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Showroom to Spreadsheets: Decoding Indian Car Dealerships

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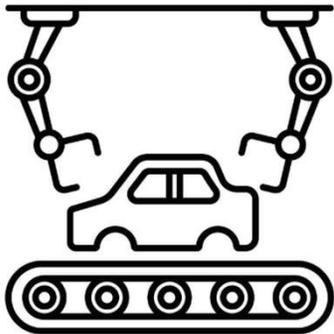
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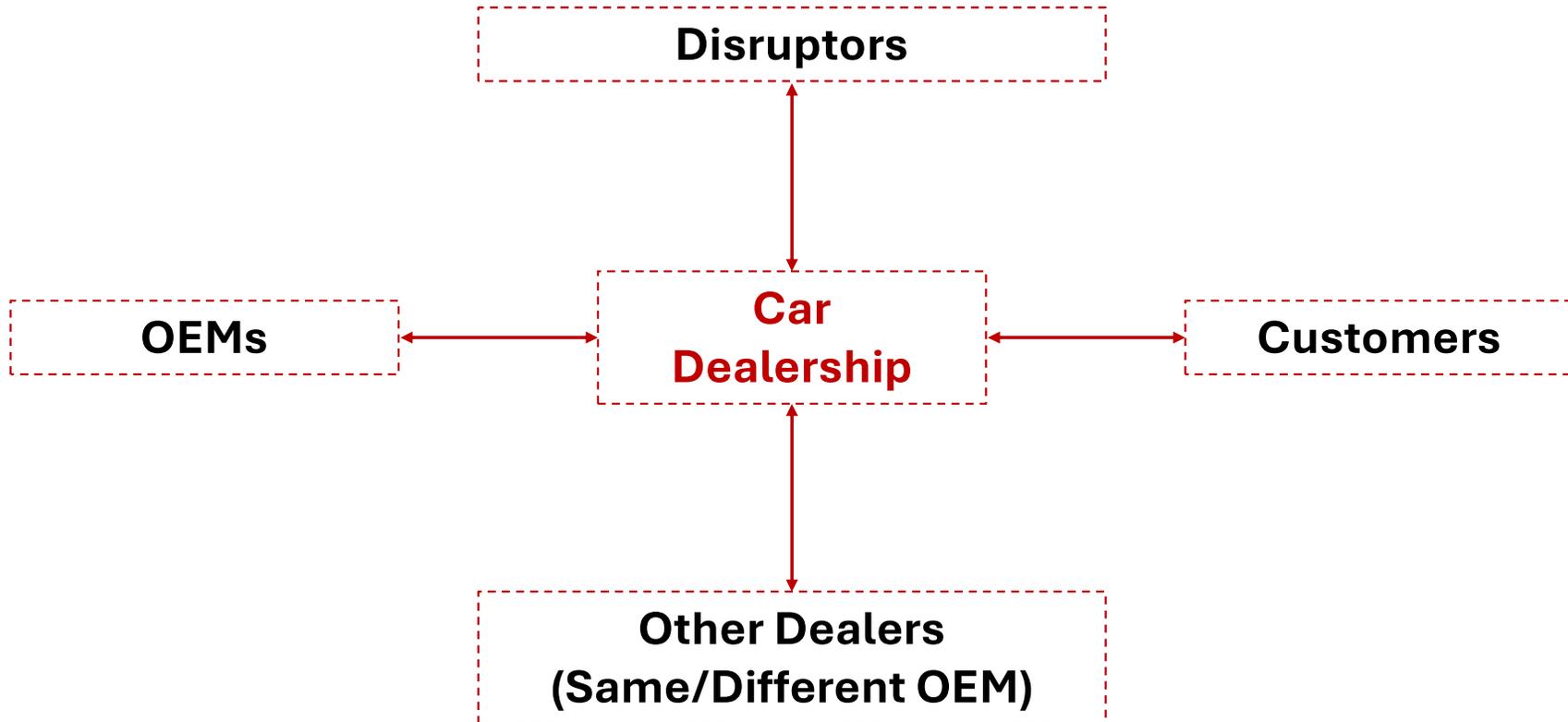
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A Simple Business?



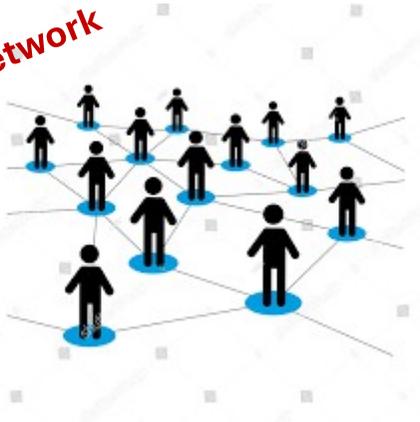
Substitutes to Car



Why do we even need dealerships?

(OEM Perspective)

Network



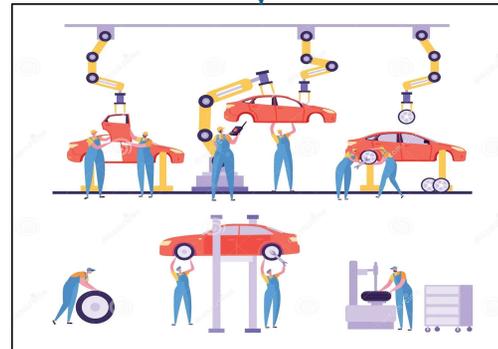
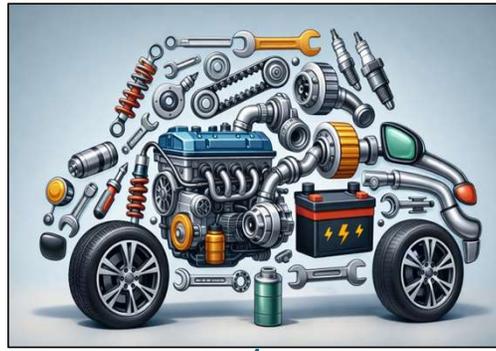
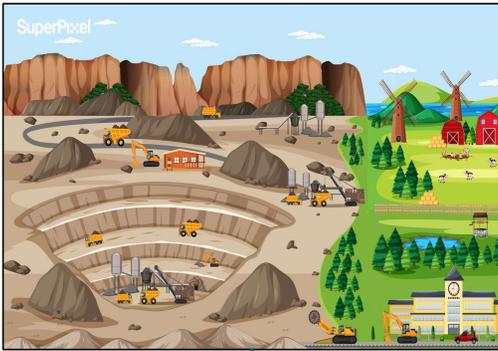
Capex



Working Capital

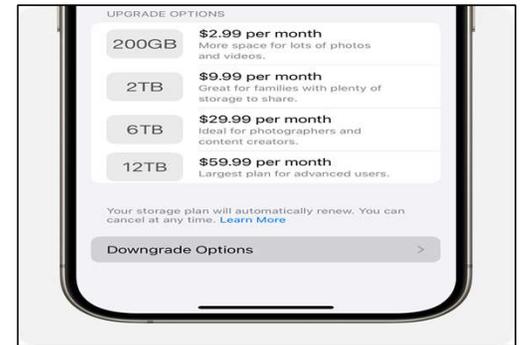


Why invest in the last part of value chain?

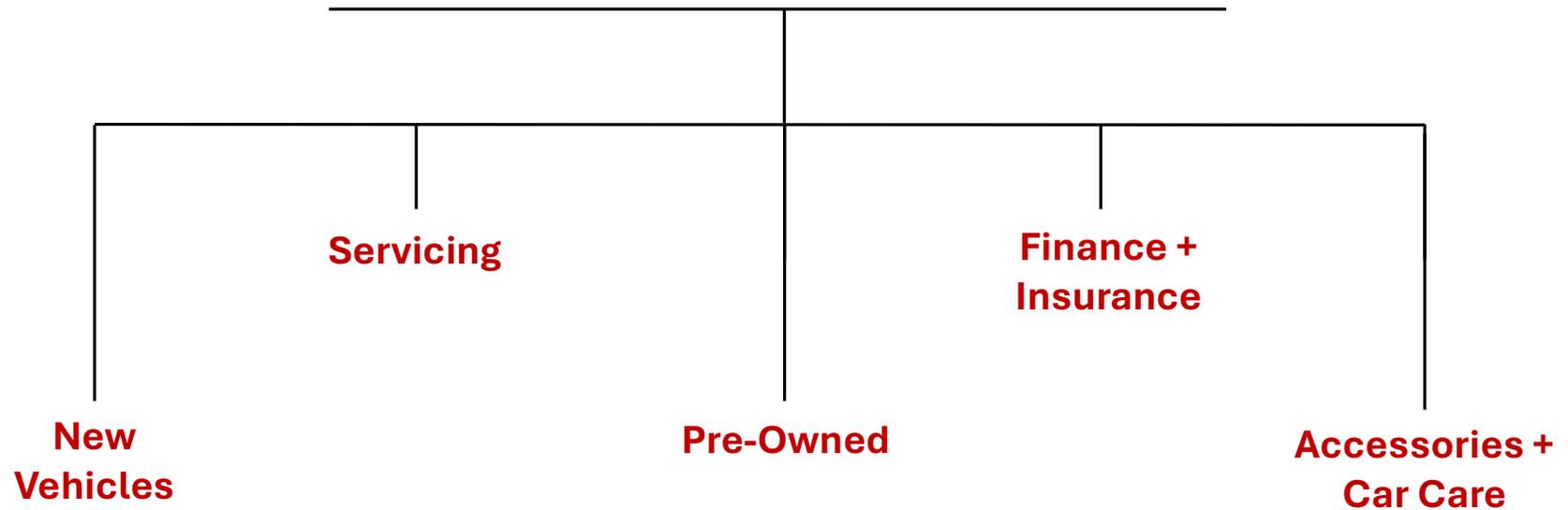


Blending Both

(One-time sale & Recurring Revenue)



Growth Drivers

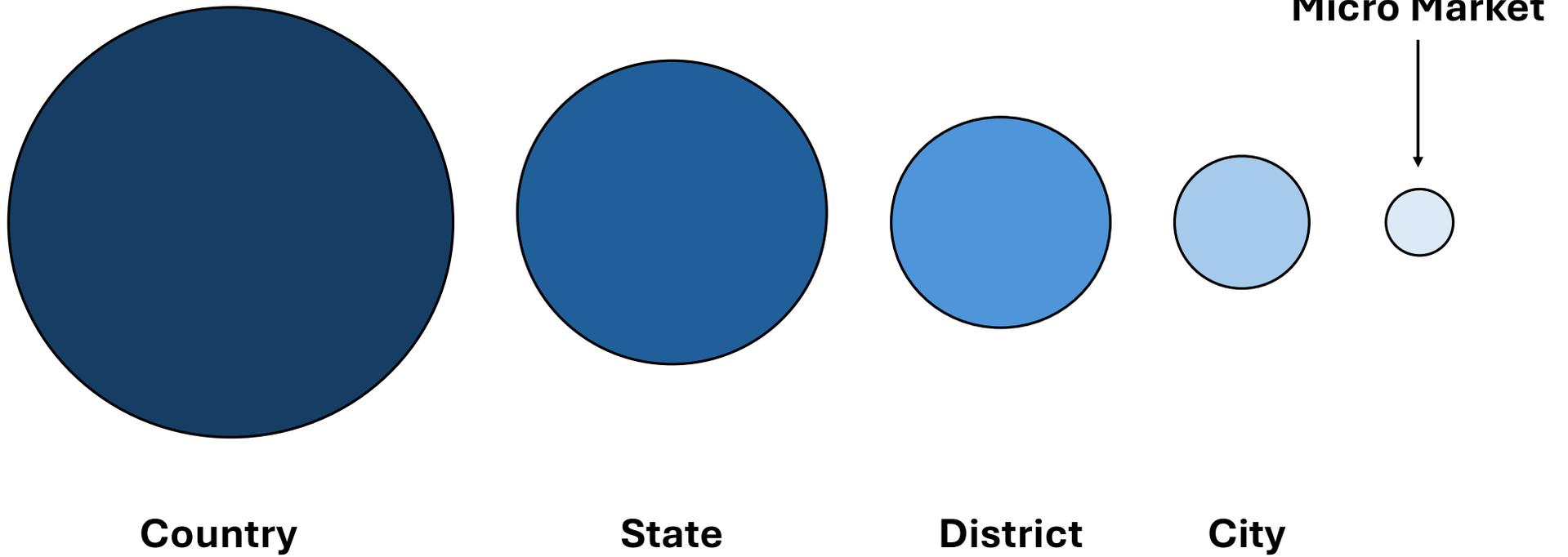


Good to have multiple profit centers!

Axiom: India's automotive industry is going to grow!

Geographical Footprint

Dealerships

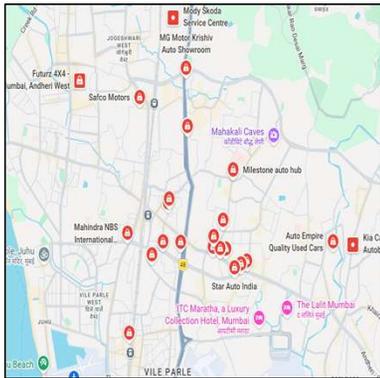


Exclusivity Agreement

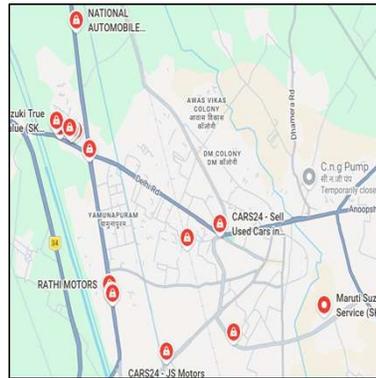


Showroom reach and density

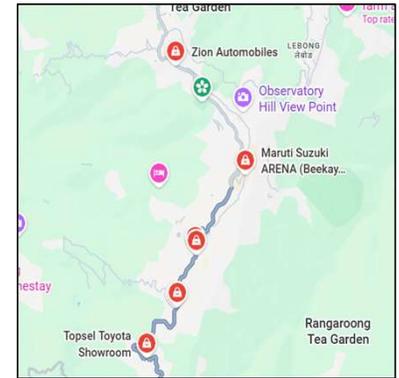
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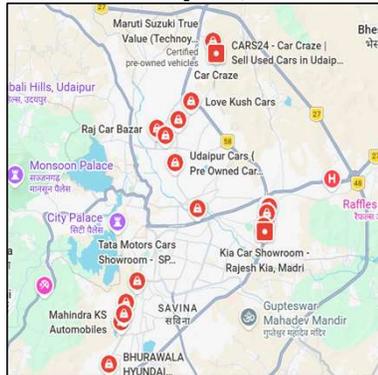
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Darjeeling, 401



