

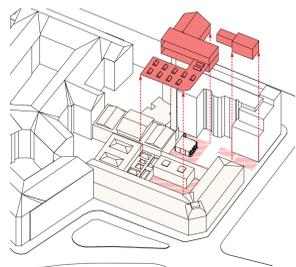


## GRÖSSLING STORIES

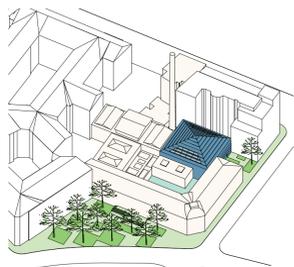
The Grössling City Bath is a unique complex reflecting the 'genetic code' of the city of Bratislava. Its walls and buildings can tell the story of all the historical changes, cultural transformations, different political regimes, and architecture styles that took place in Slovakia for the past 100 years. The goal of our proposal with respect for the heritage of the building and its spatial qualities - is to move forward, bringing values of contemporary design and lifestyle in to the new chapter of the Grössling Bath story. Situated in the city center on the bank of the Danube River, the bath cluster has the potential to become one of the new attractions of the capital. This building, which used to be a symbol of 'bourgeois comfort' at its origin, now opens its doors as a public space, wellness, and cultural center.

Our proposal has 4 main key points to implement:

- Modernization of the bath. Open air pool is offered in a newly created central courtyard.
- Merging the bath and library program with a new cafe volume
- Creation of the city sport and health MEDENÁ PLAZA
- Adaptation of the tower on towards the river for the vertical library

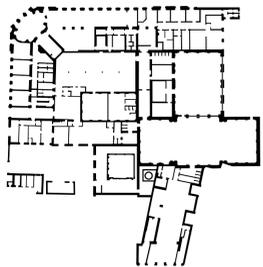


existing building modifications

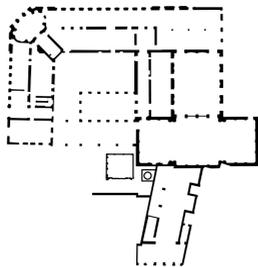


project impact

**BATH** The history of social baths originates in ancient Rome. That was the place for improving body conditions and state of mind. Place for having a bath, doing sport, massage, as well as reading books, competing in oratory, and discussing philosophical points. We aim to recreate the concept of a social bath where people of Bratislava could enjoy and communicate. Moreover, with this project, we would like to anchor and cultivate the historical tradition of the public bath in Slovakia. Dedicating historical bath building solely for the 'body and wellness' program - we are creating new circulation and a clear visual connection between all the services. This creates the whole new flawless bathing experience within the existing space. A new courtyard embraced by the wings of the corner building accommodates the outdoor pool with the vast outdoor relaxing zone in the very heart of the bath complex.



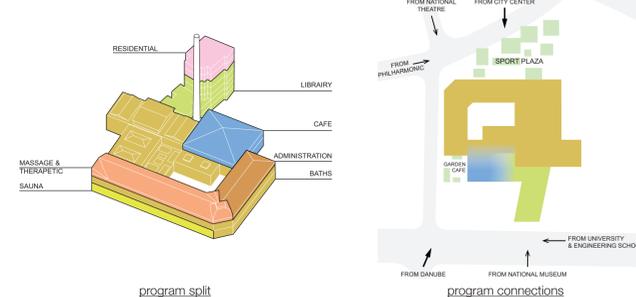
existing ground floor plan



project ground floor plan

"Establishing new visual and circulation transparency encourages social activities and interactions."

**BATH FLOW** Bath Visitors from the foyer on the ground floor can take the central public stairs to the changing area on the second floor. Once changed, the visitors take the clean cores stairs reserved only for the bath users down to the pools. Sauna visitors change on the ground floor, from sauna they have direct access to the newly created saltwater pool in the east courtyard. Separate staircase leads to the relaxing area and spa on the second floor. Massage and therapies are located on the third floor. The administration also is on the third floor west wing. For the smooth circulation of the administration, staff, and technical use separate staircase and entrance from Kúpeľná street is reserved.



