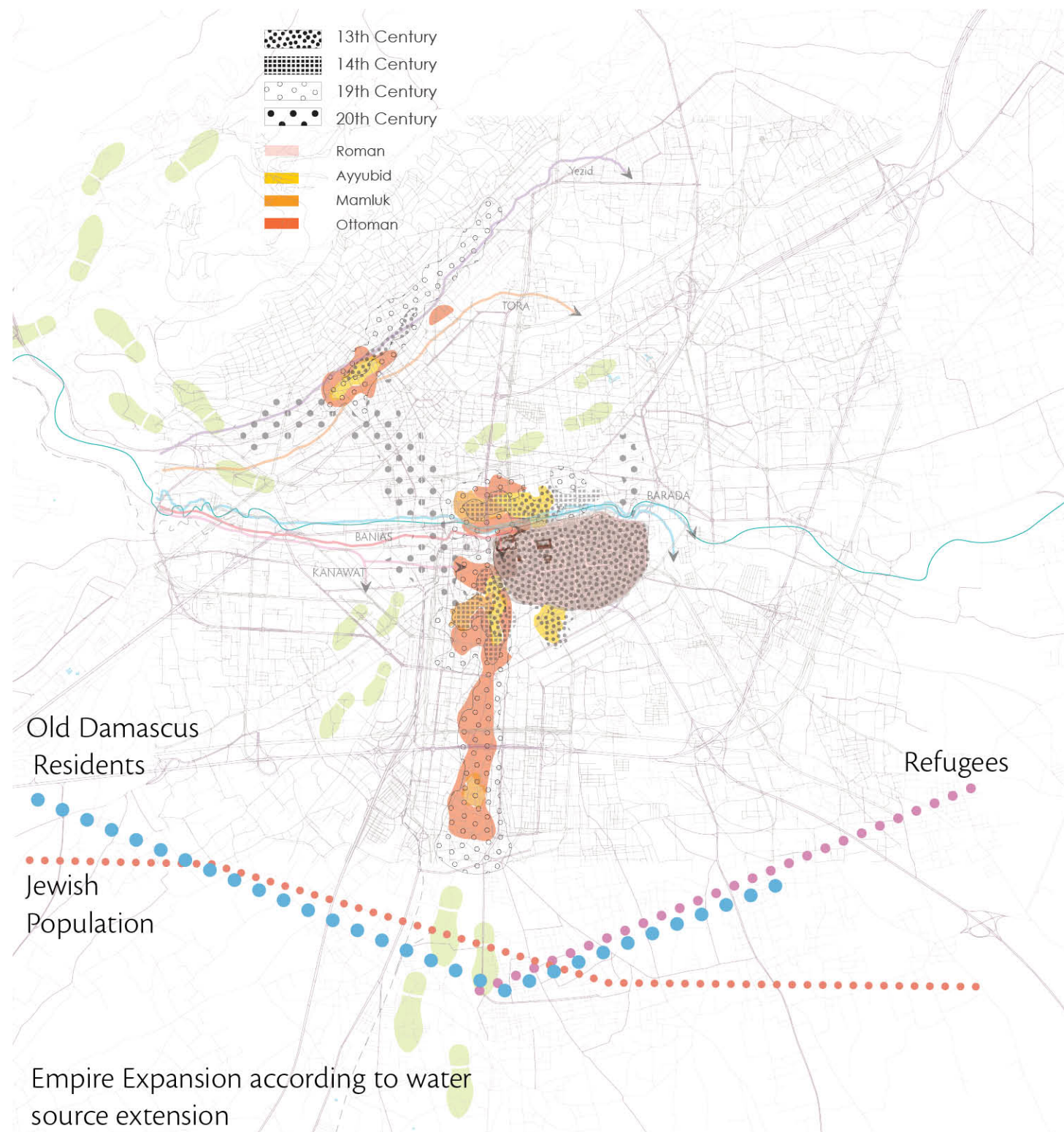
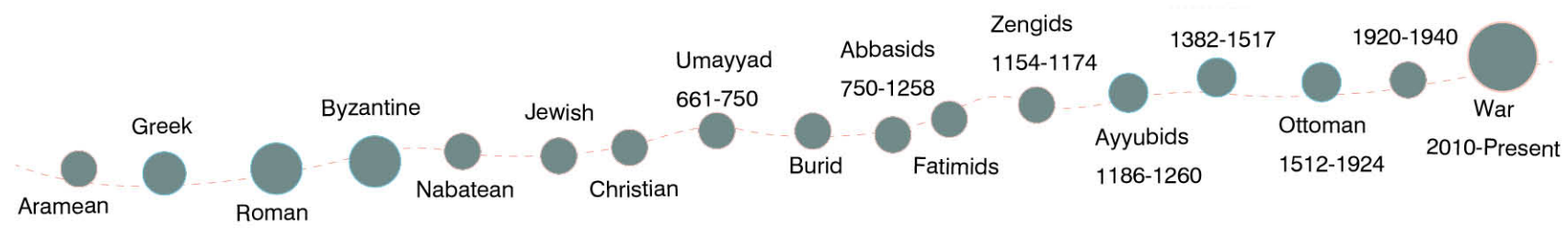
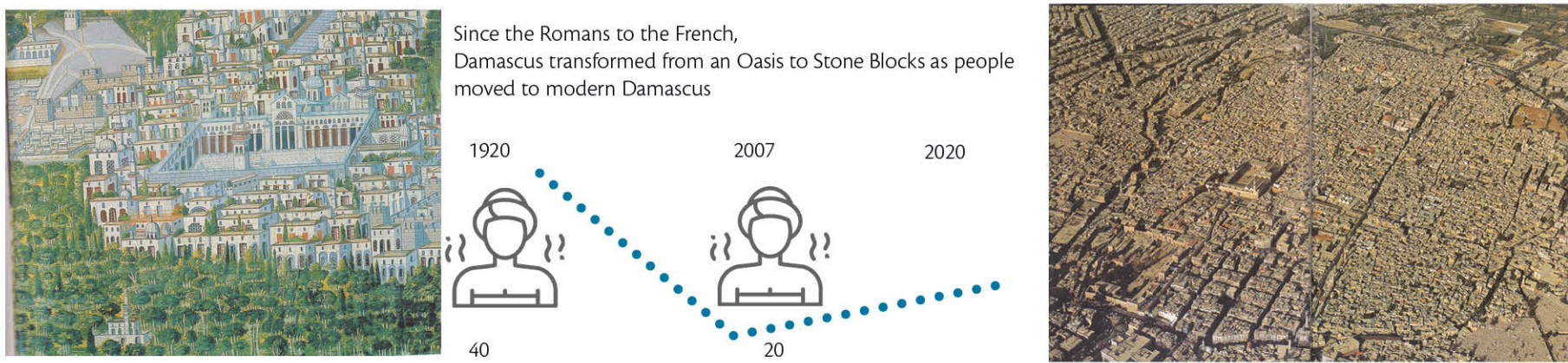
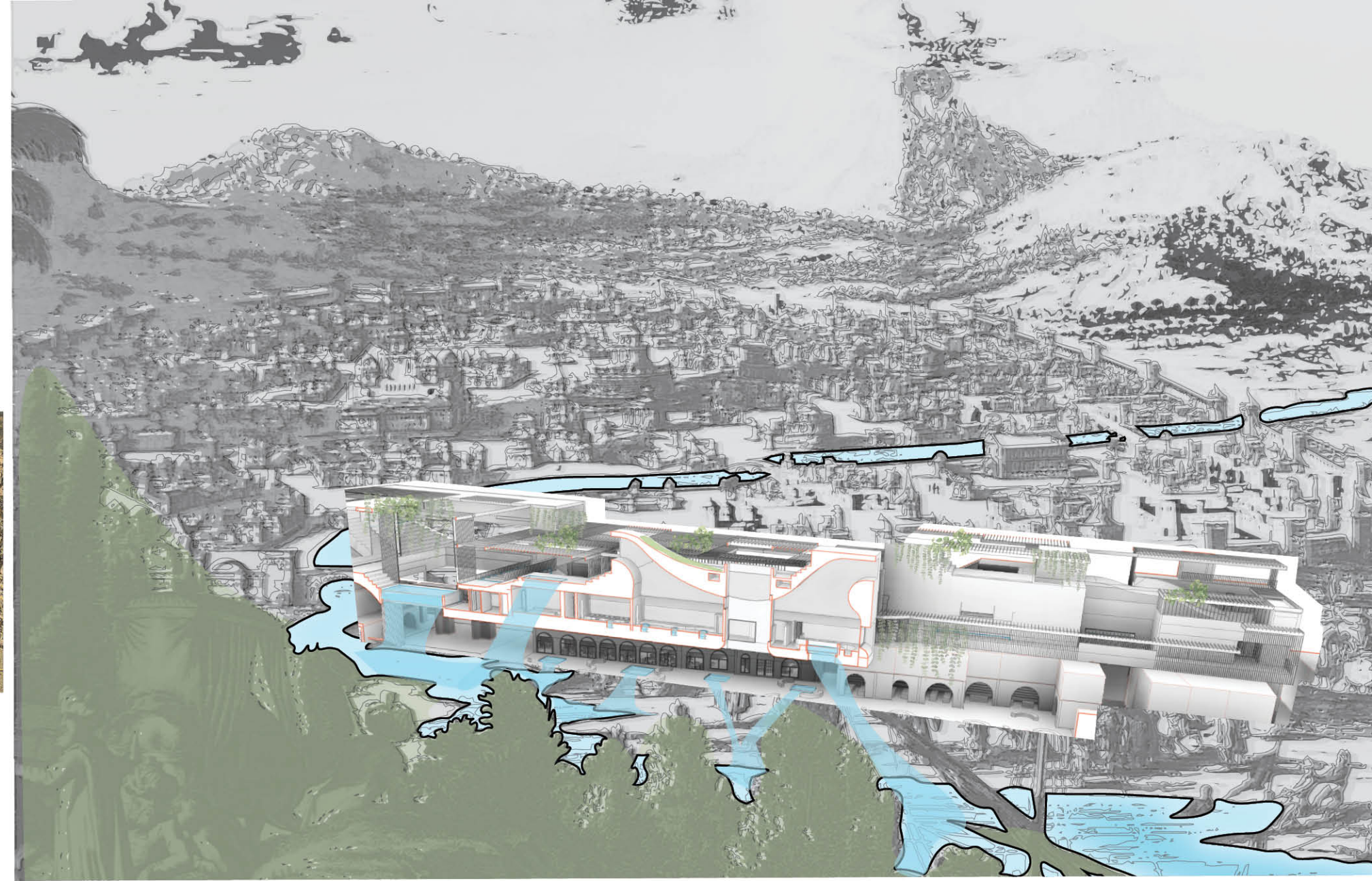
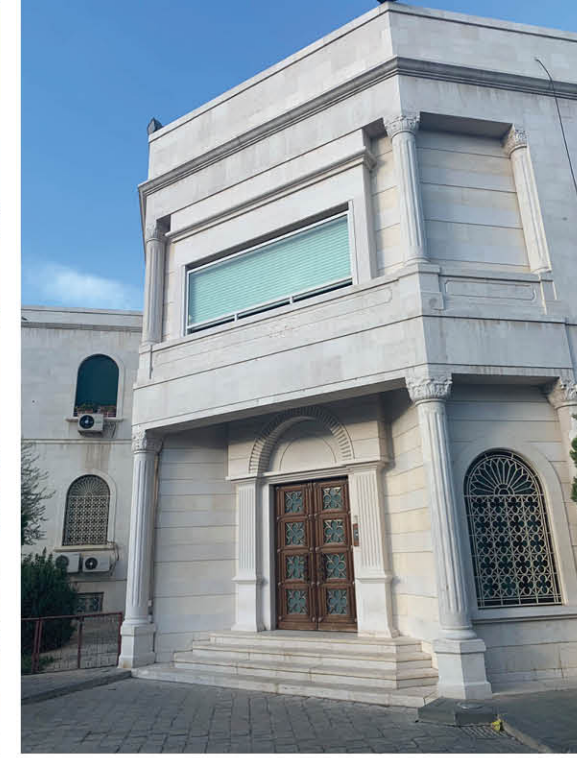
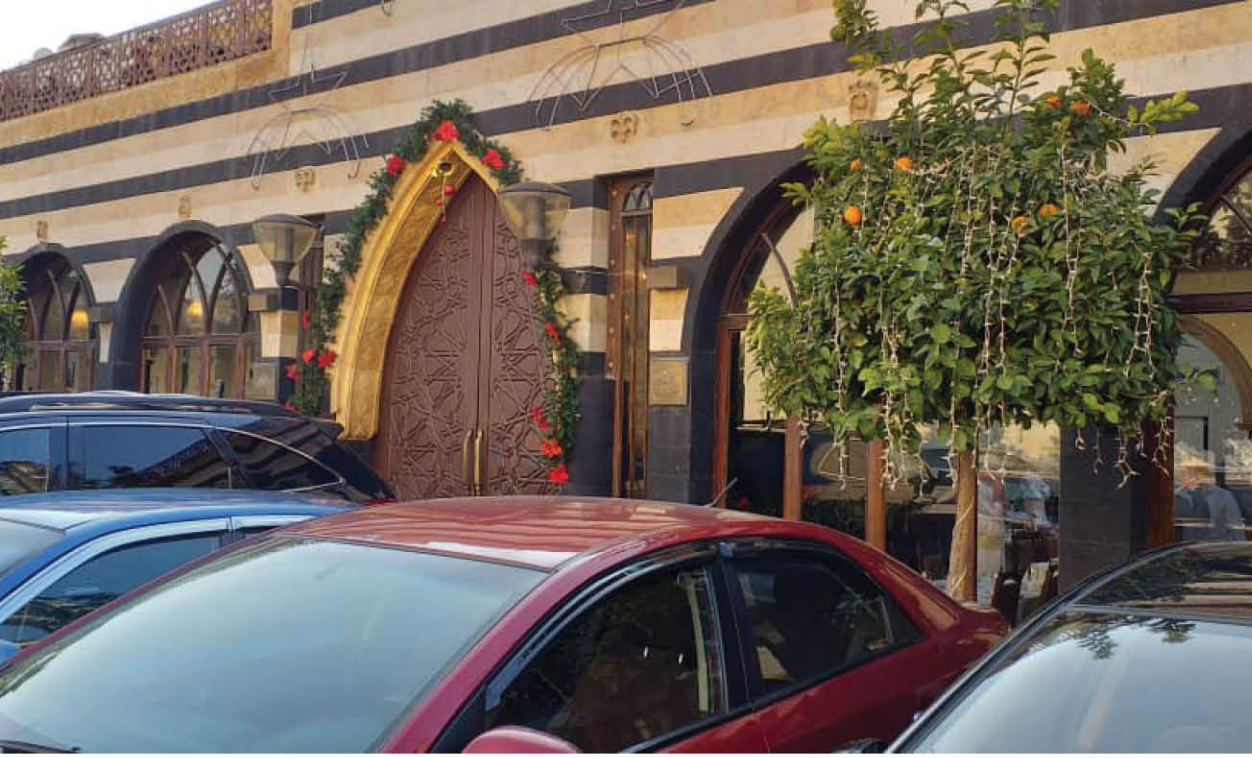


BATH IN DAMASCUS

“England knows Egypt; Egypt is what England knows; England knows that Egypt cannot have self-government; England confirms that by occupying Egypt; for the Egyptians. Egypt is what England has occupied and now governs; foreign occupation therefore becomes “the very basis “ of contemporary Egyptian civilization.” (Said 34)

Multiple overlapping imperial cultures (Aramean, Greek, Roman, Umayyad, Ayyubid, Ottoman, and French) in Damascus demonstrate the tie between knowledge, identity, crisis and the space of the city. Colonial planning and social elements of the city are molded and adjusted over time to fit the values of each empire. A surviving archetype- the bath- is the most dominant social evolutionary element. **This thesis proposes revealing a contemporary Syrian identity by re-imagining the bathhouse.**





Bought Existing **Shops** for remodeling and program utilization. Owners became managers.

Bought Existing **Restaurant** for remodeling and program utilization. Owners became managers.

