

NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE DEALERS ASSOCIATION

## National Motorcycle Dealers Association

# Dealer Attitude Survey Spring 2023





### **Dealer Attitude Survey** Spring 2023

We are pleased to reveal the findings of the latest Motorcycle Dealer Attitude Survey conducted in May 2023 by the National Motorcycle Dealers Association (NMDA), which represents the interests of the UK's franchised motorcycle dealer sector through business support to its members and parliamentary lobbying on behalf of the industry.

This survey is carried out twice a year and examines how dealers view the major issues currently affecting them, whilst also evaluating how these views are changing over time. It also offers motorcycle dealers and their respective manufacturers a clear idea of the balance of opinion held on a range of views within their networks.

Dealers were asked to respond to questions covering significant aspects of their business relationship with their motorcycle manufacturer. From these responses, the majority of results have been produced on a simple five-point scale, ranging from 1 - very dissatisfied/ very poor to 5 - very satisfied/very good.















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## **Dealer Attitude Survey** Spring 2023

is the overall satisfaction for the Spring 2023 survey - this is lower than the Autumn 2022 survey which scored 7.5 out of 10

## -16%

6.3

is the overall satisfaction decrease compared to the previous survey. But year on year it is up 5% vs Spring 2022

# Triumph

scored the highest with 9.5 and **also** improved the most with a 4.9% increase from the last survey

## Ducati

decreased the most by -51.2% and Piaggio Group scored the least with a value of 2.9

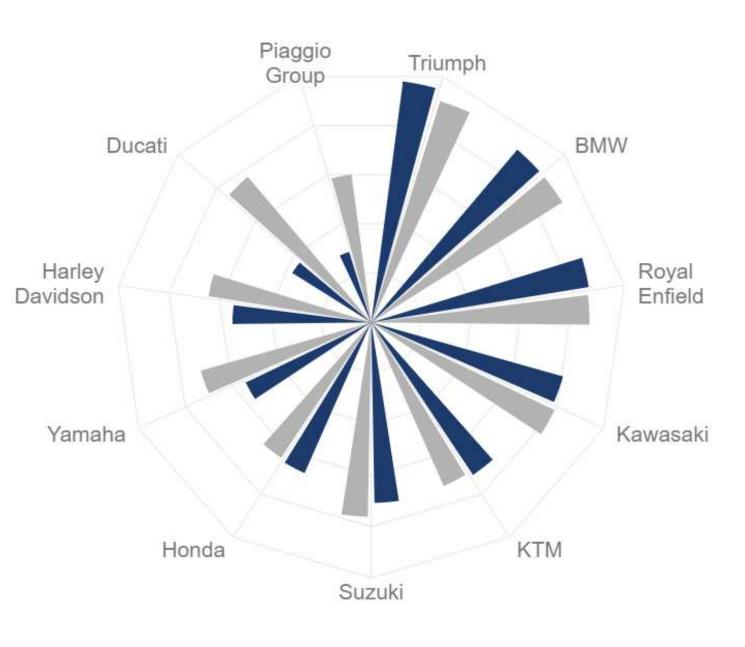
### 29% is the overall response rate which is a 3 point

decrease compared with the previous edition



is the overall decrease in satisfaction with the profit return by representing the franchise

### **Overall Satisfaction by Manufacturer**



#### **Spring 2023 Autumn 2022**



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### **5 Highest Scoring Questions**

The brand image Timely and fair settlement of warranty claims

How satisfied are you with your manufacturer's warranty policy

The support provided by your manufacturer to follow a professional sales process Frequency of new models



Dealers scored high satisfaction levels with brand image and new model frequency

Manufacturer support regarding warranty policy and process also ranked highly in addition to sales process development

### **5 Lowest Scoring Questions**



How realistic are your manufacturer's standards compared with the return on investment How satisfied are you with the profit return by representing your franchise The effectiveness of your dealer council and dealer forums The electric products your manufacturer currently offers Your Manufacturer's proposed EV/Plug-in product range over the next two years

Dealers appear most concerned about the electric vehicle strategy scoring both current and future product range the lowest in the survey at 2.3 out of 5

**Overall profitability** continues to be a key concern for dealers with **ROI on standards achievement** scoring particularly low



## **Positive**

## Negative



## Largest changes vs Autumn 2022

### An overall downward trend

The 2023 Spring Survey saw declines in average scores across every question versus the Autumn survey, reflecting a general decline in sentiment across the franchised network.

Profitability sees large declines with both current profit return and future profitability showing lower satisfaction since the last survey.

2023 Overall **Satisfaction** 

6.3

Previous year dealers rated the value of holding their motorcycle franchise at 7.5 out of 10

Manufacturers where satisfaction decreased the most

-50.5% *കോൺ കോൺ* കോൾ

-51.2% **(a) (a) (b) (b) (c) (c)** 

### **5 Biggest Answer Changes vs Autumn 2022**

-14.7%	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	How satisfied are you with the profit return by representing your franchise
-13.9%	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	The future profitability of your business
-12.5%	00000000000	Frequency of new models
-11.6%	0000000000	The brand image
-10.5%		The products price and value against other brands



### Winners and Losers by manufacturer

### % Change vs **Autumn 2022**







Yamaha Piaggio Group

Ducati

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## **The Path to Electrification**

The 'Path to electrification' is of clear concern to the Franchised Network in this spring's survey against a backdrop of potential legislation to phase out traditional powertrains.

Dealers appear to lack confidence in both their current EV line-up and their manufacturer's 2 year plan with over half of the EV questions being scored 'Poor' or 'Very Poor'

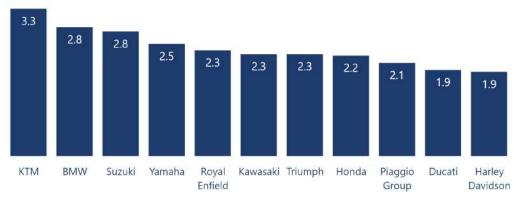
#### Comments submitted alongside ratings suggest the top concerns are:

Their manufacturer had poor quality products or a poor product choice for the price they are being sold at

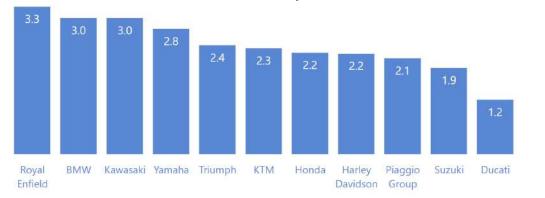
Manufacturers either have no electric products or are not chasing the EV Market

There is no EV plan that Dealers are aware of and the dealers are in the dark if there is one

#### The Electric products your manufacturer currently offers?

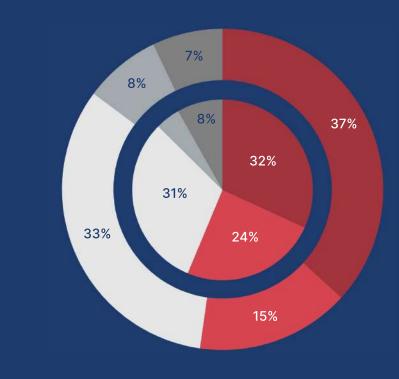


#### Your manufacturer's proposed EV/Plug-in product range and the segments they will cover for the next two years?



### **EV Question Response Breakdown**

Of answers were either 'Poor' (2) or 'Verv Poor' (1)



### $\bullet 1 \bullet 2 \bullet 3 \bullet 4 \bullet 5$

(1= Low, 5= High)

**Outside Graph:** The Electric products your manufacturer currently offers?

Inside Graph: Your manufacturer's proposed EV/Plug-in product range and the segments they will cover for the next two years?



#### **Dealer Attitude Survey Spring 2023**

Of answers were either Neutral (3) or worse

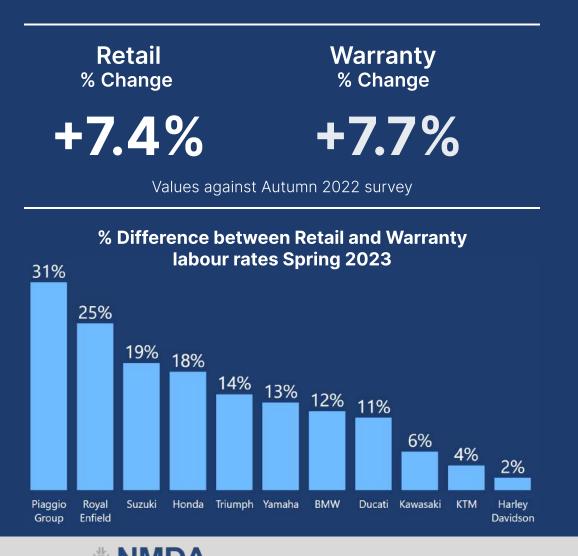




### Labour Rates are on the rise

The Spring survey shows an increase in Labour rates of +7.4% for retail and +7.7% for warranty versus the autumn submission.

