# Why Invest in Autonomous Technology & Robotics?



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#### **Risks of Investing in Innovation**

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Please read risk disclosure carefully.



and combine top-down and bottom-up research.

 Aim to understand the regulatory, market, sector, and company risks. (See Disclosure Page)



#### **Risks & Disclosure Associated with Autonomous Technology & Robotics**

**Disruptive Innovation Risk.** Companies that ARK believes are capitalizing on disruptive innovation and developing technologies to displace older technologies or create new markets may not in fact do so. Companies that initially develop a novel technology may not be able to capitalize on the technology. Companies that develop disruptive technologies may face political or legal attacks from competitors, industry groups or local and national governments. These companies may also be exposed to risks applicable to sectors other than the disruptive innovation theme for which they are chosen, and the securities issued by these companies may underperform the securities of other companies that are primarily focused on a particular theme.

**Software Industry Risk.** The software industry can be significantly affected by intense competition, aggressive pricing, technological innovations, and product obsolescence. Companies in the software industry are subject to significant competitive pressures, such as aggressive pricing, new market entrants, competition for market share, short product cycles due to an accelerated rate of technological developments and the potential for limited earnings and/or falling profit margins. These companies also face the risks that new services, equipment or technologies will not be accepted by consumers and businesses or will become rapidly obsolete. These factors can affect the profitability of these companies and, as a result, the value of their securities. Also, patent protection is integral to the success of many companies in this industry, and profitability can be affected materially by, among other things, the cost of obtaining (or failing to obtain) patent approvals, the cost of litigating patent infringement and the loss of patent protection for products (which significantly increases pricing pressures and can materially reduce profitability with respect to such products). In addition, many software companies have limited operating histories. Prices of these companies' securities historically have been more volatile than other securities, especially over the short term.

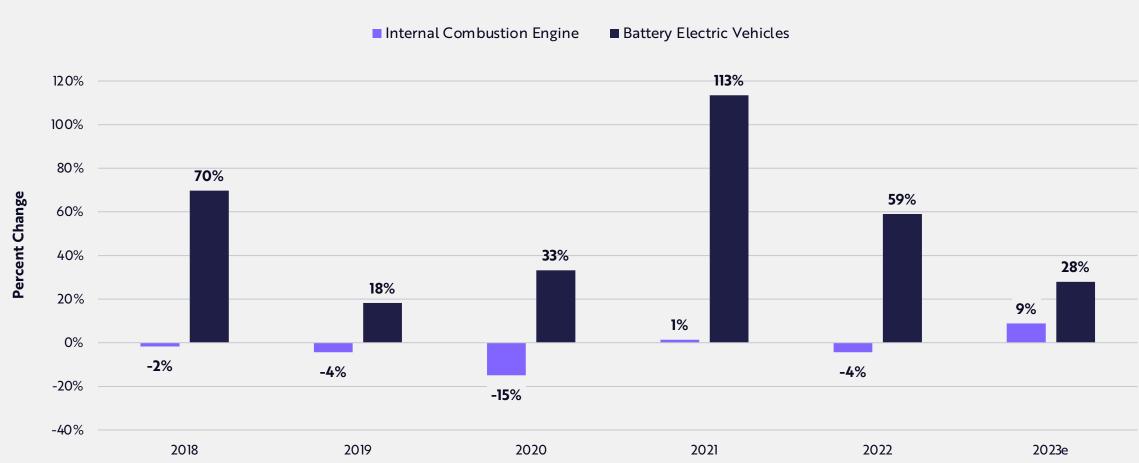
Internet Company Risk. Many Internet-related companies have incurred large losses since their inception and may continue to incur large losses in the hope of capturing market share and generating future revenues. Accordingly, many such companies expect to incur significant operating losses for the foreseeable future and may never be profitable. The markets in which many Internet companies compete face rapidly evolving industry standards, frequent new service and product announcements, introductions and enhancements, and changing customer demands. The failure of an Internet company to adapt to such changes could have a material adverse effect on the company's business.

Semiconductor Company Risk. Competitive pressures may have a significant effect on the financial condition of semiconductor companies and, as product cycles shorten and manufacturing capacity increases, these companies may become increasingly subject to aggressive pricing, which hampers profitability. Reduced demand for end-user products, under-utilization of manufacturing capacity, and other factors could adversely impact the operating results of companies in the semiconductor sector. Semiconductor companies typically face high capital costs and may be heavily dependent on intellectual property rights. The semiconductor sector is highly cyclical, which may cause the operating results of many semiconductor companies to vary significantly. The stock prices of companies in the semiconductor sector have been and likely will continue to be extremely volatile.

