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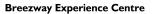
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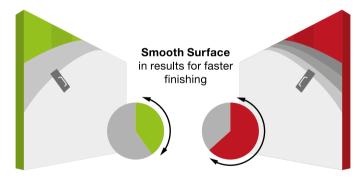
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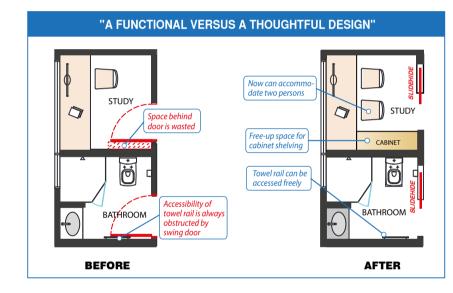
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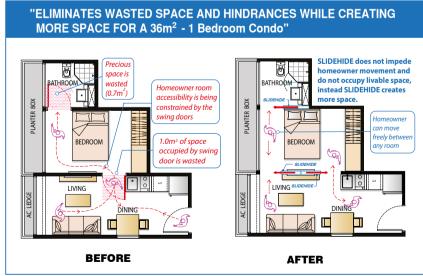


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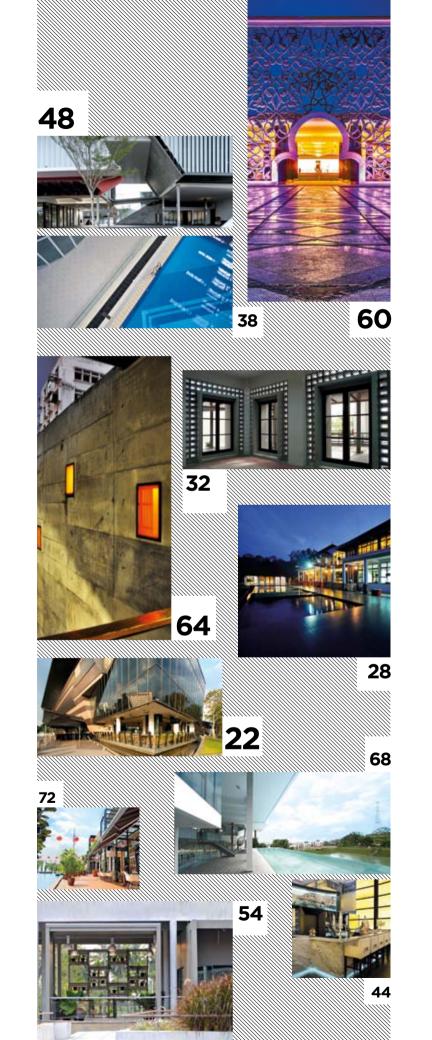
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#### **AFTER HOURS**

Regardless of where you are trained - be it Asia, Europe, Africa or any other continents - architects have always been identified as a nocturnal bunch. The resounding consensus is that the architectural student's light will be the last one out, or never at all if the case may be. This is due to the arduous nature of studying architecture and the enormous amount of time the process entails. This love-hate relationship with nocturnal living is perhaps exacerbated further by the fact that during the initial period of employment the amount of work a graduate architect has to undergo usually requires him or her to extend their personal working hours way into the wee hours of the morning. For some, this has become a lifestyle which continues until the later stages of their career.

This shared experience of nocturnal living gives architects a unique take on activities that happen during the night. This can range from the pious who worship into the wee hours of the morning, to the stressed who actively seek a brief reprieve in worldly entertainment, to the hungry who crave the satisfaction of a wholesome supper or sinfully delicious midnight snack. Regardless, architects are put in a unique position to have lived and experienced the night in unique ways, and when called upon to design 'after hours' buildings and spaces that have special relationships with the night, they shine with that extra charm that says we have been there and are now doing it better.

None typify this better than the array of projects that we have profiled in this issue. We have **Zouk Club**, a mainstay for revellers and party goers in the city for years and is now given a new upbeat design at a new premise. Perhaps your evening taste leans towards the natural intimacy of the JCSC Clubhouse which interfaces nature and built environment well to create an idyllic relaxation space. If your night time activities are of the more pious kind then the serenity of the masjids (mosques), such as Masjid Naza TTDI and Masjid Puncak Alam, will aptly reconnect you with the Almighty by correctly creating a relationship with nature and sustainability. The Symphony Hills Club Village highlights how a centralised facility can appropriately create a space where the community can come together and interact in a harmonious setting. In the case of the **Refurbishment and Upgrading Works to** the Aquatic Centre, the notion of facilities which bind the community together is further explored and showcases how a purpose-built sports facility can evolve into a more community-centric role with a little help from design. Another project that further demonstrates this is the **Concrete Cloud**, a sporting and community facility that is expressed in a sustainable and community-centric manner. Perhaps the best part of the night is chilling out with friends, and the perfect place for it would be **M Marini** with its perfect blend of chic ambience and high end décor. After a nice drink, a stroll at night with family and friends would be great at a place like Oasis Square where the idea of having an area for urban reprieve away from the hustle and bustle of modern living is fully realised. After all the night activities, spend the night at the **BackHome** budget hotel where the unique detail designs make it a very cosy and comfortable home away from home. Finally, if you are travelling to Cambodia and find yourself weary from the journey, spend the evening at the uniquely designed **Tayern** @ **The Angkor Stretch** for a cool and relaxing drink to satiate the soul

Regardless if we have progressed rapidly in our quest for development or taken a meandering path towards being a progressive nation, the nights will always be better because architects have put their special touch and perspective into experiencing the night.

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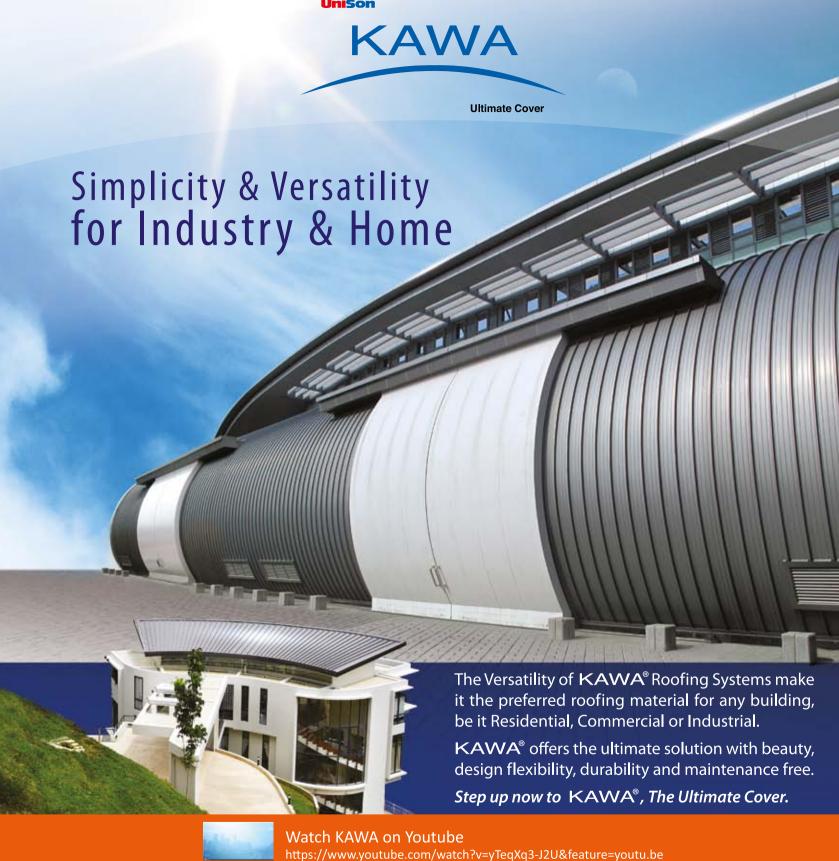
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## **BRIEF**



PAM Council Members 2016-2017 pose for a picture with Deputy Minister of MOSTI, YB Datuk Dr Abu Bakar bin Mohamad Diah



The PAM Annual Dinner was held on 28 May at the Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, with the theme 'Hallmark of Inspiration' The alitzy affair brought together a full-house crowd of PAM members, architects and industry experts who indulged in dinner whilst enjoying the programmes of the evening.

**PAM ANNUAL DINNER** 

**AND AWARDS 2016** 

Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation (MOSTI) YB Datuk Dr Abu Bakar bin Mohamad Diah also graced the event and presented a speech.

Ar Mohd Zulhemlee An, who was elected once more as PAM President during PAM's 50th AGM, also introduced the elected PAM Council 2016-2017 during the dinner. He then presented a touching and emotional tribute to his W&W Partner, YB Dato Ar Wan Mohammad Khairil Anuar Wan Ahmad, who recently passed away in a helicopter

There was also the conferment ceremony of PAM Fellow Members to Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun, Ar David Ong Yaw Hian and Ar

A highlight of the dinner was the much-anticipated announcement of winners of the PAM Awards 2016. This year, a total of 121 complete entries were received for the 11 categories, which include Single Residential, Multiple Residential (Low Rise). Multiple Residential (High Rise), Industrial, Adaptive Re-use, Interior Design, Commercial (Low Rise), Commercial (High Rise). Commercial Mixed Development, Collaboration and Special Category. All winners of the night were presented with a

The Annual Dinner concluded with a lucky draw, which sent attendees home with prizes and good memories of the night.

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#### **PAM-FERUNI CERAMICHE AND PAM-INOVAR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2016 WINNERS**

Winners of the PAM-Feruni Ceramiche Scholarship 2016 were announced in conjunction with the PAM Annual Dinner 2016. The scholarship was open to Part 1 students from LAM accredited architectural programmes. Out of the 79 applications received, the panel of jury selected six deserving applicants to receive the scholarship award of RM10.000 (winner) and RM5,000 (commended) each - Foo Jessie (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia), Yap Shook Yen (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia), Yeow Yann Herng (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia), Ng Kar King (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia), Huril 'Ain Ahmad Suhaimi (Universiti Teknologi MARA), and Lim Le Xuan (Universiti Malaya).

Winners of the PAM Awards 2016

In addition, recipients of the PAM-Inovar Scholarship Award 2016 were also announced during the dinner. The scholarship is a lump sum financial award to deserving Part 2 architecture students studying in a PAM/LAM accredited architecture degree programme. The scholarship, totalling a generous RM30,000, was awarded to Geraldine Teoh Pei Lynn (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia), Mun Kai Hoang (Universiti Sains Malaysia)

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#### **CALL FOR ENTRIES: PAM KLAF 2016 EXHIBITION**

In conjunction with the Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival (KLAF) 2016 and the soft launch of the new PAM Centre, PAM is organising the PAM KLAF 2016 Exhibition. The exhibition will be held from 25 to 30 July 2016 at the new PAM Centre at Jalan Tanduk, Bangsar.

PAM members are invited to submit entries to the theme of 'Future Communities'. Over the last decade, many ideas and principles of building communities have become obsolete due to rapid advancement in technology, social psyche and the economic growth. New ideas have to be cultivated to sustain dynamic and cohesive communities that form the foundation of the nation. As such, 'Future Communities' must be adaptable and inclusive to all walks of life in a constantly changing, interconnected and complex society structure.

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## **BRIEF**



Carlos Quintáns and Iñaqui



#### **UIA 2017 SEOUL TO REFLECT ON 'SOUL OF** THE CITY'

The triennial UIA World Congress 2017 that is set to be held in Seoul, Korea from 3 to 10 September 2017 will reflect on the theme 'Soul of the City'. Awarded the Creative City of Design by UNESCO, Seoul is a city with abundant cultural heritage and creative policies supporting the development of architecture

The UIA (International Union of Architects) world congress is a premier forum for professionals and future leaders in the field of architecture to exchange and discuss the best and latest practices visions and first-hand experience. The UIA 2017 Seoul, in particular, will promote various innovative architectural techniques and technologies among member sections and global citizens. In doing so, academic programmes, exhibitions, competitions, student activities, and public outreach programmes will simultaneously take place.

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#### **ACA17 TO FOCUS ON GROWTH AND DIVERSITY**

The main highlight of ARCASIA, the Asian Congress of Architects (ACA) Forum, is set to return this year with a focus on 'Growth and Diversity: The Green Age of Asia'. The major regional congress

fosters intellectual exchange and strategic discussion on regional challenges, initiatives and development amongst architects in the Asian region.

This year, the 17th Asian Congress of Architects (ACA17) will take place at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre from 25 September to 1 October. Registration period begins from April to August 2016. For early bird registration, be sure to sign up between April to June 2016. www.aca17hk.com

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#### **NENDO REINVENTS** RETAIL EXPERIENCE WITH SIAM DISCOVERY

Japanese design studio Nendo revealed their largest project to date - a complete interior and exterior renovation for 'Siam Discovery', a large-scale retail complex in Bangkok, Thailand. Nendo Founder, Oki Sato, believes that it will define a new way of shopping.

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#### **VENICE BIENNALE 2016 WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

The highlight of architecture calendars all over the world, the Venice Biennale 2016 has recently announced the winners of its prestigious awards. The theme this year, 'Reporting From the Front', aims to explore the role of architects in the journey of improving the living conditions from all over the world, focusing on architecture that works within constraints such as lack of resources, and designs which overcome status quo to produce architecture for the common good. Director of the Venice Biennale 2016 Alejandro Aravena along with the Jury have announced the winning participants

The Golden Lion for Best National Participation was awarded to Spain for 'UNFINISHED' by Carlos Quintáns and Iñaqui Carnicero, citing their "concisely curated selection of emerging architects whose work shows how creativity and commitment can transcend material constraints. The Golden Lion for Best Participant in the International Exhibition Reporting From the Front went to Gabinete de Arquitectura for "harnessing simple materials, structural ingenuity and unskilled labour to bring architecture to underserved com-

On the other end of the spectrum, NLÉ received the Silver Lion for a Promising Young Participant in the International Exhibition Reporting From the Front for his work Makoko Floating School, which was cited as "a powerful demonstration, be it in Lagos or in Venice, that architecture, at once iconic and pragmatic, can amplify the importance of education.