**Piaggio Group** have the biggest difference between retail and warranty at 31%, with Harley Davidson and KTM having the smallest, with both less than 5% difference.



### **Difference in Labour Rate by Region (£)**



**Dealer Attitude Survey Spring 2023** 

16%

16%

19%

17%

30%

%Difference

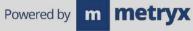
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19%

North West and the South West have the **biggest disparity** between retail and warranty labour rates at 30% and 20% difference

#### Northern Ireland and Wales have the smallest difference at 7% and 5%

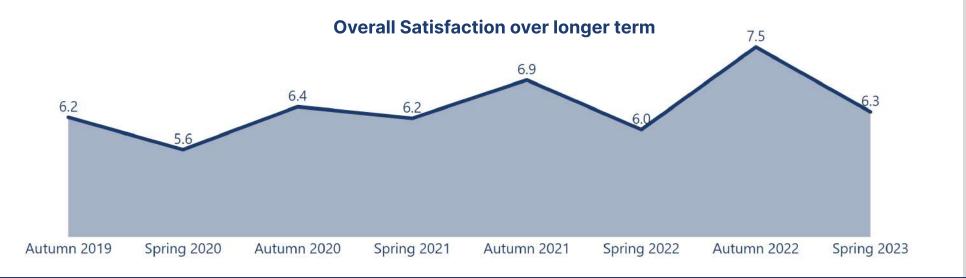
th st	South West	Wales	West Midlands	Yorkshire and The Humber
1	81.2	76.2	81.6	74.6
3	66.2	72.5	68.9	63.3
%	20%	5%	17%	16%



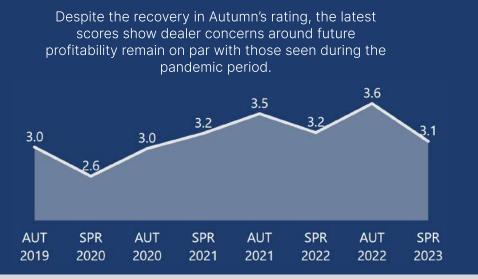
## Longer term survey trends

The latest survey shows a drop versus the uptick we saw in the Autumn feedback, potentially reflecting the wider economic and commercial realities facing the dealer body into 2023.

On a longer term view, overall satisfaction remains broadly in line with pre-pandemic levels although there has been some fluctuations during the intervening period.



#### **Future Profitability of your business**



#### Manufacturer takes dealers views and opinions into account

Whilst the latest survey sees this measure fall, satisfaction with manufacturer dialogue remains slightly higher than historical standards.



#### **Dealer Attitude Survey Spring 2023**







How many new motorcycles have been sold (average)

#### How realistic are your manufacturer's standards compared with the return on investment

Compared to pre-pandemic levels, dealer attitudes toward manufacturer standards appear to have softened in the latest survey



# **Full Results**

**Section A** About your business



Response Rate Breakdown - Question 2 by region

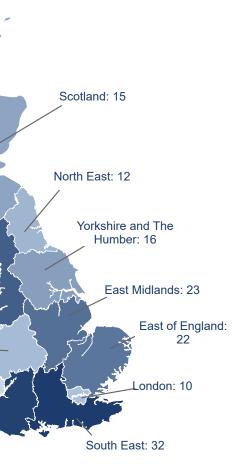
Brand ▲	Responses	Network Size	Response Rate%	Ranking	Autumn 22%	% change	% change	Count of responses aroun
BMW	13	44	30%	7	30%	0		
Ducati	14	30	47%	4	93%	-46		
Harley Davidson	31	33	94%	1	30%	64		and the second second
Honda	25	47	53%	3	29%	24		
Kawasaki	10	55	18%	9	33%	-15		
KTM	6	38	16%	10	14%	2		Northern Ireland:
Lexmoto*	7	158	4%	12	12%	-8		
Piaggio	18	44	41%	5	26%	15		
Royal Enfield	8	77	10%	11	15%	-5		North West: 27
Suzuki	37	63	59%	2	44%	15		West Midlands: 11
Triumph	13	50	26%	8	36%	-10		Wales: 6
Yamaha	25	72	35%	6	21%	14		
Total	207	711	29%	<u>.</u>	32%	-3		South West: 31

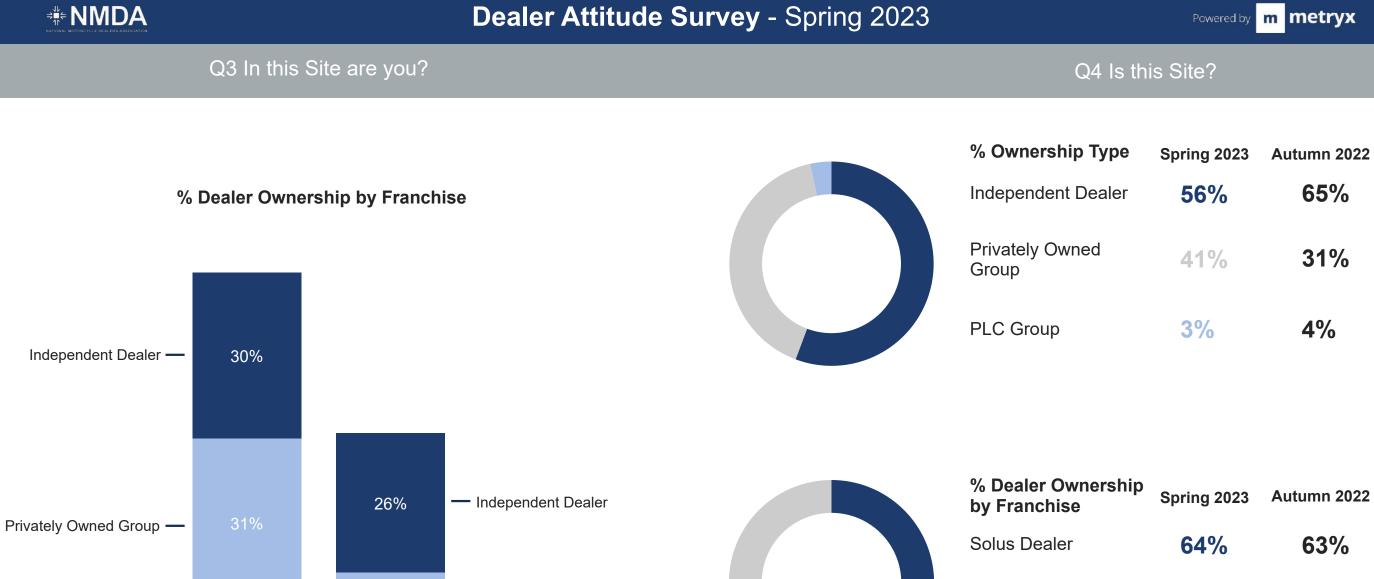
\*Lexmoto have been removed from this edition of the survey due to not reaching the required response rate threshold

**Legend** : More Responses = Darker colour

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#### around the UK by Region





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Multi-Franchised

dealer

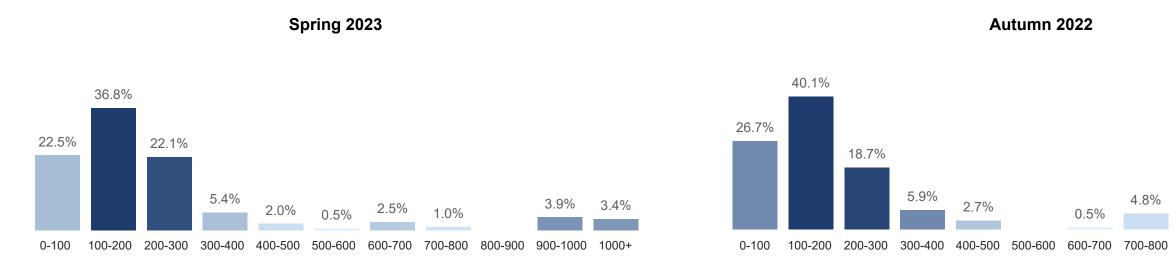
PLC Group —

Multi-Franchised Dealer

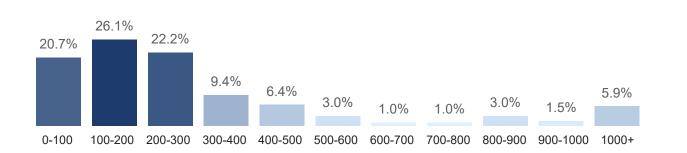
Spring 2023	Autumn 2022
56%	65%
41%	31%
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36%	6	37%

#### Question 6: How many new motorcycles do you sell from this site per annum?

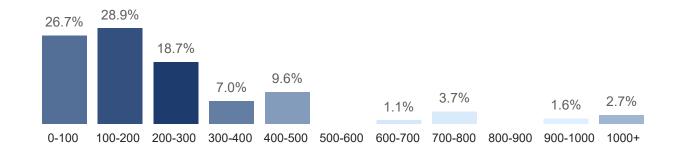


Question 7: How many retail used motorcycles do you sell per annum?









