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# Boutique retreat

This new bungalow near Subang Jaya puts a contemporary spin on traditional tropical architecture

*These pages:* Attractive landscaping and the use of wood cladding are just some of the features of this contemporary tropical bungalow built by Subang Alam Sdn Bhd. The bungalow is one of several on offer in a boutique development, just 10 minutes from Subang Jaya and 30 minutes from Kuala Lumpur.

Space is often considered the ultimate luxury – especially when you live in a crowded city. And it's not just spacious interiors that appeal. Having a large, freehold site that gives you space from neighbours is also a highly sought-after amenity.

Subang Alam Sdn Bhd has designed and built a number of contemporary, tropical bungalows, similar to the one featured on these pages, that offer such a lifestyle. The bungalows sit on freehold land in a landscaped, boutique development that is just 10 minutes from Subang Jaya and 30 minutes from the centre of Kuala Lumpur.







*Top and above:* Each bungalow sits on freehold land, which is landscaped to enhance the resort feel. Living areas in this bungalow open to a tranquil water feature.

*Right:* Bold artworks add a dramatic touch to the entrance of the show house. A lattice screen helps to visually separate the formal living area.

Subang Alam marketing manager Christopher Tan says the development is notable for its boutique elements, and limited units of semi-detached and bungalow homes.

"Every component has been meticulously planned and is exclusive to such types of upmarket residences," he says. "The launch of these two-storey bungalows is the last phase of an already established and matured development."

Tan says the homes are architecturally designed to highlight a contemporary, tropical lifestyle.

"The facades and styling are distinctly different from existing designs in the market. There is also





**Above:** Solid wood doors typify the emphasis on quality materials for the interior as well as the exterior.

**Right:** The formal dining room has floor-to-ceiling glass doors that open to the outdoor living area. A large pendant light fitting is in keeping with the scale of the space.



a fusion of the interior with the outdoor garden and landscaped water feature, which emphasises the resort-style feel of the bungalows. We have ensured there is an easy flow between these two areas – owners have the option of dining either indoors or out.”

The interior has also been designed to reinforce the contemporary, tropical look. Painted wood screens help separate the entrance and stairwell from the family and living areas. These rooms feature double-volume ceilings, which create a cool, airy feel.

In keeping with the high-end nature of the



development, quality finishes have been specified throughout. The flooring in the living areas, for example, features matt-finished homogenous tiles laid on the diagonal to add visual interest and enhance the spacious feel of the interior.

The formal living room also features an illuminated cove ceiling, and has windows overlooking the garden and water feature. Another distinctive element is the high, fitted interior windows that overlook the living room. These windows, which open from the first-floor living area, feature Peranakan stained glass.

"We recognise that every family has different

needs, so we have designed a certain amount of flexibility with the interior," says Tan. "Different spaces could be used for different purposes. There are two private areas, for example, that could be an audiovisual room and a reading room or coffee lounge. Alternatively, a room could be used as guest room or additional office."

The master suite on the first floor encapsulates the sense of a tropical retreat, with its polished wood flooring and floor-to-ceiling windows. These overlook the landscaped gardens. The same room also features a niche that is large enough to accommodate a small sitting area, which

**Top:** The formal living areas feature a double-volume ceiling overlooked by a mezzanine walkway.

**Above:** A custom-designed rangehood echoes the square, modern lines of the kitchen cabinetry. The chunky, slightly cantilevered benchtop also reinforces the sleek, contemporary design.



Above: With its polished wood flooring, large, four-poster bed and delicate lace curtains, the master bedroom is, in every sense, a sanctuary.

Right: A separate sitting room on the same floor continues the tranquil, Malaysian theme.



is ideal for morning coffee.

For added security, Subang Alam bungalows are pre-wired for a smart home alarm system.

Tan says pricing is another key attraction for potential homeowners.

"They are priced at approximately RM1 million, yet a similar unit in neighbouring developments would cost close to RM1.5 million."

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