

Executive Summary

CAR is a high-quality market leader automotive marketplace, however key headwinds restrict its attractiveness at current valuations

Investment Recommendation

- **Hold:** Given current valuations, which trade near our fair value **TP of \$28.39**, we recommend waiting for a pullback pre-entry to create a margin of safety

Company and Industry Overview

- CAR Group is a dominant, high-margin automotive marketplace with compounding EBITDA and a strong international growth runway, underpinned by network-effects
- Online car classifieds are growing revenue by evolving from simple listings into full-service platforms supporting buyers through the purchase journey.

Investment Thesis

- CAR's network-effect moat compounds its pricing power as a resilient source of growth, however USD depreciation weighs on US revenue
- Chatbots embedded within CAR Group's marketplaces will reduce search friction, but LLMs may divert traffic without direct links to platforms
- Electrification is a tailwind the market underappreciates - EV OEM entrants expands CAR's display advertising base, with listing volumes resilient

Valuation

- Our 100% DCF weighted valuation yields an intrinsic valuation of \$28.39 at a 2.4% premium to the the 30-VWAP and a 0.6% premium to last close

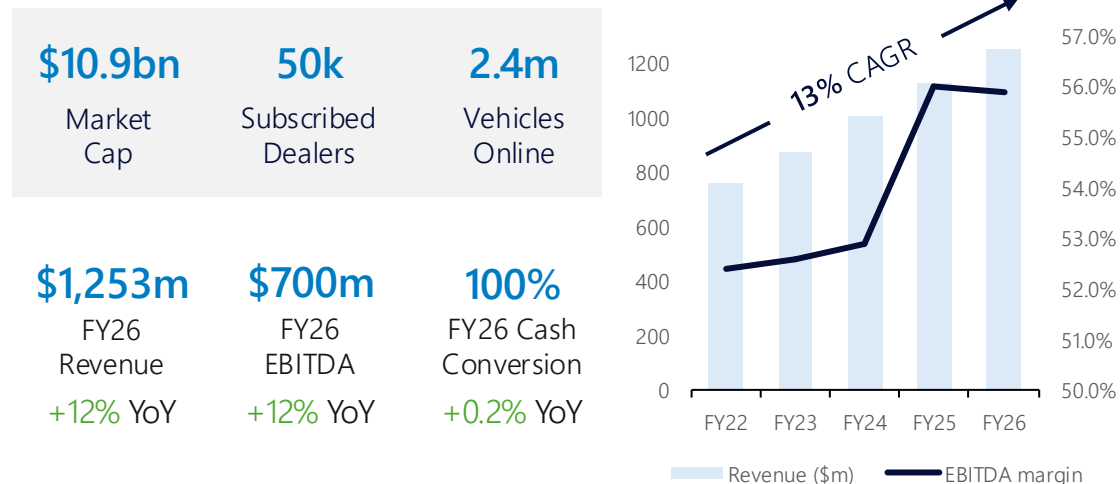
Catalysts and Risks

- Catalysts: 1) proof of AI stack monetisation, 2) short covering (12% of free float), 3) continued underwhelming US segment growth
- Risks: 1) stagnating US dealer volumes, 2) competitor replication offshore, 3) AI/LLM search disintermediation, and 4) FX translation drag on reported offshore earnings, each offset by CAR's subscription pricing, network scale, and proprietary data moat

Company Overview

A scaled, global automotive platform leader connecting consumers, dealers, and OEMs

A high-margin business compounding at double digits



Market leadership and network effect are underpinned by

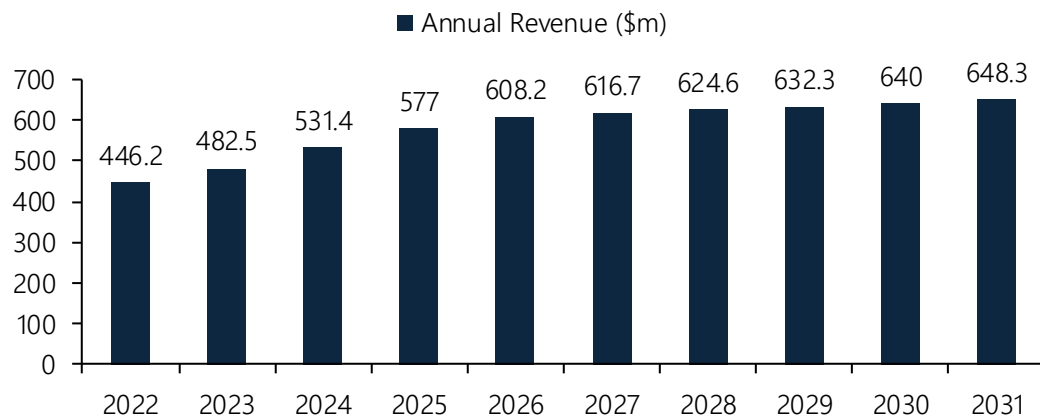
Dominance	Pricing Power	Data Intelligence
Operates as 1 st in every core market, reaching 52m monthly unique users and 19bn page views in FY26	CAR's high-intent audience generates 23m dealer leads , supporting dealer value and pricing power	20+ years of proprietary data in 5 markets power AI tools, driving +26% session-to-lead conversion

Integrated marketplace ecosystem

Industry Overview

Online car classifieds are growing revenue by evolving from simple listings into full-service platforms supporting buyers through the purchase journey

AU's online car classified industry is forecasted growing at a 4.2% CAGR



Fragmented competition heightens consolidation and differentiation pressure



Structural tailwinds are pushing buyers online

- Used-car retail is shifting online**
Consumers increasingly turning to digital platforms to discover, value, finance and transact vehicles.
- Affordability is pushing buyers used**
Cost-of-living pressure and higher new-car prices shift demand toward used, where listing volumes and search intensity are highest.
- AI is reshaping how buyers search**
As buyers shift from search engines to AI assistants, the industry's value is migrating toward the listing

CAR Group dominates a fast-growing global market

Investment Thesis 1

CAR's network effect compounds pricing power, driving repeatable resilient growth, however US is weighted down by FX-exposure

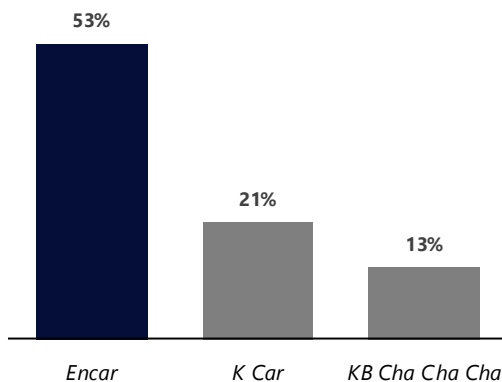
CAR's strong network effect moat drives dominant pricing power



