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Abstracts

The Global Southeast Asia Used Cars Market was valued at USD 18.1 billion in 2024 and is estimated to grow at a CAGR of 4.5% to reach USD 27.7 billion by 2034. Changing consumer behavior, especially among younger generations, is driving demand for more reliable, tech-supported used cars. Buyers across the region are increasingly viewing pre-owned vehicles not as depreciating assets, but as efficient, tech-enabled mobility solutions. Innovations in vehicle diagnostics, online retailing, and pricing transparency have reshaped how cars are bought and sold. In particular, digital commerce is playing a growing role in the Southeast Asian automotive resale sector, as platforms now offer seamless access to vehicle histories, financing, and doorstep delivery.

The shift in ownership preferences and growing urban populations are pushing demand for affordable personal mobility. Advanced automotive technologies such as AI-based pricing engines, connected car features, and telematics are slowly becoming part of the used car industry. Buyers are now seeking vehicles that offer modern driving experiences at lower costs. Southeast Asian consumers are gradually warming up to models with enhanced features such as ADAS and connected services, which were previously only available in new cars.

The digital evolution of the resale ecosystem ensures better transparency, better price discovery, and improved customer trust in the transaction process. As this sector matures, more regional startups and platforms are tapping into these innovations to meet evolving consumer needs. Amid high inflation and the soaring cost of new vehicles, especially in emerging economies, the appeal of pre-owned vehicles has reached new heights, particularly in key markets such as Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand,

and the Philippines.

In terms of end use, the market is categorized into personal and commercial applications. Personal use continues to dominate the landscape, accounting for approximately 71% of the overall share in 2024. This segment is expected to maintain robust growth at over 4% CAGR from 2025 to 2034. Affordability, especially for first-time car buyers in developing cities, remains the biggest growth driver. Increasing disposable incomes among the middle class, coupled with rising access to digital financial services, are propelling this segment forward. Consumers across urban and semi-urban areas are choosing pre-owned vehicles over new ones due to favorable pricing, extended warranty options, and certified pre-owned offers.

Based on fuel type, the Southeast Asia used cars market is segmented into gasoline, diesel, electric, hybrid, and others. Gasoline vehicles continue to be the preferred choice across most countries in the region, including Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Thailand. These models are easier to access, offer lower upfront costs, and have an extensive servicing infrastructure. In 2024, gasoline-powered cars accounted for the majority of transactions, largely due to their familiarity and affordability. Despite growing environmental awareness and interest in electric mobility, EVs are still a minor part of the used car segment. Range anxiety, lack of charging infrastructure, and concerns around battery degradation have slowed the adoption of used electric vehicles.

On the basis of sales channel, the market is divided into peer-to-peer transactions, franchised dealers, and independent dealers. Franchised dealerships lead the market with a structured and trusted sales environment, accounting for approximately 48% of all used car sales in 2024. These dealerships, often backed by original equipment manufacturers or authorized automotive groups, offer value-added services like vehicle warranties, certified inspections, and verified service history—factors that increasingly influence purchase decisions. While peer-to-peer platforms still cater to budget-conscious consumers, the growing appetite for assurance and convenience is expected to strengthen the foothold of franchised sellers in the coming years.

In regional performance, Malaysia emerged as the frontrunner in 2024, holding a significant 33% market share and generating USD 6.1 billion in revenue. The country has built a strong foundation for the used car trade, underpinned by the presence of digital-first platforms, streamlined inspection services, and strong consumer interest in certified vehicles. The country's growing urbanization, rising cost of new vehicle ownership, and digitized resale ecosystem have contributed to this lead. Malaysia's regulatory environment, coupled with its organized dealer network and evolving digital

finance systems, provides an ideal setting for scaling used vehicle transactions across the region.

Major players shaping the Southeast Asia used cars market include Carro, SGCarMart, OLX Autos, Carlist.my, Broom, MyTukar, Red Motors, Chobrod, Autodeal, Carsome, AuctionNow, VinFast Auto, Carmudi, AutoBest, Mobil123, and Mudah.my. These companies continue to invest in customer experience, automation, and inspection processes, helping redefine how used vehicles are perceived and purchased in this dynamic regional landscape.

Comprehensive Market Analysis and Forecast

Industry trends, key growth drivers, challenges, future opportunities, and regulatory landscape

Competitive landscape with Porter's Five Forces and PESTEL analysis

Market size, segmentation, and regional forecasts

In-depth company profiles, business strategies, financial insights, and SWOT analysis

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