Two Special Mentions have been awarded to the Japan and Peru National Participations, while Maria Giuseppina Grasso Cannizzo of Italy was awarded Special Mention for her contribution to International Exhibition Reporting From the Front. As announced earlier in May the recipient of the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement is Brazillian architect, Paulo Mendes da Rocha



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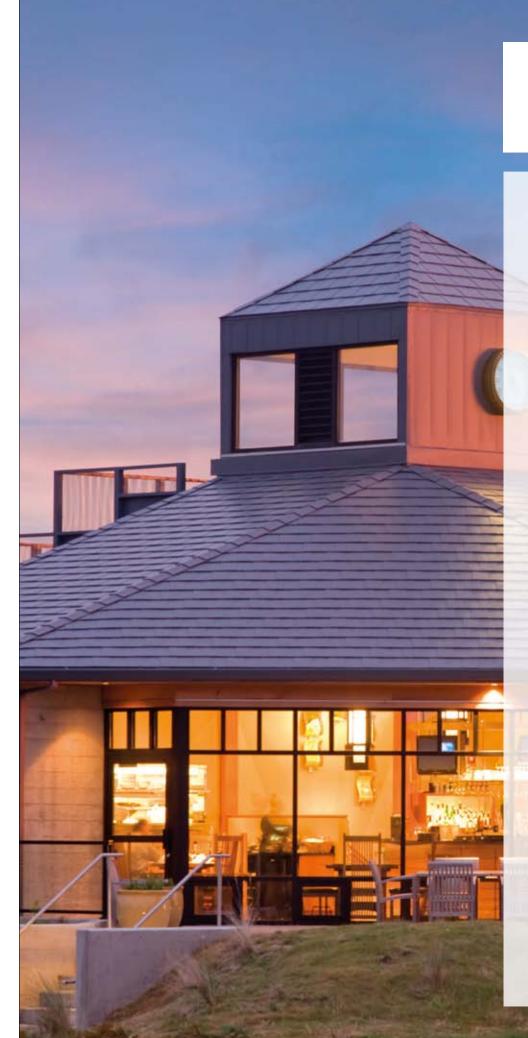
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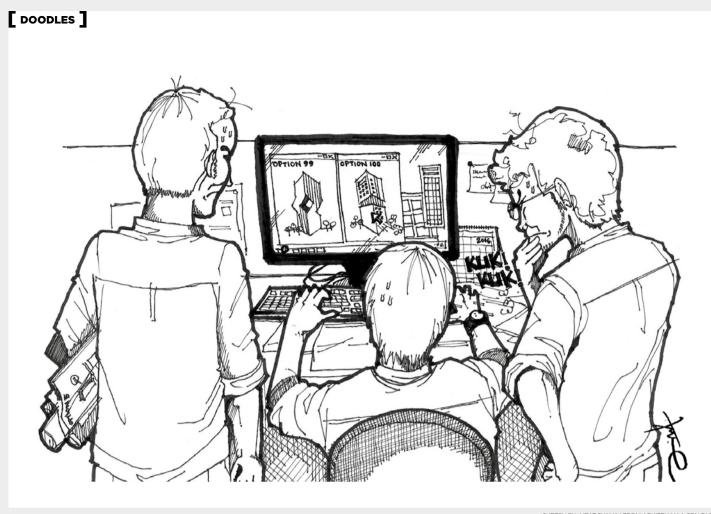
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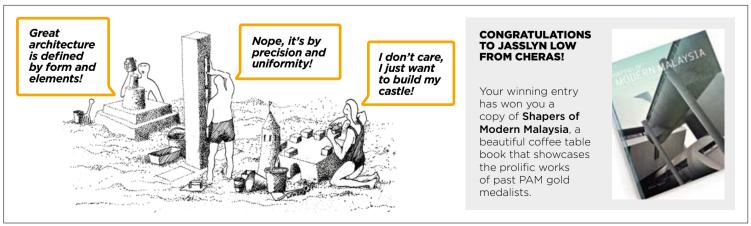
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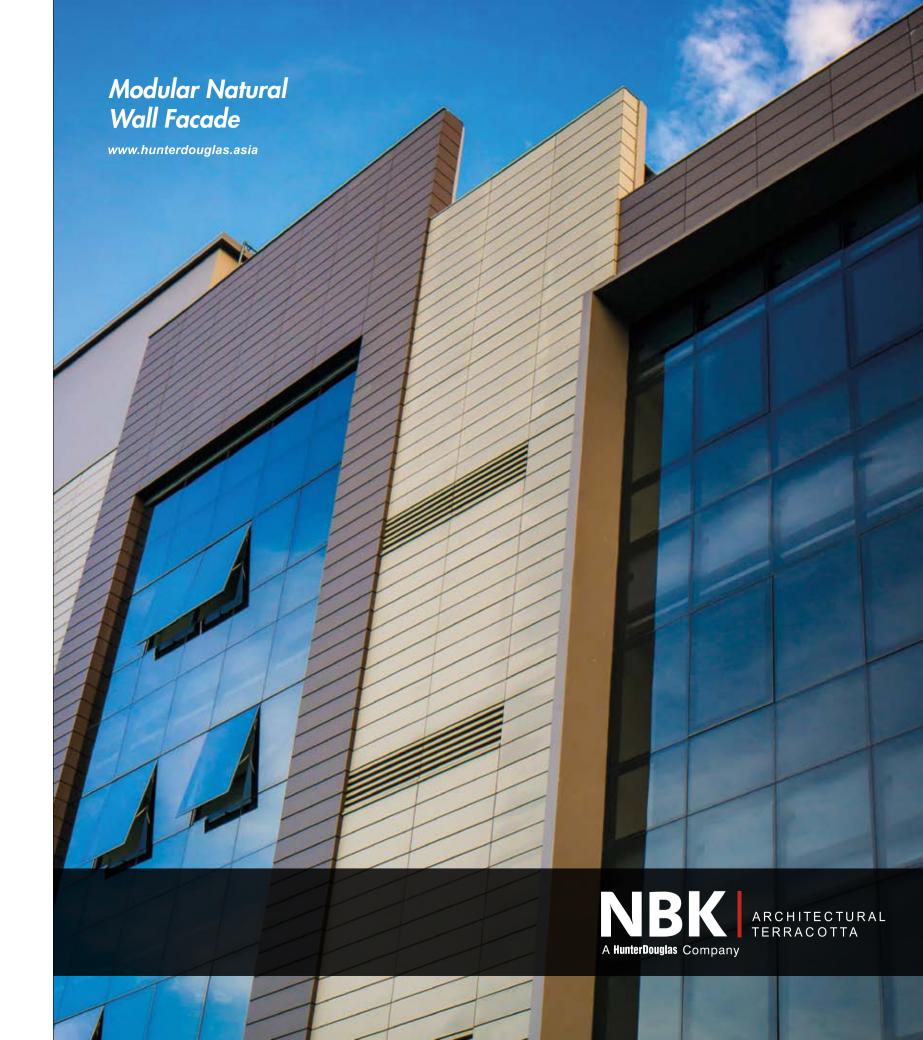
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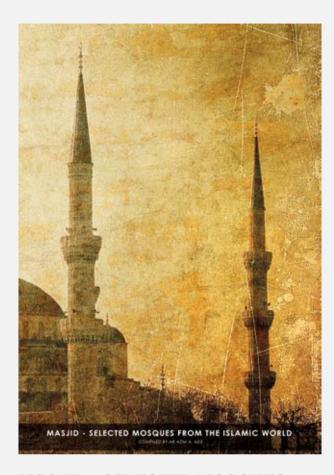
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## MASJID - SELECTED MOSQUES FROM THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Ar AZIM A. AZIZ

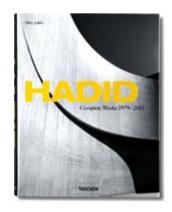
ATSA ARCHITECTS SDN BHD

Ever since the formation of Islam by the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in the year 622, many buildings dedicated to Islam have inspired great builders and architects to make a statement, which have now become a part of history. This hefty volume was promulgated by ATSA Architects Principal Ar Azim A. Aziz after experiencing difficulty in obtaining a good and comprehensive publication on *masjids* from an architectural perspective. As such, the monograph is largely aimed at helping people learn about *masjids*, and understanding its design and planning. This pictorial book features over 100 masiids. with a selection of various styles and designs that have been built throughout the past 1.435 years. The extensively procured images of the *masjids* are accompanied by floor plans to further illustrate the use of space in masjids. Apart from featuring the main *masjids*, such as Masjidil Haram, Masjidil Nabawi, Al-Aqsa Mosque and Ummayad Mosque, many of the *masjids* featured in the monograph were chosen due to its design relevance in history and its architectural styles.

#### HADID: COMPLETE WORKS 1979-2013

PHILIP JODIDIO

Zaha Hadid is a wildly controversial architect whose works remained largely unbuilt for years, despite awards and critical acclaim. Yet in the past decade, Hadid has risen to fame and completed numerous structures like the Rosenthal Center for Contemporary Art in Cincinnati. the Glasgow Riverside Museum and the Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum in Michigan. With her audacious, futuristic designs, Hadid now ranks among the elite of world architecture. Born in Baghdad and educated in London, where her practice is based, Hadid has designed radical architecture for over 30 years. This updated monograph covers her complete works to date, including the New National Stadium of Japan and Serpentine Sackler Gallery in London. This volume shows the evolution of Hadid's career comprising buildings, furniture and interior designs – with in-depth texts, spectacular photos and her own drawings.





## 30:30 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

MEAGHAN KOMBOL

30:30 Landscape Architecture captures the essence of how the world is designed around us. A global and influential group of landscape architects will divulge fascinating details about their work - including their inspirations and design processes as well as debate the key issues for landscape architects today and in the future. This up-to-date overview of contemporary landscape architecture offers students, practitioners and enthusiasts an inspiring and insightful look at global landscape architecture today. Catherine Mosbach, George Hargreaves, Martha Schwartz and Adrian Geuze as well as the best and brightest of the next generation of designers engage with a diverse range of projects, demonstrating both the importance and creativity of landscape architecture.



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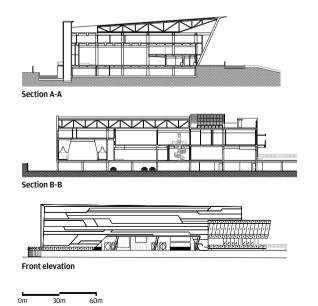












ouk Club is the anchor for TREC, a destination entertainment centre at Jalan Tun Razak with over 200,000 sqft of entertainment and F&B outlets.

The large windowless box of the typical nightclub building is conceived as a mysterious 'cave' carved into the stratified layers of the earth. Upon entering the 'mouth' of the cave, visitors of Zouk will discover a whole new realm of experiences unfolding within its hidden chambers – a maze of several bars and clubs that culminates in a roof terrace overlooking the neighbouring golf course. The scale and

shape of the spaces work with different interior design themes to create different moods and ambiences, catering for different age groups and diverse tastes, for example posh and exclusive; friendly, cozy and casual; boisterous sports bar; or vibrant, youthful and carefree, etc

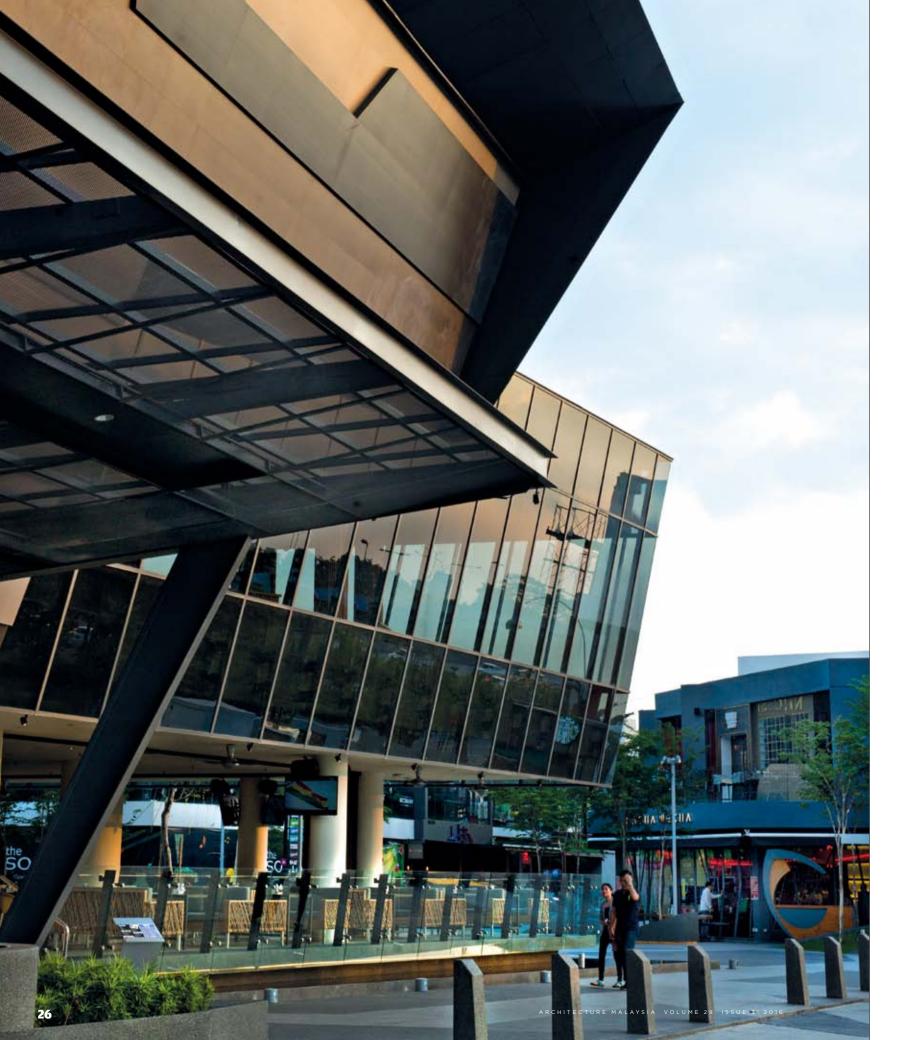
The two-storey Zouk with 60,000 sqft of entertainment spills out onto the 'Party Street' which is planned as an outdoor street flanked by 33 different restaurants, bars and cafes in a more intimate shophouse style to create a vibrant party district similar to Hong Kong's Lan Kwai Fong. ¾

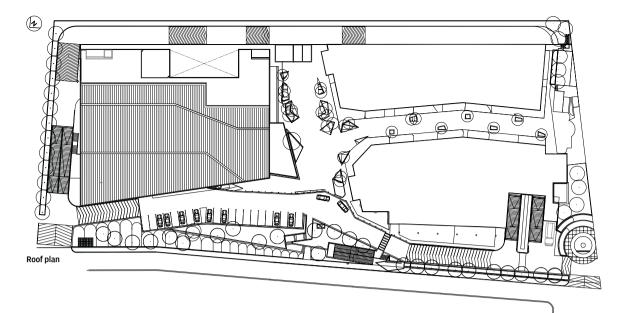


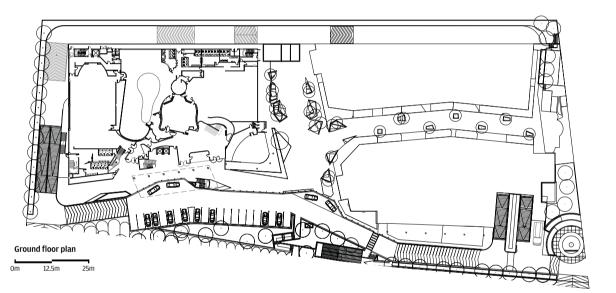


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BELOW: The APEX lounge interior with uninterrupted views of the surrounding 'Party Street' nightlife







CLIENT ZOUK CLUB KL SDN BHD

LOCATION KUALA LUMPUR

YEAR COMPLETED

ARCHITECT VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD

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HAFIQ, CHUAH

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SITE AREA 7,992 SQM

TOTAL BUILT-UP AREA

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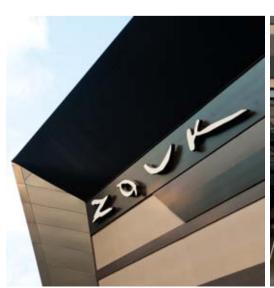
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LANDSCAPING PENTAGO

LEFT PAGE: An open cafe sits beneath the glass box; BELOW, FROM LEFT: In contrast with the old Zouk, the new building takes on a more angular approach; A huge steel canopy marks the main entrance





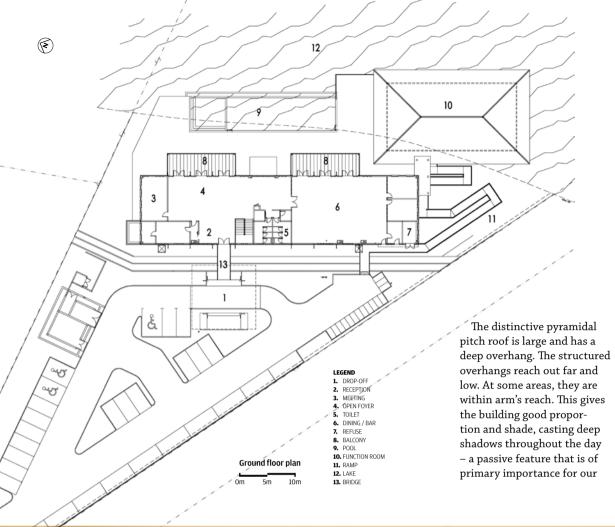


t first sight, the location is an unkempt piece of property adjoining a water body that looks decidedly tropical. It speaks of sweaty days, musty nights and still waters. But the Johor Cultural and Sports Club's (JCSC) new home attempts to take advantage of these tropical conditions to celebrate the climate in a resort-like setting.

