

# **E-Mobility in ASEAN on the Rise**

Discover the opportunities in the emerging ASEAN E-Mobility Market





ASEAN's electric vehicle market is on the rise, fueled by the increasing availability and affordability of EV models. This burgeoning market underscores the region's dedication to sustainable transportation and economic development. With supportive government policies, investments in infrastructure, and a growing consumer base, ASEAN is poised to become a key player in the transition to e-mobility.



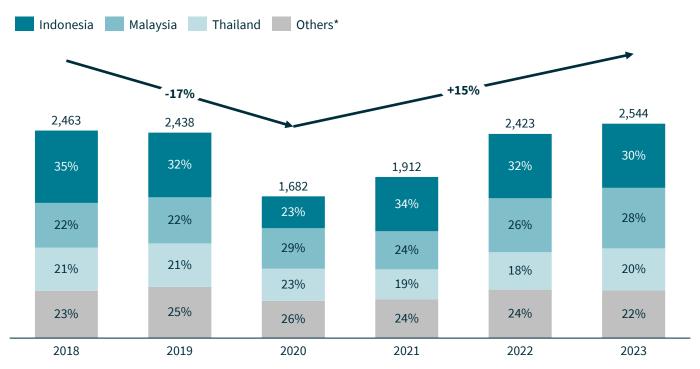


# **ASEAN's E-Mobility Value Perception Insight**

### **Overview of the Passenger Car Market in ASEAN**

The overall annual sales of passenger cars in ASEAN totalled 2.5 million units in 2023. Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand have long occupied the top three positions in ASEAN car sales. Indonesia is the largest passenger car market in ASEAN, with a relatively complete automotive parts supply chain. Thailand is the largest automobile exporter in the ASEAN region, and Malaysia has strong local brands.

### PASSENGER CAR SALES IN ASEAN COUNTRIES (K UNITS)



Source: Marklines, EAC research

Post-pandemic, the ASEAN passenger car market saw a 15% annual growth. By 2023, sales hit 2.54 million vehicles, with **78% coming from Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand** 

- ❖ Indonesia remains the largest market in ASEAN, focusing on automotive manufacturing and electric vehicles. It produces over 1.40 million vehicles¹ annually and exports around 470,000. The strong Japanese-led parts supply chain and benefits from the ASEAN Free Trade Area enhance Indonesia's potential as a leading auto parts market.
- ❖ Thailand, the second-largest market, boasts a robust automotive industry employing 10% of its workforce. It produces 1.84 million vehicles¹¹ annually through 33 manufacturers, such as Toyota and Honda, and exports over 900,000 vehicles, making it ASEAN's largest vehicle exporter.
- ❖ Malaysia, the third-largest market, sees its automotive sector contributing 4% to its GDP and focuses on developing its new energy vehicle supply chain. Its car market is led by local brands, and the country's strong chip industry, the 7th largest in the world, supports automotive electrification and development.

<sup>\*</sup> Others includes Singapore, Vietnam, Philippines, and Myanmar





### **ASEAN's E-Mobility Growth Momentum**

#### **Electric Vehicle Market Potential in Selected ASEAN Countries**

The market for EV in ASEAN is expected to grow alongside the overall passenger car market. Indonesia is expected to feature electric vehicle sales of 180,000 units by 2025, followed by Thailand which is expected to reach sales of 177,000 units.

### **OUTLOOK PASSENGER AND EV SALES IN ASEAN (K UNITS)**

Total EV & hybrid



GDP '23: USD 1.3 trillion Population: 276 million Per Capita GDP: USD 4,248 82 vehicles per 1,000 people





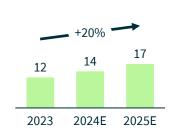
- Significant demographic dividend expected in the future, with larger number of children per family.
- There is an emphasis on online consumption, and consumers are quite price-sensitive.
- Cash subsidies for new energy vehicles are relatively weak, with a preference for reflecting benefits through road rights subsidies.



Malaysia

GDP '23: USD 344 billion Population: 33.7 million Per Capita GDP: USD 12,104 430 vehicles per 1,000 people





- Decrease in willingness to have children among families, and consumers are more price-sensitive. Each family already owns an average of 2 cars, fuel prices relatively low, making EV less attractive.
- Tendency towards local protectionism; government has a duty-free policy for electric vehicles, and policies focus on developing the domestic new energy vehicle industry chain.