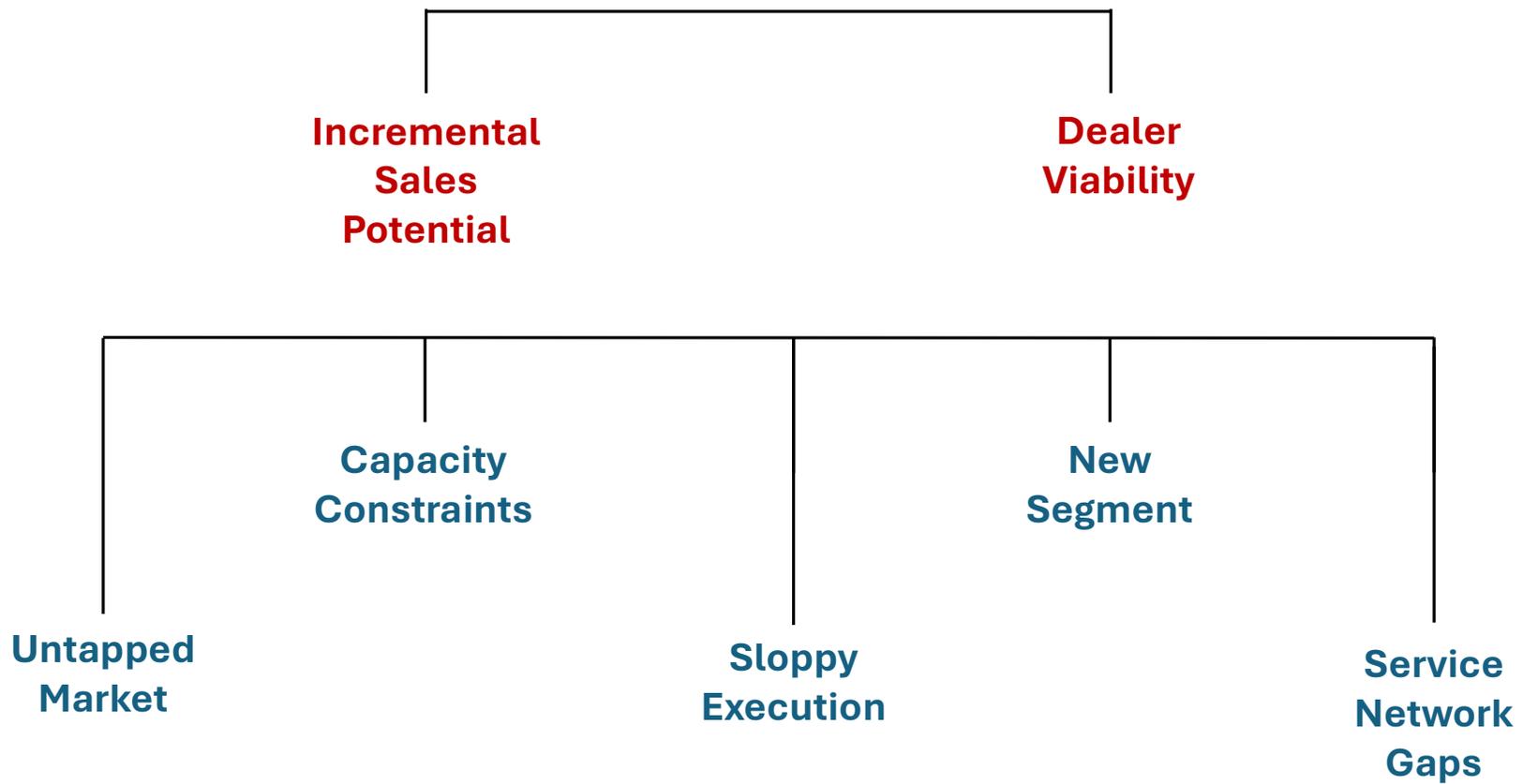
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Kishangarh, 300



Case for New Dealerships?





Bajaj Auto



OEMs – MG, MSIL & TTMT

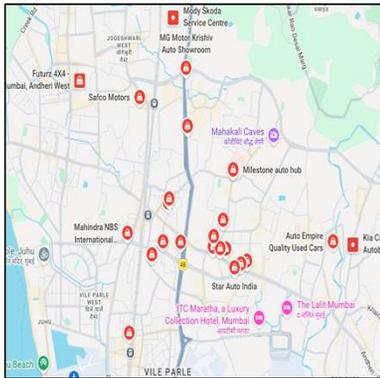
Typical Dealership in India



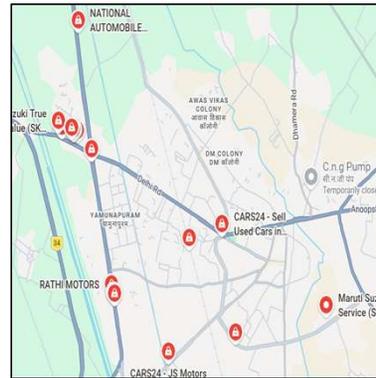
~90% of the dealerships are family owned with 2nd and 3rd generation in-charge now!

Is consolidation possible?

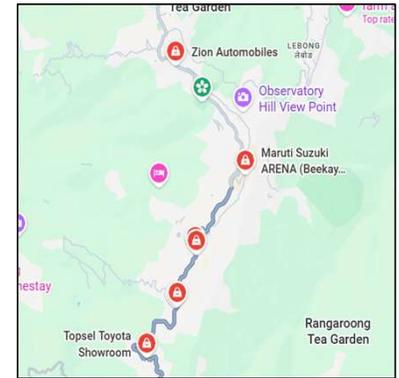
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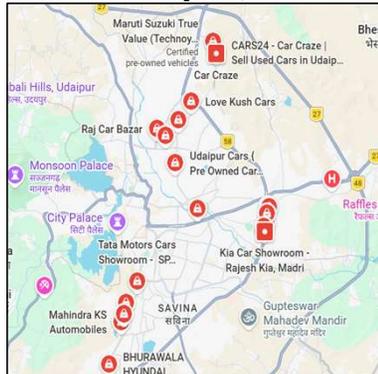
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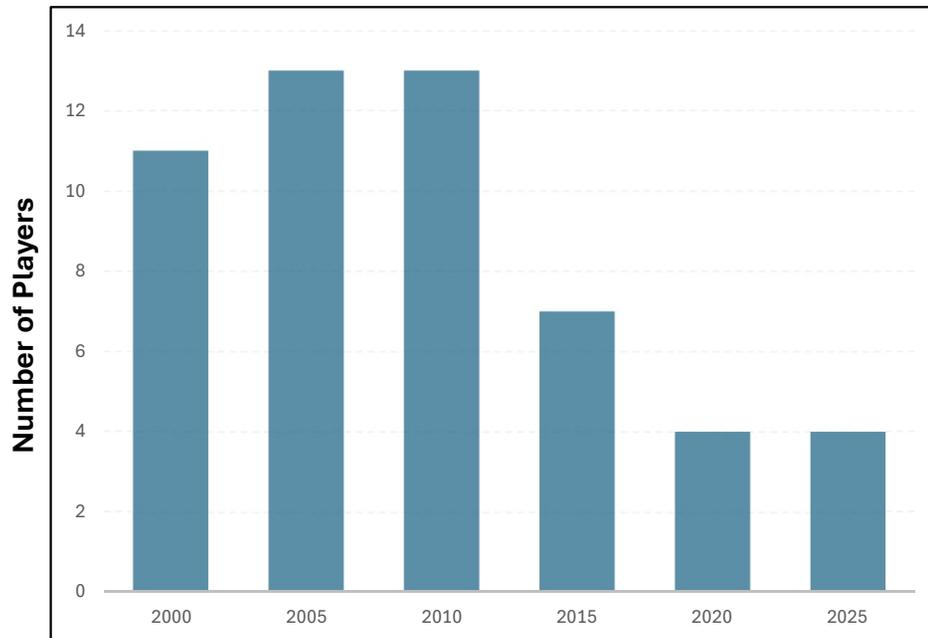
Consolidation

(you need somebody to sell ...)

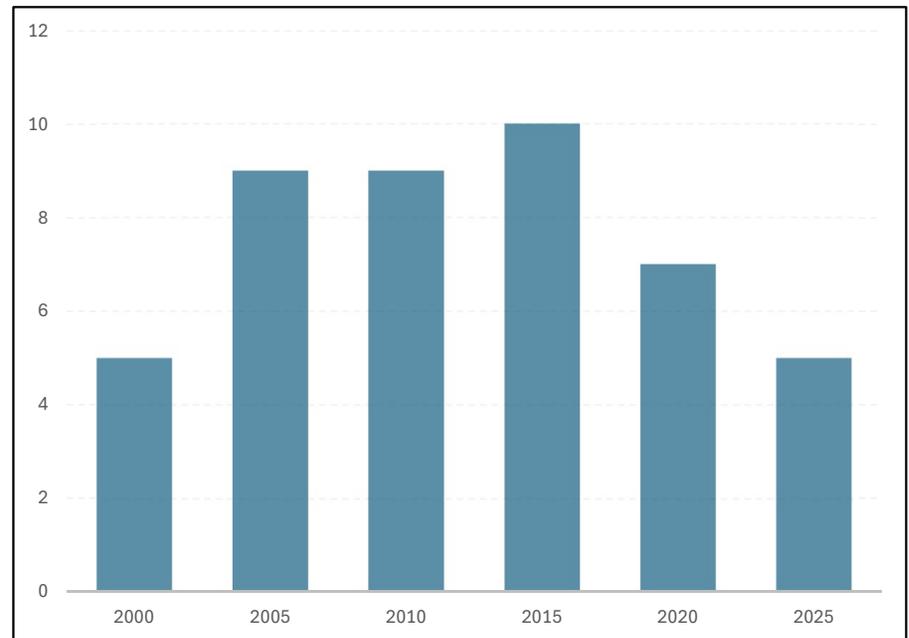


One may wait for consolidation to play out ...

Telecom

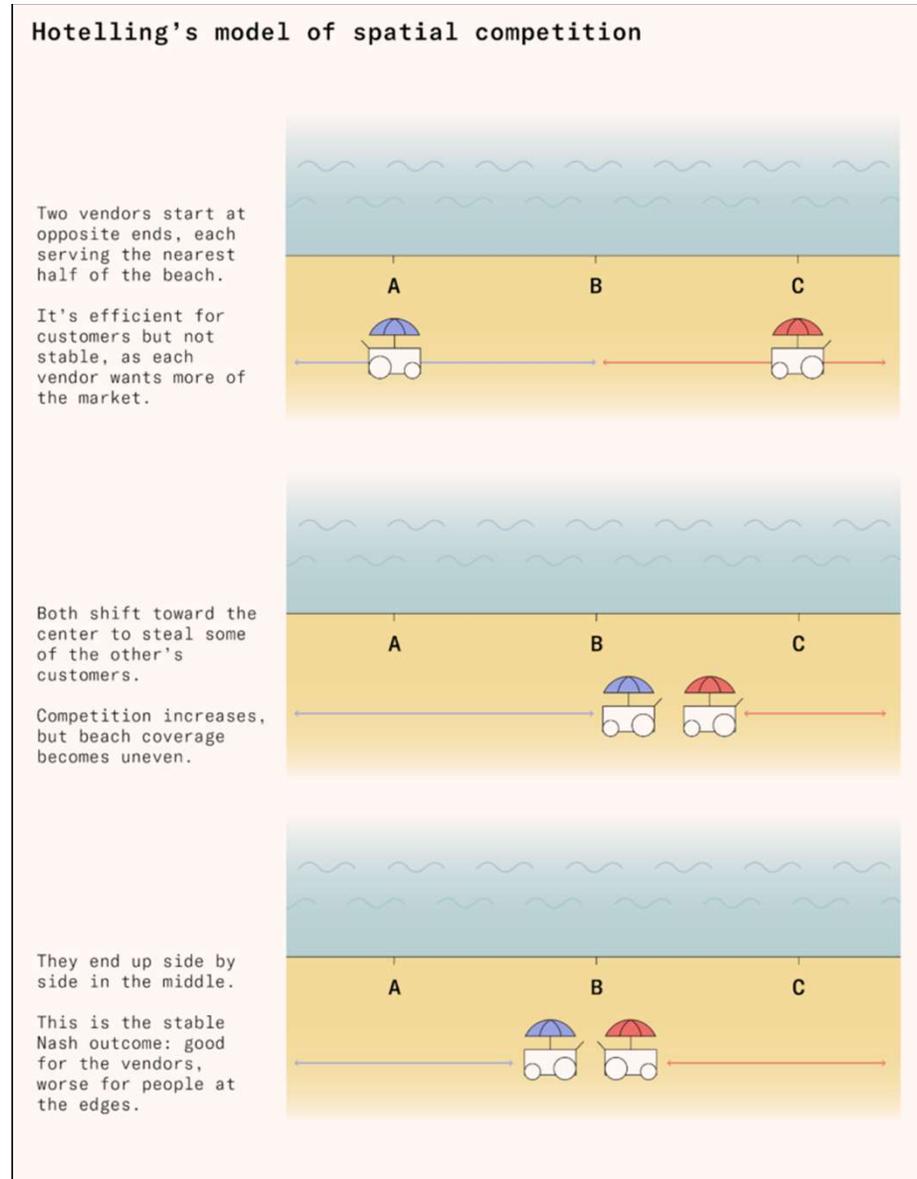


Airlines



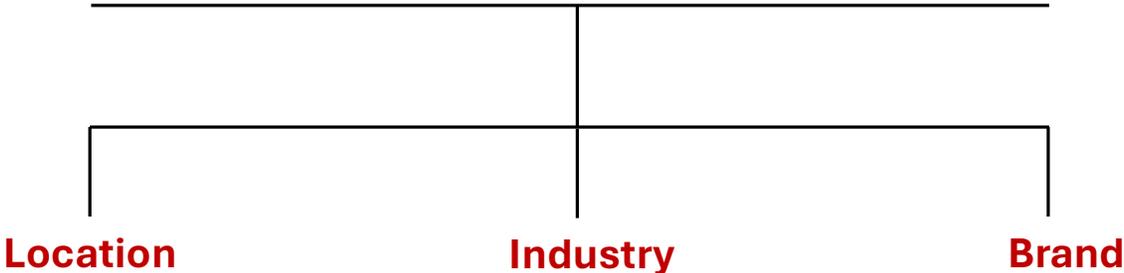
Sectors:

- Automobile
- Gas Pumps
- Jewellery
- Fashion
- QSR, etc.



New Vehicle Sales

New Vehicles



Modes of Transportation ...