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#### 4.8% 0.5% 700-800 800-900 900-1000 1000+

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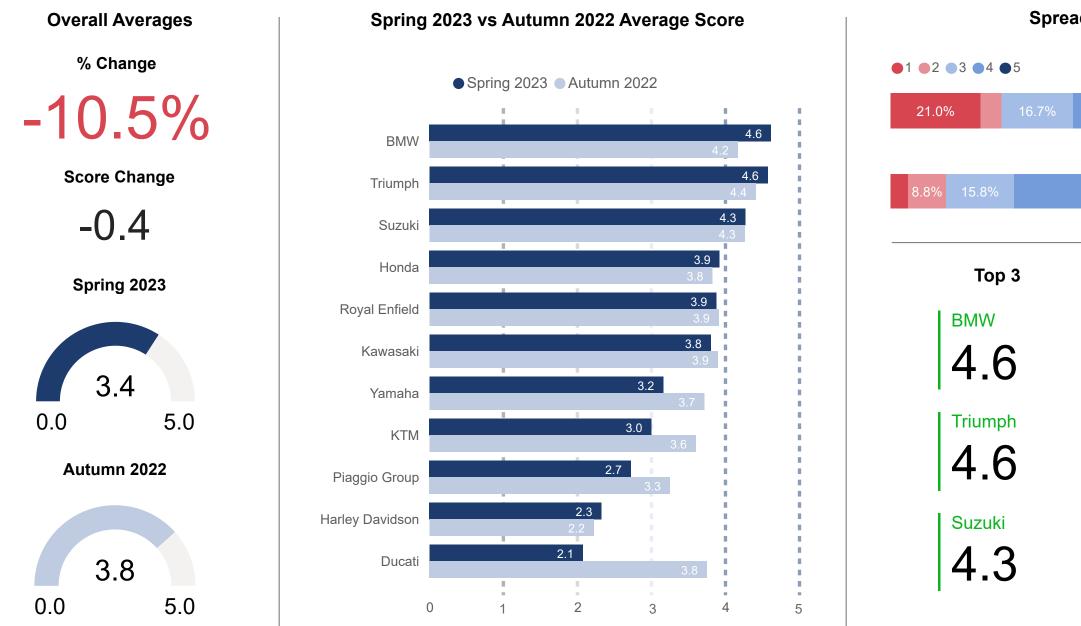


# **Section B** Sales



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#### Question 8a: The product's price and value against other brands (1= Low, 5= High)



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#### **Spread of Responses**

#### Spring 2023

30.5%
Autumn 2022
29.2%

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Piaggio Group

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Harley Davidson

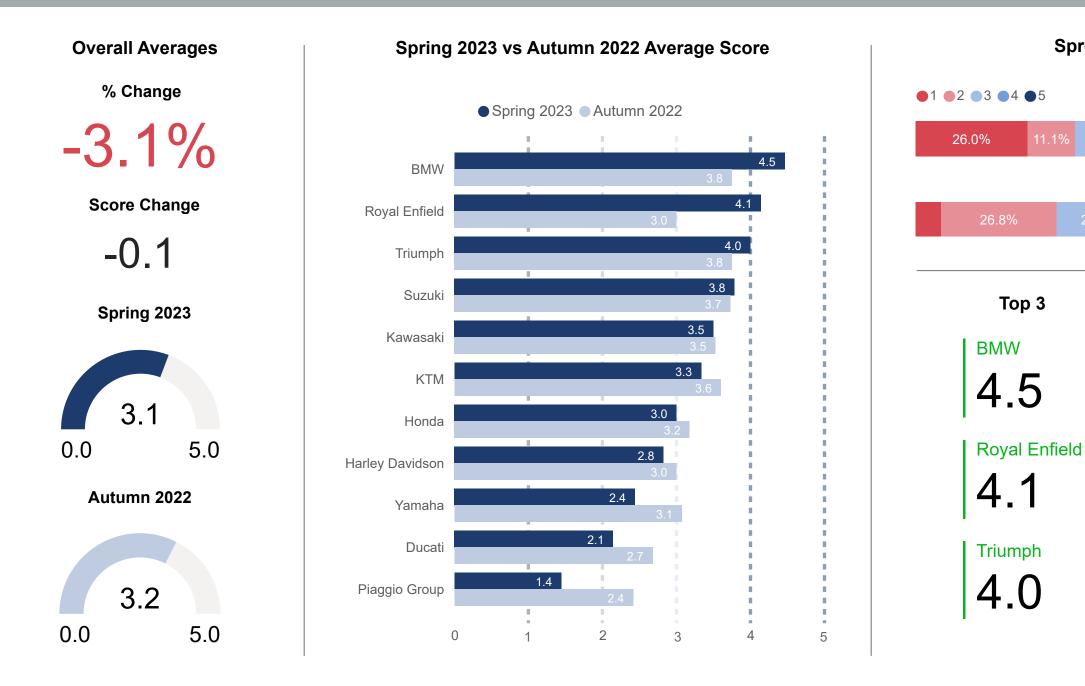
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Ducati **2.1** 

#### **NMDA**

#### **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

Question 8b: How realistic is you target negotiations and performance related bonus in terms of achievement (1= Low, 5= High)



#### **Spread of Responses**

#### Spring 2023

.9%	23.6%	23.6%
		Autumn 2022
.%	31.0%	16.1%

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Yan	naha
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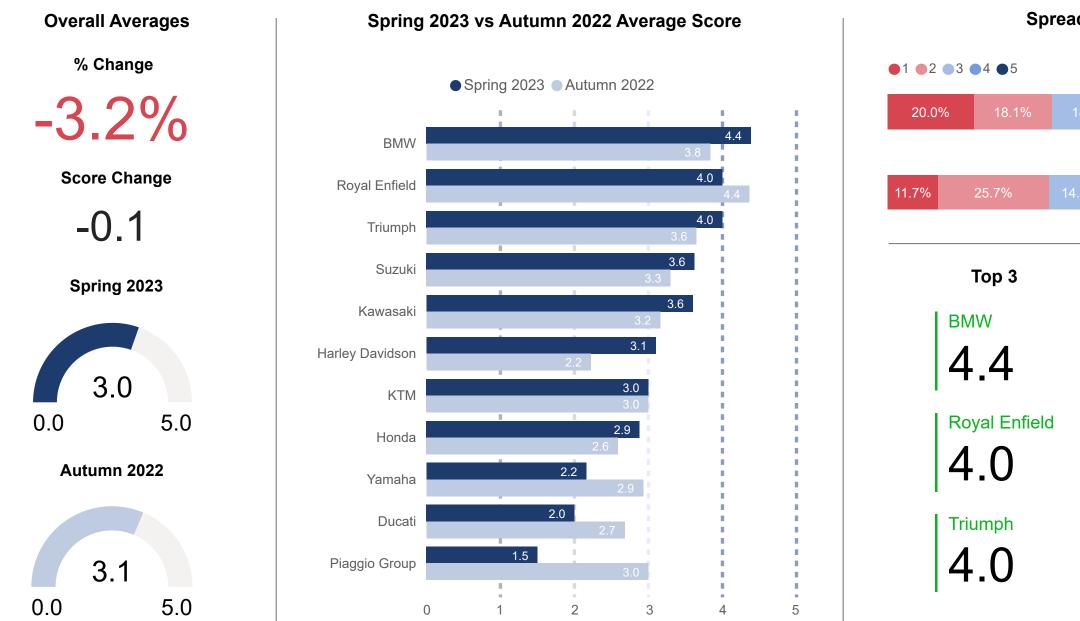
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**Piaggio Group** 

#### **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

Question 9a: Your manufacturer's policy for the supply and stocking of motorcycles (1= Low, 5= High)





