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IN THE MOVE

A new project in Surabaya has embarked on its first step into realization! With the form of flowing facade, it not only gives new expression to the new grade-A office building, but also integrates architecturally with the neighboring 5-star hotel in order to create one entity; along the familiar line of a 'mixed-use development'.

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What was intended initially to be a simple re-cladding exercise, has turned into a full-blown rebranding exercise!

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WAVE OF GOLD IN SURABAYA

A series of curves that depict metaphorically the rising and ebbing of giant tidal waves are articulated by fashioning champagne gold metal bars into a continuous screen that also camouflages the naked carpark structure behind.

The same facade screen then metamorphosizes into a well-lit lantern that will glow during the dark to help forge a mental landmark for most drivers driving home on this major trunk road connecting the inner city with the more serene suburbia beyond.





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GET INSPIRED BY NATURE

VOZA Premium Office
Surabaya

Imagine going to work is like a walk through the forest ...that's a Dream that we have concocted, and it is one that has finally been turned into reality; after some 18~20 months of concept design, documentation, and multiple site visits!

We lined the walls with continuous hardwood strips to mimic the verticality of a forest, and carved out a false ceiling that is faintly reminiscent of water ripples in a small pond that culminates in a water droplet chandelier..

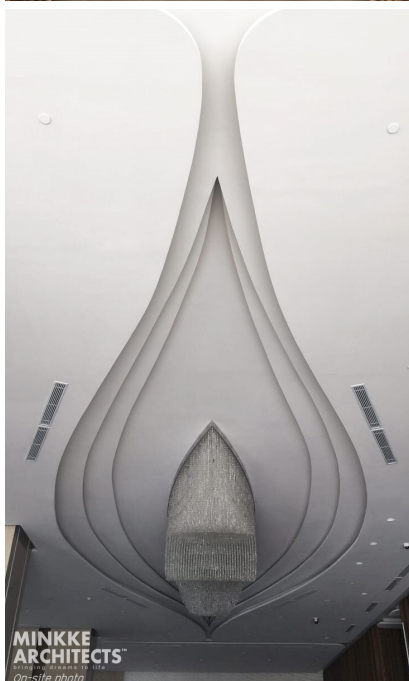
By doing so, we aim to tune the average worker's stress level down by several degrees and, in the process, put them in a more relaxed state that can hopefully generate a more productive day at the workplace.

...And that's not a bad aim; some might say!

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CONTRAST BETWEEN TONES

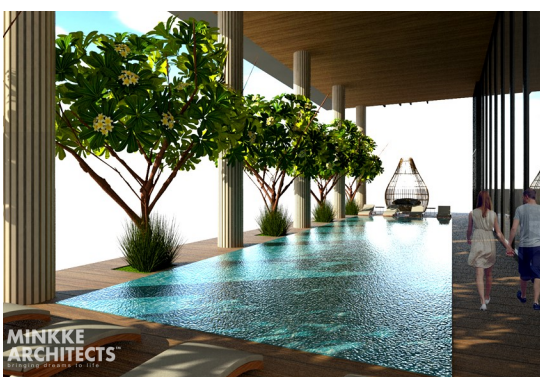
The 'Cool Down' Spot

As much as we have injected loads of warmth into our entrance lobby—with the bountiful wood, exquisite travertine stones, and understated brass fittings, we decided to opt for a cool effect as you step into the lift car ...almost like entering into a chiller box, to cool down; if you like.

This dual-pronged attack of warm and cold spells will hopefully jolt your senses for a bit in order to stimulate your senses for yet another exciting day at work!



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URBAN GETAWAY

BGA
Bogor, Indonesia

A place where you would like to retreat to after a hard day's work ...especially for those hard working and hard playing executives and *yuppies* living the high life.

An urban resort...a home away from home...a vertical resort... A place you can call home and even better, a place you can getaway to, everyday; where everyday is a holiday.

As you come home, you are greeted by visions of nature, a combination of water surrounded by greenery, and stepping stones that lead you across discreet waterways to glass pavilions that float on water—gently reminding you of your last holiday resort that you stayed in.

Our boutique condominium—codenamed BGA—rises up 20-storey from hilly grounds about 45min away from Jakarta; an area that boasts beautiful golf courses set amidst wondrous nature, along with its historically important botanical garden founded by a gentlemen who founded another equally famous establishment; the City State of Singapore.



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Respecting the tradition of this historical building that unwittingly played a crucial role during *Indonesian Konfrontasi* that almost brought Singapore and Indonesia to a war, our design aims to reconcile the aesthetics of history with the contemporary glam befitting this pedigreed building.

The idea then executed with a combination of muted earthy tones with sharp accented lines, and a hint of cultural texture to bring this relatively staid building to the contemporary fore.

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THE STORY WITHIN

Small in scale but no means insignificant in stature, this little public toilet revamp in a much-venerated heritage-listed building—MacDonald’s House—on the famed Orchard Road is a testament to all that is understated & timeless in design mannerisms.

MORE EXCITING PROJECTS IN THE NEXT ISSUE!

This is by no means the end—we still have lots of projects turning into reality soon, and we cannot wait to share them with you! Thank you for reading and see you on our next issue!

For those of you, Dear Readers, who want to know more about us and our previous projects, [feel free to visit our website by clicking on this link!](#)