

VINTERBAD BRYGGEN

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‘VINTERBAD BRYGGEN’

Vinterbad Bryggen is a winter bathing club with 600 members, though without facilities. They have now found a location at Islands Brygge in the southern extension of Copenhagen Harbour Bath. BIG architects were asked to develop a proposal for the facilities which should include 3 saunas, a wellness room, a basin, changing rooms and a social space for the growing amount of members.

The winter bath experience is based on contrast – between cold and hot – outside and inside. In fact these contrasts are what generate the physical experience and its health benefits. In the same way our proposal seeks to create two widely different experiences - the exterior is

fully contextual and has emerged out of the local site conditions – the interior on the other hand has references to another time and place as well as the contemporary Copenhagen art scene.

During the summer the inclined roof surface functions as an amphitheater facing the pools as well as the park, thus increasing the connection between the bath and Islands Brygge. Throughout the winter the active zone is mainly under the lifted deck, where the winter bath facilities are placed facing southwest. During the dark months the winter bath brings life to the area and can be seen as a lantern from both Islands Brygge and Kalvebod Brygge.



1. SUMMER TIME HARBOUR BATH

The harbour bath is currently open in June, July and August in general from 07-19. The rest of the year as well as the rest of the day it is locked up and closed for visitors.



2. AN EXTENSION FOR ALL SEASONS

With the new extension, the harbour bath gets two sides - one focusing on summer use and one for winter use.



3. AN EXTENSION FOR ALL HOURS

The amphitheater or outdoor auditorium can be used for special events, such as the “Kulturhavn” festival. At the same time the raised seats allow for a better overview of the pools, in particular the kid pools.

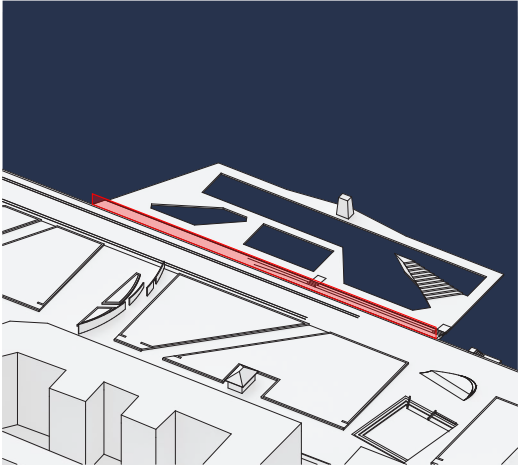


4. ALL YEAR HARBOUR BATH

With the extension, the activities around and use of the harbour bath will generate life on Islands Brygge all year around. Especially during the dark winter months the area would gain from some hustle and bustle.



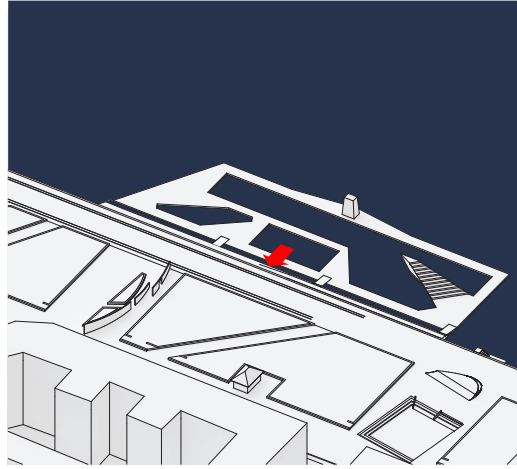
CONCEPT DIAGRAMS



COPENHAGEN HARBOUR BATH

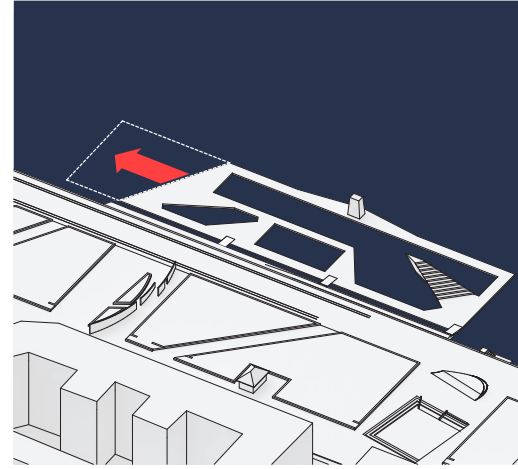
The harbour bath was built and taken into use in 2003. It is located off the park at Islands Brygge and continues the park environment into the water. It creates a natural link between the city and the water.

After a time of use a 2 m high fence between the harbour and the bath was added for safety reasons



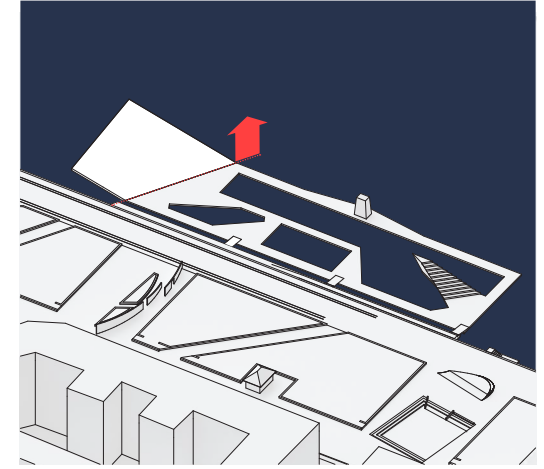
A MOAT AS SAFETY

We now suggest that other safety strategies are investigated such as creating a buffer zone between the harbour and the bath that makes it inaccessible when closed. This could be achieved either by shortening the access stair and ramps and/or moving the bath as far from land as possible considering the position of the piles.

