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CONNECTED CITIES 2021 - REPOSITIONING OF THE CITY OF TOMORROW

NEW FORMS OF MOBILITY

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USPA NEWS - Cities municipal officials try to make the City not only more accessible but also more environmentally friendly. Efforts include the presence of a low emissions zone, a ban for most cars in the city center during specified periods, an increase in car sharing services,... On the one hand, there are big expectations with regard to future technologies and business models; on the other hand, there is an urgent need for a “double transformation.” In other words, preparing Companies for the mobility of tomorrow also means making today’s business crisis resistant.

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The Automotive Industry actually is quickly turning into a true mobility ecosystem. Today, we are seeing the emergence of a broader ecosystem. This Ecosystem is coalescing, as High-Tech players enter the market, incumbents form new partnerships. Given the challenges ahead, cooperation will become an even bigger success factor. For investors, executives, and enthusiasts alike, autonomous Technology and Self-Driving Cars have long been some of the most interesting areas within the future-of-mobility space. This continues to be so.

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Yet the underlying logic for Autonomous Driving, especially in Cities, remains intact. Electric, shared AVs—also called robo-taxis or -shuttles—could address mobility’s pain points in cities (such as road congestion, crowded parking spaces, and pollution) while revolutionizing Urban Mobility, making it more affordable, efficient, user friendly, environment friendly, and available to everyone.

Connected Cars are poised to become potent Information Platforms that not only provide better experiences for Drivers but also open new avenues for Businesses to create Value. The key success factor for Connectivity Services is the clear value proposition the offering has, either to an External Customer or to an Internal Stakeholder. It seems that this value is very often created only by combining Data Assets and Capabilities from various partners. While the signals are somewhat mixed for Autonomous Technology, this development was triggered by two Trends: tightening regulation and rising customer demand.

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In addition to safety, consumers are becoming more focused on digital channels and sustainability issues. Access to micromobility options (lightweight vehicles such as bicycles, e-scooters, and mopeds) will be important. Sustainable mobility must address long-term ecological sustainability, and this can be achieved through technological innovation and the efficient use of clean energy. But sustainable mobility should also address individual needs for travel, together with ensuring greater equity in terms of access to

transport and its affordability.

Smart Buildings are gaining momentum – and as the technology behind them becomes more sophisticated and more prevalent, they're set to change the way we live and work. The key difference between where we are now and where we'll be in the future is the interface we use to interact with buildings. Over time we should find that buildings are increasingly adapting to our requirements, almost predicting our demands and facilitating the environment to ensure the user experience is hassle-free or very intuitive....

Connected Cities Summit (September 30, 2021 @ Les Echos-Le Parisien Headquarters in Paris).

The Summit was divided in Themes (animated by Fabrice Lundy, Columnist @ Radio Classique):

- On the road to Sustainable Mobility: a more mobile but responsible world
- Urban Logistics: increasingly strategic subject for Metropolitan Areas
- How 5G and IoT will transform Connected Cities into Smart Cities?
- Buildings & Sustainable Cities - what are the new major challenges?

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