





Valuation Master Class

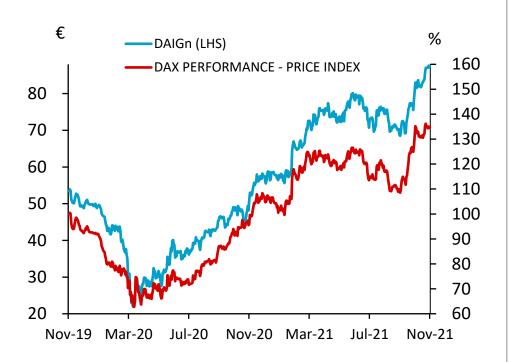
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Pure play spinoff could bring profitability back on track







3 things to know about this company

- Planned restructuring to turnaround profitability and value
- Accelerated electrification necessary to stay competitive
- ★ Strategic partnerships to bring autonomous driving forward

Key statistics

Analyst consensus (28)

PE ratio

Dividend yield

EUR 100

5.1x

1.5%

(Upside 15.0%)

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Revenue breakdown by segment



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Cars & Vans 50%





MAYBACH

MERCEDES-EQ

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FREIGHTLINER

2.5m units sold

Trucks & Buses 22%















380,000 units sold

Financial services 17%

Mercedes-Benz Bank

Mercedes-Benz Financial Services



Daimler Truck Financial



Planned restructuring to turnaround profitability and value



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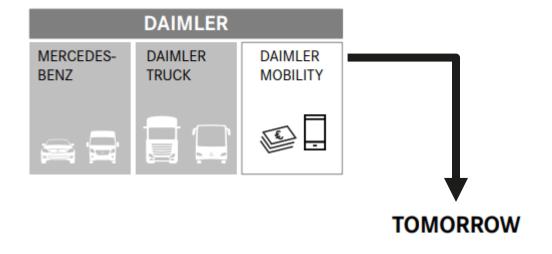
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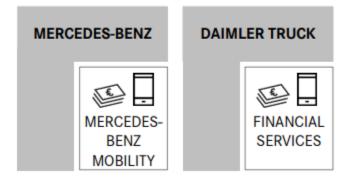
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- The shareholder confirmed the restructuring plan, taking effect in 2022:
 - Renaming Daimler AG to Mercedes Benz AG
 - Spin-off of its trucks and buses segment
- Existing shareholders will hold 65% of the newly listed spin off entity
- The share price responded positively

What is an equity spinoff?

- In an equity spinoff, a company decides to create a new listed entity out of its existing operating business
- The newly created shares are distributed to the existing shareholders (unlike in a carve out where the company sells its share in an IPO and raises new capital)
- The idea is that two independent companies are worth more than the single entity



Objective is to turnaround falling profitability



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(EUR m)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total debt	117,686	127,124	144,902	161,780	145,842
Preferred shares	-	-	-	-	-
Equity & minorities	59,133	65,159	66,053	62,841	62,248
Excess cash	(24,727)	(26,017)	(29,659)	(32,724)	(33,640)
Total invested capital	152,092	166,266	181,296	191,897	174,450
EBIT	12,350	12,497	10,191	10,051	8,488
Tax rate	31.4	26.9	30.3	33.5	42.0
NOPAT	8,473	9,139	7,102	6,689	4,919
ROIC (%)		6.0	4.3	3.7	2.6

- Under its current business structure, Daimler was not creating any value
- Profitability showed a negative trend, requiring a significant strategy change
- ★ With the spinoff, the separate entities can now focus on enhancing efficiency and profitability

In recent years, Daimler has not added value to its shareholders



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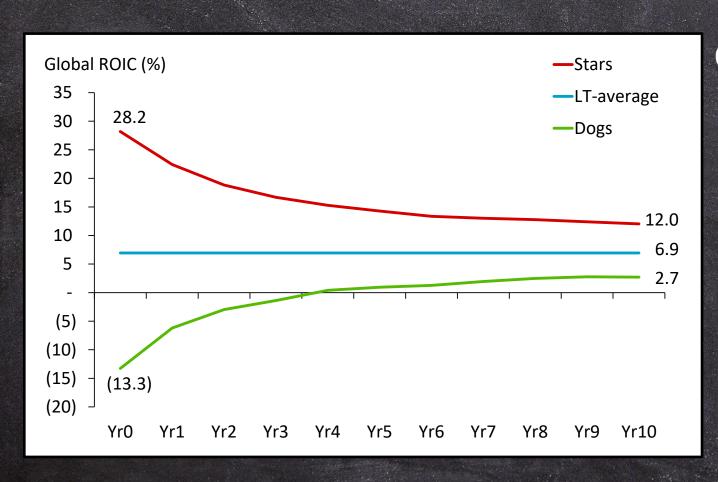
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Value added		1	
	2020	2019	20/19
In millions of euros			Change
Daimler Group	-591	-2,046	+1,455
Mercedes-Benz Cars & Vans	1,239	-4,317	+5,556
Daimler Trucks & Buses	-616	1,361	-1,977
Daimler Mobility	-316	325	-641