Each cycle widens CAR's moat with a buyer-seller network advantage competitors can't easily replicate, raising barriers to entry and compounding pricing power

Korea and Brazil represent a repeatable monetisation opportunity

Korea Used Car Platforms Market Share



Repeatable network-effect pricing power



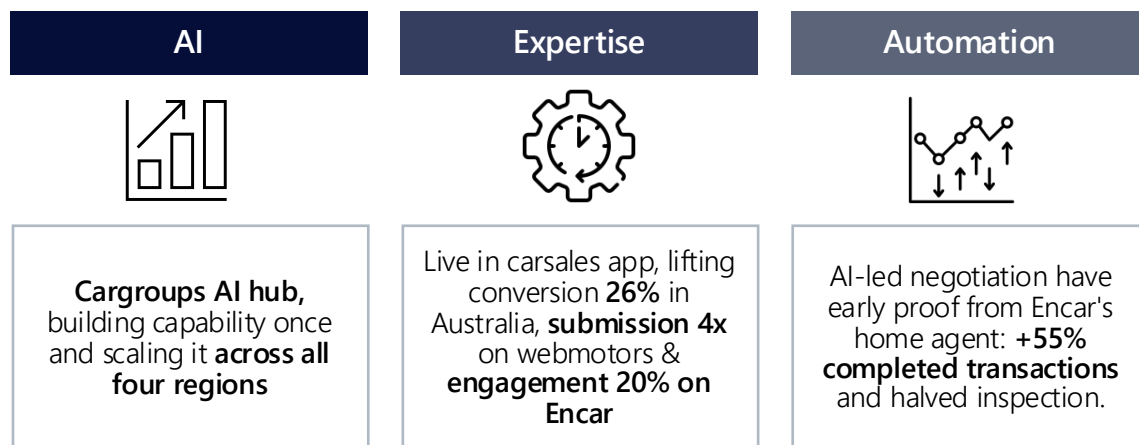
Supports future growth: Guarantee's 10% price rise saw minimal volume impact



Investment Thesis 2

Chatbots embedded in CAR Group's own marketplaces reduce search friction and lift conversion

In-house AI is already driving results lifting conversion by 26%



Embedded AI keeps transactions inside CAR Group



However, LLMs threaten traffic, leads and market power

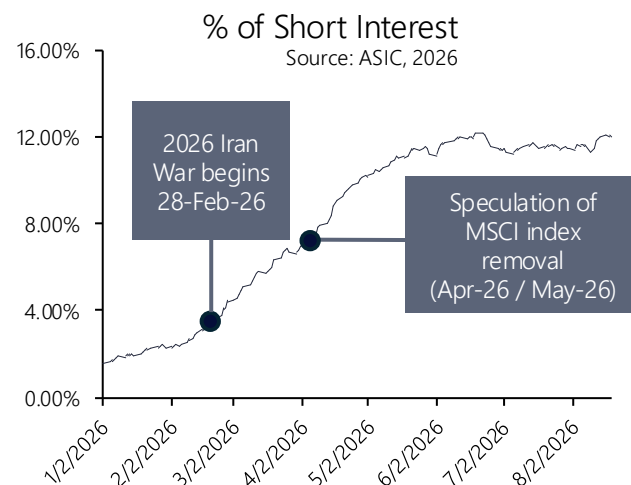
- 1 Without direct links from LLMs, growing use means fewer visitors to CAR Group's marketplaces
- 2 Fewer visits means fewer dealer leads, weakening the ROI case of AI investment
- 3 Without owning the search entry point, CAR Group loses brand visibility and market power

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Investment Thesis 3

Electrification is a tailwind underappreciated by the market – with listing volumes resilient and greater ad monetisation via new EV OEM entrants

Consensus: EVs impact on listing volumes a potential concern of investors



Rising oil prices **accelerating EV adoption**
(AU NEV: 9% Apr-23 to 26% Apr-26)
Source: Barrenjoey, 2026

Generalisation: EVs experience **steeper depreciation** (vs. petrol cars) due to **technological obsolescence** and **battery degradation**

Concern flagged by investors in broker-client conversations:
Negative drag on listing volumes

Norway: a case study of robust second-hand EV markets

Valuation Football Field

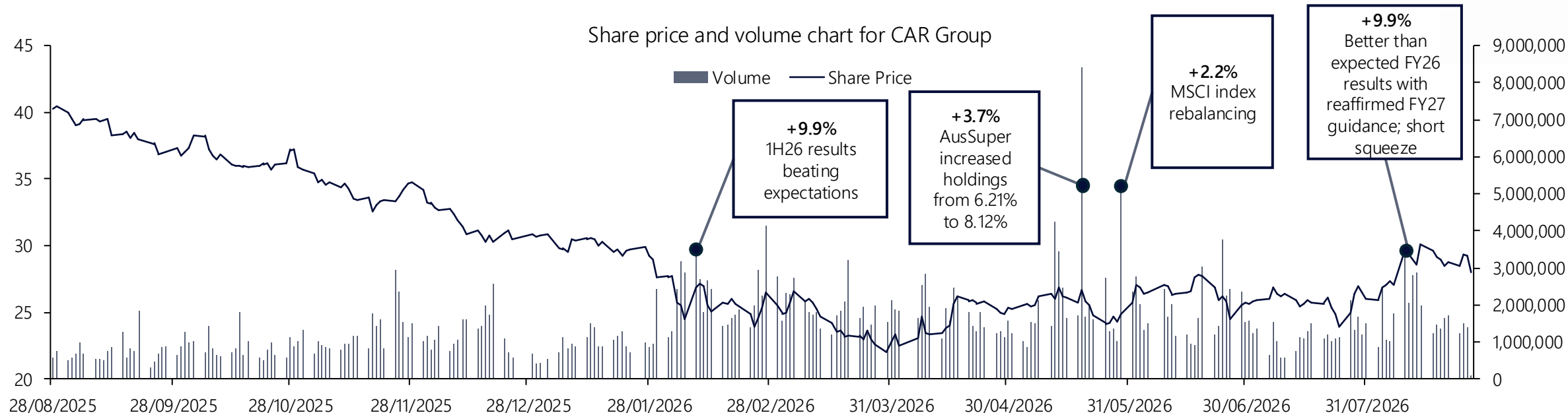
CAR's intrinsic value of \$28.39 represents a 2.4% premium to the 30-day VWAP supporting a HOLD

