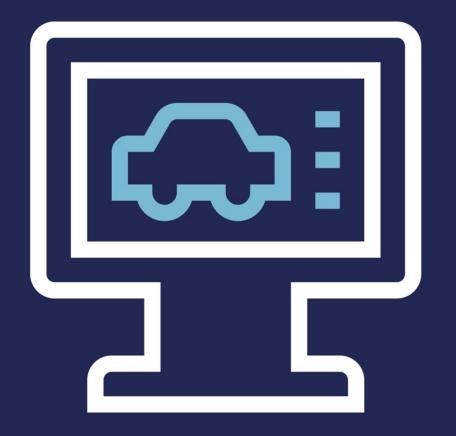


## Online Vehicle Sales

The Temporary Measure
Driving Permanent Change
in Finished Vehicle Logistics

April 2021







## OEM & Dealer challenge: to connect with European automotive consumers online



- Attract new & existing vehicle buyers, despite Covid-19 restrictions
- Move sales to ONLINE platforms where possible
- Gain in a changing world by adapting to new demands



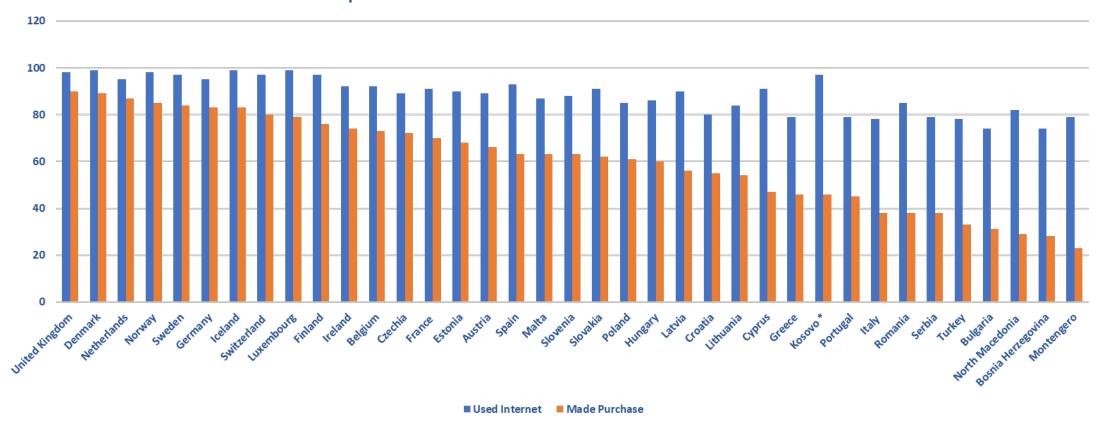
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## The Story...

- Rising Online Retail Sales Across Europe
- Penetration of Online Sales Rise in New Car Market
  - Online Vehicle Sales Forecast
- OEMs Initiate Shift in Sales Method
- New Agency Sales Model Incorporating Online & Showroom Visit
  - OEMs use EVs for Online Sales Push
  - Click & Collect Vs Home Delivery
- Logistics Players Adapt
- Appendix: Case Studies for Online Sales: Volvo, Toyota, Mercedes, BMW, Volkswagen

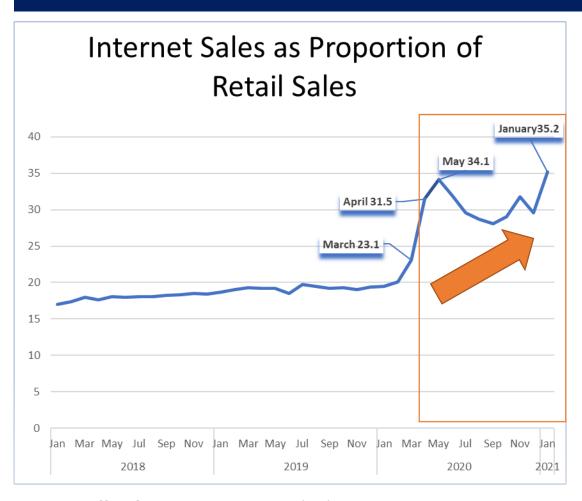
### E-Commerce During The Pandemic - Europe

