



# Staying Ahead of the Curve

# Understanding Key Trends in California's Automotive Marketplace

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### Strong 2012 and Moderately Optimistic for 2013

17.0 16.9 16.7 16.5 16.6 16.4 16.1 15.7 **Total Sales** 15.0 14.4 13.2 12.7 **Retail Sales** 14.0 13.8 11.6 13.6 13.2 13.4 13.0 12.8 12.8 10.4 12.2 11.7 10.6 10.3 9.2 8.6 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016

U.S. Light Vehicle Sales In Millions of Units

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### **California's Recovery in Sales is Impressive**

California Share of **YOY Growth** National Retail Sales (2012 Trend) 12% 30% 23% 20% 11% 13% 10% 10% 0% 2010 2011 2012 YTD California US

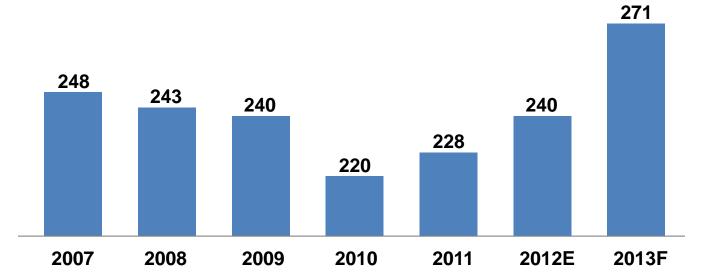
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#### More Product: More Consumer Interest and Competition

**Products in Market** 



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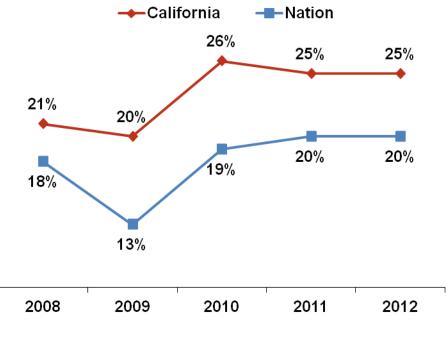
### **Recovery Seen in Leasing and Credit Availability**

9%



Nation

California



Lease Penetration

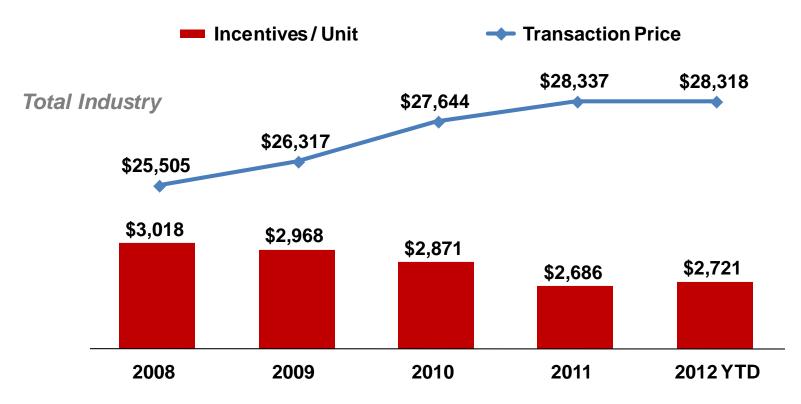
44% 39% 31% 29% 24% 24% 19% 19% 14% A+ В С D Α (680 - 719) (650 - 679) (625 - 649) (0 - 624)(720 - 999)

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#### **Record Transaction Prices And Less Incentives...**



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### ...Leading to A Much Healthier Industry

Consumer Expenditure on New Vehicles (\$Billions)



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### **Risks to US Forecast**

- Dealing with the fiscal cliff real & psychological impact
- Geopolitical tensions in the gulf region
- Spreading of Euro debt crises
- Pace of recovery in employment
- Economic slow down in China

# **California Market Trends:**

# The Changing Face of California



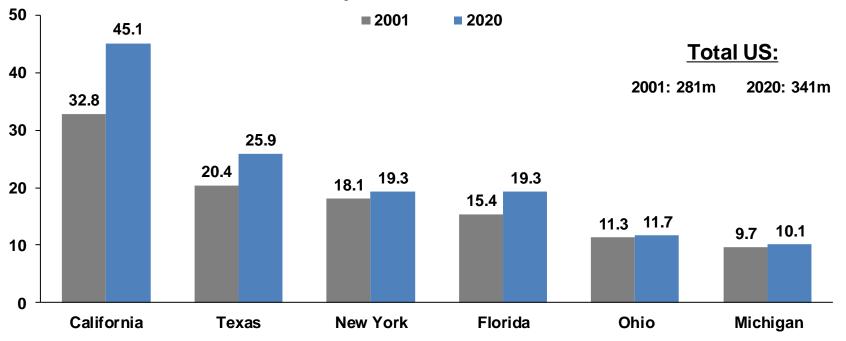


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#### California: Continued Rapid Population Growth, But...