		30-day VWAP: \$27.71 \$28.39 Target Price		Weighting	Commentary
References	52 Week Range	\$21.47	\$40.62	0%	- High of \$40.62 on 28/08/26 - Low of \$21.47 on 30/03/26
	Broker Price Range	\$30.60	\$35.00	0%	- Max price of \$35.00 by J.P. Morgan (10/08/26) - Min price of \$30.60 by Citi (15/07/2026)
Intrinsic Valuation	DCF (Gordon Growth)	\$21.64	\$35.84	50%	- Base: \$28.46 Bear: \$21.64 Bull: \$35.84 - WACC: 8.4% TGR: 3.0%
	DCF (Exit Multiple)	\$21.37	\$35.81	50%	- Base: \$28.31 Bear: \$21.37 Bull: \$35.81 - Terminal EV/EBITDA: 11.59x
Market-Derived Valuation	Trading Comps	\$17.60	\$25.94	0%	- Median: \$20.74 Q1: \$17.60 Q3: \$25.94 40% NTM EV/EBITDA, 40% NTM EV/EBIT, 20% NTM P/E
	Precedent Transactions	\$30.50	\$32.92	0%	- Median: \$32.09 Q1: \$30.50 Q3: \$32.92 33% EV/EBITDA, 67% EV/EBIT

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Catalysts

Based on historical catalysts, we have identified 3 main events that could support the market's repricing of CAR Group



Proof of AI stack monetisation

With NexGate going live 1-Sep-2026 and the October AU price rise, signs of improved yield in 1H27 will act as proof that the AI stack can be monetised and drive margin expansion

Short covering

Fears over CAR being removed from the MSCI index drove the increase in short interest from 1.6% in 2-Jan-2026 to 11.24% in 29-May-2026.

Heightened short interest still persist today (12.01% in 19-Aug-2026) despite MSCI de-indexing no longer being a risk

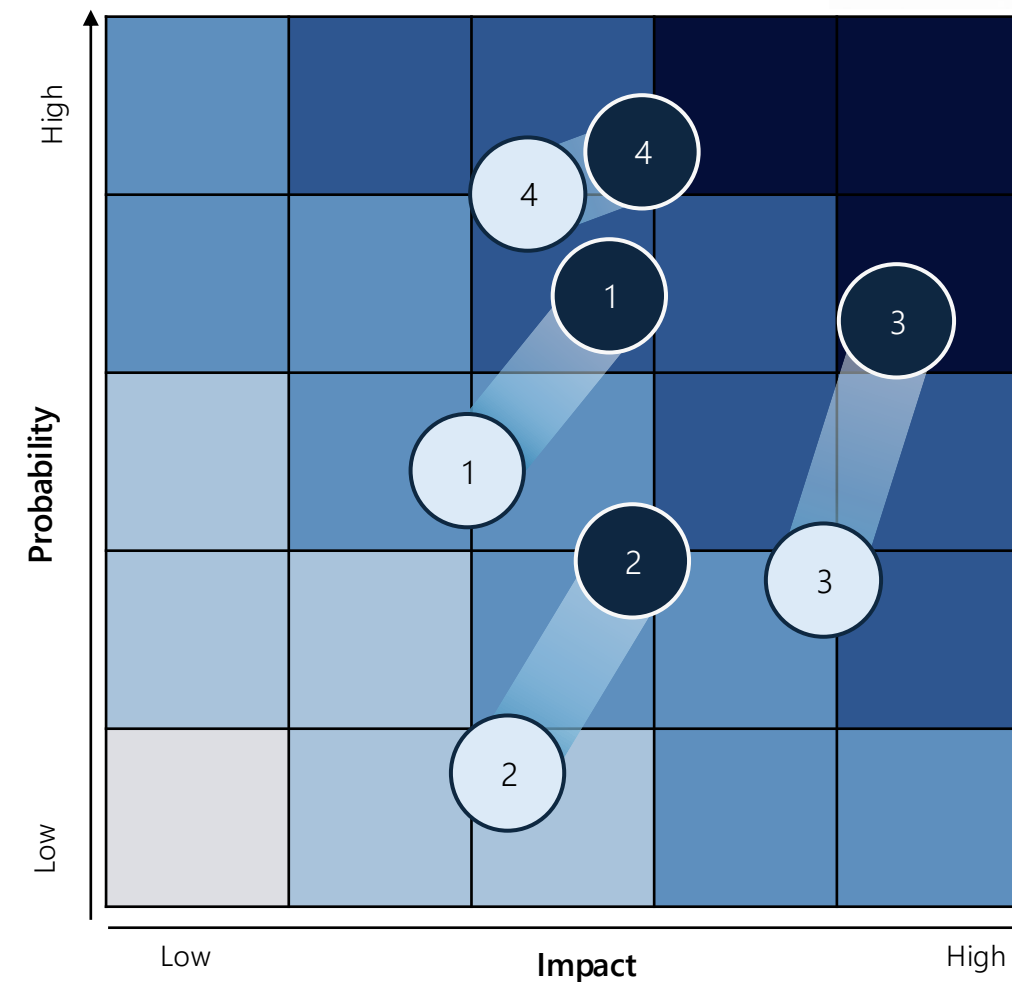
Any positive catalysts and associated repricing forces a short squeeze

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Risks & Mitigation Matrix

We have considered the risks and associated mitigation strategies for Car Group

Risks	Mitigation
1 US dealer volume growth remain stagnated in 2H FY26	Subscription-based pricing moderates volume sensitivity. North America delivered +12% cc revenue and +22% leads in Q4 despite broadly flat FY26 end-market volumes
2 Competitor replication of CAR's model slows offshore penetration	3.7 – 5.0x traffic leadership in offshores market reinforces network economics, while centralized technology improves marginal cost of rolling proven products across markets
3 AI / LLM search disintermediation of foot traffic	Proprietary inventory and dealer integrations make CAR difficult to fully bypass, while AI-led internal search has lifted conversion 26% to partially offset traffic leakage
4 FX translation dilutes offshore reported earnings growth	FX hedging could offset translation risk beyond existing net investment hedge strategy





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End of Discussion Materials

Appendices after this slide



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Company Business Model

Every marketplace monetizes the same four-sided network — but the pricing basis differs by brand

Carsales Australia

Key area	Description	Business model
Dealer	Dealer vehicle listing	Subscription and pay per lead
Private	Private seller listings	Pay up-front until sold
Media	Digital advertising on websites	Cost per view
Data, research and services	Vehicle specification data	Periodic subscription

Trader Interactive North America

Key area	Description	Business model
Dealer	Dealer vehicle listing	Monthly subscription based on inventory
Private	Private seller listings	Pay per listing
Media	Digital advertising on websites	Cost per view
Data, research and services	Vehicle specification data	Periodic subscription