- Daimler uses "Value added" as the most important performance measurement
- ★ Page 43 of the annual report
 - "Value added shows the extent to which the Group and its divisions achieve or exceed the return requirements of the investors, thus creating additional value."

How likely is a successful turnaround?







Accelerated electrification necessary to stay competitive



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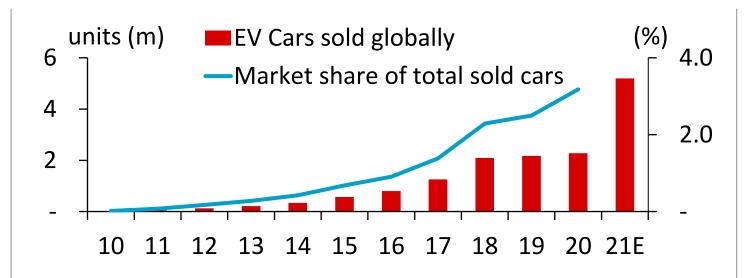
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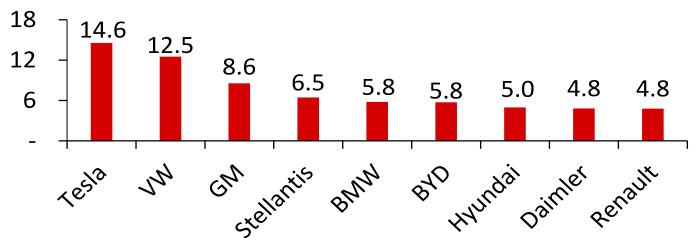
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Market share in sold units EV, 1H21 (%)



- ★ Global demand for electric vehicles (EV) grows exponentially
 - Up 160% in 1H21 YoY
 - 1H21 sales were as high as total year 2020
- In 2021, Daimler introduced 4 battery EV in its attempt to catch up with its competitors Tesla, VW, and BMW
- ★ The objective is to provide allelectric alternatives for every existing car model by 2025



Strategic partnership to bring autonomous driving forward



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- In 2020, Daimler entered a strategic partnership with Nvidia, the world's largest maker of AI chips
 - Nvidia's chips are currently the most advanced in the market
- From 2024 onward, the company will roll out a fleet with fully automated driving functions

FVMR Scorecard

- * A stock's attractiveness relative to stocks in that country or region
- * Attractiveness is based on four elements
 - Fundamentals, Valuation,
 Momentum, and Risk
- Scale from 1 (Best) to 10 (Worst)



Cheap valuation comes with risk



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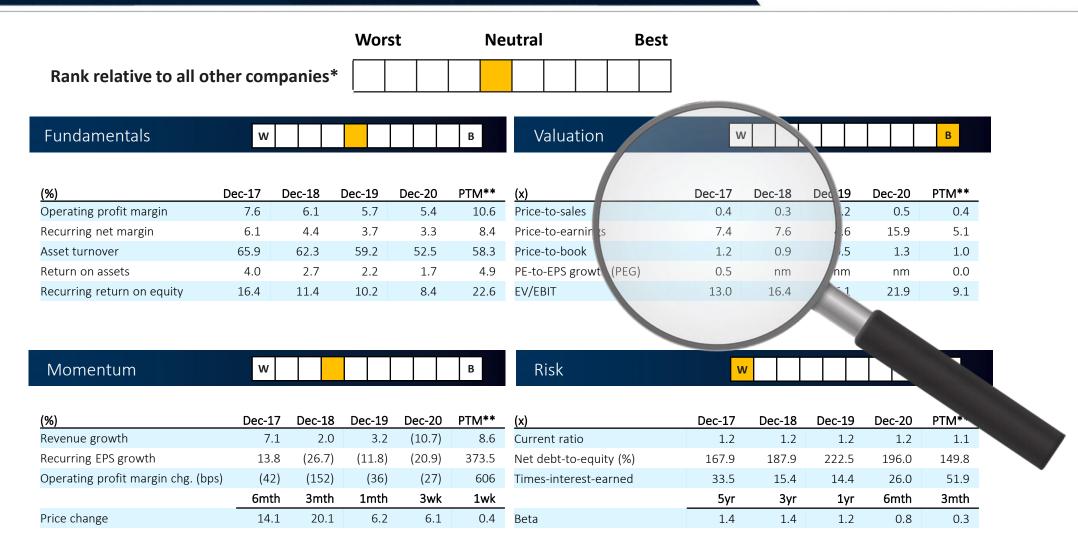
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Note: Benchmarking against 260 non-financial companies in Germany.

