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What's Hot Today:

► BYD - Full-Stack Globalization

China's EV and supply-chain strengths are expanding overseas, and Chinese automakers are moving beyond vehicle exports toward a global strategy built on localized manufacturing and brand development. Industry estimates put Chinese automakers' global sales at about 27mn units in 2025, surpassing Japan for the first time and ranking number one worldwide. BYD (1211.HK, HK\$99.20, HK\$904bn) reported 2025 exports of over 1mn units, reinforcing its leadership in the global NEV market and strengthening the influence of Chinese brands in the global auto landscape.

Based on CPCA data, global auto sales reached 87.66mn units in 11m25, with 20.33mn units of new energy vehicles (NEVs). NEV penetration rose from 26.3% in 2024 (BEV 12.8% / PHEV 7.1% / HEV 6.4%) to 30% (BEV 15.3% / PHEV 7.9% / HEV 6.8%). The mix improvement was led by BEVs, which contributed the most to the overall penetration increase.

The U.S. and Europe provide a representative comparison:

United States: NEV passenger-vehicle sales totaled 1.41mn units in 11m25 (+6% YoY). Penetration edged up from 9.7% to 9.9%, suggesting slower growth and adoption, likely due to reduced subsidies and higher tariffs affecting both demand and supply.

Europe: NEV passenger-vehicle sales reached 3.3mn units during the same period (+30% YoY). Penetration increased from 18% to 25%, driven by tighter carbon rules, purchase incentives, and continued charging and related infrastructure build-out that improves convenience.

Overall, Europe's NEV adoption is advancing much faster than the U.S., mainly due to differences in policy support and industry infrastructure.

Against this backdrop, BYD is the clear global NEV leader, with 23% market share among NEV OEMs and an 18% share in BEVs. Its global volumes have surpassed Tesla's, while Tesla's BEV share has fallen from a peak of 22% to 12%, reflecting intensifying competition and share reallocation.

During the period, Mexico became BYD's largest export destination with 116,197 units, followed by Brazil and Belgium. Emerging markets including Indonesia, Turkey, the UAE, and the Philippines also grew strongly, pointing to broader multi-regional expansion.

China & HK Indices	CLOSE	1D	YTD
HSI	26,844	-0.3%	4.7%
HSCEI	9,220	-0.5%	3.4%
HSCCI	4,139	-0.3%	3.1%
CS100	4,731	-0.4%	2.2%
Shanghai A	4,301	-0.3%	2.1%
Shanghai B	259	0.0%	2.1%
Shenzhen A	2,811	-0.1%	6.2%
Shenzhen B	1,259	0.0%	-0.4%

Key Int'l Indices	CLOSE	1D	YTD
Dow Jones	49,359	-0.2%	2.7%
S&P 500	6,940	-0.1%	1.4%
Nasdaq	23,515	-0.1%	1.2%
NIKKEI Index	53,371	-1.0%	6.0%
FTSE Index	10,235	-0.0%	3.1%
CAC Index	8,258	-0.7%	1.3%
DAX Index	25,297	-0.2%	3.3%

Commodities	CLOSE	1D	YTD
GOLD (US\$/oz.)	4,596	-0.4%	8.3%
STEEL (US\$/oz.)	2,764	-0.3%	8.7%
SILVER (US\$/oz.)	90	-2.5%	29.9%
CRUDE OIL (US\$/bbl)	59	0.4%	3.1%
COPPER (US\$/oz.)	12,803	-2.9%	3.1%
ALUMINUM (US\$/oz.)	3,134	-1.6%	4.6%
PLATINUM (US\$/oz.)	2,340	-3.0%	14.8%
ZINC (US\$/oz.)	3,209	-2.0%	2.9%
WHEAT (US\$/bu)	518	1.1%	2.2%
CORN (US\$/bu)	424	0.7%	-3.5%
SUGAR (US\$/lb)	72	11.5%	
SOYBEAN (US\$/bu)	1,057	1.5%	1.0%
PVC (US\$/t.)	4,821	-1.1%	0.0%
CRB	302	-1.6%	3.0%
BDI			-16.5%

Exchange Rates					
	USD	HKD	EUR	JPY	CHF
USD	7.797	0.862	158.120	0.803	6.970
HKD	0.128		0.111	20.273	10.300
EUR	1.160	9.044		183.420	1.074
JPY	0.006	4.932	0.545		0.508
CHF	1.245	9.710	1.074	196.855	
RMB	0.143	1.119	0.124	22.691	0.115

