

# China Automotive Value Pools 2030

Ways to play and investment opportunities



## Several disruptive forces will shape the Chinese automotive industry in the years up to 2030



The most extensive disruption over the coming years will be seen in **software-based services** and **battery electric vehicles** 



As the Chinese market becomes increasingly mature, demand for financial services products will grow



Well-funded start-ups have emerged rapidly, focusing on new value pools and challenging the status quo



**Strategic partnerships** are vital to survival of the fittest automotive players and **success** in this **dynamic environment** 



The **geo-political climate demands that** global automotive players strike a strategic balance between **portfolio risks and regional risks** 

Chinese market snapshot by 2030

Expected annual BEV unit sales:

~ 10 Mio

Additional annual spending on financial services:

~ 863 bn USD

Additional annual spending on mobility services:

~ 121 bn USD

Number of autonomous vehicles (L4) on the roads:

~ 1 Mio

Chinese market share of global vehicle sales:

~ 25%

## New value pools are emerging and growing strongly in the Chinese automotive market as a result of evolving market trends

## Value pool segmentation

Value pools	Description	Key developments	<b>CAGR</b> '21-'30	Segments	
Components	Supply of car components e.g. Autonomous driving	<ul> <li>Increased demand for batteries and storage</li> <li>Increased connectivity and feature set</li> </ul>	4.2%	Vehicle batteries ADAS technology	Infotainment & Connectivity SW platforms & enablers
Production and sales	Manufacturing to vehicle sales e.g. ICE <sup>1)</sup> & NEV <sup>2)</sup> trends	<ul><li>Shift from ICE to NEVs</li><li>Decreasing number of parts in NEVs</li></ul>	7.8%	New vehicle sales ICE Platform sales & licensing Used vehicle sales NEV	New vehicle sales NEV Used vehicle sales ICE
Financial services	Monetizing financing models e.g. Financing of new vehicles	<ul><li>Trend towards financing and leasing</li><li>Emergence of alternative business models</li></ul>	10.4%	Financing 1	Leasing
Usage / operation	Car operating functions e.g. Function on demand	<ul><li>Renewable energy creation for NEVs</li><li>On-demand in-car services</li></ul>	13.1%	In-car/on-demand services   Data / Information	Electricity (grid, storage)
ere Mobility Services	Supplementary mobility offering e.g. Ride hailing services	<ul><li>Development of fully autonomous vehicles</li><li>Increasing usage of real-time data</li></ul>	9.3%	Subscription  Robo Taxi  Micro Mobility	Ride Hailing Sharing Public Transport Rental (long/ short term)
Aftermarket sales/ services	Provided following car sales e.g. NEV accessories	<ul><li>Different maintenance requirements of NEVs</li><li>Growing accessory business</li></ul>	8.4%	Parts (repair/maintenance) 1 Merchandising	Labor (repair/ maintenance)  Accessories
Refurbishing/recycling	Battery recycling/reuse/resell e.g. Second-life battery use	<ul><li>Recycling or repurposing of old batteries</li><li>Sustainable raw material procurement</li></ul>	34.1%	Battery reuse/ resale	Battery recycling/upcycling 1

Source: Strategy& analysis

## The traditional automotive industry faces disruptive trends such as digitalization & electromobility, leading to new and growing value pools

## Key developments in Chinese automotive value pools

Traditional value pools





## Growing value pools 💃



### **Components**

- Vehicles are turning increasingly into ever more connected devices, accelerating ADAS and software uptake
- The main driver is the accelerated adoption of NEV, mainly battery electric vehicles by Chinese customers

#### **Production and Sales**

- The trend from ICE towards NEV remains the most critical driver of automotive transformation
- In addition, sales and licensing of software and platforms become more relevant as connectivity increases
- New sales strategies & customer access play a decisive role

### Aftermarket sales & services

- Trend towards electric vehicles is reflected in aftermarket components and services through declining demand per NEV
- NEVs require fewer components and maintenance, while the overall installed base is increasing in size
- Customer satisfaction threshold has risen as expectations increase

#### **Financial services**

- Growing customer trend towards sharing leads to higher uptake of financing and leasing products
- Consumers crave flexibility & uninterrupted access to their functioning vehicle – promoting conventional financing models