#### **Spread of Responses**

#### Spring 2023

8.1%	25.7%	18.1%
	Aut	umn 2022
.6%	33.3%	14.6%

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Yamaha

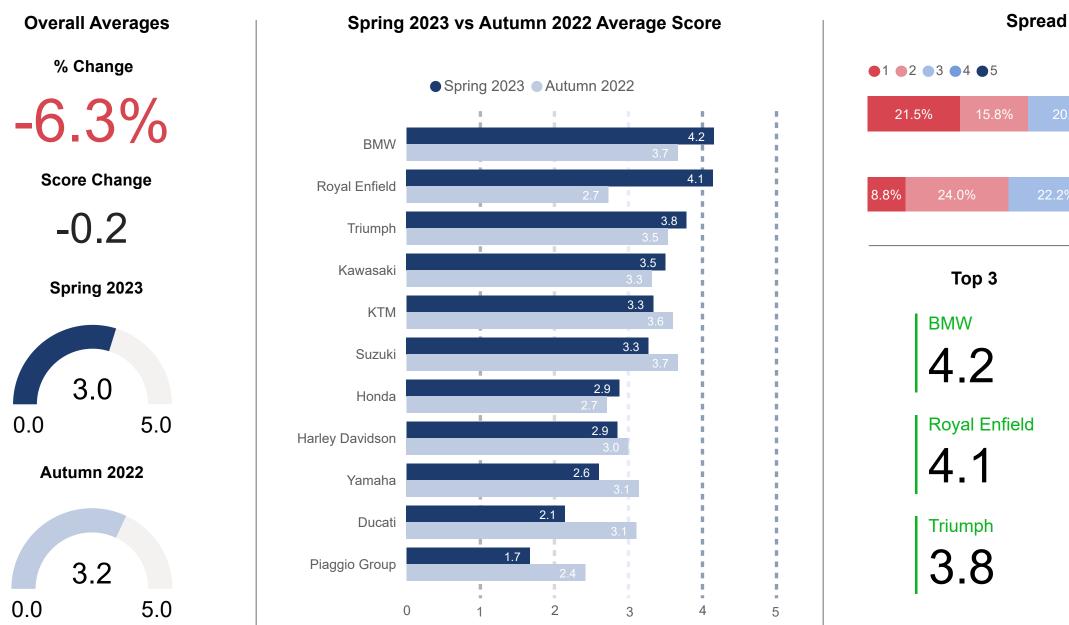


#### Ducati

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#### Piaggio Group

Question 9c: How realistic is your target negotiations and performance related bonus in terms of achievement (1= Low, 5= High)



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#### **Spread of Responses**

#### Spring 2023

20.1%	28.2%	14.4%
	Autu	mn 2022
2%	28.7%	16.4%

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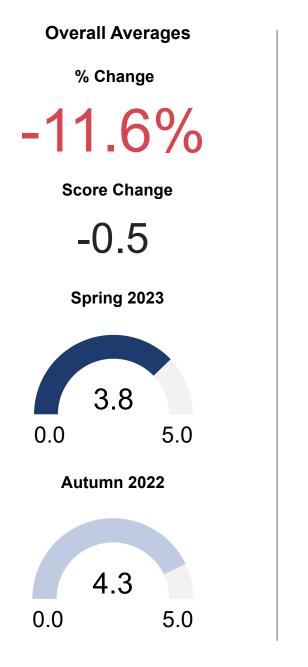
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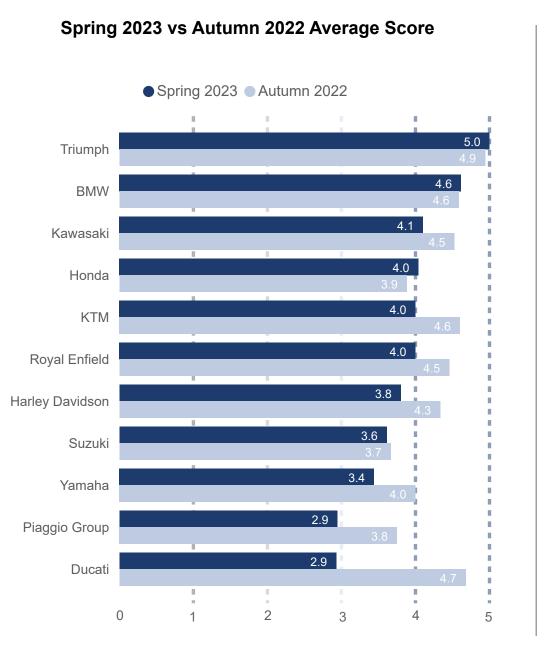
**Piaggio Group** 

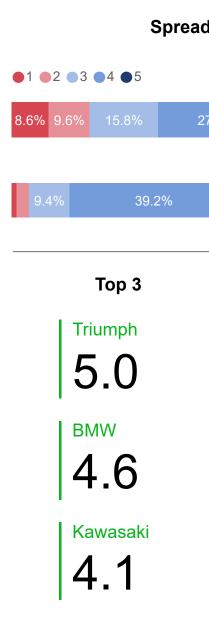
#### **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

#### Question 10a: The brand image (1= Low, 5= High)



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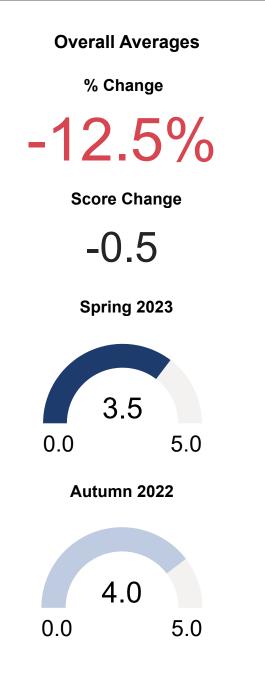
#### **Spread of Responses**

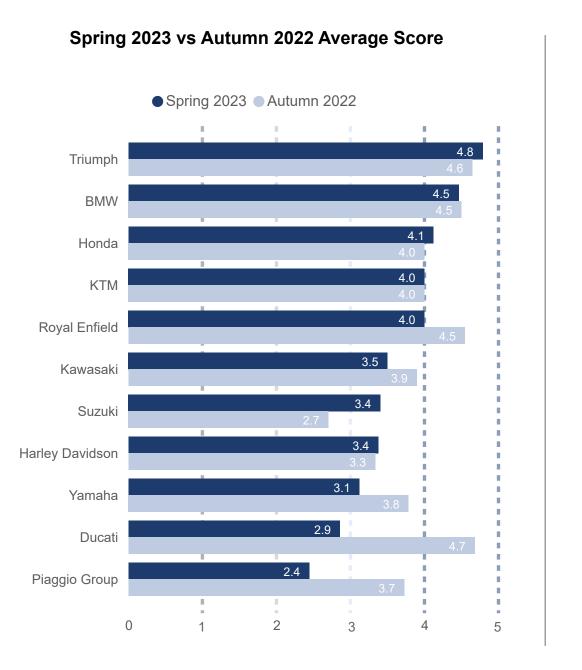
#### Spring 2023

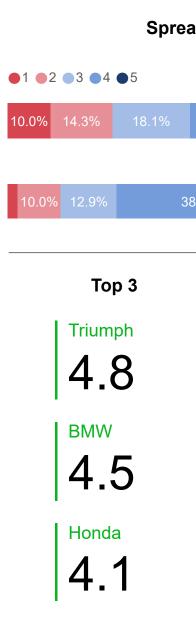
7.3%	38.8%
	Autumn 2022
	47.4%
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	Yamaha
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	Piaggio Group
	Piaggio Group
	Ducati
	2.9

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#### Question 10b: The frequency of new models (1= Low, 5= High)







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#### **Spread of Responses**

#### Spring 2023

27.6%	30.0%	
	Autumn 2022	
.8%	35.9%	

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Yamaha

Ducati

2.9

Piaggio Group

#### **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

#### Question 10c: Retail sales incentives and promotions (1= Low, 5= High)





#### **Spread of Responses**

#### Spring 2023

	23.8%	23.3%
	ļ	Autumn 2022
%	26.9%	18.1%

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, 0	26.9%	18.1%	





Piaggio Group

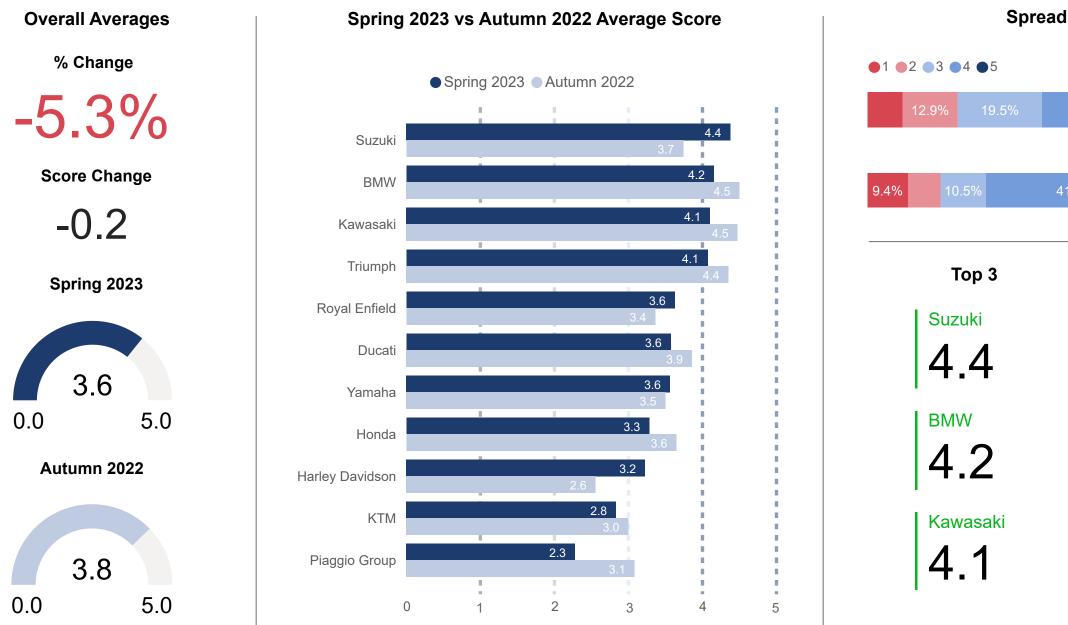


# **Section C Service and Parts**



#### **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

Question 12: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your manufacturer's warranty policy? (1= Low, 5= High)



