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Country:	Europe [Europe]
Corp. Group:	Zhejiang Geely Holding Group
Company:	Zeekr Europe
Site:	
Date, Source:	25-07-25, Euronews
News Item:	Zeekr wants to expand throughout Europe. Following the launch of its brands in the Nordic countries, as well as Belgium and Switzerland, it is now planning to supply Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Italy and Spain.

Country:	Japan / Sweden [World]
Corp. Group:	Isuzu Motors Ltd. / Volvo Group
Company:	
Site:	
Date, Source:	29-07-25, Auto Business News
News Item:	Isuzu Motors and Volvo have signed a cooperation agreement to jointly develop a platform for medium-duty trucks. As part of the agreement, their partnership has been extended to 20 years.

Country:	Austria [West Europe]
Corp. Group:	Pierer Mobility AG
Company:	KTM AG
Site:	Mattighofen / Munderfing
Date, Source:	28-07-25, dpa-AFX ProFeed
News Item:	Pierer Mobility subsidiary KTM is resuming production at its main plants in Mattighofen and Munderfing after six months of restructuring. The company now feels it is in a better position to meet the high demand for its Husqvarna and Gasgas brands.

Country:	France [West Europe]
Corp. Group:	Stellantis N.V.
Company:	
Site:	Poissy
Date, Source:	25-07-25, MarketLine News and Comment
News Item:	Stellantis is about to start production of the Mokka GSE electric car at its Poissy site in France.

Country:	Germany [West Europe]
Corp. Group:	BWM AG / Mercedes-Benz / Lyft
Company:	FreeNow
Site:	
Date, Source:	31-07-25, CE NoticiasFinancieras
News Item:	BMW and Mercedes have sold their mobility app FreeNow to US ride-hailing service Lyft at a price of 172 million USD.

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Country:	Germany [West Europe]
Corp. Group:	Volkswagen AG
Company:	Audi AG
Site:	
Date, Source:	28-07-25, dpa International Service in English
News Item:	In the first half of 2025, Audi's profits plummeted by 37.5%, mainly due to US tariff policy.

Country:	Germany [West Europe]
Corp. Group:	Volkswagen AG
Company:	Porsche AG
Site:	
Date, Source:	30-07-25, WELT online
News Item:	Porsche is planning a change in strategy. The company is slowing down its transition towards electric mobility and is investing again in new combustion engine models. Strong sales figures are expected in China and the US.

Country:	Italy [West Europe]
Corp. Group:	Iveco Group N.V. / Tata Motors Ltd.
Company:	
Site:	
Date, Source:	30-07-25, Gulf Oil & Gas
News Item:	Iveco Group and Tata Motors have signed an agreement for Tata to acquire Iveco. Together they intend to be positioned as a strong global player.

Country:	Spain [West Europe]
Corp. Group:	Chery Automobile Co. Ltd.
Company:	
Site:	Cornellà de Llobregat / Barcelona
Date, Source:	30-07-25, Catalan News by ACN
News Item:	Chery will open a new research and development centre in Cornellà de Llobregat near Barcelona in the autumn.

Country:	United Kingdom [West Europe]
Corp. Group:	Tata Motors Ltd.
Company:	Jaguar Land Rover PLC (JLR)
Site:	Wolverhampton
Date, Source:	25-07-25, Shropshire Star
News Item:	JLR has been given the green light to expand its parts warehouses in Wolverhampton. The expansion is part of JLR's plan to convert the Wolverhampton plant entirely in order to produce electric cars.

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Country:	United Kingdom [West Europe]
Corp. Group:	TSV Motor
Company:	
Site:	
Date, Source:	28-07-25, Auto Business News
News Item:	Indian car manufacturer TSV Motor plans to launch four new motorcycle models through the British company Norton Motorcycles. Its flagship model is a 1200cc four-cylinder superbike.

Country:	Romania [East Europe]
Corp. Group:	Ford Motor Co.
Company:	Ford Otosan
Site:	Craiova
Date, Source:	28-07-25, Nine O'Clock Online
News Item:	Ford Otosan plans to invest 490 million EUR in its production facilities in Craiova over the next three years. The main focus will be on manufacturing electric cars, with the production of the electric Puma model beginning this year.

Country:	USA [North America]
Corp. Group:	Alphabet Inc.
Company:	Waymo
Site:	
Date, Source:	28-07-25, Forbes.com
News Item:	Waymo, a leading American operator of robotaxis, will expand its service to Dallas in 2026, overtaking Tesla with this move.