The JCSC is located on a sloped terrain where the end of the boundary terminates into a lake. The decision was to consider the water body as its biggest asset and feature. Therefore the building would be built to respond to water.

The site is blessed with healthy green foliage, despite its locality in the heart of the city. Upon turning from the main road, a long drive down a narrow strip brings one to the entry of the facility. The massing of the building is revealed when one gets closer to the site. It follows the contours and steps down towards the water. Upon arrival at the small guardhouse, it appears as a single-storey building housing the reception, meeting rooms and bar. A bridge connects the arrival drop-off to the building. It then descends to another level of restaurant, kitchen, game rooms, gym and changing room facilities. Further down are the function hall and infinity pool overlooking the lake.

Even though the building is essentially a rectangular plan form that aligns along the contours of the site, the massing of the building is conceived as if they were pavilions. The four pavilion roofs are reminiscent of modern tropical resorts, where form follows function and has a reductive architectural vocabulary.



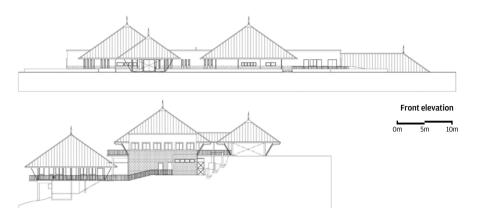
tropical climate.

Due to the split levels, the buildings are interconnected by a series of stairs, bridges and ramps. Rustic corrugated roofs appear to fit into the resort language. The use of common bricks as feature walls adds to the 'rough-around-the-edges' aesthetics – a back-to-basics living theme.

This clubhouse is exclusive to its members, where members can enjoy the facilities throughout the week. The public hall is significantly popular and affordable, thus it has seen a lot of functions held by the local community. Activities such as weddings, dinners and anniversaries are delightfully held in an outdoor tropical location imbued with the ambience of the tropics, sometimes with the occasional mosquitoes. It will surely be remembered as 'a clubhouse by the lake' after one visits this place. 🦘

The drop-off is linked to the main building by a bridge





Side elevation

CLIENT JOHOR CULTURAL AND

C & S ENGINEER

M & E ENGINEER

LOCATION JOHOR BAHRU, JOHOR YEAR COMPLETED

ARCHITECT Y.ARCHITECTS SDN BHD

SITE AREA 8,603 SQM

MUHAMAD SHAFIQ BIN SAMSURI QUANTITY SURVEYOR

BUILT-UP AREA

CONTRACTOR

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MAIN MATERIALS

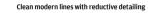
CONCRETE, BRICKS, CORRUGATED ROOF

PHOTOGRAPHY

FROM LEFT: The building responds to the view of the lake; The function hall next to the pool that overlooks the lake









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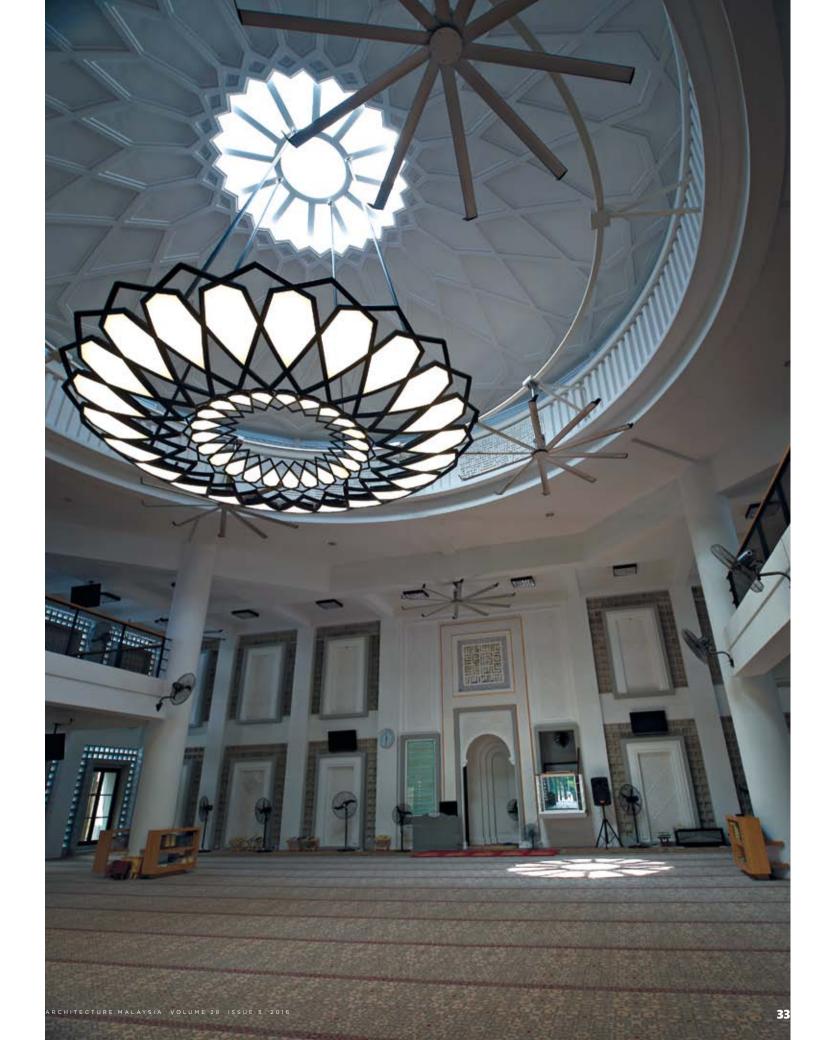
# MASJID NAZATTOI

Centred around the main prayer hall, the subtle and geometrical Masjid Naza TTDI is layer upon layer of spaces, providing a spiritual transition from outside to the inside of the main prayer hall.

he Masjid Naza TTDI at Section 13, Shah Alam accommodates up to 1,500 worshippers at any one time and also provides facilities that promote community activities. The *masjid* (mosque) is a welcome insertion into the fabric of the residential neighbourhood, promoting a sense of identity and community.

The *masjid's* plan consists of two simple geometries that are first layered and then rotated. The main prayer hall volume is orientated towards the *'qiblat'* whilst the amenities block is aligned with the adjacent main road, Jalan Lompat Pagar. The ameni-

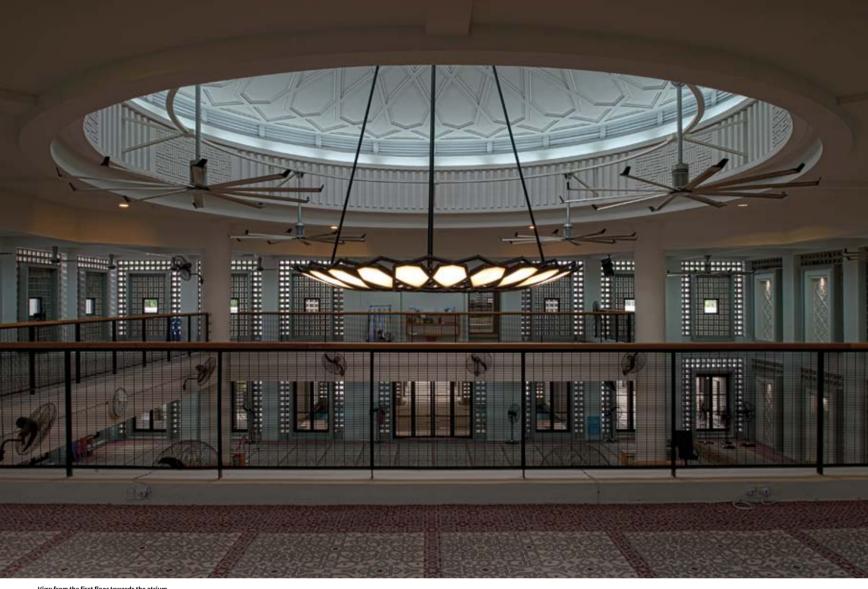
ties block acts not only as an anchor to the site but also as a protective layer around the main prayer hall. Sandwiched between these volumes is a walkway that surrounds the main prayer hall. The residual geometries created by the intertwined volumes hold richly landscaped courtyards. These configurations allow for a transitional experience when one enters the *masjid* – along the walkway, from the amenity spaces, through the courtyards and into the main prayer hall. The walk instills a feeling of 'transformation' from the secular world into the spiritual realm. This feeling is intensified through the spatial progression from more open spaces towards the quieter and protected main prayer hall.





Elevation perspective that highlights the perforated skins that aid cross-ventilation and natural lighting

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View from the first floor towards the atrium

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LANDSCAPING MENTARI DESIGN

CLIENT

LOCATION

YEAR COMPLETED

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GDP ARCHITECTS SDN BHD PROJECT PRINCIPAL

PROJECT TEAM RASLAM KHALID, NAWAWI MOHAMAD, IDZANY ARAS

**SITE AREA** 14,163.89 SQM

Although the design retains a dome and a minaret – two traditional Middle Eastern masjid features - the elements are given a modern interpretation. The dome is uncharacteristically subtle and employs a gentle curve. It allows daylight to wash into the heart of the masjid via a skylight.

As a community building, the *masjid* is accessible from all sides and its facades are made as permeable as posallow for an environmentally conscious building ventilation strategy. The envelope consists of 'perforated' walls that allow natural airflow, while the use of seven oversized feature ceiling fans further assist the crossventilation through the main prayer hall. The walkway that surrounds the main prayer hall is lined with steel cables that support climbing shrubs.

This encourages the shrubs to

sible. The penetrable facades

grow into screens of foliage that subdue the tropical sun whilst giving a soft textured backdrop to the main prayer

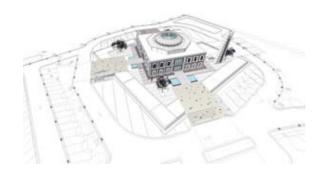
Subtle colours, natural material finishes and a lush but simple landscape imbue the *masjid* with a peaceful aura. Through its simplicity and clarity, the *masjid* is poised to be a tranquil place of worship and aspires to give the local community a humble yet meaningful landmark. ¾

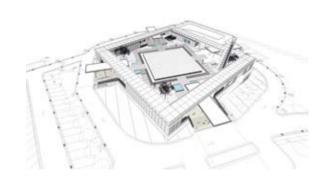
















Interior of the prayer hall



Large overhang roof at the



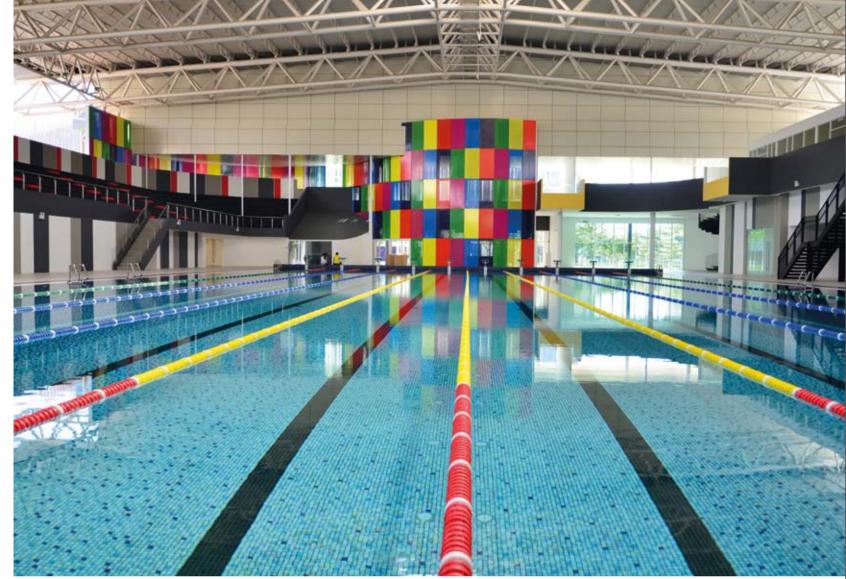
The ground floor facade



Concrete hood acts as a shading device to the glass door

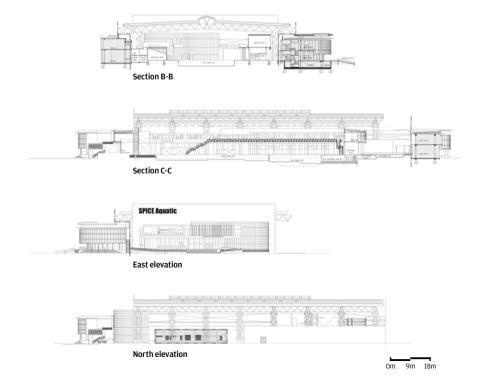
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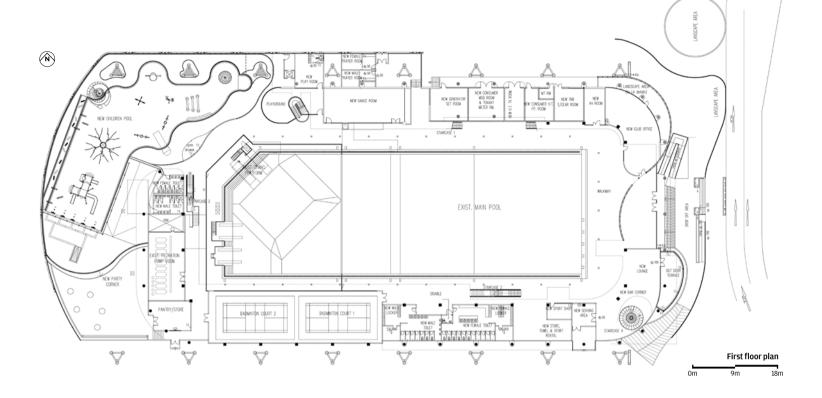




Multi-coloured panels bring life into the indoor Aquatic Centre







he existing Aquatic
Centre was built for
the swimming event
during the 2000 SUKMA
Games. Therefore, the main
focus of the centre was the
Olympic-sized pool and diving
pool. The concrete sitting terrace surrounded the facilities
(locker and toilets) that were
located below the terrace, and
an organic-shaped children's
pool was located at the back
with a big tensile structure
cover.

In line with the goal of creating a mega community sports and recreational club, the types of sports activity envisaged at the new Aquatic Centre include yoga, karate, taekwondo, dancing, badminton, basketball, volleyball, swimming and diving.

The aim was to refurbish the existing Aquatic Centre to encourage the public to utilise the swimming pool as a training facility, whilst being a family-friendly recreation club. The existing Aquatic Centre would also contain a world-class children's water theme

park, sports rooms and gym facilities.

The design concept was to use colourful elements to generate a new lease of life for the old structure. The entrance of the centre was relocated to face the main internal road, which is more prominent. The colour screen wall formed by perforated composite panels is a feature on the external wall and internal spaces - a coherent backdrop for the entire centre. It acts as an iconic element of the building and symbolises a sense of revitalisation, or the colour of life, for the building.