Scooters

ATHER



Motorcycles

ROYAL ENFIELD



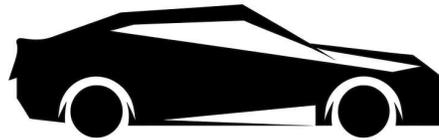
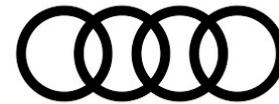
3Ws



4Ws



4Ws (Luxury)



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TRACTORS

SWARAJ



MASSEY FERGUSON



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Kubota



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 **NEW HOLLAND**

Commercial Vehicles

TATA MOTORS
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES



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TRUCK AND BUS



Momentum

(Successful Product -> Cash -> Ability to Invest)

Mahindra



Hyundai



Bajaj



Royal Enfield



Mix Use of Space



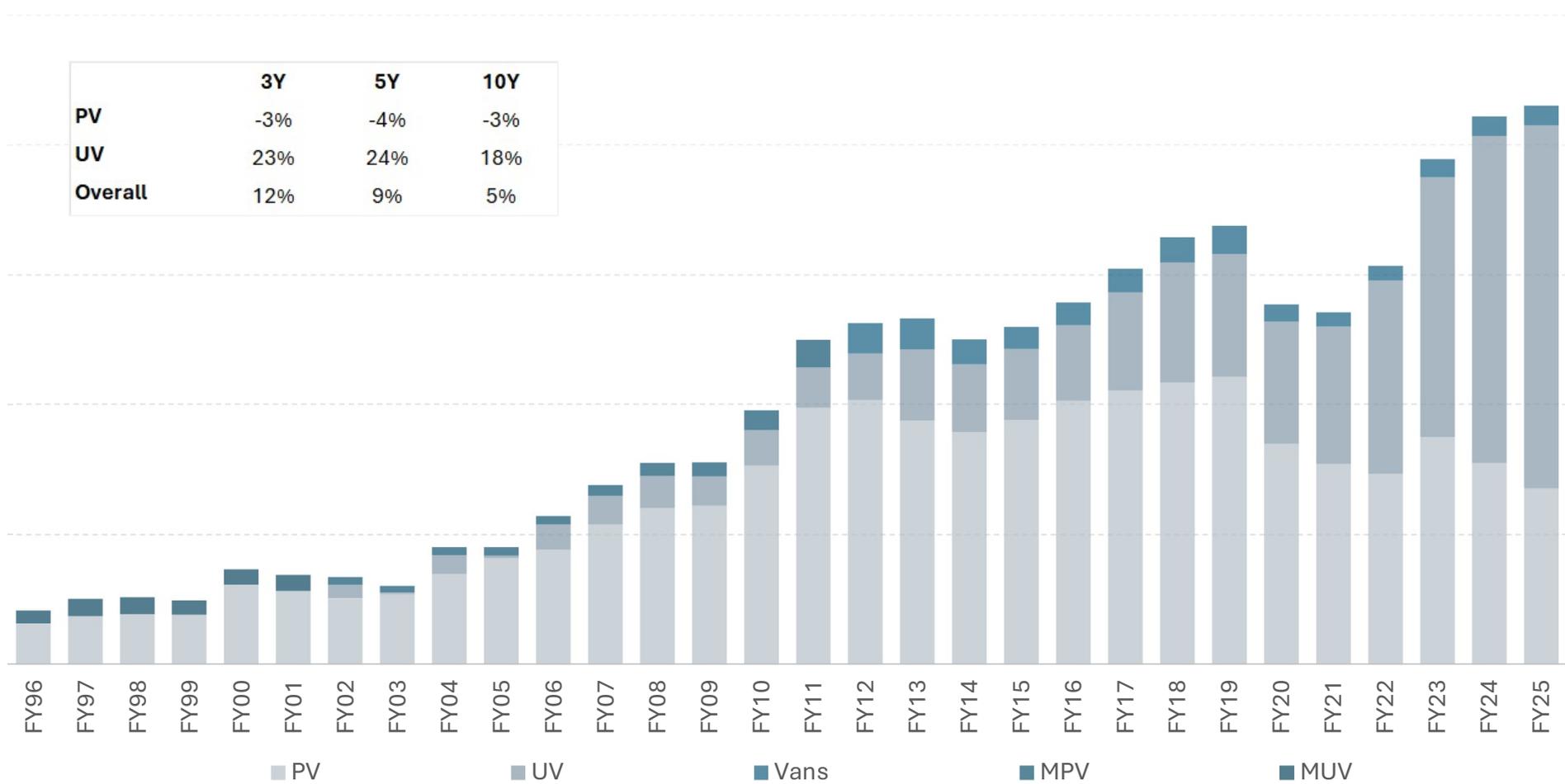
India 4W Penetration

Year	No. of People (Cr.)	No of people per household	No. of households (Cr.)	Vehicle population (Cr.)	4w Penetration	4w per Thousand
FY11	124	5.0	25	1.6	7%	13
FY12	126	4.9	26	1.8	7%	15
FY13	128	4.9	26	2.1	8%	16
FY14	130	4.8	27	2.3	8%	17
FY15	131	4.7	28	2.5	9%	19
FY16	133	4.7	28	2.7	9%	20
FY17	134	4.6	29	2.9	10%	22
FY18	136	4.5	30	3.2	11%	23
FY19	137	4.5	31	3.4	11%	25
FY20	139	4.4	32	3.6	11%	26
FY21	140	4.3	32	3.7	12%	27
FY22	141	4.3	33	3.9	12%	28
FY23	143	4.2	34	4.1	12%	29
FY24	144	4.1	35	4.4	13%	31
FY25	145	4.0	36	4.6	13%	32

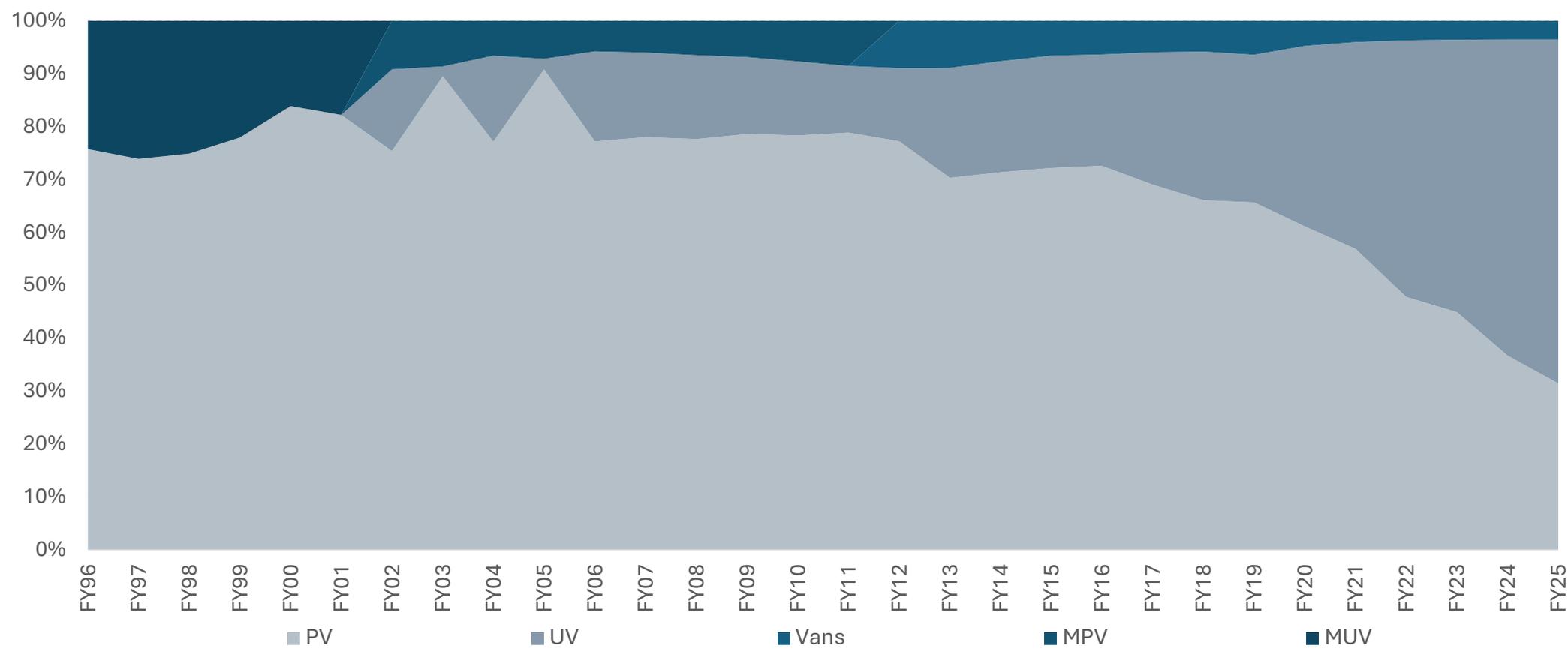
Note – Rolling 15 Year Number for 4W Population

India 4W Volumes

	3Y	5Y	10Y
PV	-3%	-4%	-3%
UV	23%	24%	18%
Overall	12%	9%	5%



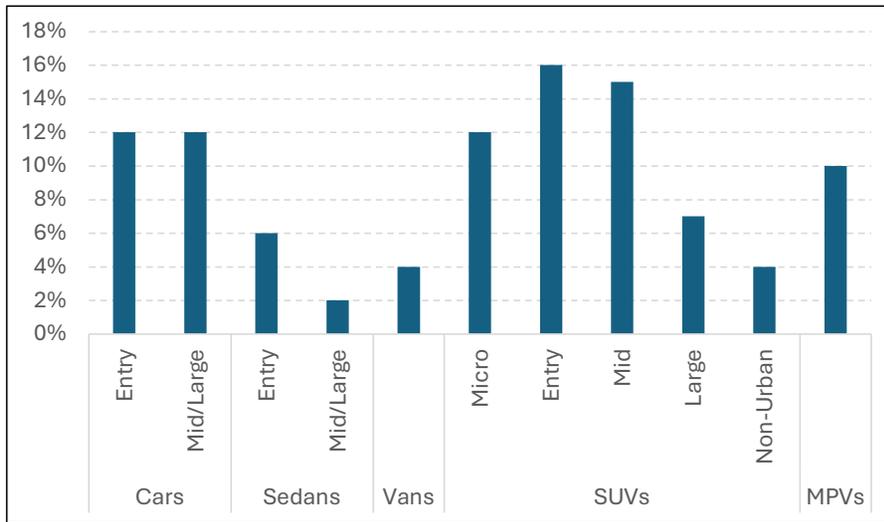
India 4W Volume Mix (%)



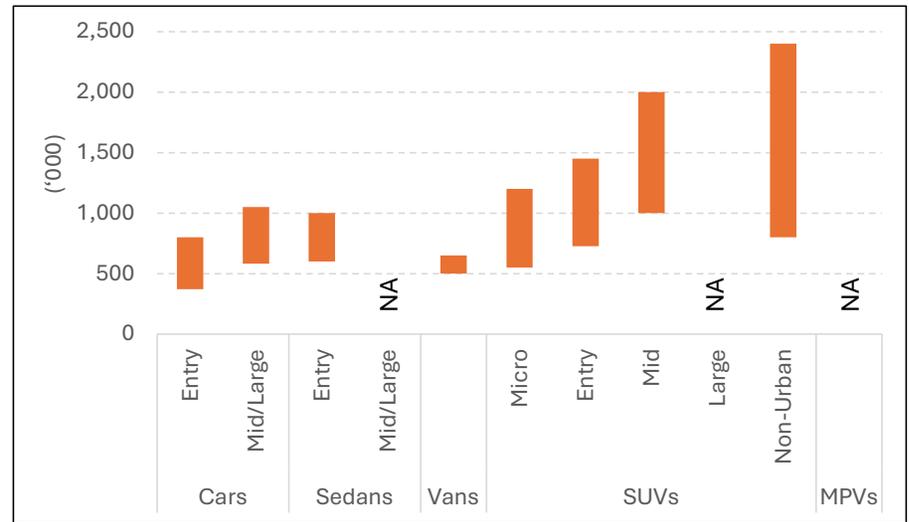
Source: SIAM, PPFAS Research

Indian Car Market (FY25)

Volume Split (%)

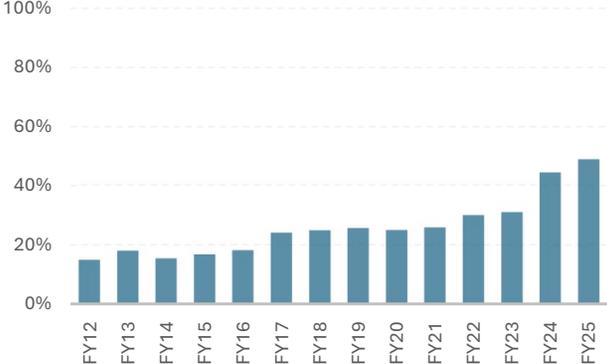


Pricing (%)

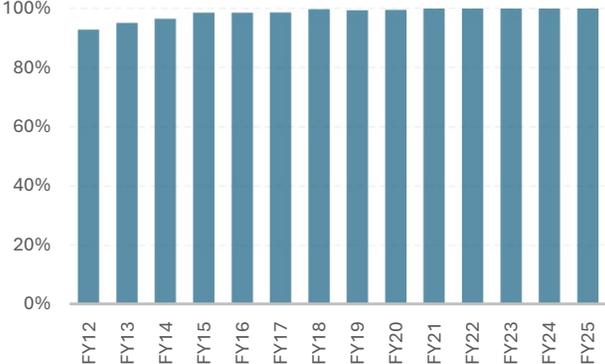


SUV Share in Volume Mix (%)

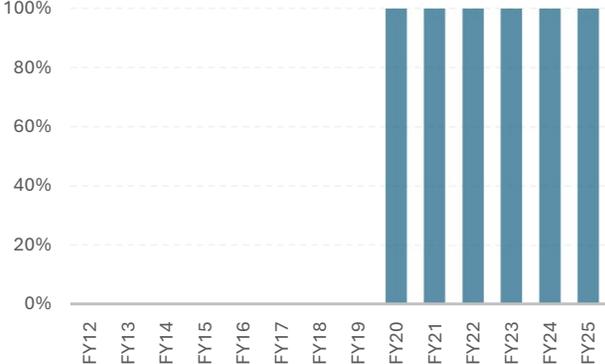
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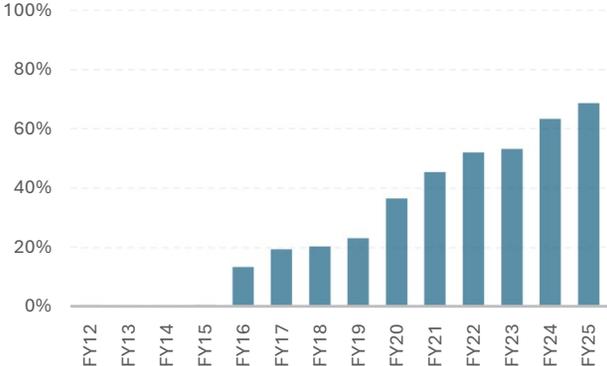
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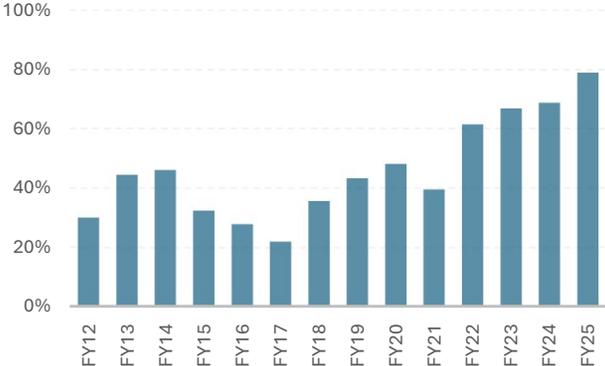
Kia