Industrials Sector Risk. The industrials sector includes companies engaged in the aerospace and defense industry, electrical engineering, machinery, and professional services. Companies in the industrials sector may be adversely affected by environmental damages, product liability claims and exchange rates. *Aerospace and Defense Company Risk*. Companies in the aerospace and defense industry rely to a large extent on U.S. (and other) Government demand for their products and services and may be significantly affected by changes in government regulations and spending, as well as economic conditions and industry consolidation. *Professional Services Company Risk*. Professional services companies may be materially impacted by economic conditions and industry consolidation. *Professional Services Company Risk*. Professional services companies may be materially impacted by economic conditions and related fluctuations in client demand for marketing, business, technology and other consulting services. Professional services companies' success depends in large part on attracting and retaining key employees and a failure to do so could adversely affect a company's business. There are relatively few barriers to entry into the professional services market, and new competitors could readily seek to compete in one or more market segments, which could adversely affect a professional services company's operating results through pricing pressure and loss of market share.

Machinery Industry Risk. The machinery industry can be significantly affected by general economic trends, including employment, economic growth, and interest rates; changes in consumer sentiment and spending; overall capital spending levels, which are influenced by an individual company's profitability and broader factors such as interest rates and foreign competition; commodity prices; technical obsolescence; labor relations legislation; government regulation and spending; import controls; and worldwide competition. Companies in this industry also can be adversely affected by liability for environmental damage, depletion of resources, and mandated expenditures for safety and pollution control.

#### **Electric Vehicles Continue To Take Share From Internal Combustion Engine Vehicles**



**Global Vehicle Sales Growth** 

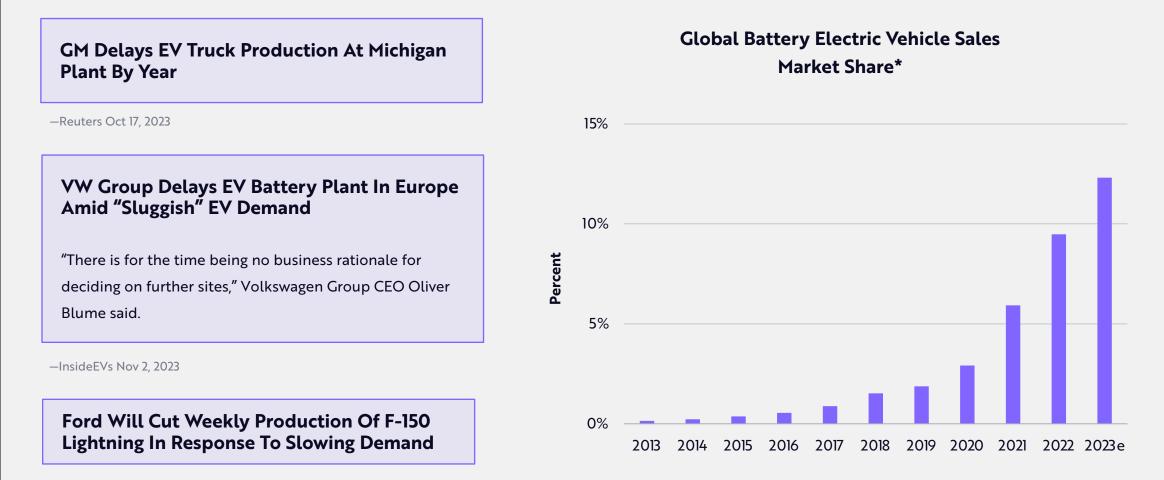
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## The Auto Industry Is Likely To Consolidate

If EV adoption continues to gain traction, traditional automakers may be forced to restructure and consolidate.