Attractive valuation on all measures



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Valuation	w				В
(x)	Dec-17	Dec-18	Dec-19	Dec-20	PTM**
Price-to-sales	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4
Price-to-earnings	7.4	7.6	4.6	15.9	5.1
Price-to-book	1.2	0.9	0.5	1.3	1.0
PE-to-EPS growth (PEG)	0.5	nm	nm	nm	0.0
EV/EBIT	13.0	16.4	16.1	21.9	9.1

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Consensus remains bullish on restructuring decision



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Analyst consens	sus valua	tion			
Recommendation	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Current	
Strong buy	9	9	9	10	
Зиу	14	13	15	15	
Hold	5	4	3	3	
Sell	-	-	-	-	
Strong sell	_	_	_	_	

1.8

Price target	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Current
Median	93.5	93.5	94.5	100
Mean	94.45	94.32	94.59	100.55

1.9

#28 analysts



Upside: 15.0%

Analyst consensus 3-year forecast						
(%)	18	19	20	21E	22E	23E
Revenue growth	2	3.2	(10.7)	9.7	12.3	(0.3)
Gross margin	19.8	20.8	18.1	22.9	21.3	22.0
EBIT margin	6.1	5.8	5.5	10.8	9.5	10.1
Net margin	4.3	1.4	2.4	7.5	6.8	6.9

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- Analyst consensus still sees

 an upside of 15% despite the
 recent rally following the spin
 off announcement
- ★ They are bullish on 22E revenue growth and forecast excessive margins

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Profit & loss statement



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(YE Dec, € m)	2018A	2019A	2020A
Revenue	167,362	172,745	154,309
Cost of goods & services	(134,163)	(136,840)	(126,383)
Gross profit	33,199	35,905	27,926
SG&A	(23,684)	(23,437)	(20,708)
Other operating (exp)/inc	676	(2,417)	1,270
EBIT	10,191	10,051	8,488
Interest expense (net)	(392)	(290)	(104)
Other non-operating inc/(exp)	273	(387)	(46)
Earnings before taxes (EBT)	10,072	9,374	8,338
Income tax	(3,013)	(1,121)	(2,330)
Earnings after taxes (EAT)	7,059	8,253	6,008
Equity income/Minority interest	323	147	415
Earnings from cont. operations	7,382	8,400	6,423
Forex/Exceptionals before tax	(133)	(6,023)	(2,796)
Net profit	7,249	2,377	3,627
Earnings per share adjustments			
Net profit	7,249	2,377	3,627
Less: Preferred share dividend & other adj.	-	-	-
Net proft attributable to common shares	7,249	2,377	3,627
Add: Exceptional items after tax	93	4,008	1,678
Add: Foreign exchange loss/(gain) after tax	_		-
Recurring profit after tax	7,342	6,385	5,305
Recurring FDEPS (€)	6.9	6.0	5.0

- The pandemic in 2020 has disrupted car sales, leading to a severe drop in revenue
- ★ Falling profitability has resulted in low-bottom line

Balance sheet - assets



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(YE Dec, € m)	2018A	2019A	2020A
Cash & short-term investments	24,799	26,775	28,451
Accounts receivable	15,170	15,108	13,134
Inventories	29,489	29,757	26,444
Other current assets	52,155	56,160	47,235
Total current assets	121,613	127,800	115,264
Long-term investments	4,860	5,949	5,189
Net fixed assets	80,424	88,625	82,798
Intangible assets	13,719	14,761	15,178
Goodwill	1,082	1,217	1,221
Other long-term assets	59,921	64,086	66,087
Total assets	281,619	302,438	285,737

- The company has a solid cash position, holding around 10% of its assets in cash
- With the spinoff, the balance sheet in 2022 will decline by the amount of assets that belong to the trucks segment
- ★ As the company will hold 35% of the newly listed entity, LT-investments are going to increase