**Population in millions** 

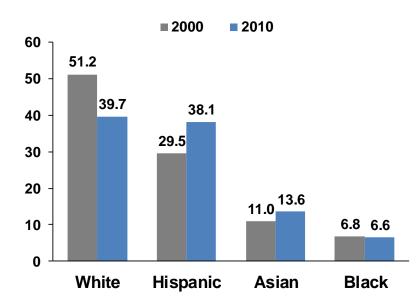


#### Source: Rand Corporation / U.S. Census Bureau



#### ... A Rapid Diversification in Population

California Demographics Trend (percent)



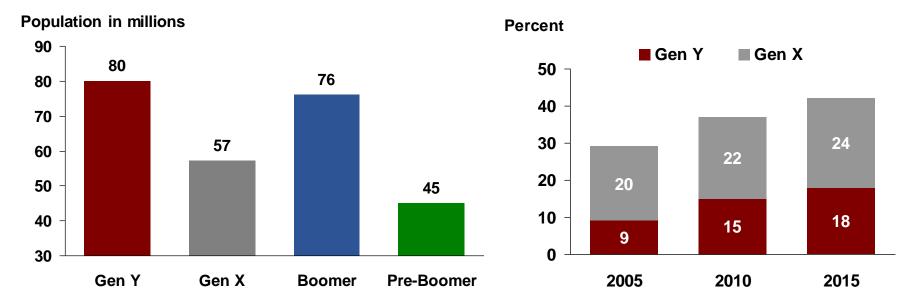
2010 %	California	USA
White	39.7	63.4
Hispanic	38.1	16.7
Asian	13.6	5.0
Black	6.6	13.1
Language other than English Spoken at home	43.0	20.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



# **Understanding Gen Y Will be Imperative**

US Estimated 2012 Population (2012 Total USA Population: 313 Million) Proportion of New-Vehicle Buyers in the USA (Percent)



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau ; J.D. Power and Associates Sales Satisfaction Index (SSI) Study<sup>SM</sup>



# **California Market Trends:**

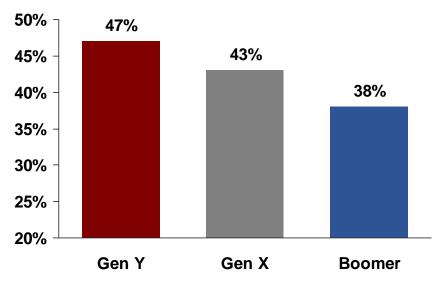
Attitudes, Values and Behavior



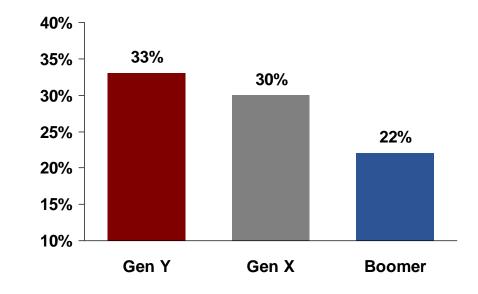


### **Rethinking How to Engage with Younger Consumers**

Most Influential Reason: Why I did Not Purchase from This Dealer? Dealer Treatment



#### % Intending to Use Non-Franchised **Dealer for Service**



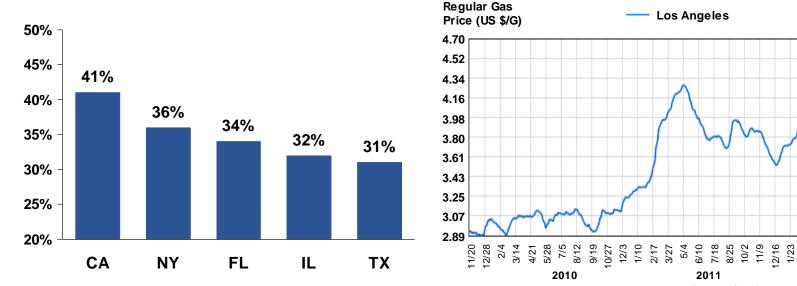
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#### **Trend Continues Towards Conservation / Environment**

% Indicating Engaging in "Green" Activities 36 Month Average Retail Price Chart



Date (Month/Day)

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**Regular Gas** 

Price (US \$/G)