Webmotors & Chileautos Latin America

Key area	Description	Business model
Dealer	Dealer vehicle listing	Subscription and pay per lead
Finance	Finance application on vehicle ads	Up-front commission on loan commencement
Private	Private seller listings	Pay up-front until sold
Media	Digital advertising on websites	Cost per view

Encar Asia

Key area	Description	Business model
Standard ads	Dealer vehicle listing	Pay up-front until sold
Guarantee	Encar inspects and certifies the car	Pay per car inspected
Dealer direct	Digital trade-in	24hr dealer auction, winning dealer pays
Home	Digital	

Company Strategy

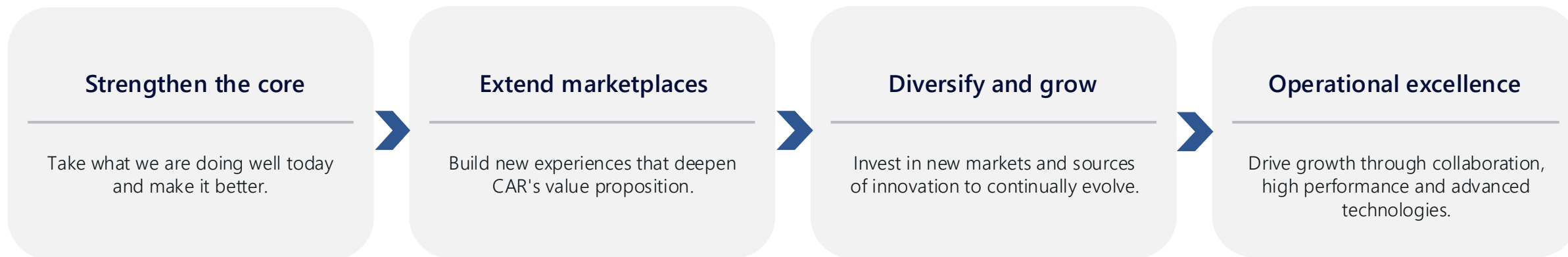
CAR emphasizes strengthening core marketplaces, expanding adjacencies and driving innovation to sustain leadership



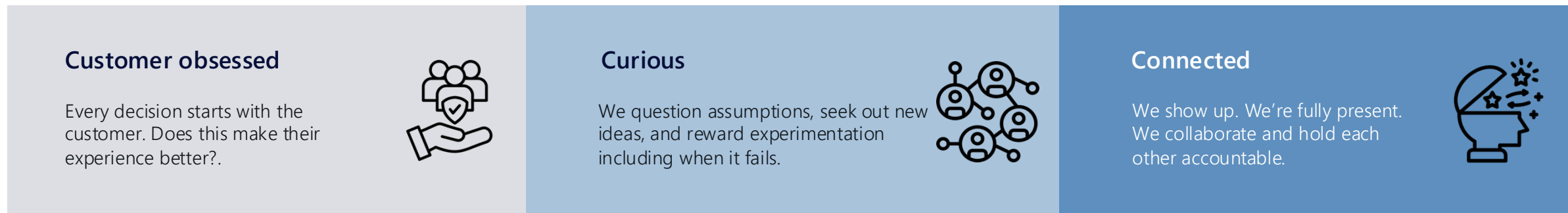
PURPOSE: To make buying and selling a great experience

VISION: To be the global leader in online vehicle marketplaces

Strategic Priorities



Company Values



Company Overview – Acquisition Roadmap & Global Distribution

Asia

24m Monthly visits

238k Published inventory

Key brands



Latin America

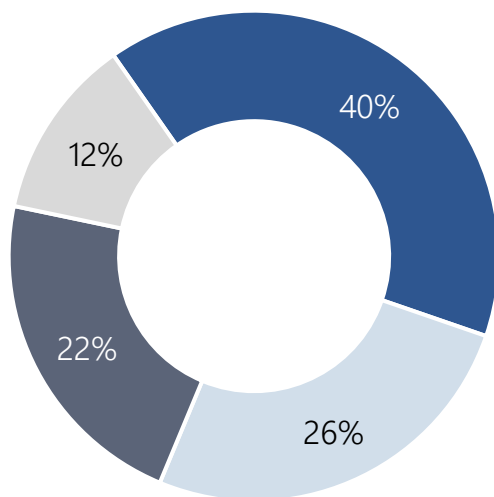
38m Monthly visits

565k Published inventory

Key brands



Global Business Segments



■ Australia ■ North America ■ Latin America ■ Asia

Australia

27m Monthly visits

213k Published inventory

Segment Highlight – North America

Growth underpinned by accelerating media monetization and deeper dealer penetration across marine verticals

CAR's adtech and expanded media team

A full-service media agency connecting OEMs and advertisers to high intent audiences



Direct media revenue

+62%

Xenara media customers

+100%

New Media Customers



Boston Whaler (NYSE: BC)

Premium boat brand of Brunswick, the largest recreational marine manufacturer



Winnebago (NYSE:WGO)

One of the largest and oldest North American RV OEMs



BRP (NASDAQ: DOO)

One of the largest powersports OEMs in the world



Airstream (NYSE:THO)