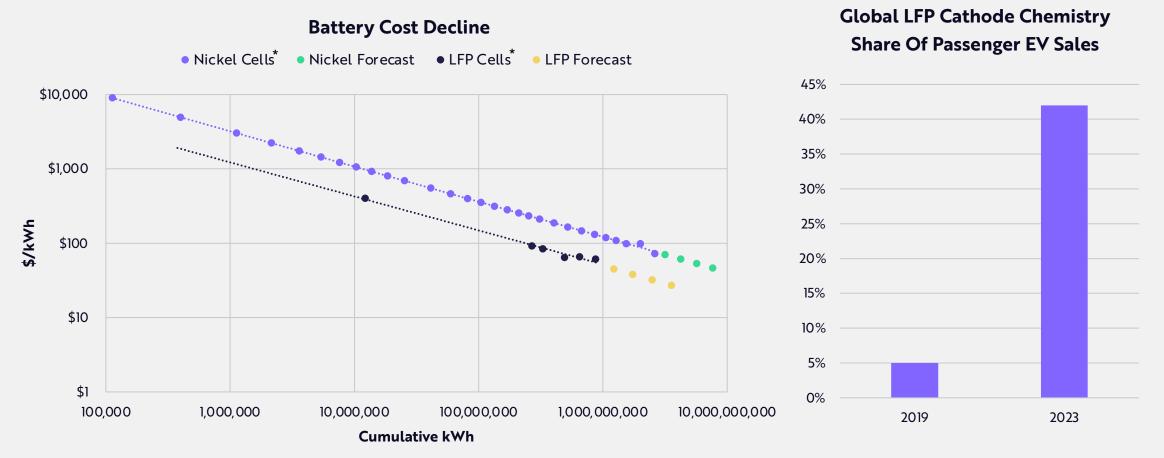
<sup>-</sup>The Verge Dec 11, 2023

\*BEV market share is calculated relative to all "light vehicles", which are vehicles with a maximum Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of < 8,500 lbs. Sources: ARK Investment Management LLC, 2024, based on data from EVVolumes.com 2023, Hawkins 2023, Mihalascu 2023, Shepardson & Klayman 2023, Rosevear 2023, Transport Policy 2023. Forecasts are inherently limited and cannot be relied upon. For informational purposes only and should not be considered investment advice or a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any particular security. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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## Wright's Law Has Modeled The Decline In Battery Costs Accurately

According to Wright's Law, for every cumulative doubling in the number of kWh produced, battery costs will fall by 28%. Lithium iron phosphate (LFP) cells are taking share from nickel-rich cells, illustrating the difficulty of forecasting commodity prices as battery chemistries change over time.



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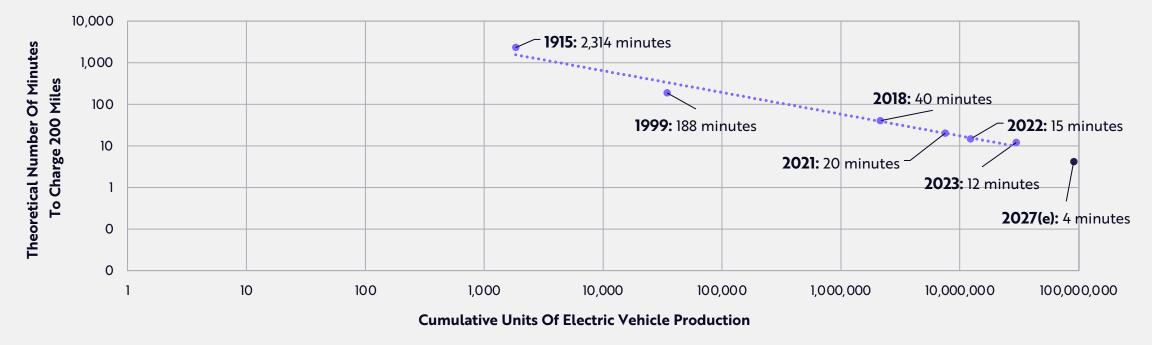
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## Wright's Law Points To Faster EV Charging Rates

The EV charging rate seems to be a good proxy for overall performance, including efficiency, range, and power. In the past five years, charging rates for 200 miles of range have improved nearly three-fold, from 40 minutes to 12, and could drop another three-fold to 4 minutes over the next five years. As EV charging reaches acceptable rates, manufacturers are likely to optimize for other features, including autonomous driving, safety, and entertainment.

#### EV Charging Rates For 200 Miles Of Range

Historical Data Points
2027 Forecast



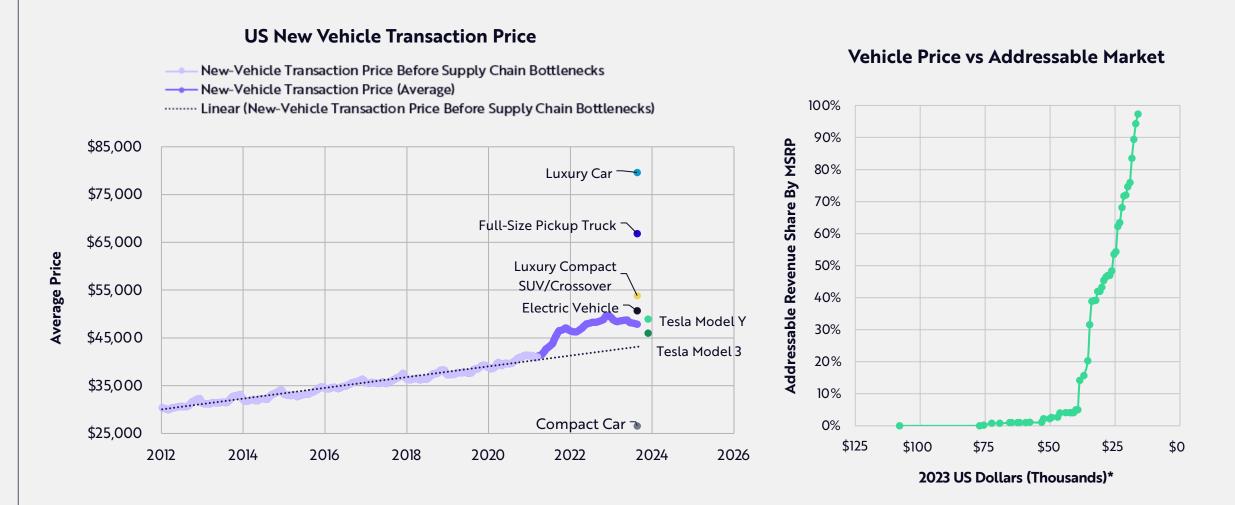
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#### **EVs Have Hit Price-Parity With Internal Combustion Engine Vehicles**

As battery costs continue to decline, EV prices should fall, potentially driving exponential growth in unit sales.

