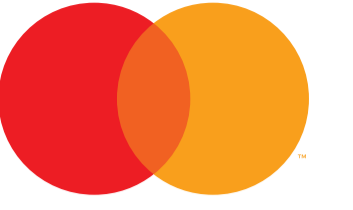
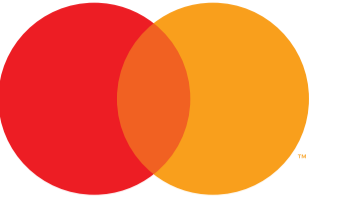


Asia Pacific Spotlight





As we get ready to welcome you in-person and **virtually** to the World Cities Summit in Singapore next week, this issue is all about showcasing the tremendous progress coming out of all parts of Asia Pacific—contributing factors to our strong **Q2 results**. We start in India to learn about its thriving payments ecosystem, visit the innovators in Southeast Asia empowering millions of SMEs, celebrate achieving a significant digital ID milestone in Australia, and end in Hong Kong, where we're advancing our sustainability mission. Enjoy this journey around the region, and tell us about it **here**.



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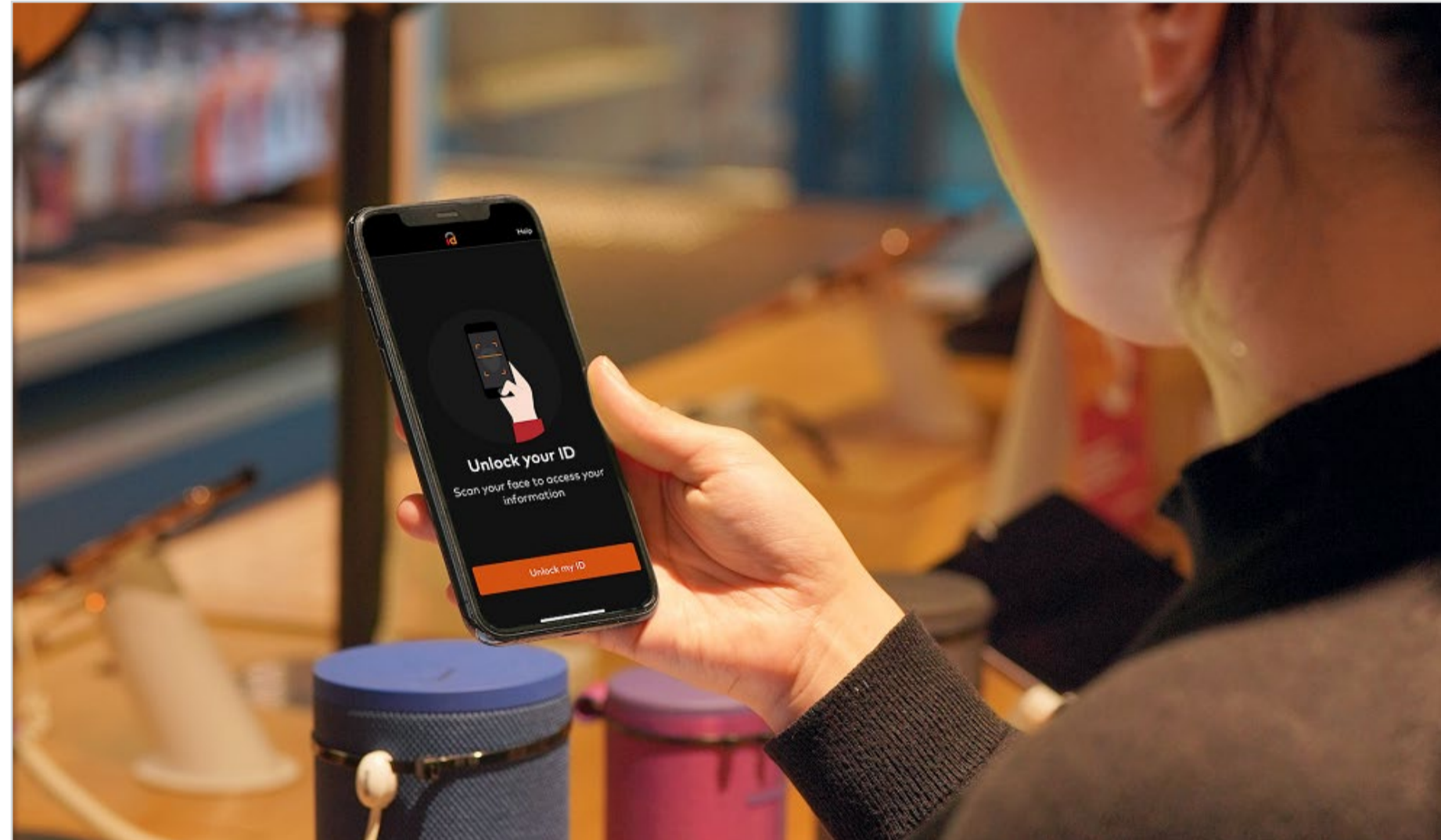
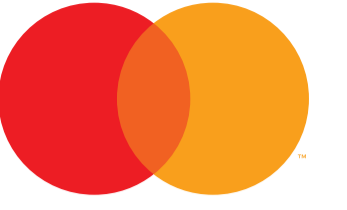
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As Seen on TV: India Financial Series

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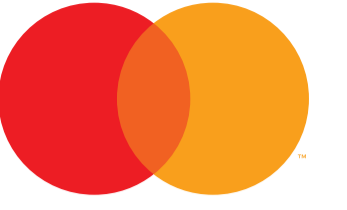
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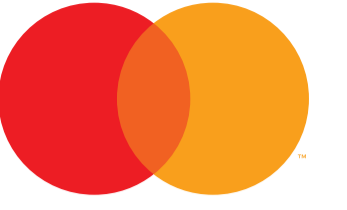
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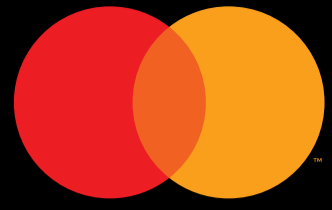
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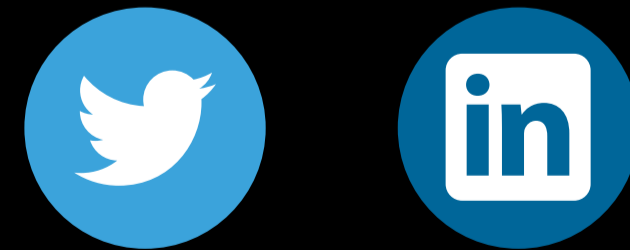
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