

### Microsoft to help Baidu self-driving car

San Francisco

Microsoft's cloud computing platform will be used outside China for collaboration by members of a self-driving car alliance formed by Chinese internet search giant Baidu, the companies announced on Tuesday.

The US software giant is one of more than 50 entities that have joined an Apollo alliance created by Baidu in April.



### Shares of Harley-Davidson tumble

New York

Shares of iconic US motorcycle company Harley-Davidson stumbled Tuesday following weak earnings that underscored its troubles finding new customers. Shares were down 8.5 percent at \$47.60 midday after earlier slumping nearly 12 percent following release of the results. "It's a demand issue and demand for Harley-Davidson motorcycles has been weaker than expected."



Our international performance in the second quarter was down, but in line with our expectations and we continue to expect international growth in the second half of the year behind expanded distribution and availability of new high-impact motorcycles."

**Matthew Levatich,**

chief executive, Harley-Davidson



**OFFERS**

## CrediMax Reflects on its Half Year Achievements

CrediMax yesterday announced several major achievements during the first half of the year.

"Among our notable key achievements this year for example, was the introduction of our Mobile App which has received tremendous positive feedback from our Customers. We launched two top premium products offering unrivalled benefits & features enabling our customers feel & experience higher levels of exclusivity & personal recognition. Moving towards e-channels and digital transformation were & are some of the achievements & soon to come this year,"

**Yousif Ali Mirza,**  
CrediMax's Chief Executive



Yousif Mirza

**Win Audi A6**

CrediMax said it continues to offer very exciting & rewarding programs and prizes this year. An "Audi A6" on a monthly basis is a prime example of such prizes in addition to numerous promotions & rewards with big discounts on all purchases made by our customers.

**SOCIAL commitment**

CrediMax, in its path to moving towards "good corporate citizenship", has provided support financially & in kind in excess of BD 200,000 to the different charities & societies in Bahrain this year.

"CrediMax has also added during the first half of the year new products and services offering customers a variety of choices, benefits and services".



Batelco CEO Muna Al Hashemi and AFS Chairman Sael Al Waary with Batelco CMO Mike Stanford and AFS CEO B. Chandrasekar

## Batelco, AFS sign mobile wallet deal

Manama

Batelco and AFS, a leading payment services provider have signed an MOU to roll-out a state-of-the-art mobile wallet solution in Bahrain. AFS Chairman Sael Al Waary and Batelco Bahrain CEO Muna Al Hashemi signed the deal at Batelco headquarters in Hamala.

A full range of integrated features will be available on the mobile wallet such as, person-to-person money transfers and loyalty points

in a secure and convenient manner for both consumers and merchants and many other services.

The mobile wallet will utilize the latest Quick Response (QR) technology and will have near field communication (NFC) capability, allowing customers to tap and pay at participating outlets. The full solution will be rolled out in phases over the next several months.

Following the signing, Al Hashemi said, "This

will enhance the lifestyles of customers by providing a convenient, cashless, secure and agile payment method."

The signing ceremony was attended by Batelco Chief Marketing Officer Mike Stanford, Batelco Senior Manager Mobile Services Husain Al Aswad, AFS CEO B. Chandrasekar, AFS Group Head of Strategy and Fintech, Martin Roeske and AFS Director of Frictionless Payments Business, Shiraz Ali.



The raffle draw winner of "Win up to 75 gold bars & BE A GOLD BULLIONAIRE campaign" by Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Baby. Fidha Fathima receiving the prize of 100gm Gold bar from Mahammad Isak - Regional Marketing Executive, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, in the presence of officials from Malabar Gold & Diamonds.