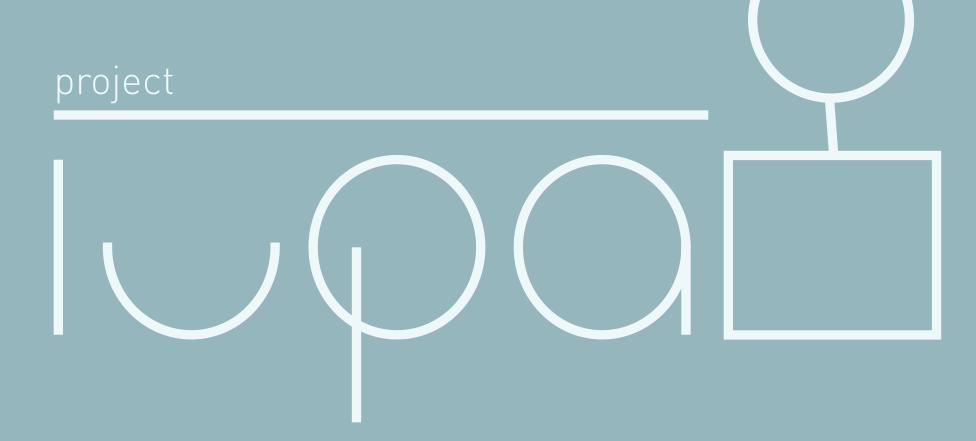
Home unit case study.

Concept project for the social, financial and emotional implications of migration and money transfers.

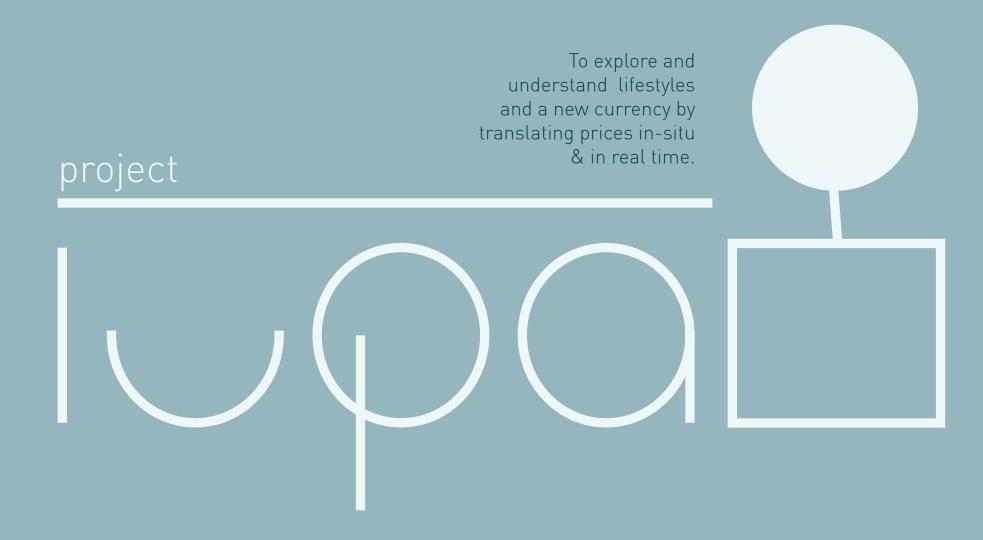
Sharon C. Williams Nelson IxD MA Candidate, Umea Institute of Design tumblr.com/blog/migrationfamiliesbanking project

Aims to help migrants manage and understand their personal economy and its impact in their lifestyle, cross-boarders.

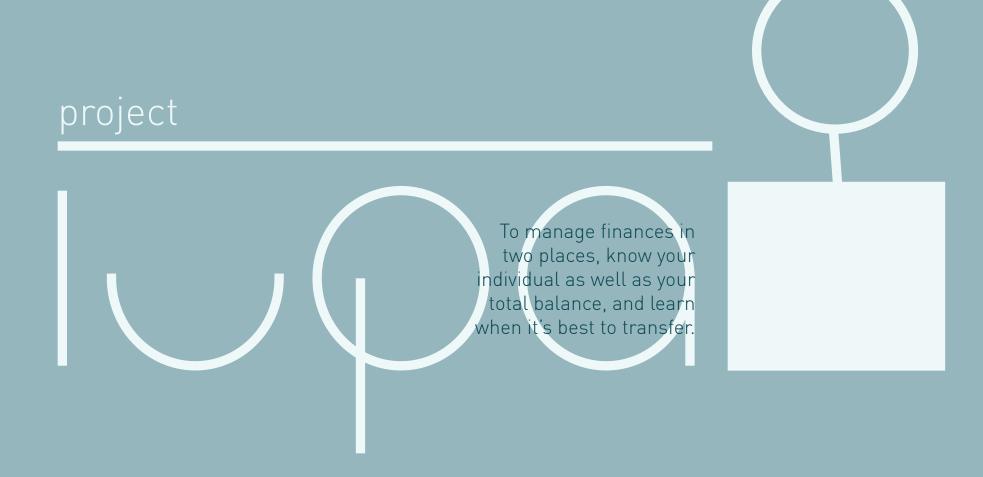
It acts as a metaphorical portal between their two worlds.