4.70

4.52

4.34

4.16

3.98

3.80

3.61

3.43

3.25

3.07

2.89

11/20

10/14

2012

3/1 4/8 5/16 5/16 3/22 5/22 7/30 9/6

#### California Car Buyers: A Greater Interest in Fuel Efficiency

California % of National Sales

#### Most Influential Purchase Reason

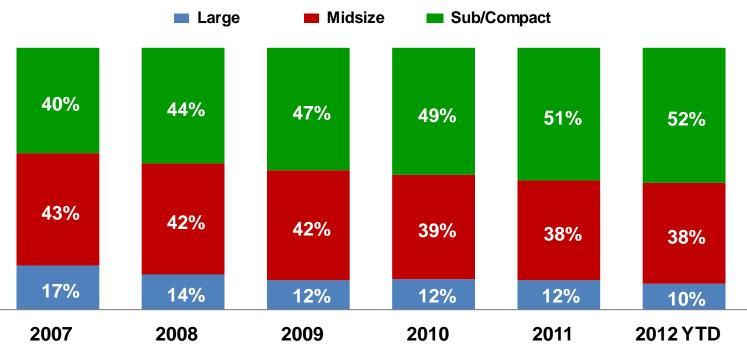
Gas mileage 16% Reliability 13% Performance 10% Exterior styling 8% Quality of workmanship 8% 41% Like the image this vehicle portrays 8% The "Deal" 7% Low price or monthly payment 6% Safetv 5% Cargo capacity 5% California Verv comfortable to sit in 4% 20% 4WD (or All Wheel Drive) capability 3% **Better warranty** 2% Environmental impact/friendliness 2% 12% Ability to obtain financing 1% Low maintenance costs 1% Variety/range of accessories 1% 1% **High resale value** 0% 5% 10% 15% 20% Industry Retail Hybrid Electric

Sources: J.D. Power and Associates 2012 Automotive Media and Marketing Report<sup>SM</sup>; Power Information Network<sup>®</sup> (PIN)



#### **A Significant Shift To Smaller Vehicles**





Source: Power Information Network® (PIN)



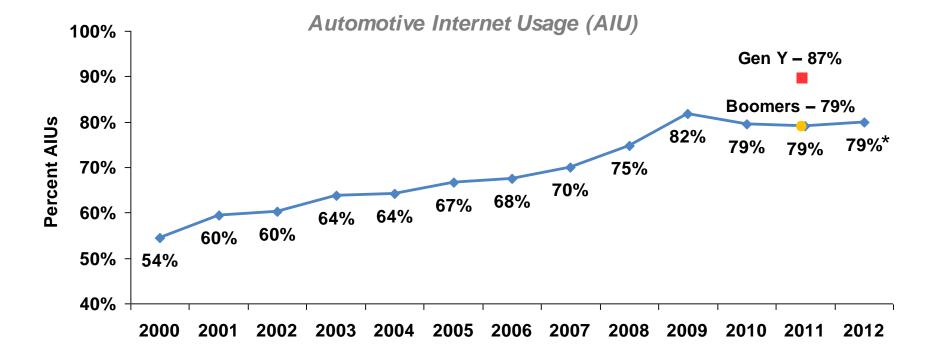
# **California Market Trends:**

Technology's Impact on Retailing & Product





### Are You Confident in Your Digital Strategy?



\* Preliminary data from the J.D. Power and Associates 2012 Sales Satisfaction Index (SSI) Study<sup>SM</sup>

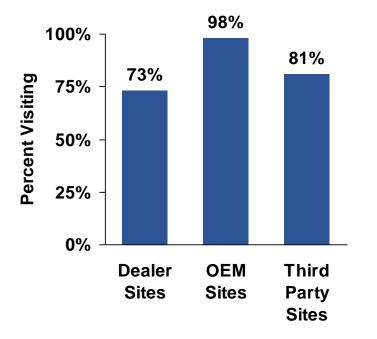
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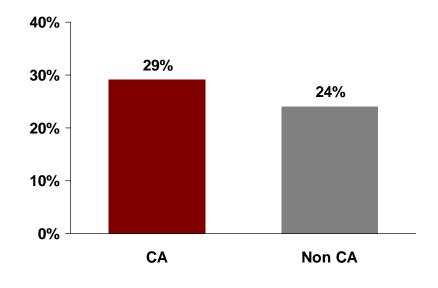


