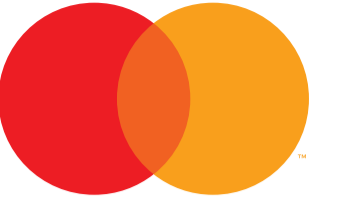


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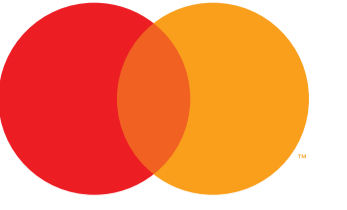




Good news! We've resumed **card issuance in India**—and we couldn't be more thankful for the Reserve Bank of India's decision and the opportunity to build forward, together. Inspired by the promise of a prosperous future, this edition celebrates how we collectively continue to build a better tomorrow for all through the **Center for Inclusive Growth**, our **Start Path** program, and so many other initiatives highlighted in our new Sustainability and DEI **reports**.

In the spirit of doing better together, we invite you to be part of writing the future of Spotlight by sharing your feedback through this **survey**.

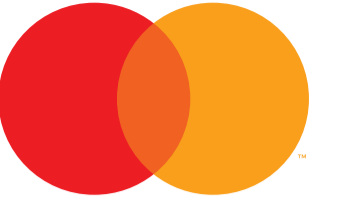
Thank you, and enjoy our monthly roundup!



## Mastercard Resumes Card Issuance in India

We welcome and are grateful for the Reserve Bank of India's decision to enable Mastercard to resume onboarding of new domestic customers (debit, credit and prepaid) onto our card network in the country. "We are glad to have met this milestone and reaffirm our commitment to support the digital needs of India, its people and its businesses," said Ari Sarker, President, Asia Pacific. A heartfelt thank you to our customers and partners for their support. We look forward to continuing to invest in India's future together.

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## Kirana Owner Takes Business into Digital Age

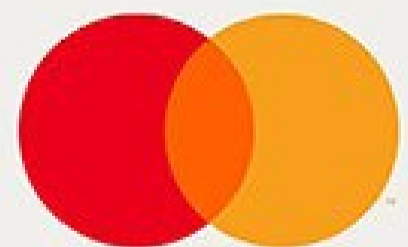
Determined to give her children a better future, Geeta Patel embraced financial education and digital tools, such as digital payments, to grow her shop in India.

[Watch Geeta's story →](#)

## Open Banking: Indonesia Co-Creates

United by the mission to expand consumer choice, five fast-growing global startups joined the new Start Path Open Banking program—including Indonesia's Finantier.

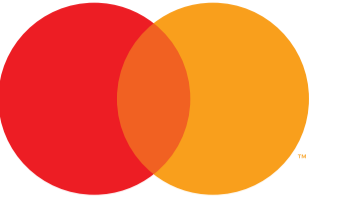
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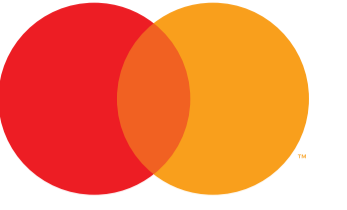
**Matthew Driver**

EVP, Head of Services, Asia Pacific

## 2021 Global Inclusion Annual Report

"Embracing and celebrating diversity across our teams is critically important. Impactful innovation comes from harnessing the power of different perspectives. Ensuring everyone has a voice helps us guard against blind spots."

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## Final Destination: Stress-Free Travel

Consumer travel is spiking nearly as fast as it plummeted in 2020. The downside? Delays and disruptions. But our new services, including WhatsApp support and Covid alerts, promise smoother traveling.

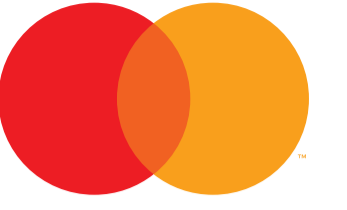
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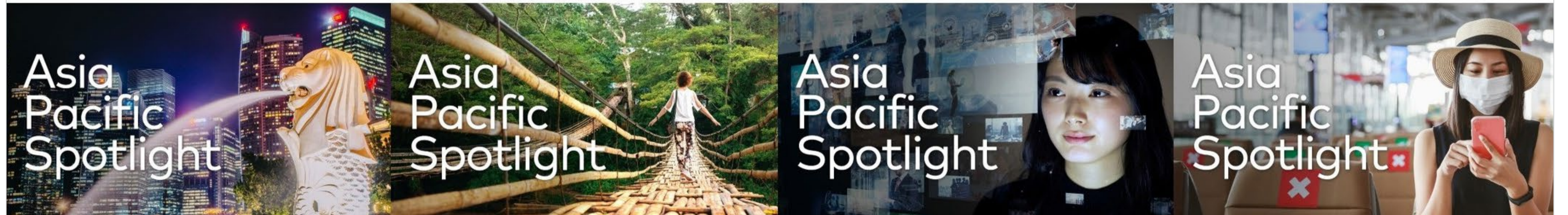
## Halal Tourism: Global Muslim Travel Index

Muslim travelers are taking it to the skies again, with women, Millennials and Gen Z leading the way. Where are they traveling to? What experiences are they looking for? This report offers all the insights.

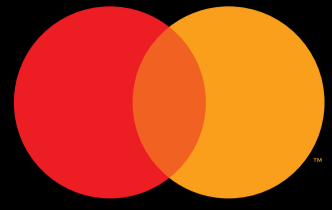
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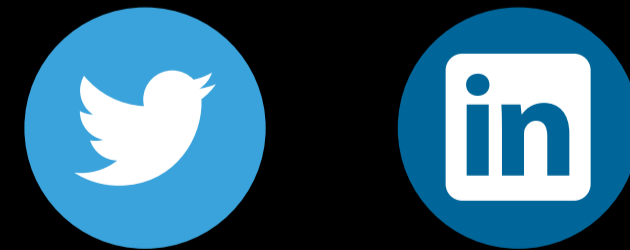
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