The schematic section shows the demolished terrace and new space around the pool. Only one-eigth of the sitting terraces remained and other reinforced concrete (RC) structures surrounding the pool were demolished. New function rooms were also added around the pool.

The design challenge of this refurbishment was changing the existing stadium arrangement structure into





Land water theme park

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LOCATION JALAN TUN DR AWANG, PENANG

PROJECT PRINCIPAL Ar MICHAEL ONG CHIN KEONG

FLOOR AREA

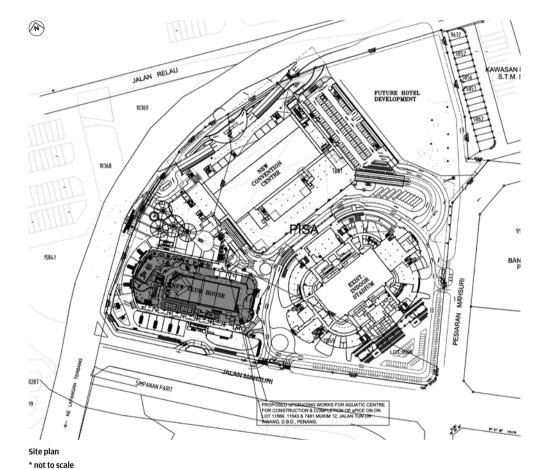
SITE AREA

PROJECT TEAM

C & S ENGINEER ARUP JURURUNDING SDN BHD M & E ENGINEER

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CONTRACTOR



recreational club facilities. Due to the budget constraint, the existing Olympic-sized pool and diving pool remained. The mega steel truss roof also remained, but not without a change of new metal roofing with insulation and a new coat of high performance anti-rust paint.

The existing pool depth was 1.8m to 2.5m, which was too deep for a public pool. As the limitation of existing

piles cannot allow additional topping up, the RC pool was topped up to a depth 1.35m instead, which is the minimum depth for swimming training. Thousands of small RC cubes were used to form a base, with a new layer of waterproofing and mosaic patterns for the pool as well.

Some green features were also incorporated into the Aquatic Centre. For example, solar photovoltaic (PV) sys-

tems were installed at the mega truss roof to generate a total of 700 KWp with 2,800 PV modules, making it the largest solar PV farm in Penang. As a result, 61 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> gas emissions are reduced every month, which is equivalent to the electricity consumption of 100 household units. Yet, the entire centre is naturally ventilated, except the gym and sports room which are equipped with air conditioning systems. 3⁄1











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KUALA LUMPUR

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A chic and high-end 'kiosk' for stylish lounging, the M Marini is a careful balance between classic Italian luxury and quirky accents – as



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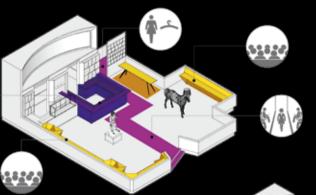
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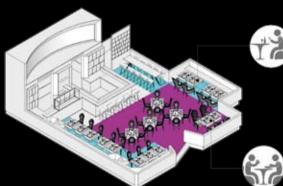
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The convertible cafe

he chic M Marini is the city's first champagne and caviar bar that also prides itself with gourmet Italian coffee. Nestled within the enclave of haute couture brands at the Concourse Level of Suria KLCC, M Marini is another trendy initiative by Modesto Marini, founder of Marini's Group.

The brief calls for an encapsulated 'kiosk' to be tastefully furnished with opulent upholstery and lavish marble. M Marini not only



**Public dining** 

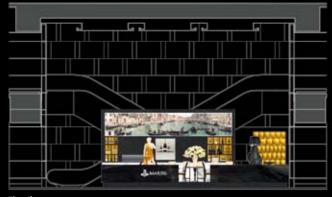


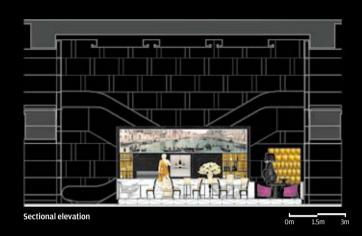
redefines the *la dolce vita* in contemporary Italian fine dining, but also aspires to leave a mark in the fashion landscape as it can be transformed into a snazzy runway for the finest fashion shows. The fixed parameter banquet seating is thoughtfully positioned to face the middle area, thus giving the guests a full view of the runway.

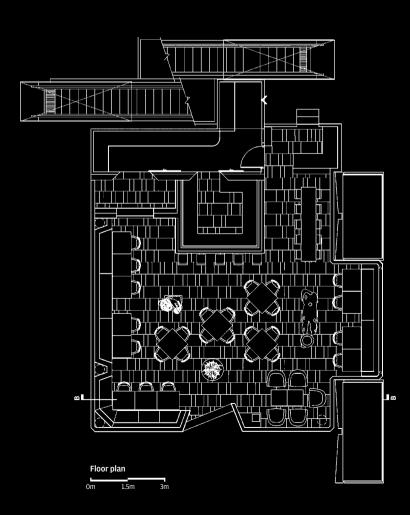
The black marquina marble wall encapsulates the café subtly, thus illuminating the under-wall lights and visually suspending the entire cafe. The interior maintains the meticulous execution of marble and granite, sumptuous damask and ornate cast iron table legs in an open layout, fusing both dining area and the bar. The dark palette of the background surfaces creates a contrast against the off-white furniture and upholstered seating which softens the masculine foundation. The bronze mirror finishing of the shelves at the bar pays homage to Etruscan mirrors.

Unexpected optical punctuations in the form of iconic Italian art replicas, such as the famed David by Michelangelo centrepiece and Canaletto's painting of Venice's Grand Canal as the bar counter's backdrop, seamlessly integrate with the allegory of modern clean lines with eclectic measures of baroque and classical hints. Reminiscing the old and an ode to the new is the cheeky Horse Lamp from Swedish design group, Front Design by Moooi. The life-sized animal with a lamp shade injects a playful sense of fairytale with an equal touch of unadulterated folly.

All in all, M Marini epitomises the ideal Italian art and dining that satisfies the epicureans of contemporary fine dining. ¾



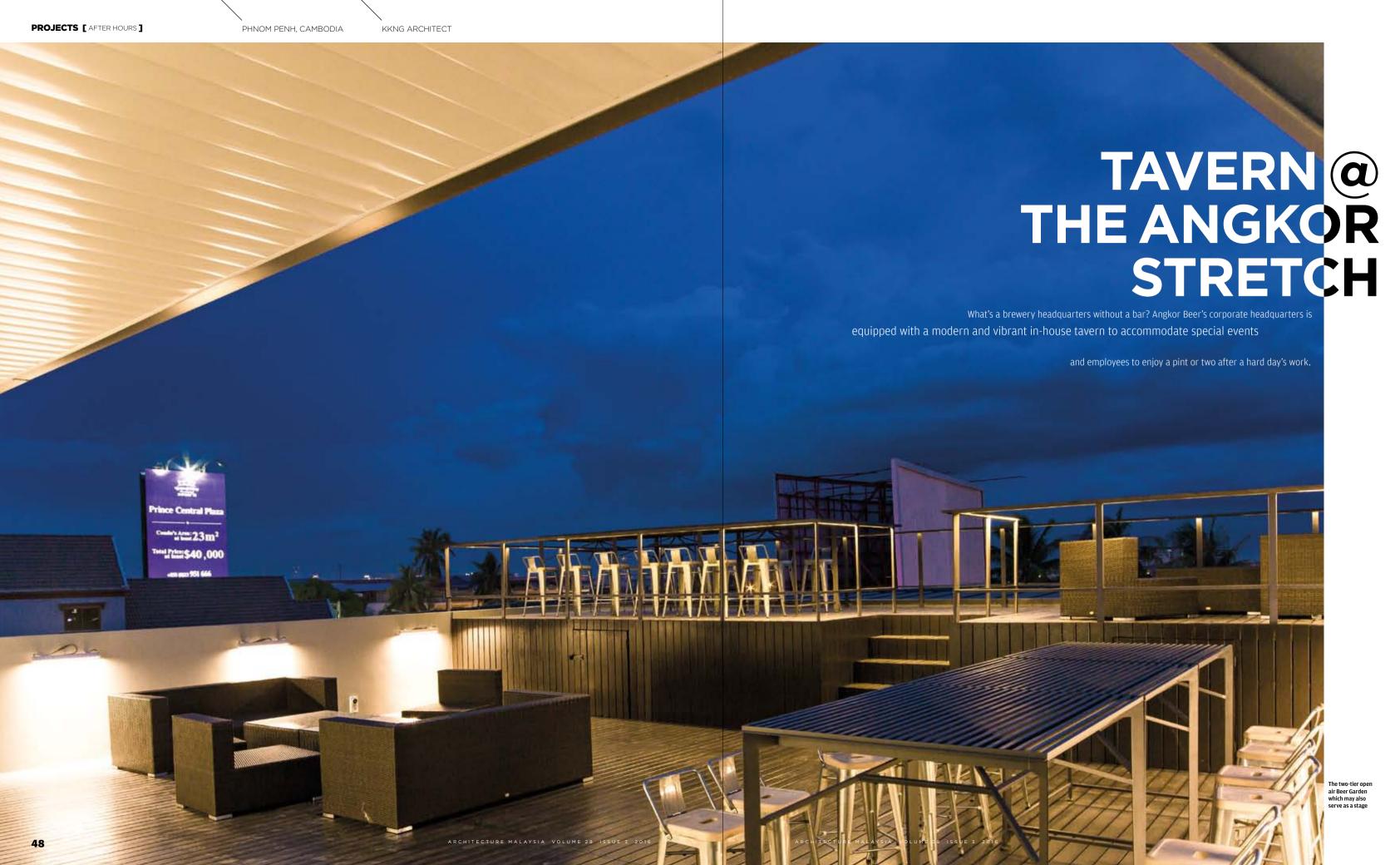








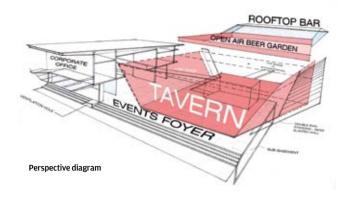






A high-volume punctuation within the building facade as the tavern's entrance statement and event foyer





A bridge links the office and provides a glimpse of the central garden from the tavern



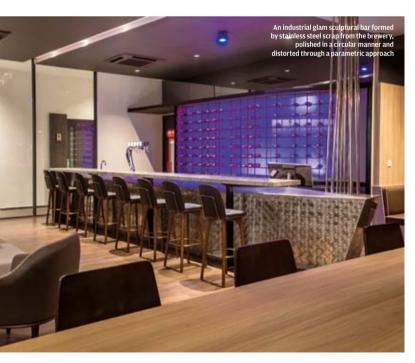
Fundamentally, the whole stretch addresses the busy thoroughfare of the Russian Boulevard, where air and vehicular traffic and movements of pedestrians and peddlers run parallel. Within this long stretch, different zones are segregated, spread out and elongated in a lateral format, but visually communicated through voids and atriums, and physically linked through bridges and ramps within the unifying envelope.



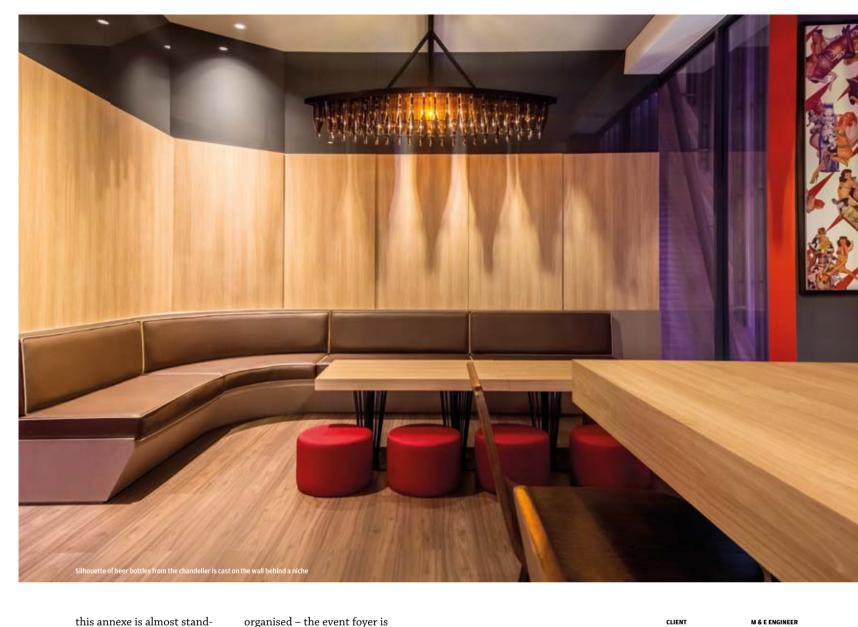
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The facade's aeroblade fins serve as a backdrop feature to the tavern with views towards the Russian Boulevard







this annexe is almost standalone and isolated as it is only linked through bridges and ramps, which give it a sense of exclusivity to relax, celebrate and party. The tavern is visible from every angle of the site.

Below the tavern is the event foyer, a high-volume open plaza with a slanted wall that serves as an entry statement as it forms one of two punctuations within the long, stretched facade and is aesthetically welcoming to visitors. Visitors will have direct access to the tavern and ongoing events without encroaching into the more private corporate office or outof-bound areas.

The programmes within this annexed zone are vertically

organised – the event foyer is on the ground level, while the tavern is on the first level and connected via a spiral staircase to the two-tier rooftop bar overlooking the bustling Russian Boulevard and sunset horizon. This enables the staging of multiple and simultaneous events at the annexe and ensures efficiency which is vital to a well-established brand.