#### **Spread of Responses**

#### Spring 2023

32.4%	27.1%	
	Autumn 2022	
41.5%	31.0%	

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Harley Davidson



### **KTM**

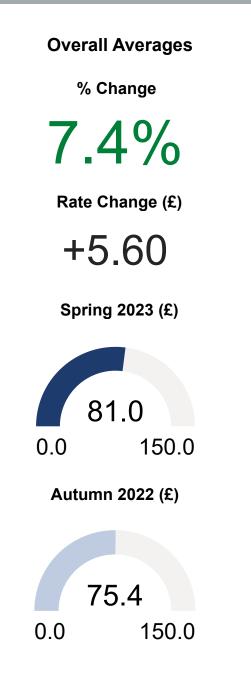
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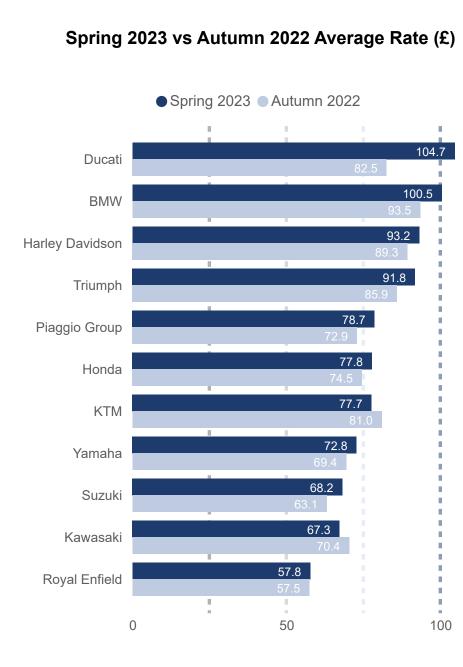
Piaggio Group

### **NMDA**

#### **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

#### Question 13a: What is your labour rate for retail? (£)

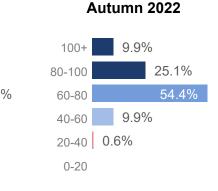








#### **Spread of Labour Rate**



Lowest (£)

#### Suzuki



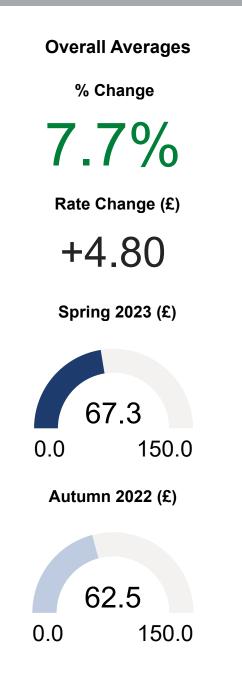




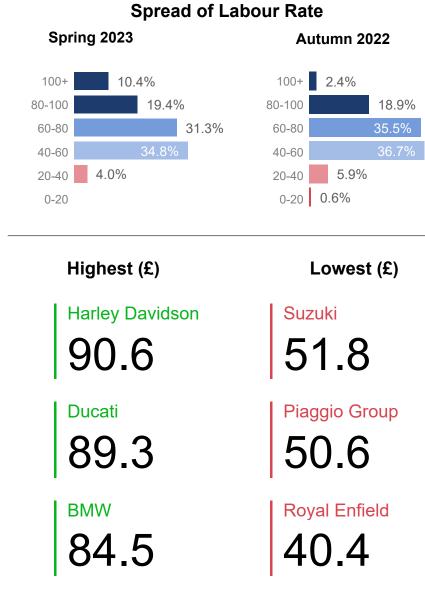
**Royal Enfield** 57.8

### **NMDA**

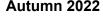
#### Question 14a: What is your labour rate for warranty before VAT? (£)



#### Spring 2023 vs Autumn 2022 Average Rate (£) • Spring 2023 • Autumn 2022 90.6 Harley Davidson 89.3 Ducati 84.5 BMW 74.4 Triumph 73.5 KTM 61.8 Kawasaki 60.2 Honda 60.1 Yamaha 51.8 Suzuki 50.6 Piaggio Group 40.4 Royal Enfield 0 50 100



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#### **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

#### Question 15a: Timely and fair settlement of warranty claims? (1= Low, 5= High)

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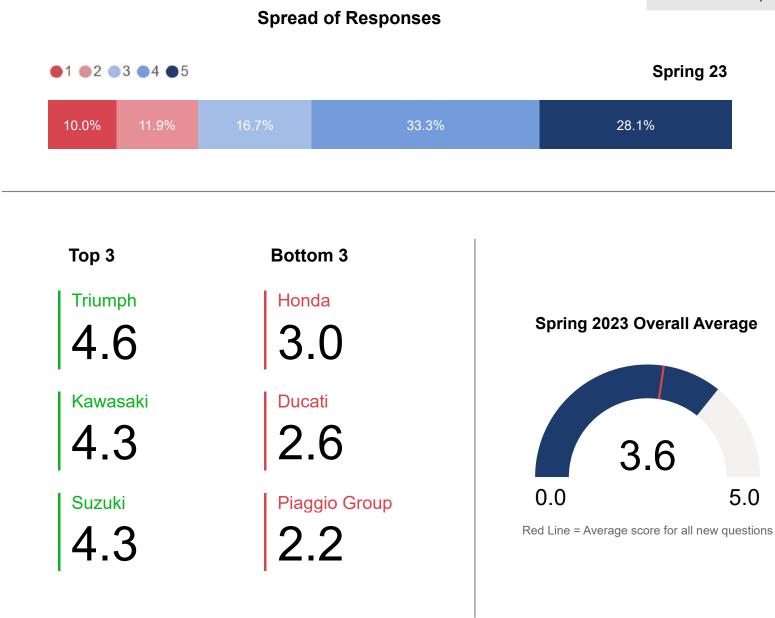
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Spring 2023 Average Score



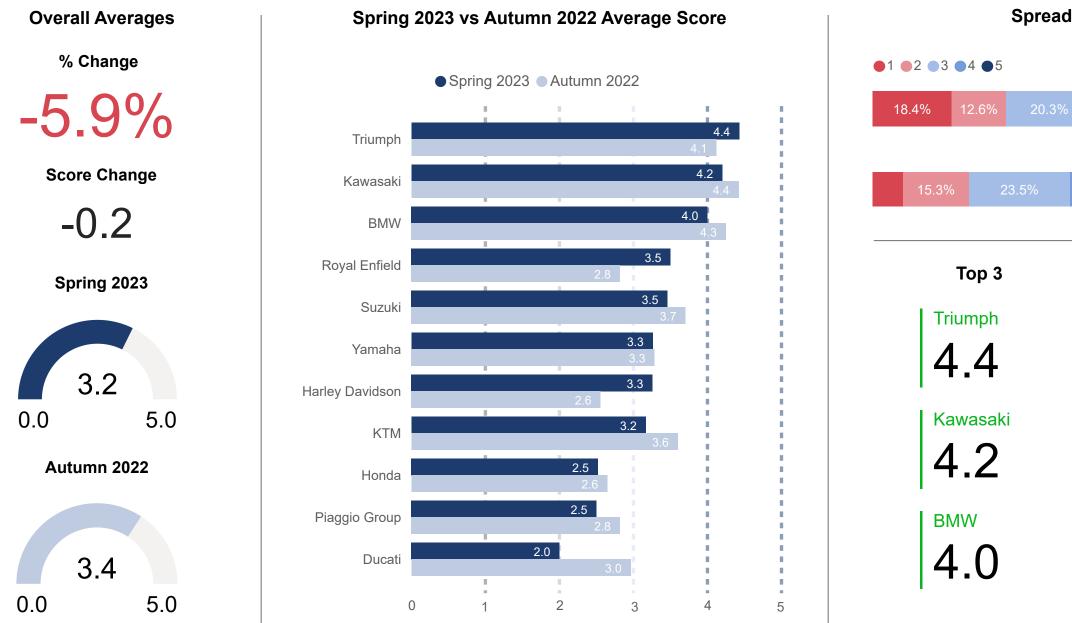
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#### **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

#### Question 15b: Availability of technical support? (1= Low, 5= High)



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#### **Spread of Responses**