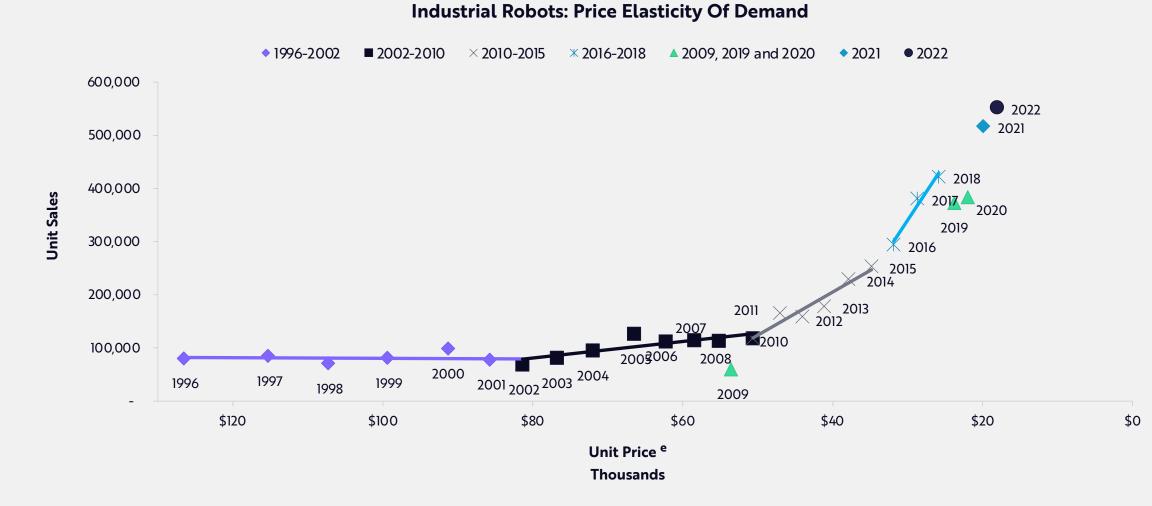


\*Older data points adjusted to 2023 dollars using CPI. Segment average transaction prices are as of September 2023 as reported by Cox Automotive. Tesla Model Y LR price taken from Tesla website as of December 2023. Sources: ARK Investment Management LLC, 2024, based on data from Cox Automotive 2023.. Forecasts are inherently limited and cannot be relied upon. For informational purposes only and should not be considered investment advice or a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any particular security. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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#### **Lower Prices Are Stimulating Demand For Industrial Robots**

Industrial robot costs have been dropping 50% for every cumulative doubling in production.



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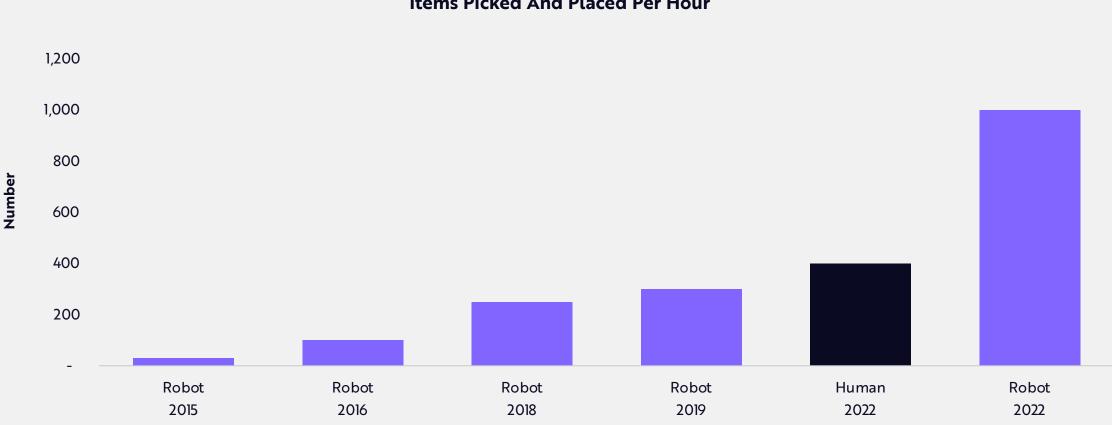
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#### **Increased Performance Is Stimulating Demand For Industrial Robots**

Advances in computer vision and deep learning have improved robot performance 33-fold in seven years. Robots are already surpassing human performance by greater than a factor of two and it's unclear where the upper limit will be.