### **Usage/ operation**

- Customers demand in-car services, navigation and charging infrastructure among vehicle operations
- On-demand car use offers new revenue opportunities

### **Mobility services**

- Growing trend towards subscription and sharing models
- Consumers seek more convenient pay-as-you-go services as well as reduced fixed costs

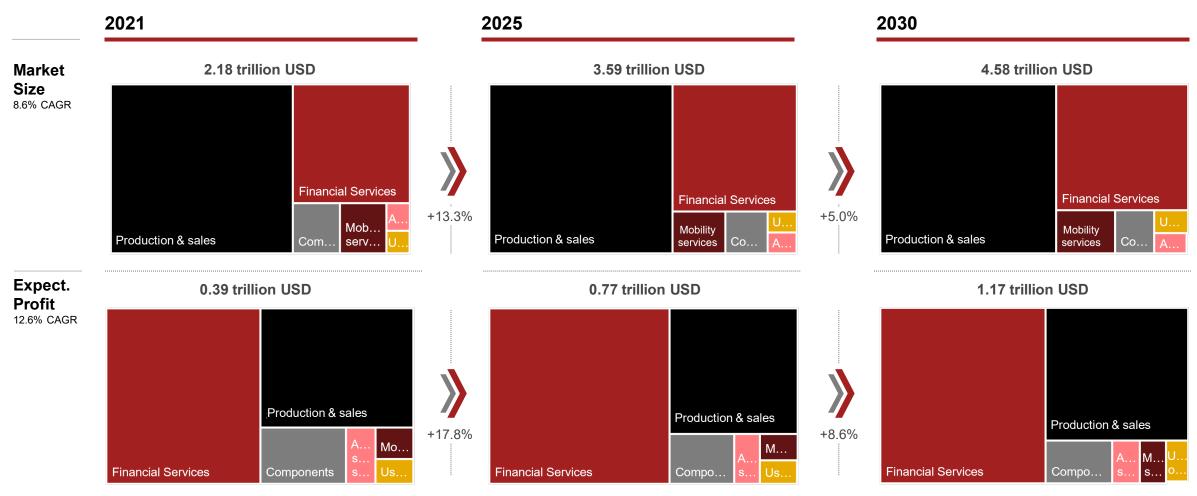
### Refurbishing/ recycling

- · Growing trend towards battery recycling and upcycling
- Access to **rare-earth minerals** is becoming a critical factor
- Increased regulatory pressure driven by ESG

Strategy& Source: Strategy& analysis NEV = New energy vehicle \*additional revenue by 2030

## Progression of value pools reveals dominant position of production & sales and financial services as well as healthy overall growth rates

Market size & profit by category in 2021, 2025, 2030

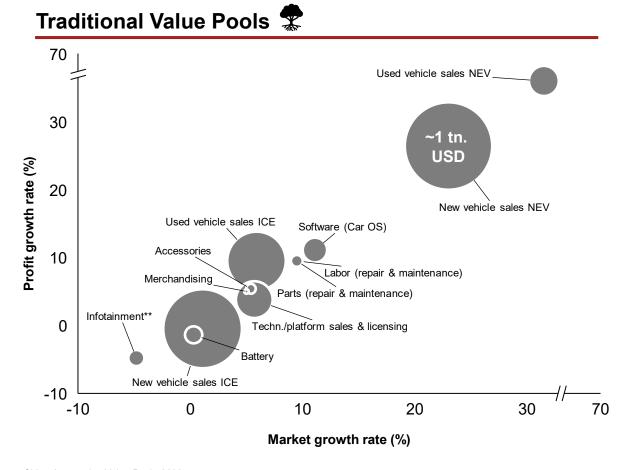


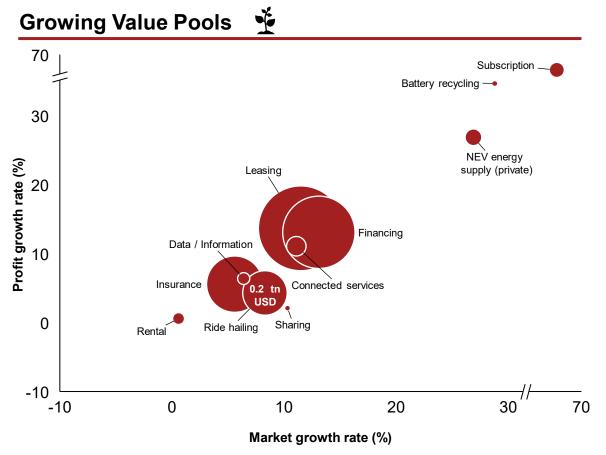
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## There is a broad spectrum of value pools to tap into – traditional value pools remain big while emerging value pools are growing rapidly