#### Spring 2023

6 25.1%	23.7%
Auto	umn 2022
36.5%	17.6%

#### Bottom 3

Honda 2.5 Piaggio Group 2.5

Ducati

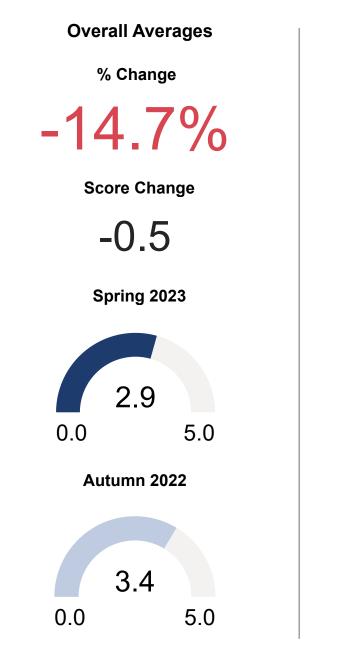


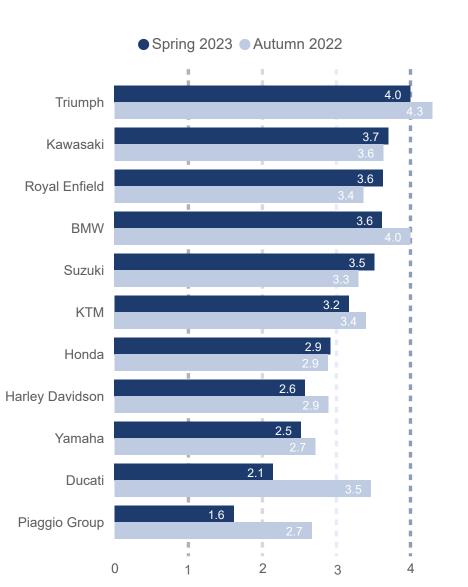
# **Section D** Profitability



Question 17: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the profit return by representing your franchise? (1= Low, 5= High)

Spring 2023 vs Autumn 2022 Average Score







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#### **Spread of Responses**

#### Spring 2023

28.6%	24.3%	13.3%
	Autun	ın 2022
	42.1%	9.9%

#### **Bottom 3**



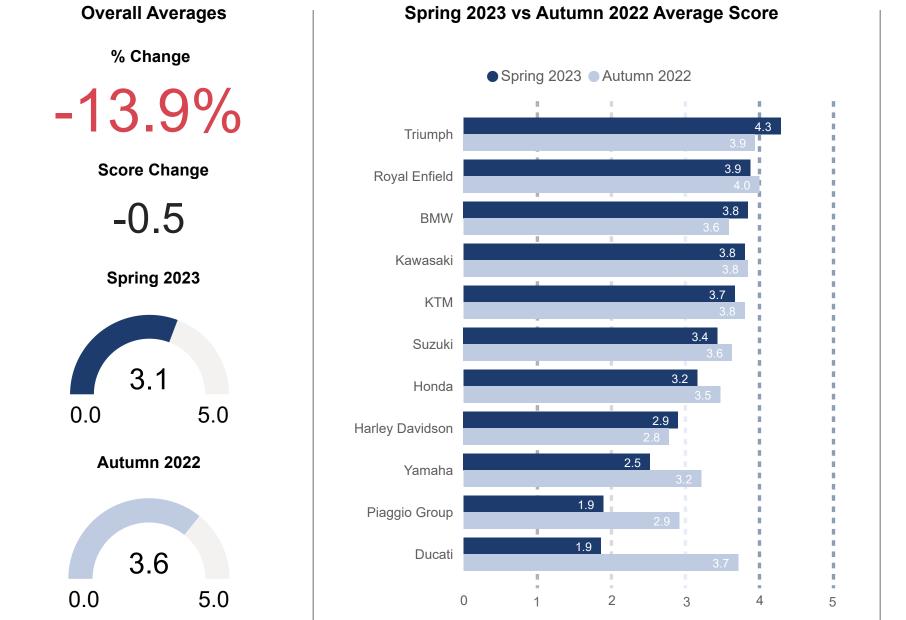
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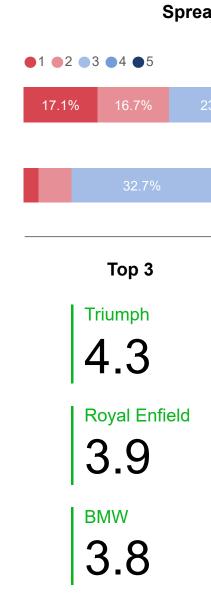
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Piaggio Group

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#### Question 18a: Future profitability of your business? (1= Low, 5= High)







#### **Spread of Responses**

#### Spring 2023

.3%	27.1%	15.7%
	Auto	umn 2022
	39.8%	16.4%

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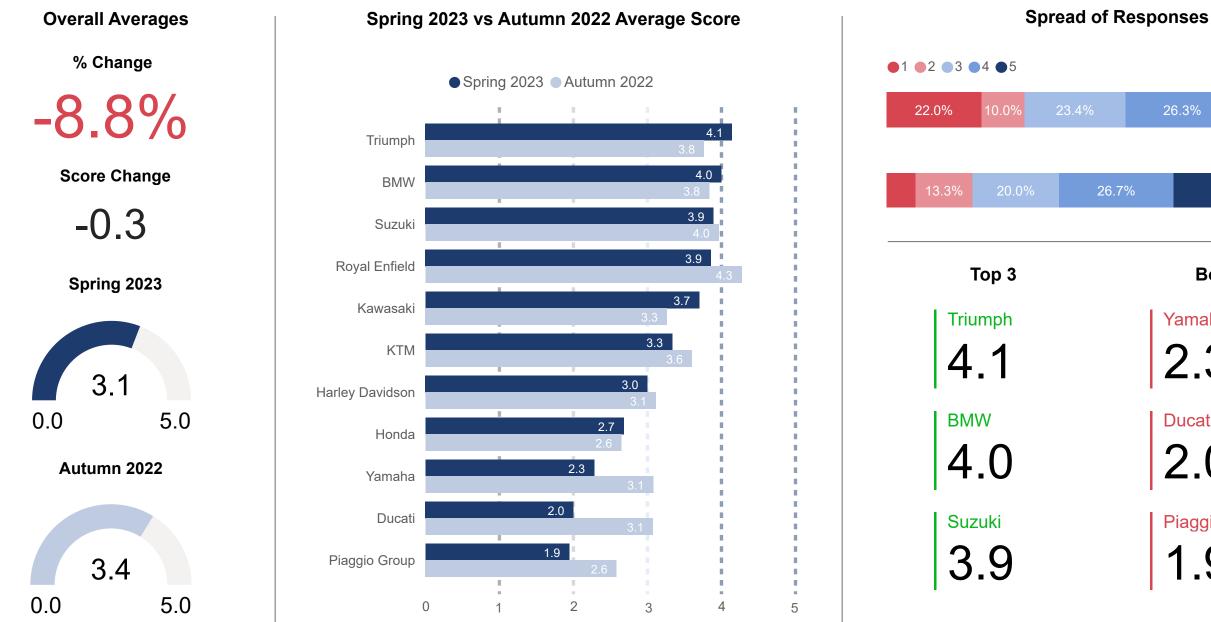


Piaggio Group

1.9

Ducati

Question 19a: The dealer standards expected by your manufacturer? (1= Low, 5= High)





### 2.0 Piaggio Group 1.9

## Ducati



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	Autumn 2022
26.7%	33.3%

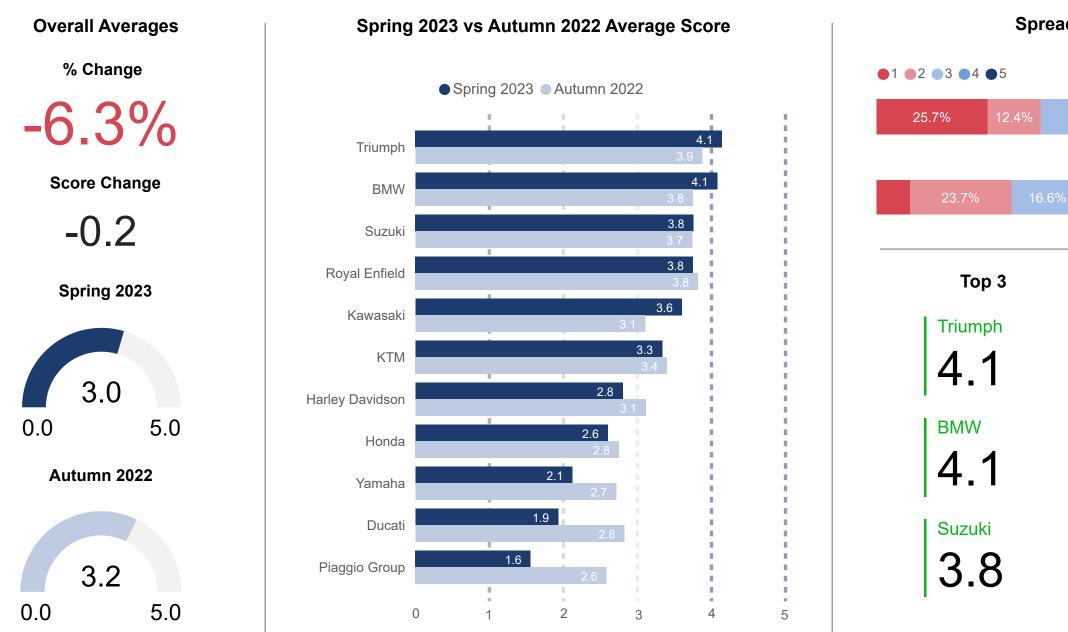
26.3%

### Spring 2023

18.2%



Question 19b: How realistic do you feel your manufacturer's standards are compared with the return on investment/reward? (1= Low, 5= High)