Iconic North American RV brand owned by Thor Industries

Significant process on marine initiative

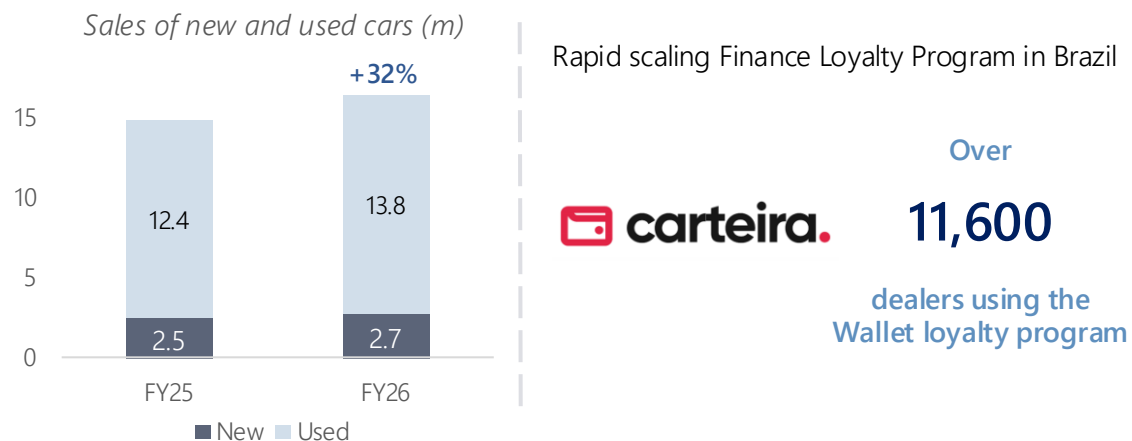
Segment Highlight – Latin America



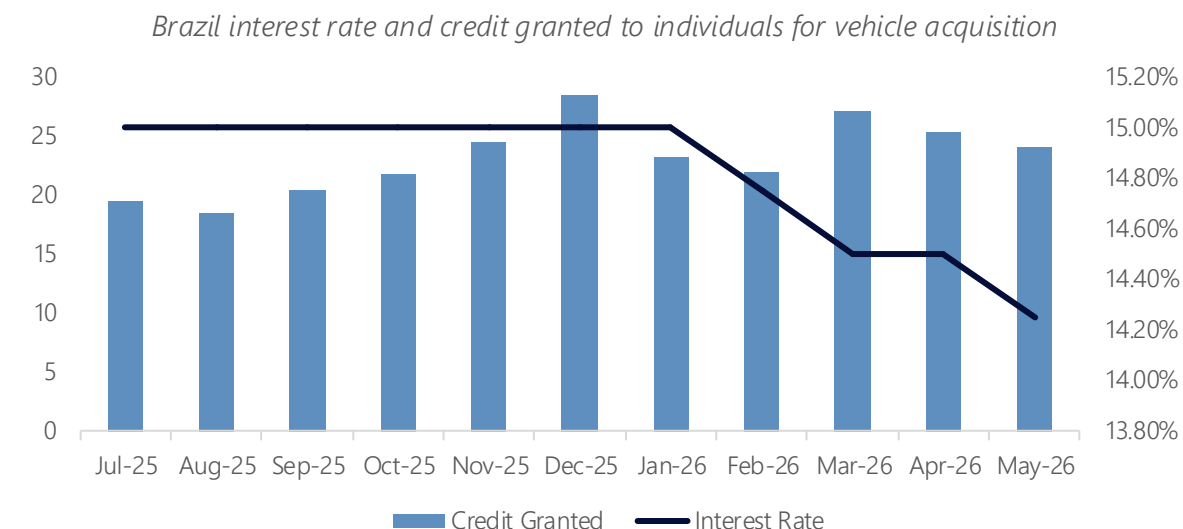
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Scaling monetization through dealer loyalty, OEM media expansion and continued audience growth

Higher transaction volumes and deeper wallet penetration



Lower financing costs alongside resilient credit availability support affordability

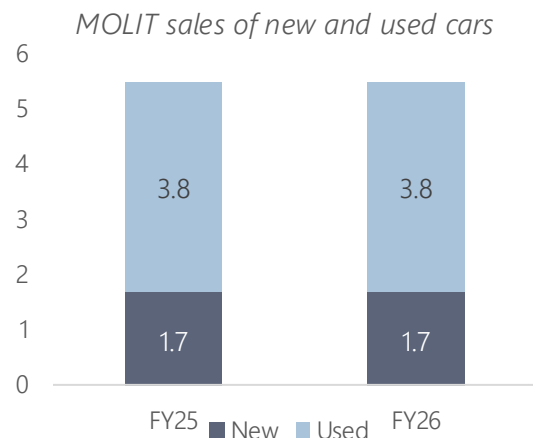


Segment Highlight – Asia

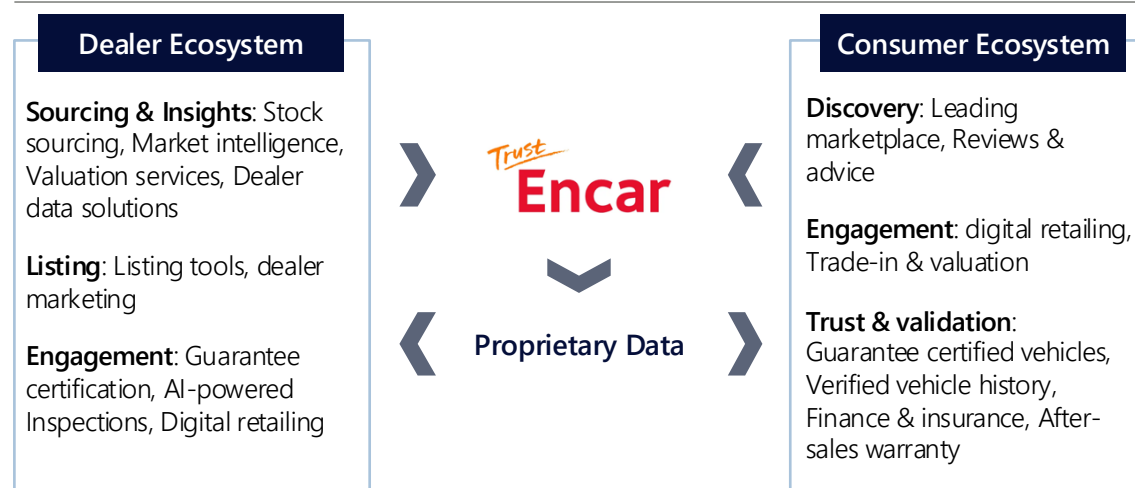
Product penetration and digital transaction growth are driving earnings ahead of the underlying market

Double-digit earnings despite flat end-market volumes

- 1 Revenue growth driven by higher Guarantee penetration and improved yield
- 2 Encar Home group supported by more eligible inventory and AI-enabled optimisation
- 2 Revenue up 15% cc YoY, adjusted EBITDA up 14% cc YoY

