

Project Image:
Novotel Jazan Saudi Arabia

INTRODUCING THE NEW PRINCIPAL OF VERITAS DUBAI IN THE UAE

Jamal Najjar brings over 40 years of architectural and executive leadership experience across the Middle East, North Africa and Asia. His expertise spans luxury hospitality, commercial developments, master planning and large-scale project delivery, with extensive experience working with international hotel operators including Marriott, Accor, IHG and Millennium.

With a strong track record in leading multidisciplinary teams and complex regional projects, Jamal brings deep industry insight and strategic leadership to VERITAS in the UAE.



With more than 40 years of architectural and executive leadership experience across the Middle East, North Africa and Asia, Jamal brings a wealth of expertise in hospitality, commercial development, master planning and large-scale project delivery.

His experience spans some of the region's most dynamic markets, including work with international hospitality operators such as Marriott, Accor, IHG and Millennium.

As Jamal joins VERITAS, we look forward to the experience, perspective and leadership he brings as we continue to shape meaningful places across the region.

Welcome to VERITAS, Jamal.

VDG Birthday - September.

- 1st/ Meor Herme Bin Mansor @ VAKL
- 1st/ Najdi Bin Naimi @ VAKL
- 1st/ Mohamed Nadzeem bin Abdullah @ VAJB
- 2nd/ Al-Muslim Bin Abdul Nasir @ VAJB

- 2nd/ Noryanti Jamal @ VLSB
- 2nd/ Mohd zamri bin abd lateh @ VAPG
- 5th/ Murugadass Ganathipan @ VLSB
- 6th/ Muhammad Saifullah @ VAKL
- 6th/ Mohd Fadzil Mohamad Yunos @ VAJB
- 7th/ Muhammad Yusya Mohd Azmi @ VAKL
- 9th/ Richard Raymond @ VC
- 12th/ Wan Mohd Nizam @ VAKL
- 14th/ Vijaya Kumar A/L Yoganathan @ VAJB
- 14th/ Mohd zulhelmie bin Zakaria @ VAPG
- 15th/ Puteri Elina Bin Khir Annuar @ VAKL
- 18th/ Mohd Azrul Bin Adnan @ VAKL
- 19th/ Emmelia Anne Quek Yuen May @ VAKL
- 21st/ Alif Arif Iskandar Abd Wahab @ VAKL
- 22nd/ Komathi A/P Ramakrishna @ VAKL
- 22nd/ Nadhira Akmal Ismil Binti Harun @ VAKL
- 24th/ Ardi Herli Saputra @ V Indonesia
- 25th/ Johan Bin Nor Azman @ VAKL
- 25th/ Fazelyna Binti Abdul Rashid @ VP
- 25th/ Rachel Tan Shuk Lee @ VI

- 28th/ Abiraamie A/P Santhana Raju @ VI
- 29th/ Farah Noor Adlyn @ VAKL
- 29th/ Saza Nurlyana Binti Sabarudin @ VAKL
- 30th/ Maressa Binti Mustaffa Kamal @ VAKL

New Hires.

Khairulfadzli Bin Nasri
Resident Architect @ VAKL

Khor Huigen
Graduate Architect @ VAKL

Mohamad Zakwan
Graduate Architect @ VAKL

Athirah Mohd Irwan Yen

Architect @ VAKL

Aizam Afifie Bin Zainuri

Asistant Resident Architect @ VAKL

Don Ahmad Asyraf

Architectural Manager @ VAKL

Muhammad Ammar

Assistant Architect @ VAKL

Ahmad Afandi Bin Alang

Inspector of work @ VAKL

Chan Keng Hao

Graduate Architect @ VAKL

Al-Muslim Bin Abdul Nasir

Assistant Architect @ VAJB

Muhamad Firdaus

Graduate Architect @ VAJB

Zaharul Azhar

Technical Assistant @ VLSB (KL)

New Interns.

Shree Sushmitha Ravi

@ VAKL

Muhamad Ariq Nasrullah

@ VAKL

Muhamad Luqman Ariff

@ VAKL

Farishsya Najiha

@ VAKL

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