GDP '23: USD 513 billion Population: 67.9 million Per Capita GDP: USD 7,189 269 vehicles per 1,000 people





- Facing social issues such as overall high household debt and reduced willingness to have children.
- The cost difference between refuelling and recharging is quite large, fuel is around 150% higher.
- The government has a comprehensive plan called EV3.5 to develop new energy vehicles, but the support policies are gradually weakening compared to EV3.0.



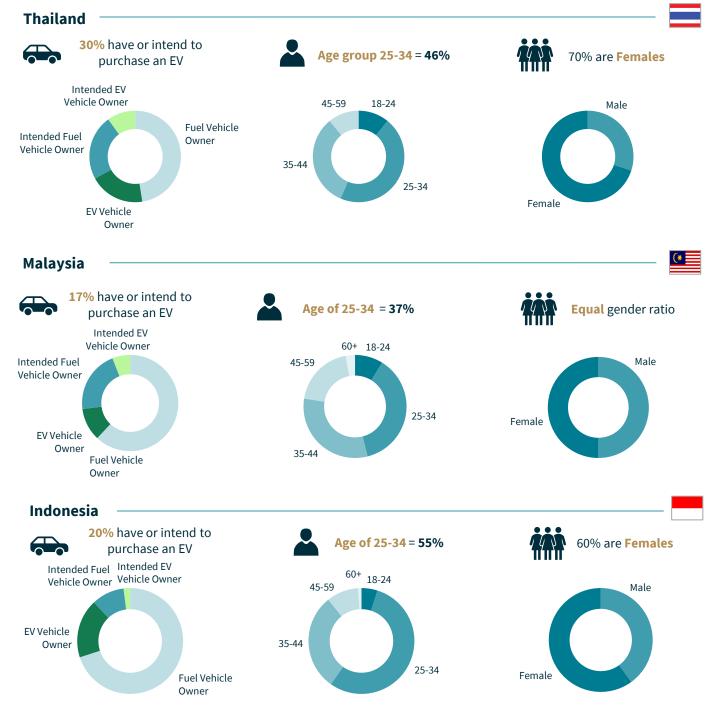


# **ASEAN's E-Mobility Consumer Perception**

**Overview of Respondents in User Value Perception Survey** 

### **EAC'S ASEAN CONSUMER INSIGHTS STUDY (1,000 RESPONDENTS)**

Recent consumer research<sup>1)</sup> conducted by EAC revealed that 17% to 30% of car owners have or intended to purchase an electric vehicle. In Thailand and Indonesia, majority of potential electric vehicle consumers are females, whereas in Malaysia, the gender distribution is more balanced.



<sup>1)</sup> Survey focus on compact vehicles





# **ASEAN's E-Mobility Opportunity Mapping**

#### Valuable experiences and support from EAC

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Government Incentives: strong policy support, subsidies and tax breaks, is driving EV adoption
- **Growing consumer demand:** rising middle-class and eco-conscious consumers pushing demand
- \* Manufacturing hub: strategic location and cost advantages offer opportunity for production and exports
- Urban mobility solutions: electric cars will help to combat pollution and congestion in rapidly growing cities
- Charging infrastructure growth: expanding EV charging networks make electric cars more viable

**CHALLENGES** 

- ❖ Policy inconsistencies: varying regulations and standards across ASEAN countries create barriers
- **Consumer awareness:** lack of understanding and confidence in EV technology hampers adoption
  - Increasing competition: creating profit pressure for both OEMs and components suppliers
- Limited charging infrastructure: insufficient charging networks across ASEAN nations restrict EV usage
- **Battery supply chain constraints:** reliance on imported batteries and raw materials poses supply chain risks
  - ❖ After-sales support: limited availability of EV maintenance services and spare parts availability



### **EAC SUPPORT OPTIONS**





**International OEMs** 



Component suppliers



**Battery & charging** 

- ❖ Market and competition dynamics (ICE vs. EV) and regulatory and policy transparency
- Consumer insights and value perception surveys
- Product planning and pricing strategy
- Sales & marketing strategy and after-sales service set-up
- Consumer journey handbook and training videos
- Production feasibility study and planning

- Transparency OEM production roadmap ASEAN
- Technical and commercial supply requirements
- Regional & local partnering concepts (M&A, JVs)
- Build-up of local value chain and sub-suppliers
- Ideal manufacturing location search

- Mapping of customer universe (OEMs, tiers, property developers)
- Supply chain set-up and raw material access
- Manufacturing planning and location screening
- Local eco-system build-up (government, utilities)
- Recycling strategy and waste reduction concepts





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