Market Sentiment		CURRENT	5D
CDS Monitor - USD SR 5Y			
Greece		N/A	N/A
Ireland		83	-2.4%
Italy		139	-0.6%
Portugal		207	-0.0%
Spain		108	0.3%
VIX		15	9.5%

Source: Bloomberg

This is supported by BYD's global platform build-out. It has production and commercial footprints across five continents: Hungary (Europe), Southeast Asia and the Middle East (Asia), Morocco (Africa), Mexico (North America), and Brazil (South America). Based on commissioned and planned projects, overseas capacity is estimated at at least 1.7mn units. Its retail network spans 90+ countries and 1,800 outlets. To strengthen export execution during the ramp-up phase, BYD has invested in eight dedicated car carriers, each with capacity of at least 7K vehicles per voyage.

Overall, BYD has transitioned from a vehicle exporter to an integrated global operating platform anchored by localized production, go-to-market channels, and brand equity.

Fig 1: Top 10 Export Destination for BYD Passenger Car (Jan - Nov 2025 Cumulative sales)

Rank	Country	BEV (Units)	PHEV (Units)	Total (Units)
1	Mexico	44,802	71,395	116,197
2	Brazil	47,188	61,083	108,271
3	Belgium	47,424	39,118	86,542
4	United Kingdom	32,206	37,508	69,714
5	Indonesia	65,304	-	65,304
6	Turkey	22,852	23,206	46,058
7	Australia	33,518	9,787	43,305
8	Spain	17,645	16,563	34,208
9	UAE	7,598	26,572	34,170
10	Philippines	4,278	19,285	23,563

Source: GasGoo Auto Data, Sunwah Kingsway Research

Fig 2: BYD Vehicle Export Vessels

Vessel Name	Year of Commissioning	Primary Destination	Loading Capacity (Units)
Explorer No. 1	2024	Europe	7,000
Changzhou	2024	Europe	7,000
Hefei	2025	Europe	7,000
Shenzhen	2025	Brazil	9,200
Xi'an	2025	Europe	9200
Changsha	2025	Europe	9,200
Zhengzhou	2025	Southeast Asia	7,000
Jinan	2025	Europe	9,200

Source: Company Data, Sunwah Kingsway Research

Fig 3: BYD Overseas Dealership Network Distribution

Region	Coverage Scope	Key Countries & Number of Dealerships
Europe	Covers 28 countries, Over 700+ dealerships	United Kingdom: 111 Spain: 102 France: 71 Germany: 66 Italy: 63
Asia (Excl. China)	Covers 27 countries, Over 550+ dealerships	Thailand: 164 Japan: 66 Indonesia: 53 India: 44 Turkey: 42
Americas	Covers 18 countries, Over 400+ dealerships	Brazil: 184 Mexico: 107 Chile: 26 Argentina: 17 Colombia: 16
Oceania	Covers 2 countries, Over 200+ dealerships	Australia: 185 New Zealand: 19
Africa	Covers 16 countries, Over 40+ dealerships	South Africa: 17 Morocco: 5 Tunisia: 5 Ethiopia: 2