Growth trends and market sizes\* from 2021 to 2030





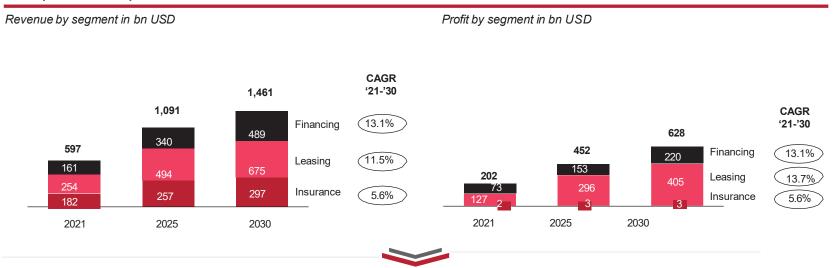
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## The financial services sector is growing rapidly as more Chinese consumers buy vehicles and make use of financing products

## **Snapshot on financial services**

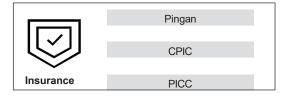
#### Value pool size and profit



#### Top players by segment







#### Value pool description

Financial services comprise three segments: financing, leasing and insurance.

#### Main drivers

The usage of financial products is still underdeveloped in China compared to Western markets.

Increasing sensitivity and demands to secure the vehicles' residual value through these services as well as mounting "Westernatization" will drive the financing and leasing market in the long-term.

Savings as a percentage of household income has historically been high in China, peaking at more than 38% in 2010, compared to 6% in the US. This savings ratio has declined in recent years.

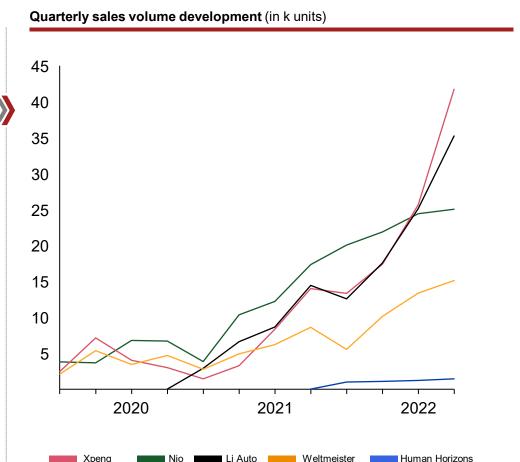
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## ICE incumbents are under huge pressure – New EV players focussing on overall user experience have registered a strong sales uptake

## **Incumbent challengers from Far East**

Product	Nio	Weltmeister	Human Horizons	
Sales 2021	91,429 units	44,157 units	3,742 units	
Business mode	New vehicle sales	New vehicle sales	New vehicle sales	
	Battery as a Service	Function on demand	Commercializing smart cities	
Design focus	User experience, lifestyle brand Human-machine	<ul><li>User experience</li><li>User customization</li><li>China chic</li></ul>	<ul><li>Customer centricity</li><li>User experience, lifestyle brand</li></ul>	
	<ul><li>interaction</li><li>Battery swapping</li></ul>	• Gillia Gille	Select differentiating features	
Expansion	Europe, starting in Norway 2021	Focus on China	Europe & North America1)	
Attack on:	Tesla, Xpeng, VW, Audi, BMW, Daimler	Nio, Tesla, Xpeng, VW	Daimler, BMW, Audi, Porsche	

<sup>1)</sup> Subject to market development in China and company funding Source: Company information of Nio, WM Motors and Human Horizons, PwC Strategy& research



