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"A building has to make economic sense
otherwise it's not worth the effort"

- William Evans Halm (A.G.I.A)



Gung Ho!!!

POWER START

“New Year” to us means New Goals, New Initiative and a Refreshed Team, as well as the time to put collaborative efforts together in order to achieve our greatest goal of designing and constructing inspiring buildings across the globe as Spektral Global Limited.

Ushering into the year of work, our first two days was used for a strategic meeting also known to us as **“POWER START”** which was organized by the HR department for both staff and management to strategically discuss and align the team for the journey and goals ahead. Nonetheless, there were also teamwork activities, training and other fun competitions involved.

This program was aimed to promote unity at the workplace; team synergy and welcome diverse thoughts, creativity, opportunities, and problem-solving approaches by the help our resourceful Human Resource Professionals.

The team is ready!!
Let's get started!!





PROJECT OF THE MONTH

A luxurious 8 bedroom residence crafted in colonial style equipped with a visitor's centre, a 3 bedroom outhouse, lovely outdoor spaces and enchanting interiors.



THE MASTER BUILDER SEGMENT

NEEDS & OPTIONS

REVIEW

01

FEASIBILITY
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03

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PROFESSIONAL
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02

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04

SITE ANALYSIS

Click the link below to watch video
<https://youtu.be/HcMDLi19FDc>



Story time from space

Rubins reads *Rosie Revere, Engineer*, by Andrea Beaty. It's about a shy little girl who builds up her confidence, only to have it fall back down. She hides away in her basement, making gizmos and gadgets. Rosie reveals them to her family, and finally Fred the Zookeeper who has a problem to be solved -- snakes on his head! She builds him a cheese hat, which doesn't turn out so well. The budding engineer retreats into her shell, then her great great Aunt Rose comes to visit ... wearing the signature Rosie the Riveter headscarf. She speaks of a time when women worked in factories during World War II, with passion and determination. Her last wish is to be able to fly. Little Rosie lays in bed, and wonders, "Could she build a gizmo to help her aunt fly?"

In the morning, she flies a Cheese-copter just for a moment, and crashes. Aunt Rose laughs and laughs, as her niece utters that she will never try to build anything again. But then Aunt Rose gives her a big hug. The lesson learned -- "Life may have its failures, but this was not it. The only true failure can come if you quit." And so, the story ends with Rosie wearing the characteristic scarf on her head. She keeps on going and inspires kids at school to enthusiastically build "perfect failures."

Story Time from Space shares the same innovative spirit: "What you cannot imagine, you cannot do."



ICONIC BUILDING OF THE MONTH

TIANJIN BINHAI LIBRARY

However, the central space is undeniably modern. The floor, wall, stairs, and ceiling flow together -- lines disappear and it feels as though you're floating in a "continuous bookshelf." As a result, the library has gone viral on social media. Though the lack of real books disappoints some visitors, the design philosophy ensures "social happiness" above all.



Dutch architects MVRDV collaborated with local architects TUPDI in Tianjin, China to complete the public Tianjin Binhai Library in 2017, as part of the master plan for the new Binhai Cultural Center. The 5-story space revolves around a spherical auditorium, seen through an oval opening known as The Eye of Binhai. A "sea of books" covers the undulating bookshelf and catches a new wave of futuristic architecture. At more than 36,000 square feet, its capacity is at 110 people and 1.2 million books. But, "there's a catch ... not all the books are real," Business Insider reveals.



Due to a short 3-year time frame, the firm had to sacrifice its original design which allowed for access to the upper bookshelves. Instead, images of book spines cover the much of the atrium's shelves.

This part is called The Cave, centered around the LED-lit iconic sphere, meant as "an urban living room," says MVRDV founder. Moving inward, a spherical auditorium carries the theme. Then, more traditional reading rooms offer real books and spaces tailored to fit various needs.



INTERIOR DESIGN SEGMENT



People want more bright, lively colors and a dramatic interior that gives life to their homes. We can't afford simple, dead-looking spaces since we're spending so much time at home. So this year, don't feel shy to add some drama and life to your interiors. Throw in some bold, bright colors, wall paint that speaks to you, and furnishings that are unique yet comfortable.

SOURCE: <https://www.floately.com/blogs/news/home-decor-trends-2021-revealed>



For creating an Emergency Fund

Financial experts will tell you that no matter your age or income, you need some level of emergency funds – money set aside to help you cover unexpected expenses. If you have an emergency fund, little disasters, like a broken appliance or a car repair, are a lot more manageable. Rather than taking unnecessary loans or borrowing from friends and family, your emergency fund will help solve the problem while keeping you financially on track. Use this checklist to help you get started:

01

Calculate how much you may need. An emergency fund should be able to cover at least three to six months of living expenses such as housing, transportation and food.

02

Separate your emergency funds from your other money. Don't keep your emergency funds in your regular chequing account or pooled with your other money as it can be easily used up for expenditures that are not true emergencies.

03

Keep your funds accessible, but not too accessible. Put at least the first three months of your emergency fund in an interest-bearing investment or money market investment so that there is little to no withdrawal penalty when you need to withdraw your cash and it can be accessed easily. However, your emergency fund shouldn't be so accessible that you can quickly dip into it without even thinking.

04

Build your emergency fund slowly. Putting a huge lump sum into an emergency fund may not be the best idea if you'll need to take money out again to pay for necessities. Rather, build your emergency fund methodically by contributing small amounts consistently.

05

Put your emergency fund deposits on autopilot. To help you save more consistently, set up regular automatic transfers (i.e., direct debit) to your emergency fund.

To be continued in the next edition of the Spektra Newsletter



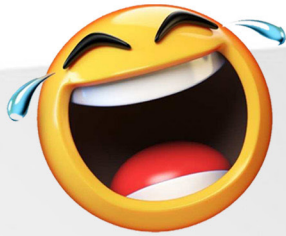
"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

- Anne Frank



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BOSS TO AN EMPLOYEE:

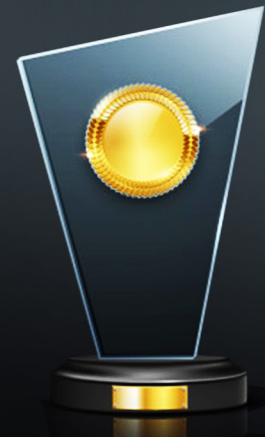
Do you believe in life after Death?

EMPLOYEE:

Certainly not, there's no proof of it

BOSS:

Well, there is now After you left early yesterday to go to your Uncle's funeral, he came here looking for you



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