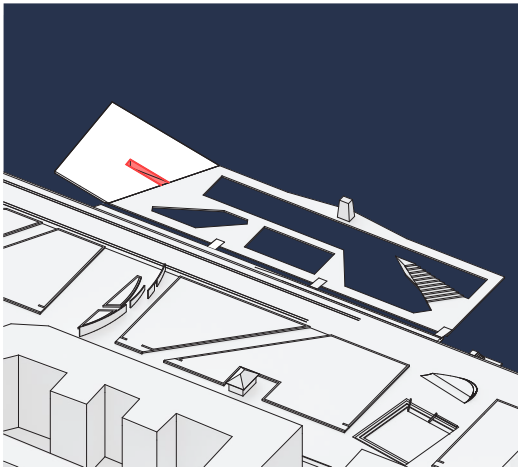


EXTENSION TO THE SOUTHWEST

The harbour bath is extended towards southwest and is finished as a complete rectangle.

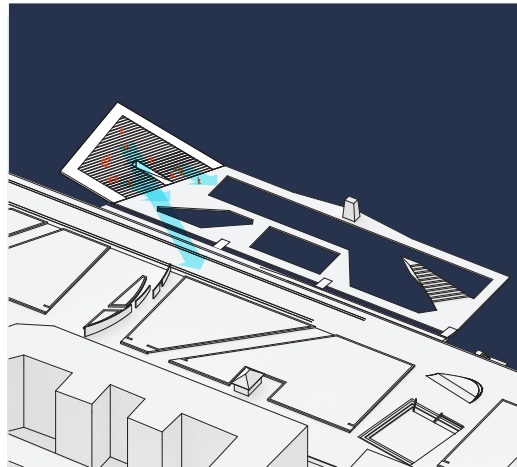


FOLD UP



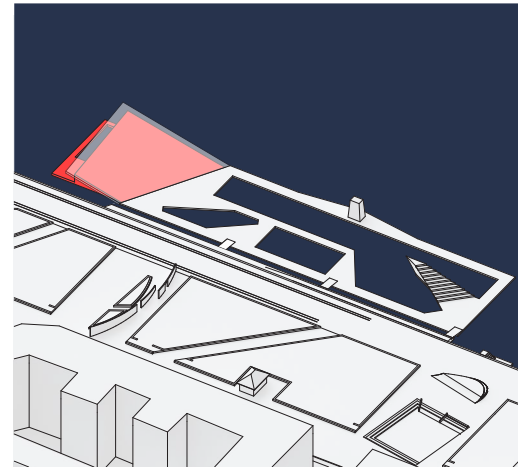
THE ENTRANCE

The entrance is a cut into the platform in the extension of the central walkway on the harbour bath which creates a long central axis as in the traditional winter baths



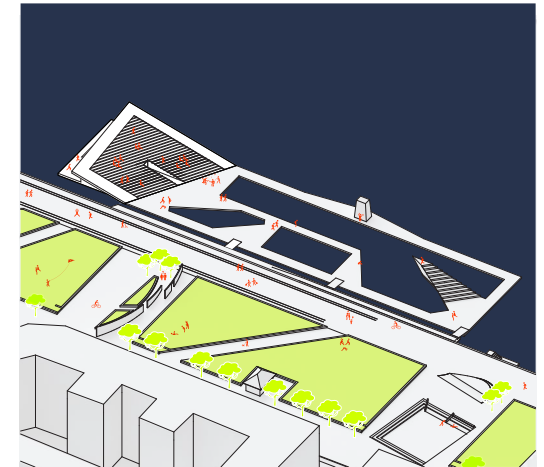
A TERRACED SURFACE

The inclined surface is terraced to allow people to sit or lie down in the sun. From the seats you can overview the different pools. The area can also be used as an amphitheater for different kinds of arrangements.