It consists of a Portable Unit



It consists of a Portable Unit and a Home Unit.



There are four use cases in Project Lupa to explore how it might impact society and its individuals.

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AT A SOCIAL SCALE

EXPLORING CURRENT LIFESTYLE

3 ADAPTING TO NEW PLACE 4 MANAGING FINANCES IN 2 CURRENCIES

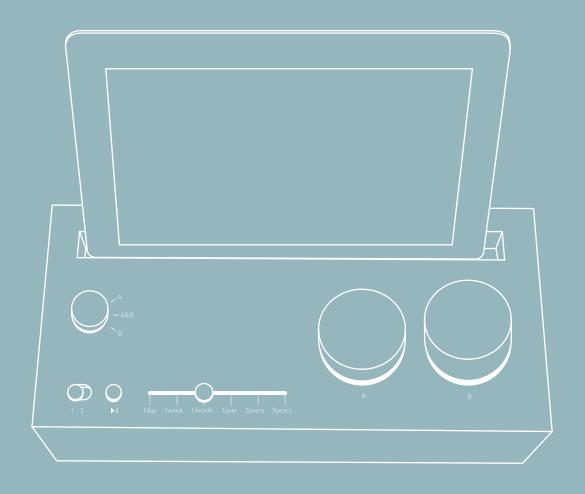


Learn and understand lifestyles all around the world, compare your lifestyle to that in someplace else, learn how other immigrants live in your city by exploring the globe in an airport or town square installation.

Explore lifestyle cost in different countries based on your personal lifestyle. It can help you chose where to move to, and understand how others live, as well as the actual price of a flight ticket or a hotel room when booking on-line.

Explore and understand new lifestyle by translating prices in real time, when purchasing, when receiving bills, when checking prices on-line, etc...

Manage finances in two places, know your individual as well as your total balance, and learn when it's best to transfer. I focused on the Home Unit in Use Case#4 of Project Lupa.

