



PONY AI Inc. and inDrive Announce Collaboration to Explore Autonomous Mobility in Kazakhstan Built on NVIDIA Hyperion

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Astana, Kazakhstan, October 23, 2026 – Pony AI Inc. ("Pony.ai" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: PONY; HKEX: 2026), a global leader in achieving large-scale mass production and commercialization of autonomous driving technology, today announced it has signed a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") with inDrive, the global mobility and delivery platform, and NVIDIA to explore the future of autonomous ride-hailing. Kazakhstan will serve as the first test market.

Kazakhstan was chosen first for its regulatory readiness following the creation of the country's first structured legal framework for driverless transport, as part of its "Year of Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence." Combined with Kazakhstan's position as a leading Central Asian economy, this gives the companies a clear basis to assess autonomous ride-hailing in practice.

Under the MOU, the three companies will evaluate the technical, operational, regulatory and commercial feasibility of offering Level 4-ready autonomous vehicles to riders through the inDrive app in Kazakhstan. Pony.ai would provide its seventh-generation ("Gen-7") Robotaxis, inDrive would provide the ride-hailing platform and run the service, while NVIDIA would support the project with NVIDIA AI infrastructure.

[NVIDIA](#) Hyperion is a reference sensor and compute platform for Level 4 autonomous vehicles and robotaxis. The NVIDIA robotaxi platform combines NVIDIA Hyperion with Alpamayo Stack and Halos full-stack safety system to accelerate safe, production-ready autonomy.

Pony.ai and inDrive plan to launch Robotaxis in Astana, Kazakhstan's capital, using Pony.ai's Gen-7 Robotaxis. Pony.ai's Level 4 autonomous driving technology has been validated through fully driverless commercial operations in major Chinese cities, as well as real-world deployments across Europe, the Middle East and Asia. The Gen-7 Robotaxi incorporates multi-sensor fusion, system-level redundancy and fail-operational capabilities to support safe and reliable driverless operations. The launch would follow agreement with the government of Kazakhstan.

Astana, one of Central Asia's fastest-growing capitals, offers a promising environment for autonomous ride-hailing. With a population of approximately 1.7 million and growing demand for urban transportation, the city presents opportunities for robotaxis to complement existing mobility services and offer residents more convenient travel options. Combined with inDrive's established presence in Kazakhstan, the initiative could provide a foundation for exploring autonomous mobility in other markets across the region. Following the initial launch in Astana, the companies will assess whether the approach could be extended to other cities in Kazakhstan as well as other countries where inDrive operates.

About Pony AI Inc.

Pony AI Inc. (NASDAQ: PONY; HKEX: 2026), founded in 2016, is a global leader in achieving large-scale mass production and commercialization of autonomous driving technology. Pony.ai is committed to delivering safe, advanced, and reliable autonomous driving technology and solutions. At the heart of Pony.ai's strategy is its proprietary world model *PonyWorld* and its *Virtual Driver* technology. Together, they power the development and scaling of its Robotaxi services, Robotruck services, and Intelligent solutions businesses. With operations spanning China, Europe, East Asia, the Middle East, and beyond, Pony.ai stands among a select few companies globally to achieve fully driverless commercial operations. Pony.ai has forged deep and extensive partnerships across the autonomous driving value chain, enabling it to accelerate the commercialization of autonomous driving in line with its ultimate vision: "Autonomous Mobility Everywhere." For more information, please visit: <https://ir.pony.ai>.

About inDrive

inDrive is a global mobility and delivery platform. The inDrive app has been downloaded over 400 million times, and has been named the second most downloaded ride-hailing app. In addition to ride-hailing, inDrive provides an expanding list of services, including intercity transportation, delivery, and financial services. In 2023, inDrive launched New Ventures, a venture and M&A arm.

inDrive operates in over 1200 cities in 47 countries. Driven by its mission to challenge injustice through fair choices, inDrive is committed to having a positive impact on people's lives. It pursues this goal both through its core business, which supports local communities via a fair pricing model; and through the work of its impact programs.

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