## In addition, there has been a major increase in deal activity in the past 2 years across all value pools

Deals perspective<sup>1)</sup> on Chinese automotive value pools

Angel Round Pre-A / A / A+ C / C+ F

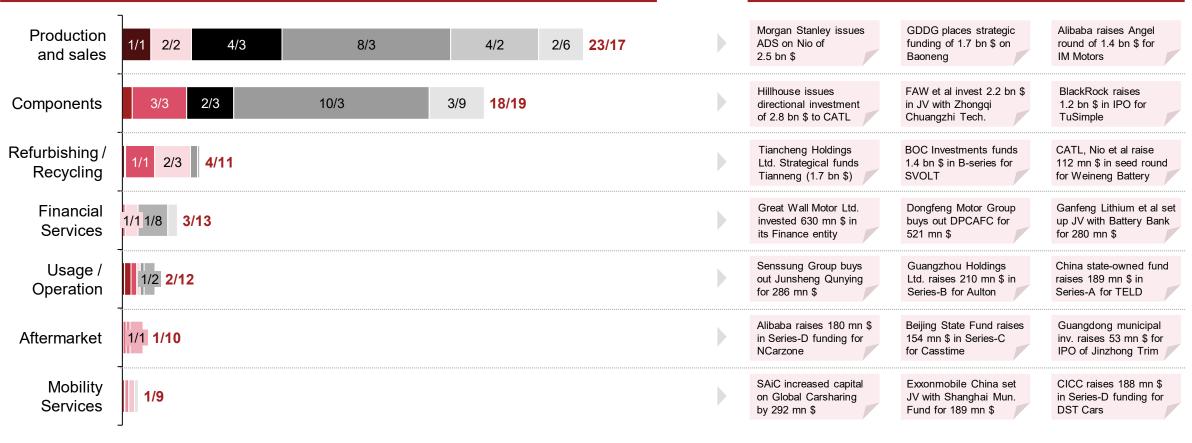
Seed Round B / B+

Source: PwC Strategy& research

**Deals across value pools**<sup>2)</sup> [bn USD / # of deals]

## **Selected top-Deals**





Strategic Funding

Capital Increase IPO (US / HK)

Equity Transfer

Directional Issuance

Strategic Buyout

American Depository Share

Joint Venture

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## Numerous Chinese start-ups are world-leading pioneers in their field – some have already been acquired by Chinese technology firms

## Profiles of top start-ups in selected core value pools

### **Financing**

Ant **Finance** 

Valuation: ~ 120 USD bn Sales Volume: ~ 18.2 USD bn **Segmentation:** Digital payments

Founding year: 2014

Group Differentiator: Subsidiary of Alibaba, pioneer

of digital payments in the Chinese market

### Leasing

Yixin

Founding year: 2013 (as Bitauto) Valuation: undisclosed

Rental

Sales Volume: undisclosed

**Segmentation:** Online vehicle platform Group

**Differentiator:** Subsidiary of Tencent, China's

largest online automobile financing/

trading/leasing platform

### **Electricity (grid, storage)**

Meineng Energy

Founding year: 2011 Valuation: undisclosed Sales Volume: undisclosed

Segmentation: Grid energy storage **Differentiator:** First-of-a-kind flow battery, cooperation with utility companies and Anhui

government

## **Data / Information**

Autox Corp.

Founding year: 2018 Valuation: undisclosed Sales Volume: undisclosed

Ltd.

**Segmentation:** Autonomous driving

**Differentiator:** Leading in unmanned robotaxi, Largest robotaxi fleet in China - 1000+ vehicles\*

### Battery reuse/ resell

Aulton Group

Founding year: 2016 Valuation: undisclosed Sales Volume: undisclosed

**Segmentation:** Battery swapping / reuse **Differentiator:** extensive charging network, reuse of older batteries, cooperation with

13 OEMs worldwide

#### Energy demands are will be Battery re-/upcycling skyrocketing inevitable

6 core value

pools are to be

highlighted

Wealth

management

Is on the rise

Robotaxis

will be the

Recycling

"new normal"

**Trend** 

towards

swapping

**battery** 

**BRUNP** Group

Founding year: 2005 Valuation: undisclosed

Sales Volume: undisclosed **Segmentation:** Battery recycling

**Differentiator:** Subsidiary of CATL, pioneer in battery recycling technologies

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Leasing is

booming

rapidly

Strategy& Source: PwC Strategy& research \* As of February 2022

## Strategy& has identified three key success factors for global decision makers seeking to capitalize on Chinese automotive value pools

## **Key success factors**

Understand your own position

Who is in the market?