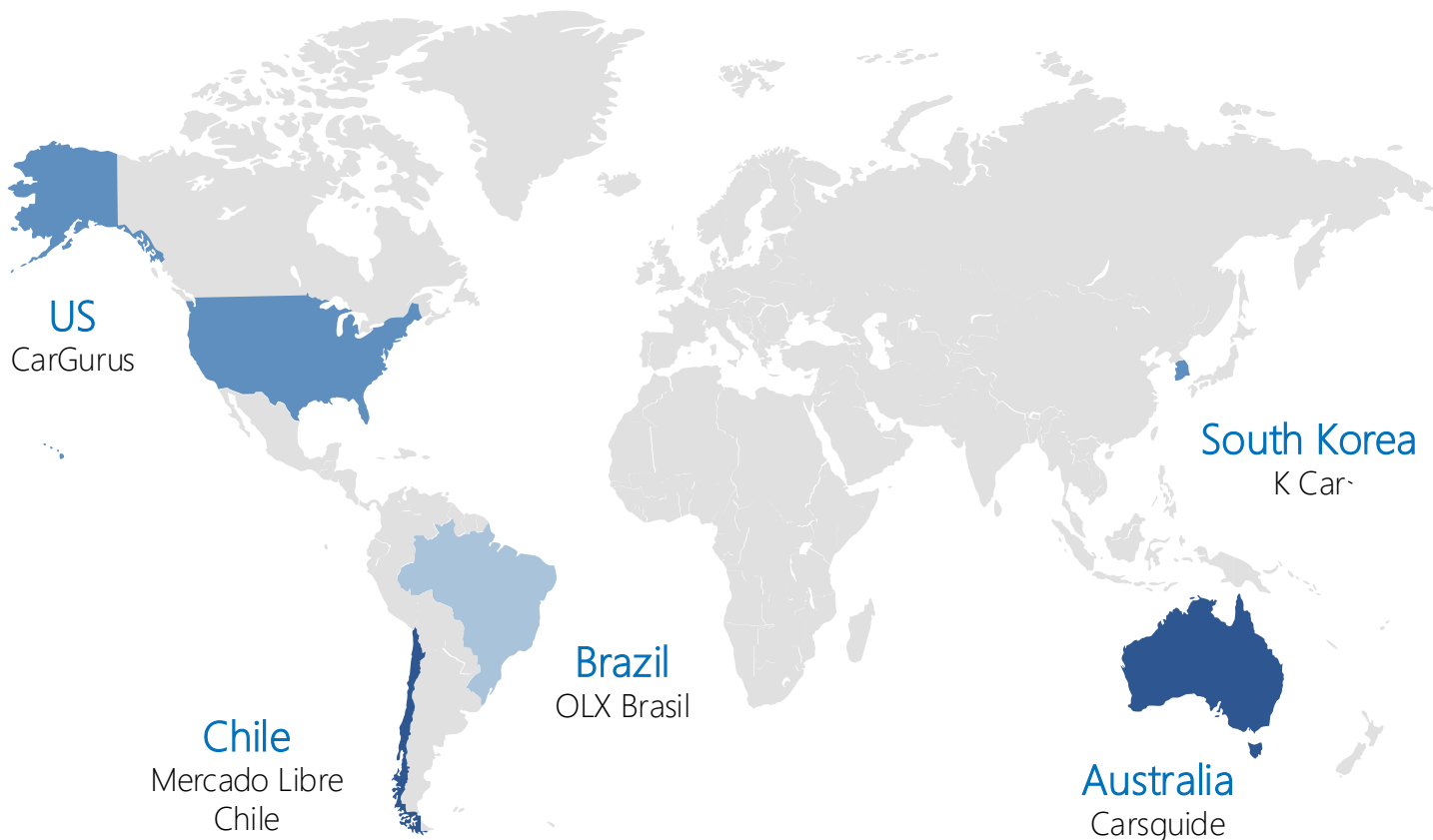


Connected ecosystems powers seamless transactions



Competitive Landscape

Global automotive marketplace remains fragmented, with significant runway for digital penetration

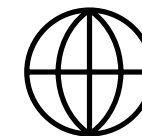


Approximate market share in each region

US	Chile	Brazil	Australia	South Korea
25%-35%	15%-20%	25%	76%-80%	40%

International Competitive Landscape

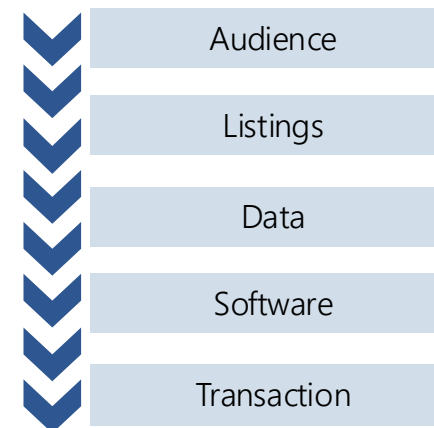
- 1 Large and growing addressable market
- 2 Highly fragmented global competitive landscape
- 3 Competition is shifting beyond classifieds
- 4 Network effects remain a key competitive advantage



~71% of used-car sales remain offline

~65% pre-owned share of online automotive commerce

Industry shift to integrated automotive ecosystems



9 in 10 global car buyers use

US Dollar Outlook: Supporting Evidence

We expect structural USD depreciation and adopt A\$/US\$ rising to 0.79 by FY32

Lazard: a weaker dollar is one of three core convictions

Ron Temple, Chief Market Strategist (Jun-26): USD depreciation to continue for several years on policy volatility, Fed-independence concerns and elevated deficits

Move so far: the US Dollar Index fell 12.5% between Jan-25 and Jan-26, giving back much of the 27.6% gain of Jan-21 to Sep-22

Mechanism: US equities are **over 60% of the MSCI ACWI** and **US debt over 40% of the Global Aggregate**, so owners hedge FX before selling assets

Not a reserve-status call: Lazard's FX team sees de-throning fears as overblown, expecting only modest further softening as the Fed eases

Source: Lazard Asset Management, 'Three Core Convictions in Global Markets' (24-Jun-26) and 'Recalibrating Dollar Dominance in a Shifting Global Order' (21-Oct-25)

Schroders: the currency cycle is turning against the dollar

Tom Wilson, Head of EM Equities: structural USD depreciation eases financial conditions and lifts dollar-nominal growth and earnings

Abdallah Guezour, Head of EM Debt and Commodities: the currency cycle is turning in favour of non-US assets, favouring local-currency Brazil

Read-through for CAR: the same thesis supports our BRL and KRW paths, which the model holds flat from FY28

Stated risks: an **AI-theme rollover**, <

Revenue Build: Overview

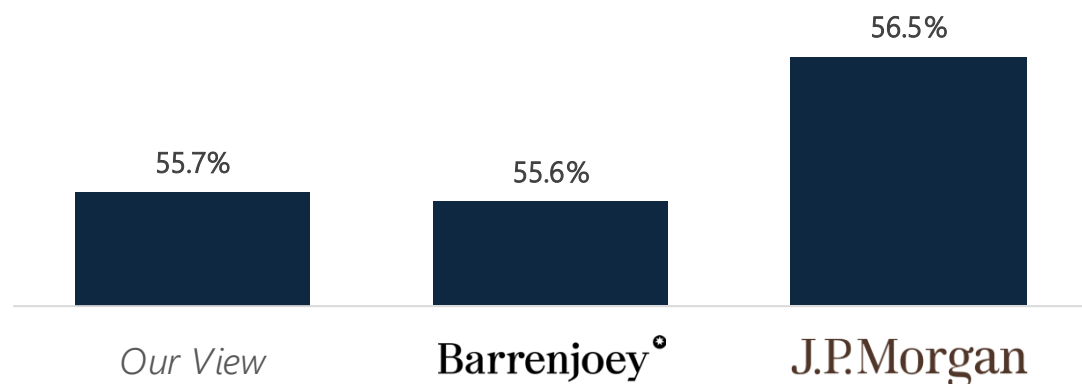
CAR revenue build											
Australia	A\$m	450	485	518		555	600	647	694	741	788
Growth	%		7.9%	6.7%		7.2%	8.2%	7.8%	7.3%	6.8%	6.3%
Dealer revenue	A\$m	228	249	270		292	319	348	379	411	445
Growth	%		9.2%	8.4%		8.0%	9.4%	9.1%	8.8%	8.5%	8.2%
Growth attributable to volume	%					2.0%	1.9%	1.8%	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%
Base Case	%					2.0%	1.9%	1.8%	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%
Bull Case	%					4.0%	3.9%	3.8%	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%
Bear Case	%					0.0%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.5%
Growth attributable to price	%					4.0%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%	4.6%
Base Case	%					4.0%</					