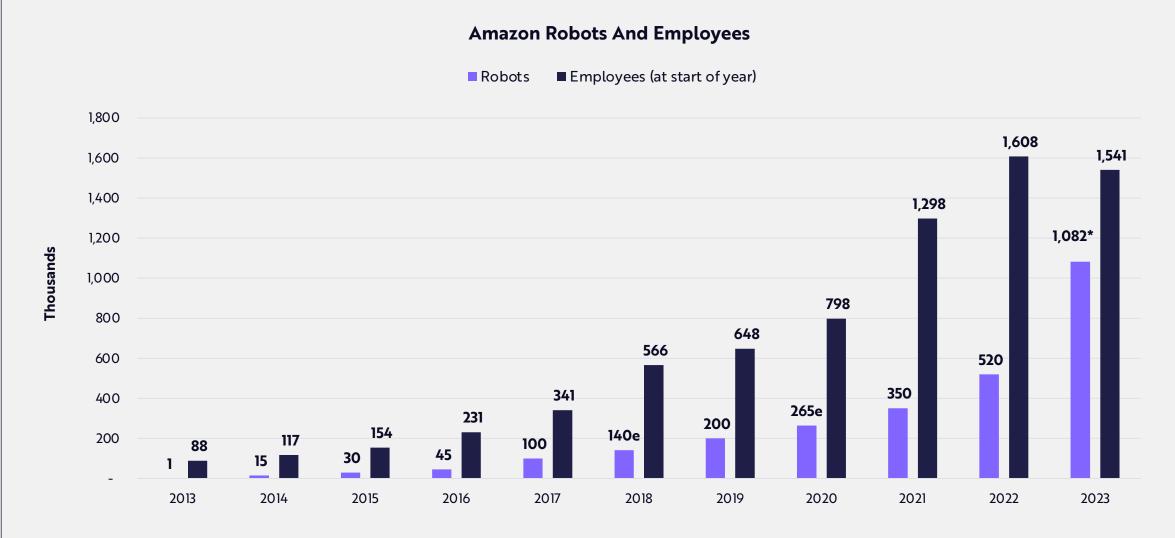
**Items Picked And Placed Per Hour** 

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#### Many Companies Are Likely To Deploy More Robots Than Humans

Robots are freeing humans from tedious physical tasks.

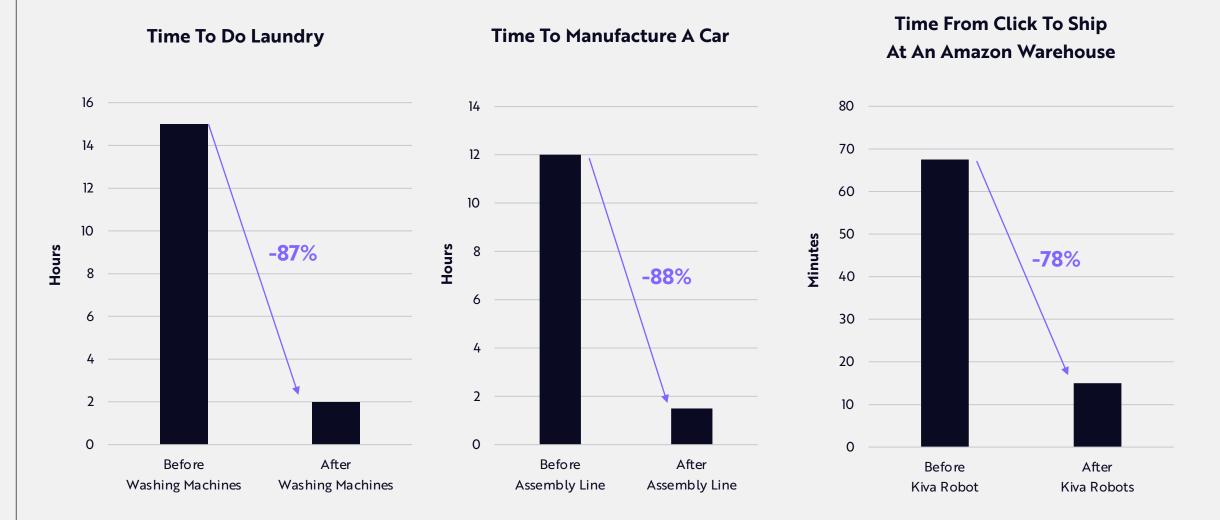


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## **Automation's Impact On Productivity Has Transformed Industries**