### Less Traditional Control of Content / Message

#### **Buyers Visiting an Auto Site**



#### % of New Vehicle Buyers Indicating "Ratings Site" Influenced Dealer Selection

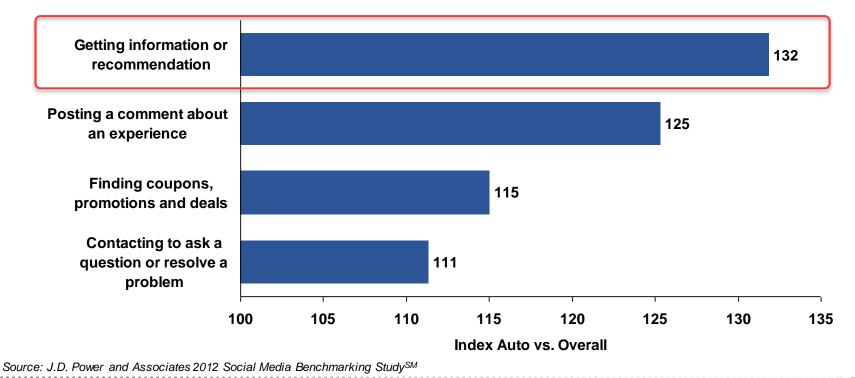


Sources: J.D. Power and Associates 2012 New Auto Shopper Study



#### **Auto Consumers Use Social Media More Frequently**

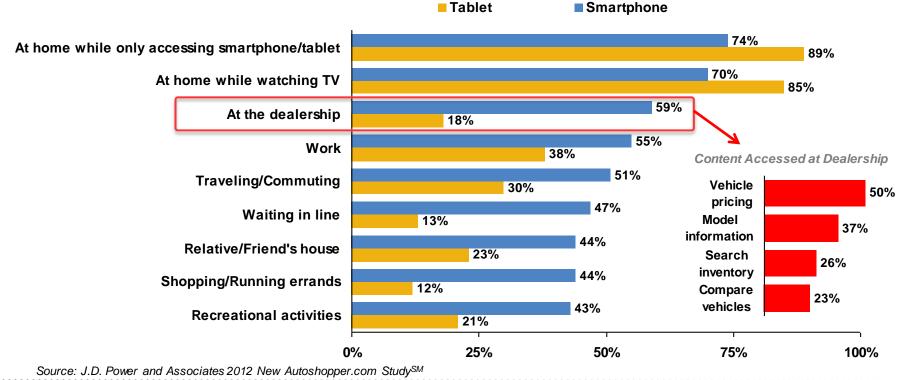
Automotive Consumer Social Media Usage: Activities





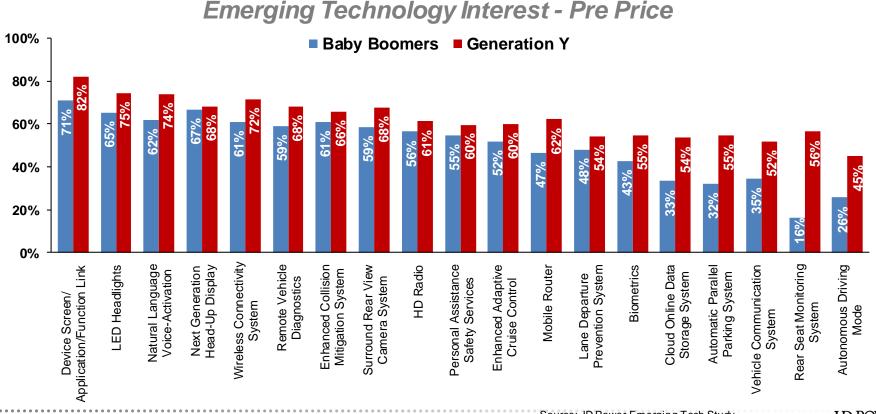
#### Salesperson or Shopper: Who Has More Information?

Location While Accessing Auto Content





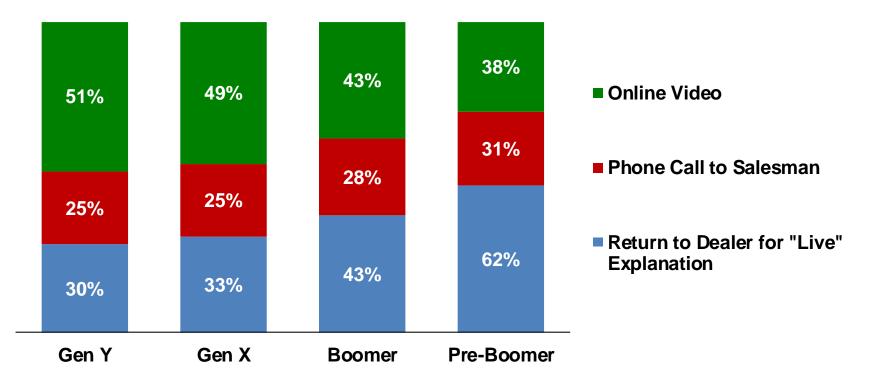
### Increasing Desire for Technology...



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#### Buyer's Preferred Method to Learn More about Features and Controls Post-Sale



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### Summary

- Rate of LV sales growth will slow, but overall more healthy industry
- In a period of rapid demographic change
- We are only in the beginning of how new consumers will change the way in which we market/communicate
- New consumers/technology causing amplification of product/dealer advocacy

