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WELCOME SPEECH

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KEYNOTE SPEECH

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**PANEL 1:
PUTTING
AUTOMOTIVE
SUPPLY CHAIN IN
AN OVERDRIVE**

OEMs and vehicle manufacturers are seeking more control across the supply chain, with ambitious strategies to increase regionalisation, strengthening the supply network and minimising the complexities. But will the industry be able to maintain greater stability across suppliers and sub-suppliers without drastically reducing vehicle options? The current economic volatility continues to push automotive supply chains to the limit. By identifying the weak links, therefore shaping the supply chain system to keep pace with the shortening product life-cycles and preempting future disruptions – are how companies can ensure their operations and processes do not falter in the face of the pandemic like crises and other recurring challenges. OEMs and distributors have to continue lean on the experts in SCM and logistics to be ahead of trends, gain security, and deliver exceptional customer experience amidst the hostile market conditions.

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PRESENTATION 1

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**PANEL 2:
A CONSTANT NEED
FOR CHANGE
IN REAL-TIME
OBJECTIVES**

The rise in consumer demand has come head-to-head with an industry struggling to overcome inevitable disruptions. Automotive manufacturers continue to look for ways to improve operational efficiencies and create stability to be able to deliver to their customers, with a much higher level of flexibility and nimbleness. Now is the time for industry incumbents to embark on business building strategies, while keeping a hawk-eye on the latest forecasts for the Indian market, and the trends impacting global supply chains. As goes the saying, "to improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." A variety of trends indicate that the industry has reached an inflection point that fosters growth due to the accelerated changes to the ecosystem that have occurred over the past few years. Elements of this growth opportunity include autonomous-driving innovations, connectivity enhancements, shared-mobility breakthroughs, and fleet decarbonisation efforts.

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PRESENTATION 2

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**PANEL 3:
EVOLVING FINISHED
VEHICLE LOGISTICS
AMID MARKET
SHIFTS AND
TRENDS**

The first half of 2022 saw scarce transportation capacity and exceptionally high shipping container rates. The latter half of the year saw a reverse trend of RORO price increase and container rates decrease. Containerised vehicle transport found renewed interest despite majority of the industry focussing heavily on conventional transport methods. The solution of Cars in Containers (CIC) emerged as an efficient solution to tackle these challenges. It reduces time to market and allows for flexibility in production pace for both B2C and B2B delivery channels. Importantly, we need to understand what does the rise of battery and EV supply chains mean for inbound, outbound and service parts logistics? All in all, for seamless car transportation, integrated, and versatile logistics strategies must be integrated. Partnering with the stakeholders to optimise and build a resilient and sustainable supply chain is critical for success and to mitigate risks.

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PRESENTATION 3

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LUNCH BREAK

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**PANEL 4
KEEPING PACE WITH
AN ACCELERATED
WORLD:
BRINGING RAPID
TECHNOLOGICAL
CHANGE**

Auto manufacturers and suppliers looking to manage demand level fluctuations are turning to advanced supply chain planning tools to help internal teams better plan needs, adjust operational schedules and collaborate upstream or downstream as needed. For manufacturers, it's crucial to shift to Industry 4.0 technologies and solutions that provide end-to-end visibility and consumable data insights to shed light on factors causing delays. Manufacturers are also working with LSPs to maintain stable supply flows whilst ensuring high efficiency and on-time delivery, through better visibility, automation and collaboration. Leveraging innovative solutions and technology such as augmented traceability with smart containers enhances security and transparency. Optimising network and warehouse efficiency through new technology and dynamic planning also serves an increasingly competitive advantage for inbound logistics and service parts distribution.

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PRESENTATION 4

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**PANEL 5:
ESSENTIAL HUMAN
INTELLIGENCE TO
MAXIMISE THE
SMART FACTORY
POTENTIAL**

In terms of manufacturing efficiency, product prices, and quality, a broad variety of investment options in new technologies under the umbrella of Manufacturing 4.0 has to be assessed. Actions may range from updating assembly lines with advanced robotics, equipping manufacturing and intralogistics hardware with sensor systems for data collection, to smart analytics solutions and voice-controlled systems. To fully leverage the benefits, OEMs must have the right people in place to plan, execute, measure and optimise technologies and digital systems. This transformation is only possible if the whole organisation is aligned with the digital strategy rather than departments taking initiatives individually. On the other hand, with shortage of skilled workers, such transformation can have adverse effects and result in increased costs and failed projects, which means solutions to adapting the workforce to the challenges of a digitalised world are needed.

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COFFEE/TEA BREAK

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**PANEL 6:
BRIDGING THE
GAPS AND TAKING
AN ECOSYSTEM
APPROACH**

There appears to be broad agreement in the automotive sector that the market must unite and function as a more cohesive ecosystem. The desire to redesign the entire network is partly motivated by sustainability goals, but evolving delivery models like direct-to-consumer (D2C) are further driving the need for change. The continuous pressure on auto companies to reduce their carbon footprint and take the sustainability route has also given a huge fillip to the electrification of vehicles and the entire automotive supply chain ecosystem. Beyond complying with the new regulations, organisations are looking ahead to create long-term value by incorporating sustainability into their processes. This is increasingly becoming a critical issue for supply chains worldwide. Apparently, many OEMs are choosing to partner with specialised logistics entities who share similar interests, values sustainability and decarbonisation to streamline operations.

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