

GRÖSSLING CITY BATH & LIBRARY

A SENSORIAL JUXTAPOSITION

We are fascinated by the idea of combining the historical Grössling bath with its inherited physical benefits with an updated city library that activates the visitors to learn, gather knowledge and educate others. The duality of this combination is the foundation that we built the ideas of this proposal upon – the juxtaposition of body and mind resulting in various zones of the building that give our senses the stimuli we need to be complete human beings.



Forest relaxation – the roof is lifted one storage giving this room a large amount of volume and light. The café is connected to the kitchen on the other side of the wall. The visitor can come here to relax, have a snack or socialize in a beautiful setting. This room is a natural pivot point for the circulation of the bath experience.

Concept

The Grössling complex is composed of a series of volumes patched together through its long history. Many different styles, functions and ambitions joined together. This new opportunity of creating a whole, is not achieved by a creating a singularity. We believe in doing this by telling a story of the patchwork. A story told through the architectural promenade of the different volumes and interiors of the building. unveil

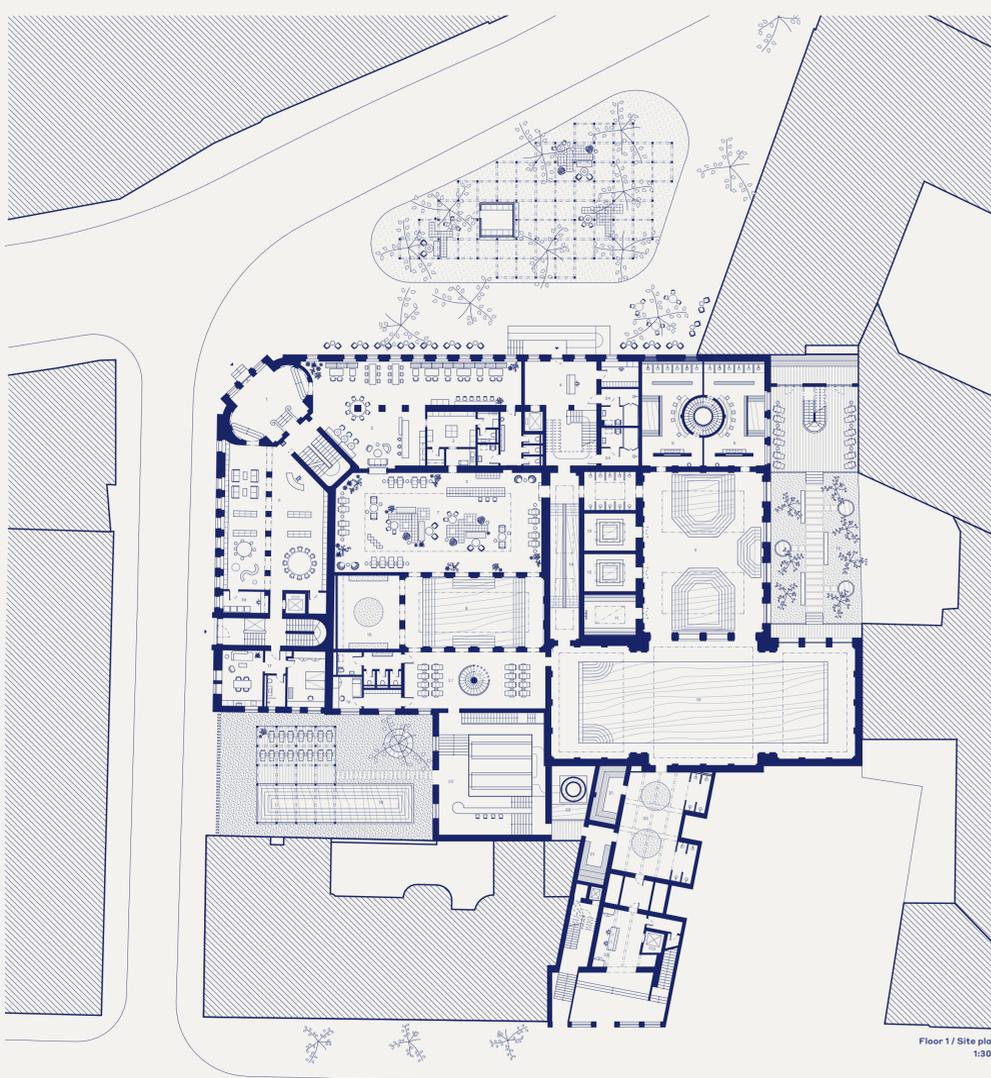
In order to unveil the patchwork of interlaced volumes and spaces, we propose to lift up the roof in the central part, thus make the spatial experience more understandable and intriguing for the visitors. Our ambition has been to make the best out of each space which is also achieved thanks to a careful, yet unexpected choice of materials, textures and colours.