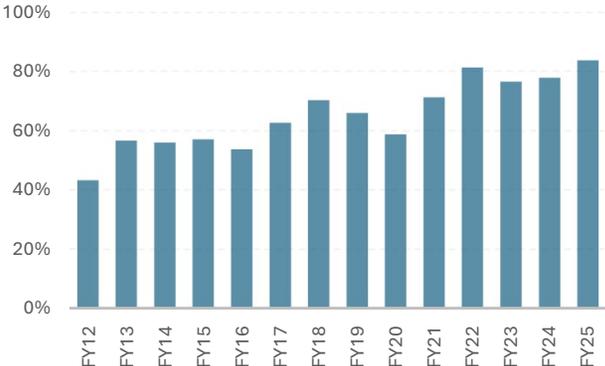
Hyundai



TATA Motors



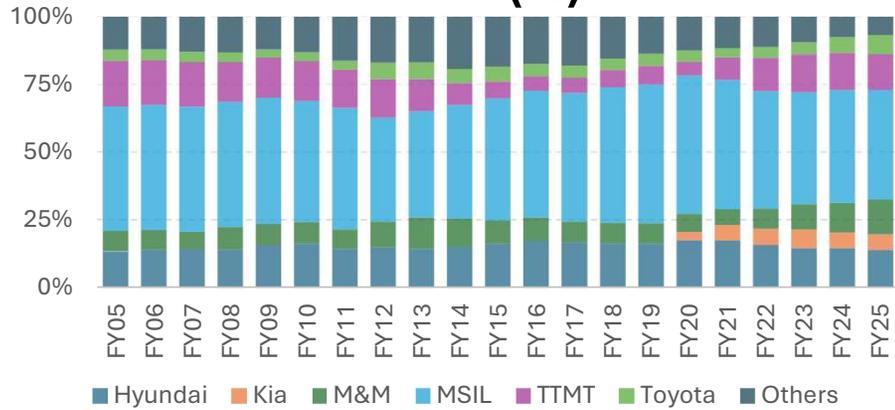
Toyota



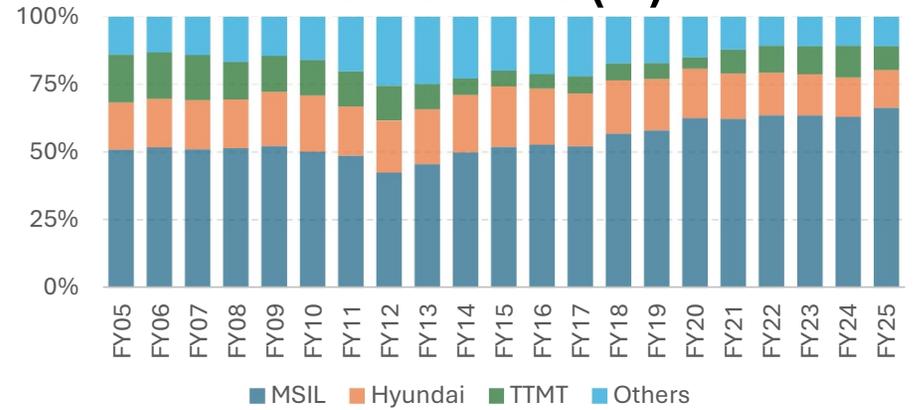
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Volume Market Share (%)

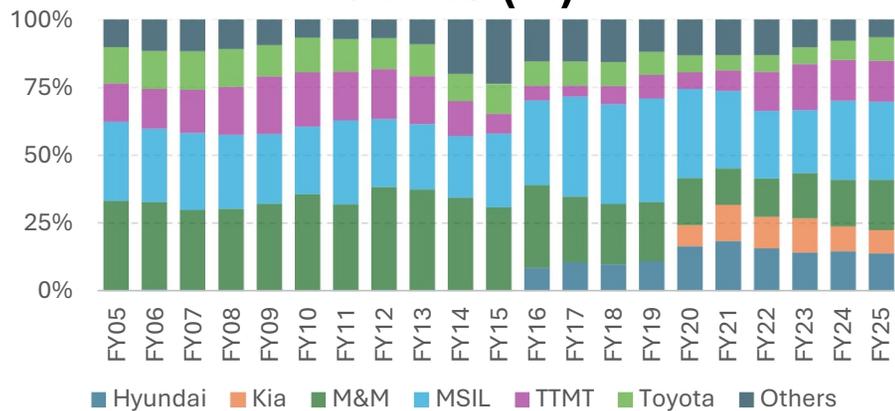
PV MS (%)



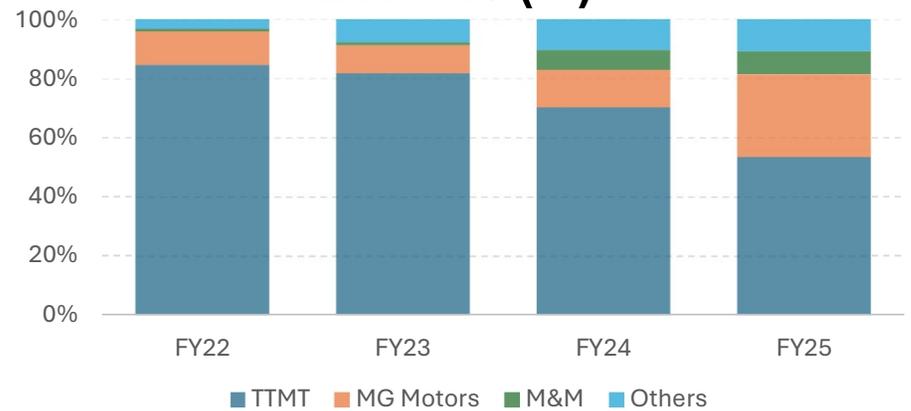
Small Car MS (%)



UV MS (%)

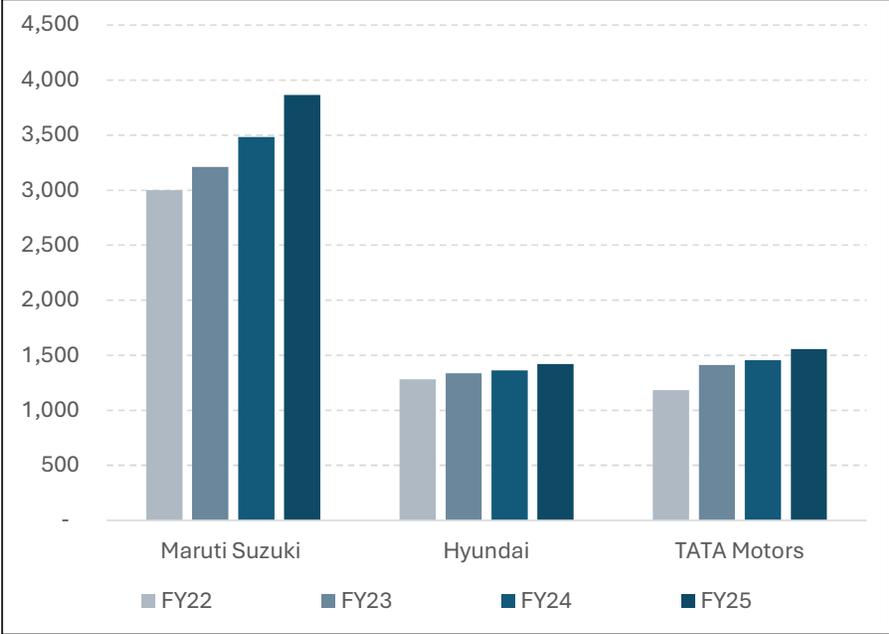


E4W MS (%)

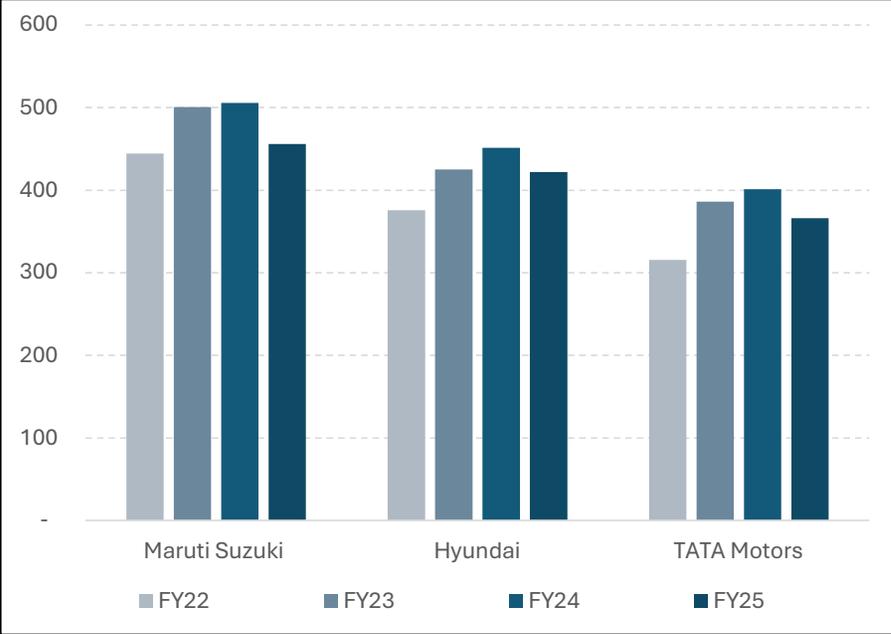


New Car Sales and Showrooms

OEM Showrooms

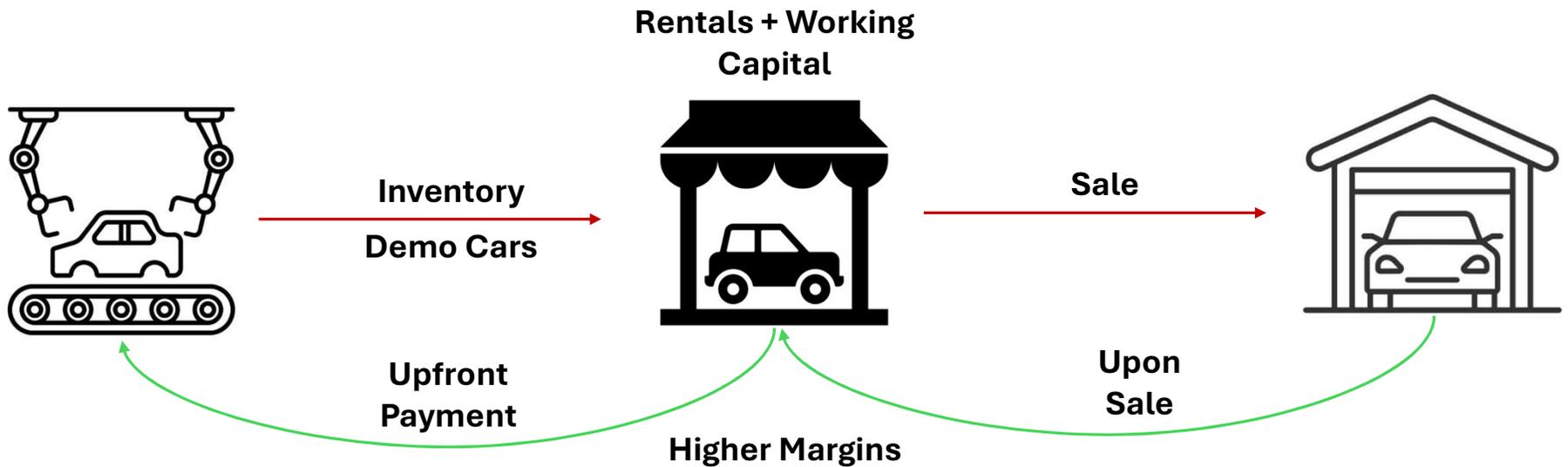


Cars Sold / Year / Showroom



Source: Company Annual Reports, SIAM, PPFAS Research

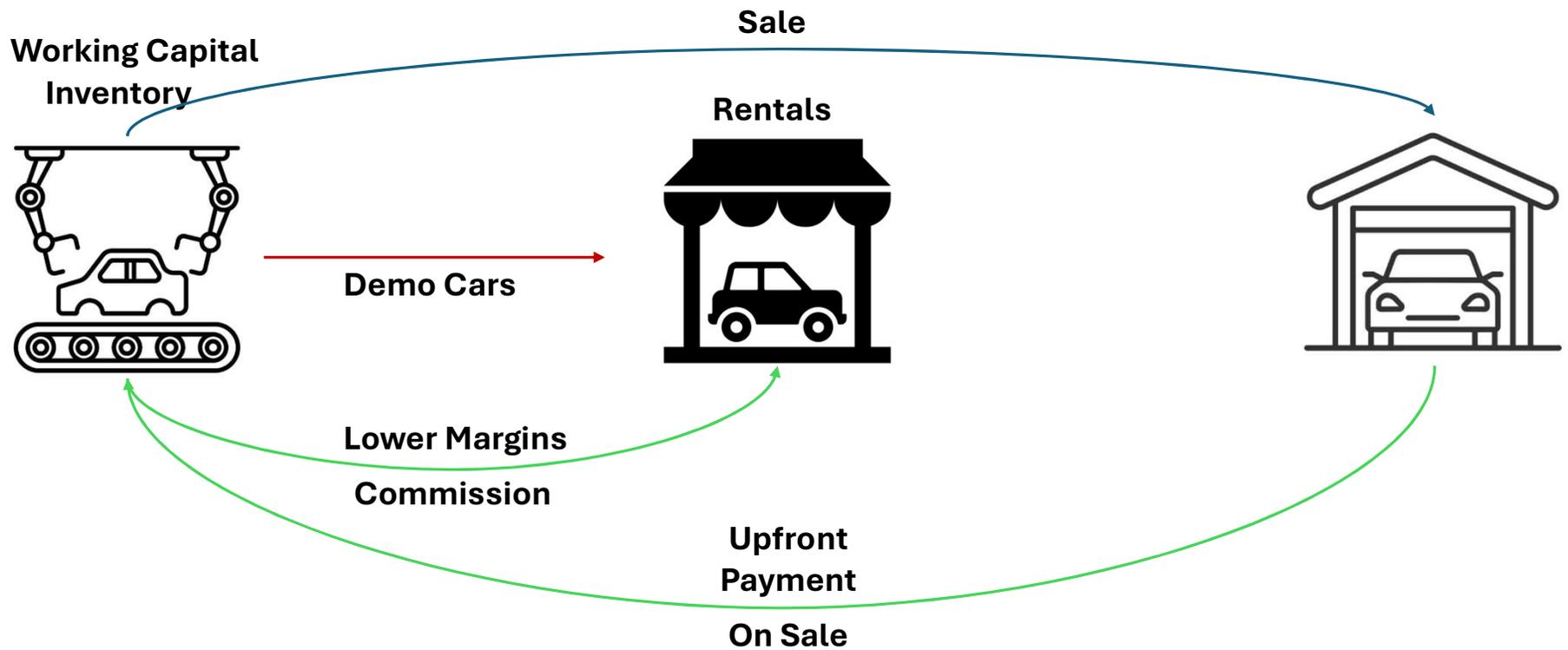
Traditional Model



Economics of Showroom

Showroom	Rs. Crore	
Financials	Amount	Description
-> Capex	3.5	Interiors, etc.
-> No. of Cars	35	per Month
Price per Car	10	Lakhs
Inventory	3.5	Always there at month end
-> Capital Employed	7.0	Capex + Inventory
-> Financials	Yearly	
Sales	42	Depleting the Whole Inventory
EBITDA	1.5	
<i>EBITDA Margin</i>	3.5%	Generally Speaking
D&A	0.2	15 Year Showroom Life
EBIT	1.2	
<i>EBIT Margin</i>	2.9%	
EBIT*(1-t)	0.9	Marginal Tax Rate
Capital Employed	7.0	
-> RoCE	13%	

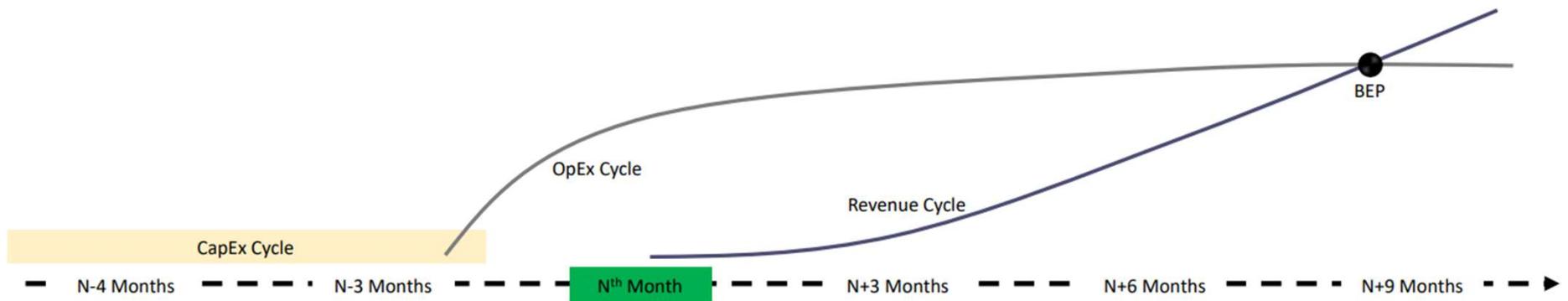
Agency Model



Economics of Showroom (Agency)

Showroom	Rs. Crore	
Financials	Amount	Description
-> Capex	3.5	Interiors, etc.
-> No. of Cars	35	per Month
Price per Car	10	Lakhs
Inventory	0	No Inventory
-> Capital Employed	3.5	Capex + Inventory
-> Financials	Yearly	
Sales	42	
EBITDA	1.1	
<i>EBITDA Margin</i>	2.5%	100bps less
D&A	0.2	15 Year Showroom Life
EBIT	0.8	
<i>EBIT Margin</i>	1.9%	
EBIT*(1-t)	0.6	Marginal Tax Rate
Capital Employed	3.5	
-> RoCE	18%	

It's a feature and not a bug ...