Country:	USA [North America]
Corp. Group:	Isuzu Motors Ltd.
Company:	
Site:	
Date, Source:	28-07-25, Kyodo News
News Item:	In order to circumvent US customs regulations, Japanese truck manufacturer Isuzu Motors is considering relocating its light truck production to the US in 2028.

Country:	USA [Nordamerika]
Corp. Group:	Lyft / Benteler Group
Company:	
Site:	
Date, Source:	26-07-25, Los Angeles Times
News Item:	The American ride-hailing service Lyft plans to launch autonomous electric shuttles on American roads next year, thereby competing with Uber. Lyft is collaborating with the Austria-based Benteler Group for this purpose.

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Country: **USA** [North America]
Corp. Group: **McLaren Group**
Company:
Site:
Date, Source: 25-07-25, Baltimore Daily Record
News Item:
McLaren has begun construction of a new vehicle processing centre at Tradepoint Atlantic for customising and distributing cars, aiming to expand its footprint in the US.

Country: **USA** [North America]
Corp. Group: **Tesla Motors Inc. / LG Energy Solution**
Company:
Site:
Date, Source: 30-07-25, The Wall Street Journal Online
News Item:
South Korean battery manufacturer LG Energy Solution has signed a supply agreement with Tesla worth 4.3 billion USD. LG Energy will supply Tesla with lithium-ion batteries over the next three years.

Country: **USA** [North America]
Corp. Group: **Tesla Motors Inc. / Samsung Electronics**
Company:
Site:
Date, Source: 28-07-25, RTE.ie
News Item:
Tesla and Samsung have signed an agreement for the supply of chips worth 16.5 billion USD. The chips will be produced at Samsung's new factory in Texas.

Country: **USA** [North America]
Corp. Group: **Volkswagen AG**
Company:
Site:
Date, Source: 25-07-25, CE NoticiasFinancieras
News Item:
VW is currently in negotiations with the US to reach individual agreements to circumvent Trump's tariffs. VW is seeking even more favourable terms than the 15% proposed by the EU on European vehicles.

Country: **Argentina** [Central and South America]
Corp. Group: **Chery Automobile Co. Ltd.**
Company:
Site:
Date, Source: 29-07-25, CE NoticiasFinancieras
News Item:
Chery plans to launch a new hybrid vehicle, the Tiggo 4, on the Argentine market shortly. The car has a fuel consumption of 5.3 l per 100 km and an extended range of up to 1,000 km.

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Country: **Mexico** [Central and South America]
Corp. Group: **Nissan Motor Co. Ltd.**
Company:
Site: **Cuernavaca / Aguascalientes**
Date, Source: 30-07-25, CE NoticiasFinancieras
News Item:
Nissan has confirmed the closure of its plant in Cuernavaca, Morelos, where the company has been operating since 1966. Production of the Nissan NP300, Frontier and Versa models will be relocated to Aguascalientes.

Country: **India** [Central Asia]
Corp. Group: **Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M) / Ideal Motors Pvt. Ltd.**
Company: **Mahindra Ideal Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd.**
Site:
Date, Source: 31-07-25, Informist MoneyWire
News Item:
M&M have signed a takeover agreement with Ideal Motors, under which Ideal Motors will acquire a 35% stake in Mahindra Ideal Lanka.

Country: **India** [Central Asia]
Corp. Group: **Minsterium für Industrieförderung und Binnenhandel (DPIIT) / Ather Energy Ltd.**
Company:
Site:
Date, Source: 29-07-25, Tax India Online
News Item:
The Indian Ministry of DPIIT and electric vehicle manufacturer Ather Energy have signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen growth in the field of clean mobility and the production of electric vehicles.

Country: **India** [Central Asia]
Corp. Group: **Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. / Renault Group BV**
Company: **Renault Nissan Automotive India Private Ltd.**
Site:
Date, Source: 28-07-25, ET Now
News Item:
Renault has received approval from Nissan to acquire the remaining 51% stake in the Renault Nissan Automotive India joint venture.

Country: **India** [Central Asia]
Corp. Group: **Suzuki Motor Corp.**
Company: **Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.**
Site:
Date, Source: 28-07-25, Auto Business News
News Item:
Maruti Suzuki plans to launch its five-seat SUV Escudo on the Indian market in September 2025. The model will be positioned below the Grand Vitara and will be available with a hybrid engine.