View from the sitting social pool with its historical vaults and the contrasting high level roof. Travertine stone cladding frames the spa section. Above the second floor library with visual connection to the bath.



- Spa
- Spa - outdoors
- Library
- Massage, Therapy
- Other facilities



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Body & mind

Grössling bath building as a combined space that holistically support and develop us as human beings - our body with all the possibilities and faults that we have, and our minds with the intellectual stimulation to create a rich inner life.

Light & dark

There are rooms that are flooded in light, and other rooms that are darker, where you can rest your eyes a while before moving on with your journey through the building.

Hot & cold

With a mix of both hot baths and saunas and cold baths and resting places outside we can play with the preferred temperature of the visitor. The functions are linked in a way that there is a choice when you need to heat up and cool down.

Inside & outside

The outside comes into the building through the big glass roofs and the open roof above the pool. The courtyards acts as links between outside and inside, and the building also reaches out to touch the park where a café is located under a protecting roof.

Social & private

The plan is created to meet the shifting demands of our everyday lives - where we sometimes needs to have some time off in a quiet room for reflection and other times need to activate and awake ourselves in a social setting.

Historical & contemporary

By paying attention to the historical values of the building and enhancing them our goal has also been to elevate the building into a modern world not just by the technical solutions but also by adapting the use to our modern lives. Securing it for coming generations.

Relax & activate

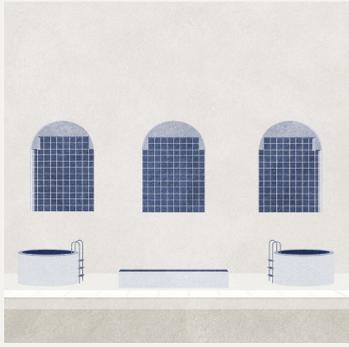
To fulfill the needs of our daily lives we see a need to highlight the buildings duality in the way that it has the possibility to give a deep relaxation as well as supporting activity - physical, intellectual and social.

Quiet & noisy

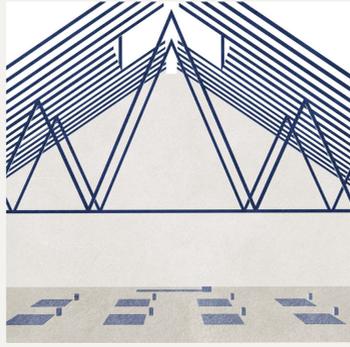
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Learn & Educate

The function of the library as a link to knowledge for the individual and as a platform for discussions and education of many. The library has spacious areas for both storage of books and workshop rooms.



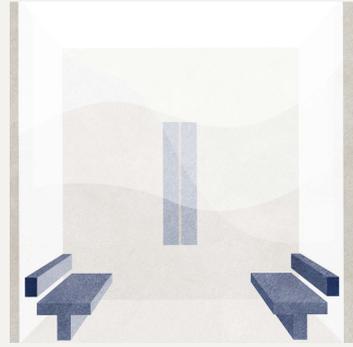
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Yoga class (28)



Library (26)



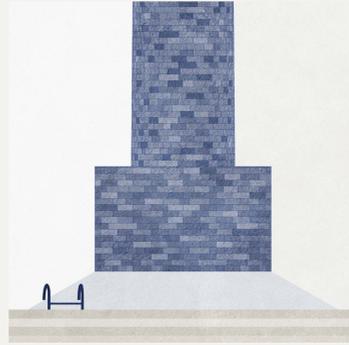
Steam sauna (11)