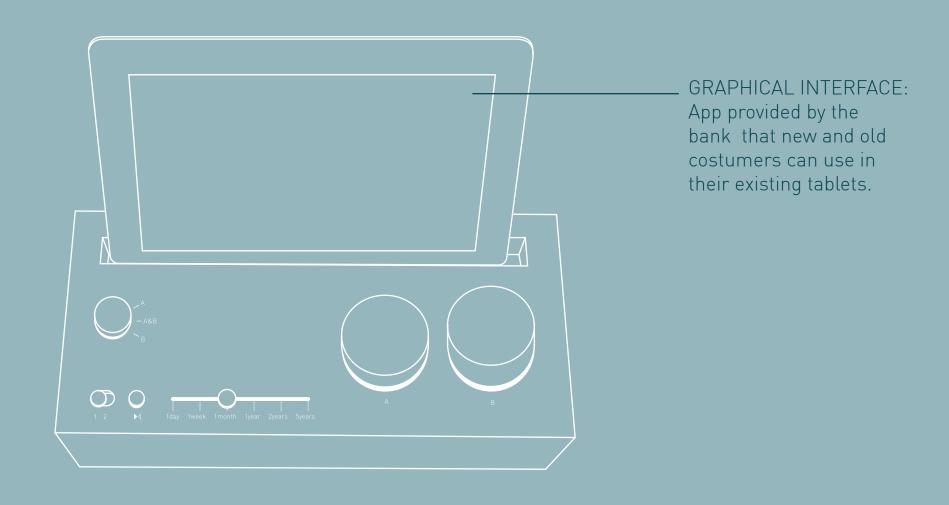


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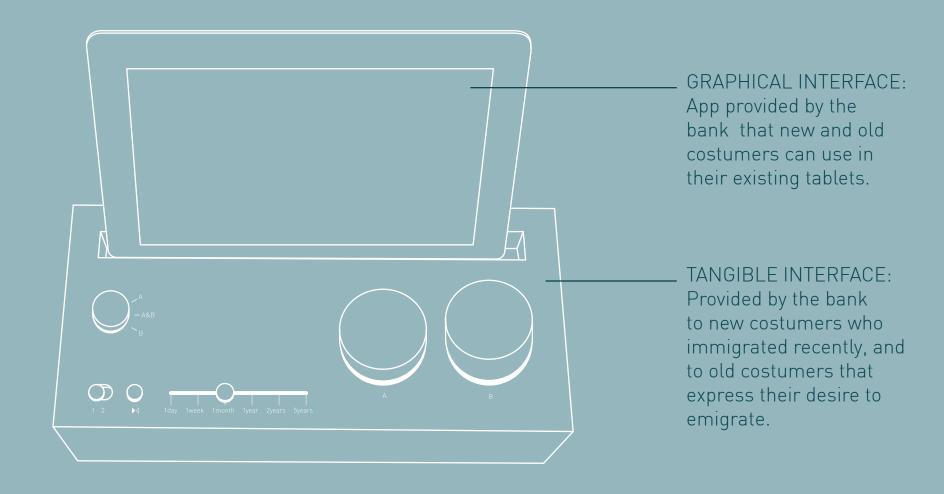


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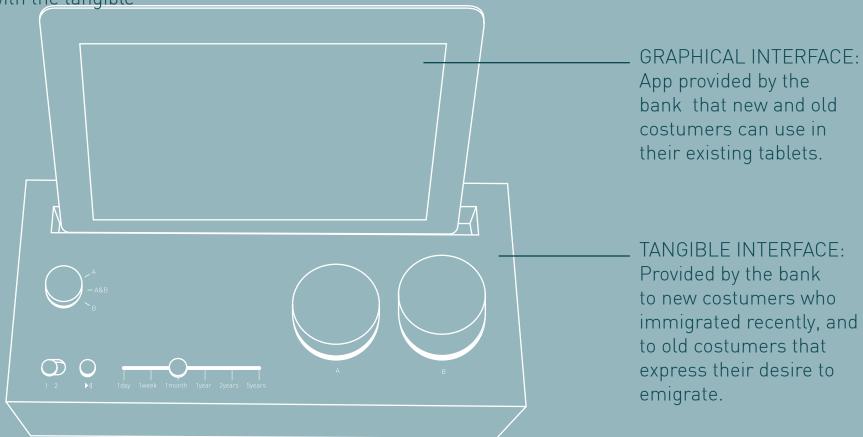
Home Unit



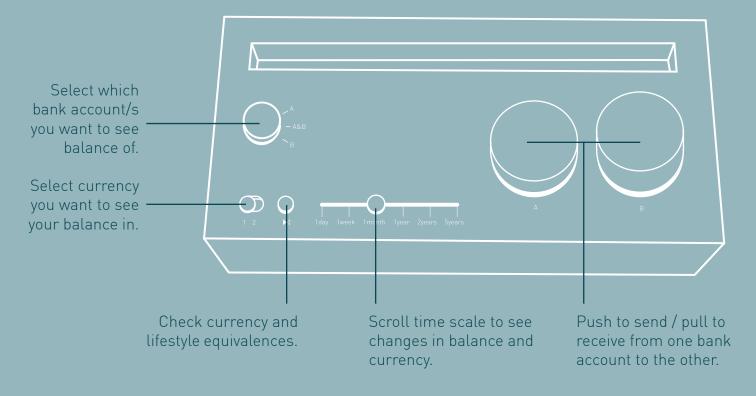
Home Unit

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Home Unit Tangible interface



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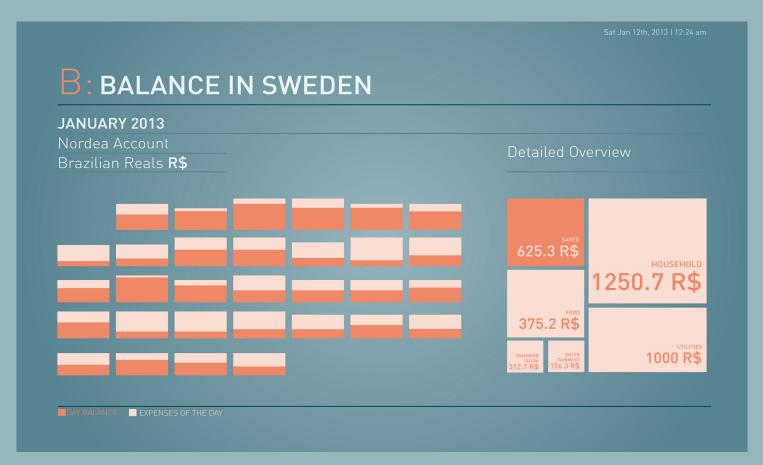
A: Balance in bank account in one of the countries.

