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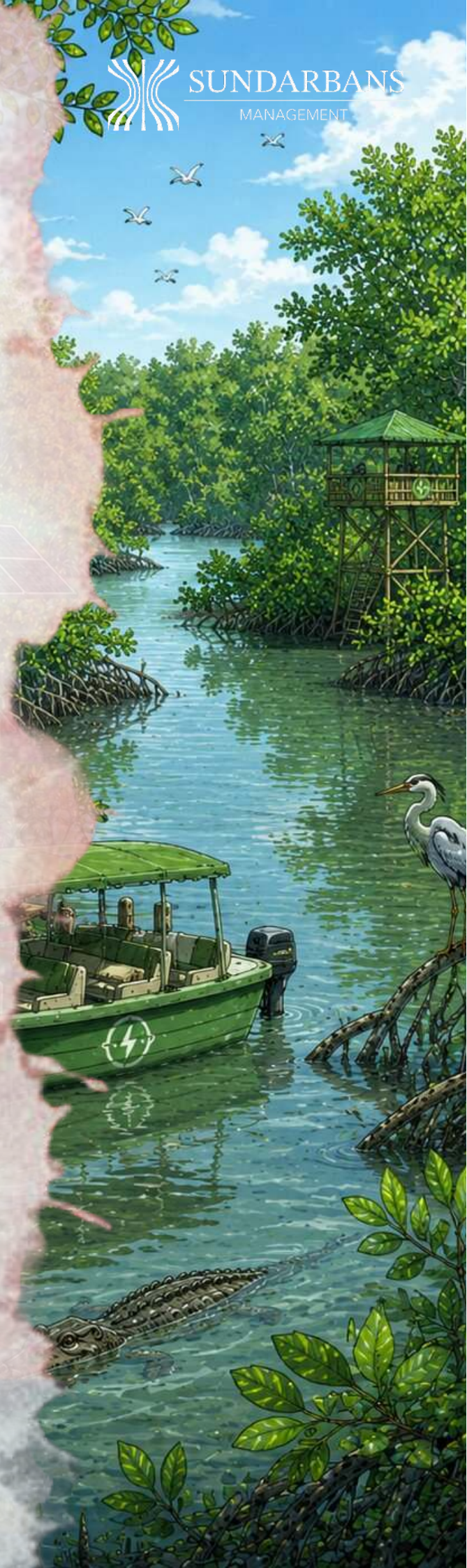


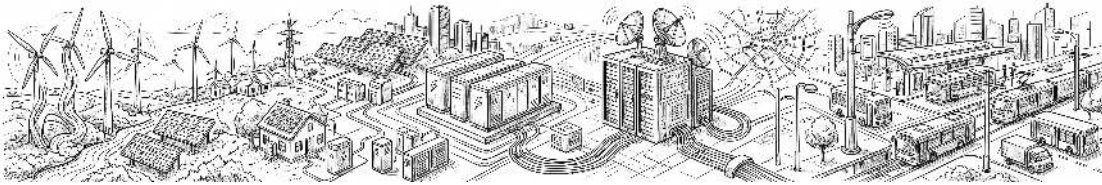
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- **Tesla Paywalls New Automatic Collision Evasion Feature:** Tesla launched Automatic Collision Evasion, which autonomously activates FSD V14 to avoid collisions, but access is restricted. It requires Hardware 4 vehicles (**mid 2023** onward) and a **\$99/month** FSD subscription. With only **15%** of customers subscribing, **85%** (**over 4 million** of roughly **5 million** cars sold) lack this safety protection. Critics note Tesla also removed standard automatic lane assist from non-subscribers, and suggest a one-time **\$500** safety fee instead.
- **Florida Redirects EV Charger Funds Toward Flying Cars:** Florida is reportedly redirecting funding meant for EV chargers toward flying...





... car research, with **\$197 million** in federal grants from the **2021** Bipartisan Infrastructure Law left unused. The Florida DOT is exploring an "Aerial Highway Network" for takeoff, landing, and charging infrastructure. Separately, Tesla unveiled a second-generation Roadster "prototype with intent," featuring a demonstration of flight capabilities, which critics are calling a PR stunt amid concerns over the company's **stock** performance and customer sentiment.

- **China EV Share Hits Record 67% in September:** China's plugin share reached a record **67%** (BEV **45%**, PHEV **22%**) as pure ICE sales crashed **49% YoY** and the overall market fell **28%** to around **1.6 million** units. The 2026 EV share stands at **58%**. Tesla's Model Y led with **50,359** deliveries, ahead of Geely Xingyuan (**44,275**) and BYD Song (**30,603**). Leapmotor surged **31%** to **78,000** units. Brand shares: BYD **17.2%**, Geely **7.1%**, Leapmotor **6.5%**, Tesla **4.9%**, Wuling **4.6%**.
- **VW Limits ID.4 Battery Charging to 80%:** Volkswagen is recalling **22,524** U.S.-market ID.4 EVs (**2023–2026** models) over a high-voltage battery fire risk, with the root cause still unknown. Built in Chattanooga with cells from **SK** in Georgia, owners who don't opt out by **October 21, 2026** will face an automatic **80%** charge limit from **October 27, 2026**. VW estimates only **0.1%** (~25 cars) are affected; the cap may cut real-world winter range below **200 miles**.
- **Paris Auto Show Highlights European OEM Counterattack:** The **2026 Paris Auto Show** showcased European OEMs fighting back against Chinese rivals (**BYD, Geely, XPENG**) via a revived city car segment, shielded by **EU tariffs**. Key reveals include the **Smart #2 (36**

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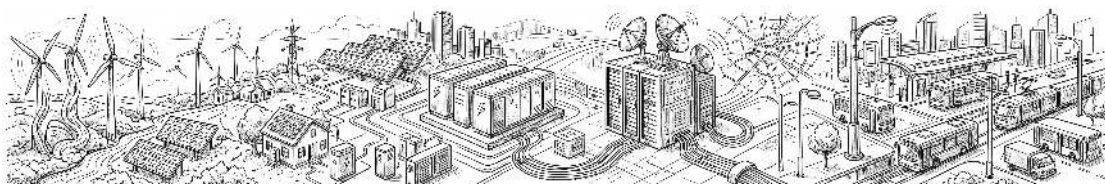
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kWh, 290 km WLTP, €20,000), Citroën 2 CV (€15,000, delivery 2028), Dacia Spring (€18,000), Geely E2 (47 kWh, 116 hp), Leapmotor B03 (133 kW charging), and Xpeng L03 (520 km, €35,000), a Tesla Model Y rival.

- **T&E Urges Smaller Gas Tanks for Plug-In Hybrids:** Transport & Environment reports European PHEVs registered in **2024** emitted nearly **6 times** their official CO₂ figures, with real-world emissions only **14%** lower than combustion cars versus a claimed **83%** reduction. Pure-electric driving covered just **27%** of distance, and annual running costs reached **€1,810** against an official **€1,130**. T&E proposes **15-liter** fuel tank caps, **200 km** electric range by **2030**, and over **100 kW** DC charging to force higher utilization.

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