Revenue Build: FX assumptions and segment revenue build

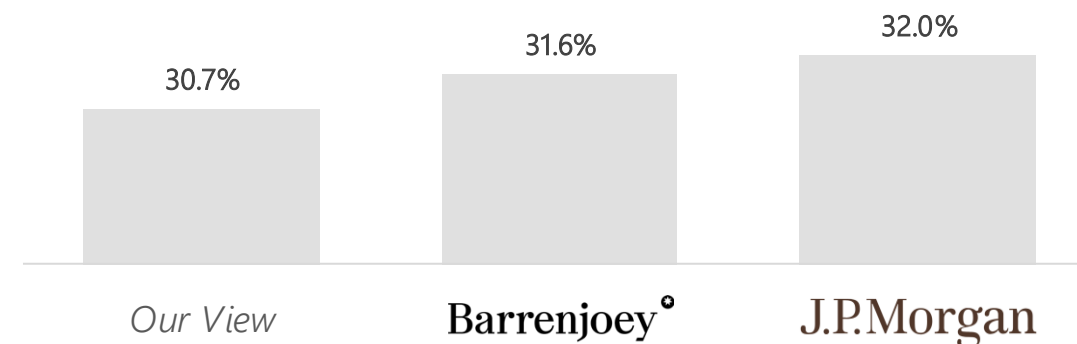
FX assumptions									
A\$/US\$ (avg.)	x	0.65	0.68	0.71	0.74	0.75	0.77	0.78	0.79
Growth	%		5.6%	4.7%	3.0%	2.5%	2.0%	1.5%	1.0%
Base Case	%			4.7%	3.0%	2.5%	2.0%	1.5%	1.0%
Bull Case	%			1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%
Bear Case	%			7.4%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%
A\$/BRL (avg.)	x	3.70	3.60	3.63	3.66	3.66	3.66	3.66	3.66
Growth	%		-2.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Base Case	%			0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Bull Case	%			-1.4%	-1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Bear Case	%			6.9%	6.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
A\$/KRW (avg.)	x	904</							

DCF assumptions – Comparison to equity research

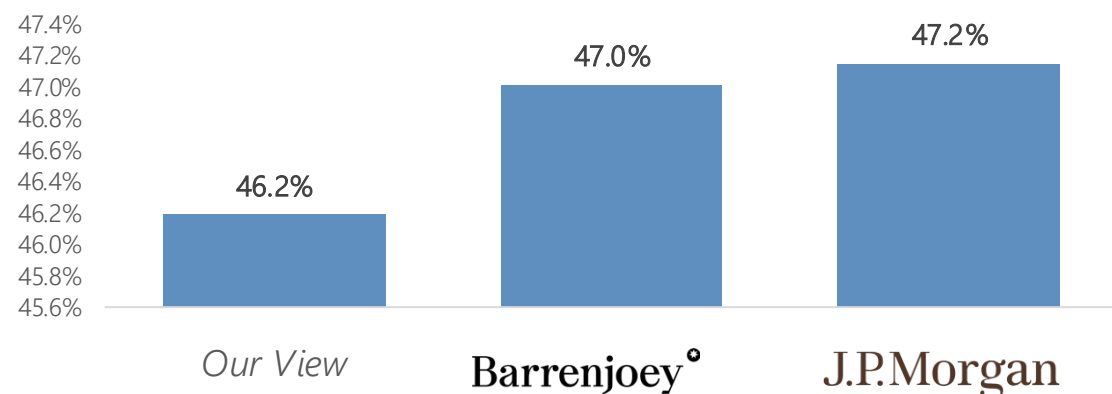
FY27 EBITDA Margin vs Equity Research (%)



FY27 NPAT Margin vs Equity Research (%)



FY27 EBIT Margin vs Equity Research (%)



Forecast WACC

Forecast WACC Calculation

Cost of Debt	6.0%
Cost of Equity	8.9%
Current D/V	12.6%
Tax Rate	21.5%
Forecast WACC	8.4%

Cost of Debt

Method	Rate	Weighting
Index Spreads (S&P)	5.9%	50%
Comparable Company Spreads	6.1%	50%
Comparable Company Yields	5.4%	0%
Triangulated Cost of Debt	6.0%	100%

3 Index Spreads (S&P)

Estimated Credit Rating	BBB
Credit Ratings Matrix	10Y Spread
AAA	0.72%
AA/Aa2	0.92%
A/A2	1.09%
BBB/Baa2	1.38%
BB/Ba2	2.45%
YTM	Rate
3M AUD BBSW Spot Rate	4.49%
Corporate Yield Spread S&P (BBB)	1.38%
Cost of Debt	5.87%

WACC and Cost of Debt #2

❖ 4 Comparable Company Spreads

3M AUD BBSW Spot Rate	4.49%		
Comparable Bonds		Weighting	Credit Spread (to benchmark)
Verisk Analytics 30-Year Bond (USD, Matures 15/06/2045)	BBB	8%	2.50%
Verisk Analytics 10-Year Bond (USD, Matures 15/03/2029)	BBB	8%	1.50%
Verisk Analytics 30-Year Bond (USD, Matures 15/05/2050)	BBB	8%	2.30%
Verisk Analytics 10-Year Bond (USD, Matures 05/06/2034)	BBB	8%	1.05%
Verisk Analytics 10-Year Bond (USD, Matures 15/03/2035)	BBB	8%	1.00%
Verisk Analytics 5-Year Bond (USD, Matures 15/03/2031)	BBB	8%	0.88%
Verisk Analytics 10-Year Bond (USD, Matures 15/03/2036)	BBB	8%	1.12%
Verisk Analytics 10-Year Bond (USD, Matures 01/04/2033)	BBB	8%	1.80%
Verisk Analytics 10-Year Bond (USD, Matures 15/02/2036)	BBB	8%	0.92%
Verisk Analytics 5-Year Bond (USD, Matures 15/08/2030)	BBB	8%	0.72%
Cars.com 8-Year Bond (USD, Matures 01/11/2028)	BB-	4%	5.75%
RELX Capital 5-Year Bond (USD, Matures in 27/03/2030)	A-	4%	0.75%
RELX Capital 10-Year Bond (USD, Matures in 27/03/2035)	A-	4%	0.95%
RELX Capital 10-Year Bond (USD, Matures in 20/05/2032			