B: Balance in bank account in the other country.

A&B: Balance of both bank accounts together.

1: Currency in one of the countries.

2: Currency in the other country.

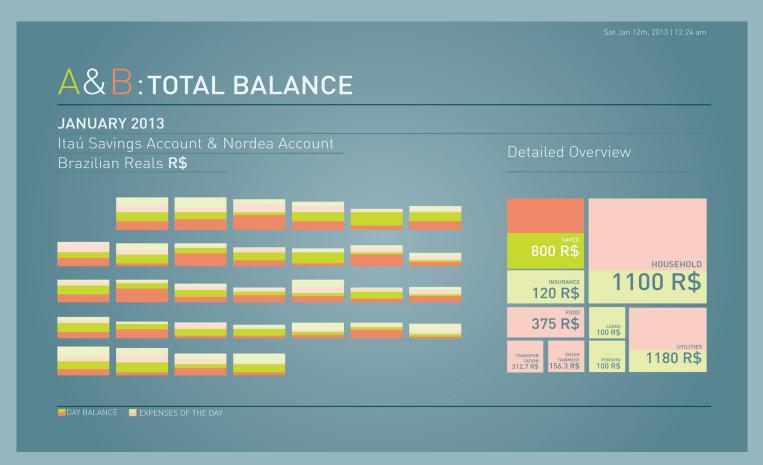


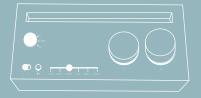


Overview of one of the bank accounts, showed in one of the currencies and for one of the time spans.

The left end shows balance and spendings, with different levels of granularity depending on the time span indicated by the tangible slider.

The right end gives a bit more detailed information of what the money was spent on. These parameters are personally curated and activated when setting up the application.



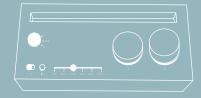


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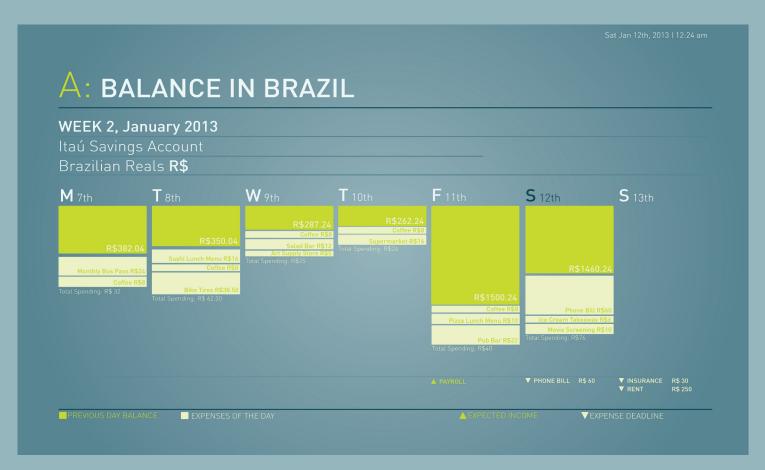


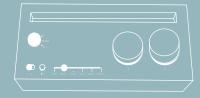


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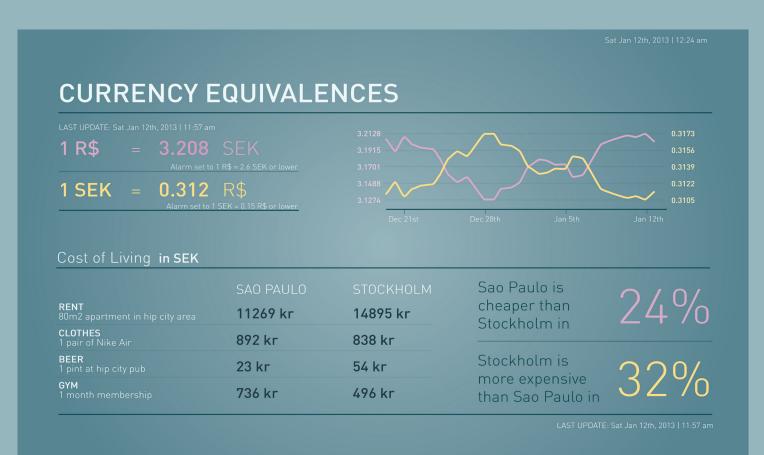
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Overview of one of the bank accounts, showed in one of the currencies and for one of the time spans.

