



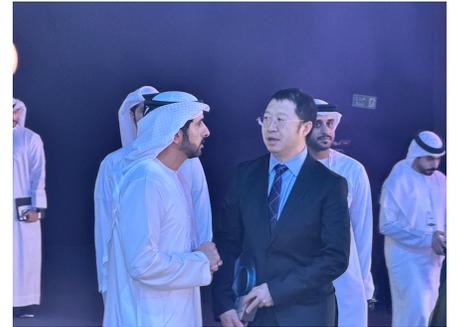
WeRide Secures Robotaxi Trial Permit in Dubai and Wins First Place at Dubai World Challenge for Self-Driving Transport

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The company plans to grow its Middle East fleet to 1,000 vehicles and deploy tens of thousands of Robotaxis by 2030

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, Sept. 26, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- WeRide (Nasdaq: WRD), a global leader in autonomous driving technology, secured a **self-driving vehicle trial permit** from Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) earlier this month to conduct Robotaxi trials in the city.

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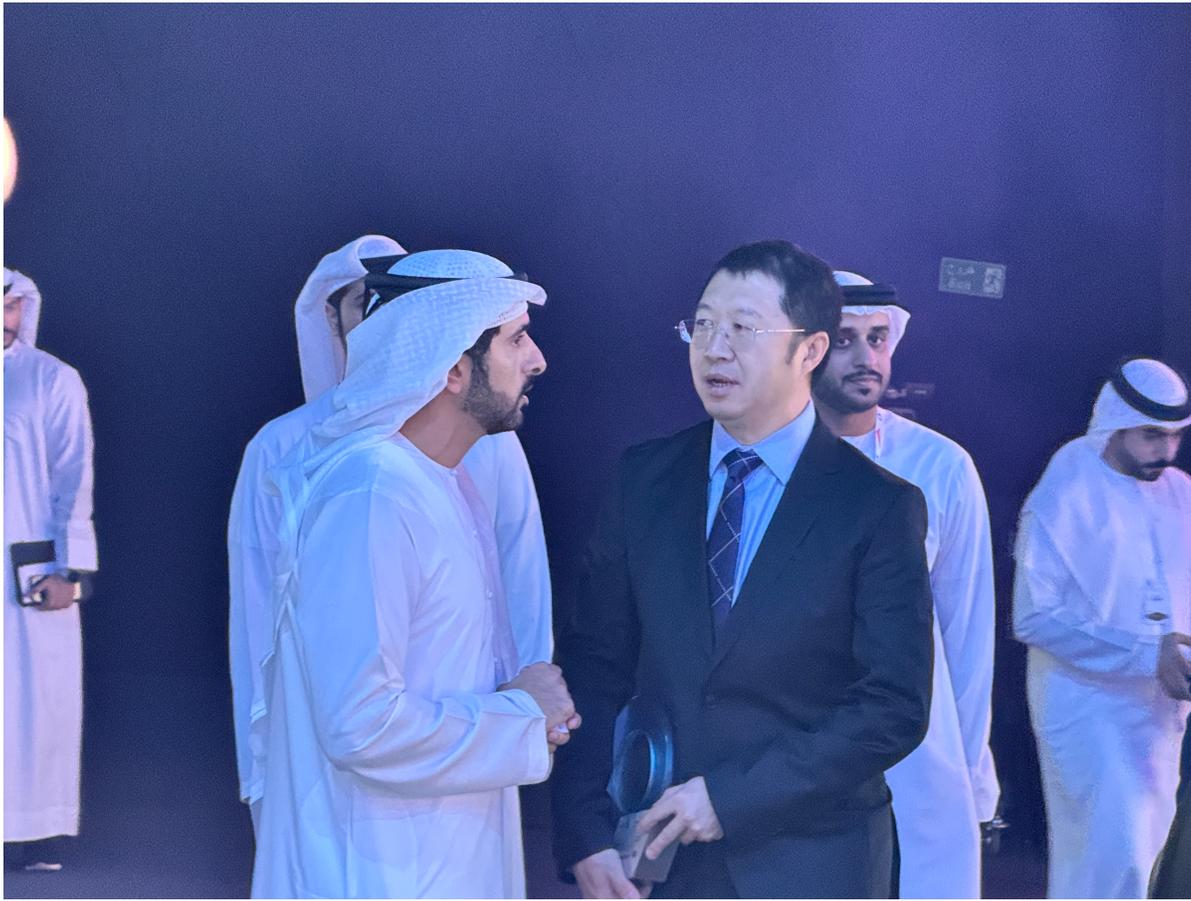


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The company also won **first place at the Dubai World Challenge for Self-Driving Transport**, securing almost US\$1 million in prize money for its leading tech competence and ongoing contributions to Dubai's autonomous driving ecosystem. The award was presented at the 2025 Dubai World Congress for Self-Driving Transport (DWC), where **His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the UAE, visited WeRide's Robotaxi GXR display and reaffirmed the company's role in shaping Dubai's future smart mobility.



WeRide Robotaxi GXR in Dubai

WeRide's initial Robotaxi GXR trial service will cover core areas including **Jumeirah's key commercial districts** and the residential communities of Za'abeel First, Al Manara, Umm Suqeim, and Al Safa. Future operations will extend to Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai International Airport, and additional downtown areas.

The rollout **will start with 50 Robotaxi GXR**s in Dubai, with plans to expand the **Middle East fleet to 1,000 vehicles** and ultimately deploy **tens of thousands of Robotaxis by 2030**. With this permit, Dubai becomes the 11th city worldwide and the second in the UAE to deploy WeRide Robotaxis.

Earlier this year, WeRide obtained the first batch of Dubai road test licenses and has already started testing in the city's core areas. In the next phase, WeRide will commence trials with an on-board safety officer on the Uber platform within the year, with fully driverless commercial operations targeted for 2026.

At DWC, WeRide also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RTA, outlining collaboration on the Dubai Autonomous Zone. The agreement reinforces WeRide's commitment to supporting Dubai's transformation into a global innovation hub for autonomous technology across passenger transport, logistics, and urban mobility.

WeRide continues to be a global leader in autonomous mobility, with Robotaxi testing or operations across 11 cities in five countries — Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Beijing, Guangzhou, Nanjing, Suzhou, Ordos, Riyadh, Zurich, Shanghai, and Singapore.

Beyond Dubai, WeRide is conducting fully driverless Robotaxi testing in Abu Dhabi, marking the first and only fully driverless Robotaxi testing and soon operation outside of China and the US. This represents a crucial step toward fully unmanned commercial operations and underscores WeRide's leadership not only in the Middle East but also on the global stage.

About WeRide

WeRide is a global leader and a first mover in the autonomous driving industry, as well as the first publicly traded Robotaxi company. Our autonomous vehicles have been tested or operated in over 30 cities across 11 countries. We are also the first and only technology company whose products have received autonomous driving permits in seven markets: China, the UAE, Singapore, France, Saudi Arabia, Belgium, and the US. Empowered by the smart, versatile, cost-effective, and highly adaptable WeRide One platform, WeRide provides autonomous driving products and services from L2 to L4, addressing transportation needs in the mobility, logistics, and sanitation industries. WeRide was named to Fortune's 2025 Change the World and 2025 Future 50 lists.

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