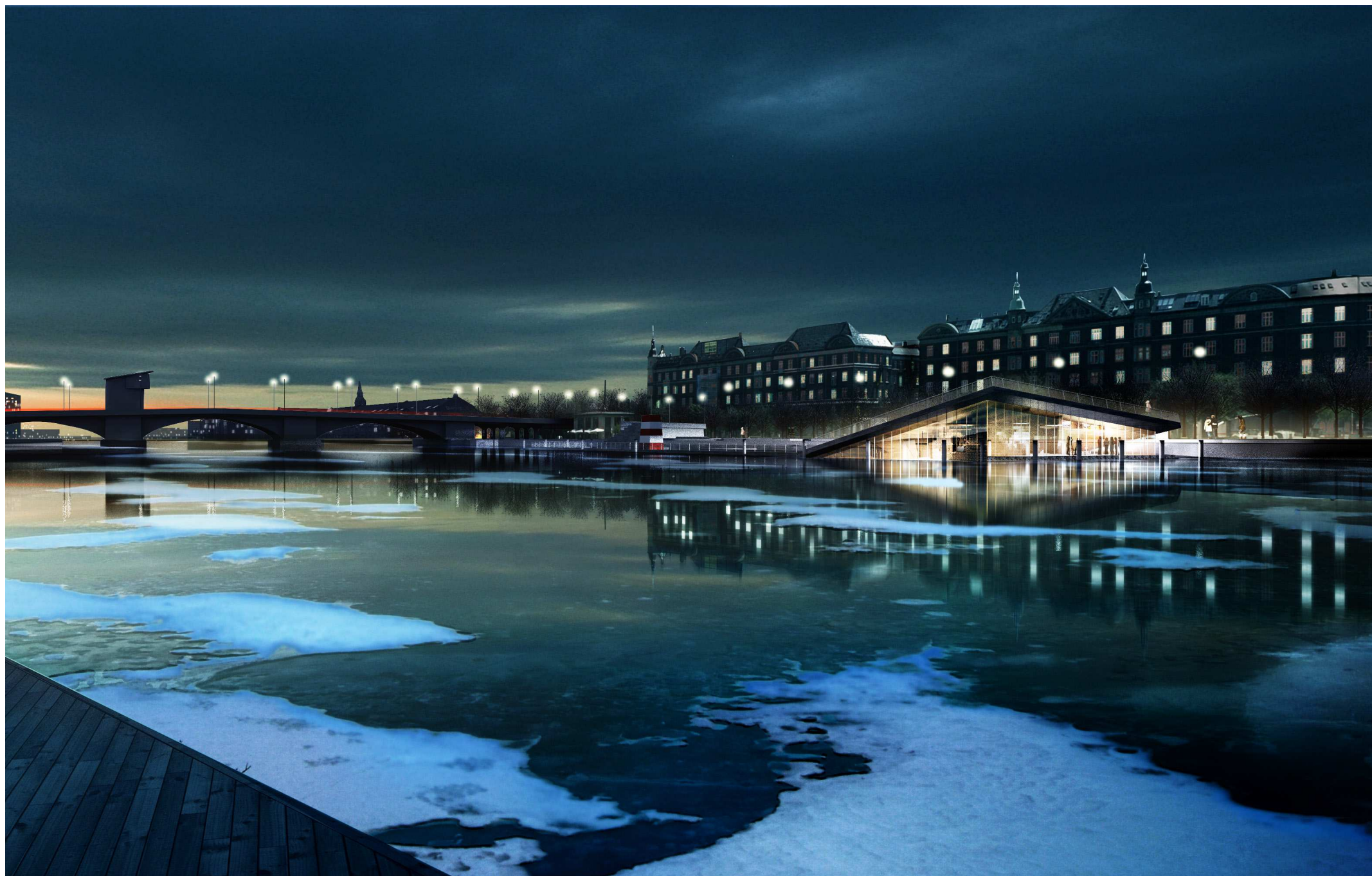
THE WINTER BATH FACILITIES

The winter bath facilities are placed under the wooden deck facing southwest. A terrace surrounds the entire building. During the dark seasons the winter bath becomes a lantern reflecting in the icy water visible from Islands Brygge as well as Kalvebod Brygge.

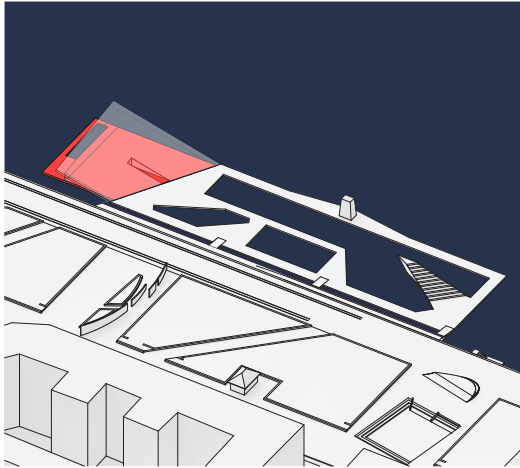


LIFE ON ISLANDS BRYGGE

The harbour bath with the new extension brings even more life and activity to Islands Brygge all year around