As the user tangibly navigates to a shorter time span, more details are displayed in the graphical interface: from amounts and specifications of spendings, to expected incomes and expected payment deadlines.



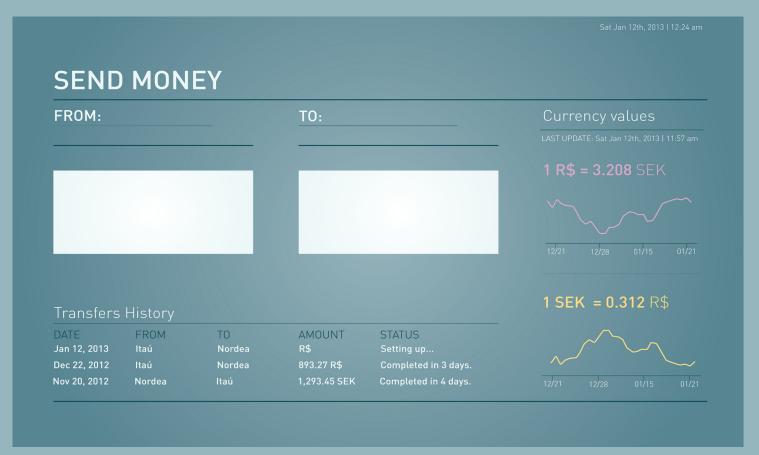


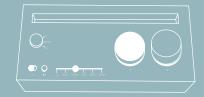
Overview of the latest update in currency equivalences.

The user can set up alarms for currency exchange values to know when it is more convenient to transfer from one country to the other.

Currency equivalences are also expressed comparing the cost of living in the two specified cities, so users can compare the cost of their lifestyle together with the currency exchange.

The tangible slider displays equivalences in bigger or smaller time spans.

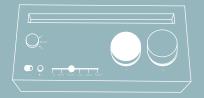




Push down the cylinder with the bank account you want to send money from, or pull up the cylinder with the bank account you want to receive money in; and the Home Unit will know you intend to send some money from and to your associated bank accounts.

The graphical interface will show the latest update of the currency exchanges and the history of your previous transfer.



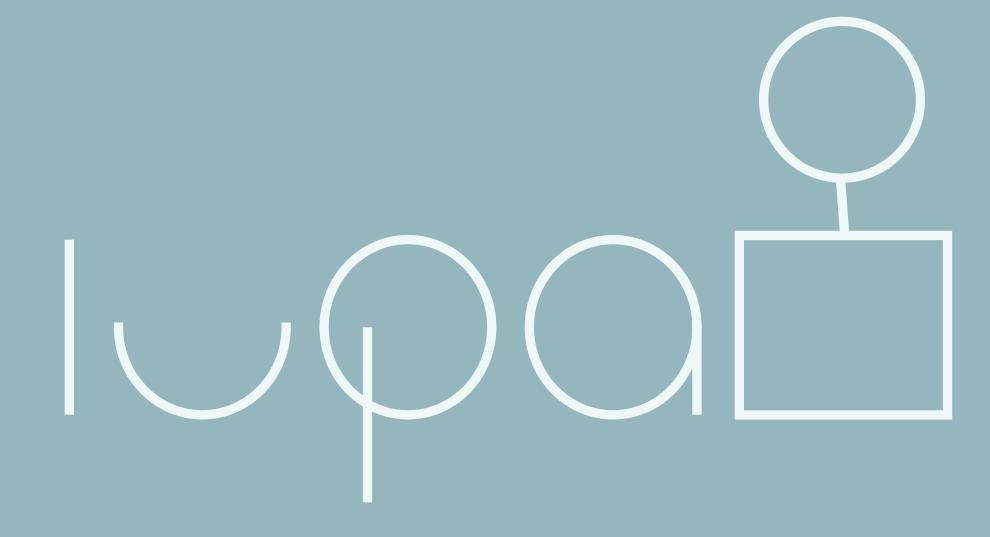


Spin the cylinder to indicate the amount you want to send or receive in that bank account; the currency will be the one indicated in the tangible Home Unit.

As soon as you stop spinning, Lupa will show you how much of that money are transfer fees.



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