Source: Company Data, Sunwah Kingsway Research

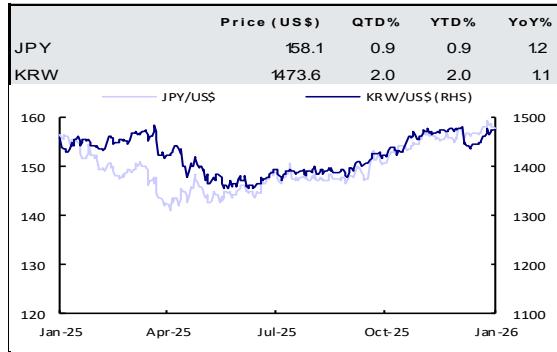
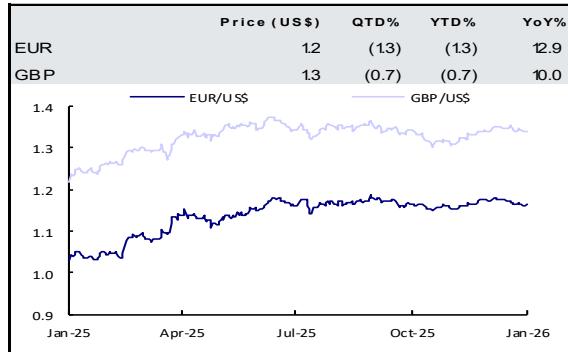
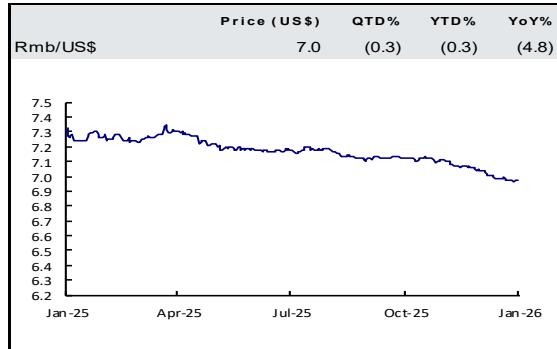
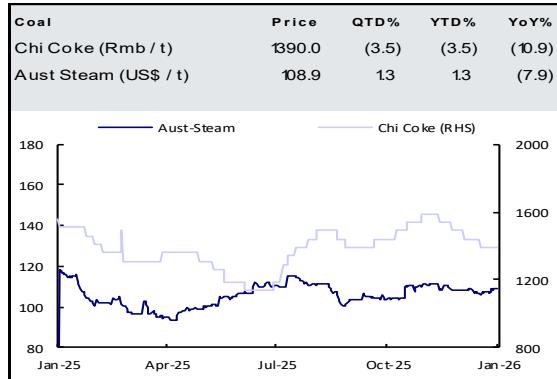
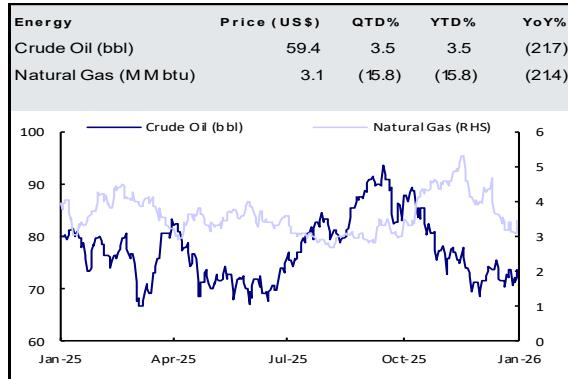
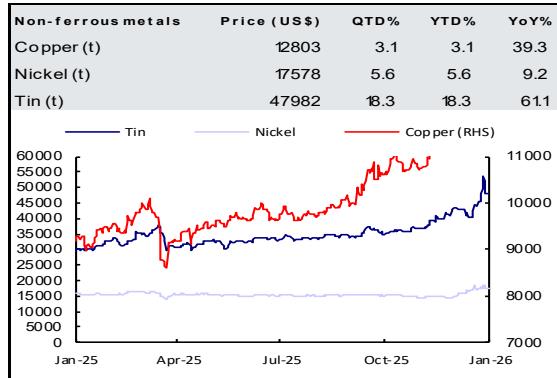
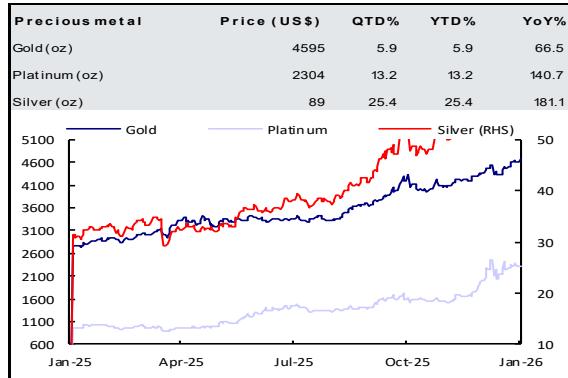
Fig 4: BYD Overseas Manufacturing Plant Layout