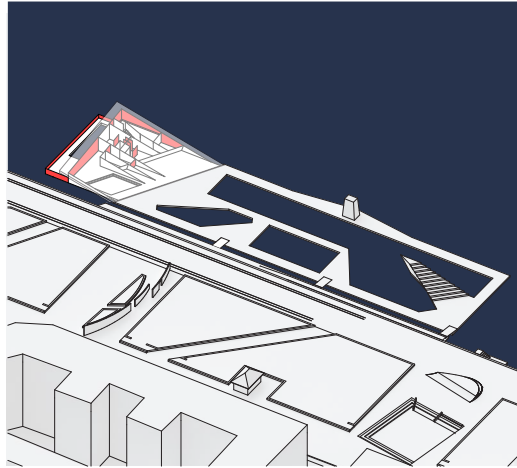


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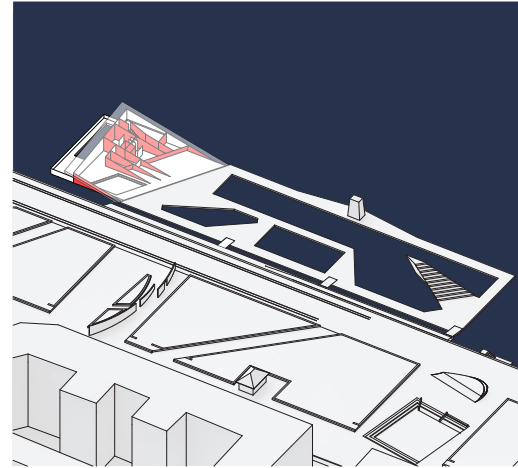
MOSAIC ART FLOOR

The entire floor will be covered by black and white ceramic mosaic with motifs created by HuskMitNavn.



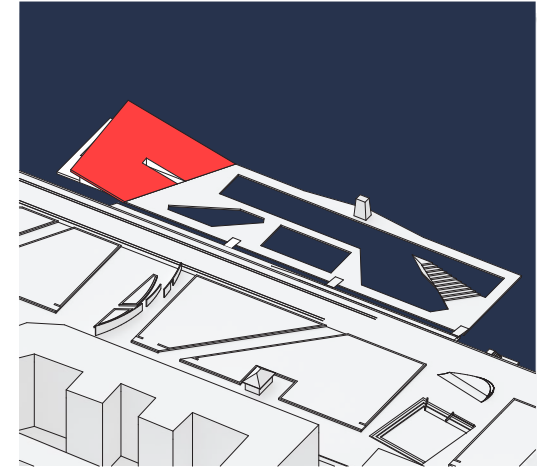
GLASS WALLS

The exterior facade as well as the walls in the sauna area is full height clear glass panels. All vertical walls are either transparent or mirroring creating the perception of an endless space.



MIRROR WALLS

The walls to the rooms requiring privacy are made of full height mirror panels. The finish of doors, built in cabins and so on is also mirroring.



WOODEN ROOF AND CEILING

As an extension of the harbour bath the roof as well as ceiling is covered by pine (fir) wood planks, the direction of the planks follows the steps on the roof surface.

ANCIENT ROM MEETS MODERN COPENHAGEN



VILLA ROMANA DEL CASALE

Villa Romana del Casale, situated on Sicily, is a Roman villa built in the first quarter of the 4th century. Villa Romana contains the richest, largest and most complex collection of Roman mosaics in the world and is one of the UNESCO world heritage sites.