No Cars Zone- Restricted hours

Nymphion

Roman Blocks

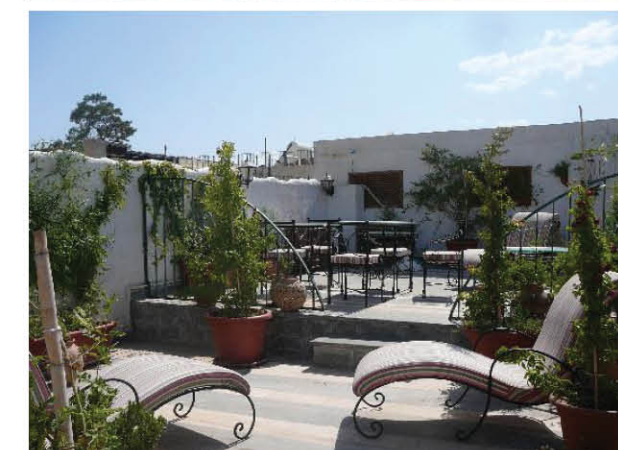
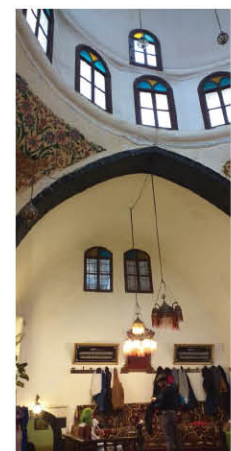
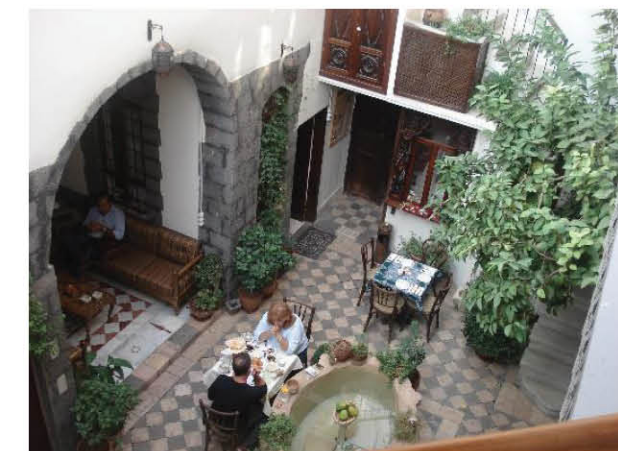
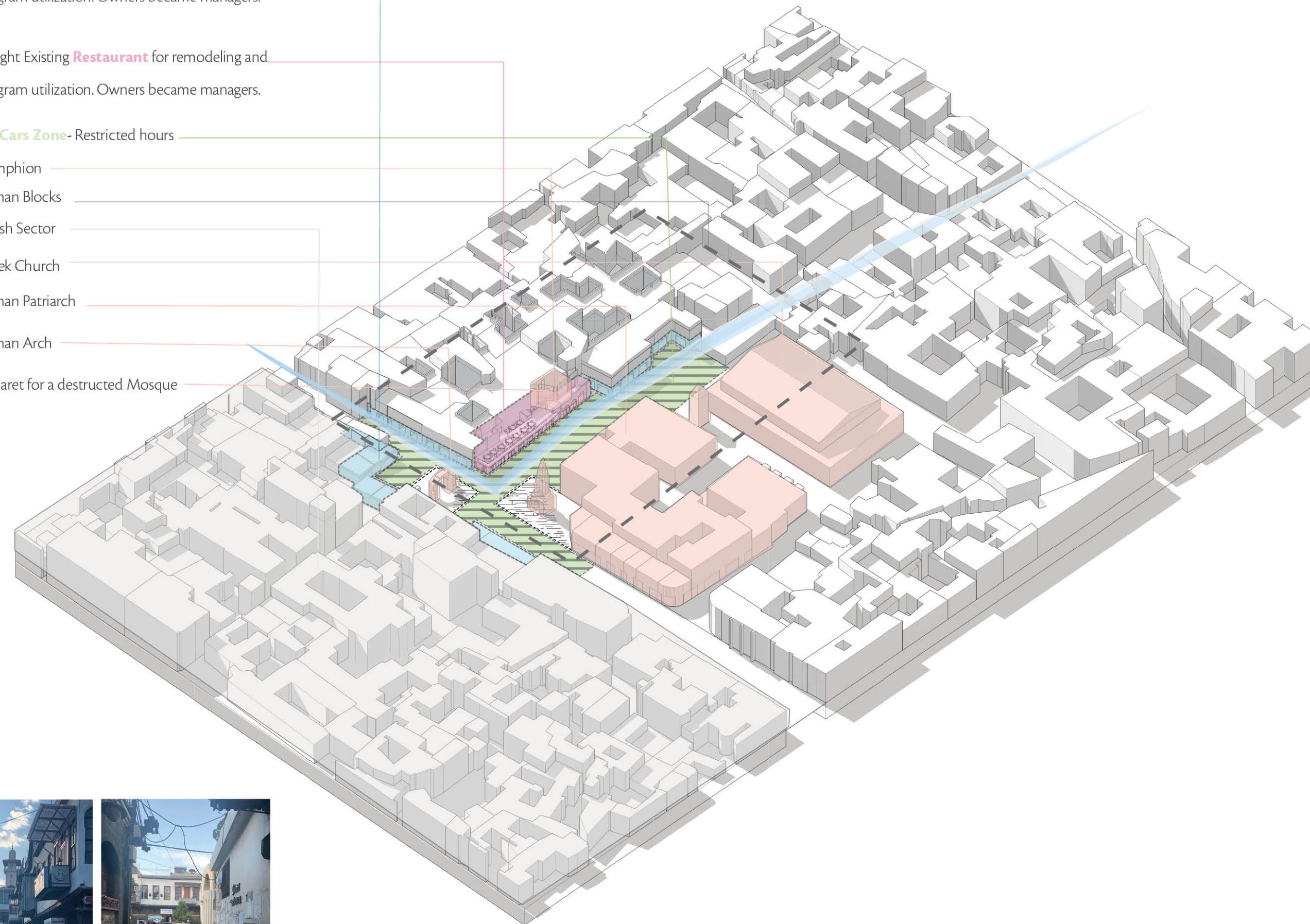
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Greek Church

Roman Patriarch

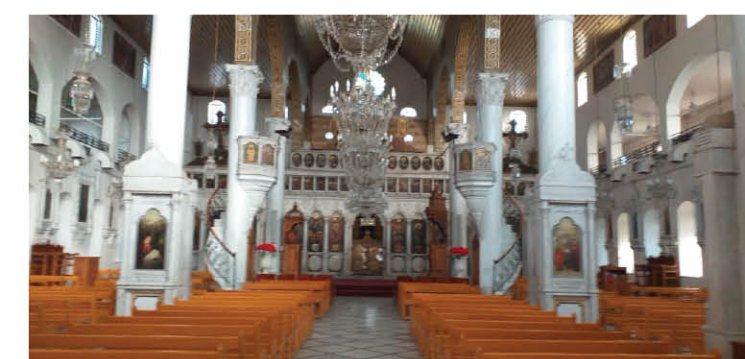
Roman Arch

Minaret for a destroyed Mosque



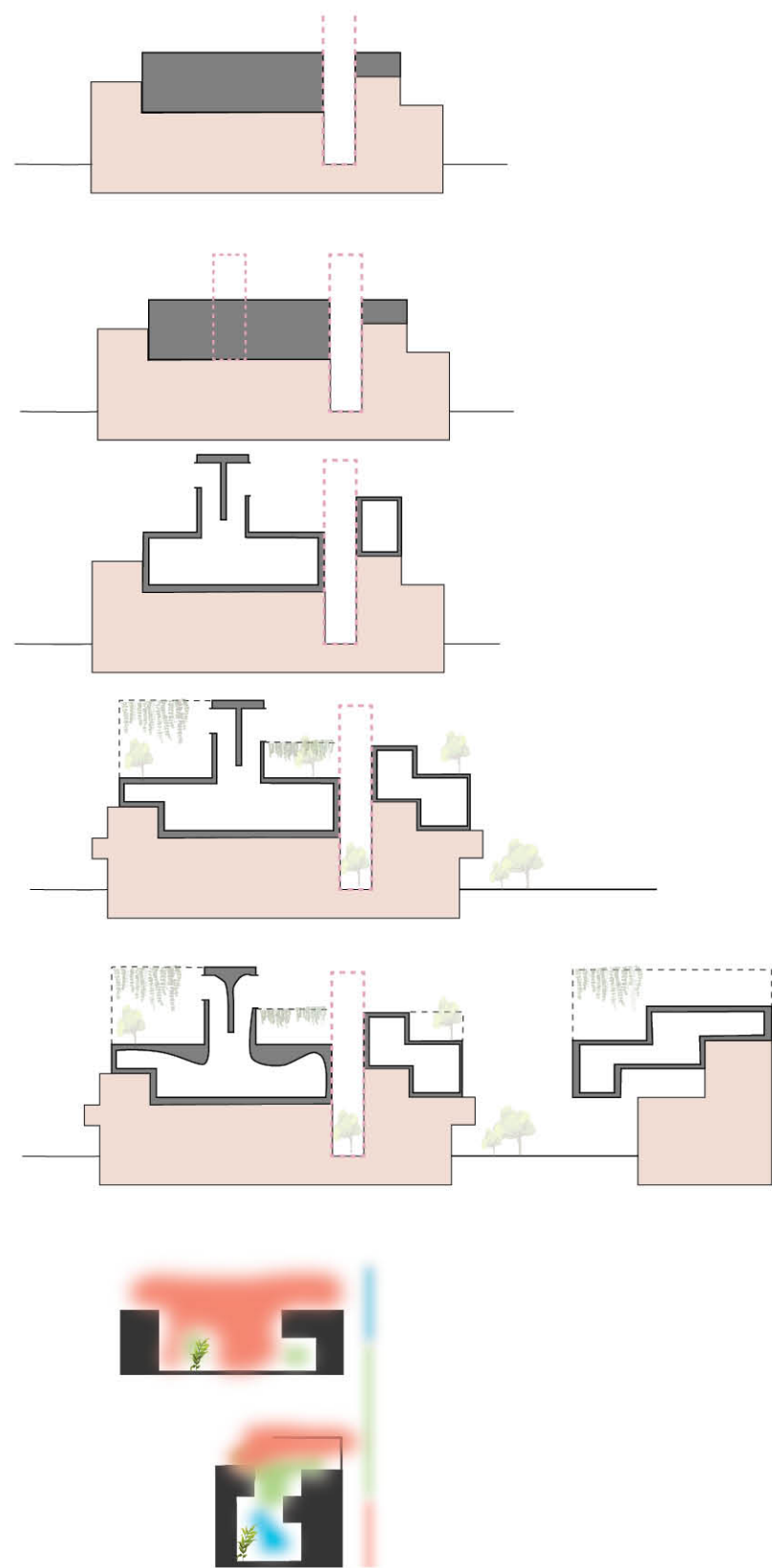
Old Damas Hotel

Old Damas Bath

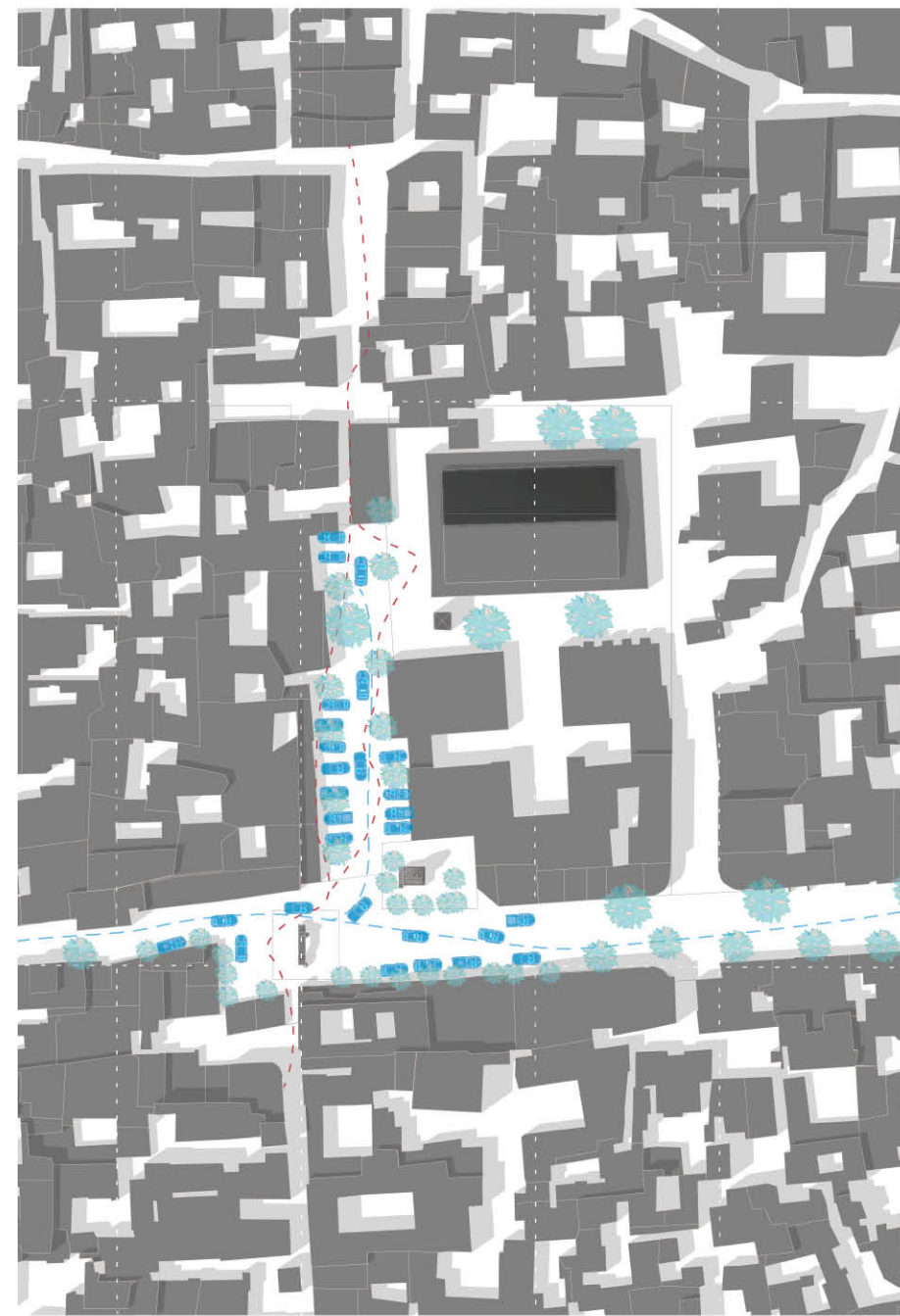




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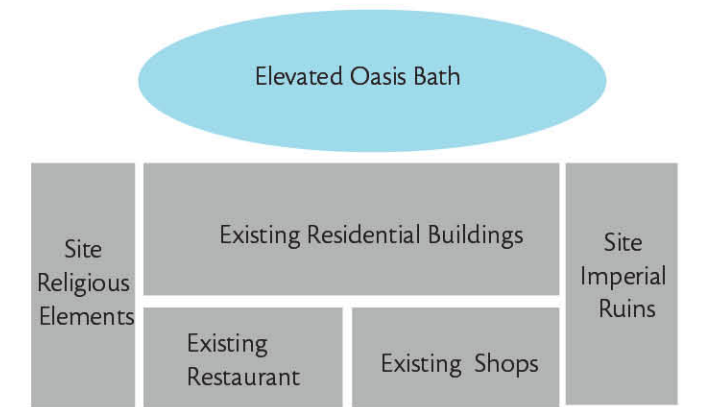
Elevated Evaproative Oasis