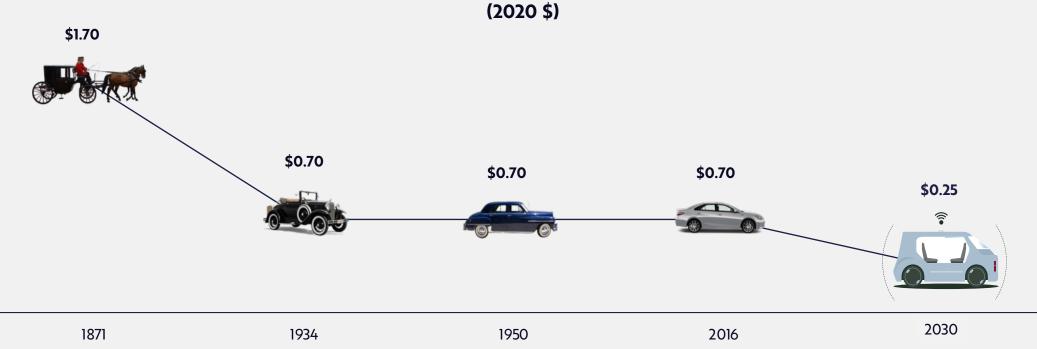
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#### Autonomous Ride-Hail Is Likely To Increase Access To Convenient Point-to-Point Transportation

Adjusted for inflation, the cost of owning and operating a personal car has not changed since the Model T rolled off the first assembly line more than 100 years ago. ARK estimates that autonomous taxis at scale could cost consumers as little as \$0.25 per mile, spurring widespread adoption.

Cost Per Mile Of A Personally Owned Vehicle



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#### **Autonomous Vehicles Are Safer Than Human-Driven Vehicles**

In 2015, ARK estimated that the rate of autonomous vehicle accidents would be ~80% lower than that associated with human drivers, reducing the ~40,000 auto-related fatalities per year in the US and the ~1.35 million globally. Current data support our original estimates.

In full self driving (FSD) mode on surface streets, a Tesla appears to be ~5x safer than a Tesla in manual mode, and ~16x safer than the national average. Waymo's autonomous cars are ~2-3x safer than the national average, while Cruise—now sidelined by regulators—seems to have underperformed the national average considerably.

Miles Between Crashes On Surface Streets Only (Thousands)



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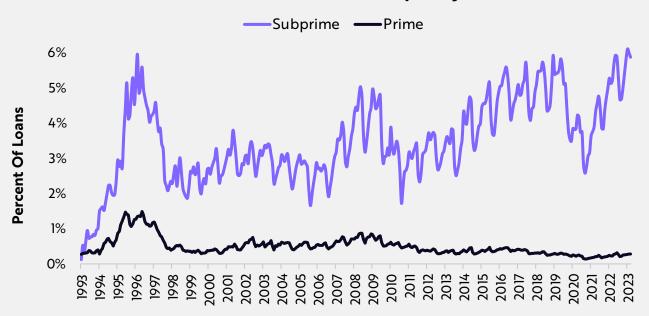
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#### Autonomous Electric Vehicle Adoption Could Disrupt The US Auto Loan Industry

During the past three years, interest rate hikes have increased new vehicle monthly car loan payments by ~27%, from \$581 to \$739. As a result, the number of subprime auto loans delinquent by 60+ days recently hit an all-time high.

Thanks to Wright's Law, EV prices should continue to fall, shifting more miles onto electric platforms and decreasing the value of gas-powered vehicles. As a result, the ~\$1.6 trillion in auto loans currently sitting on financial institution balance sheets, issued predominantly for gas-powered vehicles, could be at risk over the next 10 years.