Servicing

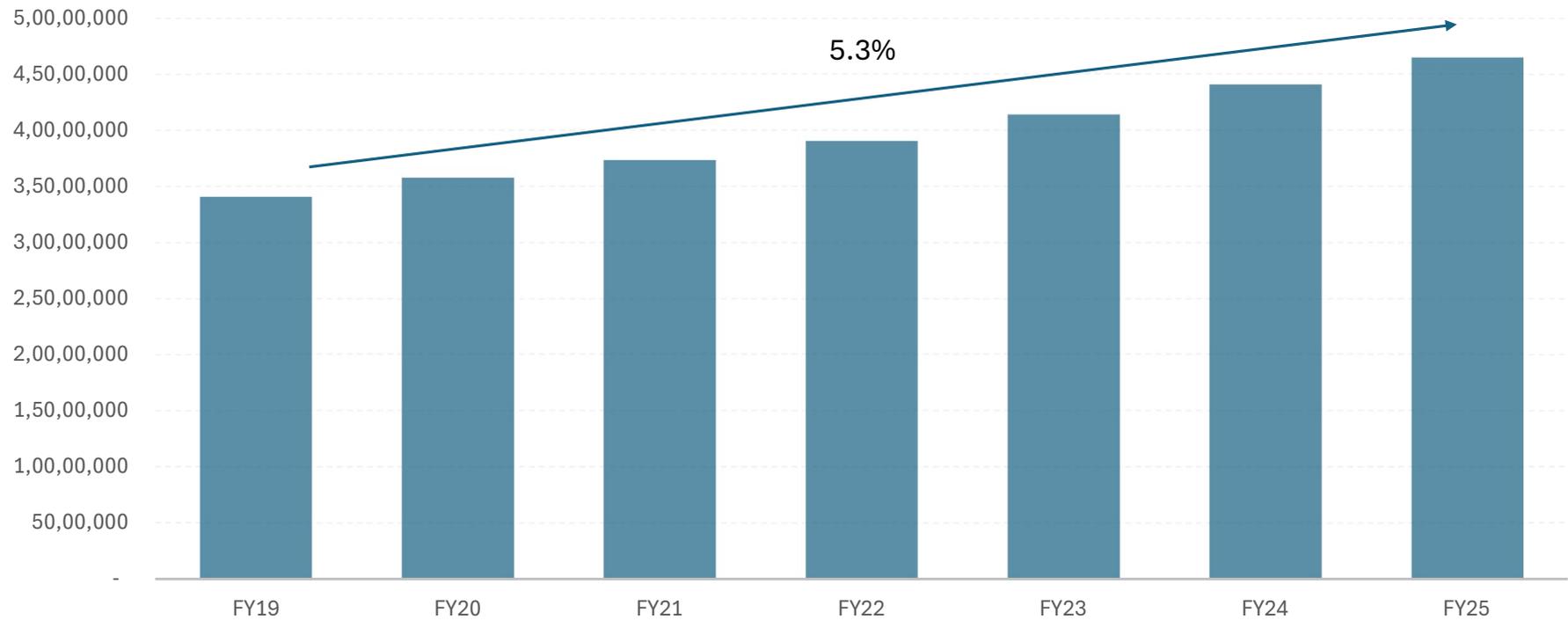
**Identifying new trends and making money
on that is fine!**

**How would one make money with existing
cars on the road ...**



India Car Population

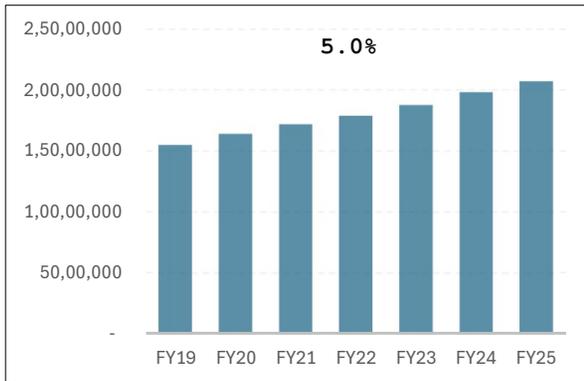
(Rolling 15 Years)



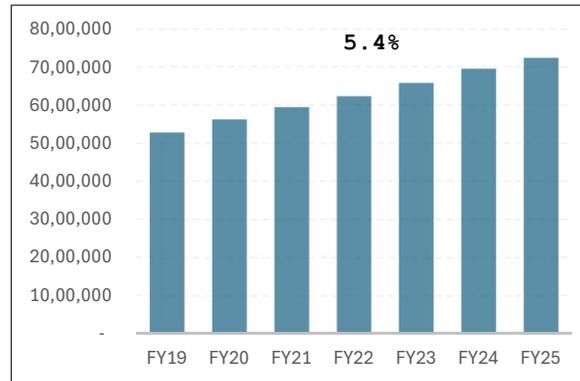
OEMs Car Population

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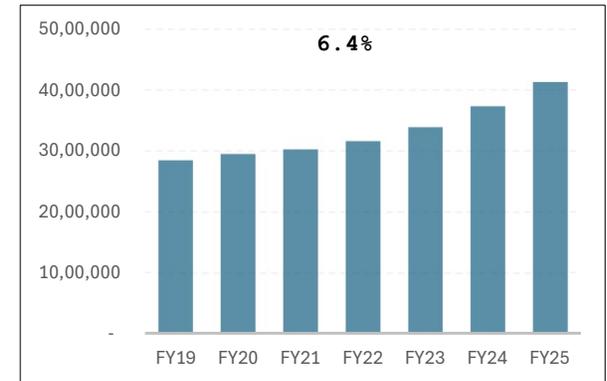
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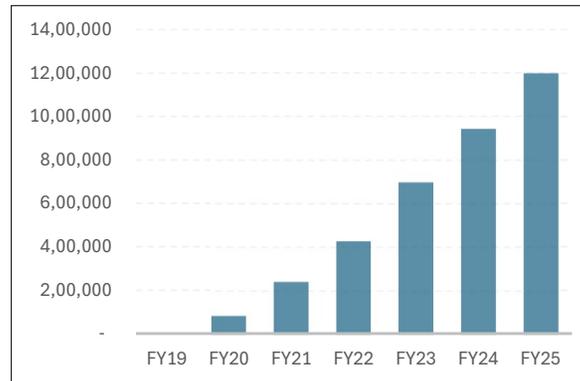
M&M



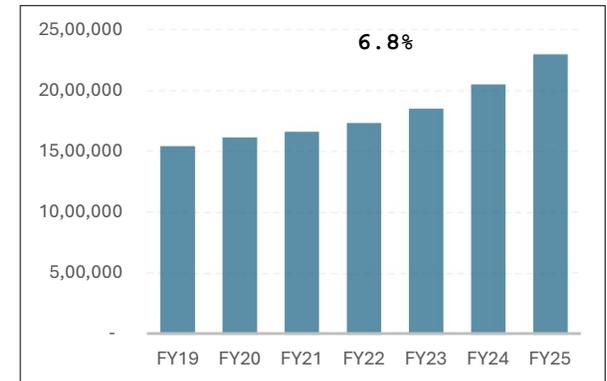
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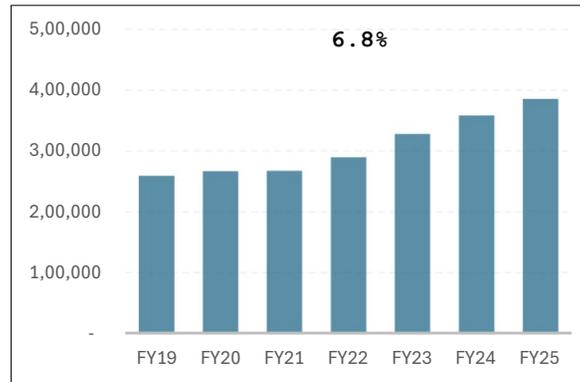
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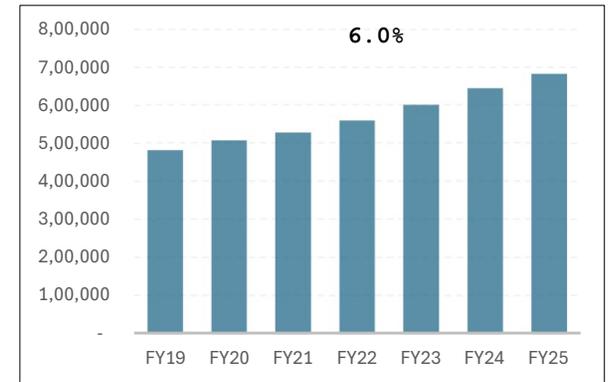
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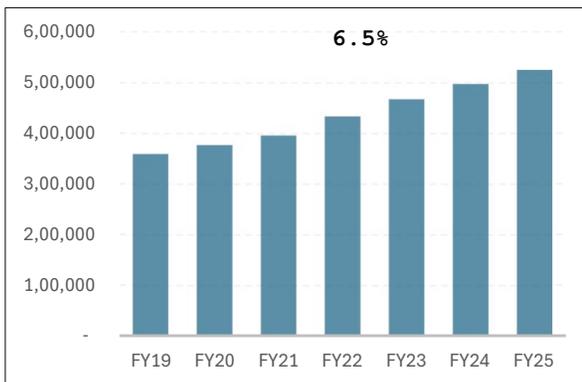
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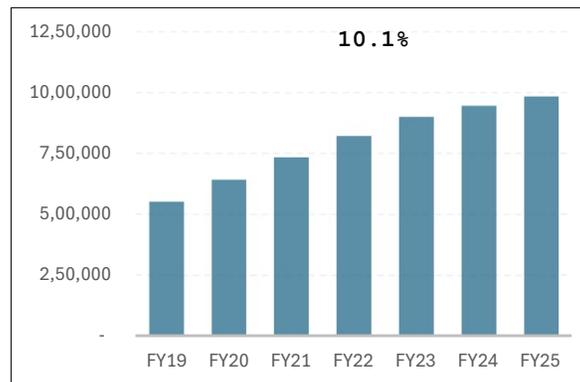
Volkswagen



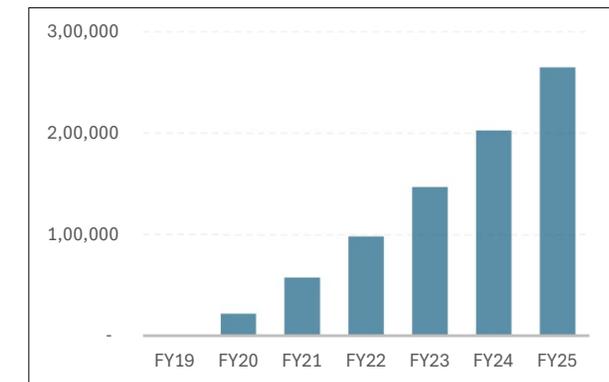
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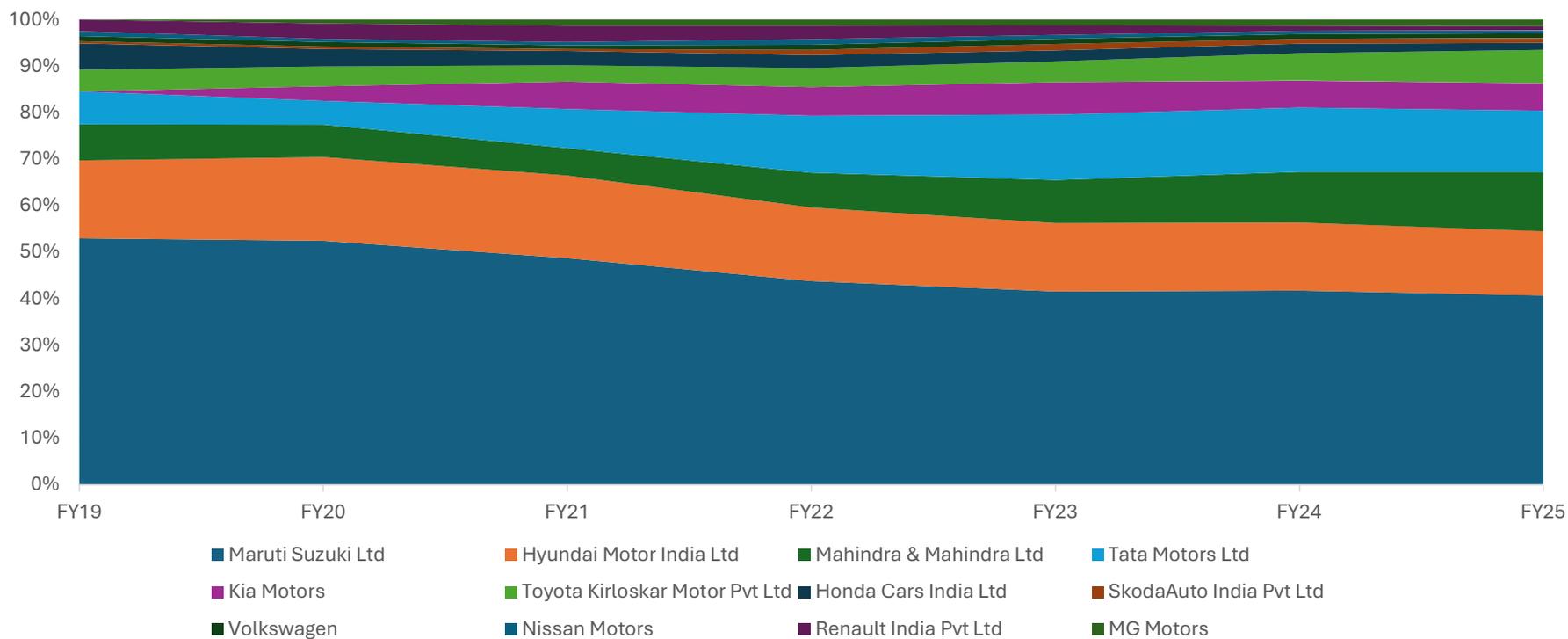
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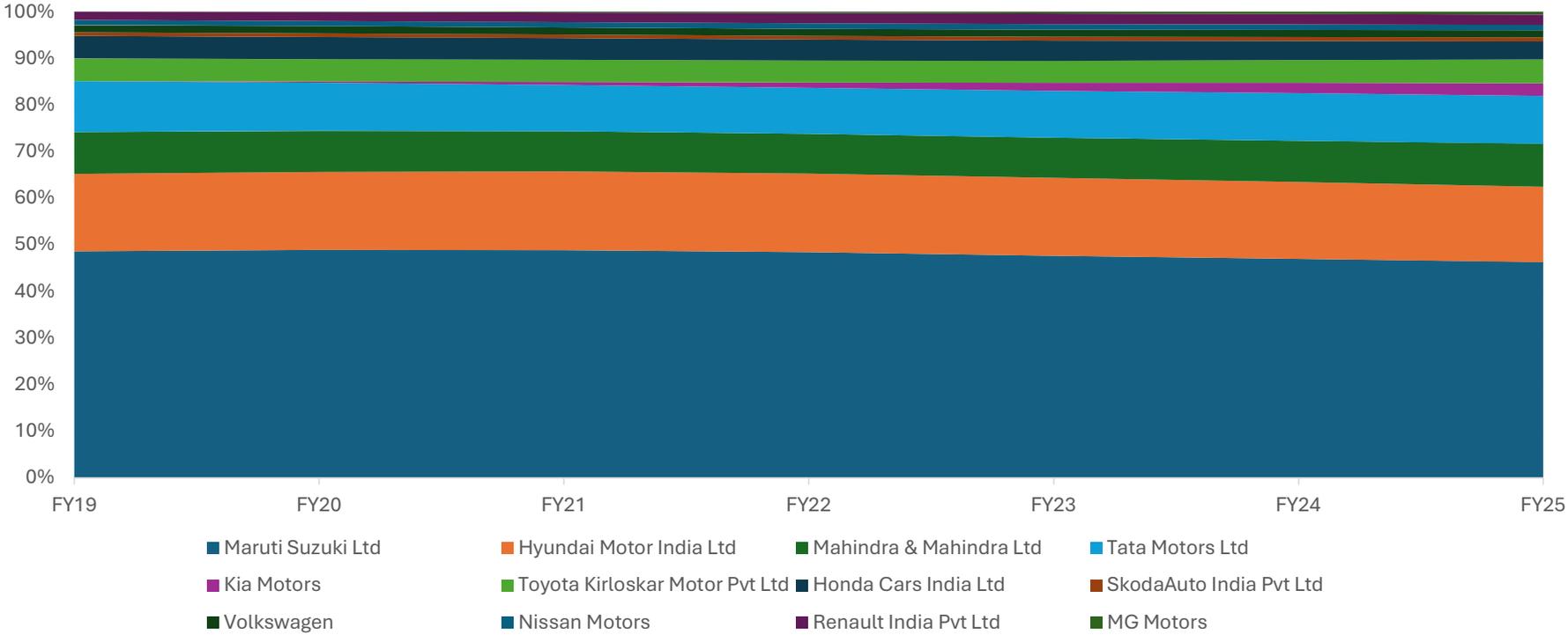


