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Commercial debit cards see significant growth

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

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Increasing numbers of cards in circulations

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AI plays increasing role

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