



VARYING USE

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marvellous view to the monastery as well as an excellent overview of the events on the main square.

One of the major design elements is the new surface of the square. The directionless natural granite pavement smoothly follows the irregular geometry of the square and offers at the same time a harmonic optical and haptic foreground underlining the historical architecture of the surrounding buildings.

In 2013, already during the construction work for the flood protection and the reorganisation of the main square, Melk again became victim of a terrible flood, confirming the previous concerns about the climate change. After the damages were fixed, the project could be completed and the public opening was celebrated with the citizens. Since then the recovered, flood protected urban space is the centre of activities for residents, guests and tourists. The free urban space turned into the new centre of

city life, which pedestrians, bikers and cars share peacefully and equally day by day, festivals, events and markets representing the highlights. Shops and restaurants feel safe from floods and benefit from the new architectural concept and the reinvigoration of the square.

