



March Update



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MEINHARDT IN FOCUS

2018 has seen a resurgence of the projects as **investor confidence grows**, with new projects commencing and several projects on-hold now re-starting. Whilst not without its challenges, Myanmar continues to be a land of opportunity, for those who are properly prepared.

One of Meinhardt Myanmar's founding principles was to provide a world class standard of engineering through the application of international experience and local knowledge. We have invested heavily in recruiting and retaining the best local staff; many of whom have repatriated from overseas. We are uniquely positioned to capitalize on the many opportunities in Myanmar, by offering an international standard of engineering services in the context of local regulations and authority permitting requirements.

PROJECT IN FOCUS

Originally completed in 1998 as the MiCasa Hotel Apartments, this well know property in Yankin Township of Yangon has undergone a complete transformation and has been rebranded as the **"Mercure Yangon Kaba Aye"** managed by AccorHotels. Opened on 16th February 2018, it comprises 183 newly upgraded rooms/service residences and offers new modern range of facilities and guest amenities. The overall project also includes new restaurant, ballroom, meeting rooms and fully serviced office upgrades.

Meinhardt Myanmar together with Meinhardt Thailand have provided C&S and MEP engineering design services, and engineering site supervision to the project.



STAFF IN FOCUS

This month we feature **Naing Koe Thu, our Project Manager & Construction Manager** who joined Meinhardt Myanmar 3 years ago after completing his B.Eng (Honours) degree in Civil Engineering at Monash University, Victoria, Australia; following 2 years of work experience in Australia working in various roles from real estate management to onsite supervision for small residential projects.

Naing has been responsible for overall project & construction management of all aspects of project including C&S, Architecture, and MEP disciplines, for various project sites around Yangon. His most recently completed project are the new Mercedes-Benz sales center and showroom and Australian Embassy Yangon fit out.



Naing Koe Thu
Project Manager & Construction Manager

FACT IN FOCUS



Did you know that significant time can be saved in hotel construction by utilising off-site fabrication? Many new hotels are being constructed using "modular construction", with entire rooms or bathrooms brought to site then assembled. This modular design and construction technique has significant advantages particularly for hotel developers - saving 30% to 50% off the construction time compared to a traditional construction. However, this process requires a high level of coordination and can be more expensive. If all the parts are to fit together as planned, it is important to seek out design firms that are familiar with modular construction; especially those with experience in BIM and design in 3D virtual environments.

Source: <https://www.hotelmanagement.net/design/16-questions-to-ask-before-you-build-a-modular-hotel>; <https://www.bdcnetwork.com/6-trends-shaping-smart-hotels>; http://www.modular.org/HtmlPage.aspx?name=why_modular

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