The idea behind the tavern's trapezoid form was conceived from studies of the Angkor chambers, which is then distorted into a more dynamic form. The tapering end accentuates the length, while the slanted planes initiate a sliding effect to further amplify the effect of intoxication. 3/1

CONTRACTOR

LOCATION PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA CAMATEC ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO LTD

YEAR COMPLETED

ARCHITECT KKNG ARCHITECT

Ar KEAT NG

PROJECT TEAM AF KEAT NG, FAKHRUL RAZI

FLOOR AREA TAVERN – 200 SQM ROOFTOP BAR – 170 SQM

C & S ENGINEER
PERUNDING DELIMA

LANDSCAPING / LIGHTING / INTERIOR

KKNG ARCHITECT

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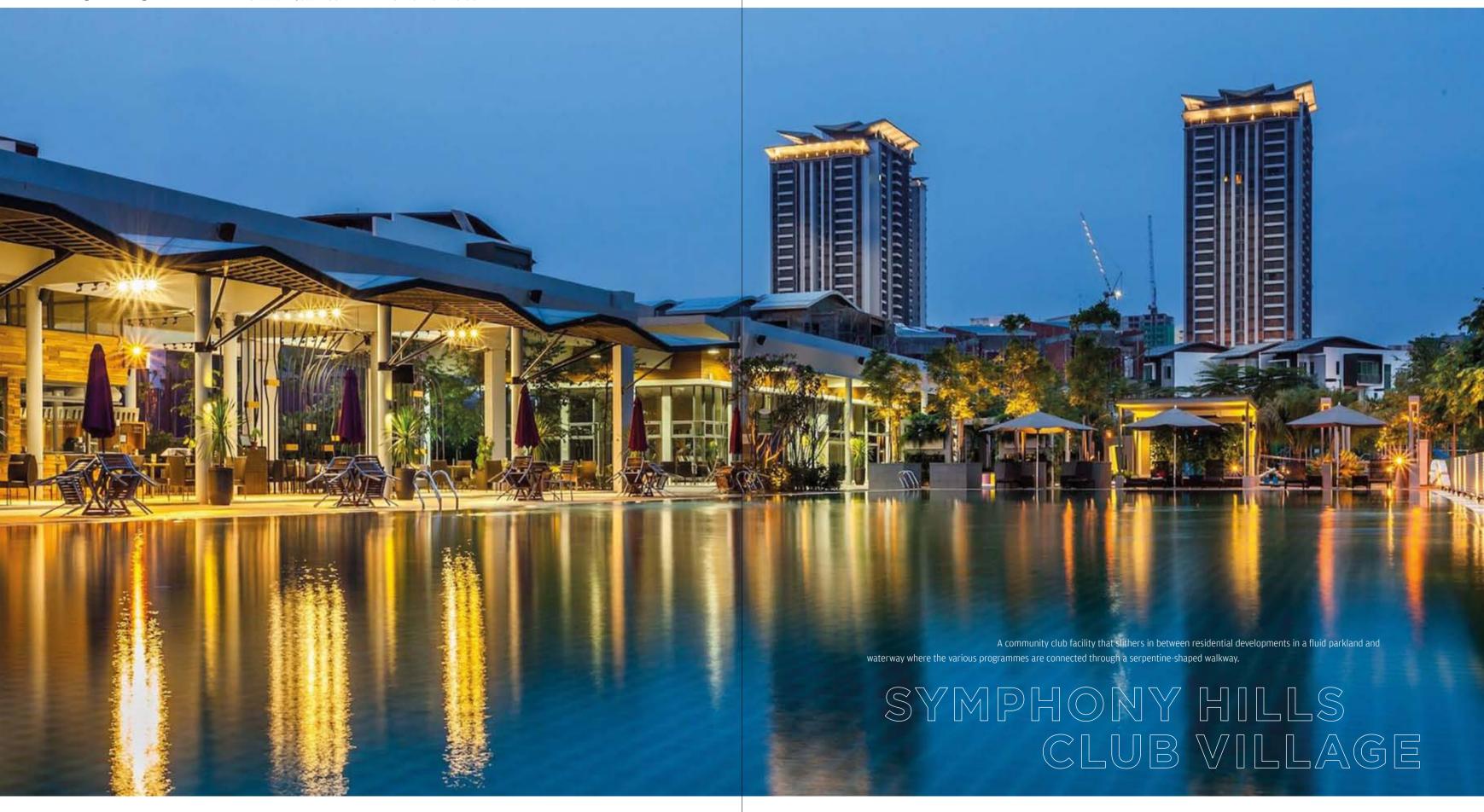
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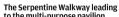
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CYBERJAYA, SELANGOR

GARIS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD









Multi-purpose pavilion section



Management office and business centre section

Om 2.5m 5m

■he Symphony Hills Club Village is a community club facility for the 90acre residential development Symphony Hills in Cyberjaya. The Club Village is designated as the community or village centre – a place where residents meet and socialise, obtain services and amenities, indulge in sports and recreational activities, hold events, etc. Contextually, the site lies in a valley formation sandwiched by landed strata low-rise residential enclaves on both sides. It was thus essential for the built environment to offer itself as a source of attractive views and relief to enhance the marketing aspects of the adjacent residential properties.

In response, the scheme was conceived by these strategies and attributes, or poetically speaking, it was substantially shaped by water. The Club Village is a series of pavilions in fragmented, broken down, compact footprint and form,

which provides small waterimpervious footprint and an efficient outflow that saves energy by capitalising daylight and utilising a naturally ventilated serpentine-form walkway as circulation.

The waterway parkland acts as a natural security buffer and separator between public areas and private residential areas – a reinterpretation of Ha-Ha fences. The Serpentine Walkway that hovers above the water meanders and twists to connect all the functional spaces and pavilions, offering shifting and differing vistas of the waterway parkland from various angles and directions.

Spaces between buildings are activated, framed and formed as scenic zones for different activities and visual interest. For example, inside-outside spaces are arranged in seamless organic relationships where differences are ambiguous, internal spaces extend physically and visually to the

outdoors, and building elements simultaneously separate and define the confines of activities within open spaces.

The use of green roofs enables maximised green plot ratio, as well as the collection of rainwater and insulation of roof. Additionally, it also offers visual greenery to the higher vantage points from residential units – a unique selling point of the development.

A landscape-integrated rainwater collection vessel is lightly placed and spread across the linear parkland and waterway as water offers a cooling effect to the stilted buildings, in addition to its irrigation function.

The use of vertical landscape racks for sun shading and cooling and the Serpentine Walkway aims to reduce the impact of buildings in the landscape, whilst expressing industrial aesthetics by using modular and off-the-shelf industrial products.

The Club Village is also

devised as multifunctional, adaptable spaces based on modular structures – 4.5 m x 6.0 m grid formed by portallike continuous 'V' section reinforced concrete post-andbeam frames with folded plate slabs in between bays, supported at intermediate spans by skinny circular columns at 6 m intervals. The folded plate slabs provide reasonable built-in gradient, while the 'V' sectional profile of beams functions as rainwater gutters and profiled columns guide filtered water (by soil and plants) downwards into the waterway.

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RC CONCRETE FRAME + RAINWATER DOWNPPE shaped beams and column (deep sectional profile red to function as gutter and open channel discharging

Secondary and non-structural infill spaces are formed in response to relevant programmes and functions that are slot in between the modular framework, which is expressed in an 'extruded' box form of varying dimensions using brick, steel, glass and wall or floor board construction selected through the criteria of span, lightness, openness, airiness, green value or recyclable value, etc. \*\*

The fire staircase has been articulated as a feature staircase

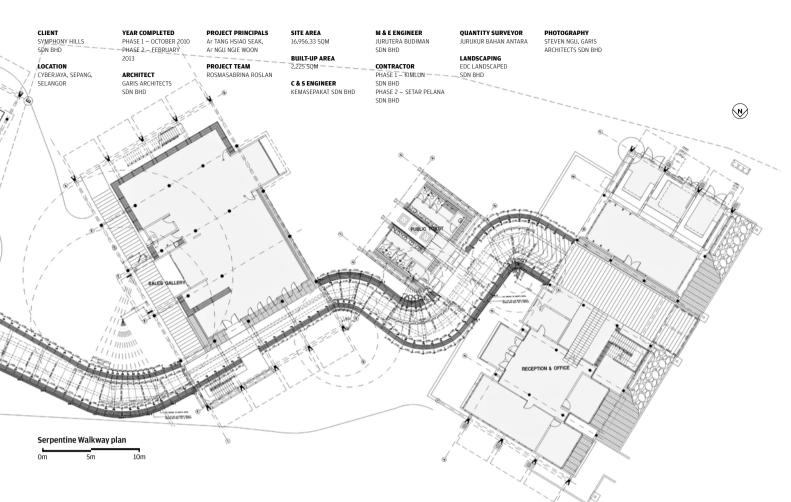


Hanging Z profile – staircase tread detail



Benches along the Sepertine Walkway

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3D render of green roof pavilions spread across the linear parkland and waterway



FROM TOP: The entrance pavilion is formed as the gateway building to the clubhouse pavilion party; Water feature in between pavilions



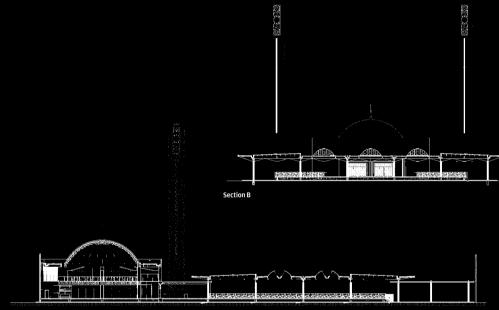




PROJECTS [ AFTER HOURS ] PUNCAK ALAM, SELANGOR ZON DESIGN REKABINA SDN BHD

# MASJID PUNCAKALAM

A simple yet contemporary reinterpretation of the vernacular masjid, without losing the traditional motifs and architectural language symbolic of the Islamic culture.



he Masjid Puncak Alam 500. This *masjid* complex was complex was commissioned by Puncak Alam Housing Sdn Bhd in 2008 to cater for the growing Muslim population in the Puncak Alam township. The first phase was completed in July 2014 and comprises a main prayer hall and open prayer hall, both of which can accommodate a total of 5,000 worshippers, two towering minarets, an administrative building with teaching rooms, and a multi-purpose hall with a seating capacity of

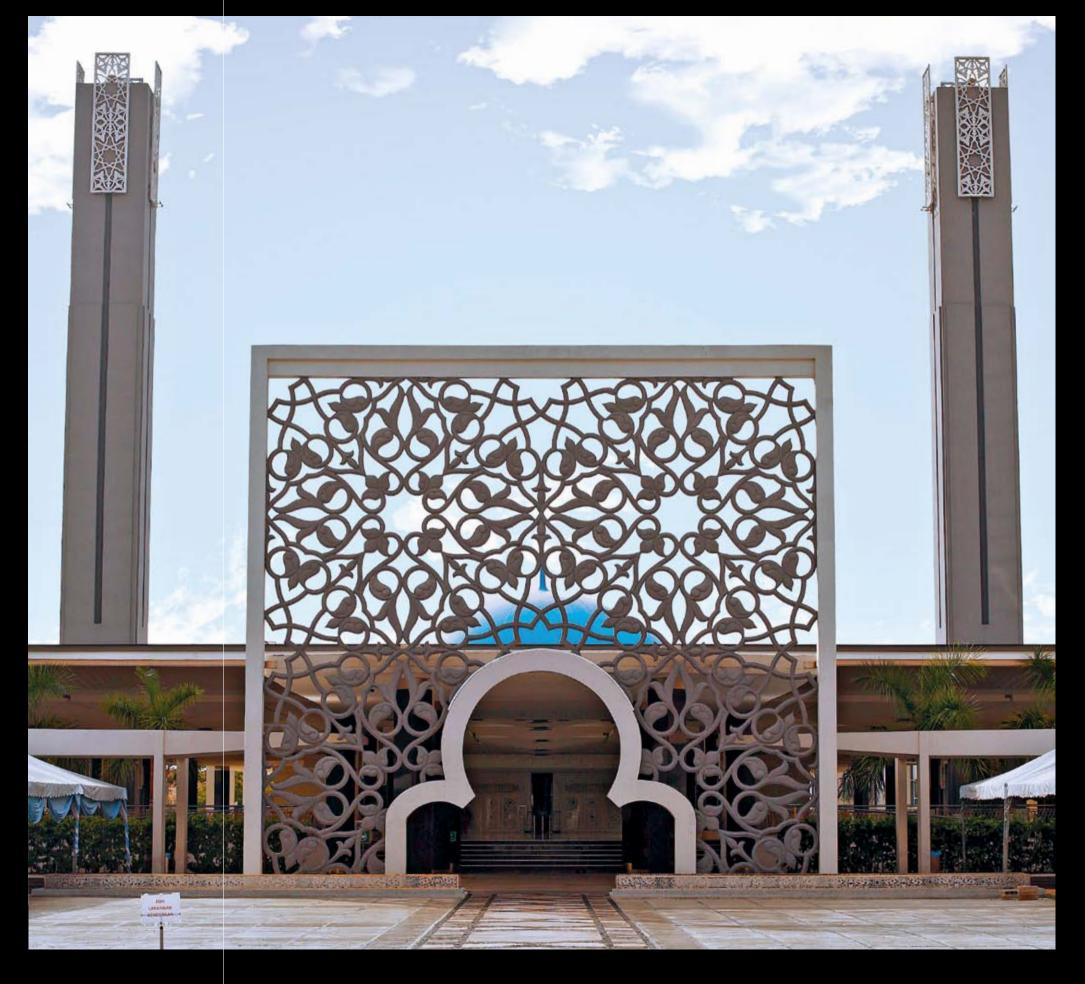
intended not only as a place for congregational prayers but also a communal focal hub to celebrate activities according to Islamic events, festivals and

#### **DESIGN CONCEPT**

From the outset, the architect had envisioned to establish a contemporary and definitive architectural language for the *masjid*, characterised by geometrical clarity and abstraction without resorting to historical pastiche whilst

maintaining the essence of Islamic architecture. The overall design concept was to maximise the green field site of about 9 acres to orientate the building to maximise natural ventilation and lighting with ample glazed openings, landscaped open spaces and wide roof overhangs for protection from the natural

The masjid complex was designed to revolve around the air-conditioned and elevated main prayer hall, which is the main feature







 $\textbf{ABOVE:} \ \textbf{The open prayer hall that is shaded but naturally ventilated}$ 

of the *masiid*. Both sides of the main prayer hall are connected by a ramp for handicap access. The eastern side of the main prayer hall extends out and connects to an additional open prayer hall area, which is semi-enclosed with natural ventilation. Six partially glazed domes allow sunlight and shadows to cast themselves on the white gleaming marble floors, as well as provide visual relief to the wide ceiling. The ceilings are a series of inverted pyramids to animate the prayer spaces and serve an acoustic purpose to disseminate sound effectively throughout the space. The prayer spaces are elevated 900 mm above ground level to express the building's special character and finished in white internally and externally to symbolise purity.

The dome of the *masjid* is decorated with Arabic words and a simple, circular chandelier



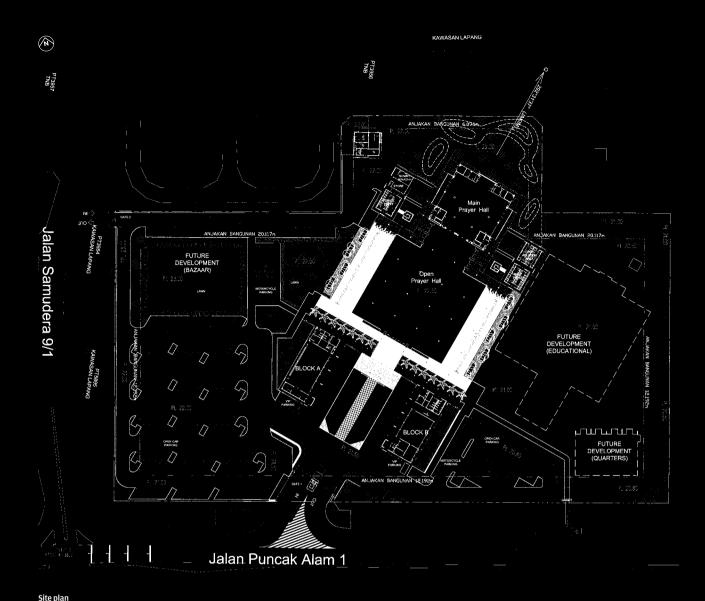
The Arabesque-decorated gerbang (gateway) at the main vehicular drop-off is a landmark feature and symbolises the main entrance gateway from the entrance forecourt to the open prayer hall and onwards to the main prayer hall. The entrance forecourt provides a transition from outside to the two prayer halls and also functions as an overflow space for the community to congregate for religious or social functions. A wide covered walkway connects the open prayer hall and two adjacent ancillary blocks to unify the whole composition.

Inside the main prayer hall, the use of recessed perimeter skylights ensures ample natural light internally with both the mihrab and mimbar subtly articulated through space and light. The continuous skylights create an illusion that the ceiling dome is floating. Light that shines through from the skylight emphasises its presence as a discreet element. Externally, specialised lighting defines the key elements of the building through LED lights and programmable dimming control system to ensure ease of use and low power consumption.

## FEATURES OF THE MASJID

Toilets/Ablution Block: The male and female toilet areas are well-ventilated through continuous top openings to allow natural light and ventilation inside both areas. The design of the toilets or ablution areas with high quality tiles and sanitary fittings is a radical departure from the conventional dark and stuffy toilets.