Balance sheet - liabilities



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(YE Dec, € m)	2018A	2019A	2020A
Overdrafts & short-term loans	56,240	62,601	59,303
Accounts payable	19,328	17,303	17,781
Other current liabilities	22,384	25,898	22,725
Total current liabilities	97,952	105,802	99,809
Long-term debt	88,662	99,179	86,539
Other long-term liabilities	28,952	34,616	37,141
Total liabilities	215,566	239,597	223,489
Minority interest	1,386	1,497	1,557
Paid-up capital - Common shares	14,780	14,622	14,621
Paid-up capital - Preferred shares	-	-	-
Retained earnings	49,490	46,329	47,111
Revaluation/Forex/Others	397	393	(1,041)
Total equity	64,667	61,344	60,691
Total liab & shareholders' equity	281,619	302,438	285,737
Book value per share adjustments			
Total Equity	64,667	61,344	60,691
Less: Preferred shareholders' equity	-	-	-
Less: Hybrid debt & others	(2)	(2)	(2)
Common shareholders' equity	64,665	61,342	60,689
BVPS (€)	60.4	57.3	56.7

The company is relatively highly levered with a debt-toequity ratio of 78%

Cash flow statement



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(YE Dec, € m)	2018A	2019A	2020A
Net income	7,249	2,377	3,627
Depreciation & amortization	209	139	196
Calculated chg in net working capital	(8,283)	(2,722)	11,517
Other non-cash & balancing items	1,168	8,094	6,992
Operating cash flow	343	7,888	22,332
Capital expenditures	(10,057)	(10,406)	(8,195)
(Inc)/dec in other investments	136	(201)	1,774
Investing cash flow	(9,921)	(10,607)	(6,421)
Increase/(dec) in debt	17,456	9,404	(9,503)
Dividend paid	(3,905)	(3,477)	(963)
Change in equity	68	43	1
Others	(393)	(342)	(282)
Financing cash flow	13,226	5,628	(10,747)
Net inc/(dec) in cash & cash equi	3,648	2,909	5,164
Beginning cash	21,199	24,799	26,775
Adjustment for historic data	(48)	(933)	(3,488)
Ending cash	24,799	26,775	28,451

- ★ Volatile operating cash flows were not able to cover the investing activities in 2018 and 2019
- Operating cash flow was boosted by falling accounts receivables, inventories, and other current assets; not net income
- ★ We expect high CAPEX for the future as the company needs to catch up in electric vehicles to compete with Tesla, BMW, and VW



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(YE Dec)	2018A	2019A	2020A
General growth (YoY, %)			
Revenue	2.0	3.2	(10.7)
Assets	10.3	7.4	(5.5)
Gross profit	(3.8)	8.2	(22.2)
Operating profit	(18.5)	(1.4)	(15.6)
Attributable profit	(29.5)	(67.2)	52.6
EPS	(29.5)	(67.2)	52.6
Recurring EPS	(27.9)	(13.0)	(16.9)
Du Pont analysis (%)			
Net profit margin	4.3	1.4	2.4
Revenue per €100 of assets	62.3	59.2	52.5
Assets/equity (x)	4.2	4.6	4.8
Return on equity	11.3	3.8	5.9
Others (%)			
Effective tax rate	30.3	33.5	42.0
Dividend payout ratio	47.4	15.1	27.2

- Revenue was hit during the pandemic
- ★ The demand in the German car industry rebounded; however, semiconductor shortages constraint growth in the short run
 - This comprises a drag in margins
- ★ Low ROE of 5.9% in 2020 is driving corporate actions (such as spinning off unit)

Ratios (cont.)



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(YE Dec)	2018A	2019A	2020A
Internal liquidity (x)			
Current ratio	1.2	1.2	1.2
Quick, or acid test ratio	0.9	0.9	0.9
Working cap. mgmt (Days)			
Inventory conversion period	74	78	80
Receivables collection period	32	32	33
Days from raw mat to coll	106	109	113
Payables deferral period	50	48	50
Cash conversion cycle	56	61	63
Profitability ratios (%)			
Gross profit margin	19.8	20.8	18.1
EBIT margin	6.1	5.8	5.5
EBIT return on avg assets	3.8	3.4	2.9
Return on average assets	2.7	0.8	1.2
Financial risk (x)			
Liabilities-to-assets (%)	76.5	79.2	78.2
Debt-to-equity	2.2	2.6	2.4
Net debt-to-equity	1.9	2.2	1.9
Times-interest-earned	15.8	14.9	27.0

- Daimler generates low return on its assets
- Its profitability is still far below competitors
 - Its closest competitor in the trucks segment, Volvo, has a 2x higher margin
 - Daimler's spinoff could lead to a convergence in margin