#### **Spread of Responses**

#### Spring 2023

21.9%	20.5%	19.5%
	Au	tumn 2022
	42.0%	10.1%

#### **Bottom 3**

Yan	naha
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Ducati

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#### Piaggio Group

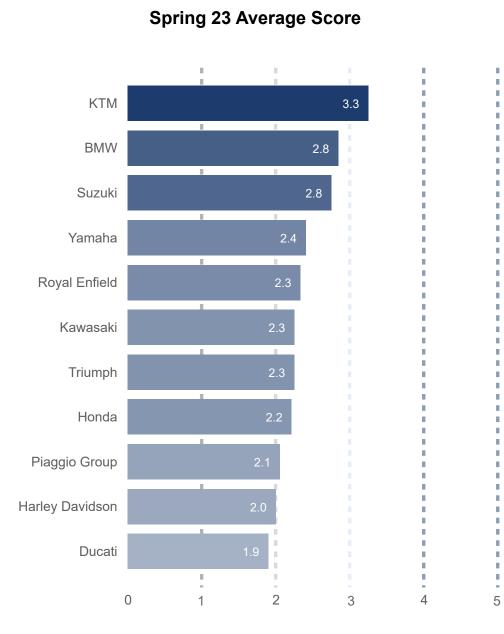


# **Section E** Electric



#### **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

Question 21a: The electric products your manufacturer currently offers? (1= Low, 5= High)





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#### **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

Question 21b: Your manufacturer's proposed EV/Plug-in product range and the segments they will cover for the next two years? (1= Low, 5= High)

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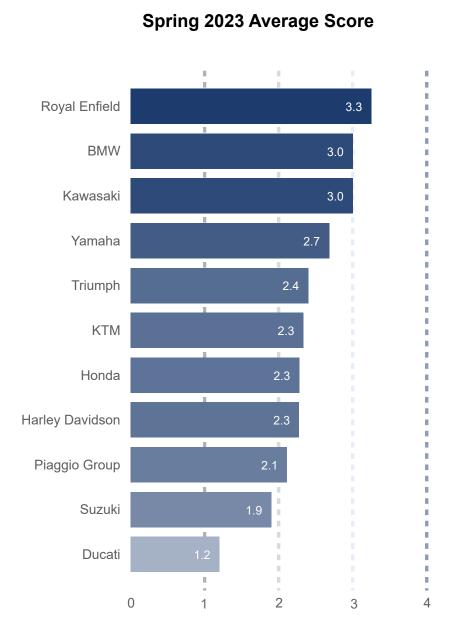
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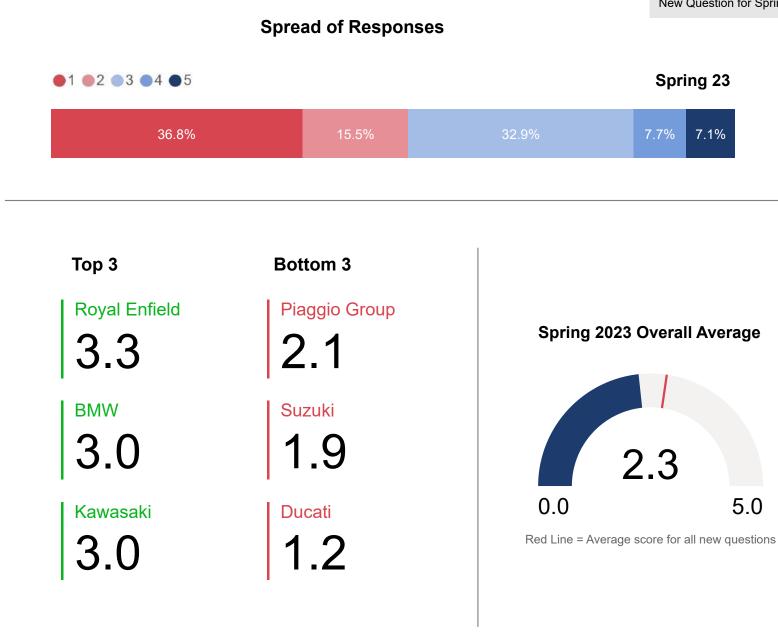
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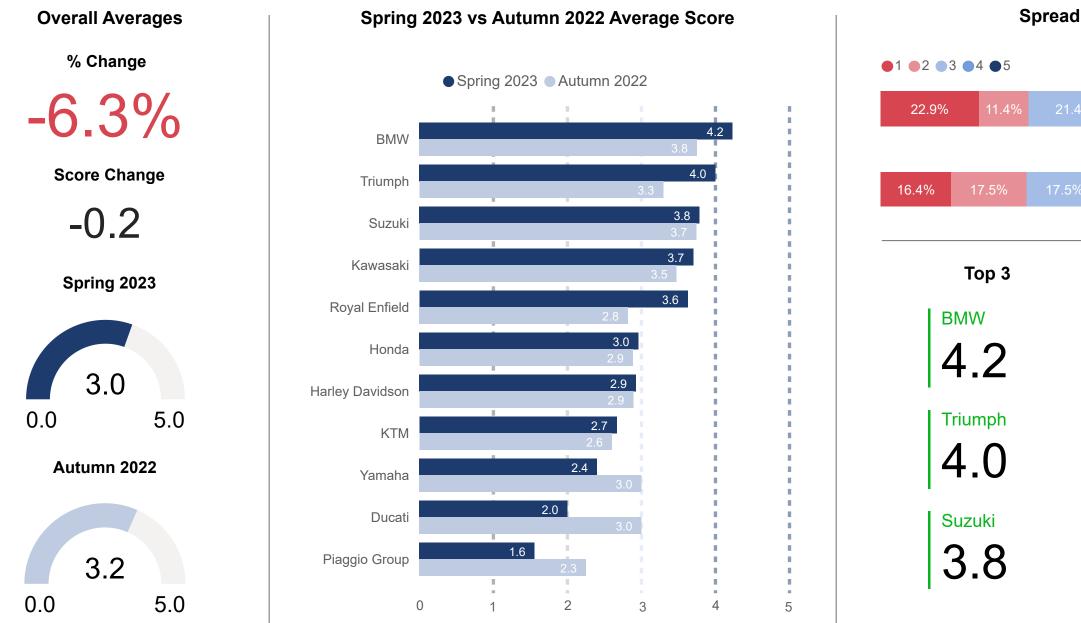


# **Section F** General



#### **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

Question 23a: The management of your manufacturer takes a dealer's views and opinions into account? (1= Low, 5= High)





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#### **Spread of Responses**

	Sp	Spring 2023	
21.4%	26.7%	17.6%	
	Aut	umn 2022	
7.5%	31.0%	17.5%	

Bottom 3
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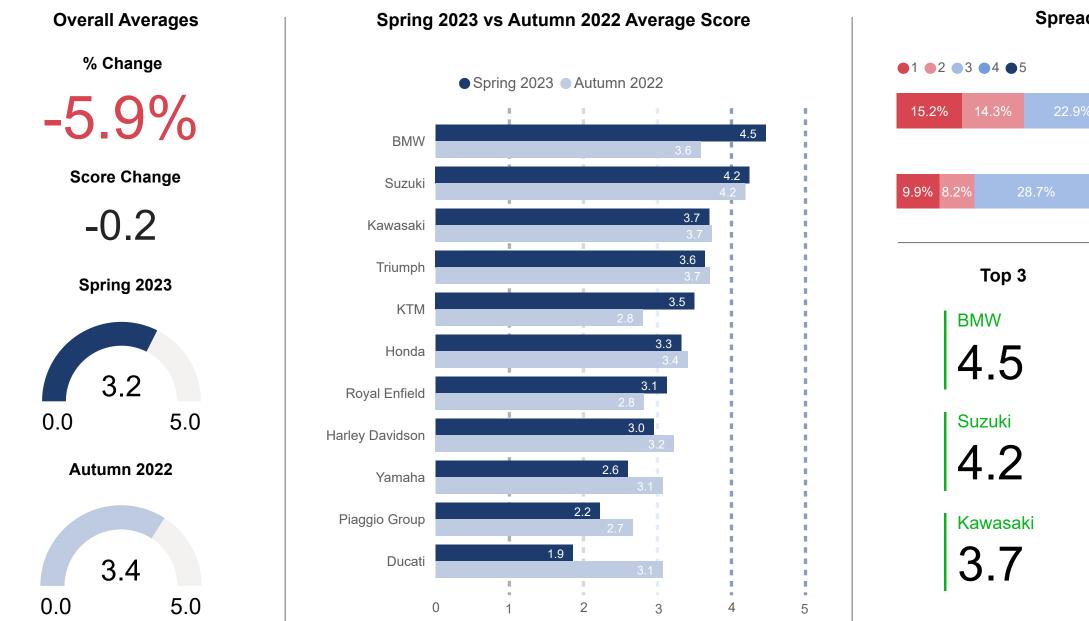
Ducati



