BMW MARKET STUDY

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ABOUT BMW

Mission statement: "Move people with products that evoke emotions"

- Bavarian Motor Works (BMW) is a German MNC that manufactures premium luxury cars and motorcycles.
- Founded in 1916 by Karl Rapp, Franz Josef Popp, Gustav Otto and Camillo Castiglioni in Bavaria, Germany, now holds a market share of 4.24% by revenue among the top global brands.
- Headquartered in Munich, Germany, is led by CEO
 Oliver Zipse and has a strong workforce of over 60,000 employees worldwide.



ABOUT BMW

- BMW is a leading global brand in the automotive sector, with its major competitors being Mercedes-Benz, Audi, and Lexus, who also operate in the luxury vehicle market.
- The BMW Group also includes the MINI and Rolls-Royce brands that are among the top luxury cars sold worldwide.

RECENT NEWS

- BMW Group's 2024 financial year revenue was €142.38 billion (166.7 billion USD), a decrease of 8.4% from €155.49 billion (181.78 billion USD) in 2023, primarily due to a significant decline in the automotive segment performance.
- Current share price is 89.60 EUR (104.35 USD), which is a 9.61% performance increase from previous month with €80 (93.17 USD).
- BMW's global sales are held back by China's preference for domestic EVs while Europe, U.S. show growth.

FINANCIALS

- Revenue (2024): 166.7 billion USD
- Net income (2024): 7.889 billion USD
- Operating income (2024): 12.454 billion USD
- Total assets: 313.25 billion USD
- Earnings per share: \$12.57

PRODUCTS

BMW's product offerings include various vehicle lines such as

- 1. Sedans and Coupes (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 Series)
- 2. BMW X Series (SUVs like X1, X3, X5, X7)
- 3. BMW i Series (all-electric vehicles like i4, i5, iX)
- 4. BMW Z Series (Z4)
- 5. BMW M Series (M2, M3, M4, M8, M-performance SUVs)

TARGET AUDIENCE

- 1. Affluent professionals with high disposable incomes
- 2. Entrepreneurs
- 3. Sports Icons
- 4. Status seeking individuals that desire a blend of luxury, performance, and technological sophistication
- Major audience concentration: Asia, United States, and Germany.
- Pricing strategy: BMW employs a premium pricing strategy that reinforces its image as a luxury brand. BMW emphasizes exclusivity and quality by setting its prices higher than its mass-market competitors.

COMPETITORS

BMW's global competitors are Audi, Mercedes-Benz, and Lexus. While there are many competitors in specific regions, BMW has successfully managed to be a luxury brand in all the markets.

Other major competitors are

- 1. Asia: Volvo, Jaguar, BYD, Hongqi, and Land Rover.
- 2. USA: Porsche, and Tesla.
- 3. Europe: Porsche

Global Market share of competitors

- 1. Audi: 8.6% (2024)
- 2. Mercedes_Benz: 2.67% (2023)
- 3. Lexus: Under 1% (2024)

SWOT ANALYSIS

Strengths

Global market presence

Brand reputation and customer loyalty

Design and performance

Exposure to latest technologies and expertise

Weaknesses

High pricing

Catering to a small percentage of demography

Pressure of perfection

SWOT ANALYSIS

Opportunities

Product diversification

Huge untapped customer segment

Shifting focus to EVs

Threats

High competition

Global market volatility

Risk of associating brand image with high profile individuals