Car Sales



Car Population

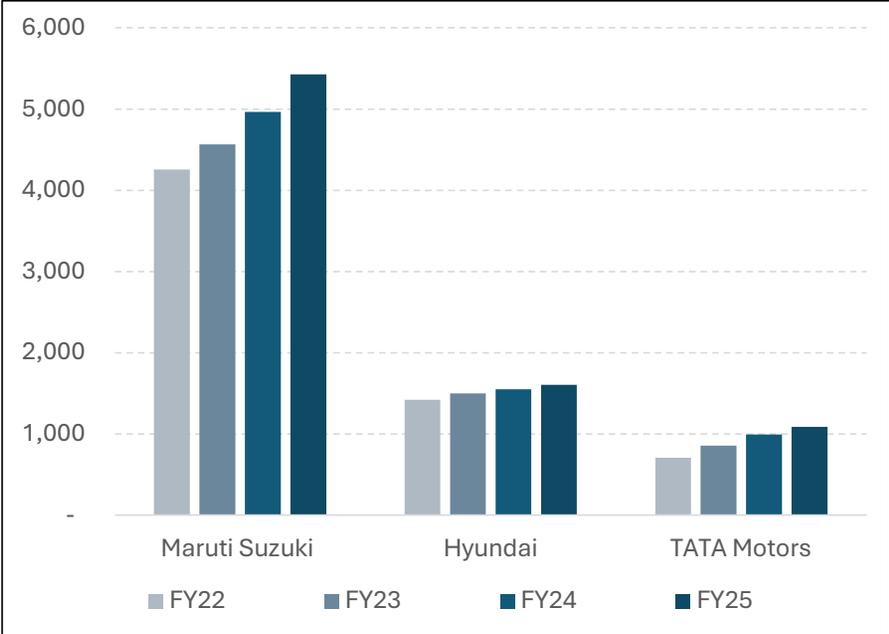
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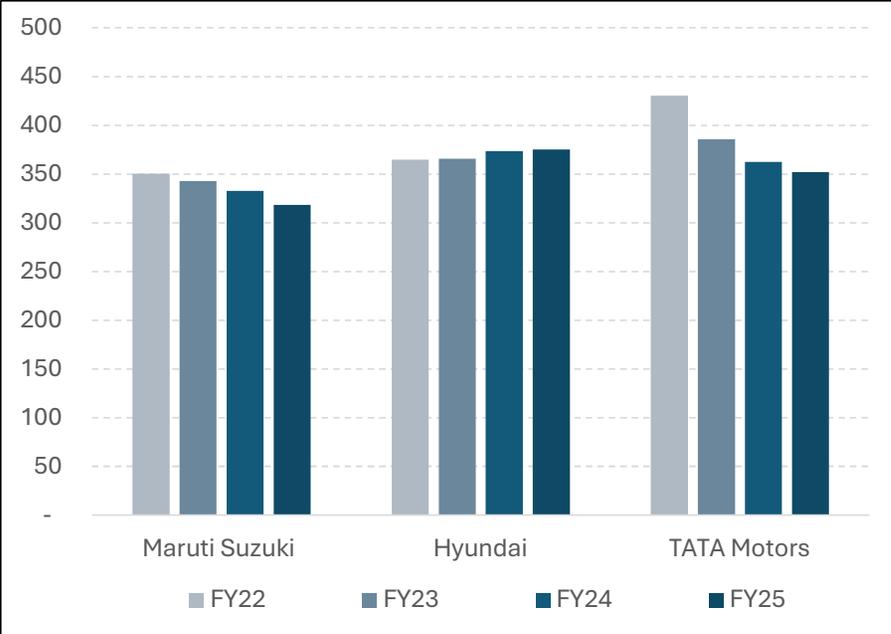
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Servicing and Car Population

OEM Service Centers



Cars Serviced per Month

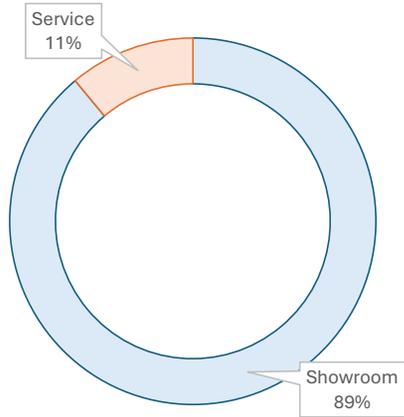


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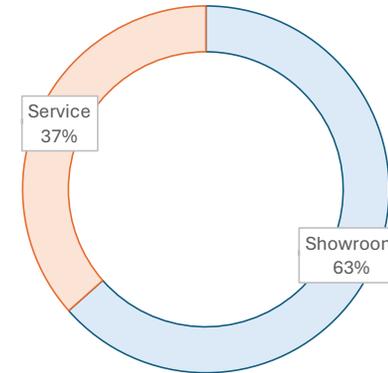
Economics of Servicing

Service	Rs. Crore	
Financials	Amount	Description
-> Capex	3.5	Service bays, etc.
-> Service to Sales Ratio	10	General
Cars Serviced	350	per month
Revenue per Serviced Car	12,500	Rs.
Spare parts inventory	0.25	Crore
-> Capital Employed	3.8	Capex + Inventory
-> Financials	Yearly	
Sales	5	
EBITDA	0.9	
<i>EBITDA Margin</i>	18%	Generally Speaking
D&A	0.2	15 Year Showroom Life
EBIT	0.7	
<i>EBIT Margin</i>	14%	
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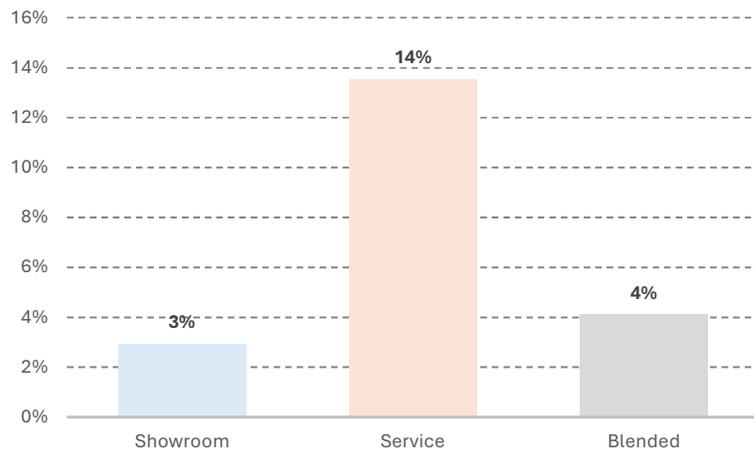
Sales Contribution (%)



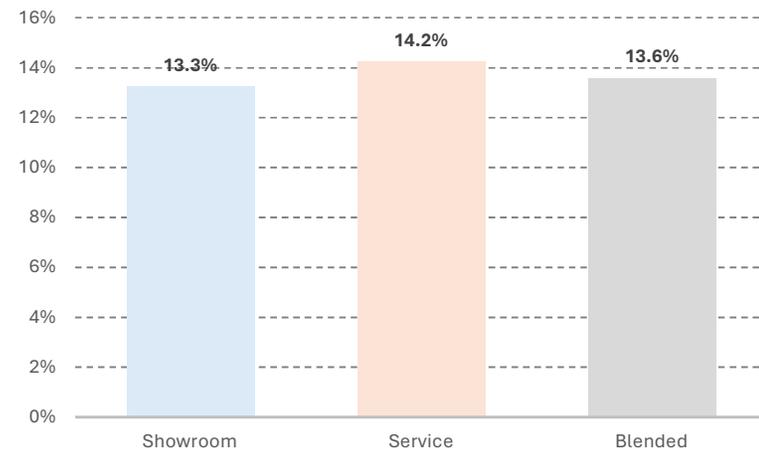
EBIT Contribution (%)



EBIT Margins (%)



RoCE (%)



Servicing Sensitivity

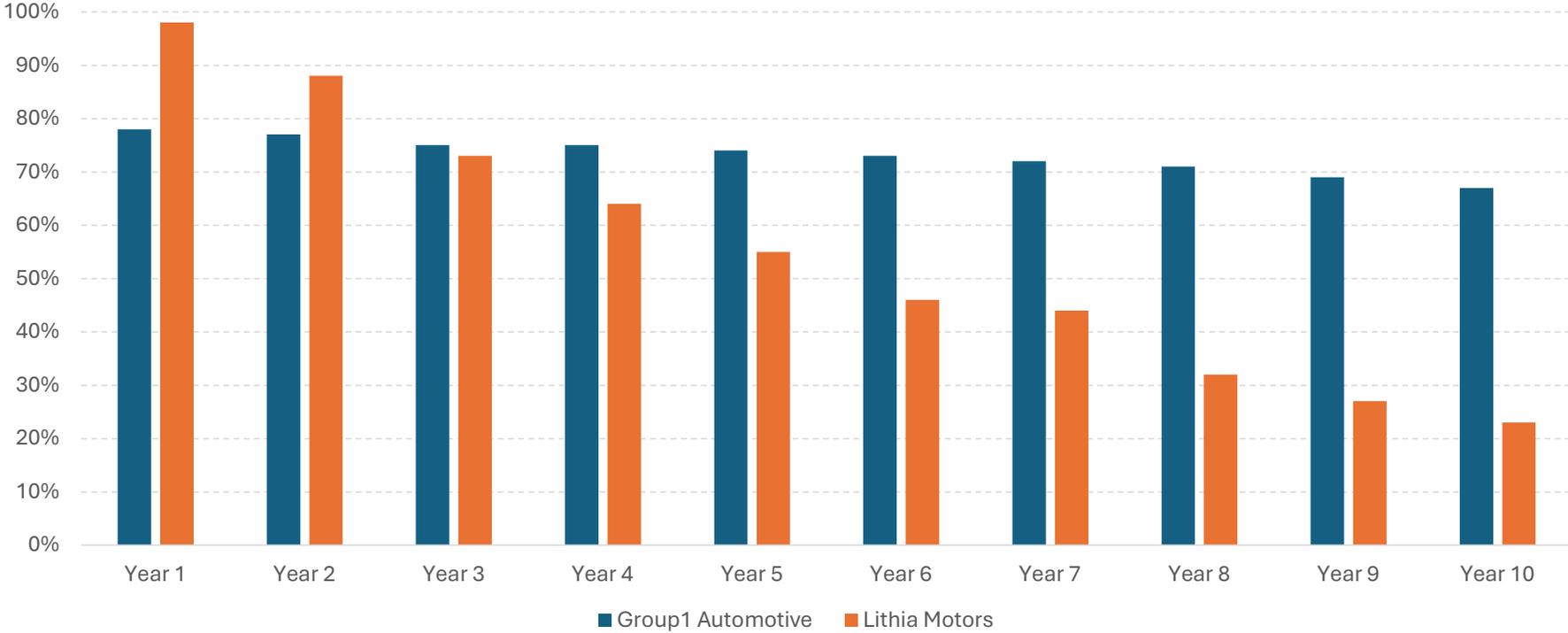
RoCE (%)

		Cars Serviced per Month				
		250	300	350	400	450
Service Revenue Per Car	7,500	3%	5%	7%	8%	10%
	10,000	6%	8%	10%	13%	15%
	12,500	9%	12%	14%	17%	20%
	15,000	12%	15%	18%	21%	24%
	18,500	15%	19%	23%	27%	31%

Contribution to EBIT (%)

		Cars Serviced per Month				
		250	300	350	400	450
Service Revenue Per Car	7,500	12%	17%	21%	25%	29%
	10,000	20%	25%	30%	34%	37%
	12,500	26%	32%	37%	41%	44%
	15,000	32%	37%	42%	46%	50%
	18,500	38%	44%	49%	52%	56%

Service Retention



*Group1 Automotive - Represents vehicles having 2 service visits in 12 months.

**Lithia Motors - Service Retention defined as customers within market who have previously purchased a vehicle from LAD and have returned for service within the past 12 months.US operations only.

What happens to garages ...