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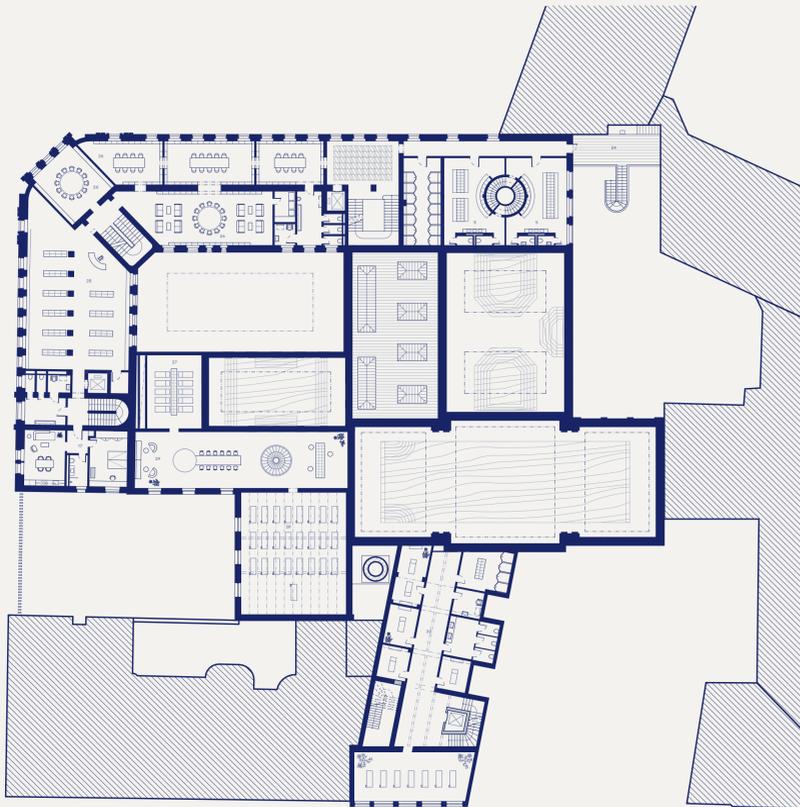
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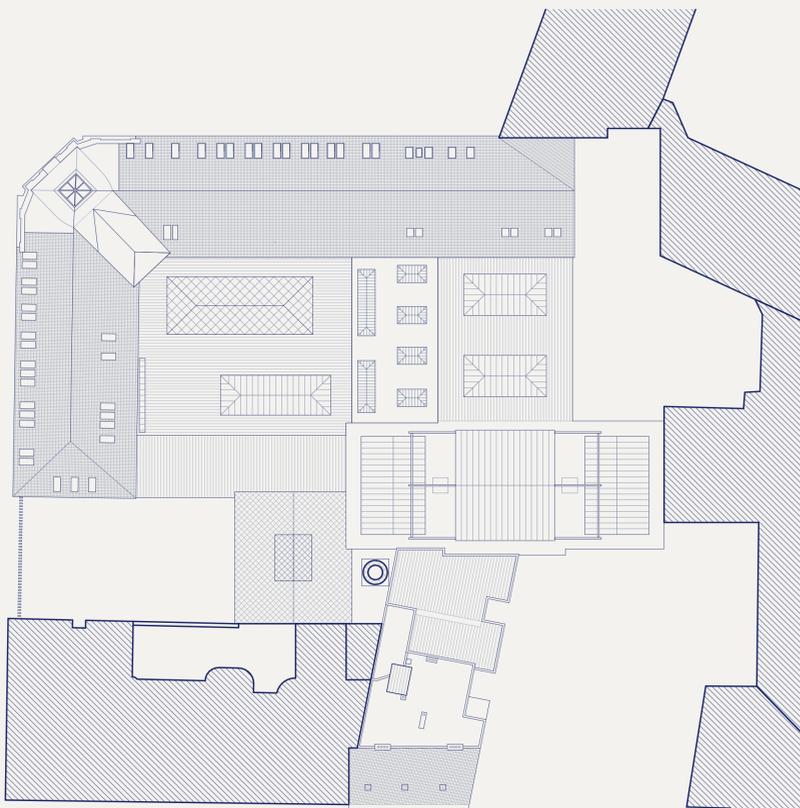
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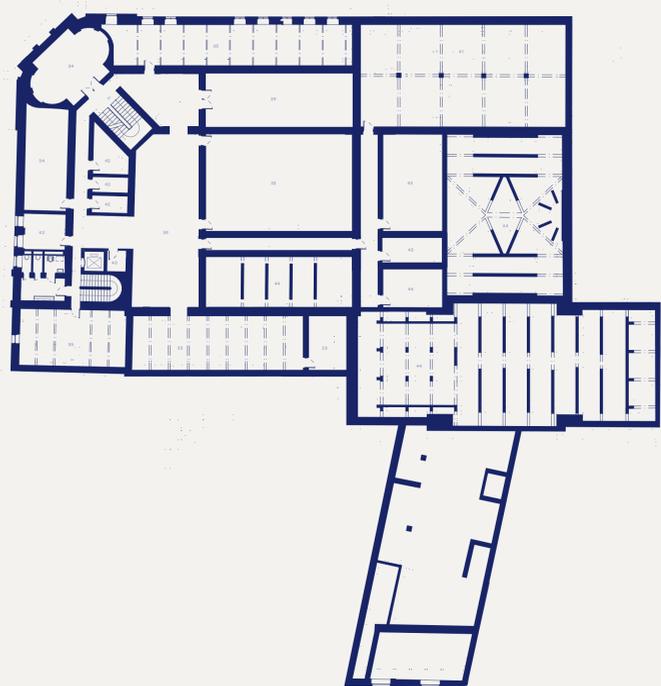
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