

IDEARIA Secure Transactions and Commercial Bank of Ceylon Launch Google Pay in Sri Lanka

Our longstanding partnership has enabled ComBank to become the first issuer to launch Google Pay in the country.

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IDEARIA Secure Transactions (IST) has supported Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (ComBank), Sri Lanka's largest private bank, to become the first bank in the country to enable Google Pay for its cardholders. The fast-tracked deployment of IST's digital card issuance capabilities marks the first phase of a broader digital enablement strategy.

Fast-tracked Google Pay launch delivered in just one month

Phase 1 of the project, **Google Pay enablement for international cards**, went live on November 18, 2025—marking a major milestone in Sri Lanka's digital payments landscape. IST supported ComBank to enable digital payments through its digital card issuance platform.

The deployment was completed **within one month** of ComBank activating its digital payments infrastructure, demonstrating IST's ability to **deliver fast, efficient implementations**. Strong market knowledge, proven solutions, and close collaboration with the customer enabled this accelerated rollout.

With Google Pay now available, **ComBank cardholders can add their cards to Google Wallet**, authenticate once, and make secure contactless payments by tapping any **NFC-enabled Android smartphone** at contactless-enabled POS terminals, locally or internationally.

Behind this achievement is a 15-year partnership between ComBank and IST. ComBank has relied on IST as its exclusive physical card supplier for over a decade. Building on this long-standing relationship, the collaboration has now expanded to **digital card and wallet services** delivered on a remarkably short timeline.

A first in Sri Lanka and a sign of what's next

ComBank is the **first bank in Sri Lanka** to collaborate with a major international scheme to **enable Google Pay**. This launch sets a new standard for **secure, convenient digital transactions** in a market where mobile adoption is growing fast, and demand for contactless payments continues to rise.

Looking ahead, IST's partnership with ComBank extends beyond this initial phase with additional contactless payment capabilities planned as part of an ongoing roadmap designed to support the evolving needs of Sri Lankan consumers in

an emerging, increasingly digital economy.

By combining ComBank's leadership in the domestic banking sector with IST's global experience in digital payments, this collaboration strengthens Sri Lanka's shift toward modern, secure, and accessible payment experiences.

We are proud to have enabled this historic milestone for Sri Lankans through our partnership with ComBank and our digital card issuance platform. This fast-track enablement reflects IST's agility and long-standing collaboration with ComBank, and we look forward to continuing to innovate together to support the evolving needs of consumers in Sri Lanka.

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