program split

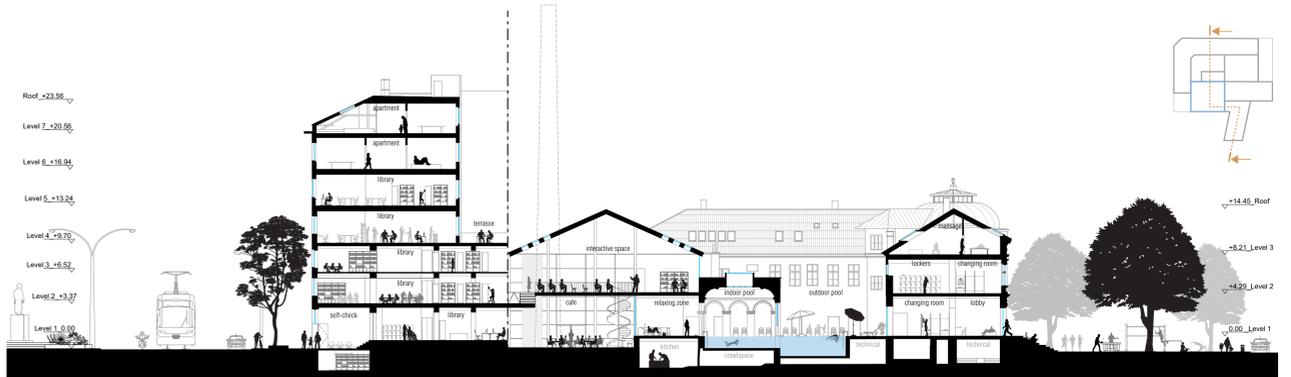
program connections

**MEDENÁ PLAZA** The program of the historical corner building will be shared with the city on the Medená plaza. The new public space is dedicated to sports, health, and well-being. One can do their exercise on the outdoor gym, take a group yoga class on the sports ground under the trees, and have a good ping-pong match before deep into the bath. By the creation of a ramp for the building from the plaza, the building is made accessible for all.

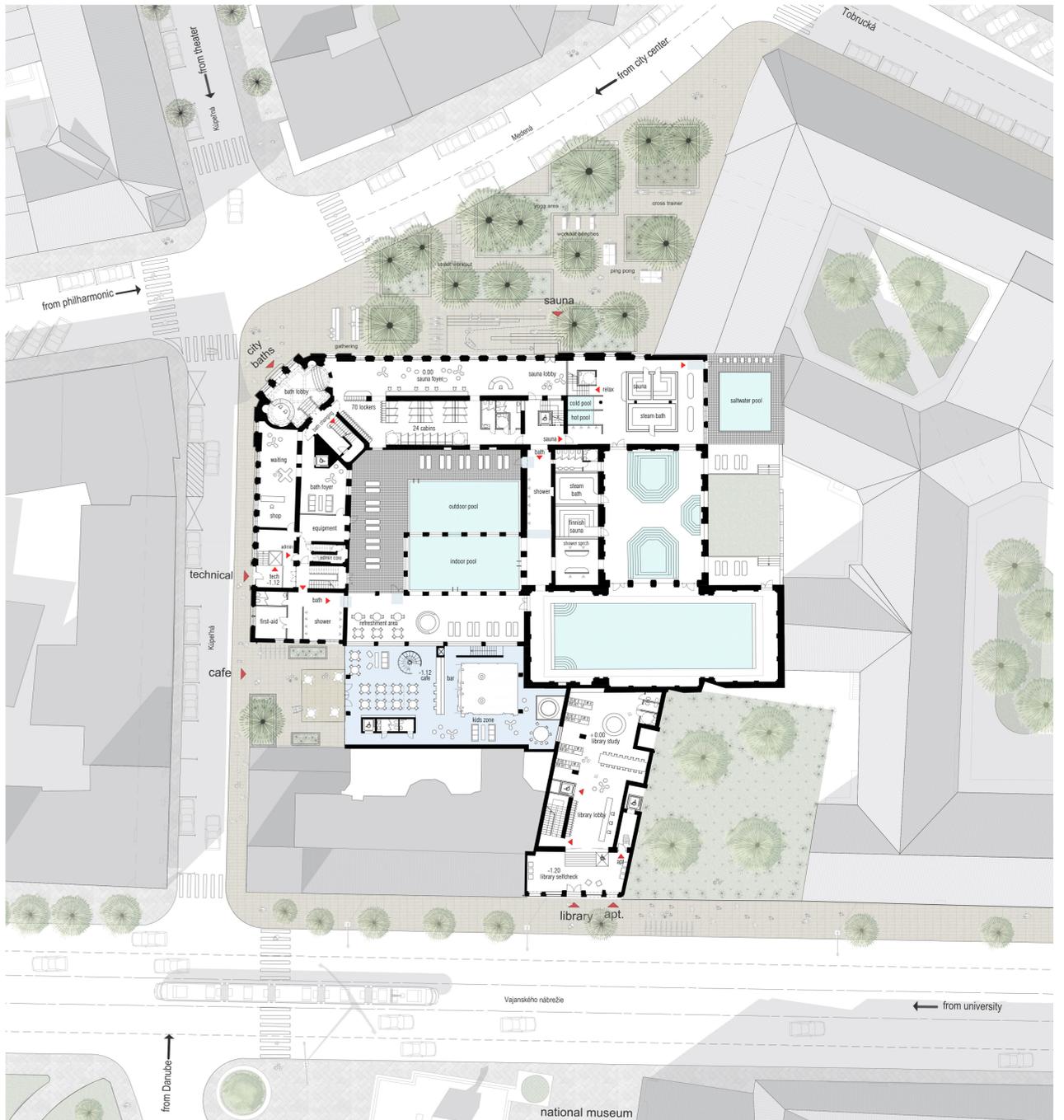
**CAFE** Is the new building in the eastern courtyard. Acting as a physical and visual connection between the bath and the library, it provides new generous flexible space for the merge of programs. In the continuity of the architectural morphology of existing buildings, the new volume echoes the clear and simple roof geometries of the complex. The use of a glass facade and a metal structure enable transparency and lightness to minimize the impact on the heritage constructions. The newly created intimate plaza of the cafe can be used for outdoor lectures and other library events in good weather. The new volumes would act as an urban literary salon - a perfect meeting point for writers, poets, and book lovers of all sorts. Democratic space with a lot of air, good lighting, and warm atmosphere - an interior, which opens into the city and lets the city in.