#### Population % that Used Internet & Made Online Purchase



France, Italy, Switzerland, North Macedonia estimates based on 2019 data, \* designation as per UNSCRT 1244/99 Source: Eurostat

### Covid-19 Pushes Online Sales to New Heights



- January 2021 new peak
- Lockdown shows immediate affect on online sales
- Trend (from 2008 till Q1 2020) shows only gradual increase of Online Sales
- April 2020 Online Sales jump 8.5 points

Source: Office for National Statistics (UK)

### Covid-19 Accelerates Online Shift Across Europe





Source: Ecommerce Europe, Impact of Coronavirus on Ecommerce https://ecommerce-europe.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Coronavirus-Survey-Report-January-2021.pdf

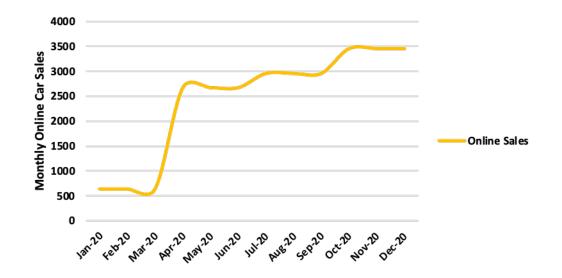
## Online New Car Sales

### Surge In Platform Use

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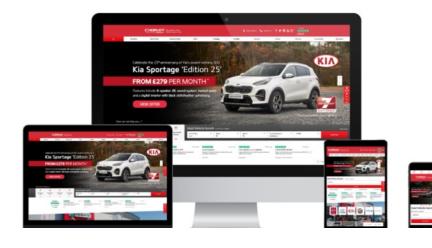
#### **GFORCES** – car sales platform provider

- Online Car Sales using NetDirector jump 1228% year-onyear in 2020 to more than £500m
  - 2019: 2,199 cars sold via platform
  - 2020: 29,209 cars sold via platform
    - January March 2020 : Avg. 640 cars per month
    - April May 2020: Avg. 2,675 cars per month



#### NetDirector Auto-e

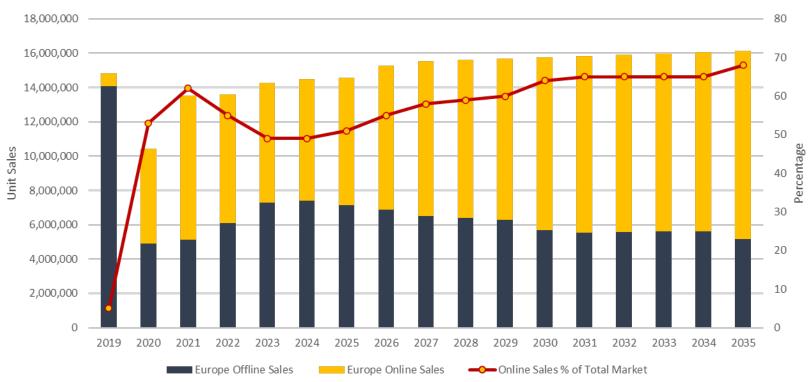
The next generation ecommerce platform for dealers and manufacturer retail networks



- 20 Automakers across 65 markets use GForces
- Most Recent: Kia pilot in Netherlands (2021 start)

# Online Sales To Grow As Dealers & OEMs Move Online

#### **European Online Sales Growth Forecast for passenger cars**



- 2020 online sales **5.5 million** car sales in Europe\*
- 2021 online sales to account for 8.3 million cars in Europe
- Online Sales control **53%** of market in 2020, up from just 5% (2019)
- Online Sales to control 65% of market by 2030

\* estimate

### Crisis forces shift to online vehicle sales channels

The Covid-19 crisis led to national lockdowns across most of Europe through 2020 and early 2021.

In the majority of European nations, this meant non-essential retail, including car dealerships, closed for vehicle sales (remaining open for service / maintenance).

This forced car dealerships to pivot drastically towards online sales.

