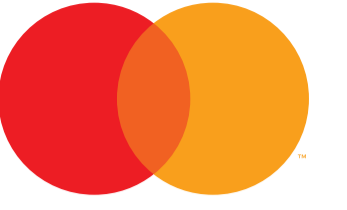


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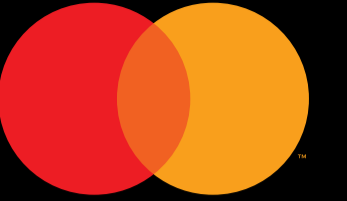
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A WARM WELCOME



Welcome back! We're delighted to report encouraging developments in several areas, though it remains a challenging time in parts of our region. In addition to celebrating the arrival of our new Division President for South Asia & India, we're heartened by the positive trends we're seeing in travel and retail indicators, and the desire for collaboration that is being expressed through international dialogues and initiatives like the Global CBDC Challenge. With people hungry to work together in pursuit of brighter days ahead, PRIDE month, and its message of diversity, inclusion and acceptance couldn't have come at a better time. Mastercard celebrated PRIDE with a number of LGBTQ+ inclusion and allyship activities that underscore that partnership is the only way forward.

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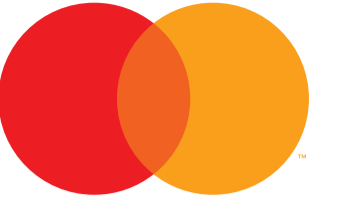


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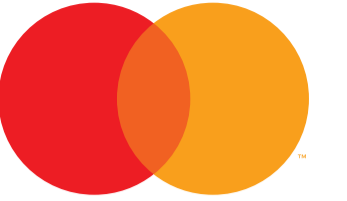
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& Host
Medha Girotra

Podcast: New Division President on Supporting Digital India & First Impressions on the Job

As concerted efforts by the Government have given 1.2 billion Indians a digital identity and brought more than 10 million businesses into the formal economy, India is fast becoming one of the most dynamic digital payments environments in the world. Join industry veteran Nikhil Sahni, our [newly appointed](#) Division President, South Asia & Country Corporate Officer, India for a deep dive into how Mastercard is pioneering some of its most advanced technologies on the subcontinent and supporting India's transformation to a digital-first, data-first nation.

