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Index Fundamentals



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Industry News

- US auto sales increased +14% during the month of November. The seasonally adjusted annual rate reached 13.6 million, which is the highest monthly sales rate since August 2009. Chrysler posted a +45% increase in sales, while GM reported a +7% increase. The continued easing of credit, a boost in consumer confidence, Black Friday and the need to replace aging vehicles contributed to the strong sales numbers.
- Germany's car sales rose +2.6% in November, despite weaker numbers being reported for the rest of Europe. Sales were down -9.25% in Italy, -7.6% in France, and -6.4% in Spain. Quick Link 2
- Japan's auto sales rose +24.1% in November from the prior year, which is the third straight month of increases. China's auto sales rose +3.8% from October to November, but fell -0.9% from the same period 2010. Quick Link 3 Quick Link 4
- New launches and marketing plans led to strong November sales for many Indian carmakers. Mahindra & Mahindra's sales increased +53%, Tata Motors rose +41%, and Bajaj Auto rose +25% from November 2010. Quick Link 5

Company Reports

- The BMW Group reported its best third quarter in company history. Revenues increased +3.8% in Q3 2011 to \$22,278 million from \$21,465 million, while profit rose +44.0% to \$2,310 million from \$1,605 million.
- Continental's sales increased +18.9% in the third quarter of 2011 to \$10,426.62 million from \$8,771.48 million in the third quarter of 2010, while earnings rose +74.1% to \$859.05 million from \$493.32 million.
- Nissan Motor Co reported a +0.7% increase in net revenue in the second quarter 2011 of the company's fiscal year to \$29.7 billion from \$29.5 billion during the same time period 2010. Quick Link 8
- Toyota Motor Corporation's quarterly sales fell -4.9% to \$59.4 billion from \$62.3 billion a year earlier, while the company's quarterly profit decreased -18.5% to \$1.0 billion from \$1.3 billion. QuickLink 9
- Magna International's sales increased +20.6% in the third quarter of 2011 to \$6,970 million from \$5,778 million in the third quarter of 2010. The company's earnings fell -61.7% to \$102 million from \$266 million.



Company Reports (cont'd)

- Tata Motors reported a +26.9% increase in net revenue during the second quarter of the company's fiscal year 2012 to \$7,390 million from \$5,823 million a year earlier. The company posted a +14.8% increase in earnings before interest and taxes to \$983 million from \$856.2 million during the same period fiscal year 2011. Quick Link 11
- General Motors Co. announced a \$2.6 billion increase in net revenue to \$36.7 billion in the third quarter of 2011 from \$34.1 billion the same period a year earlier. The company's earnings before interest and taxes was \$2.2 billion, compared with \$2.3 billion in the third quarter of 2010. Quick Link 12

Quick Links

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