Free cash flow



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EBIT	10,191.0	10,051.0	8,488.0
Est tax rate (%)	30.3	33.5	42.0
NOPAT	7,101.6	6,688.7	4,919.4
Add: Depre & amort	209.0	139.0	196.0
Less: CAPEX	(6,890.0)	(6,770.0)	(5,376.0)
Chg in A/R	(588.0)	62.0	1,974.0
Chg in inventory	(3,803.0)	(268.0)	3,313.0
Chg in oth curr assets	(6,726.0)	(4,005.0)	8,925.0
Chg in A/P	1,505.0	(2,025.0)	478.0
Chg in oth curr liabs	1,329.0	3,514.0	(3,173.0)
Less: Chg in working cap	(8,283.0)	(2,722.0)	11,517.0
Less: Chg in invest cap			
Free cash flow to firm	(7,862.4)	(2,664.3)	11,256.4
FCF per share (€)	(7.3)	(2.5)	10.5
NOPAT growth (%)	(22.3)	(5.8)	(26.5)
FCF growth (%)	(1,052.5)	66.1	522.5

- Tax bill has risen to 42% from 30%
- FCFF turned positive in 2020 after a long time
- High investment expenditures require a consistent generation of strong operating cash flows

Value estimate



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Forecast assumptions

3-year average	Consensus	My assumptions
Revenue growth (CAGR)	7.1	5.0
Gross margin	22.1	21.7
EBIT margin	10.2	9.2
Net margin	7.1	6.3

My range of value estimate

	Bearish case	Base case		Bullish case	
Estimate	90.4		94.8		99.7
Upside	3.5		8.5		14.1

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- ★ German car sales likely to see strong rebound over the next 3 years
- However, it takes time until the profitability converges to the industry average
 - Spin-off decision is likely to not lead to immediate effects on margin

World Class Benchmarking Scorecard

- ★ Identifies a company's competitive position relative to global peers
- * Combined, composite rank of profitability and growth, called "Profitable Growth"
- Scale from 1 (Best) to 10 (Worst)



Improved profitable growth



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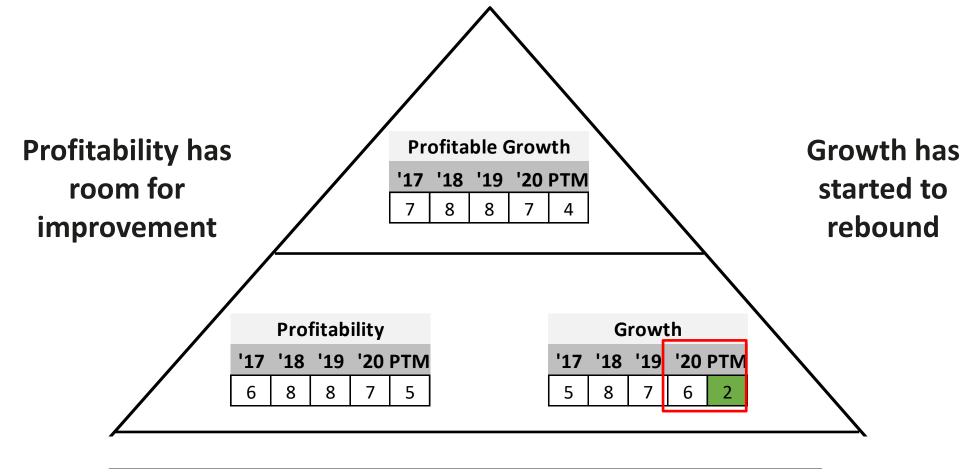
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Key risk is to keep up with technology



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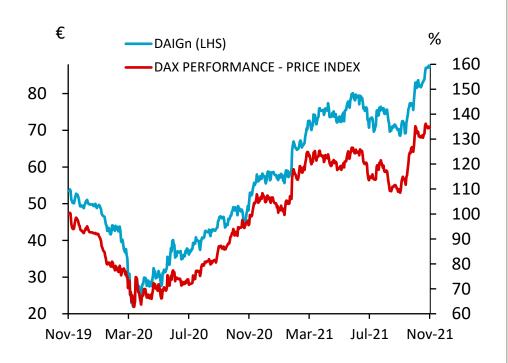
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- ★ Ongoing supply chain disruptions create shortages (e.g., semiconductor chips) and increase production costs
- ★ Failure to keep up with technological changes could result in loss of market share
- ★ Labor shortage of specialist employees creates competition among car manufacturers

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CONCLUSION

- Spin-off momentum might be already priced in
- It will take a long time to close the profitability gap to its peers
- Analysts forecast drastic changes in fundamentals too early