Main Ablution: Ample ablution facilities are provided adjacent to the open prayer hall on both sides for the convenience of the congregation. This area is well-ventilated and a departure from the cramped environment provided in other *masjids*. Separate facilities are provided for female worshippers.



Om 16m 32m

The grand gerbang composed of Arabesque patterns at the entrance forecourt courtvard



#### Administrative Building:

Office areas and a meeting room for the daily administration of the *masjid* are provided on the ground level. Classrooms and a library are available on the first floor for the teaching of Islamic classes.

Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH): The MPH is able to accommodate 500 people for varied functions and is also open to community usage. Shower areas are provided along with sufficient toilet facilities.

**Entrance Forecourt Courtyard:** It is a transition

axial space from the outside main gate to the open prayer hall and beyond, characterised by a grand gerbang (gateway) decorated with Arabesque patterns made from glass fibre reinforced concrete (GRC). This space also serves as an overflow space for the communal activities held at the complex.

Minaret: Twin minarets at approximately 40 metres tall are the focal points of the *masjid*. The minaret is a shear reinforced concrete (RC) wall with a long vertical void for natural lighting and ventilation, with incorporated

LED lighting strip for a spectacular night-time effect.

LOCATION PUNCAK ALAM SELANGOR

YEAR COMPLETED

PROJECT PRINCIPAL

PROJECT TEAM AZMI ABDULLAH, AE

ZAKI HADRI, NASRUL ISHAM ABD GHANI

SITE AREA

FLOOR AREA

C & S ENGINEER

M & E ENGINEER

CONTRACTOR

FNA BUILDERS &

LANDSCAPING

QUANTITY SURVEYOR
JUB BERSAMA SDN BHD

MEGA JATI SDN BHD

ARSEA CONSULTING ENGINEERS SDN BHD

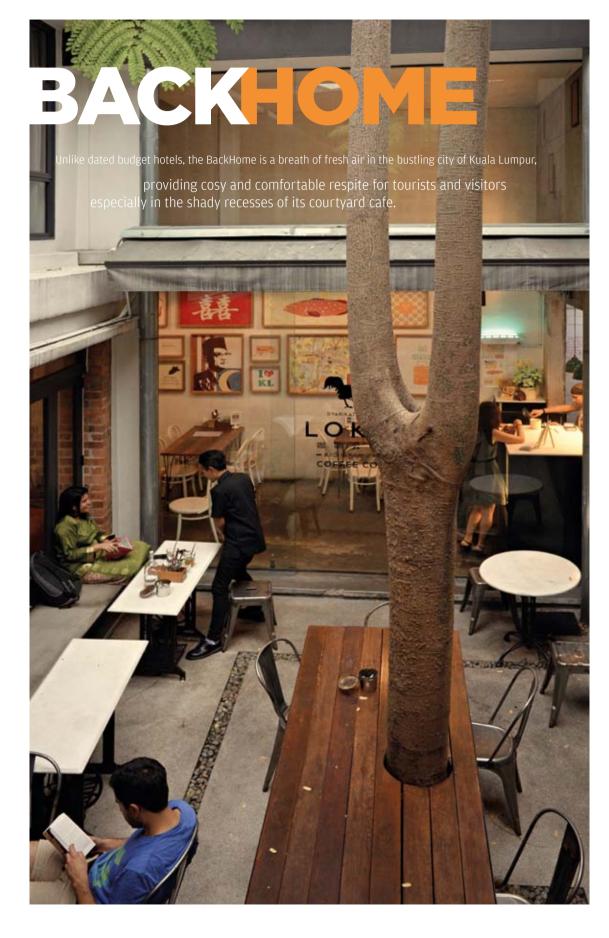
ARCHITECT ZON DESIGN REKABII SDN BHD

#### **Acoustics System and LED**

TVs: The acoustics system employs the steerable TOA array column speaker, which is believed to be the first installation completed in the world. LED TVs are also placed strategically at the front wall of both prayer halls for use during sermons.

Main Chandelier: The chandelier is a multi-layered design with a colour-changing function to match the mood of the situation or function. 3/1

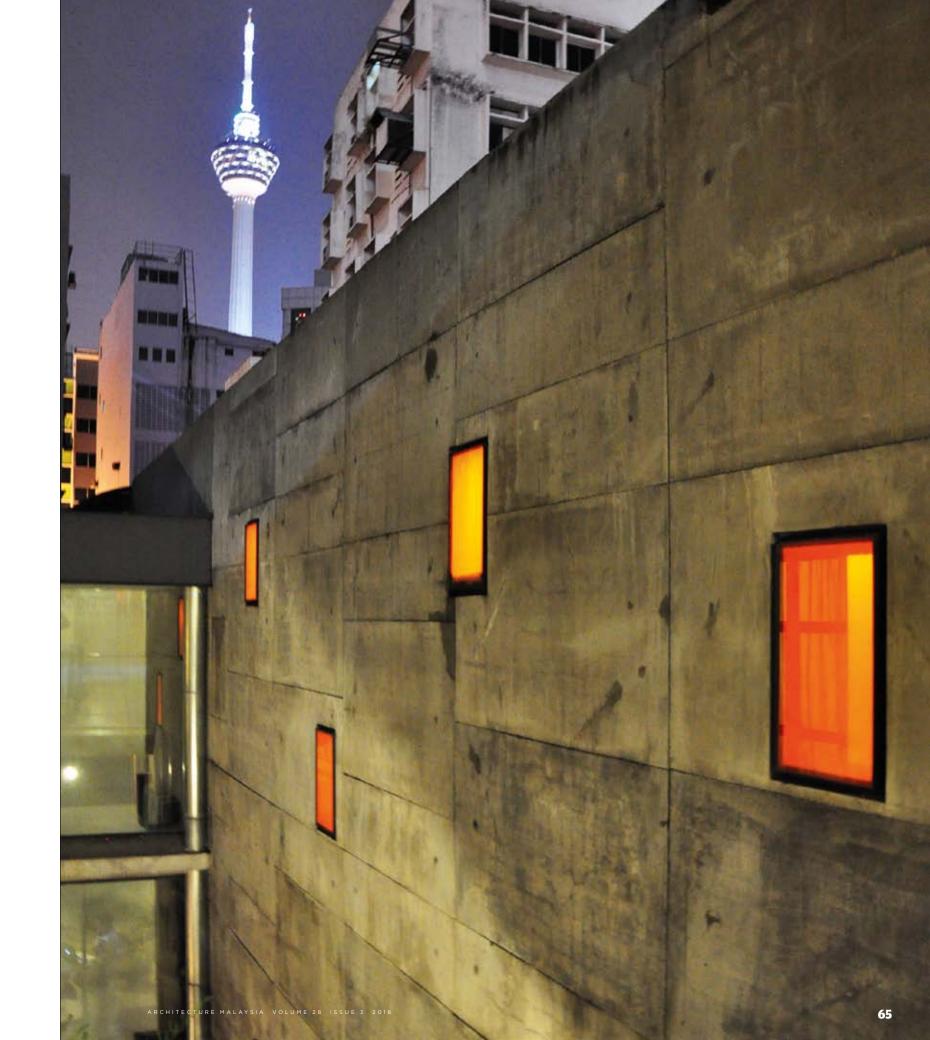
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ackHome is a traveller's hotel, which appears quite contrary to how a traveller would imagine a budget accommodation to look like as it sits along the busy street of Jalan Tun HS Lee, Central Kuala Lumpur (KL). One would experience a warm unexpected surprise as they walk up to the sleek white-surfaced shop lot decorated with black doves on the facade, which gives a sense of uplift and comfort.

From the perspective of a traveller, the location of BackHome is central to the train lines, public cab and buses, as well as historical tourist attractions. Other than being a strategic departure point to explore KL, BackHome also functions as a convenient transit point to allow travellers to stay long enough to jaunt from one country to another within the Asian region and once again return home from their excursion; hence the name 'BackHome'. Nurturing the concept of inviting a traveller into a 'home' where they are welcome to move about the spaces comfortably has attracted many long-stay travellers who frequently revisit.

The enchanting architectural journey starts as one enters the reception and guest lounge area and makes their way through to an archway which splits the double-volume space into two, forming two rectangular courtyards – one bigger than the other – allowing sunlight to penetrate through. Three contrasting facades that compliment one another encompass the courtyard – the brick walls on the East, the re-





Orange tinted rectangular light boxes glowing from the raw concrete wall with green creepers draping from the roof, setting a serene ambience for guests to relax

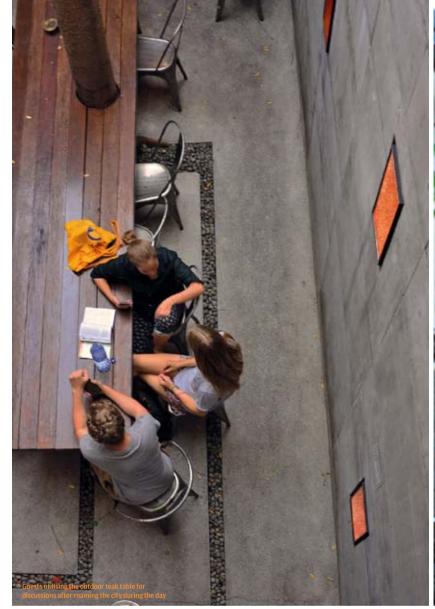
tained post-war facade on the West, and a feature concrete wall of irregular formwork that soars to the sky on the North. To soften the edge of the East wall, green creepers and climbers were added to create colour for a visually pleasing and relaxing environ-

During the day when the travellers are out roaming the city, the courtyards would be largely occupied by cafe customers and even more so after working hours in the evenings

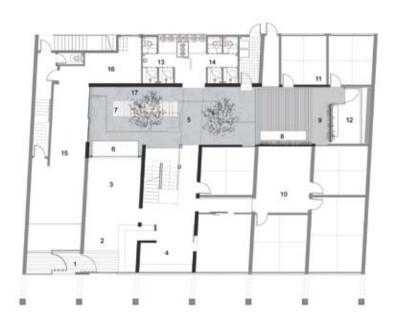
and nights. During sunset, the open space is flooded with sunlight filtered by palm trees that cast playful shadows, gradually transforming the space into a tranguil and serene environment. Like a light show, the rectangular light boxes that puncture the feature concrete wall morph into whimsical elements irradiating the courtyard with seemingly floating lanterns.

The transition of the open courtyard from public to semi-private allows one to use the space as an extension to their living space. Designed to meet the different needs and types of travellers, the vast sitting arrangement and niches placed across the open courtyard allow one to enjoy a book in a quiet corner of an enlarged window ledge, indulge in deeper conversation with a partner at a table for two, lay on a concrete bench to stargaze, or even interact with fellow travellers and share travelling experiences at the distinctive teak table that embraces a single-trunked palm tree in the centre, all while palm leaves gently rustle in the wind over the faint sounds of the city.

A traveller's experience is undoubtedly enriched when they benefit from the convenience of being in a central location and having a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city, where they can feel comfortable and welcomed during the day and after hours. One will truly feel at home BackHome. 3⁄1







## LEGEND ENTRANCE FOYER RECEPTION GUEST LOUNGE

- PANTRY
   OPEN COURTYARD
   EXTENDED LEDGE SEATING
   ELONGATED TEAK
- TABLE FOR
  GATHERINGS

  CAST CONCRETE
  OUTDOOR SEATING

  WALL CREEPERS WITH
- TABLE SEATINGS 10. PREMIUM TWIN, 4 & 6
- PAX DORMITORY AREA

  11. PREMIUM TWIN ROOM
- 12. LAUNDRY AREA 14. FEMALE WASHROOM
- **15.** CAFE **16.** KITCHEN 17. RAW CONCRETE FEATURE WALL

CLIENT BACKHOME SDN BHD

C & S ENGINEER LEE CONSULT

LOCATION CONTRACTOR

JALAN TUN HS LEE, KUALA LUMPUR

OUANTITY SURVEYOR ARCHITECT
DOMAINE ARCHITECTS

**LIGHTING**BACKHOME SDN BHD & PROJECT PRINCIPAL DOMAINE ARCHITECTS

PROJECT TEAM LANDSCAPING BACKHOME SDN BHD & DOMAINE ARCHITECTS

FARAH DINI YAHYA YUSSOF, CHUN YANG HAU, GEHAD BABUKAIR

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■he 'Concrete Cloud' concept is a tested and unique green architecture concept that can be used for broad-base application. Bayan Club, the prototype of this concept, has proven this. Located at Seri Kembangan, a sub-urban area in the state of Selangor, the four-storey building offers sports and commercial facilities to the residents of the surrounding areas. The sports facilities consist of a swimming pool, children pool, tennis court, three badminton courts and a gym.

The site is located on a small hill with a gently sloping profile towards the southeastern side. There are residential blocks to the north and a retention pond and valley to the south. The main access is from the north boundary. Due to this topography, the site receives constant breeze from the lower part of the land profile. Therefore, a solid built form would block the breeze that blows towards the residential blocks and prevent the dispersal of the heat island effect at the residential blocks.

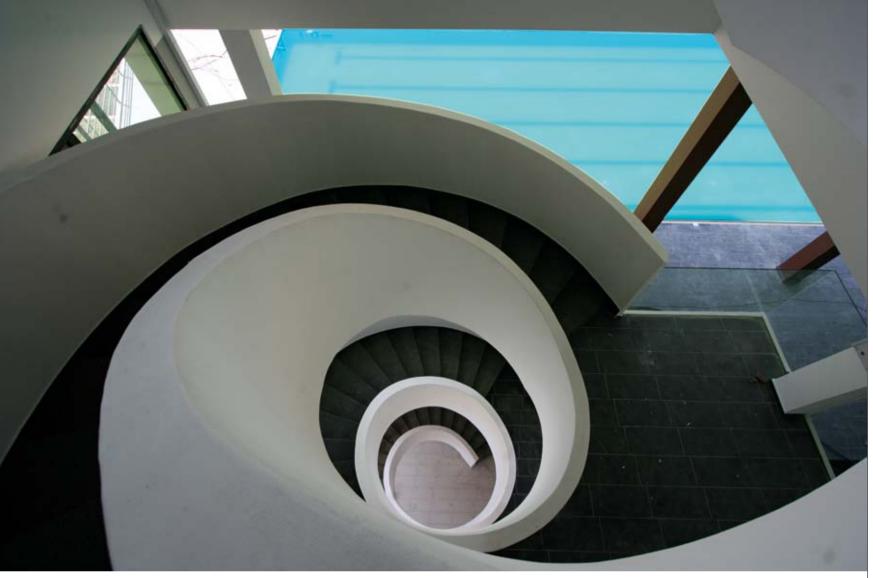
## THE CONCRETE CLOUD

In order to let the breeze through, the building has to be elevated. Taking a cue from the tropical overcast cloud, the architect explored the concept of forming a heavy cloud at the top of the building, enabling the spaces below to be porous and open, protected from the warm and humid tropical weather. The design goes against the grain by stacking the space that requires the least natural air movement on top, namely the hall with the badminton courts (the game requires no air movement), leaving the three lower levels skeletonised with spaces split into pods and voids.

