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CHANGING IT UP AT THE TOP

*New Managing Director for Malaysia office of **dwp** | design worldwide partnership*

After working for 15 years in the Middle East, Brian Hillesdon has transferred from the helm of **dwp**'s UAE office, to run their Malaysia operation, based out of the KLCC area of Kuala Lumpur. A fellow of the UK's ICE (Institution of Civil Engineers), Brian took part in Dubai's construction boom, working on some of the most prestigious, fast-track and outrageous building projects in the UAE, including the Burj Khalifa (the world's tallest building), Jumeirah Palm Island, and the 6-star Anantara Qasr Al Sarab Hotel, to name but a few. His skills lie in management of multi-disciplined fast-track design and construction projects, in interior design, architectural, engineering and industrial disciplines.

Brian loves Dubai, but when **dwp** offered the opportunity to move to Asia, Brian was keen to engage in this new challenge and experience the excitement of Asia. "The Malaysia architecture and interiors market seems steady with great ongoing projects and much more coming up," notes Brian, "The **dwp** brand is well-accepted in Malaysia. We find that clients appreciate **dwp**'s elegant and simple solutions and cross-border collaboration between our regional and international offices, to enhance our services where appropriate." Since joining **dwp** Malaysia in August 2011, Brian and the team have won several new design projects, most recently including the DoubleTree by Hilton, a hotel to be built by the Hatten Group in historic Malacca.

However, what Brian most enjoys in his latest move to Malaysia: "The people! Malaysians are a fascinating mix of cultures and are a friendly and unassuming people, who all seem to speak excellent English. And, of course, the food!" Brian's enthusiasm for Malaysia and his high profile

international experience, spanning the UK and the Middle East, will help to propel dwp Malaysia's architecture and design to new heights, producing high-end design consultancy, project management and design & build projects for their varied clientele, across diverse industry sectors.