- -Click & Collect
- -Contactless / Home Delivery
- -Move to Agency Sales Model for (some) EVs
- -Subscription & Agency Model combined





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## Europe COVID-19 Dealership Overview

#### **OPEN - with restrictions**

• Sweden Open (throughout)

• Finland Open (throughout)

• Italy Open (since end June 2020)

• Spain Open (since end June 2020)

• France Open (since mid-Jan 2021)

Czech Rep Open

• Belgium Open

Poland Open (throughout)







#### CLOSED - Online Sales, Click & Collect

• Germany Closed (intermittently open, then closed until 14 Feb 2021), delivery allowed

• UK Closed (until 12 April 2021), delivery allowed

Austria Closed delivery allowed

• Portugal Closed (since 30 Jan 2021)

• Switzerland Closed delivery allowed

Netherlands Closed delivery allowed

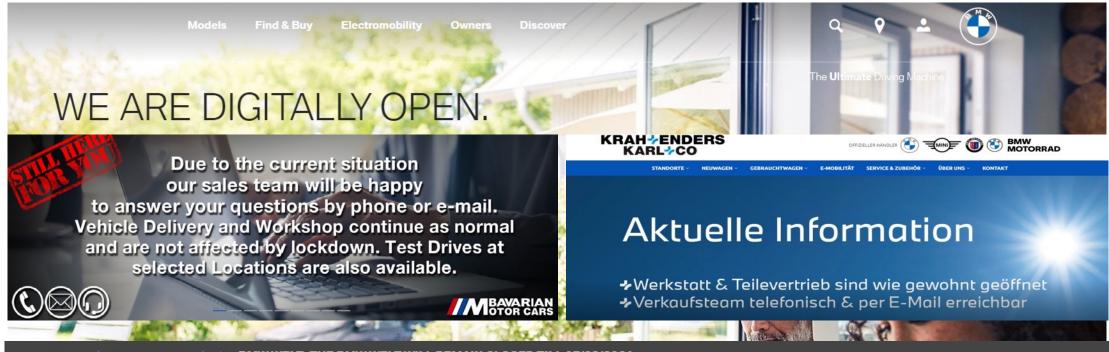


Restrictions: Limited number of people in dealership, appointments needed to visit dealership, 2 metre distance at all times, mandatory use of face masks & hand sanitizers, increase use of 'online' and 'telephone' dialogue with new customers

Closed: Together 'closed' markets in 2020 accounted for 58.6% of Europe's new vehicle registrations. But these markets allow deliveries, and have had intermittent open periods, but with significant restrictions.
By moving 'online' sales continued with market shares remaining much as before.

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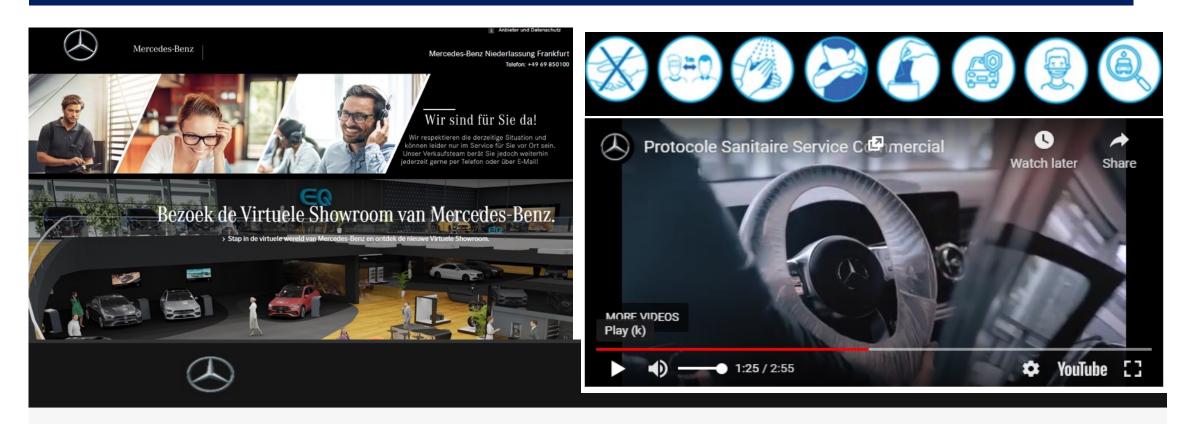
### BMW – Dealerships (example Germany, UK)



11/02/2021 > BMW WELT: THE BMW WELT WILL REMAIN CLOSED TILL 07/03/2021

Due to the extended lockdown, BMW Welt and BMW Museum will remain closed to the public until presumably March 07th, 2021. Affected customers who have scheduled an automobile pickup with us during this period will be provided with a key transfer. Detailed information about your automobile pickup can be found on our pickup website. Please refer to your personal pickup letter for the link, which you will receive approximately 2 to 3 weeks prior to your delivery.