Constant hill breezes penetrate the porous spaces and continue towards the town houses at the back. Two design strategies have been adopted to cool down the breeze: Having the 'cloud' cast deep shade to the porous spaces below; and introducing water elements at each open floor, namely the water lobby, swimming pool and children pool, and retention pond with water cascading down from one water element to another. Hence, the 'Concrete Cloud' enables 70% of the building to be naturally ventilated and creates a cooling microclimate within the club that is 1 to 2 degrees cooler than the surrounding temperature.

building form enables spaces below it to benefit from

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CLIENT BUKIT IKHLAS DEVELOPMENT SDN BHD

YEAR COMPLETED

ARCHITECT SITE AREA

**BUILT-UP AREA** 

PROJECT TEAM TENGKU ARIFF BIN TENGKU AHMAD, TP TAI

M & E ENGINEER

C & S ENGINEER

CONTRACTOR PEMBINAAN INFRASTRUKTUR OKH SDN BHD

SUR-CONTRACTOR AMBIUS POOL DESIGN & BUILD

LANDSCAPING

**OUANTITY SURVEYOR** 

MAIN MATERIALS PLASTER AND PAINT TILES, ALUMINIUM LOUVRES, MILD STEEL

PHOTOGRAPHY

TOP OF PAGE: Spiral staircase that links all the floors; BOTTOM: West elevation with minimal openings, which acts as the afternoon heat barrier

Other passive design strategies used to cool down the building include aluminium louvre panels as the envelope, which have weaker heat conduction property; double 'C' frame with vertical bold parts directed towards the west, shading the top floor recessed louvre wall and glass wall from the afternoon sun; and insulated metal roof.

## **VISUAL DIALOGUE** WITH NATURE: THREE-**TIER INFINITY VIEW**

Due to the land profile, one enters the building via the mid level through a ramp. Filling the entrance lobby with water,

the architect created a threetier infinity view from the lobby towards the swimming pool, infinity fall below and retention pond beyond. The flanking shops enjoy threetier infinity views as well. One walks 'into' the water at the lobby to reach the swimming and changing room level below. This manipulation enhances the user's spatial experience.

## **GREEN DIALOGUE WITH** NATURE: THREE-TIER **MOVING WATER**

The lobby waterfall serves as the water feature of the children's pool below. At the same time, the swimming

pool infinity fall becomes part of the water feature for the lower ground shops below the pool. With that, the architect managed to use only two pump and filter units to operate the multi-tier water elements. The multi-cascading water makes 10% of the building surface fluid and dynamic.

## **LOUVRE WALLS WITH** DAYLIGHT MAGIC

The 'Concrete Cloud' is also a multi-purpose hall cum badminton hall. Conventional badminton halls call for a black box design but the architect devised a twist by introducing additional volume above the playing volume in the hall. This enables the play of natural light above the playing volume, creating a somewhat magical ambience in the hall when used as a multi-purpose hall. The louvre wall and glass panels are

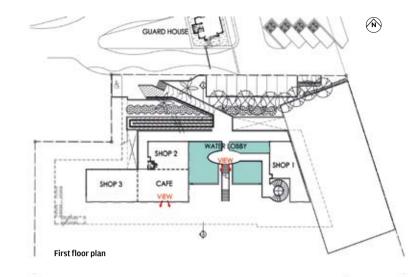
sealed as badminton requires no air movement.

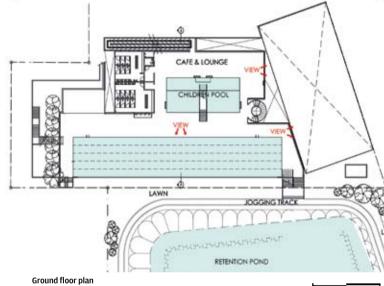
## **SOCIAL DESIGN**

Porous spaces with minimal walls enable maximum visual connections, which encourage users from the surrounding community to mingle. To increase social footprint, the club has also integrated the retention pond's community park as part of its facilities.

## PROJECT SIGNIFICANCE & IMPACT

The dialogue with nature through carefully orchestrated spaces enables the appreciation of the panoramic green view in a dramatic sequence. It allows one to have spatial romance with the weather directly under the protection of the 'Cloud'. At the same time, this concept has helped to save substantial energy and operation costs. 3/1







PROJECTS [ AFTER HOURS ]

PETALING JAYA, SELANGOR

A.H.TEE ARCHITECT



ocated in Ara Damansara, Oasis Square is a 15.7-acre development that embraces the ideals of sustainability and communal values, which promote a sense of place and individuality. Positioning itself as a prime commercial venue, the development takes advantage of its strategic location to showcase its vibrancy from the streets.

Visible day and night from the main road of Jalan Lapangan Terbang Subang, Oasis Square exudes lively activity and festivity. It comprises intimate shops and waterfront cafes and restaurants that focus on the sensory experience in shopping, eating and leisure. Consisting of a low density signature alfresco dining, pedestrian-friendly water canal, floating concert stage and scenic bridge, this after hours space is lined with lush greenery, water feature and artistic light installations.

In fact, the enclave that is

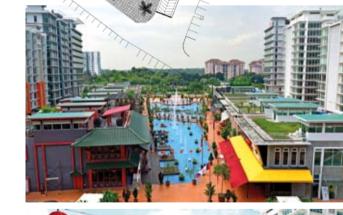
located in the middle of Oasis Square has become a defining feature in Kuala Lumpur's food and beverage (F&B) scene, not only for the food but the attractive and cozy ambience. This experience is further accentuated especially in the evenings after sunset. As reported by Brunsfield International Group, Executive Director, Mohamad Hassan Zakaria in the National Transformation Programme Annual Report 2015, the development has not only drawn in locals but also multinationals and expatriates to enjoy themselves with family and friends.

Oasis Square is a conducive environment to work, live and play in the vibrant growing district of Ara Damansara. With design concepts that emphasise on security and safety, health and cleanliness, communal values, innovative dining experience and a cozy environment, Oasis Square is poised to enhance the character of its neighbourhood and











FROM TOP: Aerial view of Oasis Square; Patrons are surrounded by water, almost like being on a jetty



YEAR COMPLETED ARCHITECT

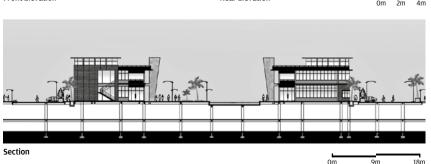
FLOOR AREA 27,900 SQM

C & S ENGINEER SITE AREA

M & E ENGINEER

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## THE ANATOMY OF ARCHITECTURE AFTER HOURS

We spend hours and hours in after hours outlets, such as away-from-home dining and entertainment, among others. But what makes these after hours spaces appealing to users?



The indoor atrium at The Gardens Mall, Kuala Lumpur

three parts: working, sleeping and everything else in between. Home is usually the place that we spend the most human being. Is there architecture for time, followed by the office. But it is the places we go in between that are the least dull of all as it includes travelling, leisure, socialising and various other 'after hours' activities. So what exactly is 'after hours'? MacMillan Dictionary (accessed May 2016) and focused spatial arrangements. described it as "after the time in the day when you finish work", while Merriam-Webster (accessed May 2016) described it as "engaged in or operating after a legal or conventional closing time". Generally, it

aily life could easily be divided into is the engagement of leisure and pleasure seeking outlets and quality enclosure to feed physical and emotional needs as a after hours, and how different is it from hospitality architecture? While resorts, hotels, motels, entertainment meccas and spas all fall under hospitality architecture, after hours architecture has more intimate

## SPATIAL STYLE

People constantly scan their environments for stimuli and information that are essential in making conscious and

unconscious judgements concerning the surrounding, thus enabling them to determine what attitudes and actions are most appropriate. The aesthetic quality of the environment has a great influence on a person's behaviour, attitude and general wellbeing (Bhatia, 2003). Today's culture of away-from-home dining and entertainment has become a primary part of the modern social culture. As such, restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs are an integral part of the success of the culture (Desai, 2011). Besides, their proliferation has led to the emergence of a high growth, segmented and highly

competitive industry. Such factors have led to the need for conscious and professional interior designing of eateries to satisfy customer expectations and also to serve as a competitive edge. Moreover. a modern customer often selects their eatery through experimental socialisation (Pecotic et al., 2014; Wardono et al., 2011). Spaces in restaurants, bars, cafes and pubs encompass more than the layout design. The phenomenon also covers lighting, sound and acoustics, ventilation and cooling, and colour designs (Malekshahi, 2013). The analysis below evaluates how the interiors of restaurants, cafes, pubs and bars impact the moods of the users.

Given the broad coverage of eateries' interior design, it is essential to assess its influence based on several components. First, lighting has a big influence on the mood of the patrons. In general, lighting is essential in giving space characteristics. Light is significant in the creation of light and dark surfaces, and the visual creation of colours, materials and texture. As such the creative use of light, especially the artificial variants, can increase the dramatic effect, desirability and ambience of the interior space. Light affects the mood of the user in several ways such as affecting how appetising the food looks. Mainly, bright lighting is more likely to evoke emotions that lead to positive moods while dull lighting may lead to emotions that relate to negative moods (Malekshahi, 2013). As such, lighting has a direct impact on the motive of dining such as romance or friendly conversation (Wardono et al., 2011).

Secondly, the colour impacts the moods of users. Different colours have varying implications on the psychological status of an individual. Colour can attract the attention of users and also influence their appetites. However, the major impact

of colour is that it has a huge impact on evoking various emotions. For example, most people perceive green as emotionally calming. As such, it evokes a sense of equilibrium, harmony, universal love and refreshment. Colours that are bright are more likely to evoke positive moods compared to dull colours. However, in an interior space, it is essential to note that colour works in unison with lighting to influence the mood of its users (Kurt & Osueke, 2014).

Thirdly, the acoustic and sound in a

pub, restaurant or bar have an effect on the mood of the patrons. Sound and acoustics include factors such as volume and speed of music and the overall noise in a restaurant. The level of noise in a given atmosphere has a direct impact on the emotions of a person, hence affecting their mood. For example, slow music in a restaurant lifts the moods of customers – a factor that may influence their willingness to spend more (Pecotic et al., 2014).

Fourthly, the layout of a space has a direct influence on the mood of the users. The layout has a direct implication on people's sense of space. Individuals often perceive space in three broad categories namely personal, social and public. As such, layout issues pertaining to space may influence one's mood since it may affect the issue of privacy. Besides, it may influence the quality of service delivery by staff – a factor that has a direct impact on customer's moods (Waxman, 2006).

In conclusion, the deliberate and conscious use of the above aspects creates a style of the interior space. Mixing the elements creates eclecticism and a theme, hence leading to a positive association and positive emotions. As such, people will always visit a restaurant, bar or café whose style elicits their positive moods. However, in designing interior spaces, it is essential

to understand how factors such as culture and age may influence moods pertaining to different elements. For example, in the U.S. orange may evoke negative moods among people since it is used to illustrate issues such as traffic hazards. However, in Asia, people associate the colour with spiritual enlightenment and life reaffirmation hence leading to positive moods (Khanau, 2015; Kurt & Osueke, 2014). In other Asian countries, bright colourful mix-and-match is always favoured, but on the other hand hospitality companies have their own corporate colours and theme for internal and external décor. 36





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## **MALAYSIAN-NESS!**

As Malaysians, how much do we understand what makes Malaysian architecture, Malaysian?

e are in Malaysia, but just how much are we acquainted with Malaysian architecture? At present, the exposure to what many may refer to as 'archiporn' – the bombardment of web-based images that point students' attention towards visually driven architectural outcomes – has directly influenced architectural learning.

The age of Internet provides unlimited access to visually powerful images of architecture via websites such as Archdaily, Contemporist, Dezeen and apps such as Pinterest, hence forming the backdrop to contemporary architecture which succumbs to the influences of global language - a language for 'all' rather than one that is specific to its context. The influence of the global image is further compounded by architecture education that teaches us Western history and the lack of publications on context-specific architecture, particularly in Malaysia. As such, architecture is being reduced to images, rather than the intellectual, contextual and narration of meaning that is an outcome of the explorative process of design.

So, what is contextual architecture? What is Malaysian architecture? Within the Malaysian architecture scene, one of the key moments of clarity on the definition of Malaysian

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architecture is probably during the 1960s to 1980s where the architectural aim was to design architecture that reflects the nation, witnessed through buildings such as the National Stadium and Parliament House, among others.

Today, how can we define

Malaysian architecture? And more so, how do we teach it? What are the lessons for students in learning Malaysian architecture? When I was studying architecture, I must admit that I was no different from other students in terms of drawing references and inspirations from the global environment. In recent years, after stumbling into a few unique architectural practices, my interest and commitment to understand and disseminate Malaysian architecture grew, manifested through my interest in writing. I have also started a Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) module called Experiencing Malaysian Architecture.

In my journey to understand Malaysian architecture, one way was to embrace its multiplicity and plurality of approaches: The contradictions and complexities of Malaysian architecture tensions between the global and local cultures which can be interpreted through themes of modernity such as restraints, metaphors and symbolisms such as the 'keris' and the 'songkok'; the aesthetics of local materials such as timber, bamboo, bricks

and vent blocks; the affinity of the vernacular such as the Malay *kampung* house; the green agenda through tropical ideas and the Green Building Index; community-based architecture through *pro bono* architecture; and lastly the architecture of consumption such as Legoland and the merging theme parks in Malaysia.

For students, there is a strong need to be engaged in Malaysian architectural discourse to understand the issues and challenges faced by the architectural profession, the diversified approaches towards Malaysian architecture, and more importantly to position themselves as responsible Malaysian citizens in shaping the built environment for the future.

Being an educator myself, I can't see enough references to the local context in the teaching of architecture in Malaysian architectural schools through fields of construction and technology, social and cultural theory. and more so in architectural design. As architecture schools in Malaysia begin to engage in more 'Malaysian-ness' through both curricular and non-curricular agendas, I would like to urge architecture students to:

1. Explore approaches driven by context rather than style, trends and form in your design works and competitions – notwithstanding references and inspirations of global ideas but focusing on executing it in local ways.

- **2.** Grab every opportunity for architectural visits to worthy local buildings and understand how and why they are conceived.
- **3.** Attend lectures not only by international starchitects, but those by Malaysian architects.
- **4.** Take part in extracurricular projects that require hands-on approach in order to understand local materials and people.
- **5.** Speak to architects and unravel how they shape their belief systems and how that is positioned within the Malaysian context. **3**%

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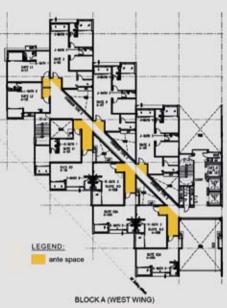


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e have seen tremendous growth in highrise developments across the country and around the world in the past decades. Throughout the years, there is only one significant objective to the high-rise typology – to multiply the floor plate to make full use of air space due to economics and limited urban space. The failing Modernism's Super Block ideologies were heavily debated amongst academicians as well as practitioners.

If we were to travel back in time to revisit Le Corbusier's *Maison Dom-Ino* and his *Five Points For a New Architecture* and even the *Unite d'Habitation*, there was so much optimism and positivity in them. The original ideologies of the pilotis with elevated slab for greenery, linkage of external and internal space, ample light and

ventilation and the communal green space as propagated by Le Corbusier were so convincing and livable in his *Ville Contemporaine* composed of Immeuble-Villa units. However, as the economy of scale took priority, this large urban form began to consume everything within it. The form was retained but the ideology was discarded. Soon, adversity grew and the Western society

started questioning the relevance of the Modernist blocks. The Pruitt-Igoe urban housing project in St. Louis has become an icon of urban renewal failure.

As we were doing research on the theoretical background of our design approach, the *Plan Obus* for *Algiers* by Le Corbusier caught our attention. The image was exactly what we were trying to achieve – to bring the inhabitants back to greens, light and ventilation rather than confining them in concrete boxes.