- Spare parts (Availability)
- Manpower (Know How)
- Equipment (Latest)
- Software (Rising EVs)
- Insurance (Coverage)
- Service (Quality)

After-Market

Residual Values

After-market

Seller



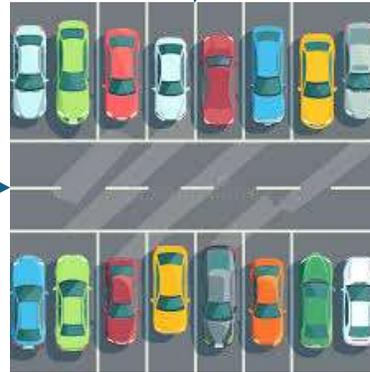
Brokers



Generate Liquidity



Inventory



Cross-Sell

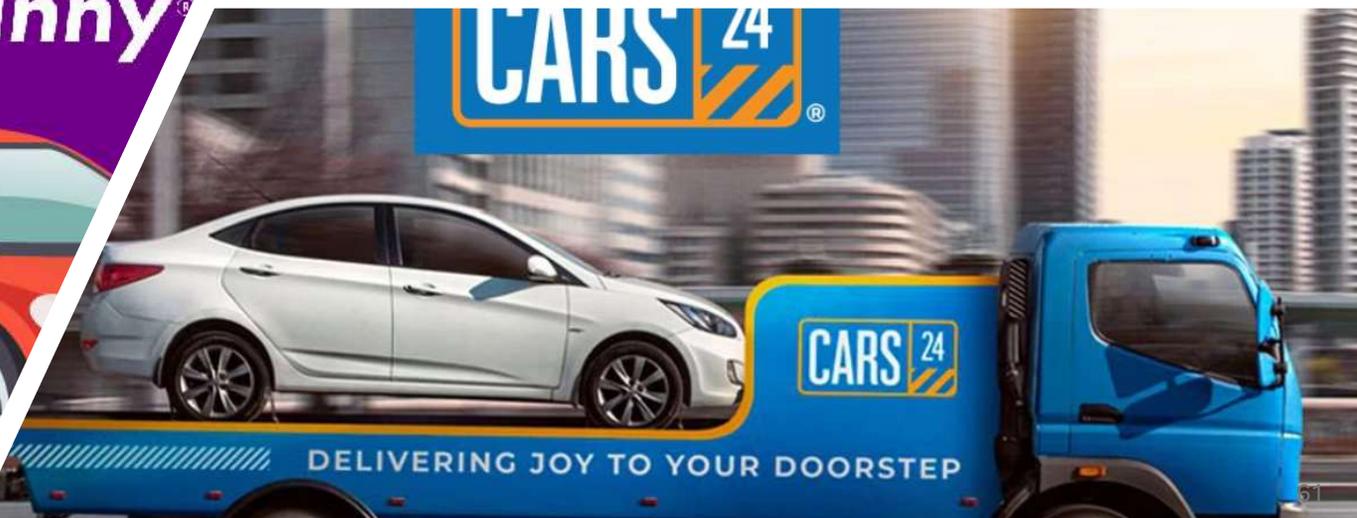


Customer



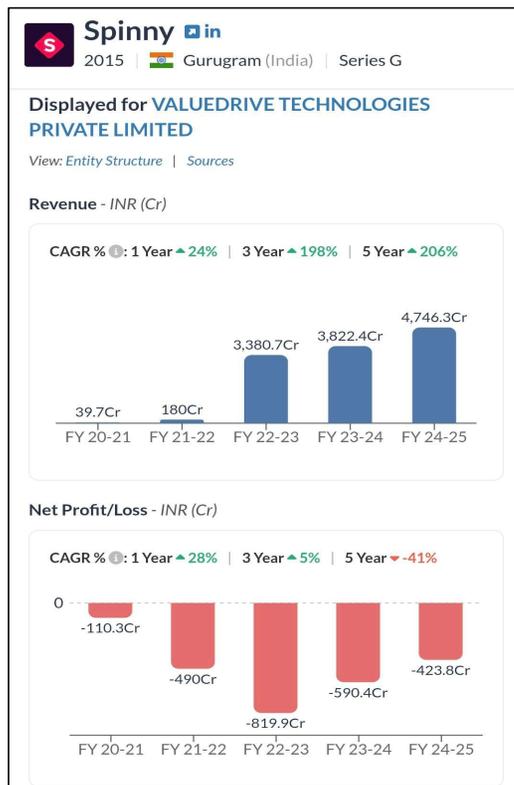
Extended Warranty

Financing



The Disrupters

(Marketplace and Inventory Focus)



The Disrupters

(Classifieds Focus)



Source: Tracxn

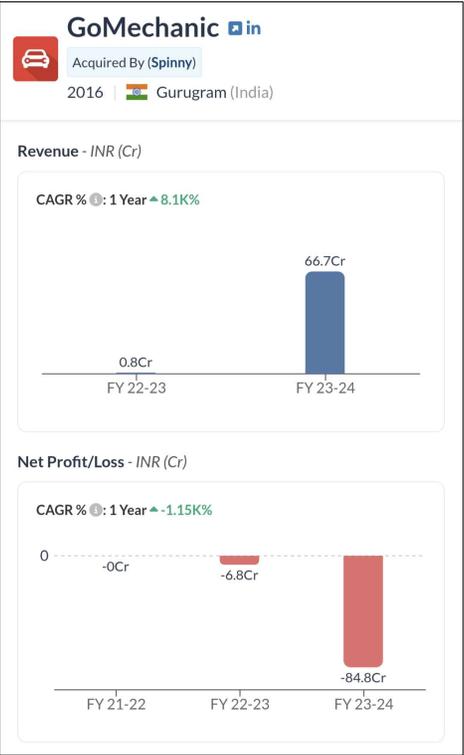
The Disrupters

(Classifieds + Physical Focus)



The Disrupters

(Physical Presence)



From OEMs stable ...



Other Income Streams

Finance & Insurance

Finance



Insurance



Ancillary Services

Car Care



Accessories



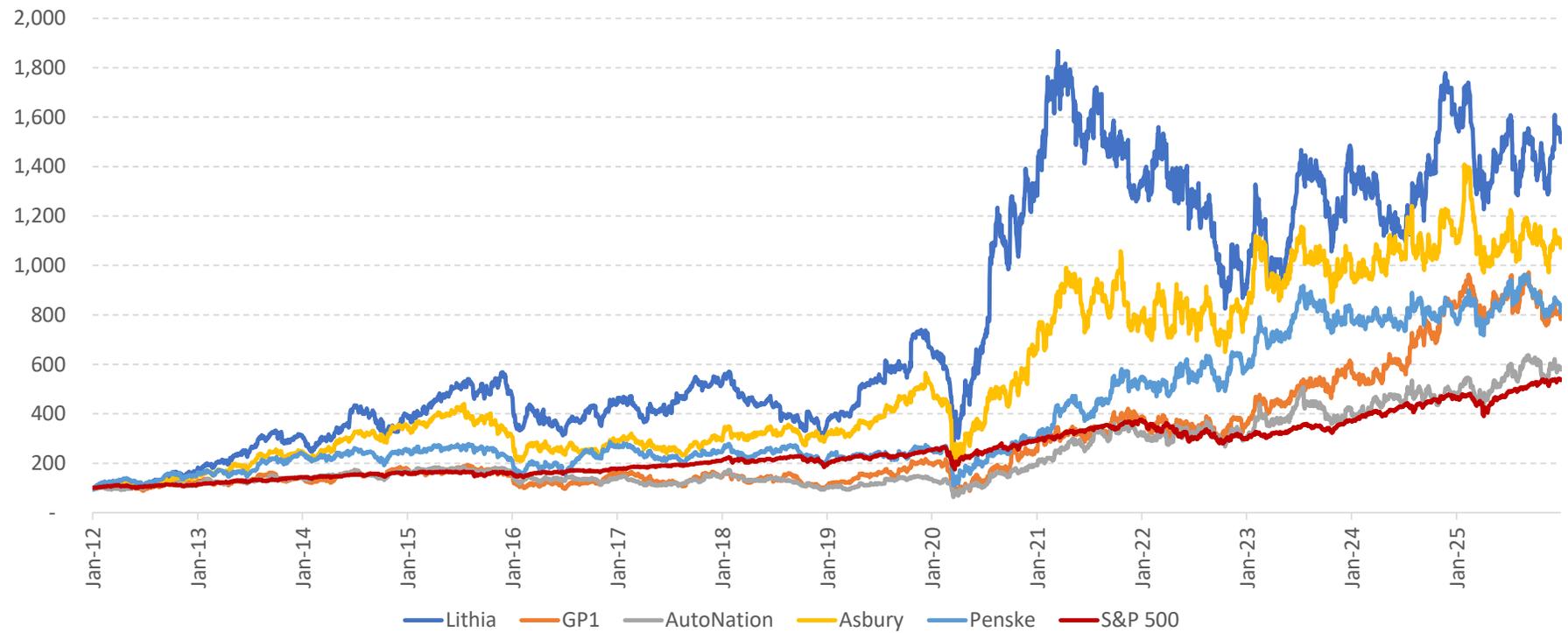
The US Market

(World's most developed car market)

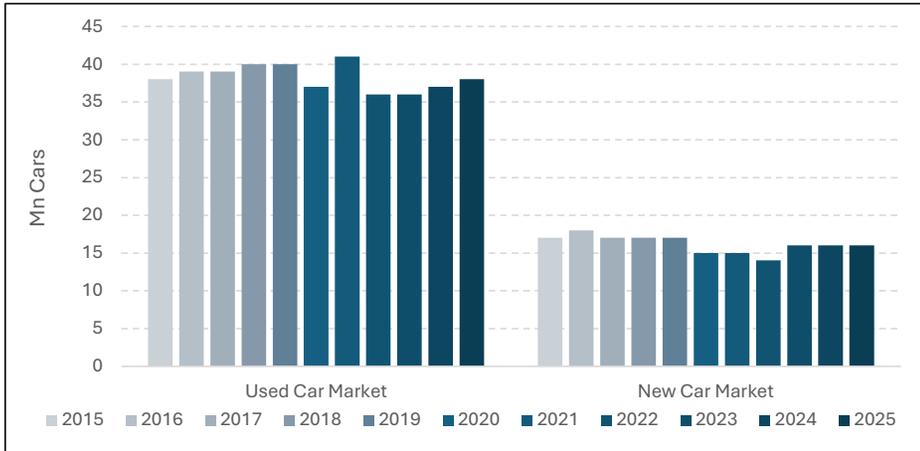
Full stack Dealers ...



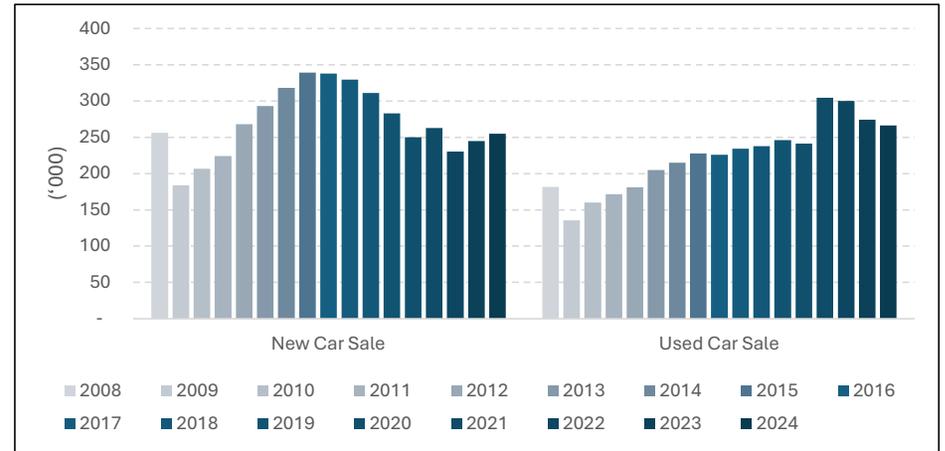
Auto Dealerships vs S&P 500



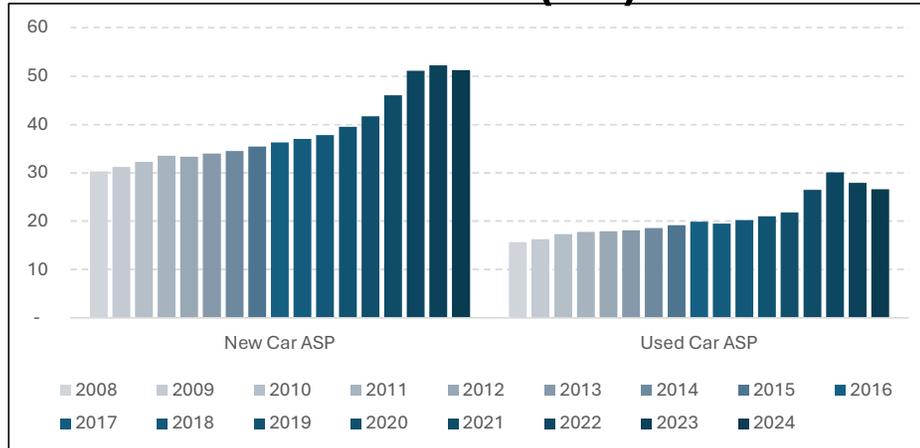
USA Market Size



Unit Sales (AN)



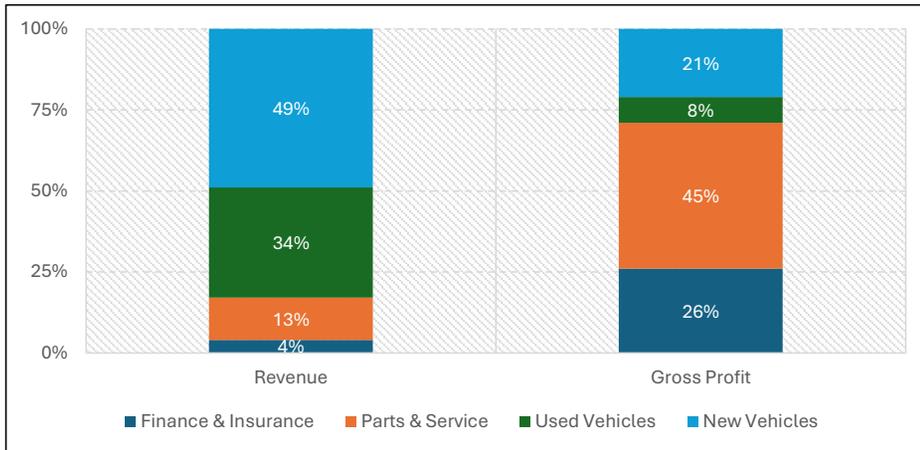
Unit ASPs (AN)



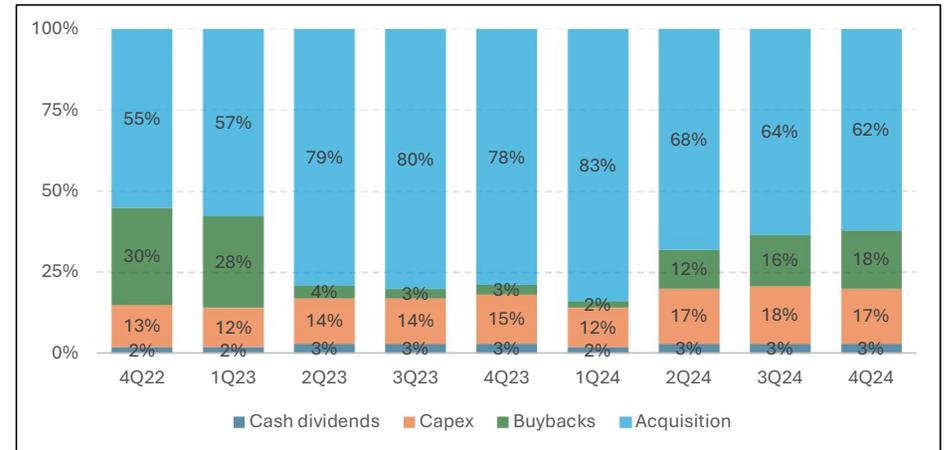
Unit Margins - % (AN)



Profitability (GP1)



Capital Allocation (LM)