Site Circulation



Bath in Imposition - of New Religion and Social Order

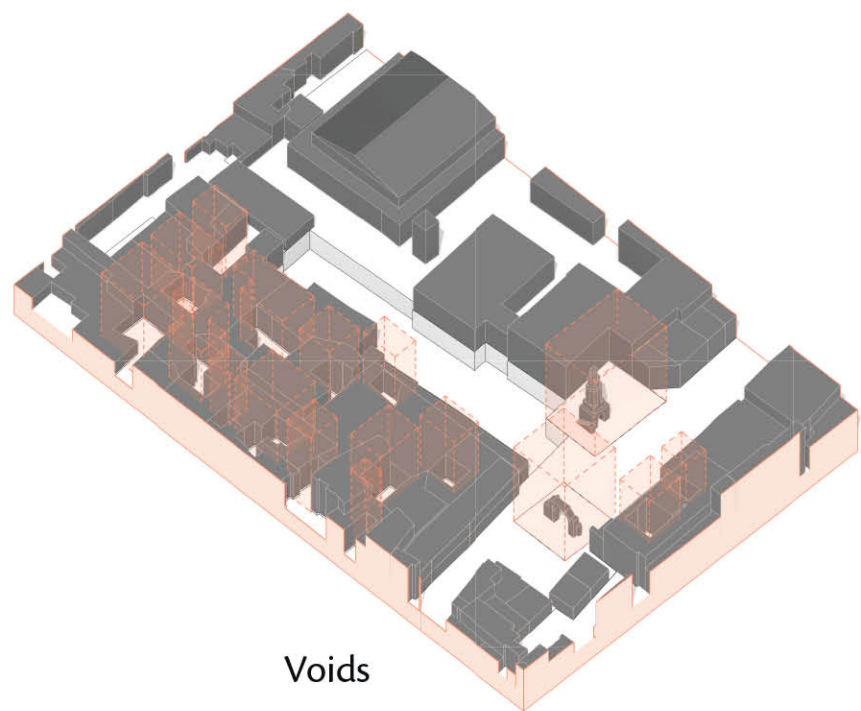


Bath in Isolation & Disregard - of Religion and Social Order

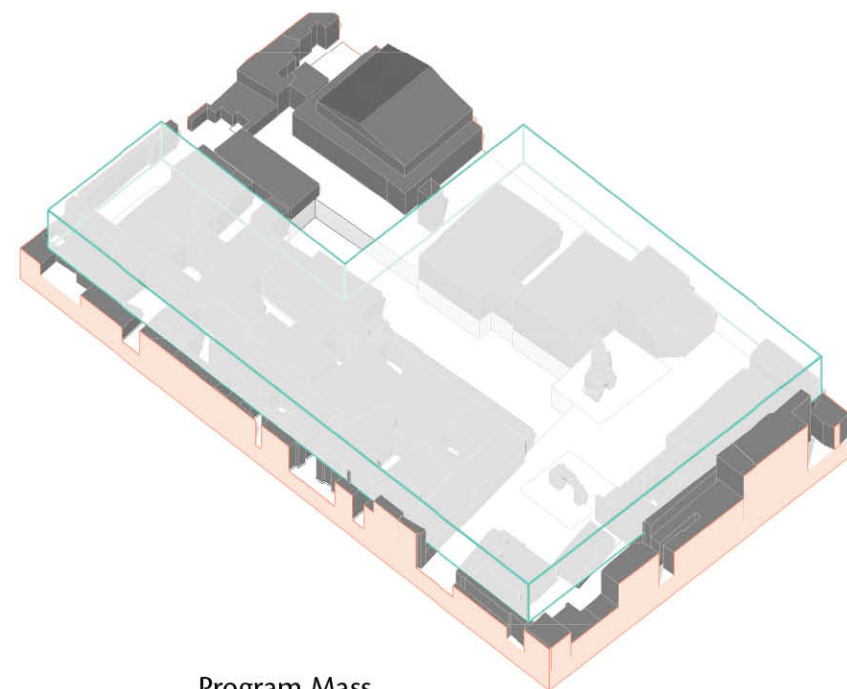


Bath in Harmony with Religion and Introduction of New Social Or

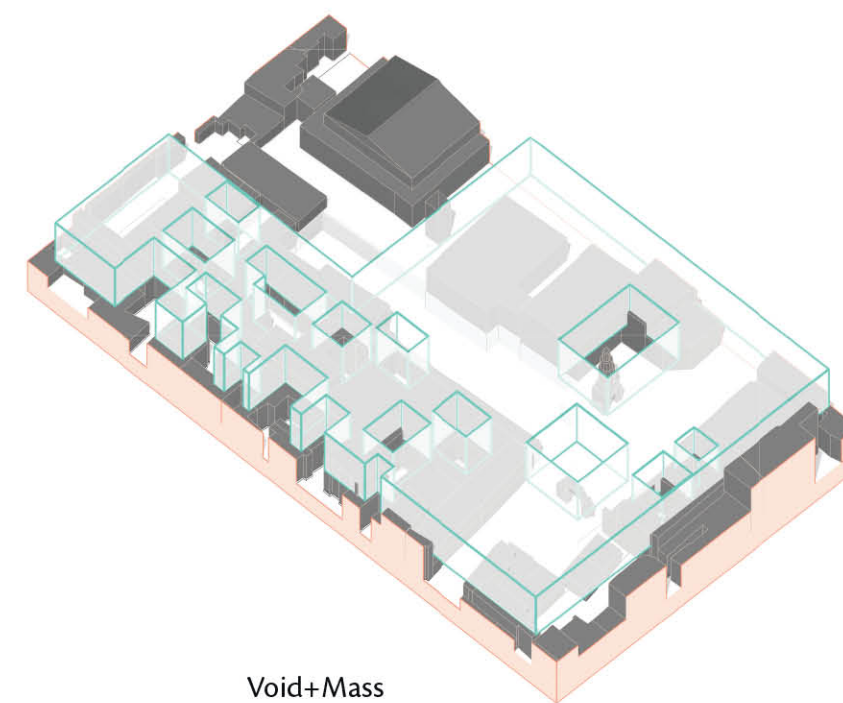
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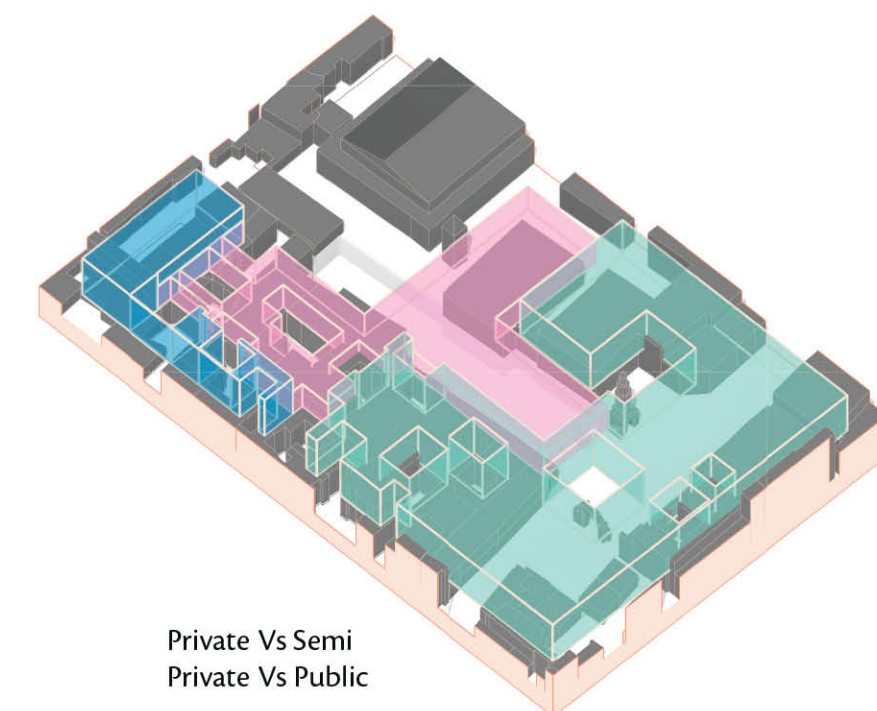
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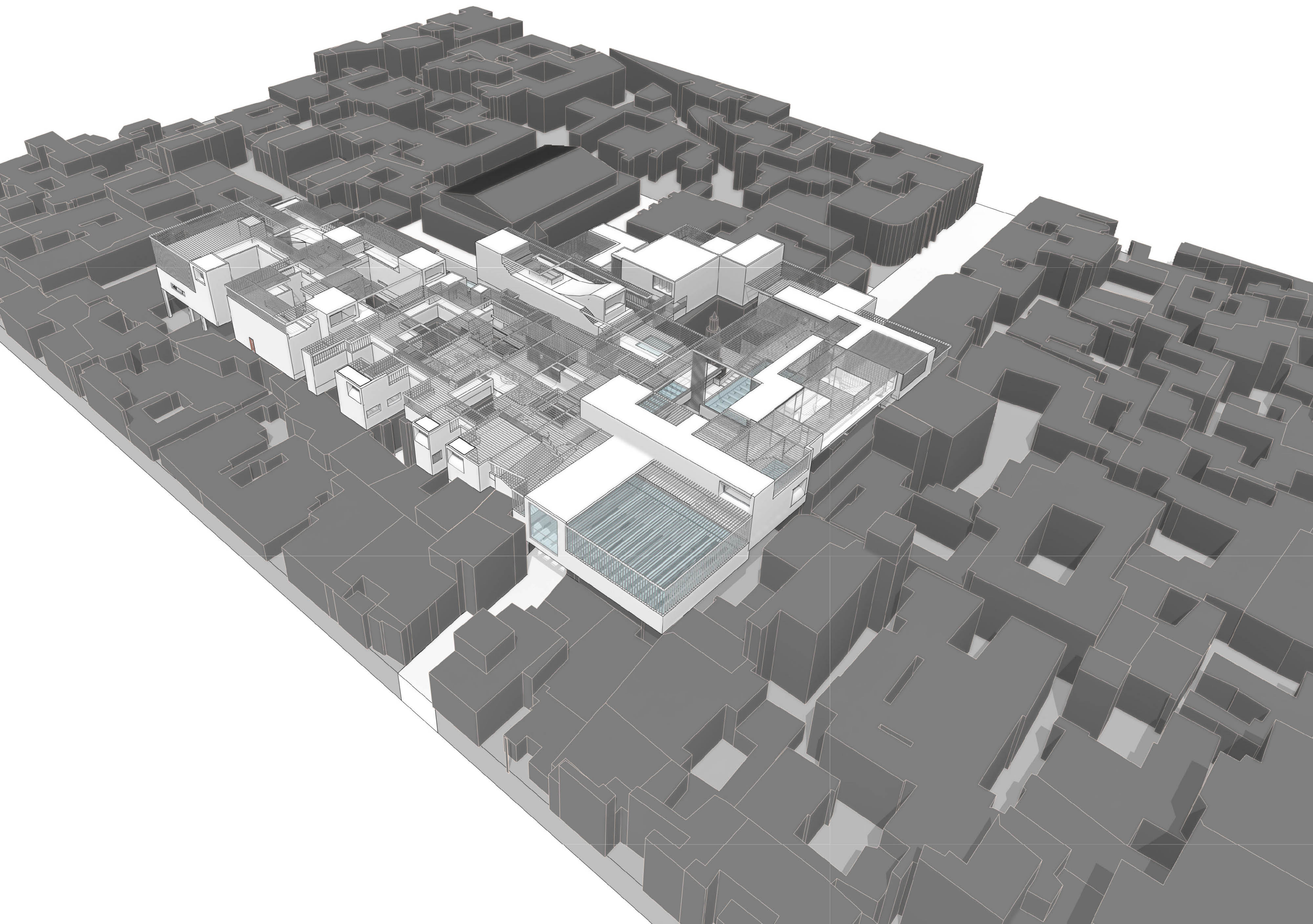
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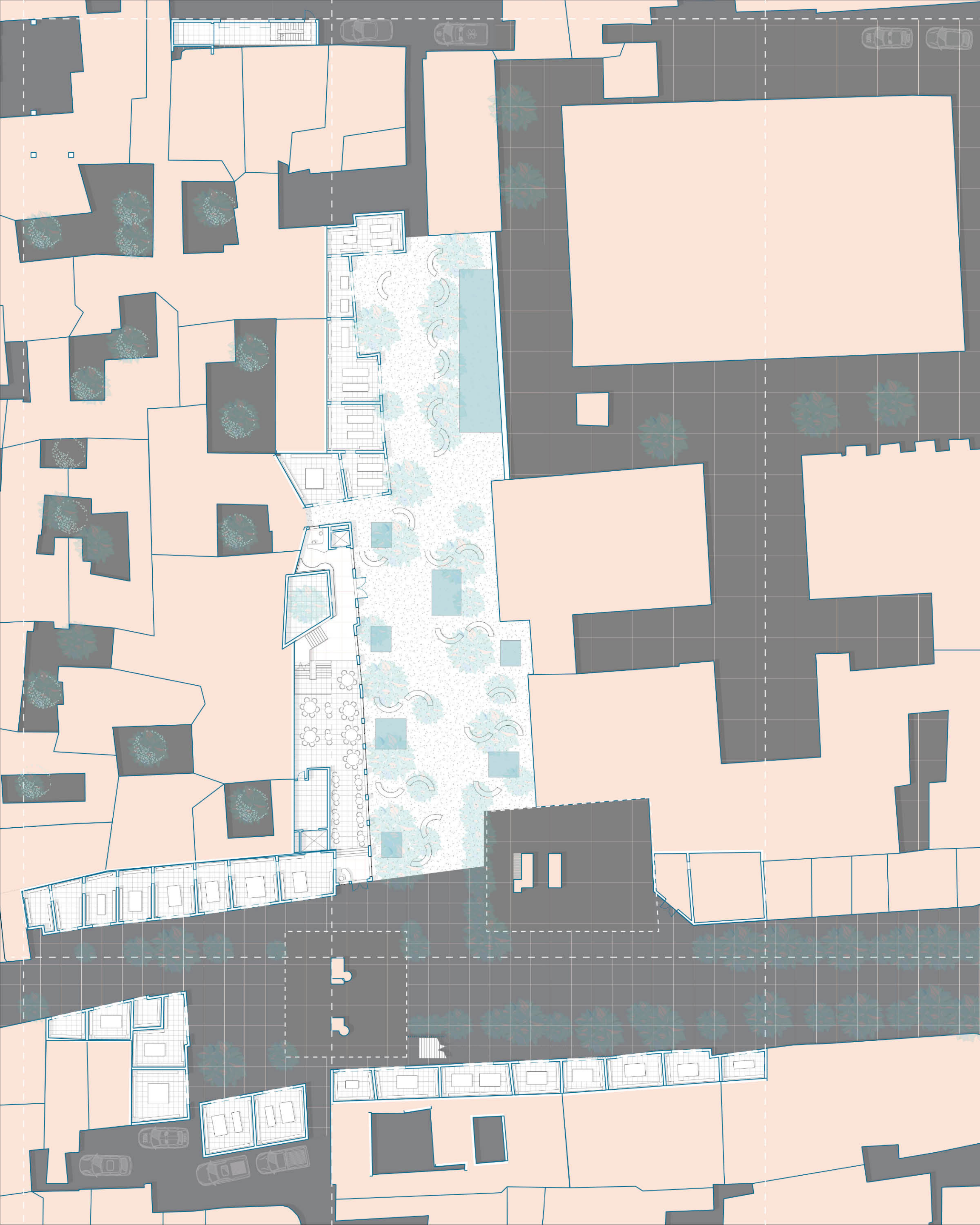


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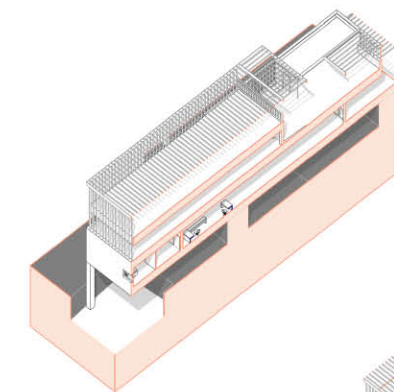
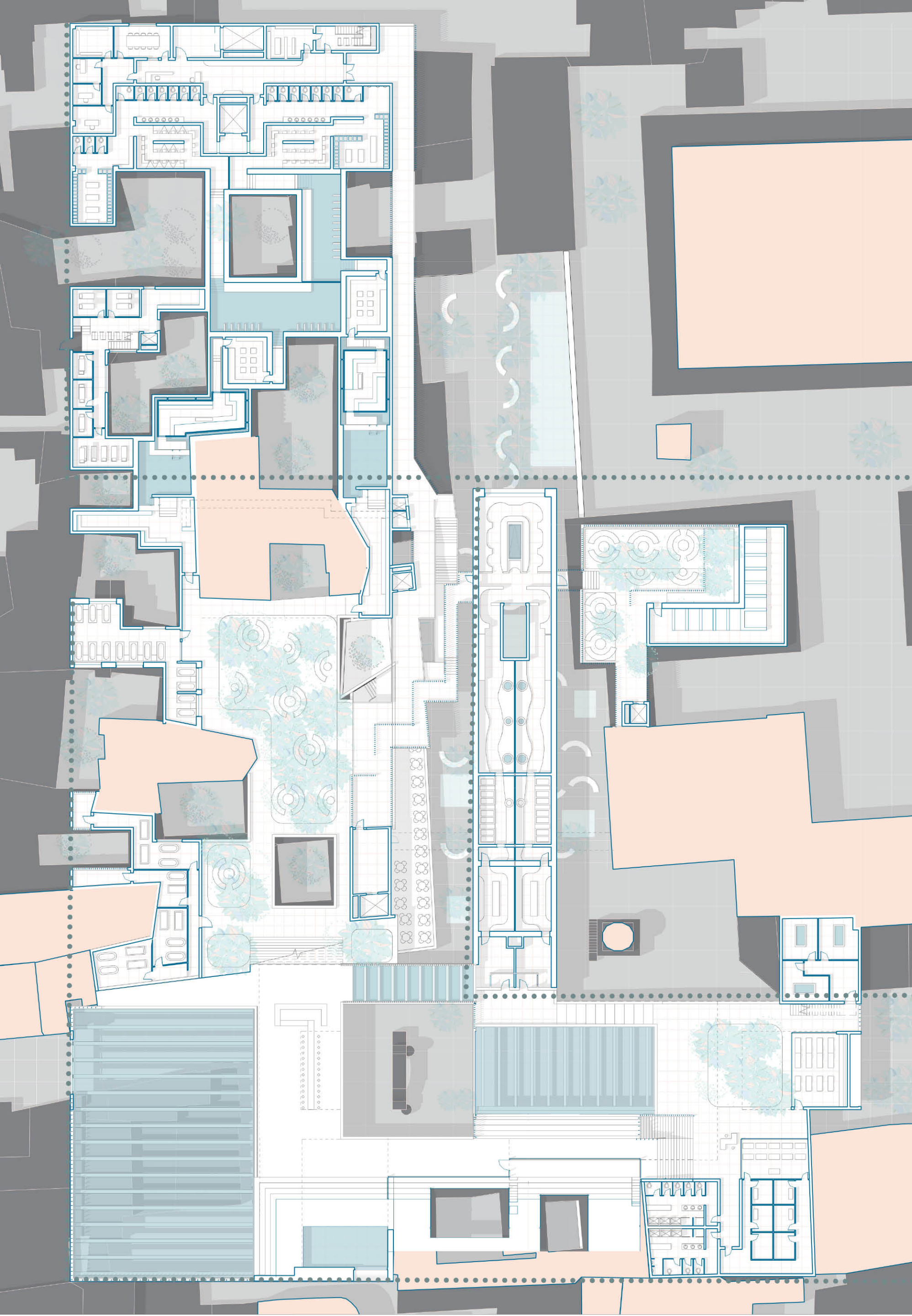