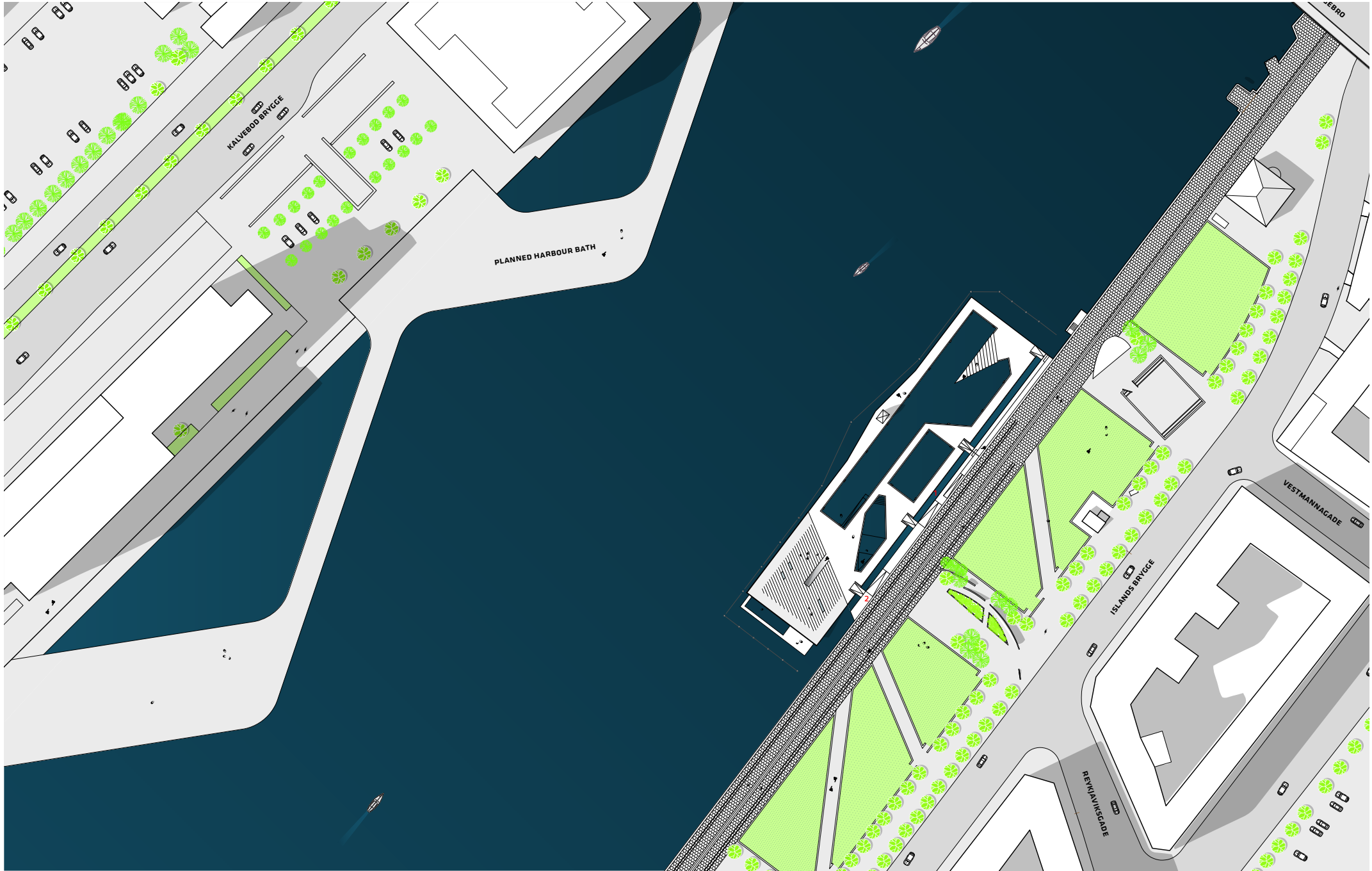
HUSKMITNAVN

HuskMitNavn (RememberMyName) is a Danish artist born in 1975. He lives and works in Copenhagen. HuskMitNavn works with street art, paintings, drawings and graphics. He has marked his name both in Denmark and internationally by his controversial, humorous and political street art.



ROME MEETS COPENHAGEN

The floors are entirely covered by mosaic merging the tradition of roman thermal baths with contemporary local Copenhagen scenes and activities - a Roman Copenhagen.

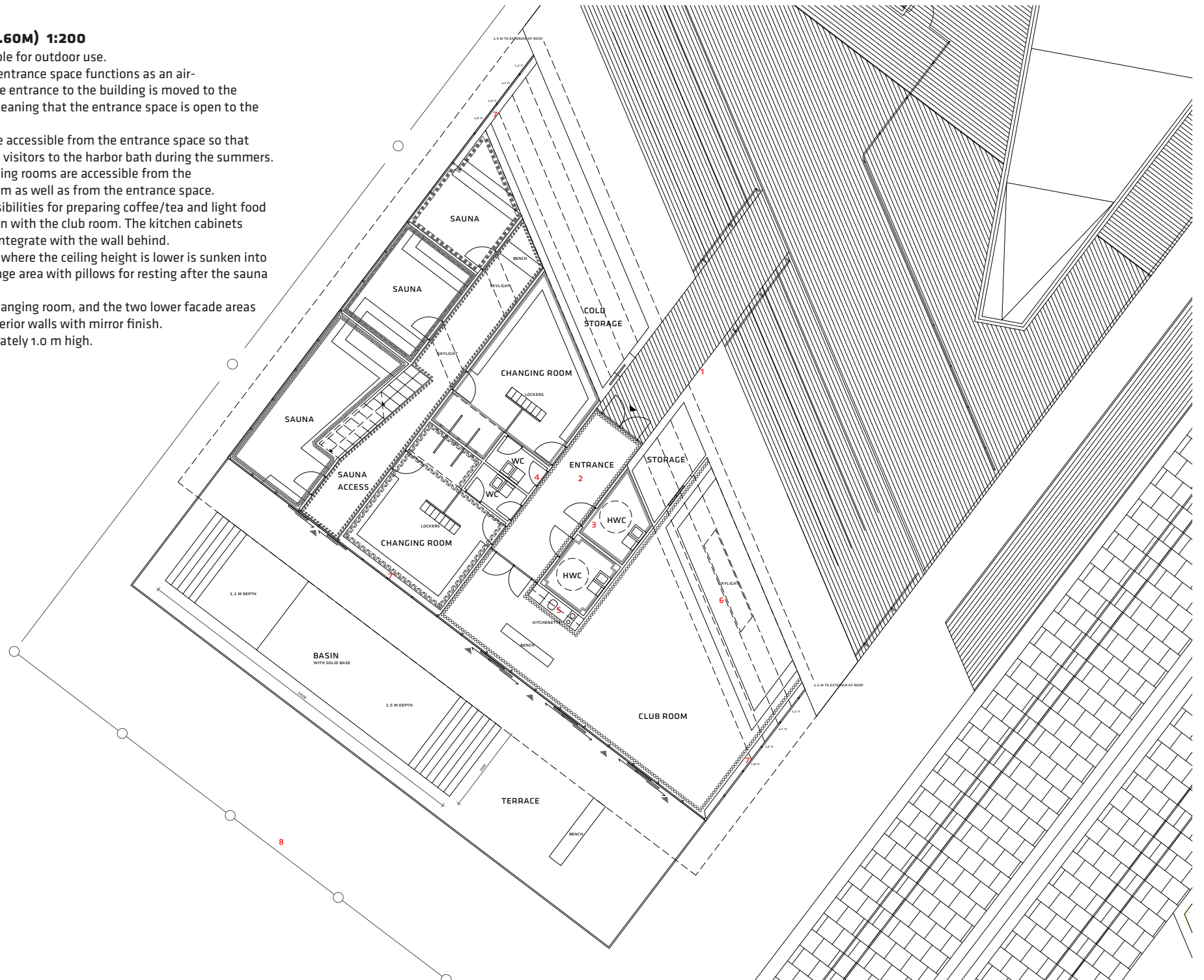


1. A buffer zone between the harbour and the bath which makes it inaccessible when closed is achieved by shortening the access stair and ramps. A moat between the bath and the access area is created.

