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- What is the business?

Automotive manufacturers' core businesses include the design, assembling and marketing of vehicles. The global financial crisis has forced the industry to reinvent itself. Not only did it shake up the industry through numerous bailouts and acquisitions, but it also forced many carmakers to reinvent themselves, rethink their organisation and take a careful look at their cost structure as well as their strategy. They have also been pushed to raise standards of quality and productivity while keeping down prices. [...]

- Who are the key players?

The world's top ten carmakers account for 73.4% of production, making the industry fairly concentrated. The automobile market is no longer the playground of long-established Western manufacturers. The 1980s saw the arrival on the world scene of Japanese carmakers such as Honda and Toyota, which have been growing their global market shares ever since. In recent years, South Korean groups, namely Hyundai, have also been encroaching on markets previously reserved for American and European firms.. [...] Companies analysed in the report include: Volkswagen, Toyota, General Motors, Hyundai, Nissan, Renault, Ford, BMW, Honda, PSA, FCA, Tata, SAIC, Geely and Tesla.

How intense is competition?

Having reinvented itself after the global financial crisis and put into place deep structural changes that should have set the stage for more sustained growth, the current challenge facing the world automobile market is the volatility of demand combined with disruptive forces such as stricter regulations, changing technology and more sophisticated customer expectations. [...]

- What are the main markets?

Developing markets have proved to be very fertile ground for growth in the past few years and thus creating scale in such markets has become a major focus for many major carmakers. These markets (particularly China, the world's largest vehicle market) are however now showing signs of slowing meaning carmakers may need to redirect a considerable part of their attention onto mature markets once again, where growth is less about scale and more about on quality and innovation. [...]

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