Private Vs Semi Private Vs Public

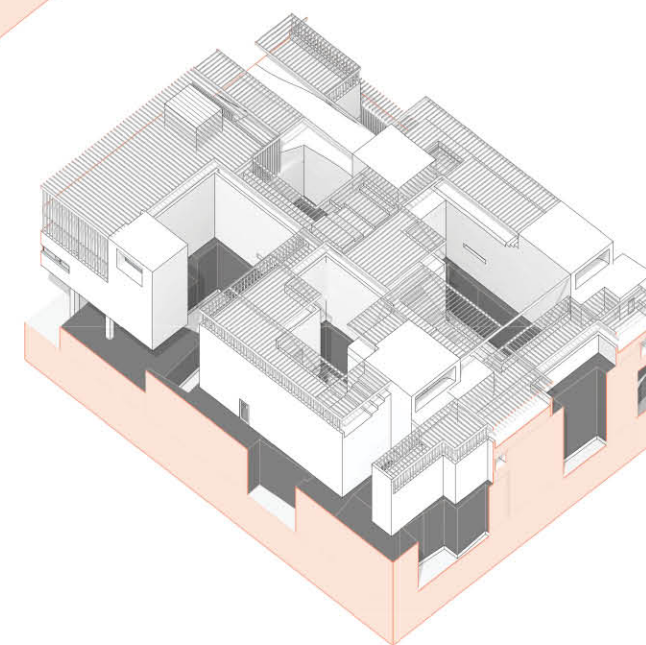




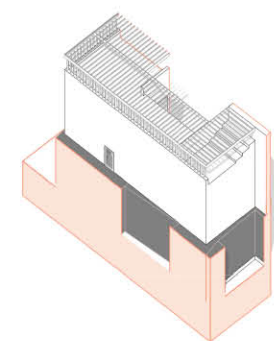
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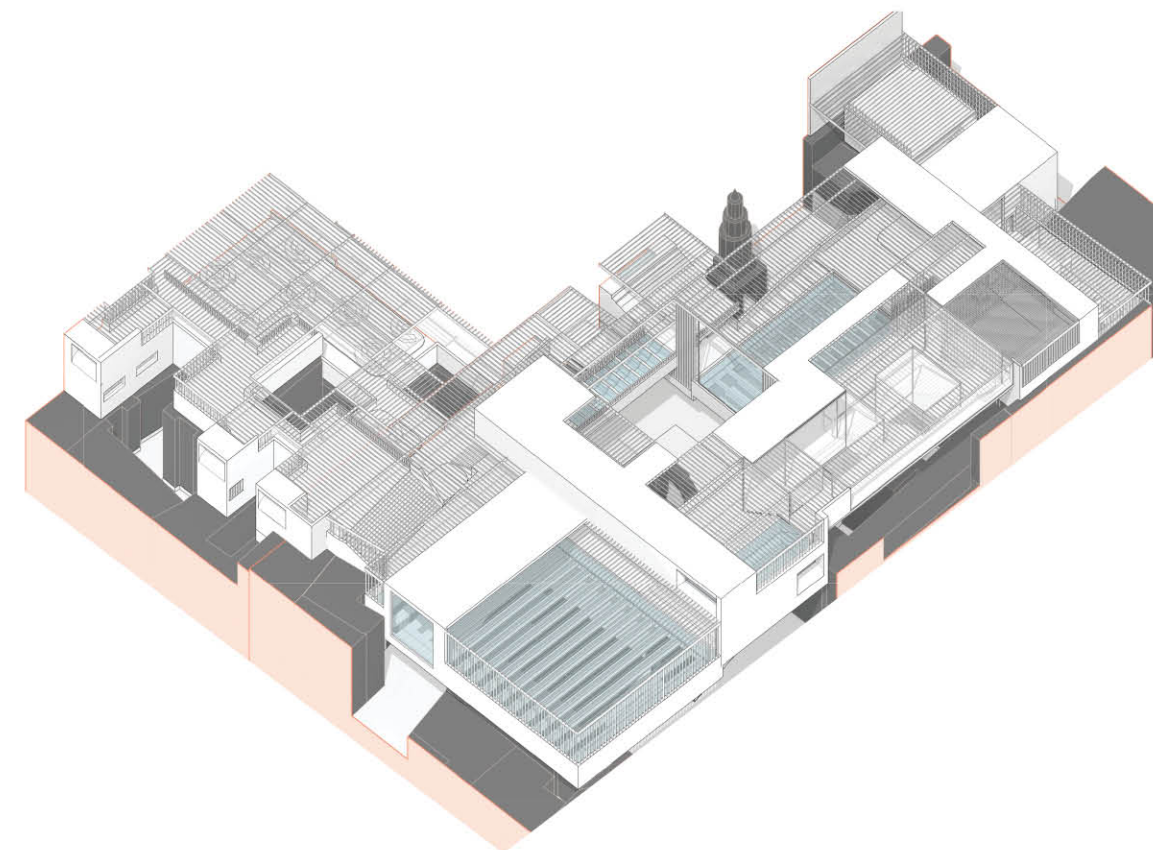
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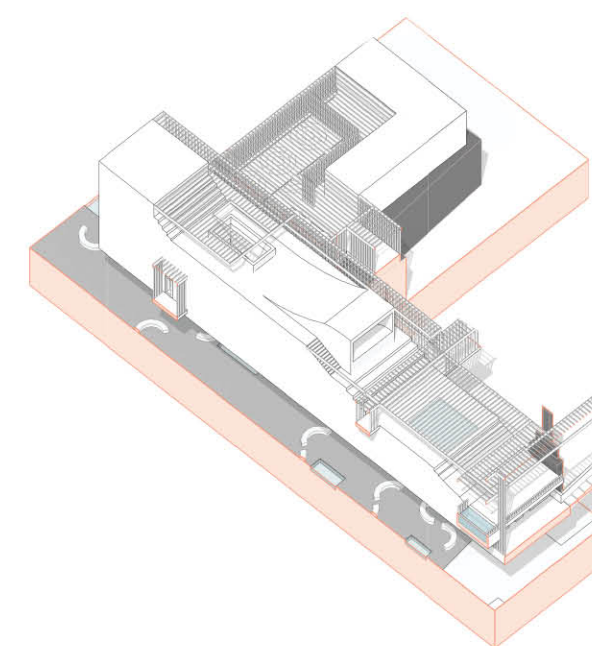
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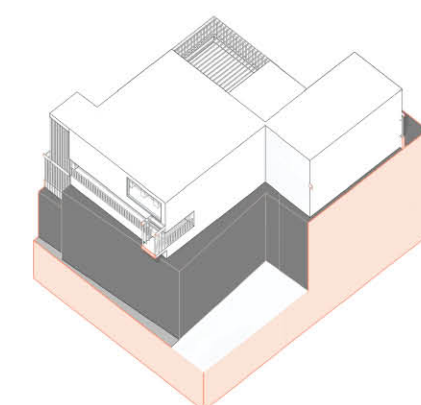
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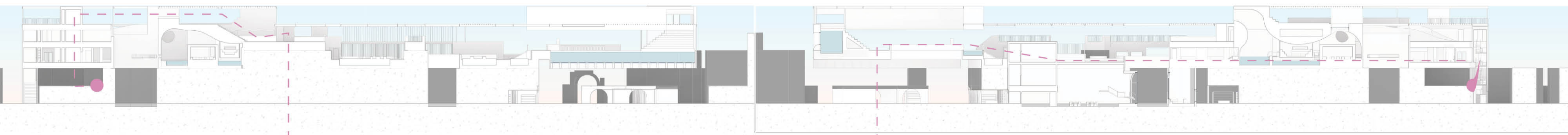


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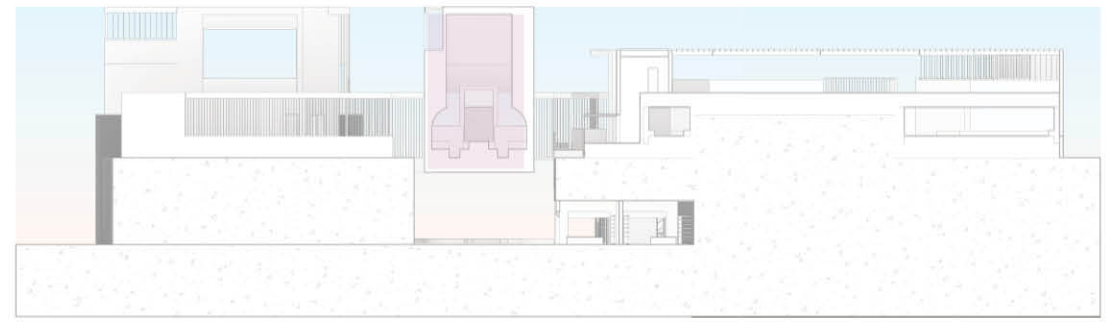
Zone E- Library

Bath Level -L3- Zones



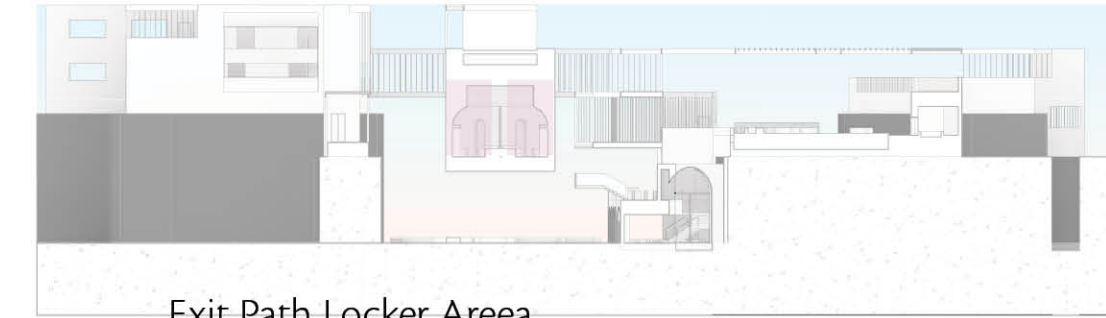
Exit

Entry



R3

7- Union- Adult Contemporary Syrian Identity



Exit Path Locker Area

R3

6- Separation- Terrorism War



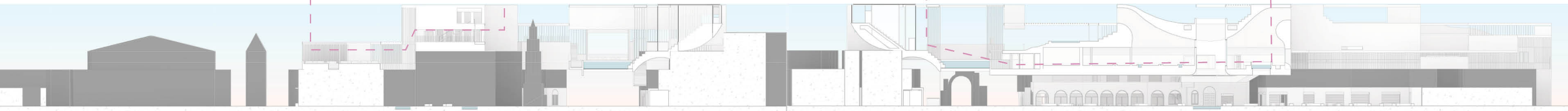
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5- Separation-High school

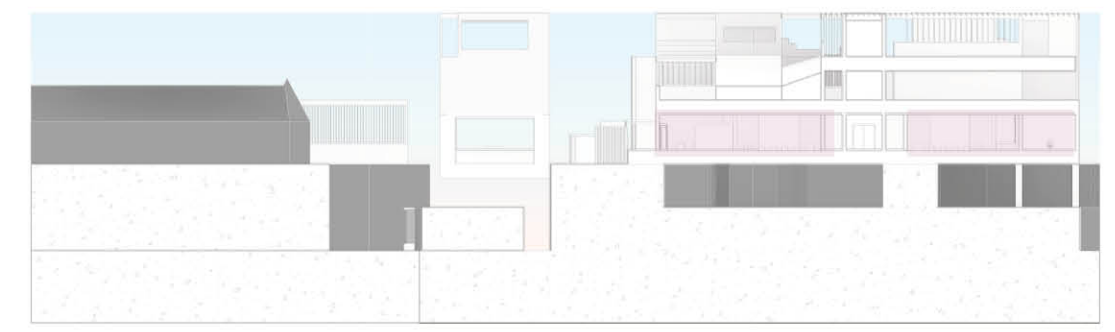
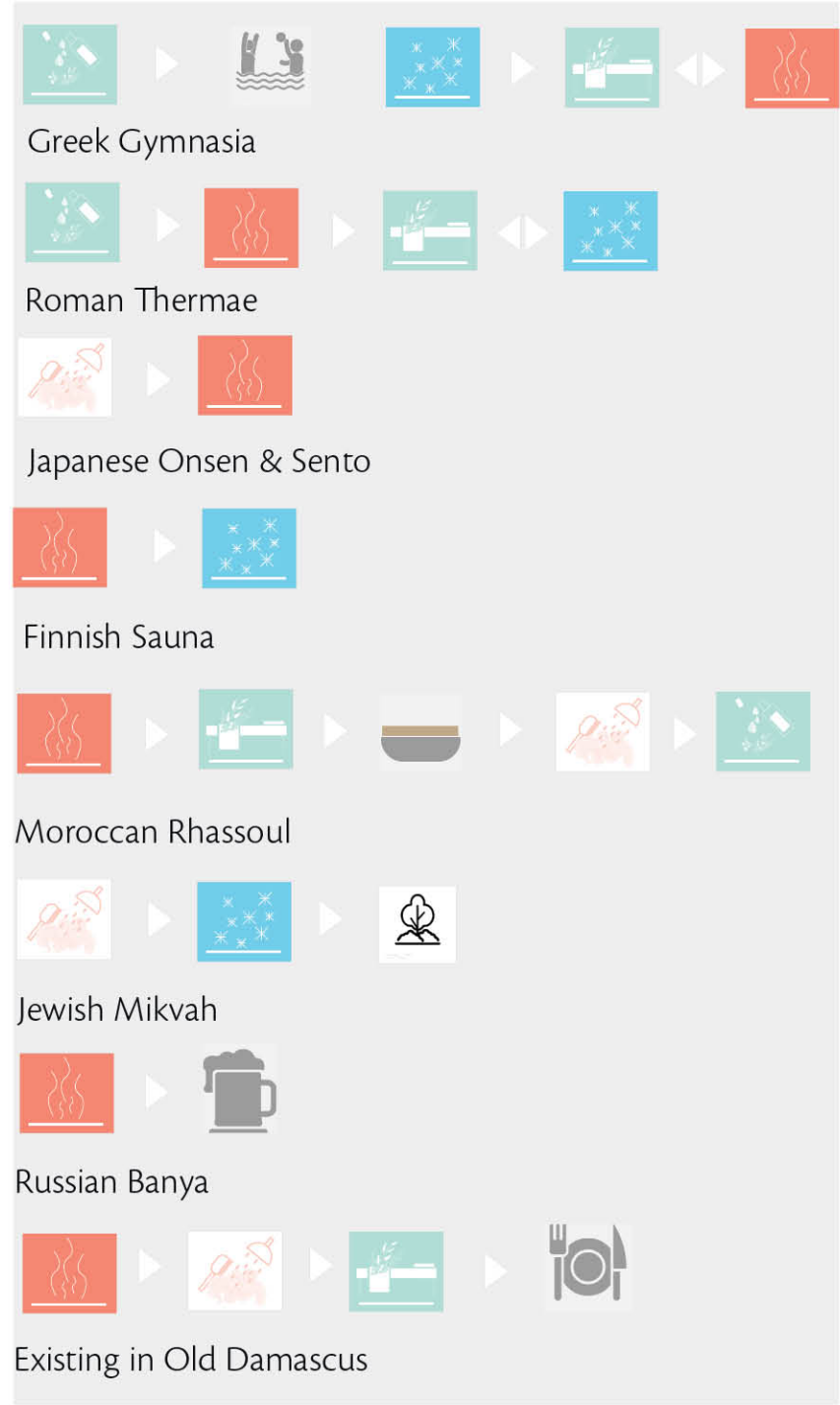