#### Mercedes – Dealerships (example Netherlands, UK, Germany, France)



While our physical showrooms are currently closed in line with government guidance, we remain open for business via click & collect. Home Test Drive, Home Delivery and other remote purchase options are available. Local restrictions may apply.

Read our Covid-19 statement

### New Car Registrations by Country

- Despite closed dealerships Germany, UK, France led market

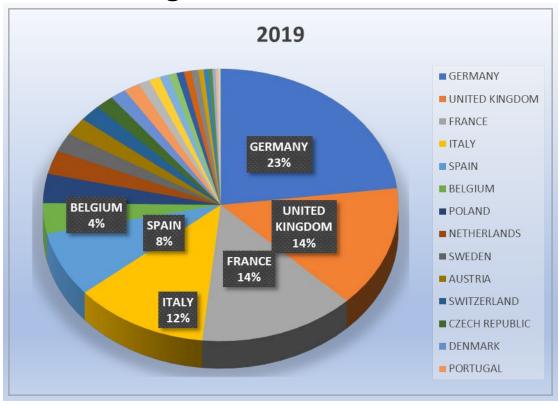
**Europe 2020** 

**New Car Registrations = 10.4 Million** 



**Europe 2019** 

**New Car Registrations = 14.8 Million** 



Europe = EU + EFTA+ UK, Passenger Car only Source: ACEA

### Challenges & Solutions for Online Car Sales

#### **Challenges**

- 1. Large Sums Involved: Transactions Online Need to be Secure
- 2. Car Test Drive: Buyer Needs to Experience New Car
- 3. Sales Process: Involves haggling, bargaining, trade in of used car
- 4. Complex Choice Options: powertrain, colour, extras, trim level 4.
- Car Buyer needs explanation of options, finance, buying procedure
- 6. Car Buyer needs Confirmed Rights in case of issues with new car\_\_\_\_6.

#### **Solutions**

- Automakers & Dealers invest in Secure Online Payment Systems eg: Stripe
- 1. Automakers introduce 'Direct Sales' selling directly to buyers online
- 2. Dealer Groups invest in Secure Online Payment Systems
- Local Dealership organises Test Drive of Same Model
  - Automakers offer Augmented Reality (AR) test drives, Virtual Reality (VR) and even 3D Test Drives
- Automaker sets fixed price, local dealer visits to check used car value for PX (part exchange), or buyer takes car to dealership
- Automakers & Dealers offer fixed option combinations with fast lead times
  - 1. Automakers offer more bespoke model combinations but lead times much longer

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- Automakers & Dealers offer Call Back services with Sales team to discuss options
- European Commission has established Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr

Car Buying Online protected by Legal Consumer Rights Contracts from Government Automakers offer enhanced Online Contracts for new Car Buyers, with greater rights

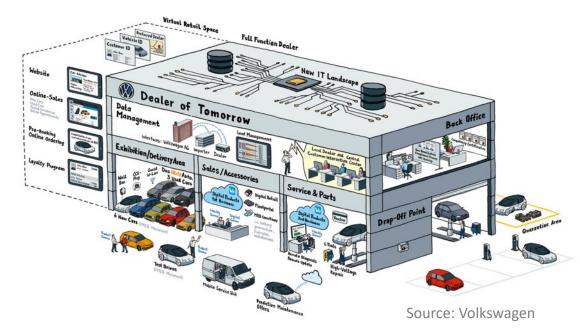
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### Role Of Dealership To Change...