**LIBRARY** The library will be transferred to the tower building toward the Danube river, exploit the library's new excellent location and its authentic space to the best possible effect. The tower will vertically function as a retreat for peaceful reading or working. On the second floor, it would have a new open space merging into the active zone and the vibrant area of a cafe.

**ARTIST RESIDENCE** There is an Artistic Residence in the Library. Artistic Residence is workshop spaces for artists, writers, translators, travelers and all the people who are interested in the culture and history of Bratislava. The residence is situated on top of the library building.



LONGITUDINAL SECTION SCALE 1/300

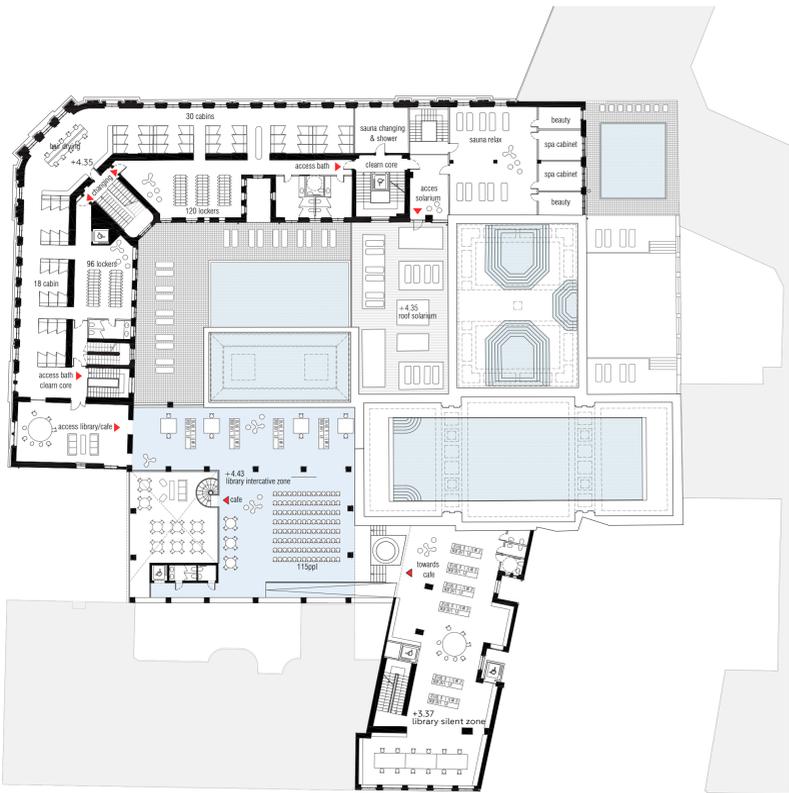


LEVEL 1 - PLAN SCALE 1/300

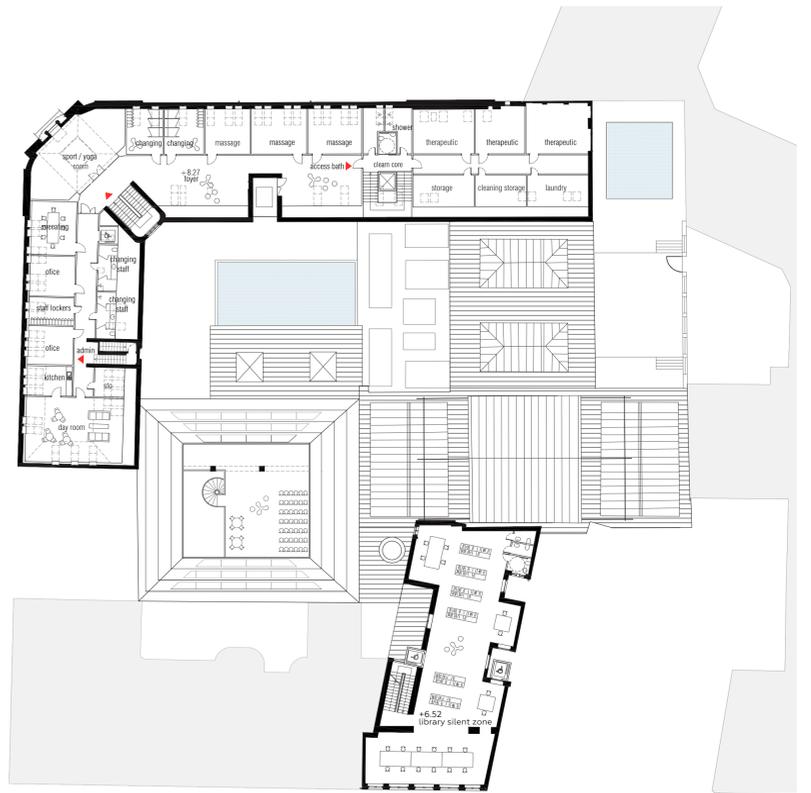
city bath, sauna, shop, cafe, library



indoor & outdoor pool



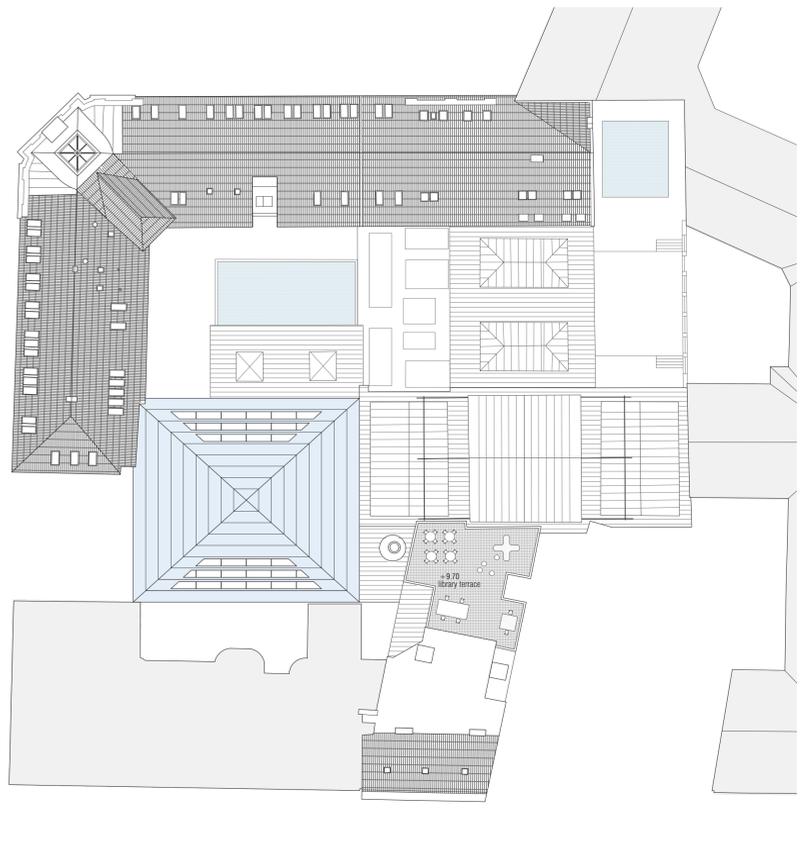
LEVEL 2 - PLAN SCALE 1/300  
 baths changing rooms, sauna, solarium, cafe, event space, library



LEVEL 3 - PLAN SCALE 1/300  
 administration, sport & yoga, massage, therapeutic, library



BASEMENT 1 - PLAN SCALE 1/300  
 kitchen, storage, staff area, workshop, technical rooms



ROOF - PLAN SCALE 1/300  
 solarium, library terrace