

Top Five Trends in Cities

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Rapidly emerging Asia offers multiple pockets of urban consumption growth Meesho thrives in smaller India's cities with social commerce and local focus Grab partners with BYD to expand EV adoption in Southeast Asia's ride hailing The next growth frontier in rapidly evolving Asian cities

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Urban digitalisation offers vast efficiency and market opportunities Uber Eats expands autonomous last mile food delivery in Tokyo Unilever's Al-powered freezers digitise the supply chain and enhance demand forecasts Digital technologies are driving cost savings, agility and new growth avenues

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Urban ageing and health challenges drive demand for wellness and inclusivity Nike opens second "Playground for All" in Seoul, promoting inclusive sports access Ageing and wellness trends in cities unlock new market potential for businesses

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