# VW Launches New Sales Structure: April 2020

- Online Sales Expanded, Direct Sales Possible
- European Dealer Council (EDC) with 5,400 dealers across Europe (VW, Audi, VW Commercial)
- VW establishes Online Platform to handle entire purchasing process
- ID. family of electric cars used to launch new direct sales service 2020 onwards

# VW Dealership of Tomorrow – Experience Centre, Test Drives, Click & Collect, Service

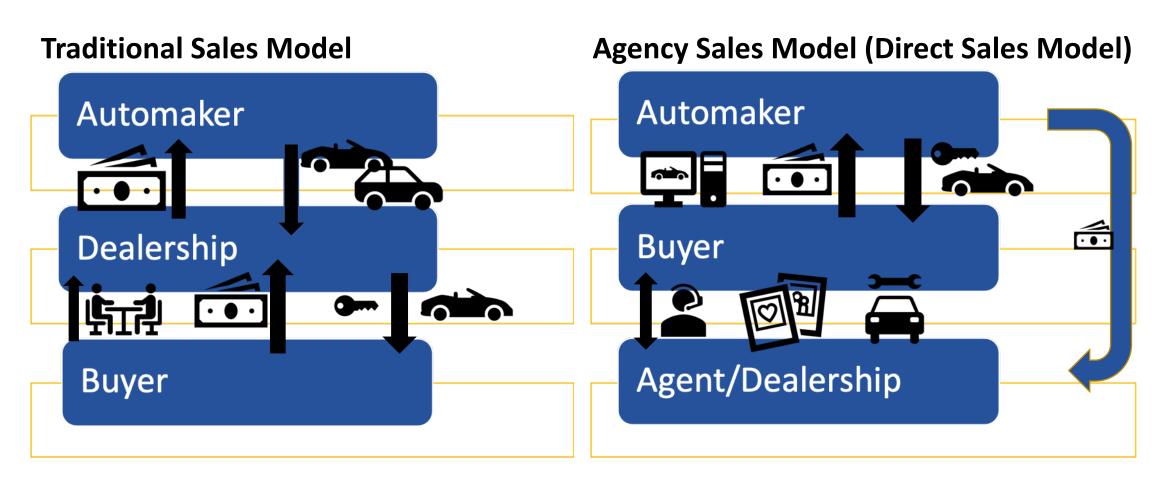


The objective is to provide seamless individual round-the-clock support for customers going far beyond vehicle sales on the basis of a unique Volkswagen customer ID.

### Online Sales - The New Normal

Dealers Adapt to Offer More Services Online BUT Automakers Begin Shift to Agency Model (Direct Sales)			
New Car Buyers Want	Situation Today		
Physical Inspection of Model at Dealership			
Test Drive at Dealership			
Research Online			
Prices Fixed Online	Some New Models		
Best Price Online	Some New Models		
Financing Options Online	Some New Models		
Transaction Online			
Car Delivery to Buyer's Residence	Some New Models		
Aftersales point of Contact with Dealership	16		

# Automakers Accelerate Shift to Agency Sales Model



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## Automakers Begin Shift To Agency Model

#### Automaker becomes VENDOR and sets price, dealer becomes AGENT, and gets fee

Volkswagen	VW initiates 'Agency Model' with ID. family	
Mercedes	Mercedes trials with EQ in Australia, Sweden, S. Africa, roll out in Austria	
Honda	Honda trials in New Zealand	
BMW	BMW trials in Australia, S. Africa	
Volvo	Volvo will sell EVs online only – $50\%$ of sales online by 2025, $100\%$ by 2030	
Kia	Kia trials in Balkan States, to start Netherlands	
Toyota	Toyota trials in New Zealand, Australia, to launch in Europe	
Tesla	Tesla already uses the 'Agency' sales model	















### Automakers Across Europe Push Online Sales

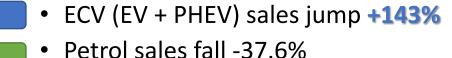


Automakers across Europe offer Online Sales Services via:

- OEM Online platforms
  - Link to Dealership
    - Traditional Sales Model
  - Direct Sales to Buyer
    - Agency Sales Model
- Dealership Online platforms
  - Traditional Sales Model

# Automakers Choose Electric Vehicles For Direct Sales Push







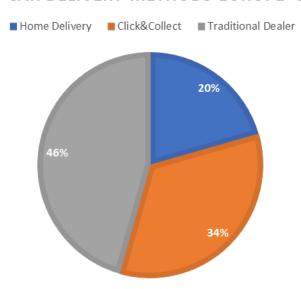
- APV (NGV, LPG, etc) -18.2%
- ➤ EV sales expected to continue to surge, automakers use EVs to start shift to Agency direct sales model
  - > VW ID. 3 and all ID. cars start Sept 2020
  - Volvo 'All pure electric models online only', March 2021, starts with C40 Recharge