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Country: **India** [Central Asia]
Corp. Group: **Triumph Motorcycles**
Company:
Site:
Date, Source: 31-07-25, Jagran English
News Item:
Triumph Motorcycles plans to launch its new Triumph Thruxton 400 Cafe Racer model on the Indian market in August.

Country: **India** [Central Asia]
Corp. Group: **VinFast**
Company:
Site: **Surat**
Date, Source: 28-07-25, CarTradeIndia.com
News Item:
VinFast is expanding into the Indian market with the opening of its first showrooms in Surat.

Country: **China** [Far East]
Corp. Group: **Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. / Dongfeng Motor Group Co. Ltd.**
Company:
Site: **Guangzhou**
Date, Source: 31-07-25, Reuters News
News Item:
Nissan and Dongfeng plan to establish a joint venture in Guangzhou, in which Nissan will hold a 60% stake. The joint venture will primarily focus on the export of vehicles and auto parts.

Country: **Japan** [Far East]
Corp. Group: **Subaru Corp. / Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE)**
Company:
Site:
Date, Source: 28-07-25, The Fly
News Item:
Subaru has chosen HPE as its supplier for image recognition and AI systems. Subaru will integrate HPE's EyeSight driver assistance system, which is currently still in the development phase.

Country: **Malaysia** [Far East]
Corp. Group: **BYD Company Ltd.**
Company:
Site:
Date, Source: 29-07-25, Gasgoo Automotive News
News Item:
BYD has launched its fully electric compact SUV, the ATTO 2, on the Malaysian market.

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Country:	Philippines [Far East]
Corp. Group:	Honda Philippines, Inc. / Honda Parts Manufacturing Corp.
Company:	
Site:	
Date, Source:	30-07-25, BusinessWorld
News Item:	Honda Philippines has announced its merger with Honda Parts Manufacturing. The transaction is intended to consolidate operations.

Country:	Singapore [Far East]
Corp. Group:	Chongqing Changan Automobile Co. Ltd.
Company:	
Site:	
Date, Source:	29-07-25, Gasgoo Automotive News
News Item:	Changan Automobile unveiled its new alternatively powered SUV model, the AVATR 11, and a limited special edition, the AVATR 012, during an event in Singapore.

Country:	Egypt [Africa]
Corp. Group:	Chery Automobile Co. Ltd.
Company:	
Site:	Kairo
Date, Source:	30-07-25, AzerNews
News Item:	Chery unveiled five new models for the Egyptian market at an event in Cairo, underscoring its push into North Africa.

Country:	Morocco [Africa]
Corp. Group:	Cenntro Inc./ Electricove
Company:	
Site:	
Date, Source:	28-07-25, Ecofin Agency
News Item:	US electric car manufacturer Cenntro has signed an agreement with Moroccan company Electricove to build an assembly plant for electric cars in Morocco, intended to produce the Teemak and LS450 models for the Moroccan and North African markets.

Auto-Supplier News 25 July to 31 July 2025 (Week 31) (Analysis of Various Sources)

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Country: **Germany** [West Europe]
 Company: **Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. Ltd. (CATL)**
 Site: **Arnstadt**
 Products: **Batteries**
 Date, Source: 27-07-25, The Namibia Press Agency (NAMPA)
News Item:
 CATL's battery cell plant in Arnstadt is intended to strengthen the cooperation between Germany and China. Currently, around 30 million cells are produced there per year. Further factories are planned in Spain and Hungary.

Country: **Italy** [West Europe]
 Company: **EuroGroup Laminations Spa / FountainVest Partners**
 Site:
 Products: **Electric motors**
 Date, Source: 30-07-25, MarketLine Financial Deals Tracker
News Item:
 FountainVest Partners, a Hong Kong-based investment firm, will acquire a 55.3% majority stake in EuroGroup Laminations, an Italian electric motor and gearbox manufacturer. FountainVest will acquire a 45.7% stake from EMS Euro Management Services and a further 7.9% from Tikehau Capital. The value of the transaction is estimated at 626 million EUR.

Country: **Sweden** [West Europe]
 Company: **Lyten / Northvolt AB**
 Site:
 Products: **Batteries**
 Date, Source: 30-07-25, AKMENG
News Item:
 The US battery startup Lyten has raised 200 million USD for the acquisition of the Swedish battery manufacturer Northvolt.

