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The inaugural International Built Environment Week was a showcase of the latest innovations and industry solutions.

As part of a national movement to transform the way we build Singapore, the Building and Construction Authority and Reed Exhibitions Singapore organised the inaugural International Built Environment Week (IBEW).

It is the merging of four anchor events under one umbrella: BEX Asia, Mostra Convegno Expocomfort Asia, Smart Cities and Buildings Asia and InnoBuild Asia.

Held from 3-6 September, IBEW is the first fully integrated event in Asia Pacific that spans the entire built environment life cycle and value chain.

More than 12,000 visitors attended the event, getting acquainted with over 550 local and international exhibiting brands from more than 30 markets.

Additionally, the IBEW Conference saw more than 80 industry leaders share their insights across seven tracks such as sustainability, transformation, project showcases and masterclasses.

Among the highlights was the BuildSG Pavilion, which displayed best practices for the built environment sector.

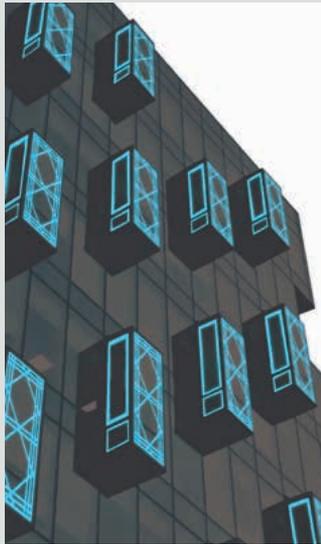
Split into five zones, it encompassed everything from design to manufacturing and facilities management, ending at a room with videos and concepts imagining what tomorrow will bring.

Through visiting the exhibitions, we cherry-picked three interesting brands that you want to consider collaborating with in your next project:



◀ Haring

This 140-year-old company from Switzerland advocates the use of wood – specifically glued laminated timber or glulam – from FSC-certified forests as a primary building material. From sport centres, to bridges, stadiums and even a train station, it has completed these project typologies and more, with some rising to 90m in height. Haring’s presence at IBEW marks its launch in the Singapore market. It hopes to springboard into Southeast Asia to offer its engineering, design and materials know-how to convince stakeholders that this is a viable alternative building material that can even compensate carbon emissions from concrete.



◀ SG-Glass

Fresh out of the R&D lab and making its debut is Light Emitting Surfaces, or LES for short, by SG-Glass. The product mimics the effect of glass being illuminated, but brings with it a swathe of advantages, including the lack of glare, no heat production and the ability to customise the design on the panel. Its founder Huang Ming calls it “ambient lighting”, equating it to moonshine in a non-invasive manner.



◀ Bosch

The German conglomerate set up Bosch Ville, a cluster of booths featuring their products that support homes, buildings, mobility and industry. From energy management systems that charge electric vehicles, to lift monitoring and maintenance, and even a visitor management system for offices and residential projects, visitors had the chance to familiarise with their different offerings. A highlight was Home Connect, which allows different Bosch appliances like the coffee machine and refrigerator to be linked to a smartphone application and controlled. It can even lend cooking support to aspiring home-chefs through recipe suggestions.