R2

4- Union - End of French Mandate -College



Diverse Rituals Vs Political And Educational Journey



R1

1 Separation- Gender Based



R1

2 Separation- Middle School



R1

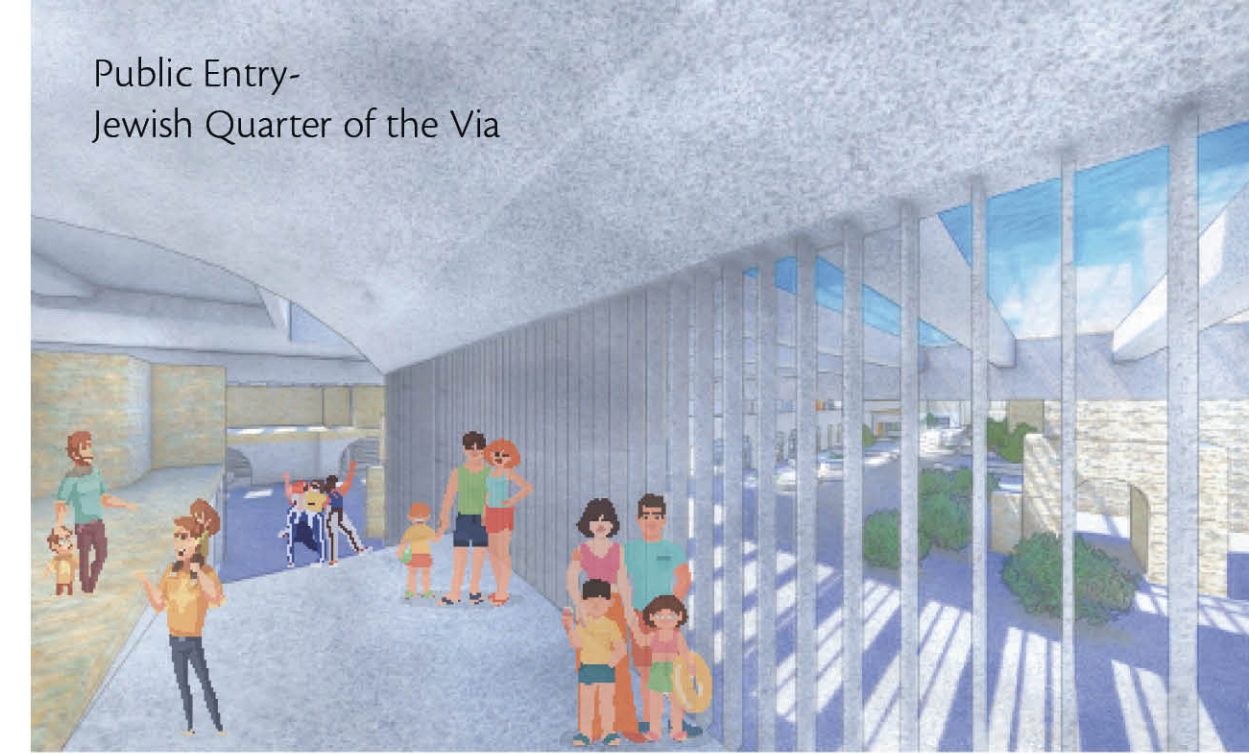
3- Separation -Syrian Vs Invader- Colonialism



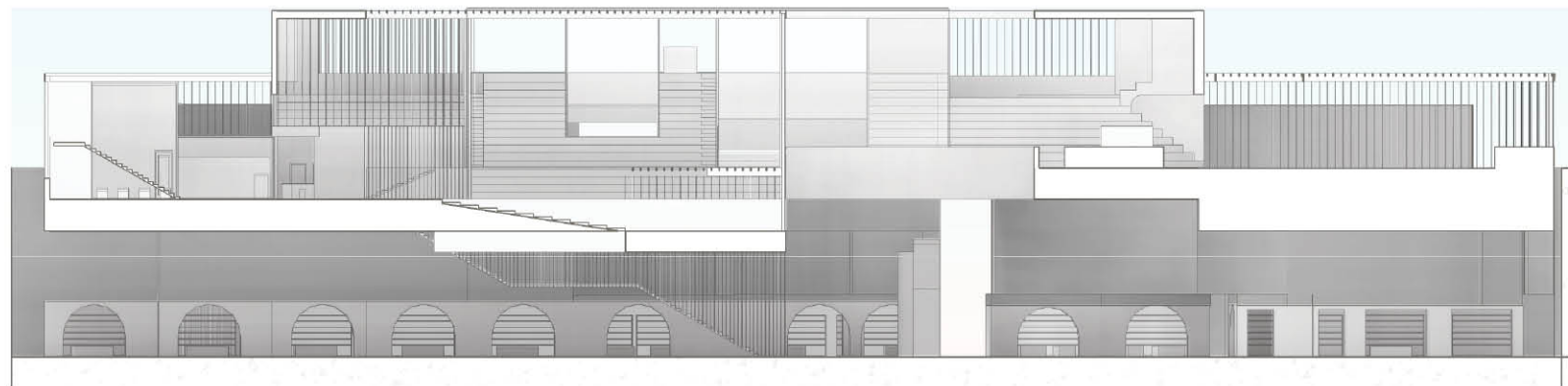
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4- Union - Bather and Visitor -Elementary

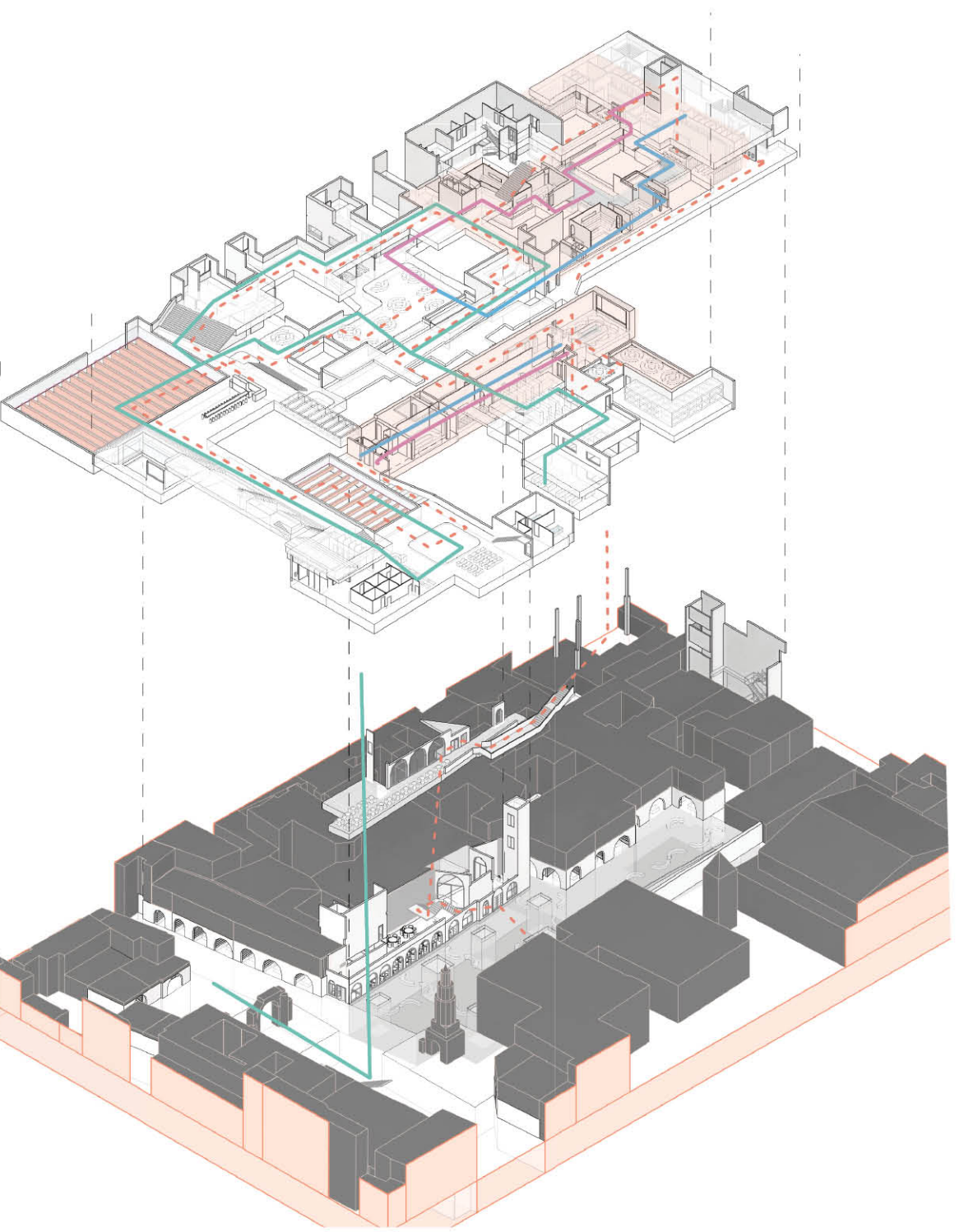
Bather vs Visitor

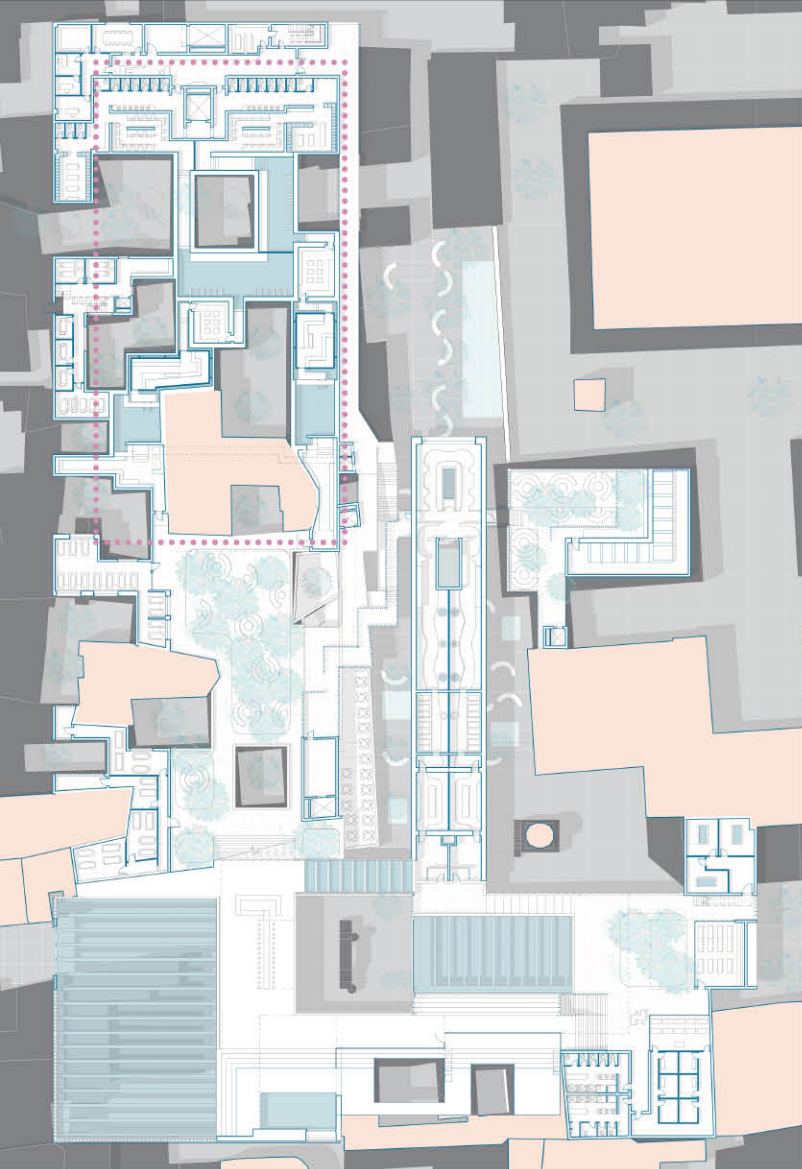


Bather Main Entry- Existing Restaurant

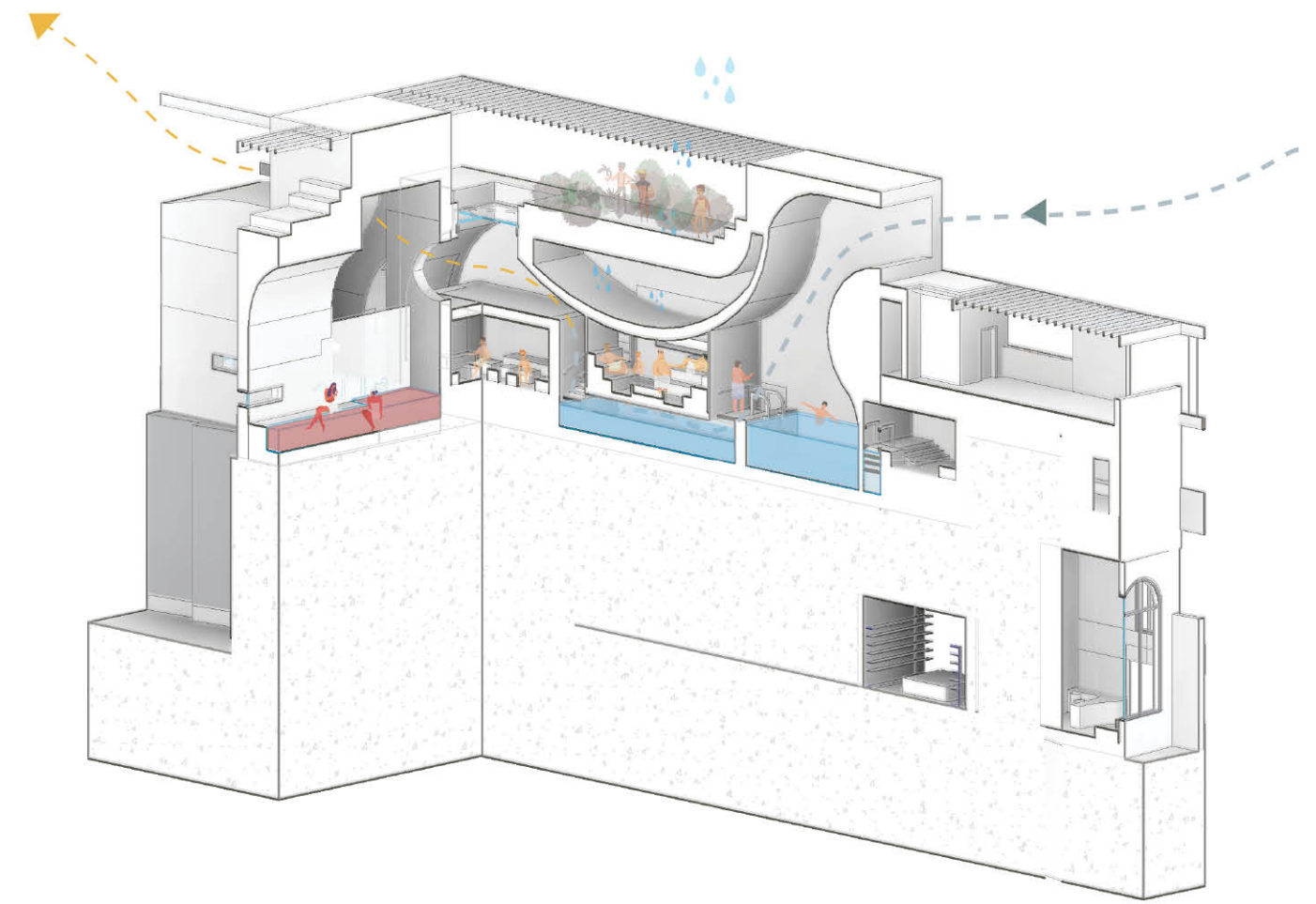
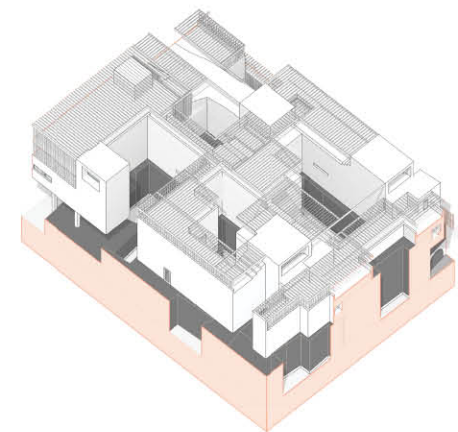


Public Visitor Entries- Via Recta or Restaurant Garden





Zone B- Ritual 1



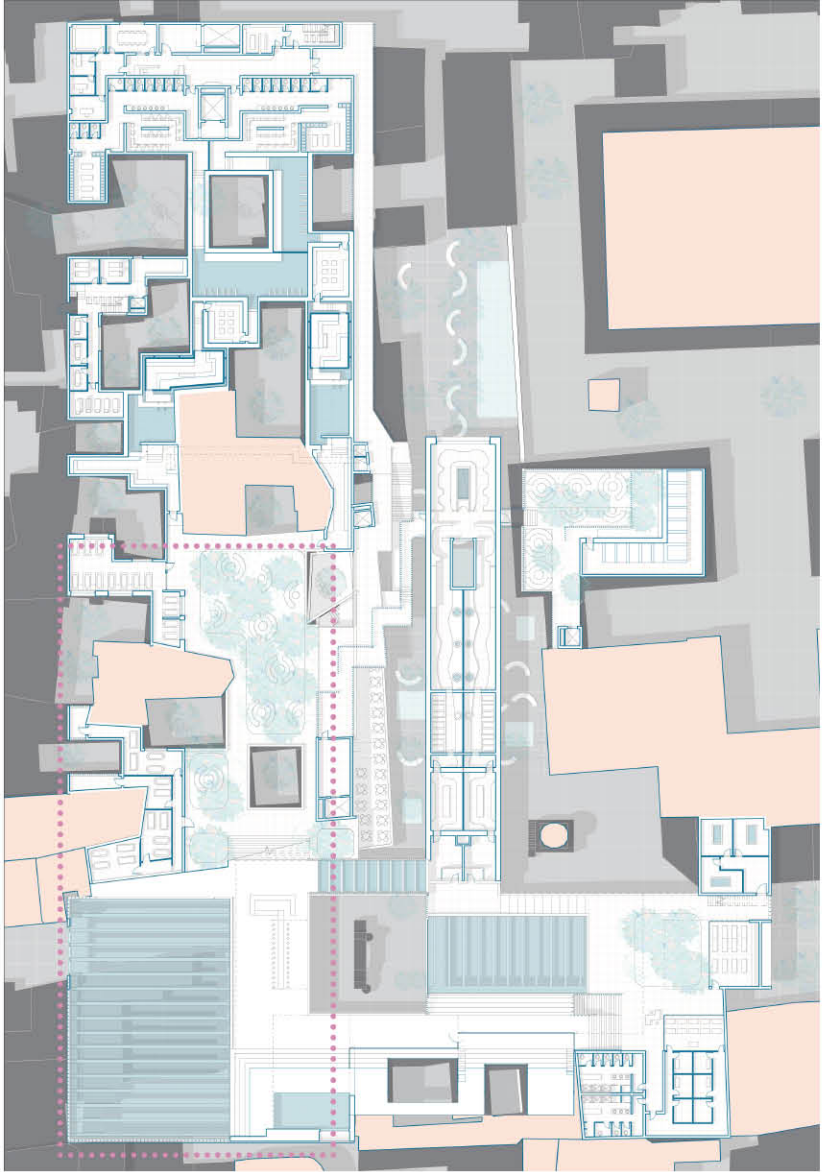
Ritual 1:
Nude Gender Separate Experience, Exotic Traditions including Mikvah, and Water + Heat Recycling