2. To give access to the winter bath via ramps we propose to relocate and extend the ramps to achieve the required inclination and keep distance to new roof terrace of the winter bath. The solution should be studied further.

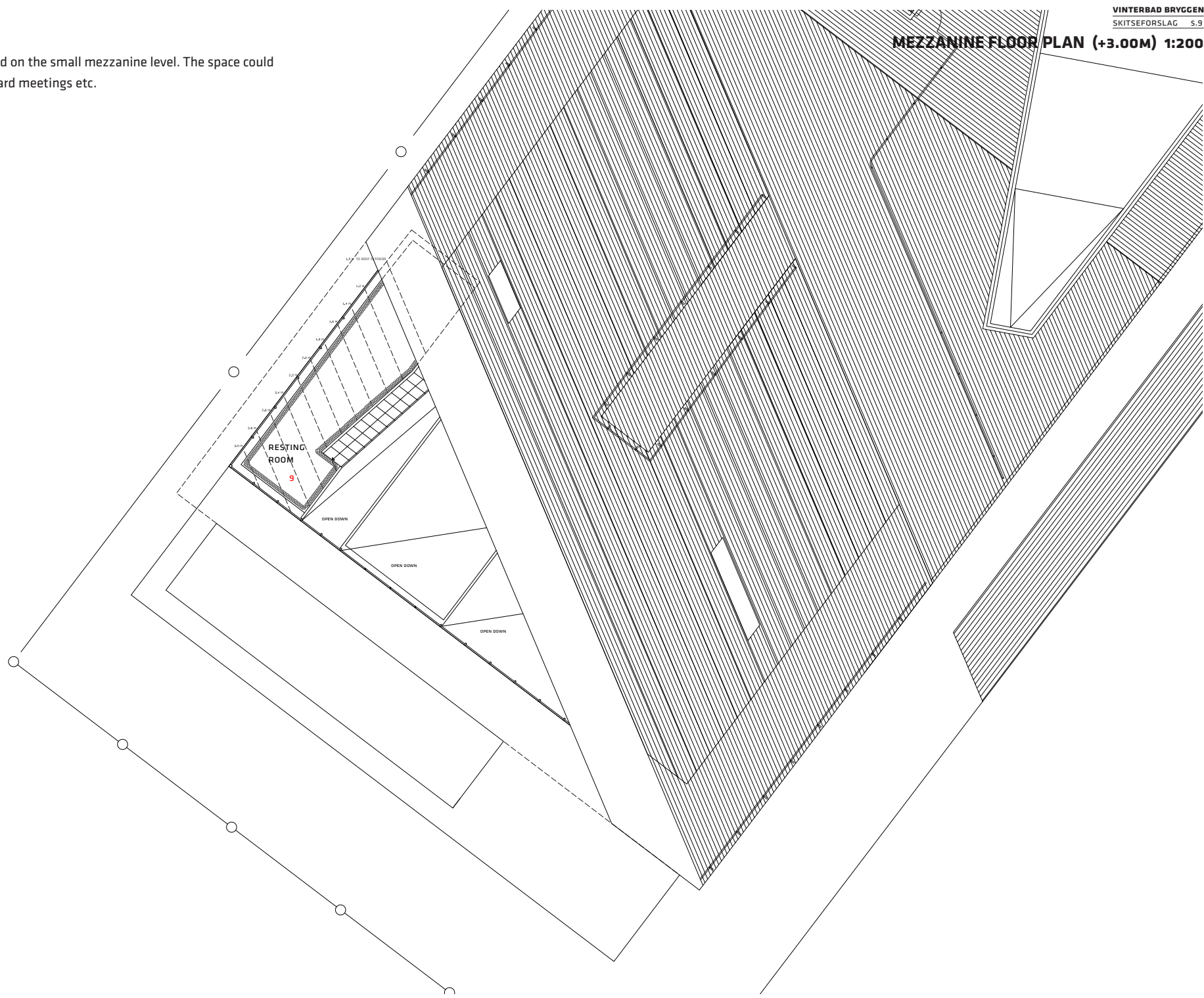
GROUND FLOOR PLAN (+0.60M) 1:200

1. Electrical plugs accessible for outdoor use.
2. During the winters the entrance space functions as an air-lock. In summertime the entrance to the building is moved to the second layer of doors meaning that the entrance space is open to the harbor bath.
3. The handicap toilets are accessible from the entrance space so that they can be used by the visitors to the harbor bath during the summers.
4. The toilets in the changing rooms are accessible from the respective changing room as well as from the entrance space.
5. A kitchenette with possibilities for preparing coffee/tea and light food is installed in connection with the club room. The kitchen cabinets have a mirror finish to integrate with the wall behind.
6. A part of the club room where the ceiling height is lower is sunken into the floor creating a lounge area with pillows for resting after the sauna visit.
7. The outer wall of the changing room, and the two lower facade areas have fully insulated exterior walls with mirror finish.
8. Wave barrier -approximately 1.0 m high.



