

With a view to a thrill

Twin Palms Kemensah bungalows wow with unique designs



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The Lum Chang Group got many well-heeled purchasers excited recently when it took the wraps off the latest bungalow designs in its upmarket Twin Palms Kemensah residential project in Kuala Lumpur.

Last weekend, a select few were invited to a preview of three tastefully furnished bungalows in its Cubist series.

All in, the 30-acre freehold exclusive gated-and-guarded development will only have 42 units of three-storey bungalows planned for the current phase, of which 25 have been rolled out and tagged from RM2.7 million to RM3.96 million.

Features within the six-plus-one bedroom units with built-up areas of 4,600sq ft to 5,000sq ft include a three-storey high staircase atrium with large glass panels, a quiet retreat at the top floor patio, two master bedrooms and a jacuzzi.

Upon entering the gated confines guarded by Nepalese security, I was immediately greeted by a view of the lovely Melawati Hills which forms an imposing backdrop, a gentle breeze and a peaceful green environment that left me with a good impression that Lum Chang has once again pulled off a big surprise in bungalow design.

Although the three Cubist designs have rather boxy facades, their interior layouts are intriguing.

One known as Series A follows a traditional bungalow plan with a smallish living area in front and a kitchen and dining area at the rear. Another, Series C, the largest

of the three, has a guest room with an attached bathroom right in front while the living, dining and dry kitchen areas are positioned in the mid to rear sections.

But it is the Series B that is the curtain raiser. Truly innovative with all the spaces linked up physically and visually, you have to see it to appreciate how this very interesting design can take your breath away!

Alas, because Twin Palms Kemensah's brochure does not show the layouts, you have to be one of the fortunate souls to get invited to see this project, which is helping to turn the Kemensah Heights locality into an enclave for the elite, similar to Damansara Heights or Bangsar. The others include Selangor Dredging Bhd's 20Trees and Delta Elegance Sdn Bhd's Bayu Kemensah, the latter which is adjacent to Twin Palms Kemensah.

Should you have the chance to inspect the Series B show unit, you'll notice a foyer just inside the main door with a long wooden bench where you can sit down to take off your shoes, reminiscent of a typical Japanese country house.

Then, instead of stepping into the living room, you enter a spacious family area that is tastefully furnished.

"This is my favourite design ... I simply love it," enthused George Fong, Lum Chang Malaysia's general manager, as he slid open a wall panel to reveal a large hidden pantry.

Yes, Series B is also my favourite because the layout is totally dif-

ferent: The master bedroom with jacuzzi and walk-in dressing area, for instance, is at the rear on the ground floor, allowing it to open out to a cosy patio with water features and a landscaped garden.

Stepping up to the first floor, you will find the spacious living room, a longish dining area and dry kitchen all linked up in an open concept. Wow!

Like the other two designs, the soaring and spacious staircase enhances that majestic feel but more importantly, the many large glass panels and windows allow for plenty of natural lighting.

Accolades for the fine designs must be given to architect Yeo Eng Ming of Atelier 8 as well as interior designers Linear Design which did up Series A and Art Et Domain, a Singapore company which did wonders for Series B and C.

Founded in Singapore, Lum Chang has grown from strength to strength since its incorporation in Malaysia in 1979.

Its high-end condominiums include Kuantan Tembling Resort in Kuantan, and Damansara Villa, The Forum and Wickham Manor in Kuala Lumpur.

It also developed and built the prestigious Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club and in 2005, launched two landed residential projects in Section 27 of Shah Alam, Selangor: Laman Seri (comprising 112 courtyard houses) and Suria618 (skylight houses) that cater to two different markets.

In September 2007, it launched the 126-acre resort-style Twin Palms Sungai Long.

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The Series B Cubist show bungalow.



Residents can enjoy a panoramic view of the Melawati Hills.