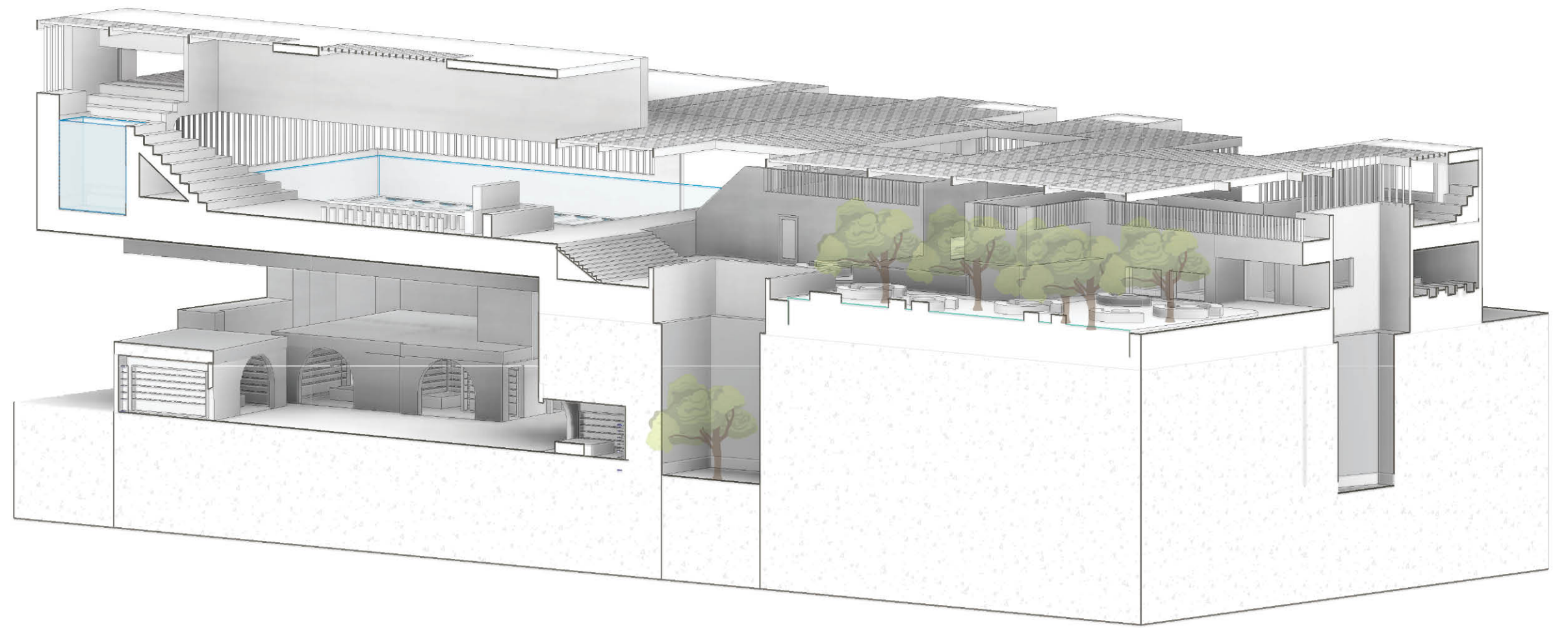
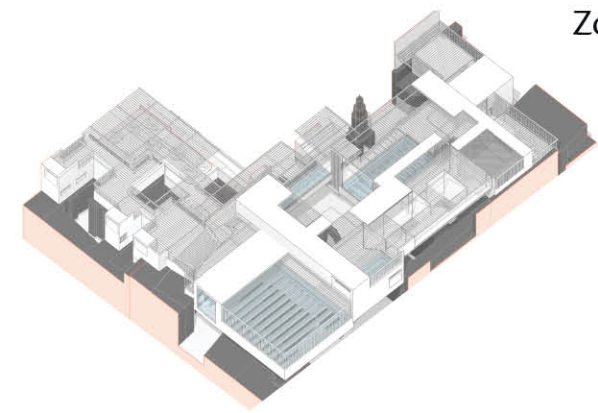
Fruit Garden looking at Beer Bath Activity



Women's Sento and Ritual 1 shared with Men's Sento and Ritual 1 via Solar Chimney



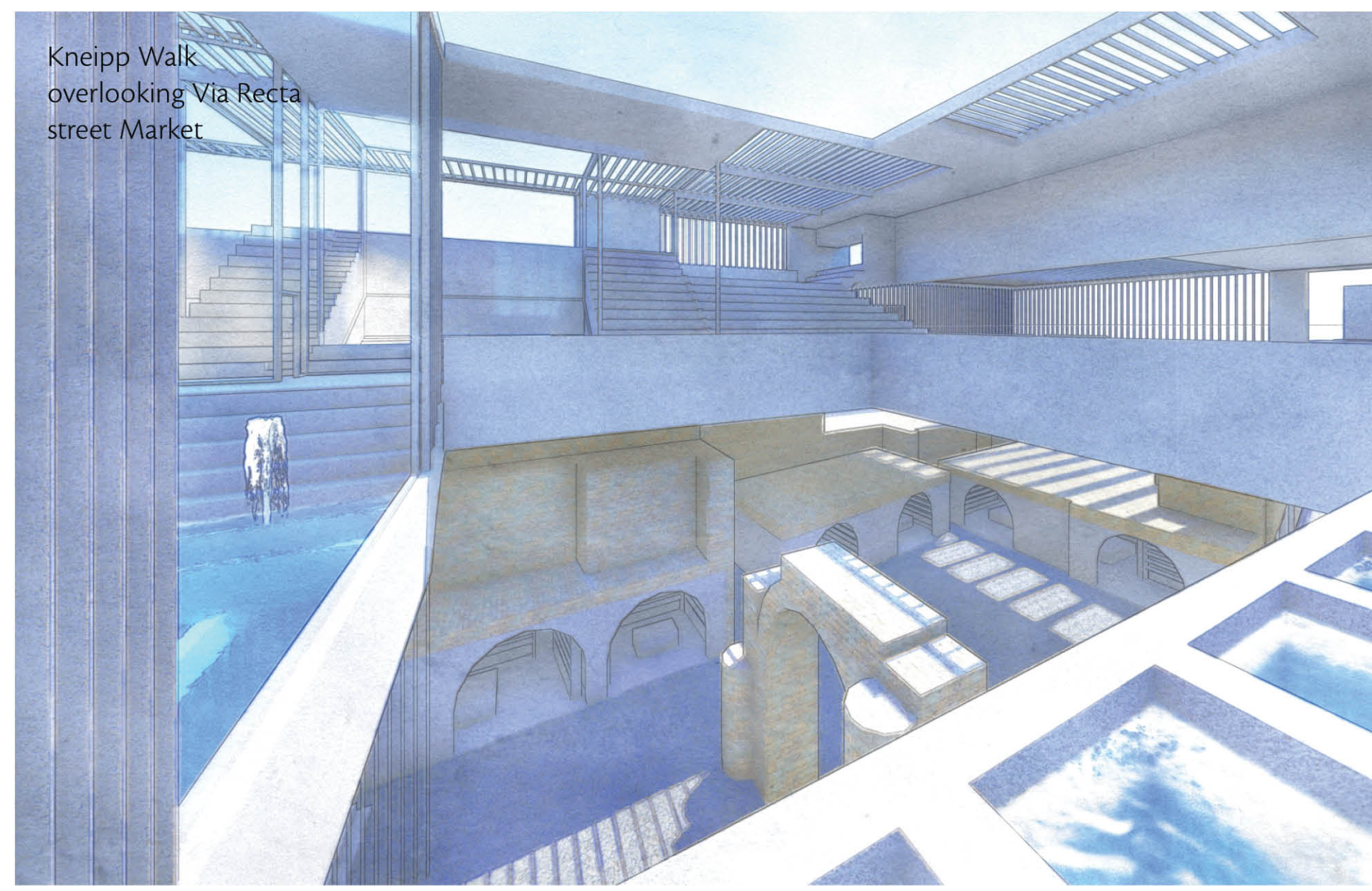
Zone C Ritual 2



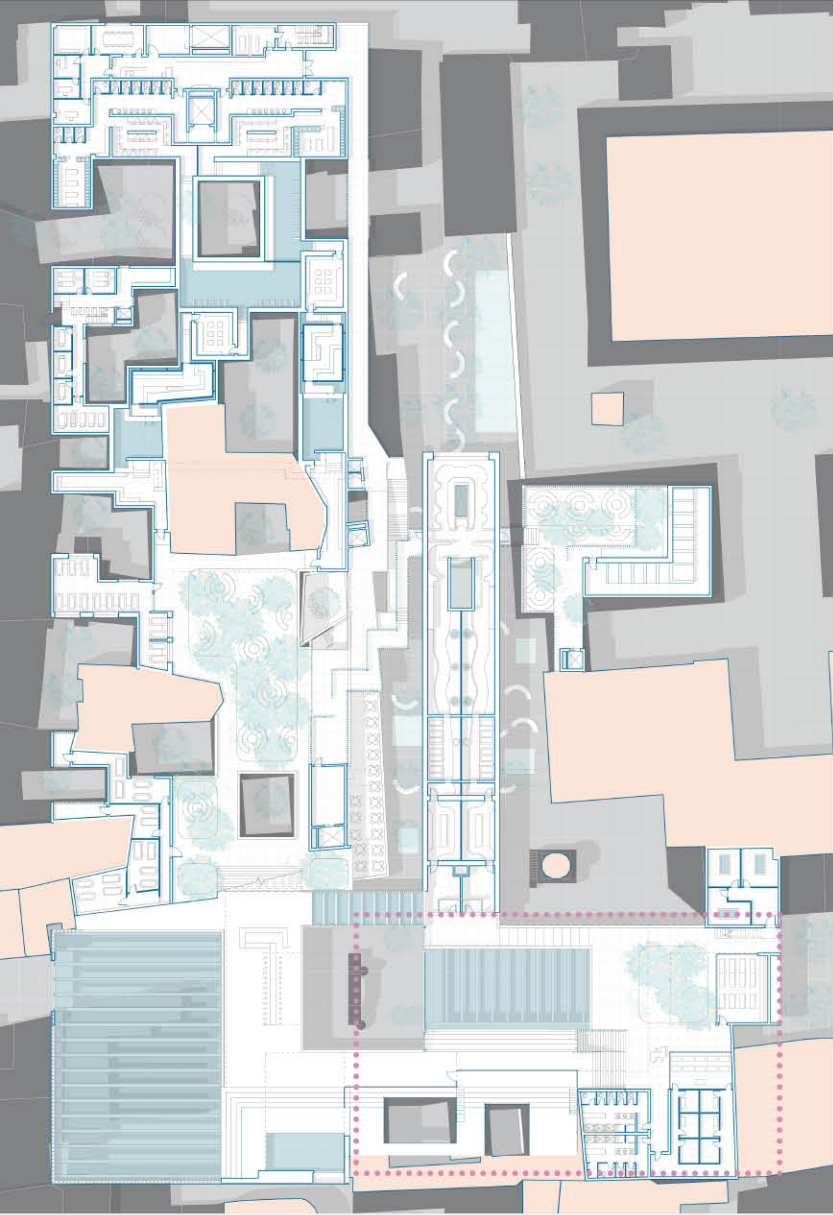
Ritual 2:
Gender Shared Experience and Collision
of Bather and Visitor Experience in Fruit
Garden and Therapy Area



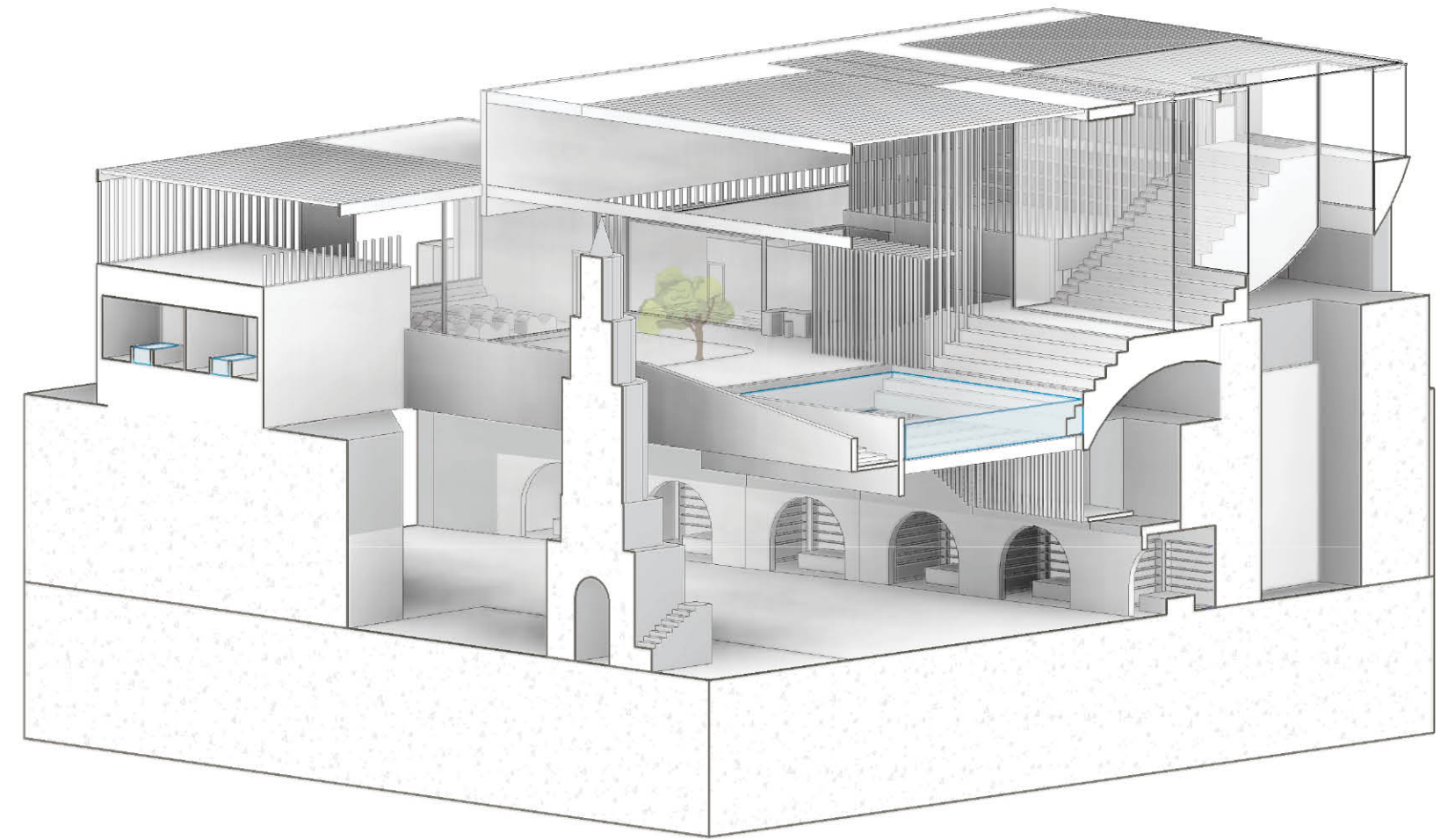
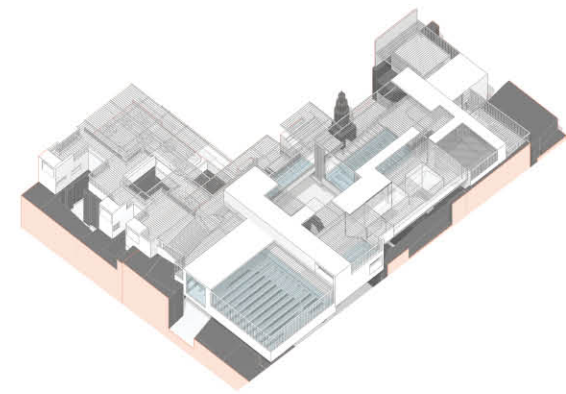
Cold Plunge Pool over
looking Bar area and
Semi Olympic, Water Polo,



