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THE CEO'S THOUGHTS

Don't miss any chance to show your capabilities . Accept new challenges and if you fail, don't cower! why? Because failures are a part of the growing process, it makes you resilient in the face of adversities! Take every chance and give it your best shot!! Every challenge is a part of the growing process.

William Evans Halm (a.g.i.a)

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RESOLUTION Q1 HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour

On Friday 29th March, 2019 at 2pm, all was set for the first "Happy Hour" organized for staff of Spektra Global to end the 1st quarter of the year.

The purpose of this event was to celebrate staff for their hard work and dedication during the first quarter of the year. It was also an opportunity to discuss the challenges of the past quarter and the vision for the next.

The Experience

Each staff was made to share their experience and challenges faced during the first quarter. Some recounted their challenges with meeting deadlines. Staff were also educated on best practices in requisition of funds from the Finance Department.

Words of Encouragement

The C.E.O., Mr. William Evans Halm, thanked staff for the efforts put into the first quarter of the year. He urged all staff to particularly and practically live out the Value of Timeliness. He reiterated the importance of completing our projects on time and in excellence which meant that each individual and each department is to ensure that deadlines are met to prevent unnecessary delays in our total output.

The Pledge

In general, the past quarter had been a good one in spite of the challenges that we were faced with. Each staff made a personal pledge to be on time in the coming quarter and the rest of the year.

Breaking Bread

Staff were treated to good music and a variety of dishes, both local and continental, and drinks. Each staff also received a take-away package made up of dairy products and beverages.





PROJECT OF THE MONTH

SEEDCO HEAD OFFICE

What does Seedco do?

Seedco Ltd. is a construction company that specializes in steel structures for the mining industry.

The design of their head office is meant to provide solutions for business operations, staff accommodation and recreation and secondary income generation for the company.

We therefore created this mix-use facility to have all these transactions in a four storey-structure, with a total floor area.

The functions have been segregated as follows:

Ground floor: commercial lettable spaces

1st floor: Seedco offices

2nd floor: staff accommodation, of 5 no 2 bedroom apartments

3rd floor: roof garden, canteen and recreational centre for the staff.

Located in Afienya, a major consideration in addition to the functional mixed-use effectiveness, which helps the team reduce travel time to the barest minimum and maintain harmonious work-life balance thus the tropical climate in which we find ourselves. Long overhangs, North-South orientation, double timed glazing, openable windows and infusion of soft landscaping were used to reduce the heating loads of the building.



FROM THE
**DEPTHS OF MUD
& DARKNESS**



A Lotus with eight petals represents cosmic harmony.

The flower is truly sacred for many reasons. Lotuses notably showcase vibrant shades of pink, while dabbling in white and purple hues. They thrive in murky waters. Their long stems contain air spaces to keep their flowers afloat. Sometimes even the leaves stay above water.

The flower opens in the morning and shares its alluring aroma. The petals fall later in the afternoon. When the plant's fruits are ripe, the seed pod gradually falls toward the water and releases the seeds to their bidding. Gardeners who grow lotuses can winter over the plants if the pond depth is below the local freeze line, or they can store the tubers in a cool but frost-free location until late spring.

We can learn a valuable lesson from the lotus. In the depths of despair, we may feel stuck. The lotus manifests its purpose (to bloom) in the face of obstacles. In fact, the plant uses the darkness and the sticky mud to its advantage.

It has learned to adapt to messy surroundings, journeying across several continents to share this way of life. Freely releasing its seeds into the clouded waters below, the flower survives with little help from a gardener.

The seemingly delicate flower displays a strong example of resiliency. Beaming in full sunlight, it inspires onlookers to push forward, onward and upward.

You, too, can pursue your dreams and keep your head above water.

Build a foundation and use challenges to your advantage. Let the seeds fall where they may, nurture them, and watch your project grow petal by petal.

Source: theflowerexpert.com

ICONIC BUILDING OF THE MONTH



A welcoming exterior reflects the spiritual atmosphere of The Lotus Temple in New Delhi, India. Iranian architect Fariborz Sahba designed the place of worship to resemble a blooming lotus, an example of expressionist architecture. Also known as the Baha'i House of Worship, it offers a sanctuary for Baha'is and others who seek peace.

Completed in 1986, the white marble exterior welcomes 3.5 million visitors each year, according to Architravel.com. Nine sides to the temple form 27 marble petals arranged in groups of three. The nine doors, reminiscent of the nine-pointed star in Baha'i Faith, lead to a 131-foot (40-meter) high prayer hall that can hold 2500 people. Its marble floor came from the Penteli Mountain in Greece. It is one of the first temples in Dehli to use solar power.

Fittingly, ponds and gardens enchant visitors at the gates. The property is 26 acres.

Sahba chose the lotus for inspiration because it is special to several religions, including Hinduism and Buddhism. A blooming flower embodies Baha'i beliefs such as the progressive revelation of religious truth. For this creation, GlobArt Academy in Vienna, Austria, granted him an award for his ability to promote unity.



"Like the lotus flower, business blooms in the mud, and in the dark of night."

- Robin Caldwell,

"When Women Become Business Owners"

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OF THE LOTUS
TEMPLE?**

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