#### Auto Loan 60+ Delinquency

#### Auto Vehicle Fleet Composition (Trillions Of Dollars)\*

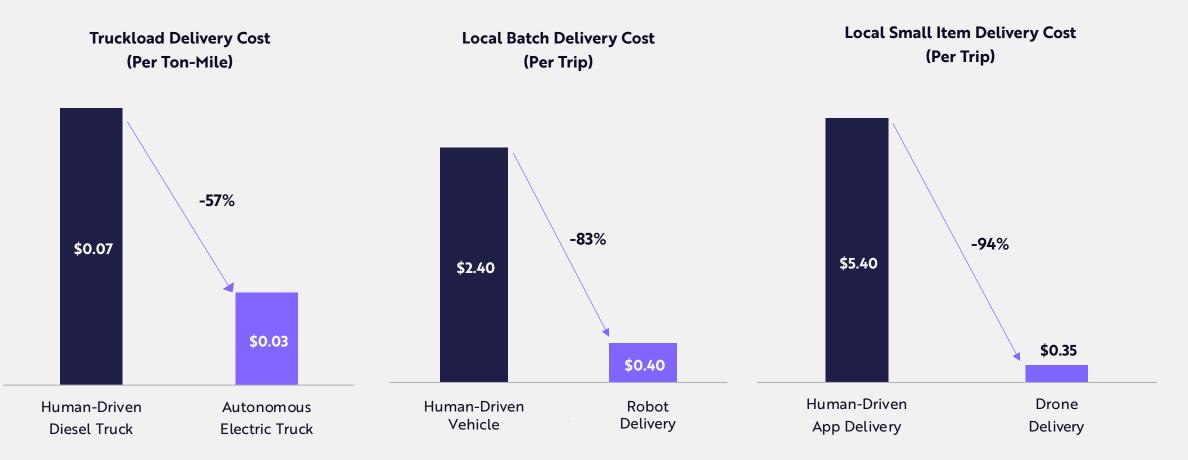
Motor Vehicle Loans Owned And Securitized By Banks
Motor Vehicle Loans On Consumer Balance Sheets (ARK Estimate)
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Note: Wright's Law states that for every cumulative doubling of units produced, costs will fall by a constant percentage. \*Motor Vehicle Loans Owned and Securitized data as of Q3 2023. ARK Investment Management LLC, 2024. This ARK analysis is based on a range of underlying data from external sources, as of January 3, 2024, which may be provided upon request. Forecasts are inherently limited and cannot be relied upon. For informational purposes only and should not be considered investment advice or a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any particular security. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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## Autonomous Vehicles That Roll And Fly Could Lower Supply Chain Costs Dramatically

According to our research, autonomous vehicles should operate at higher utilization rates than human-in-the-loop systems, creating more cost-effective last-mile delivery systems.



Note: Drone price per mile has been updated with our latest assumptions for replacement costs, launching and charging infrastructure, insurance, and labor costs. Fees for drone and robot delivery are shown net of infrastructure costs (outside of charging and launch/land), which we believe could either be born by the drone or robot delivery operators or shared with logistics or retail partners. ARK Investment Management LLC, 2024. This ARK analysis is based on a range of underlying data from external sources as of December 7, 2023, which may be provided upon request. Forecasts are inherently limited and cannot be relied upon. For informational purposes only and should not be considered investment advice or a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any particular security. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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#### **AI Pilot Performance Seems Superior To That Of Human Pilots**

Al pilots have immense data advantages over humans. Zipline drones have logged more commercial flight miles than would have been possible by humans.

In head-to-head simulated F-16 dogfights with a human expert fighter pilot, Shield AI won 5-0.\*

In drone races, AI trained by deep reinforcement learning outperformed professional human pilots 15 out of 25 times, with lap times ~10% faster.



\*Note: Heron Systems, now part of Shield AI, won the dogfight. ARK Investment Management LLC, 2024. This ARK analysis is based on a range of underlying data from external sources as of December 7, 2023, which may be

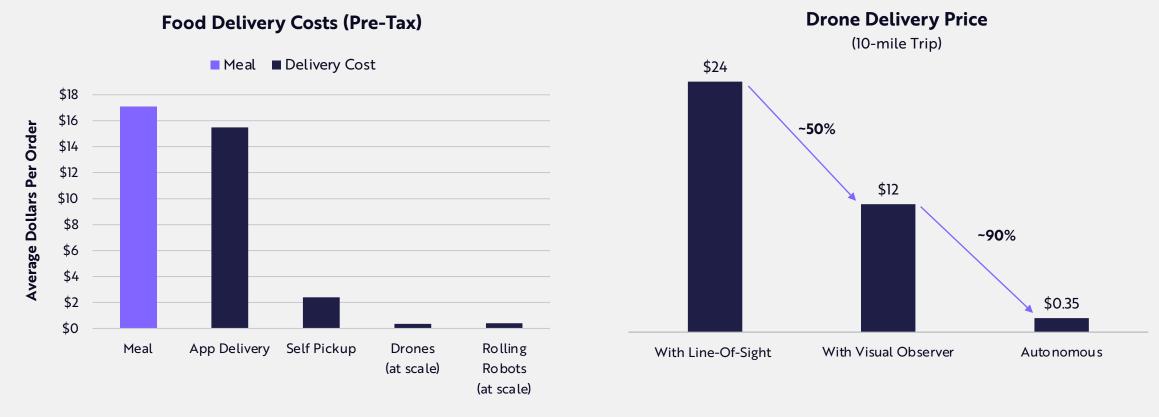
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## Autonomous Drones Should Reduce Food Delivery Costs, Thanks To Regulatory Approvals

Boosted during and after COVID, food delivery fees have doubled the average cost of baseline menu orders.

Beyond line-of-sight drones without visual observers should reduce food delivery costs dramatically, thanks to recent FAA approvals.