In our latest completed work Univ 360 Place, there were a few experimentations made with the conventional column-beam-shear wall structural system at the early stage of design, which was intended to set a new paradigm in the architectural approach for reinforced concrete high-rise buildings.

The appearance of a building is very much dependent on the initial stage of design – block and grid planning. From a conventional square grid system, the arrangement of the units was sheared from a linear formation to a 45 degree formation. This has created triangular pocket spaces, substantially and intentionally, for social interactions as well as more external walls that enable the placement of window openings.

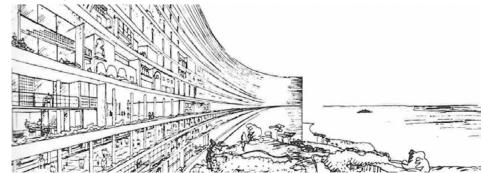
At the same time, it forms a dynamic building shape.

Zooming into micro planning, the typology of each unit was varied by changing the position of the balcony and introducing bay windows to the habitable rooms within the controlled working grid. This approach has enhanced the quality of the internal space and provided some variations to its external appearance.

Another variation we explored was the removal of units horizontally within the shear wall block at mid-level to create communal spaces. This sky terrace was achieved by introducing mini transfer beams to convert the shear wall into a column and back to shear wall again at the units below. The resulting space is a large interconnected communal space with a better visual connection compared to the shear wall system that divides up the large space.

This project has enabled us to set up a more systematic design and technical framework to work with reinforced concrete structures to allow more possibilities of a better, greener and communal-friendly urban block, and we are optimistic that it will shed some positive light in the spirit of architecture nouvelle. 36

## in Obus for Algiers (1930) by Le Corbusier



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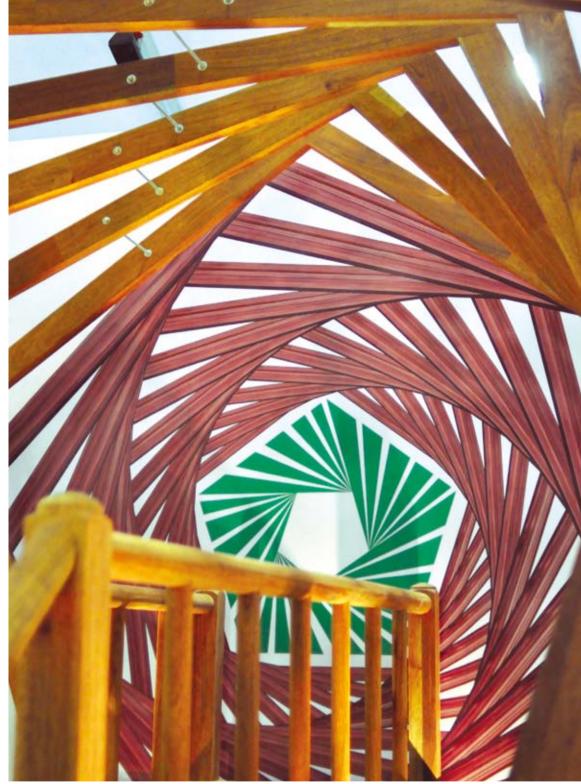
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The highlight of South East Asia's community of architects, interior designers, developers, urban planners, engineers and building industry professionals, the ARCHIDEX 16 is back this July at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.



Various exhibition booths last year at ARCHIDEX 15

eld from 20 to 23 July 2016, the 17th installment of ARCHIDEX is set to return again at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre this year. ARCHIDEX is the region's leading annual architecture, interior design and building industry trade event, held concurrently with the Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival (KLAF) 2016 by Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM).

ARCHIDEX is jointly organised by PAM and C.I.S Network Sdn Bhd, a leading Malaysian trade and lifestyle exhibitions organiser. It currently occupies a highly coveted position at the forefront of the region's robust architecture, design and building industry, and is a popular gateway into the burgeoning South East Asian market and an ideal platform to launch innovative new collections

The exhibition this year will gather over 35,000 visitors and delegates from 70 countries, a majority of which will consist of professionals from the building industry who will converge, connect and collaborate during the fourday exhibition and conferences.

"As ARCHIDEX celebrates its 17th installment this year, we look back to the milestones of success that began in 2000, which culminates in creating this very important platform of exhibition for the industry until today," said Dato' Vincent Lim, President of C.I.S Network Sdn Bhd.

"We see a continuous growth for the industry and expect a slight increase of transactions to over RM1billion from last year. ARCHIDEX will continue to provide a platform for local and international exhibitors to feature and introduce the latest

products and technology or materials to the South East Asian market," he added.

ARCHIDEX 16 will anticipate the showcase of more than 1,200 exhibition booths from over 500 local and international companies. A total of 12 nations will showcase the very best of the industry in the exhibition, namely China, Belgium, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, US and Vietnam.

"As Vision 2020 beckons on the horizon, it brings with it infinite possibilities and promises. Across a globally challenging economic landscape, architecture continues to surpass expectations. The demand for good design remains ever more," said PAM President Ar Mohd Zulhemlee An.

"It is our hope that the annual conference and forums with our programme of featured speakers will continue to inspire participants through anchor events such as PAM Datum Conference, Green Forum and Design Forum, which are part of the Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival 2016. Held together are also PAM's Master Class and Public Lecture," he added.

## **NEW HIGHLIGHTS OF ARCHIDEX 16**

In light of Malaysia's recent participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), the Focus Forum @ ARCHIDEX will be held on 20 July 2016 to discuss the challenges and opportunities that would rise along the way – all in the perspective of the construction and building industry

Along with the Focus Forum, there will also be a Panel Session on TPPA on the outlook of the Malaysian construction industry in the next 20 years, panelled by PAM, Ministry of Human Resource (MOHR), Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) and Building

Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia (BMDAM), which aims to provide a thorough insight on the matter.

Held concurrently with ARCHIDEX 16, the Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival (KLAF) 2016 organised by PAM will consist of a host of events, including the Datum Conference, Design Forum, Green Forum, Architecture Exhibition, Masterclass, Public Lecture, Graphic Design Exhibition, Architecture Tours and Round Table. For more information on KLAF 2016, visit www. pam.org.my.

## OTHER NOTEWORTHY HIGHLIGHTS IN **ARCHIDEX 16**

Furthermore, in line with continuing efforts to bring innovative and excellent products to the forefront, this year's ARCHIDEX will also see nominees by exhibitors competing for the New Product Awards and the Green Dot Awards that are highly coveted industry recognition. The New Product Awards is an acknowledgment for excellence in design and production, while the Green Dot Award is aimed at recognising exemplary environmental attributes of a product.

In addition, ARCHIDEX 16 will also feature ECO-B (Eco Building & Design Exhibition), which provides a highly effective platform to explore the growing interest in environmentally responsible buildings. It caters to an exponential rise of global interest in green building technologies, designs and solutions. 3/1

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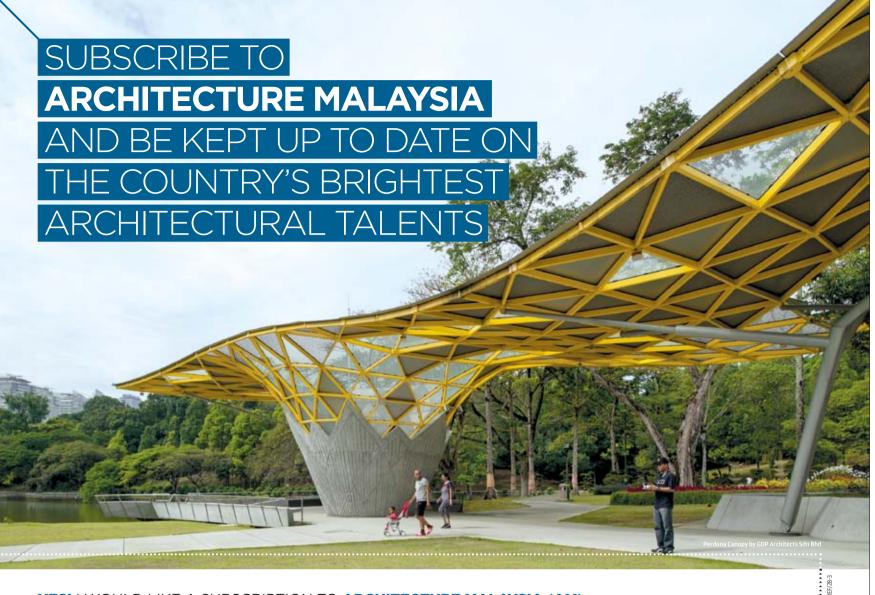












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## [ FROM THE EDITOR ]

According to Lofthouse (2013), architectural practices are rapidly changing, and the current architectural education provides insufficient skills and knowledge in the ever-evolving industry. There is a huge gap between what tutors teach in school and the expectations of future employers, and relations occurring in the real world and practice (Sidawi, 2013).

Architectural education can be described as a balance between technology and art-based techniques. The technological aspect of architectural education is through the use of technology in design, decoration, restoration and construction of buildings and other materials. Computer-aided programmes are also heavily used in measuring and designing appropriate shapes and appearances of building (International Union of Architects, 2011). As an art, architectural education incorporates different elements of art especially in designing maps, shapes, layouts and decorations. It also involves extensive draughting and sketching, even more so back in the days.

Presently, the Comprehensive Design Project (CDP) binds the architectural education in the final semester of the degree programme or Part Las I AM recognises it. The studio brief is formulated in such a way to incorporate student's understanding of design, integration of social and building technologies, as well as technical skills in using the latest IT know-how. To ensure the CDP runs smoothly and to make the most of the final semester, students are informed beforehand of what to expect during the final semester. They are allowed to conduct basic research and some groundwork prior to the start of the semester. All the knowledge the students have gained in their degree programme are put to the 'final test' during the end-of-semester project review. The final reviews will be conducted with invited professional architects

as well as experienced lecturers from other universities to gauge the standard and provide benchmarking in relation to actual architectural practice. Although in theory the CDP can provide students with appropriate exposure, it is not without some disadvantages. For example, it might limit students from exploring more and appear too 'real', as in an actual architectural office. It is difficult to work out the appropriate mix between being practical and artistic, but it all depends on the objectives of the architectural school at the end of the day. Technically, the main intention of CDP is purely to galvanise professional competency and technical comprehension of architectural students in preparing themselves for the practice of architecture.

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## **KUALA TRAVELLERS'** HOTEL

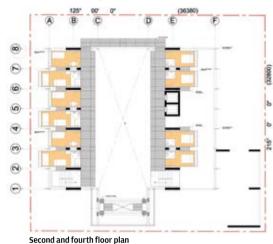
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The idea that buildings can grow and adapt to change is not new. It was once popularised during the 60s by the Metabolist Group and the Archigram Group. The design is thus derived from that ideology - to have a building that can be altered, manipulated and adapted according to the growing changes or needs of users. The design of the hotel uses standardised shipping containers as the main spaces, mainly the bedrooms. The building is divided into two parts, consisting of permanent structures and plug-in plug-out components. The design is articulated in such a way that it can grow vertically and horizontally, akin to that of LEGO blocks. As the demand for space grows, so does the building. The atrium space in the middle serves as an internal courtyard, which gives a sense of openness and communal green space. 🦘

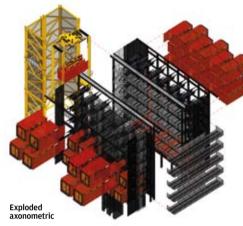


Perspective view from Jalan Tun Perak





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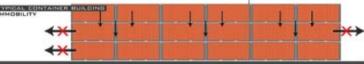
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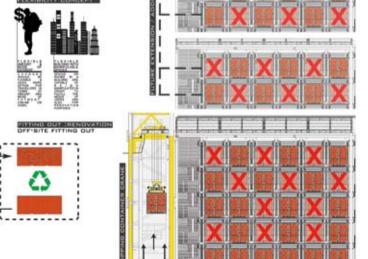
Elevation from Jalan Raja Laut



## Conceptual building diagram









FROM TOP: Internal perspective view; Room interior

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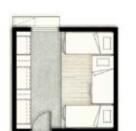
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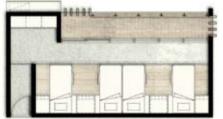
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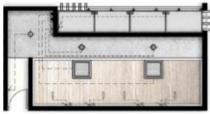
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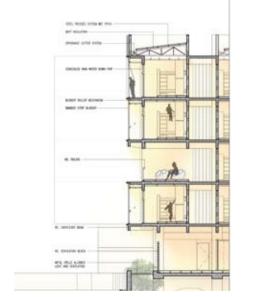
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Having a site not far away from the buzzing Chow Kit Road, the scheme attempts to blend in with the urban fabric and surrounding context. The main idea is to provide the travellers' hotel with the essence of street architecture, blending in characteristics such as the love of walking between buildings and having tea and coffee along the street's coffee shops. The designer also attempts to break the monotony of repetitive and 'boring' travellers' hotels. By having pocket spaces within the floor plan, it creates a courtyard and open space for users and guests to mingle. This approach also allows natural ventilation into the building. 3/m





N Site plan



Retaining wall, floor, wall and roof detail

Elevation from back alley

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FROM TOP: Entertainment and leisure; Shared dining; Centre courtyard; Courtyard; Waiting and eating area



Elevation from Raja Laut 'B'

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Elevation from Lengkok Raja Laut 'A'



## A GREEN Guide For Eco-friendly Homeowners



general public have begun to realise the importance of maintaining a 'green' lifestyle as we consume our natural resources in large volumes and begin to experience the bad ecological effects in our daily lives. Though Malaysians are protected from major natural disasters, environmental issues such as water rationing and the haze, flash floods during the monsoon season, and many other environment issues are no stranger to us. It is these increasing environmental issue occurrences that leads us to question ourselves if we are really doing all we can to protect the welfare of the environment.

With this in mind, most of us have already begun to change our daily habits to tackle these issues such as purchasing 'green' home appliances, sorting out our trash to recycle used items and many others. However there is very little shared on how homeowners can ensure that the structure of the home itself can be eco-friendly.

## What is an eco-friendly home?

An eco-friendly home should be made out of environmentally friendly materials that benefits both the environment and people for long term. One of the main aspects to consider is how energy efficient is your home?

An energy efficient home is able to assist in reducing the amount of energy used such as electricity, ensuring that homeowners are able to utilise electricity in the most responsible way. As most homeowners spend the bulk of their finances on the electricity bill, an energy efficient home should be able to bring the interior temperature down, reducing the usage of air-conditioning units. This is only possible when the home is constructed in a way that allows good air circulation accompanied with roof and walls that are imbued with insulation properties that dispels heat effectively.

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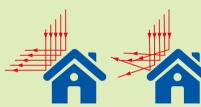
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Venue: Oslo. Norway www.oslotriennale.no/en

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24 - 26 SEP 2016 ASIA PACIFIC SPACE DESIGNERS ALLIANCE (APSDA) CONFERENCE Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre, Australia

www.apsdaaustralia.com.au

28 - 30 SEP 2016 ARCHXPO

Venue: Marina Bay Sands, Singapore www.archxpo.com.sg

29 SEP - 1 OCT 2016 INTERNATIONAL

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21 OCT 2016 - 22 JAN 2017 THE ECONOMIC TIMES

ACETECH Venue: India

www.etacetech.com

28 OCT 2016 - 26 FEB 2017 SINGAPORE BIENNALE

Venue: Singapore Art Museum, Singapore www.nac.gov.sg/events

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Venue: Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur www.oneinternational.com.my

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Venue: Shanghai New International Expo Centre, China www.upadchina.com

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