Kneipp Walk
overlooking Via Recta
street Market



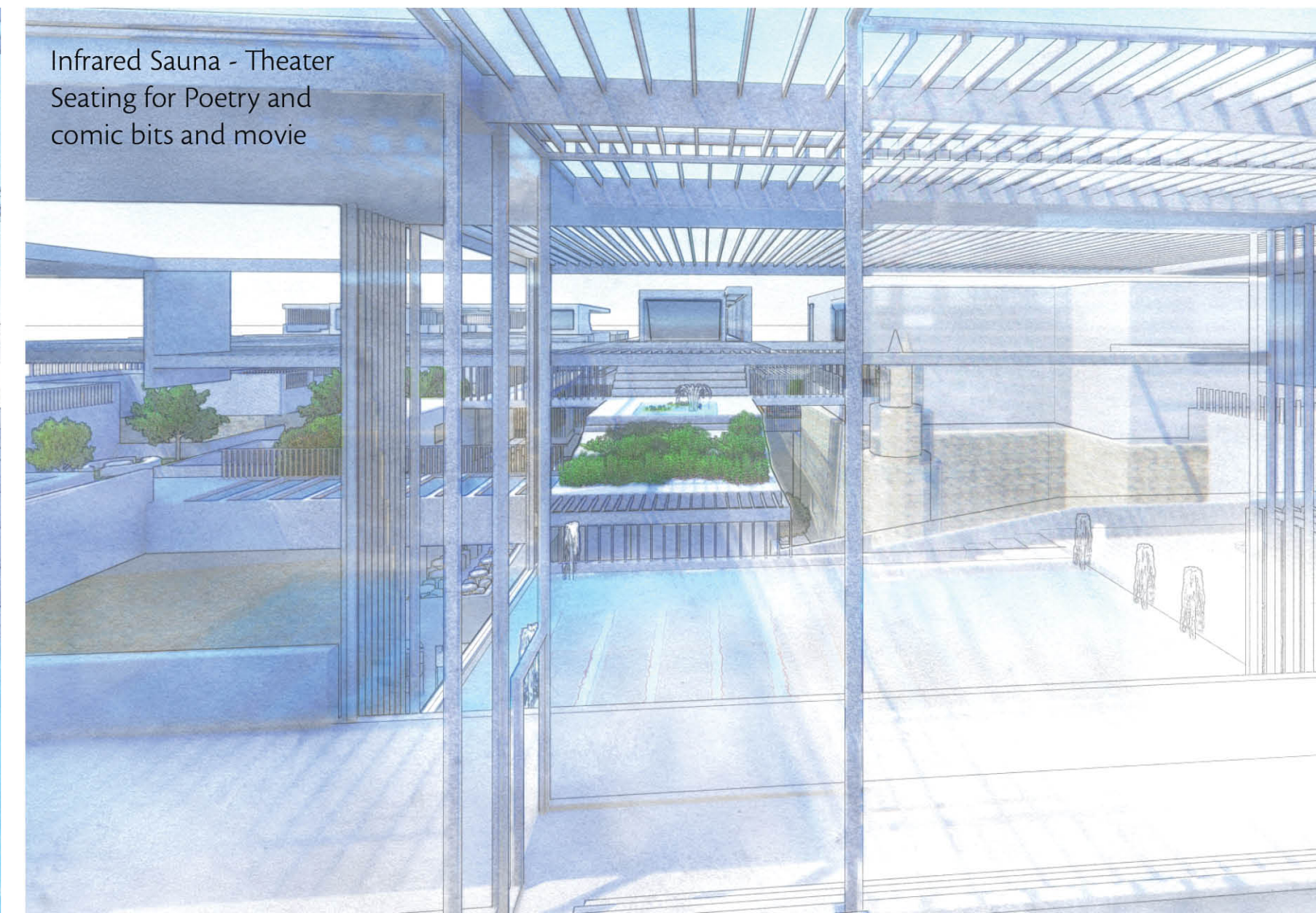
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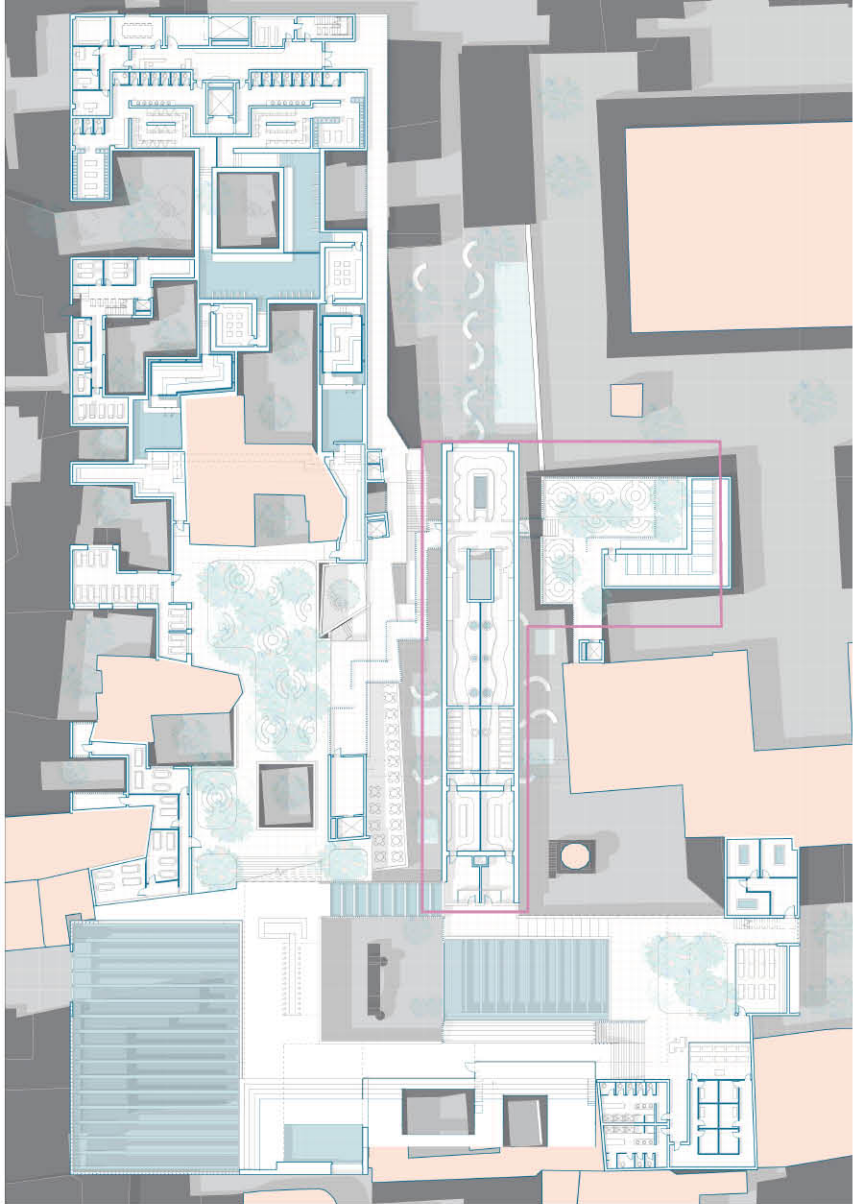
Ritual 2:
Gender Share Experience and Collision of
Bather and Visitor Experience in Recreational
and Therapy Area



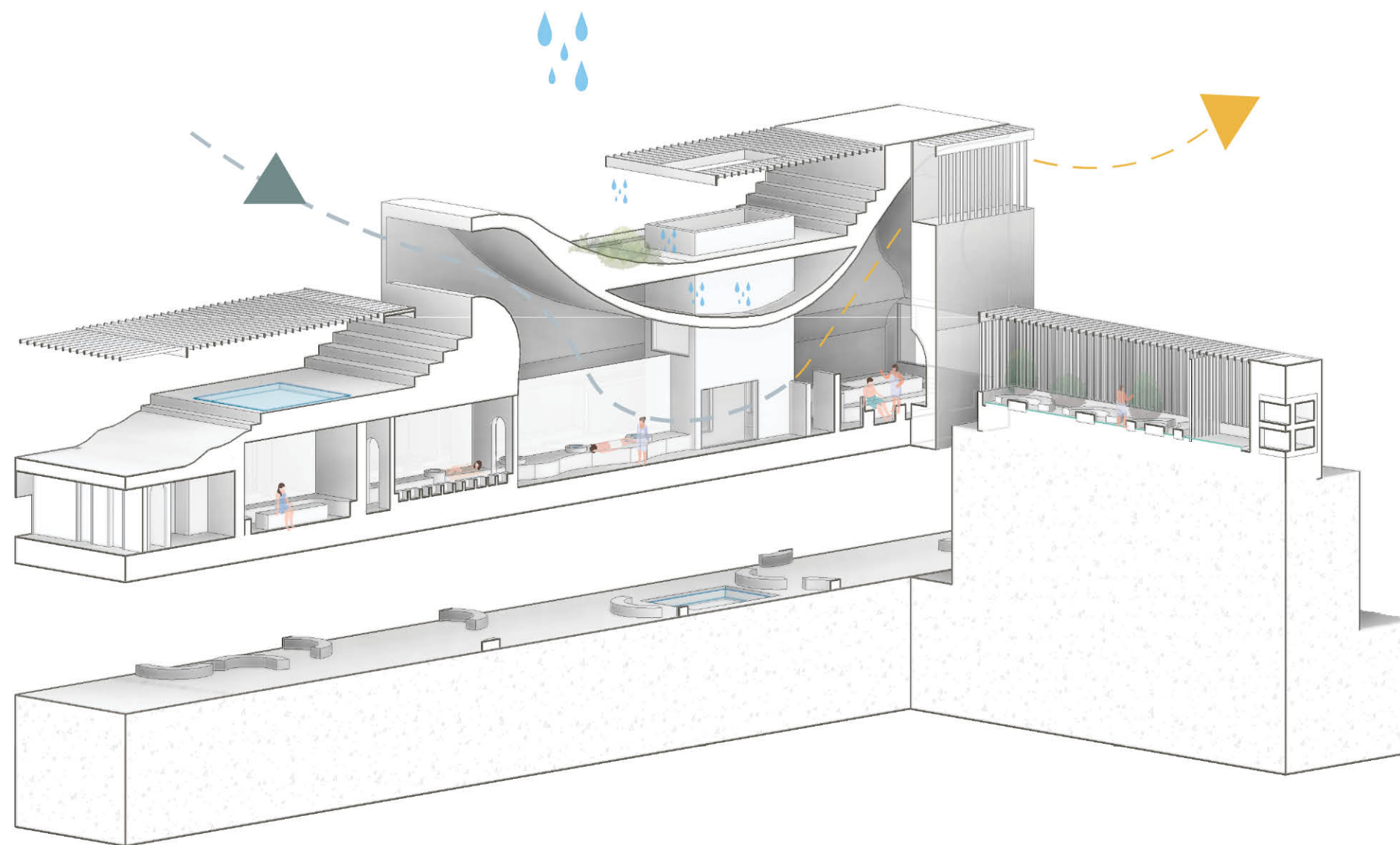
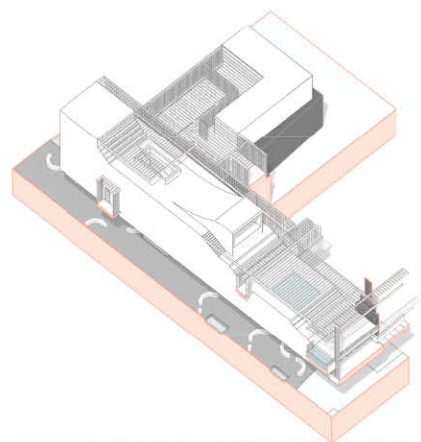
In water Game Pool (Chess,
Drought, Back-gammon)
and Volleyball Pool looking



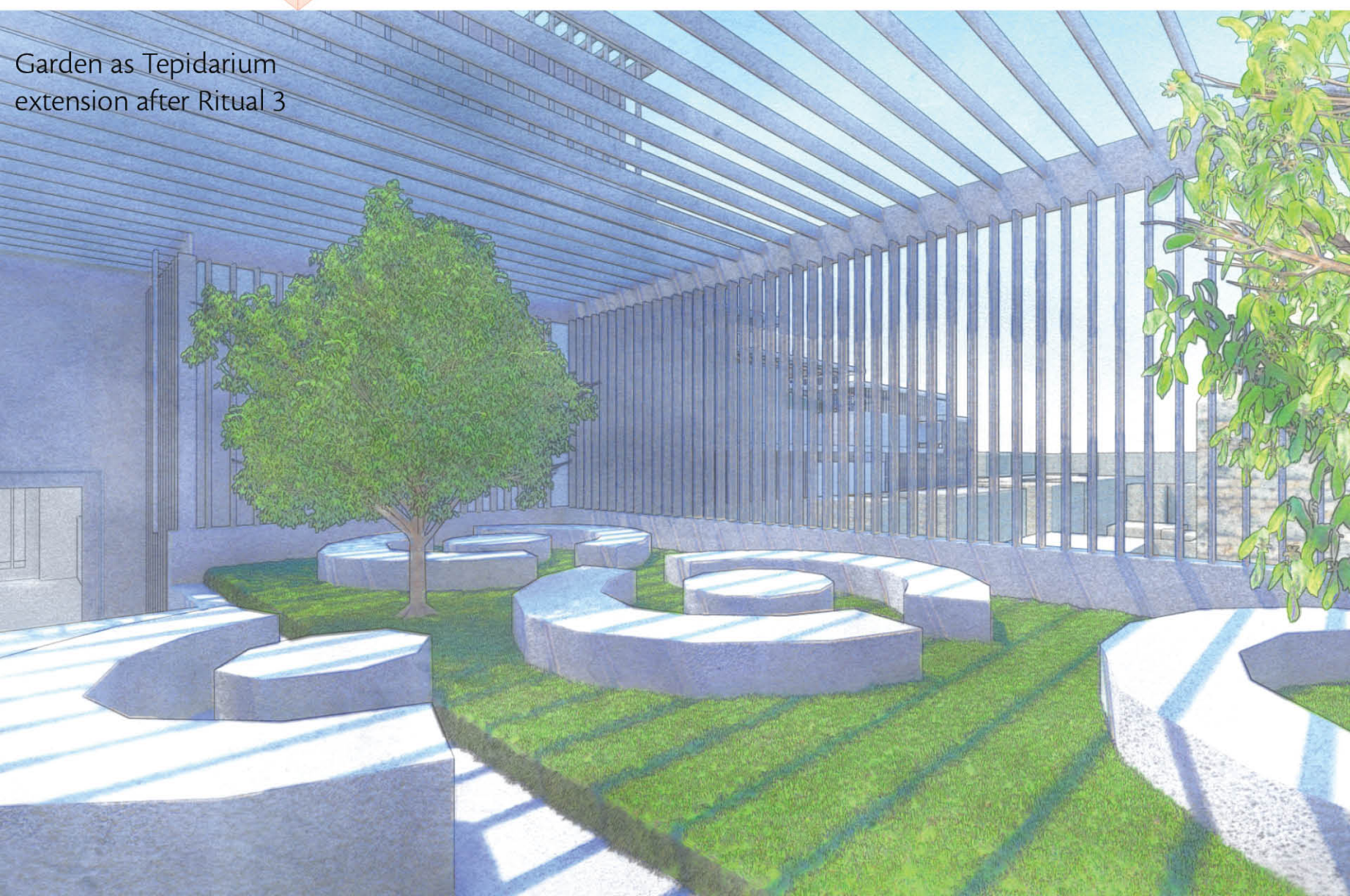
Infrared Sauna - Theater
Seating for Poetry and
comic bits and movie



Zone D Ritual 3



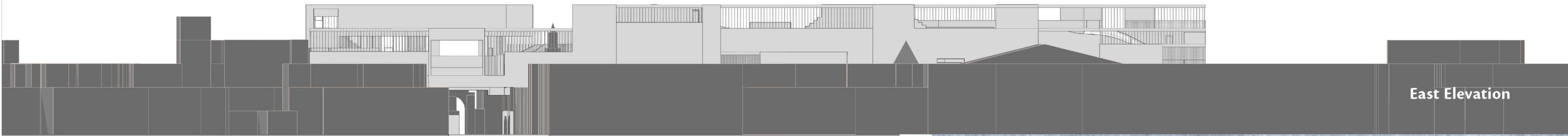
Ritual 3:
Nude Gender Separate Local Tradition Experience Ending with One Social Hall, Garden, and Sleep Quarter



Garden as Tepidarium extension after Ritual 3



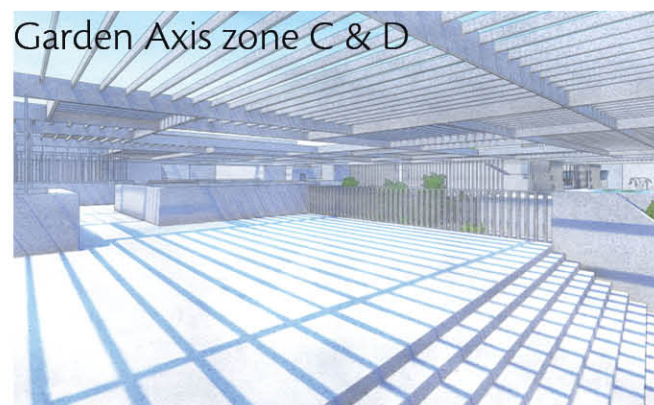
Damascene Ritual- Hot Water massage and rinse