- What do these companies do?
- What is your differentiator?
- Who could be a good fit as partner?

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automotive brands on the Chinese market – i.e. international brands, small and large local brands

Prioritize where to play

What are the potential value pools?

- Which value pool is the most attractive for your business?
- How do you expand current value pools or tap into new ones?

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~70%

of moves into new value pools have failed badly due to an underestimation of the resulting complexity

Define your ways to play

What is your core business?

- What is your optimal transformation plan?
- Who could act as a transformative partner and how?

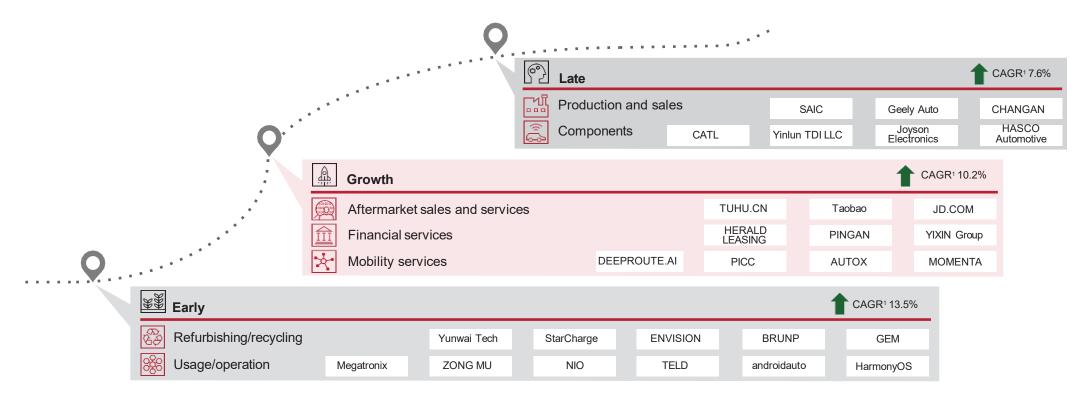
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major ways to move forward on the Chinese market – i.e. stand-alone, partner or invest

## There will continue to be a growing, and competitive, playing field of companies seeking to exploit automotive value pools in China up to 2030

Value pool maturity stages



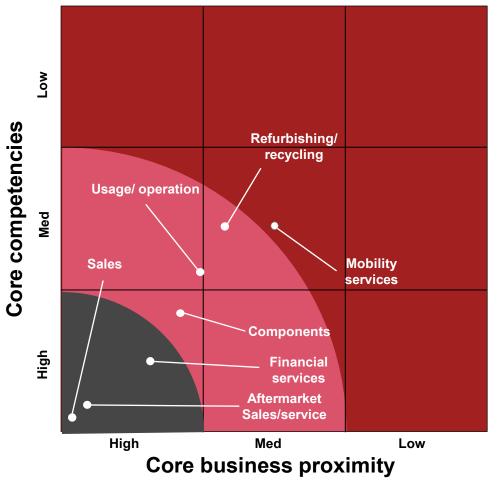


Within selected core value pools, some local players have already positioned themselves successfully. Multiple other players are still in the process of growth and upscaling in different value pool segments."



## Players need to adapt by shifting their core competencies to new demands, evaluating the attractiveness of new value pools