### Click & Collect Vs. Home Delivery

#### **Click & Collect**

- OEMs inform FVL provider volume to be delivered to dealer
- > Dealer informs buyer to collect car
  - ➤ Or dealer informs online system, which informs buyer to collect car from dealership

#### **NEW CAR DELIVERY METHODS EUROPE -2020**



#### **Traditional Dealer**

- OEMs continue with supply of vehicles using logistics providers as per 'normal'
- Dealerships continue to interact with buyers in markets where dealerships remained 'fully open' throughout 2020

#### **Home Delivery**

- ➤ OEMs inform FVL provider of buyer details
  - FVL provider organises delivery to 'hub'
  - > FVL provider organises final delivery to buyer
- > OEMs inform Dealer of buyer details
  - > FVL provider organises delivery to dealer
  - Dealer organises final delivery to buyer

# Vehicle Logistics Players Launch 'Hub' Services With Potential to Deliver Direct to Consumers

#### **Gefco launches Moveecar**







**China:** Moveecar delivers cars direct from OEM to end users

Polestar



 Gefco to work with OEM to develop short term finished vehicle compound management (hub)

**Europe:** Moveecar delivers cars direct from OEM to end users

- Ford
- Gefco began delivering direct to end customers from May 2020 (due to lockdowns and closed dealerships)
- Vehicles moved to both dealers and end customers from distribution centres in France and Belgium.

### Supply Chain Visibility Crucial In Uncertain Times

#### **KEY: Enhance Data for Better Visibility Across Supply Chain**

- End-to-End Visibility: having data across the supply chain in real time is essential to respond to disruptions
- > Digital Twin Model: allows automakers / logistics companies to create a digital copy to prepare for risk, avert situations
- Logistics Companies

Example: 'Where's My Container?' by DP World, 2020



Example: 'Track and Trace'- Fr8manager by DP World, 2021



Automakers

Example: **BMW** teams with Amazon Web Services (AWS), 2020



Example: Volkswagen teams with Minespider, 2019



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### Conclusions

- 1. Covid-19 accelerates shift to Online Car Sales
- 2. Proportion of European Online Car Sales of total retail sales surges in 2020 to over 53% of sales
- 3. Automakers & Dealers find new ways to 'Stay Open Online' despite physically closed dealerships
- 4. Finished Vehicle Logistics providers adapting to this new normal with distribution centre services and even home delivery in some cases
- 5. Automakers pushing Direct Sales to Buyers, piloting the 'Agency Model', resulting in a new role for dealerships
- By 2030, around 65% of sales expected to be via online channels, including a higher percentage OEM direct and through 'agency model'

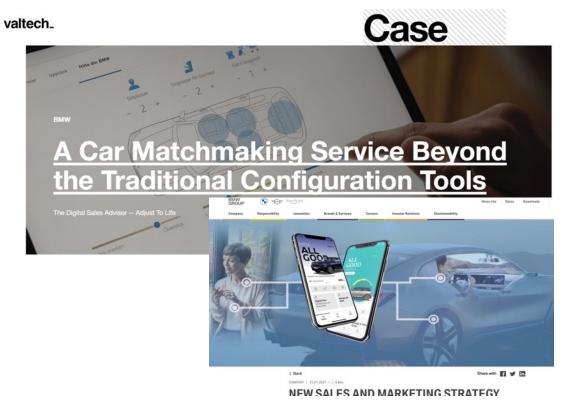
# Appendix: Online Sales Accelerated by Covid 19

### **OEM Case Studies**

### **BMW**

Valtech introduces BMW's Digital Sales Advisor, a 'matchmaking service'

- To help customers find BMW stock cars
- To find car customer needs, wants, and receive keys 'same day'
- To configure car online, order car online, choose closest dealership
- 2018 Valtech Sweden becomes BMW Northern Europe's digital partner



'It all began with us wanting to have the **power of choice** when it comes to online sales.,' Cristian Porseby, head of Digital, BMW Nothern Europe