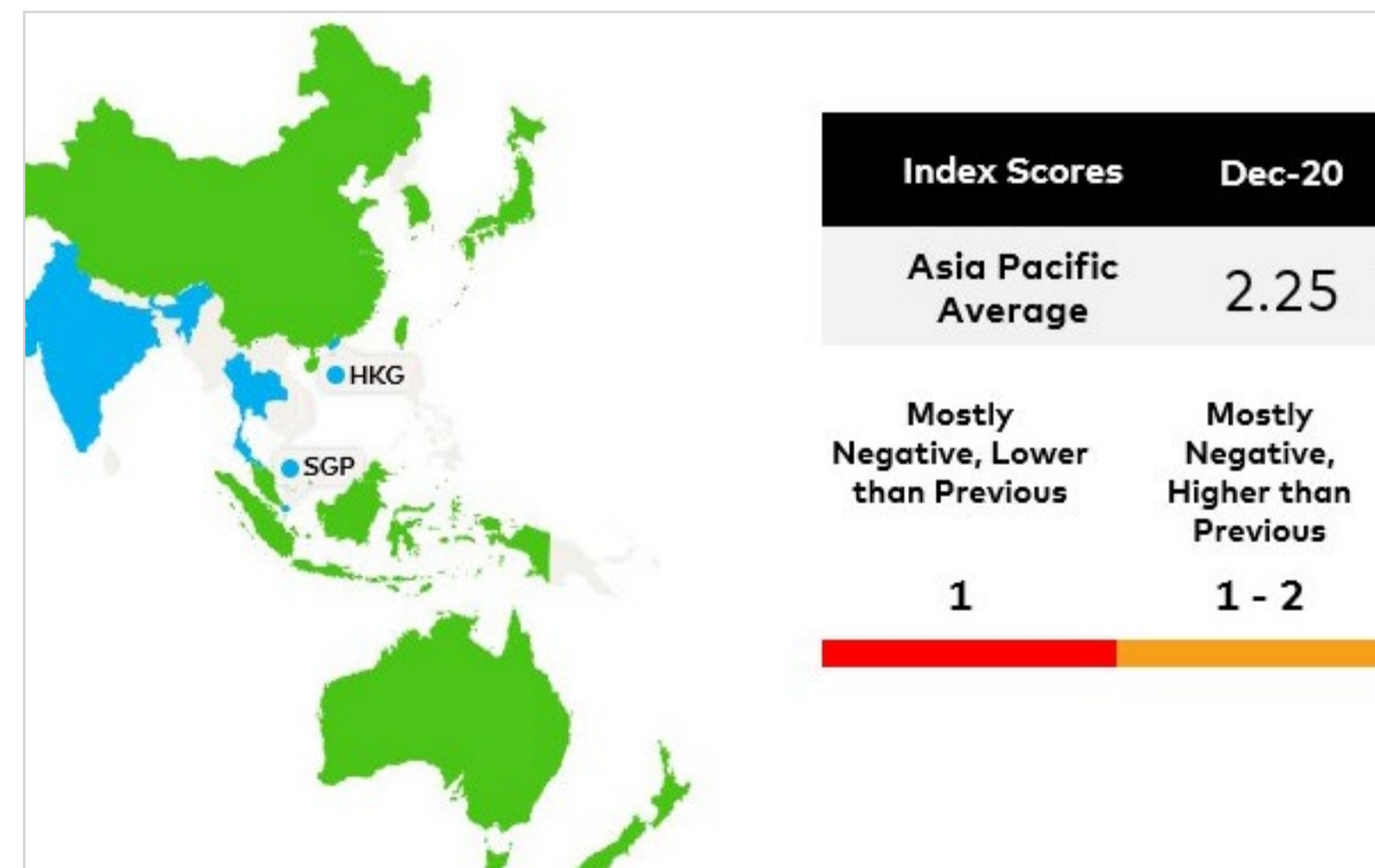
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Recovery Insights: Travel Ready For Takeoff?

Domestic flights reaching 90% of pre-pandemic levels. Global fuel spending up 13% vs 2019. More luggage sales. After flights were grounded and travelers stayed home in 2020, emerging trends are now pointing to the start of a recovery.

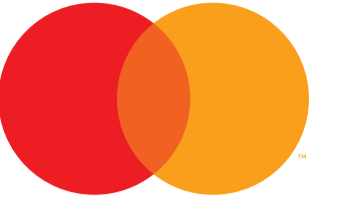
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Asia Pacific Consumer Retail Barometer

The Asia Pacific regional average reached its highest point since 2018 as retail sales, credit card expenditure, retail business sentiment and consumer confidence recorded the strongest YoY growth seen in nearly a year.

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BAFT: RTPs & ASEAN – What Lies Ahead?

Asia leads the world in real-time payments. Catch the instant replay of this debate at the BAFT Annual Meeting on how an interoperable, real-time cross-border ecosystem will modernize payments across ASEAN and fuel an increasingly borderless digital economy.

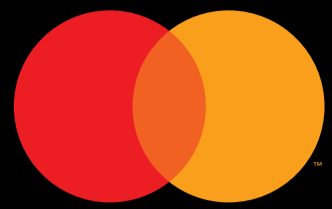
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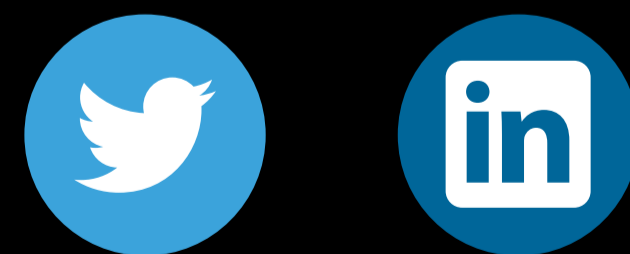
Game On: MAS Issues Retail CBDC Challenge

Mastercard is providing digital currency APIs and mentorship in support of the [MAS](#)-led global hunt for retail CBDC solutions that will turbocharge next-gen financial rails. Fintechs, FIs and solution providers should submit ideas by 23 July. May the best CBDC solutions win!

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