Continent	Country	Plant Location	Status	Production Type	Designed Annual Capacity (Units)	Primary Models / Products
Europe	Hungary	Szeged Plant	Operational	CBU (Complete Vehicle)	150,000 – 300,000	Dolphin, Atto 3 (Yuan PLL, SEAL)
		Komárom Plant	Operational	KD (Knock-Down)	1,400 – 1,500	Electric Buses & Trucks
	Uzbekistan	Jizzakh Plant	Operational	CBU	150,000 – 300,000	Destroyer 05, Song Plus DM-i, SEAL 07
	Turkey	Manisa Plant	Under Construction	CBU	150,000	BEV & PHEV Models
	Pakistan	Karachi Plant	Under Construction	KD	-	Atto 3, SEAL, Song Plus DM-i, etc.
Asia	India	Chennai Plant	Operational	CBU	200,000	BYD e6, Atto 3, etc.
	Thailand	Rayong Plant	Operational	CBU	150,000	Destroyer 05, Dolphin, SEAL, etc.
	Cambodia	Sihanoukville Plant	Operational	CKD (Completely Knocked Down)	10,000	BEV & PHEV Models
	Indonesia	West Java Plant	Under Construction	CBU	150,000	SEAL, Atto 3, Dolphin, M6 MPV
	Malaysia	Tanjung Malim Plant	Under Construction	CKD	-	-
Africa	Vietnam	Phu Tho Plant	Planned	CBU	80,000	-
	Morocco	Tangier Plant	Planned	CBU	100,000	Electric Passenger Cars, Buses & Trucks
North America	USA	Lancaster Plant	Operational	SKD (Semi-Knocked Down)	1,500	Electric Buses, Power Batteries
	Mexico	(Location Pending)	Planned	KD	400,000 – 500,000	-
South America	Brazil	Camaçari Plant, Bahia	Operational	CBU	150,000 – 300,000	Buses, Trucks, NEVs, Power Batteries
		Manaus Plant, Amazonas				
		Campinas Plant				

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Our views: BYD's vertically integrated manufacturing base and broad global footprint translate into strong cost control, fast product iteration, and reliable delivery execution, underpinning competitive positioning and sustained overseas share gains. While domestic sales in 2026 may face higher pressure, overseas volumes will be the key for incremental revenue. Importantly, overseas GPM is close to 20% and higher than the domestic level. The shift towards overseas markets is also positive to the overall margins and earnings quality. Overall, we remain positive on BYD's overseas growth potential and the company is trading at 17x 2026E P/E. (Research Department)

Market Watch – Major Commodities and Currencies



Source: Bloomberg

US Economic Calendar

Indicators	Freq	Obs Date	Expected Release Date
Personal Income & Spending	MoM		22-Jan-26
Initial Jobless Claims	WoW		22-Jan-26
GDP	QoQ		22-Jan-26
Durable Goods Orders	MoM		26-Jan-26
Consumer Confidence	MoM		27-Jan-26
Factory Orders	MoM		29-Jan-26
Trade Balance	MoM		29-Jan-26
Wholesale Inventories	MoM		29-Jan-26
PPI	MoM		30-Jan-26
Retail Sales	MoM		1-Feb-26
Business Inventories	MoM		1-Feb-26
ISM Manufacturing PMI	MoM		2-Feb-26
Housing Starts / Building Permits	MoM		2-Feb-26
Employment Report	MoM		6-Feb-26
CPI	MoM		11-Feb-26
Existing Home Sales	MoM		12-Feb-26
Industrial Production	MoM		18-Feb-26
New home Sales	MoM		19-Feb-26
Auto Sales	MoM		

China Economic Calendar

Indicators	Freq	Obs Date	Expected Release Date
Retail Sales	MoM		19-Jan-26
Industrial Production	MoM		19-Jan-26
GDP	YoY		19-Jan-26
PMI Manufacturing	MoM		31-Jan-26
Foreign Exchange Reserves	QoQ		7-Feb-26
Money Supply - M2	MoM		9-Feb-26
PPI	MoM		11-Feb-26
CPI	MoM		11-Feb-26
Trade Balance	MoM		14-Apr-26

Hong Kong Economic Calendar

Indicators	Freq	Obs Date	Expected Release Date
Unemployment Rate	MoM		20-Jan-26
CPI	MoM		22-Jan-26
Trade Balance	MoM		27-Jan-26
Money Supply - M2	MoM		30-Jan-26
GDP	QoQ		30-Jan-26
Retail Sales	MoM		3-Feb-26
PMI	MoM		4-Feb-26
Foreign Currency Reserve	MoM		6-Feb-26
Producer Prices Index	QoQ		13-Mar-26
Industrial Production	QoQ		13-Mar-26
Composite Interest Rate	MoM		

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