Covid 19 accelerated BMW Group's push to digitalisation of its sales and marketing—as **customers desired 'contact free ' servic**es. Sales representatives in 60 markets can now sell vehicles to customers from any location, Pieter Nota, BMW Board Member, Customer, Brands, Sales, January 2021

- BMW **i4**, **iX** will use new online sales concept
  - Buyers can configure, buy, organise delivery all from single point online
  - "THE MARCOM ENGINE" enables foundation for a personalised and targeted customer approach at BMW and MINI in the future.
  - Pilot in South Africa successful where BMW responsible directly for sale, including taking new car order, generating invoice, and receiving payment
  - 2021 BMW buyers in Europe to be able to buy a BMW electric model online under the new sales & marketing strategy

### Toyota

Valtech \_ Toyota aims for a 'direct to consumer route for auto sales'

- New service does not aim to remove dealer, but to 'change its role' to that of a long-term customer relationship
- New service combines Mobility & Financial Services



The point of this new service offering is not to remove the dealership altogether, but to change its role, from being sales-led to focused on the long-term customer relationship.

The Automotive Giant Changes the Way We Buy New Cars

'The COVID-19 pandemic has further proven that **online capabilities** are critical to success in most industries, automotive included. While technology is a great enabler, it must be complemented by both business and marketing activation to truly succeed,'

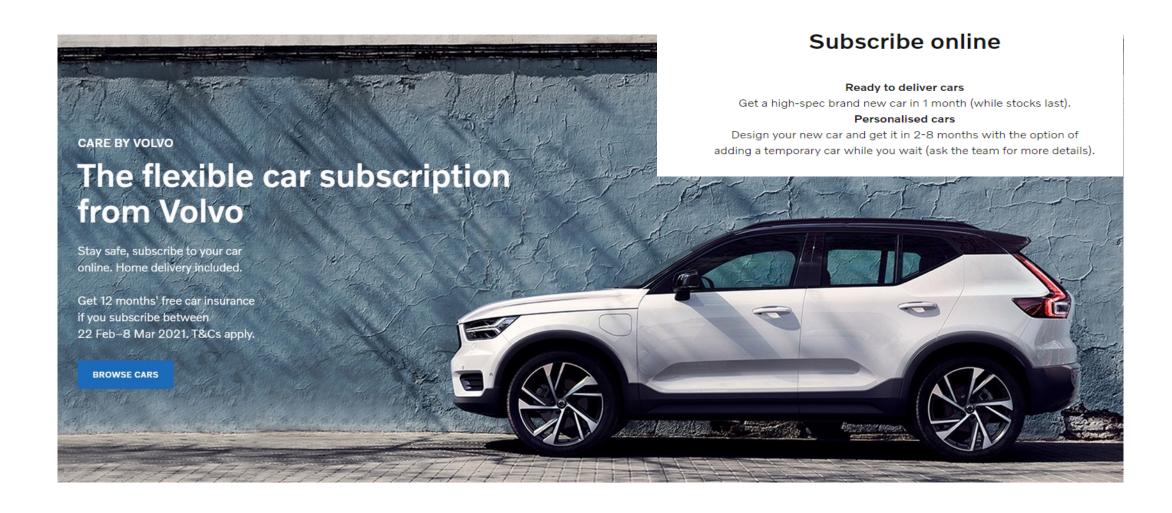
Martin Müßener, Vice President Sales & Marketing, TOYOTA Financial Services Europe & Africa Region

Key Dates	Moving Online
2018	Toyota trials Agency Model in Australia
2019/20	Valtech & Toyota work on new sales structure for Europe
2020	Announces KINTO Europe
April 2021	KINTO launches

#### **KINTO** explained

- 1) Offers car subscription service, car sharing, car pooling basically a mobility solution
- 2) Existing retailers transform to 'Mobility Service Providers'
- 3) KINTO One –all inclusive 'leasing service' offered in 7 European markets, more to follow in 2021
- 4) KINTO Flex –subscription service for 'short term' use of Toyota and Lexus models
- 5) Kinto Join, Kinto Go, Kinto Share –other services offered

