## Overview

| Category | Units | 2024 <br> YTD | Jan-24 <br> $(y / y \%)$ | Feb-24 <br> $(y / y \%)$ | Sentiment |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Passenger | 467 | 899 | -5.1 | -14.2 | $\mathbf{x}$ |
| Light Commercial | 572 | 1,016 | 49.0 | 17.9 | $\mathbf{x}$ |
| Medium Commercial | 15 | 35 | 66.7 | -40.0 | $\mathbf{x}$ |
| Heavy Commercial | 48 | 64 | -33.3 | 45.5 | $\mathbf{\checkmark}$ |
| Total | 1,102 | 2,014 | 15.6 | 1.4 | $\mathbf{x}$ |

Source: Lightstone Auto, IJG Securities
A total of 1,102 new vehicles were sold in February, 190 or $20.8 \%$ more than the downward revised figure of January, where 912 vehicles were sold, and 15 more than the 1087 new vehicles sold in February 2023. The first two months of 2024 saw 2,014 new vehicles sold, comprising of 899 passenger vehicles, 1,016 light commercial vehicles, and 99 medium- and heavy commercial vehicles. By comparison, the same period in 2023 saw 1,876 new vehicles sold. The positive start observed in January persisted into February, resulting in the best year-start performance since 2017, as the new vehicles sold during the first two months of the year increased for a fifth consecutive year.


Source: Lightstone Auto, IJG Securities

## Passenger Vehicles

February saw 467 new passenger vehicles sold, an increase of $8.10 \% \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{m}$ but $14.2 \%$ lower year-on-year. Year to date, new passenger vehicle sales rose to 899, a 10.0\% decrease compared to the 999 new passenger vehicles sold during the first two months of 2023. On a 12-month cumulative basis, new passenger vehicle sales rose by $6.6 \%$ y/y to 5,940 . Toyota and Volkswagen's passenger vehicle sales accounted for $63.2 \%$ of the new passenger vehicles sold during February.


Source: Lightstone Auto, IJG Securities

## Commercial Vehicles

February witnessed robust new commercial vehicle sales, with 635 vehicles sold, up $32.3 \% \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{m}$ and $16.9 \%$ y/y. On a year-on-year basis, light commercial vehicles sales rose $17.9 \%$ y/y to 572, while medium commercial vehicle sales experienced a slight decrease of 5 units, totalling 15 units. Heavy and extra-heavy commercial vehicle sales grew by $45.5 \%$ y/y to 48 units. All sub-categories, bar medium commercial vehicles, have recorded growth on a twelve-month cumulative basis, with light commercial vehicle sales increasing by $24.9 \% \mathrm{y} / \mathrm{y}$, heavy commercial vehicle sales rising by $16.1 \% \mathrm{y} / \mathrm{y}$, while medium commercial vehicle sales saw a marginal contraction of $0.40 \% \mathrm{y} / \mathrm{y}$, compared to the same period last year.

## Monthly Vehicle Sales Trend



2,500


Source: Lightstone Auto, IJG Securities

## Year-to-Date Market Share

Toyota continues to enjoy a strong lead in the passenger vehicle sales segment, capturing 44.2\% of sales in the segment year-to-date, followed by Volkswagen with $14.6 \%$ of the market share. After starting the year on a stronger footing than Volkswagen, Kia's share of year-to-date passenger vehicle sales dropped below Volkswagen's in February, coming in at a market share of $12.3 \%$. Suzuki and Nissan are the best of the rest with $8.3 \%$ and $3.2 \%$ of the market share, respectively, leaving the remaining $17.4 \%$ market share to other brands.

## Year-to-Date Segment Market Share Comparison



[^0]Toyota remains the leader in the light commercial vehicle segment, increasing its market share to $56.8 \%$ from $56.6 \%$ in January. Ford came in second place claiming a market share of $13.1 \%$. Isuzu surpassed Nissan to secure third place with $5.9 \%$ of market share. Toyota continues to dominate the medium commercial vehicle space with a market share of $34.3 \%$. However, this figure represents a notable decrease from the $50.0 \%$ market share it held in January. Scania claimed the top spot of heavy and extra-heavy commercial vehicles with a market share of $28.7 \%$, followed by Volvo Trucks with 20.3\% market share.

## The Bottom Line

Demand for new vehicles remained strong in February with the 1,102 new vehicles sold being the highest number of units sold in the month of February since February 2017, and the seventh time that the monthly sales figure surpassed the 1,000 level in the past twelve months. The twelvemonth cumulative sales figure (of 12,667 ) continues to hover around the 2017 levels and indicates a steady trend in overall new vehicle sales.

12-Month Cumulative New Vehicle Sales

Government New Vehicle Expenditure over the MTEF


Source: Lightstone Auto, IJG Securities
The 2024/25 National Budget documents show that $\mathbf{N} \$ 235$ million has been allocated for purchasing new vehicles in FY2023/24. The graph below depicts that the government will spend approximately N\$747.5 million over the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) on vehicle purchases, which should support new vehicle sales over the short- to medium-term.


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