## Business model assessment & potential ways to play



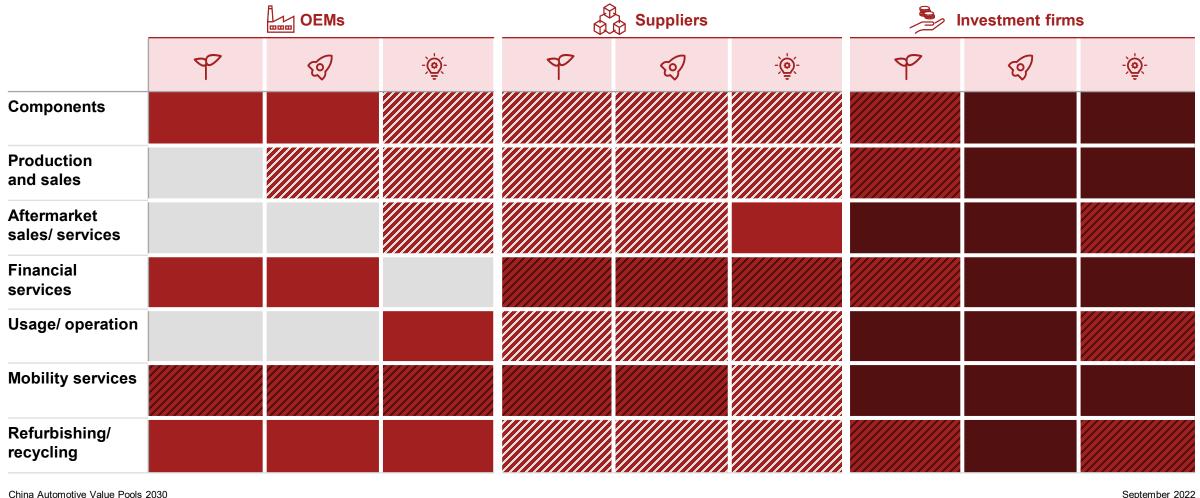
## Ways to play

- Further enhance and scale core competencies, adapt them to market requirements in order to meet increasing market demand
- Identify main drivers and most relevant subsegments to make full use of current capabilities
- Conduct in-depth analysis of value pool trends and relevant potential for own business
- Carry out risk assessment (e.g. due to regulations)
- Evaluate different investment strategies
   (e.g. partnerships, stand-alone investments) to leverage resources
- Conduct in-depth analysis of value pool trends
- Assess potential conflicts (e.g. due to cannibalization)
- Evaluate suitability of different forms of cooperation (e.g. partnerships, joint ventures) for participation in promising value pool segments

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Strategy& Stand-alone Partnership Investment

## Players can capitalize through strategic partnerships or investments, although core value pools should be approached independently

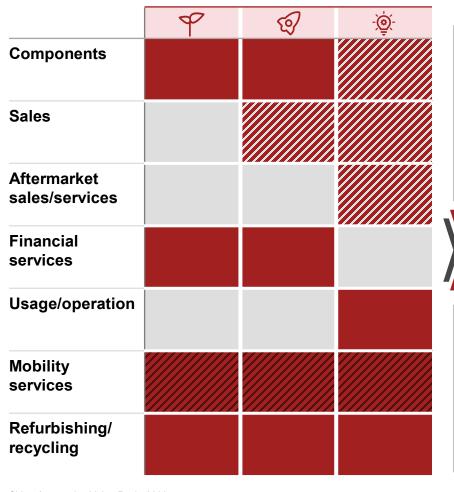
Overview of strategic ways to play



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## OEMs should consider both, partnerships and investments, for effective market positioning

Ways to play for OEMs (deep-dive)



#### Rationale

Components and the technology domain require increasing **localization** – therefore partnership with local start-ups are recommended

Adapt current sales channels to current market trends (e.g., D2C sales model) to gain more customer access and insights

Leverage existing capabilities in the aftermarket for the repair and maintenance of NEVs and stay abreast of customer demands

Local partnership or investment can exploit substantial leasing or rental value pool segments and break through local customer barriers

Partnership with provider of in-car services and charging infrastructure is recommended preferably those with customer-centric software

Investment or partnership with a leading local player is recommended to gain market share rapidly and strengthen position

Due to **volatile market** size & growth conditions, an initial partnership in battery refurbishing/ recycling is recommended to satisfy demand





## Depending on the automotive player, different ways to play should be applied for successful future positioning in China

**Outlook and next steps** 

- **OEMs** should **adapt shifting their core competencies** to new market demands and **evaluating** the attractiveness of **new value pools** 
  - Suppliers should take advantage of new value pools to achieve differentiation, increased customer exposure, market share and profit growth
    - Investors should balance risks with the potential for growth and profit in order to arrive at the right investment decision and portfolio strategy
      - All automotive players must evaluate their geo-political exposure to any global region when making strategic investment decisions

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