WACC and Cost of Equity

Cost of Equity

❖ 1 CAPM

Risk-Free Rate	4.96%
Equity Market Risk Premium	4.75%
Beta	0.83
Cost of Equity (CAPM)	8.92%

1.1 Risk Free Rate	Rate	Weighting
10Y Government Bond Spot	4.96%	100%
Risk free rate	4.96%	100%

1.2 EMRP	Rate	Weighting
Leadenhall Implied EMRP	4.8%	100%
EMRP	4.75%	100%

Comparable Company Beta Calculation

Company Name	Levered Beta	D/E	Tax Rate	Unlevered Beta	SIG Current D/E	SIG Tax Rate	Relevered Beta
Autotrader Group plc	0.77	52%	25%	0.55	14.5%	22%	0.62
CarGurus, Inc.	1.14	51%	27%	0.83	14.5%	22%	0.93
Cars.com Inc.	1.15	99%	29%	0.67	14.5%	22%	0.75
REA Group Limited	0.97	4%	30%	0.94	14.5%	22	

Base Case: Free Cash Flow Schedule

Free Cash Flow Schedule								
	Stub	Val Date	Year 1 Stub	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	15.6%	26/8/2026	30/6/2027	30/6/2028	30/6/2029	30/6/2030	30/6/2031	30/6/2032
EBIT			642	718	802	889	978	1,065
Less: Tax on EBIT			(132)	(158)	(189)	(223)	(259)	(299)
NOPAT			510	560	613	666	718	767
Add: Depreciation and amortisation			129	134	139	142	145	148
Less: CAPEX			(138)	(148)	(157)	(166)	(174)	(181)
Less: Increases in NWC			24	34	7	7	7	6
FCFF (Non-Stub Adjusted)			526	580	601	649	696	740
Growth on FCFF		%		10.				

Bull Case: Cash Flow Statement

Cash Flow Statement							
Operating Cash flows							
Statutory NPAT			482.96	572.89	665.12	760.48	857.79
Add Back: D&A			129.3	135.0	140.5	145.6	150.4
Changes in Net Working Capital - Excluding Cash			26.3	39.7	11.2	11.7	12.0
Change in Non-Current Deferred Tax Assets			-	-	-	-	-
Change in Other Receivables			(1.1)	(5.3)	(5.6)	(6.0)	(6.3)
Change in Other Non-Current Assets			-	-	-	-	-
Change in Non-Current DTLs			-	-	-	-	-
Change in Non-Current Liabilities			-	-	-	-	-
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			637.44	742.22	811.15	911.83	1,013.91
Investing Cash Flows							
Capex - PPE			(8.83)	(9.34)	(9.69)	(9.88)	(9.87)
Capex - Intangible Assets			(136.23)	(152.83)	(169.4		

Bear Case: Cash Flow Statement

Cash Flow Statement							
Operating Cash flows							
Statutory NPAT			417.61	436.66	465.07	490.45	529.80
Add Back: D&A			129.3	133.5	136.4	138.3	140.5
Changes in Net Working Capital - Excluding Cash			21.4	28.0	3.1	2.8	1.8
Change in Non-Current Deferred Tax Assets			-	-	-	-	-
Change in Other Receivables			2.4	(1.3)	(1.8)	(1.7)	(1.3)
Change in Other Non-Current Assets			-	-	-	-	-
Change in Non-Current DTLs			-	-	-	-	-
Change in Non-Current Liabilities			-	-	-	-	-
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			570.70	596.85	602.74	629.84	652.69
Investing Cash Flows							
Capex - PPE			(7.93)	(7.58)	(7.29)	(6.90)	(5.81)
Capex - Intangible Assets			(122.38)	(124.08)	(127		

Bear Case: Free Cash Flow Schedule

Free Cash Flow Schedule								
	Stub	Val Date	Year 1 Stub	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	15.6%	26/8/2026	30/6/2027	30/6/2028	30/6/2029	30/6/2030	30/6/2031	30/6/2032
EBIT			598	627	670	711	750	784
Less: Tax on EBIT			(123)	(138)	(158)	(178)	(199)	(220)
NOPAT			475	489	512	533	551	564
Add: Depreciation and amortisation			129	133	136	138	139	141
Less: CAPEX			(130)	(132)	(135)	(137)	(138)	(138)
Less: Increases in NWC			21	28	3	3	2	2
FCFF (Non-Stub Adjusted)			496	519	517	537	554	568
Growth on FCFF		%		4.7%	-0.3%	3.9%	3.2%	2

Precedent Transactions

Transaction Comparables for Car Group (ASX:CAR)

Target	Acquirer	Acquirer Type	Geogory	Rationale
Adevinta	Permira / Blackstone	Sponsor	Europe	The sector's largest and most recent take-private: a pure-play classifieds platform with core auto verticals, valued by a financial sponsor at ~21.5x with no synergies embedded. The cleanest read on standalone value for a scaled marketplace in today's rate environment.
eBay Classified Group	Adevinta	Strategic	Europe	A global multi-vertical classifieds business with leading motors brands, acquired by a strategic consolidator underwriting synergies. Sets the upper bound for scaled classifieds assets, directly relevant given CAR's own acquisitive strategy
Trade Me Group	Apax Partners	Sponsor	New Zealand	The closest structural and geographic comparable: Australasia's first horizontal marketplace across auto, property and jobs. A conservative anchor, reflecting its horizontal mix and earlier, lower-rate vintage

Precedent Transactions

Valuation output

Weight total	100%
Quartile 1	\$29.62
Median	\$31.22
Quartile 3	\$32.06

Precedent transactions data

All Comps pulled from S&P CapIQ, Pitchbook, Mergermarket, and Factset

Target	Acquirer	Acquirer type	Target Geography	Close Date	Implied EV (\$m)	LTM				
						Implied EBITDA	Implied EBIT	EV / EBITDA (x)	EV / EBIT (x)	
Adevinta	Permira / Blackstone	Sponsor	Europe	May-24	23,307	1,084	n.d	21.5x	n.d	
eBay Classified Group	Adevinta	Strategic	Europe	Jun-21	12,426	518	n.d	24.0x	n.d	
Trade Me Group	Apax Partners	Sponsor	New Zealand	May-19	2,603	156	132	16.7x	19.7x	
Minimum								16.7x	19.7x	
Median								21.5x	1	

