

## RLB Singapore celebrates 50 years of achievement

From the tallest to the largest

**Raffles Hotel** 



## **RLB SINGAPORE GOLDEN JUBILEE**



Rider Levett Bucknall (RLB) in Singapore celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2022, a momentous event in its corporate history. 2022 is the Year of the Tiger, a Chinese zodiac animal symbolising strength, boldness, and readiness for challenge. These traits appropriately characterise RLB over its fifty years of service to valued clientele in Singapore and regionally. We are proud to have been involved in successfully delivering some of Singapore's most iconic and landmark projects over these years.

### **EARLY YEARS**





Our founding partners, David Bailey and Denis Levett, established the Singapore practice in 1972. The practice grew considerably in the late 70s and 80s with the support of local and global corporate clients, winning commissions for two mega Singapore projects, Marina Square and Raffles City.

The stewardship of managing partners in the seventies, Lai Meng Seng (1972) and John Gunner (1975) charted a successful RLB journey over this period, and into the 21st Century with Winston Hauw (1982) and Lam Chye Shing (1992) joining the partnership and contributing to the continued success of the practice.

Our ability to deliver on challenging projects, is founded in successfully completing Singapore's two tallest buildings, Republic Plaza and UOB Plaza in those early years.







"Republic Plaza at a height of 280 meters was officially opened in January 1998.

A simple square form with chamfered corners at the base, the tower tapers as it rises,
to reduce buffeting due to wind loading.

I am fortunate and honored to have been the QS responsible for this prestigious project, which during the 1990's was one of the three tallest buildings in Singapore." Lam Chye Shing



## **OUR NATION BUILDING JOURNEY**



An increasing diversity of development projects in the 1990s provided a solid foundation of experience to deliver service excellence in the ensuing decades, in the health, hotels & leisure, infrastructure, public & civic, residential and sport sectors. We are proud to have been part of Singapore's development journey and ongoing growth. Building a legacy and creating something enduring that can endure through generations is a privilege. Examples like Bukit Timah Plaza, Thomson Medical Centre, Clifford Centre, The Concourse, and The Gateway are all familiar landmarks that are part of the Singapore built environment fabric.

The late 1990s saw the firm expand and venture further into Southeast Asia. RLB in Singapore have since established five subsidiary practices in Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar, and Cambodia, to serve regional and international clientele with a similar high standard of professional consultancy services. These regional offices are an extension of our Singapore practice, and we are proud to be involved in landmark projects in these countries. These include the Sheraton Saigon and the Grand Ho Tram Strip, Vietnam; the Pertamina Tower, Jakarta, Indonesia; and recently, the New Phnom Penh International Airport in Cambodia.



## **OUR STRENGTH**





43rd Anniversary Cocktail Party

Service excellence is about people. The talent and experience of people who have joined our partnership over the years like Christopher Leong, Peter Fong, Silas Loh, Colin Kin, and more recently Teoh Wooi Sin, are the reason we are able to tackle challenges.

The strength, depth and breadth of our people has always been unrivalled. We are proud in this Anniversary year, to welcome two talented and experienced individuals, Ms Lai Sun Mei and William Lim to our leadership team.

It heralds a new season of corporate growth and renewal, to ensure we continue to provide service excellence on our projects.



## **BOLDNESS IN INNOVATION**

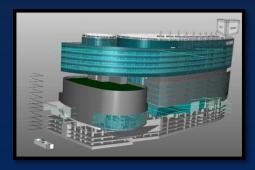
RLB believe in being industry drivers and leaders. Some examples include:

#### BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING

We have been at the forefront of BIM adoption in Singapore. Our Managing Director, Silas Loh, is an industry expert for BIM practice in Singapore. He is a member of the BCA Integrated Digital Delivery Steering Committee, having served previously as the Co-Deputy Chairman.

Notably, RLB is the only QS firm in Singapore that holds all three BCA BIM Awards:

- BCA Singapore Construction Productivity Week BIM Competition (Industry Category)
   Award in 2013. RLB emerged as 1st Runner-Up, beating several architectural, engineering & contracting firms
- BCA BIM Goldplus Award (Organisation Category) in 2015. The award is conferred upon firms demonstrating high BIM competency in BIM practice
- BCA BIM Gold Award (Project Category) for High Park Residences in 2016. The award is conferred upon project teams who demonstrate exemplary BIM collaboration





**Mediacorp Campus** 

"High Park Residences BCA BIM Gold Award - We worked collaboratively with the project team to develop new applications of Big BIM. We guided designers on how objects could be better modelled, organised and managed for 5D BIM usage & BIM tender purposes. I am proud of our achievements and contribution - this methodology is now embedded in the Singapore BIM Guide."