Country: **Switzerland** [West Europe]
 Company: **Nemak, S.A.B. de C.V. / GF Casting Solutions**
 Site:
 Products: **Casting parts**
 Date, Source: 30-07-25, MarketLine Financial Deals Tracker
News Item:
 Nemak has acquired the automotive division of GF Casting Solutions, a Swiss-based manufacturer of automotive castings. With this transaction, Nemak aims to expand its portfolio and strengthen its position in the transition to sustainable mobility.

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Country: **Switzerland** [West Europe]
Company: **ST Microelectronics / NXP**
Site:
Products: **Sensors**
Date, Source: 28-07-25, Automobil Industrie Online

News Item:

Swiss semiconductor group ST Microelectronics is acquiring NXP's MEMS sensor division at a purchase price of 950 million USD, thereby strengthening its position in the global market.

Country: **Bulgaria** [East Europe]
Company: **Behr-Hella Thermocontrol (BHTC)**
Site: **Bozhurishte Industrial Park**
Products: **Automotive parts**
Date, Source: 30-07-25, Bulgarian News Agency

News Item:

The supplier Behr-Hella Thermocontrol is investing 25 million EUR in the expansion of its factory in the Bozhurishte Industrial Park near Sofia.

Country: **USA** [North America]
Company: **Adient**
Site: **Normal, IL**
Products: **Automotive seating**
Date, Source: 30-07-25, Black Mountain News

News Item:

Adient, a manufacturer of automotive seats, plans to invest 8 million USD in a new plant with 75 jobs in Normal. The plant will be located near its main customer, Rivian.

Country: **India** [Central Asia]
Company: **DENSO Corp. /**
Site: **Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh**
Products: **Automotive parts**
Date, Source: 27-07-25, Free Press Journal

News Item:

DENSO is investing in a new plant in Gautam Buddha Nagar for the production of motor generators, parts intended for hybrid and electric cars.

Country: **India** [Central Asia]
Company: **ZF Friedrichshafen AG**
Site:
Products: **Electric park breaks**
Date, Source: 31-07-25, Auto Business News

News Item:

ZF has started producing its electric parking brake systems (Electric Park Brake – EPB) in India.

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Country:	South Korea [Far East]
Company:	Kumho Tire Co. Ltd.
Site:	Gwangju / Hampyeong
Products:	Tyres
Date, Source:	31-07-25, Maeil Business Newspaper

News Item:

Kumho Tire plans to resume production at its Gwangju site following fire damage. In addition, the company's new plant in Hampyeong is scheduled to start production in 2028.

Country:	South Korea [Far East]
Company:	LG Innotek Co. Ltd / Aeva Technologies Inc. AG
Site:	
Products:	Lidar sensors
Date, Source:	29-07-25, Reuters News

News Item:

LG Innotek has acquired a 32-million-USD stake in Aeva, a manufacturer of lidar sensors. Aeva supplies sensors to Daimler Truck and others.

Market Reports/Market Studies 25 July – 31 July 2025 (Week 31) (Analysis of Various Sources)

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Country:	World [World]
Headline:	Customs Agreement between Europe and the US will be Costly
Date, Source:	28-07-25, Spiegel Plus
Information:	The tariff agreement between the US and Europe will cost the automotive industry billions. European car manufacturers now have to pay 15% customs duty when importing cars into the US. German luxury carmakers such as Audi and Porsche will be particularly hard hit.

Country:	Germany [West Europe]
Headline:	Sales of Electric Cars on the Rise again in Germany
Date, Source:	28-07-25, Mitteldeutsche Zeitung Online
Information:	According to consulting agency Pricewaterhouse Coopers, new registrations of electric cars rose by 37% in the first half of the year compared to the same period last year. A total of 5.9 million purely battery-powered electric vehicles were sold. However, this only accounted for 15.6% of the total market in Europe.

Country:	China [Far East]
Headline:	Tests Reveal Deficiencies in Driver Assistance Systems
Date, Source:	30-07-25, Automobil Industrie Online
Information:	Tests conducted on public roads by Chinese car portal Dongchedi revealed significant weaknesses in automated driving functions. Most of the vehicles tested were from Chinese manufacturers, but German and Japanese carmakers as well as Tesla were also tested. Tesla performed best.