MEZZANINE FLOOR PLAN (+3.00M) 1:200

9. A resting room is located on the small mezzanine level. The space could possibly be used for board meetings etc.



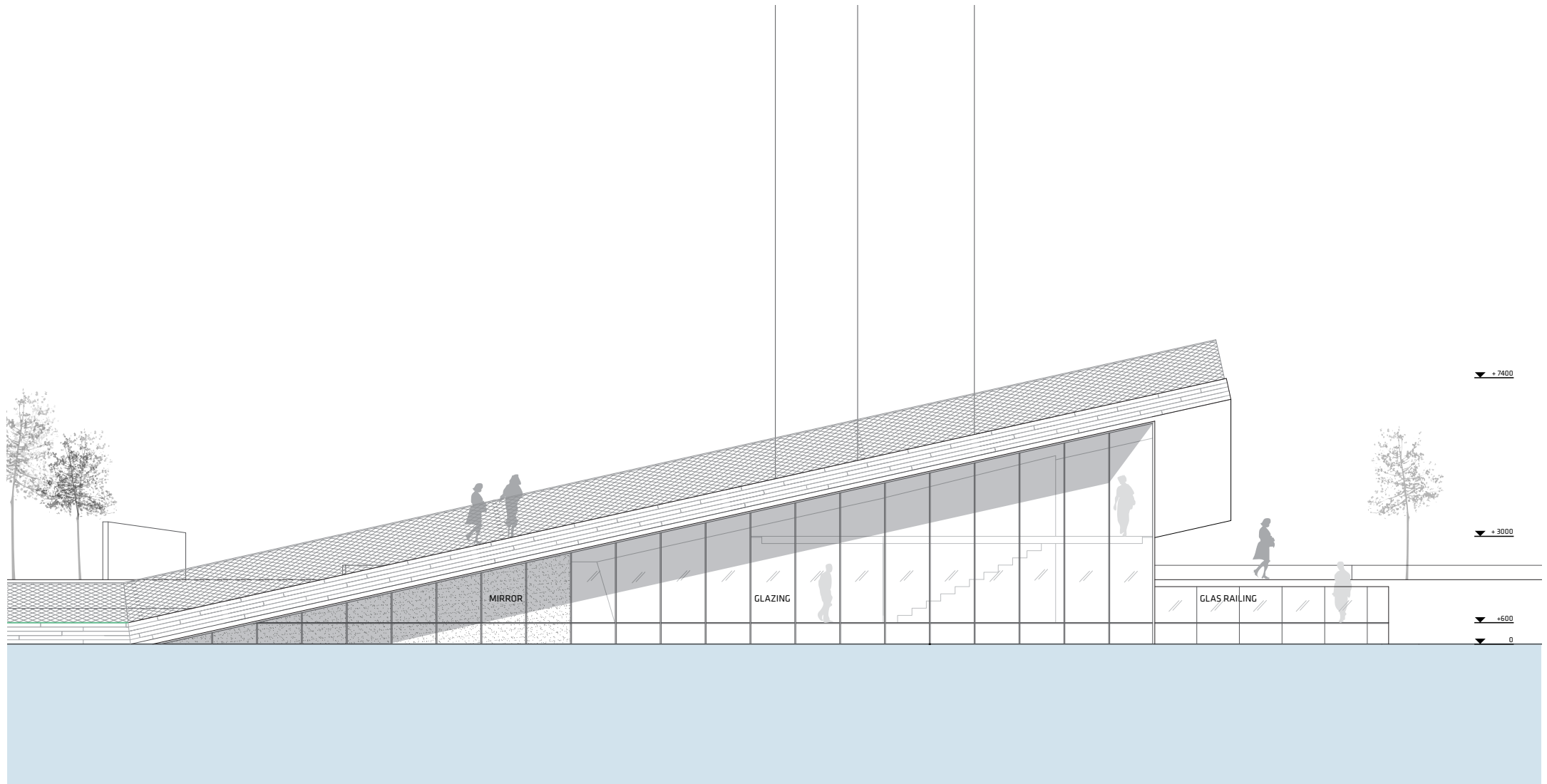
FLOOR AREAS SUMMARY

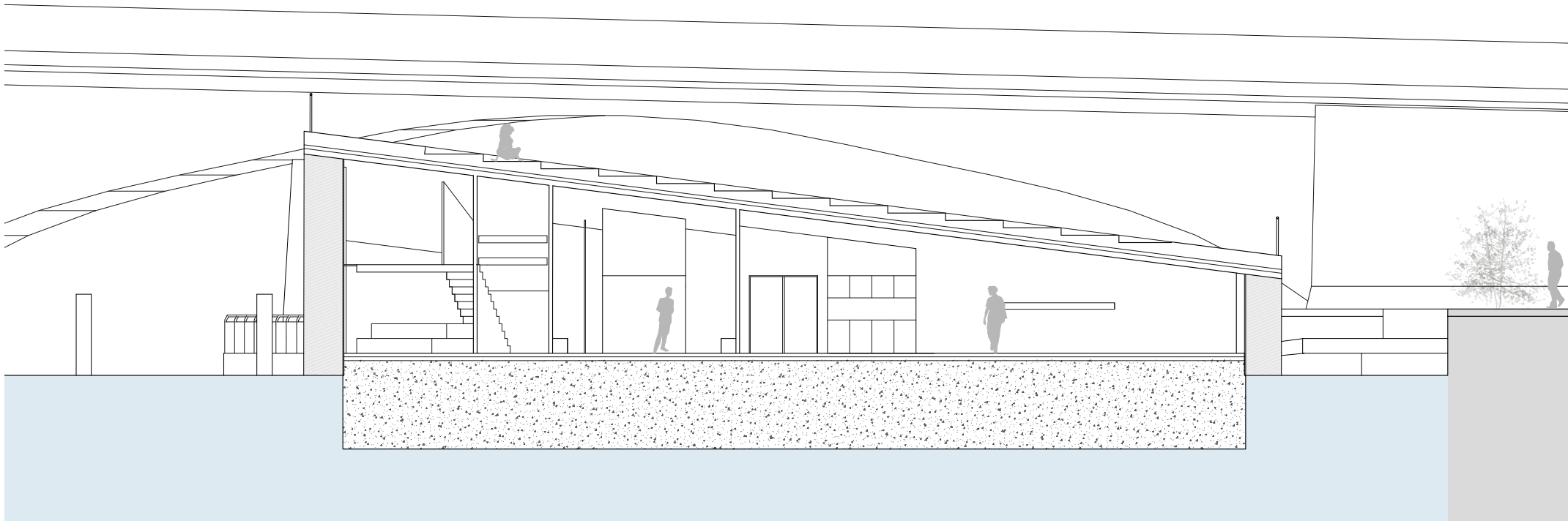
TOTAL FLOOR AREA - FULL HEIGHT (WARM)	328 M2