In-House Financing

Lithia



AutoNation Finance

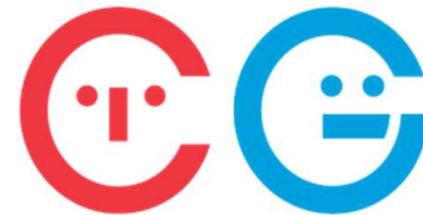
Value Added Service

RETAIL COMMERCIAL TRUCK SERVICE & PARTS

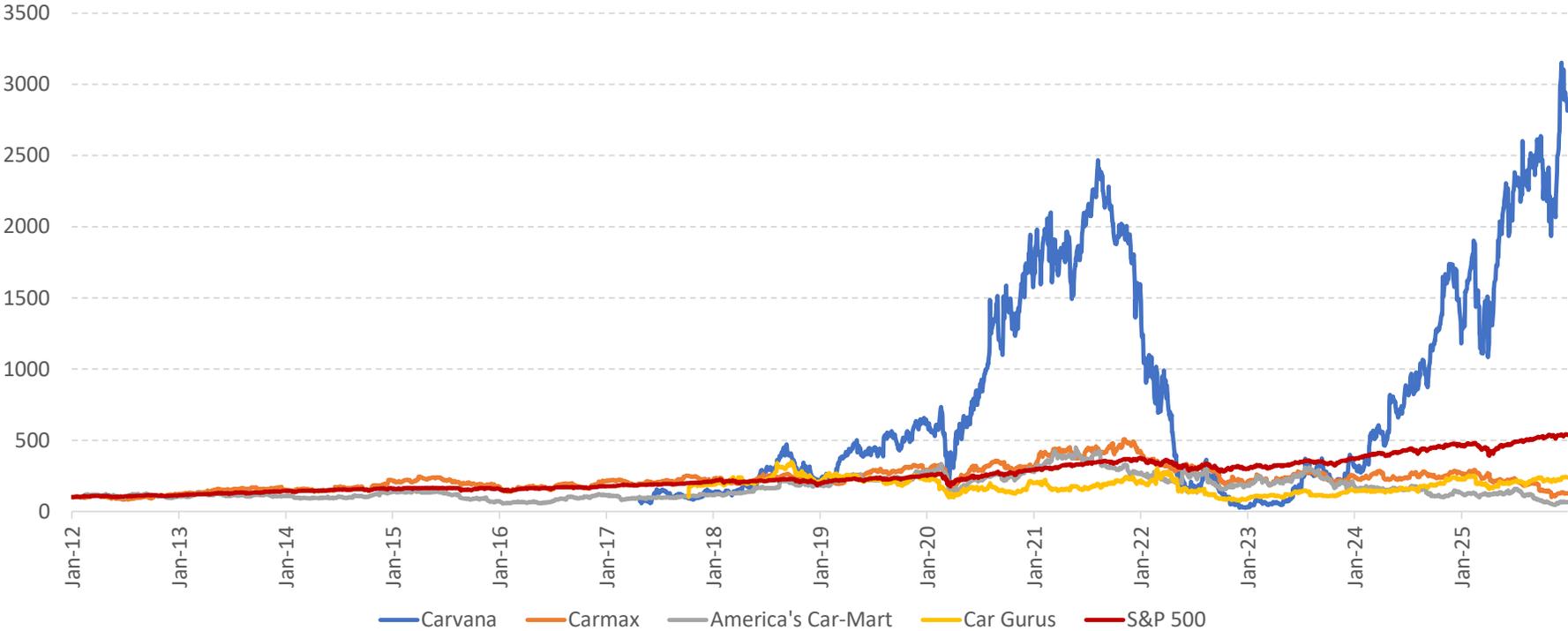


- 225,000 Annual Repair Orders
- 838 Technicians
- 896 Service Bays
- 77 Field Service Technician
- 80 mobile service trucks

Used Cars ...



Used Car Businesses vs S&P 500

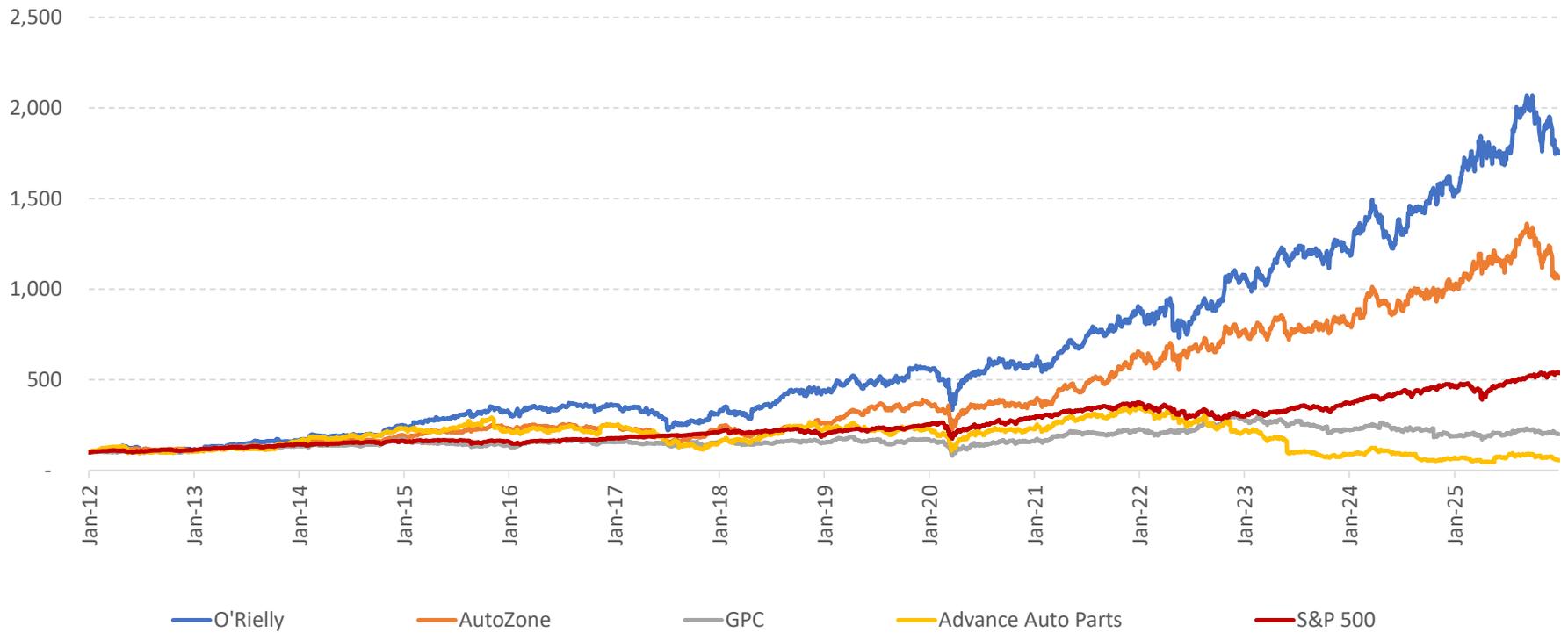


Source: Bloomberg, PPFAS Research

Auto Parts ...



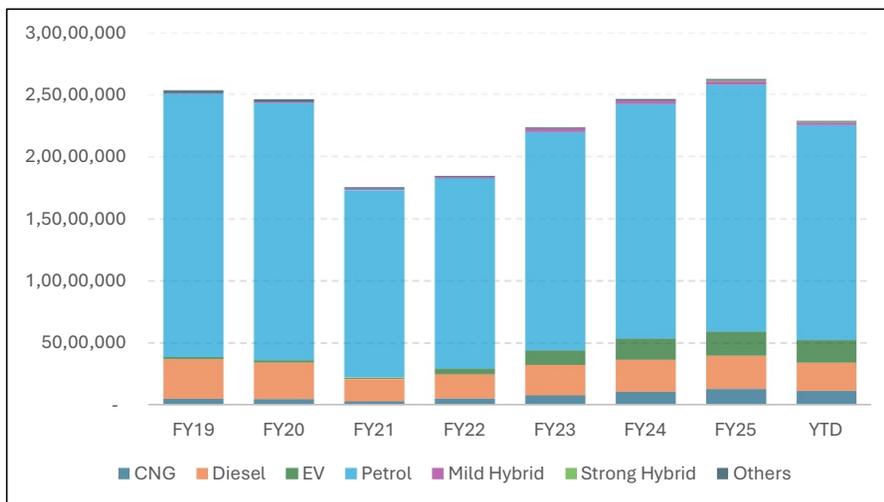
Auto Part Businesses vs S&P 500



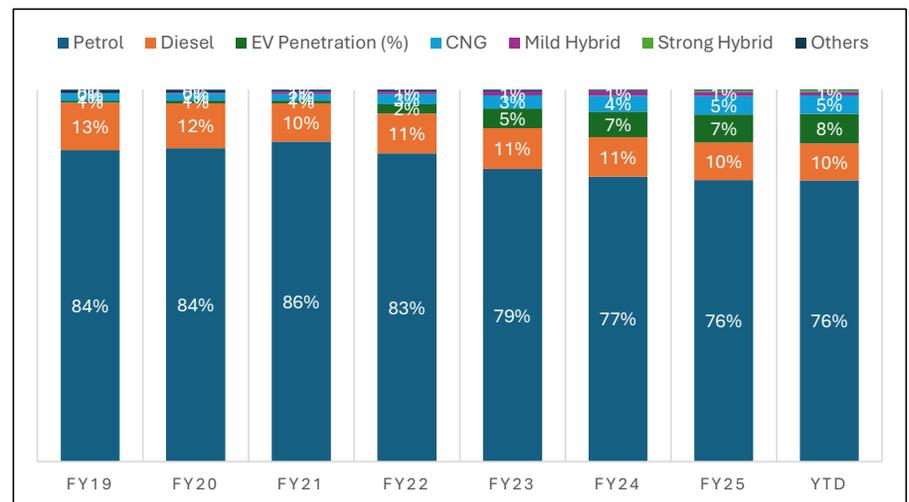
Threat from EVs?

EV Penetration in India

Volumes

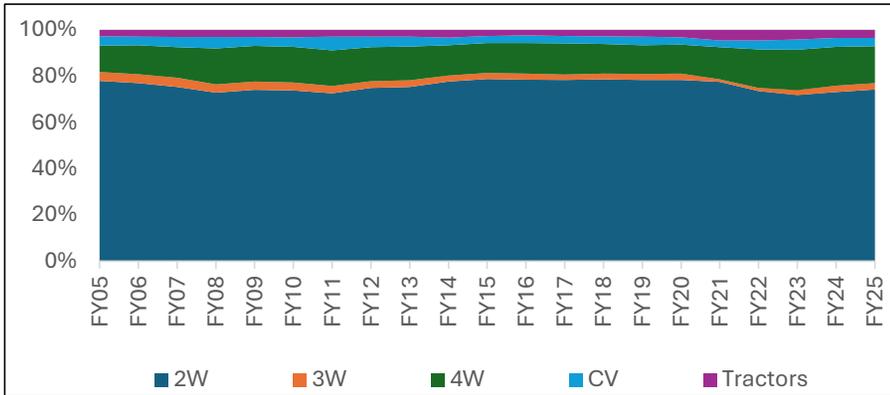


Mix (%)

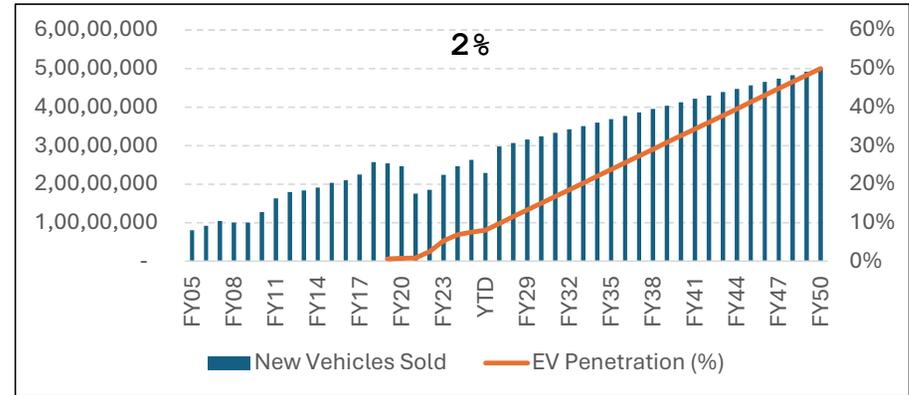


China sold ~50Mn Vehicles this year with highest category PV at ~54% penetration

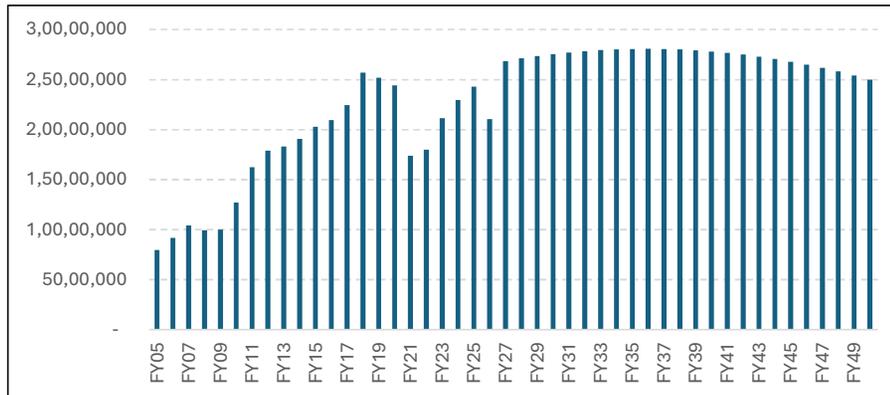
Vehicle Mix



New Vehicles Sold



Non-EV Vehicles Sold



Population - 15 Year (Non-EV)



*Vahan numbers starting FY19

Impact of EVs

As EV technology matures and becomes more reliable, the service revenue opportunity may decrease compared to traditional ICE vehicles that require more frequent maintenance and repairs over their lifecycle.



- **Lithia Motors**

BEV service work generates significantly higher revenue per repair order, though they noted this could normalize as vehicles mature over time – 2Q25

EVs may have different parts-to-labor ratios in service work, which affects overall profitability margins since labor typically carries higher margins than parts – 4Q24

- **Penske Automotive**

All of BEV work is warranty at present - most EV service revenue is coming from manufacturer-paid warranty repairs rather than customer-pay maintenance – 1Q25

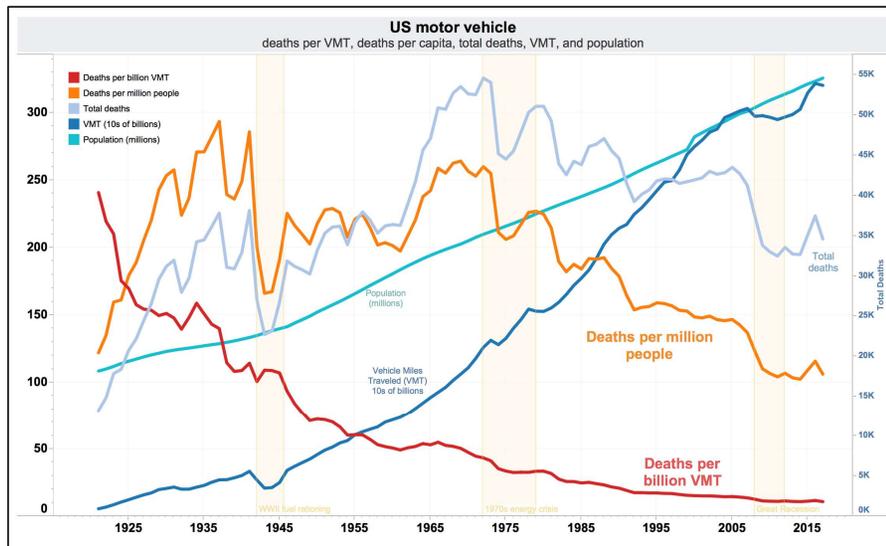
Technical Training



- Done 3-4 months before model launch.
- Regional offices of OEMs (physical training).

Are roads getting safer?

Accidents in USA



Cost of Repair



Growth Drivers?



Thank You!