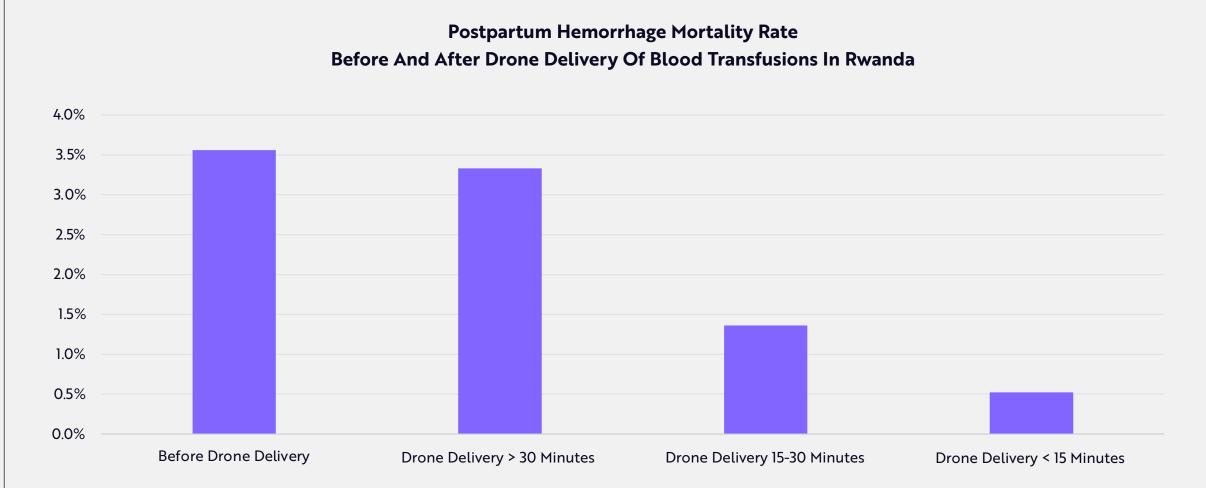


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#### **Drones Are Saving Lives**

In geographies without road infrastructure, Zipline drones can deliver blood in fewer than 15 minutes, improving the mortality associated with post-partum hemorrhages by 80%.



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#### **5 Reasons Investors Should Consider ARKQ**

- 1. Exposure To Innovation: Aims for thematic multi-cap exposure to disruptive innovation elements including robotics, autonomous vehicles, energy storage, 3D printing, and space exploration.
- 2. Growth Potential: Aims to capture long-term growth with low correlation of relative returns to traditional growth strategies and negative correlation to value strategies.
- 3. Tool For Diversification<sup>1</sup>: Offers a tool for diversification due to little overlap with traditional indices. It can be a complement to traditional value/growth strategies.
- 4. Grounded In Research: Combines top-down and bottom-up research in its portfolio management to identify innovative companies and convergence across markets.
- 5. Cost Effective: Seeks to provide a lower cost alternative to mutual funds with true active management in an exchange traded fund (ETF) that invests in rapidly moving themes.

## **ARK Autonomous Technology & Robotics ETF – ARKQ**

Advancements in robotics, 3D printing, modern infrastructure, space exploration, and energy storage technology are enhancing productivity while reducing costs. ARKQ is focused on the disruptive innovations transforming manufacturing, production, and infrastructure.

• Ticker:

• Fund AUM:

- ARKQ \$799.5 Millic
- Typical Number of Holdings:
- Expense Ratio:

\$799.5 Million 30-50 U.S. Equities/U.S.-listed ADRs 0.75%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS	Weight (%)
TESLA INC	12.3%
TERADYNE INC	11.0%
KRATOS DEFENSE & SECURITY SOLUTIONS INC	9.0%
TRIMBLE INC	6.1%
IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC	6.0%
AEROVIRONMENT INC	5.1%
UIPATH INC	4.4%
KOMATSU LTD	3.8%
DEERE & CO	3.3%
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO LTD	3.2%
	64.2%
MARKET CAPITALIZATION	(%)
Mega (\$100B+)	31.1%
Large (\$10 - \$100B)	30.5%
Medium (\$2 - \$10B)	31.1%
Small (\$300M - \$2B)	3.4%
Micro (\$50 - \$300M)	3.2%

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION	(%)
Autonomous Mobility	44.9%
Intelligent Devices	11.1%
Advanced Battery Technologies	11.0%
Adaptive Robotics	10.7%
Neural Networks	8.9%
Reusable Rockets	4.9%
Next Gen Cloud	4.3%
3D Printing	3.4%
Cryptocurrencies	0.6%
Digital Wallets	0.2%
SECTORS	(%)
Information Technology	38.1%
Industrials	34.8%
Consumer Discretionary	15.0%
Communication Services	8.2%
Health Care	1.8%
Energy	1.4%

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Source: ARK Investment Management LLC; All data as of June 30, 2024.



#### **Thematic Strategies Focused on Disruptive Innovation**



ARKK ARK Innovation ETF



**ARKX** ARK Space Exploration & Innovation ETF



ARKW ARK Next Generation Internet ETF



**PRNT** The 3D Printing ETF



**ARKQ** ARK Autonomous Tech. & Robotics ETF



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