ADDITIONAL FLOOR AREA - LOW CEILING (WARM)	44 M2
STORAGE (COLD)	31 M2
FOOT PRINT INCL BASIN	716 M2
BASIN	51 M2
LOWER TERRACE	133 M2
ROOF SURFACE	600 M2

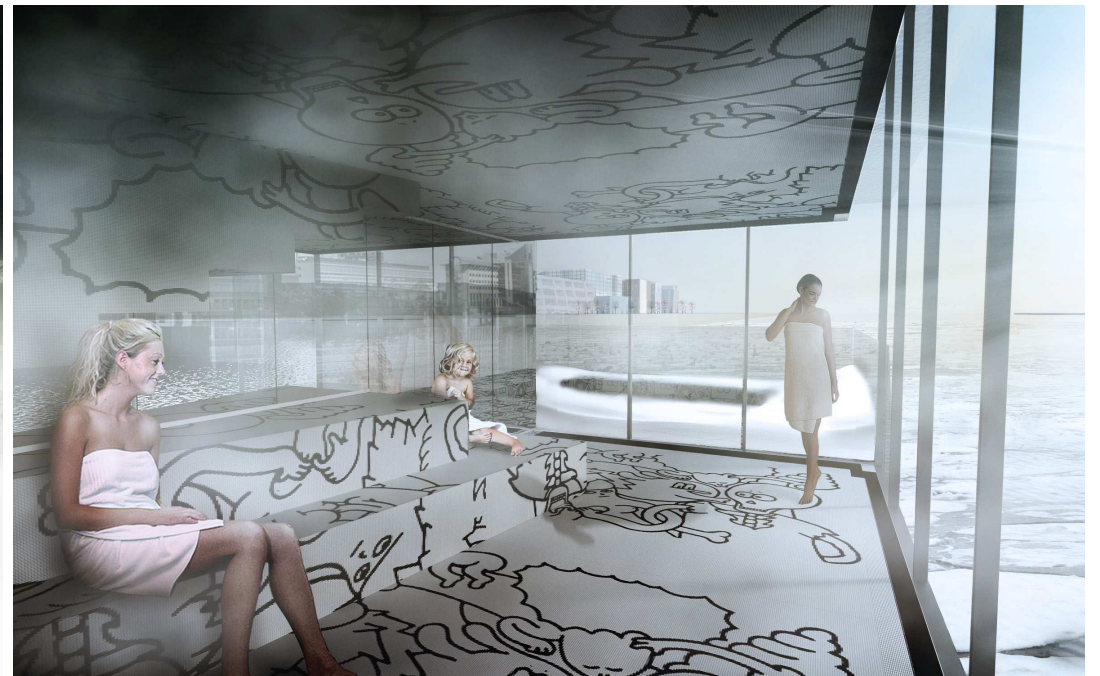




SECTION B-B 1:150









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