## Volvo



### Volvo

- **Care by Volvo** online car subscription division
  - also launched 'Stay Home Store' in 2020 due to lockdowns
  - Online Sales 'doubled' in 2020, currently 10% of Volvo total sales
  - 2021 target to 'more than double' 2020 sales volume.
    - Launched in Germany end 2018 –Trial Market before mass roll out in Europe
      - Of 2020 sales, 6.1% were via Care for Volvo (in Germany)
      - By 2025, target 50% of Volvo sales via Care for Volvo (in Germany, and globally)
      - 80% customers prefer to buy 'stock' car, with fast delivery times, rather than configure new car

'During 2020, Volvo Cars also saw an accelerated move towards **online sales** as a result of the pandemic, a development that the company expects to continue in 2021. In 2020, Volvo Cars more than doubled its number of subscriptions sold online versus 2019. Conquest rates via this channel continued to be high, supporting the increases in market share, 'statement from Volvo Cars, 4 Feb 2021

'Volvo Cars is fundamentally modernising and upgrading the way its customers buy, lease, subscribe to and service their cars as it works towards its ambition to sell **50 per cent of its global volume online by 2025,'** statement from Volvo Cars, 7 Sept. 2020 on acquisition of dealership in Stockholm

Care by Volvo	Year Introduced		Care by Volvo - Explained
United States	2017	1.	In house leasing package (not a PCP deal)
Germany	2018	2.	All 'running costs' except fuel included
Netherlands	2020		- ,
Norway	2020	3.	Fixed monthly costs –cover road tax, servicing, breakdown, insurance (if included in package)
Sweden	2020		
UK	2020 (withdrawn)	4.	2-3 year lease contract, <u>without deposit</u>
Stay Home Store (introduced when lockdowns closed dealerships)  2020 –launch		2020	0 –launched Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Belgium, UK
Offered for 3 models, pre-set price No down-payment needed			

### Mercedes

"A purely online channel is **not a replacement** for the relationship a customer and dealer can have. But in this day and age we have to have an option for those who want to do the whole transaction online," stated Horst von Sanden, managing director for Mercedes-Benz Australia.

	Agency Model Roll Out to boost Online Sales	
2018	Sweden 'Agency Model' trial launched	
2018/ 2019	Australia, South Africa 'Agency Model' trial launched with EQC	
2020	Germany 'Online Sales' launched	
2021	Austria roll out of 'Agency Model'	
2021/ 22	Europe –expected roll out of Agency Model for EQ family of cars in Europe Australia – full roll out on all cars	
2025	Target 25% of global sales to be via Online Sales channel	

	Mercedes Agency Model Outline
1)	Launch with EQ family of EVs expected
2)	Fixed price set by Mercedes
3)	No haggling with dealer
4)	Dealer becomes 'Agent', gets set commission, manages after sales, long term customer relationship.

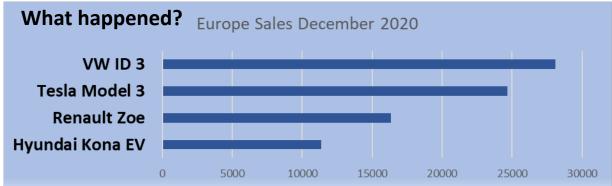
In Germany alone, the volume of daily hits to Mercedes' sales websites surged 70% between April and June 2020. Britta Seeger, head of sales at Mercedes states; "By 2025, 25% of our passenger car sales will be made via online channels."

## Volkswagen



- All Volkswagen retail partners agree new sales model for ID. family
- Agency agreement signed by 100 percent of retail partners
- Customers can buy direct from Volkswagen, dealers remain involved
- Seamless switch between online/offline channels possible during buying process
- Sales model applies to vehicles from the all-electric ID. family
- Holger B. Santel, Head of Sales Germany: "Strong signal for the future"

"The dealer no longer has to finance vehicles in advance. We also bear inventory cost and the costs associated with showroom vehicles. We are offering dealers an extremely attractive leasing concept for demonstration vehicles," Holger B. Santel, Head of Sales Germany



- VW sells 28,108 ID. 3 cars in December, and 56,937 units since launch in Sept 2020.
- ID.3 best selling EV in Europe in December
- Customer chooses model online, selects preferred local dealer
- Dealer then looks after acquisition, but price remains VW set price

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