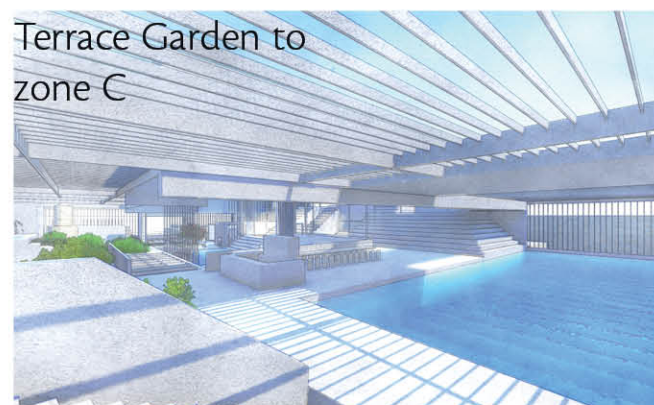
East Elevation



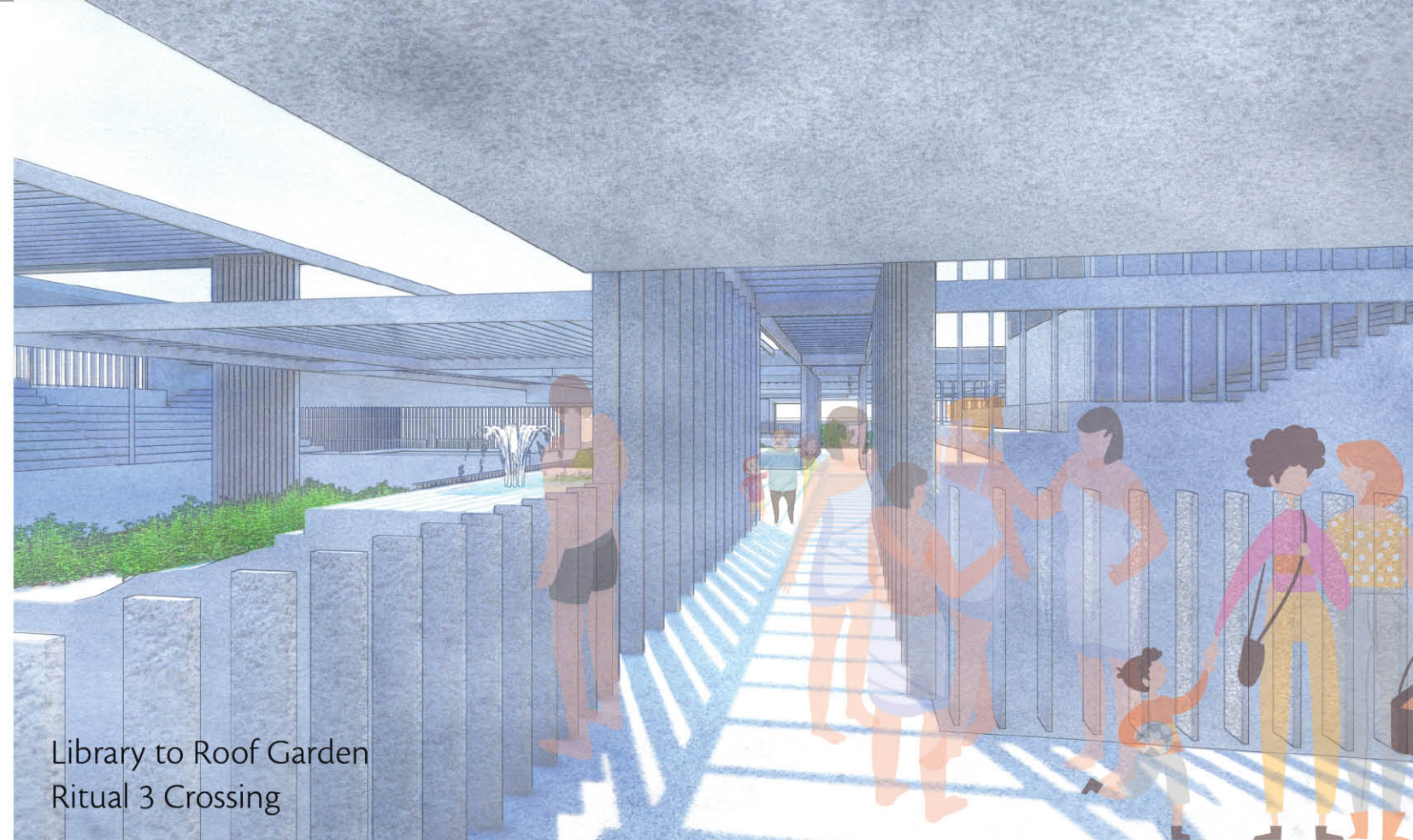
Ritual 3 Roof



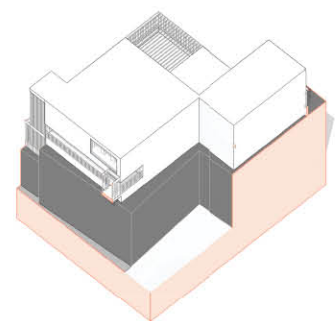
Garden Axis zone C & D



Terrace Garden to zone C



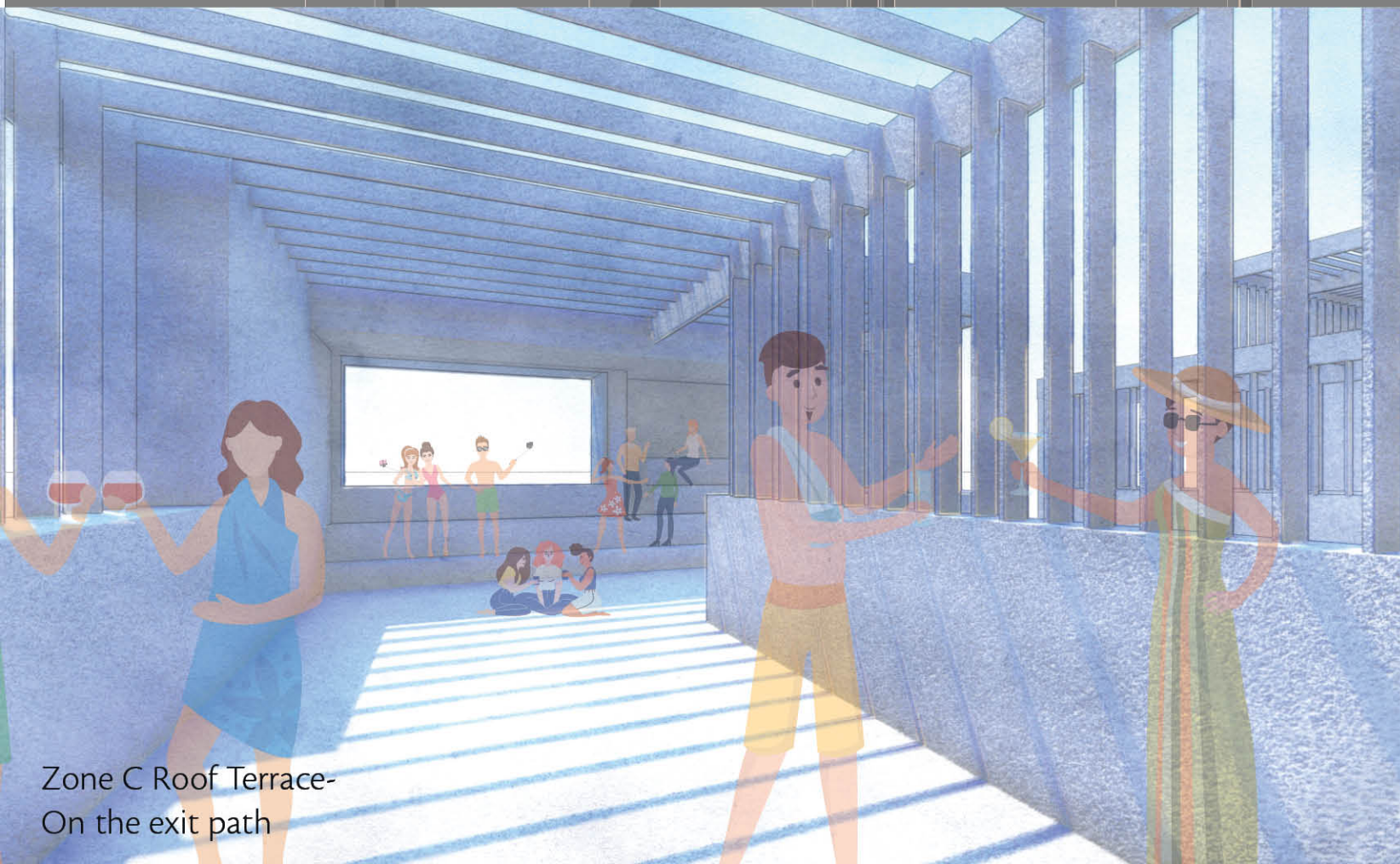
Library to Roof Garden
Ritual 3 Crossing



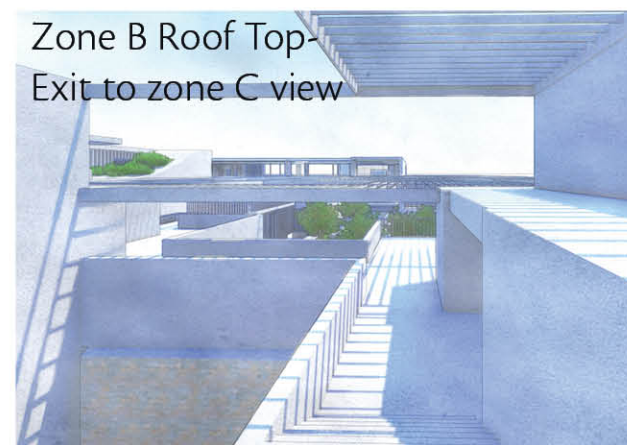
Zone E - Libraray
EXIT LOOP



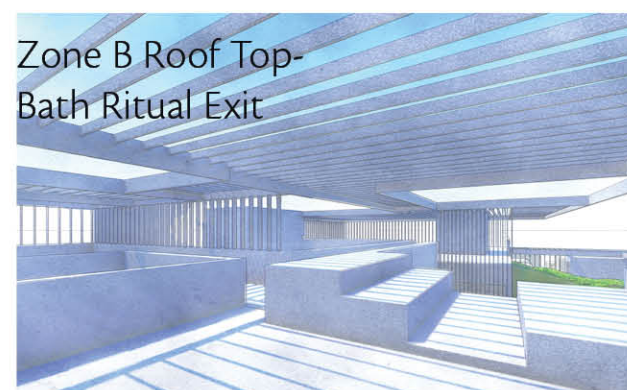
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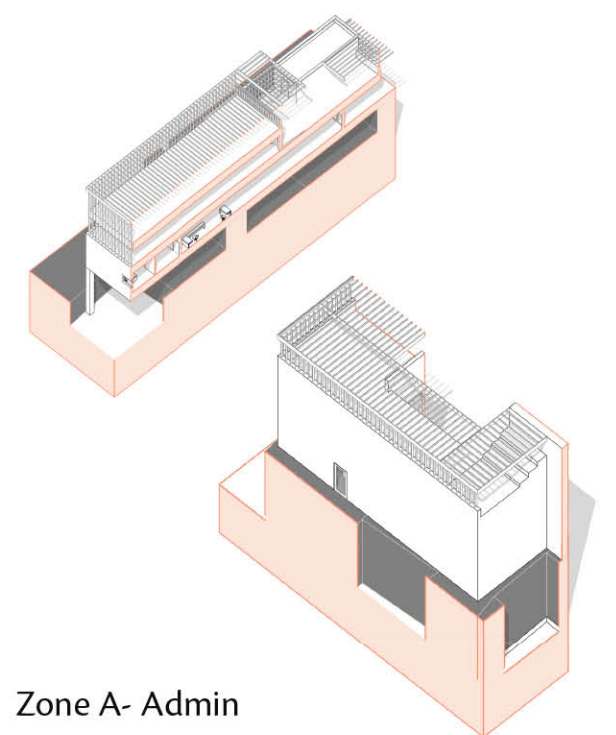
Zone C Roof Terrace-
On the exit path



Zone B Roof Top-
Exit to zone C view



Zone B Roof Top-
Bath Ritual Exit



Zone A- Admin
Zone F- Cosmetics



Universal Experience

	2- Garden	8,000sf
	Tepidarium	1,000sf
	Rec Pool- Semi Olympic	3,200sf
	Rec Pool - Play	3,200sf
	2- Steam	1,500sf
	2- Humid Baths	2,000sf
	4- Sauna	2,000sf
	Infrared Russian Bio	
	2- Sento	400sf
	2- Snow Rooms	400sf
	3- Cold Plung	200sf
	Therapy	3,000sf
	Balneotherapy	
	Beer	
	Hay	
	Virtual Reality	
	Massage	
	Flotation Pool	
	Salt Room	
	Religious Dancing	
	Kneipp Walk	
	Admin	500sf
	Library	2000sf
	Lecture Hall	250sf
	Restaurant	7,168sf
	Bar	2,500sf
	Shops	1,170sf
	Lockers & Showers	4,000sf
	Restrooms	1,100sf
	Mechanical	4,000sf
	Steam machine	
	Snow machine	
	Pool Pumps	400sf
	Storage	2,000sf
	Reception	1,000sf

Program
Square-footage

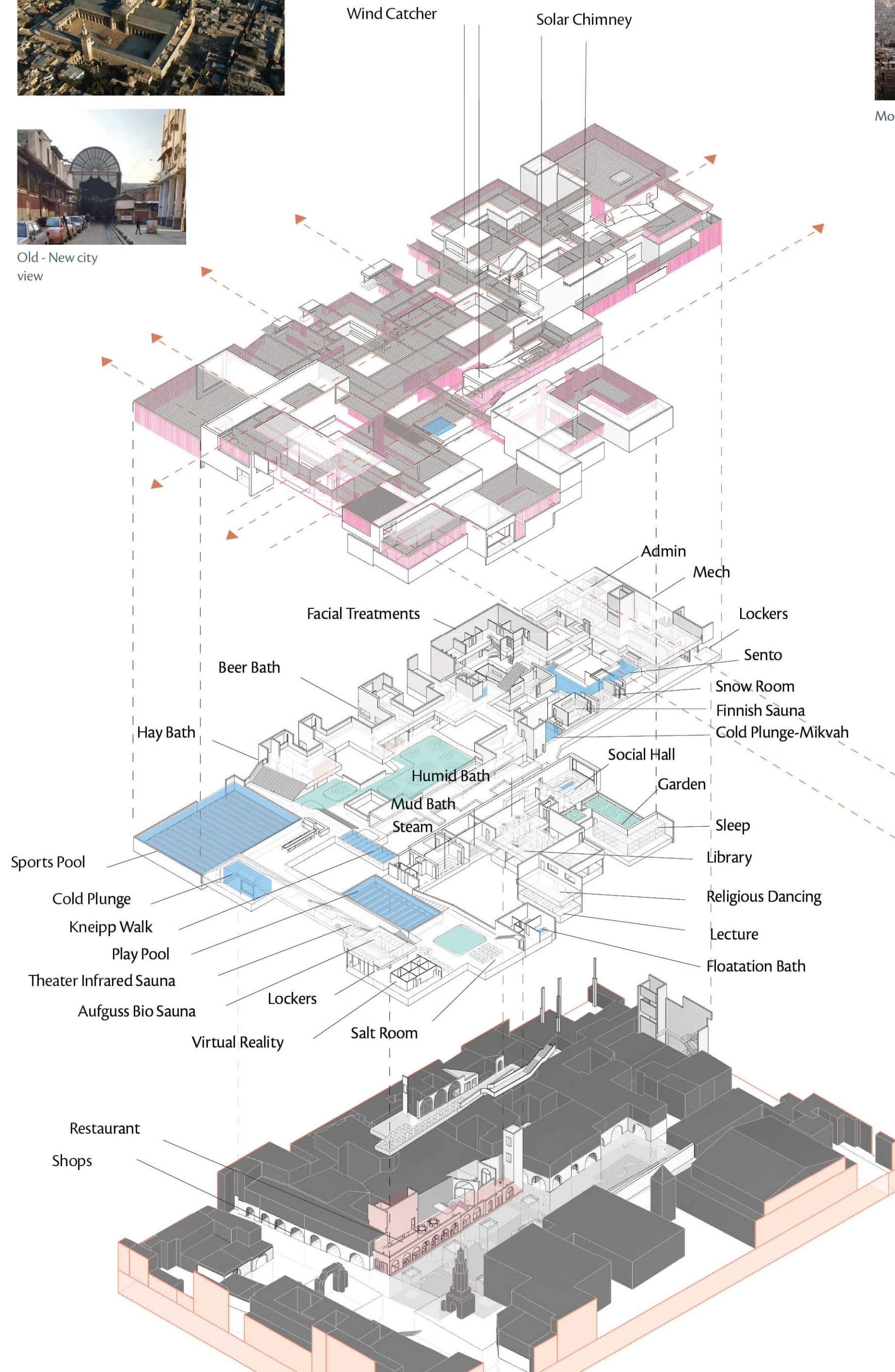
86,000sf



Old - New city
view



Mountain View



Roman East Door