Silas Loh



#### RLB RESEARCH

RLB has a dedicated research department providing insights and considered opinions on construction market trends and leading indicators on building tender price indices and construction cost yardsticks in Singapore and regionally. Our strength in economic and market studies, industry participation and research publications, positions us to be the choice consultant for research advice on construction cost trends and market updates for Singapore and regional construction markets.

#### SUSTAINABILITY

RLB places great value on environmental sustainability, green technology and green features essential in delivering sustainable buildings. We have qualified Green Mark Professionals and managers that have a good understanding of the cost implications of the BCA Green Mark Criteria. We work closely with local and international design consultants to achieve the desired GM ratings on projects, particularly those with tight budgetary constraints.

#### ADVISORY - LIFE CYCLE COSTING

RLB is a leader in public sector LCC implementation in Singapore. We were separately commissioned by the Ministry of Health to propose and implement full scale LCC on Woodlands Health Campus (WHC), the first public project to do so. The LCC framework and requirements adopted in many current public sector projects, are modelled on the work done by RLB for the WHC project.

Our LCC models bring value-add in assisting the design team in the comparison, assessment of alternative design solutions and selection of systems, equipment and finishes, taking replacement, operational and maintenance costs into consideration.



## RISING TO EVERY CHALLENGE

Republic Plaza **UOB Plaza OUE Bayfront Singapore Land Tower Parkview Square** The Concourse The Gateway **Keppel Towers Prudential Tower Caltex House Hitachi Towers Straits Trading Building Frasers Tower** One Marina Boulevard **Dyson HQ at St James Power Station** 

School of the Arts
Yale-NUS College
LASALLE College of the Arts
SAFTI Military Institute
SMU School of Law
Lifelong Learning Institute
Devan Nair Institute
NUS University Town
SIM Campus Expansion
Nexus International School
Esplanade Theatre by the Bay
Victoria Theatre &
Victoria Concert Hall

Woodlands Hospital
Elective Care Centre
Sengkang General Hospital
Yishun Community Hospital
Raffles Hospital
NUH Centre for Oral Health
National Library
Peranakan Museum
Mediacorp Campus
Changi T2 Upgrading
New Science Centre

**Raffles Hotel** ParkRoyal on **Pickering** Capella Singapore **Oasia Hotel Holiday Inn Express Pan Pacific Suites** Marina Square **Raffles City Bugis Junction** One KM The Crest **Echelon** The Eden **Boulevard Vue** Skyline @ Orchard **Boulevard Foresque Residences** The Tomlinson The Seawind **Amber Garden** Parc Clematis



From the tallest to the largest, RLB is grateful to have been trusted with the cost management responsibility for many of the iconic projects that have changed Singapore's skyline. Notable Singapore icons include the Marina Bay Sands, Singapore Sports Hub, Singapore Flyer, ParkRoyal on Pickering, and the Raffles Hotel.

Our successful delivery of PM services for the National Library, led to the promotion and growth of our PM services and other significant project commissions including the Singapore Flyer, Capella Singapore, LASALLE College of the Arts, Sengkang General Hospital, Victoria Theatre & Concert Hall and more recently, Mandai Park, Bay East Gardens and Founder's Memorial.

"The National Library in 2005 was ahead of its time and a beacon for environmental sustainability leadership. It was the first public project to be awarded the BCA Platinum Green Mark. It was also gratifying that this was the first major project where we offered PM services in addition to QS services."

Winston Hauw



"To say that the MBS project was challenging - is a severe understatement!
The geometrically complex SGD6B project was undertaken at breakneck speed,
in a period of severe inflation, supply shortages and global economic crisis.
Despite ongoing co-ordination and design change, we worked with the team
to deliver the project on time and on budget. I am immensely proud
of our involvement on this landmark project, in bringing imagination to life."
Colin Kin, Project Director for the MBS project.

Marina Bay Sands Singapore Flyer Singapore Sports Hub

Marina Coastal Expressway

Mandai Park Development

Bay East Gardens and Founder's Memorial

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRUST AND SUPPORT



It is with considerable pride that RLB celebrates its golden anniversary in Singapore. All of us at RLB are extremely grateful and appreciative of the strong level of support and loyalty conferred by clients and colleagues in the industry over the years. Thank you to all our industry friends.

We believe the current challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, global financial crises, and geopolitical strife will pass and we look forward to the next 50 years - a future of unlimited possibilities. We aspire to new levels of professional excellence and knowledge, the promotion of trust and integrity, good governance, environmental sustainability and corporate social responsibility, on every one of the projects that you entrust to us.

WILLIAM LIM
Director

TEOH WOOI SIN Director

COLIN KIN Managing Director

SILAS LOH Managing Director



LAI SUN MEI Director

LAM CHYE SHING Director

> PETER FONG Director



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