**Piaggio Group** 

# **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

Question 23b: The effectiveness of your manufacturer's retail finance programme? (1= Low, 5= High)





### **Spread of Responses**

### Spring 2023

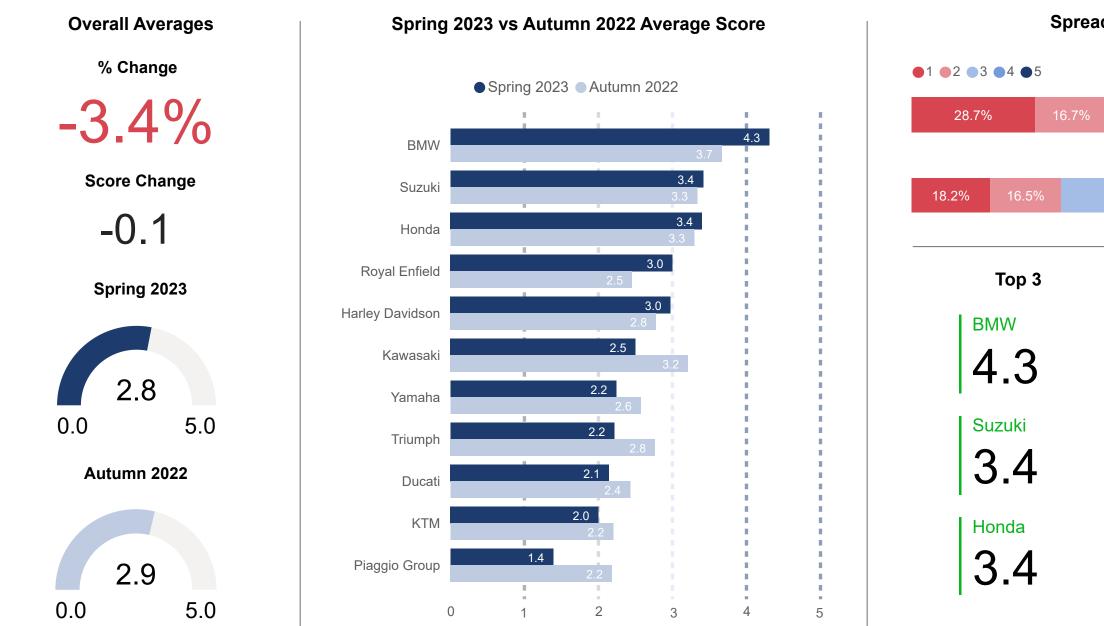
<b>0</b>	26.2%	21.4%
	A	utumn 2022
	37.4%	15.8%

## Bottom 3



# **Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023

Question 23c: The effectiveness of your dealer council and dealer forums? (1= Low, 5= High)



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### **Spread of Responses**

### Spring 2023

19.6%	15.3%	19.6%
	Au	tumn 2022
34.1%	21.8	3% 9.4%

### Bottom 3

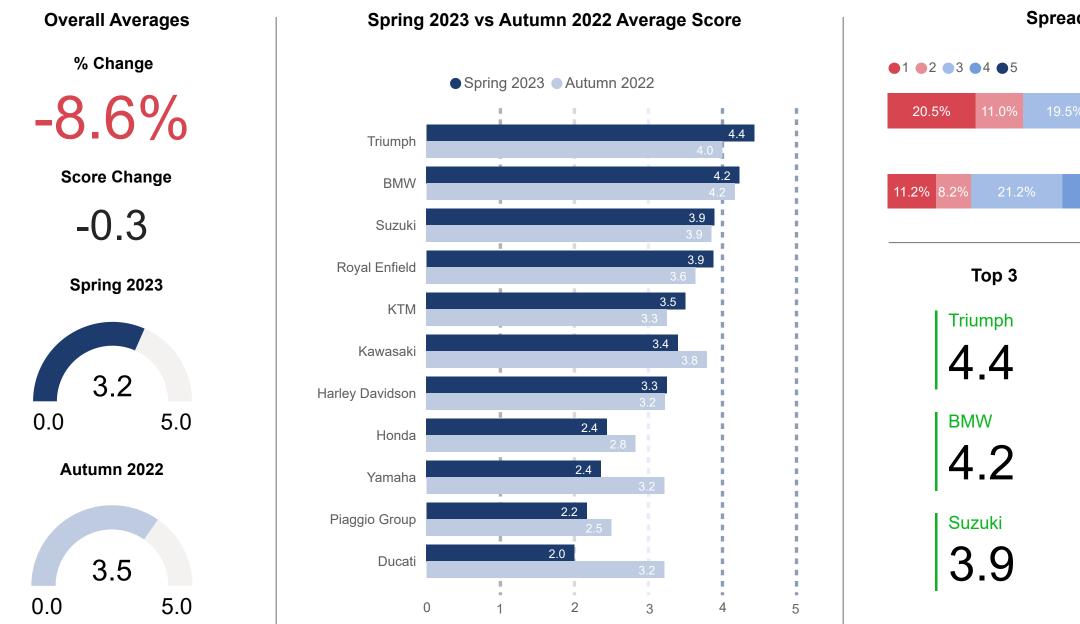
Ducati	
2.1	
KTM	

# 2.0

# Piaggio Group

# 1.4

## Question 24a: The routine procedures and controls expected (1= Low, 5= High)





### **Spread of Responses**

### Spring 2023

6	30.0%		19.0%
		Aut	tumn 2022
	41.8%		17.6%

### Bottom 3

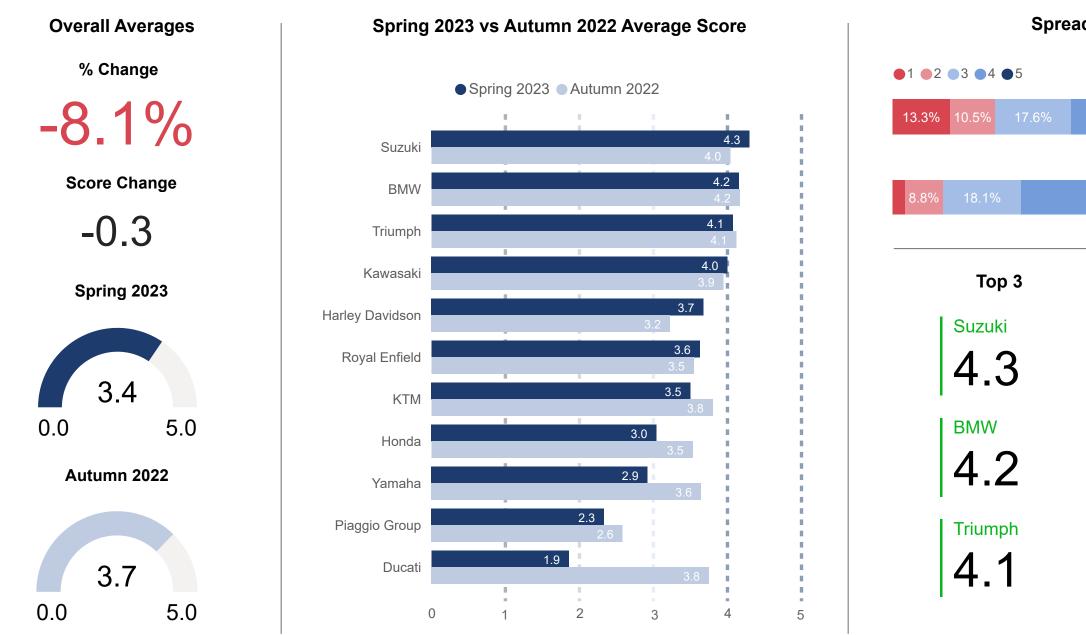
Yamaha

Piaggio Group



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# Question 24b: The quality of your manufacturer's training (1= Low, 5= High)



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### **Spread of Responses**

### Spring 2023

35.2%	23.3%	
	Autumn 2022	
52.6%	17.5%	

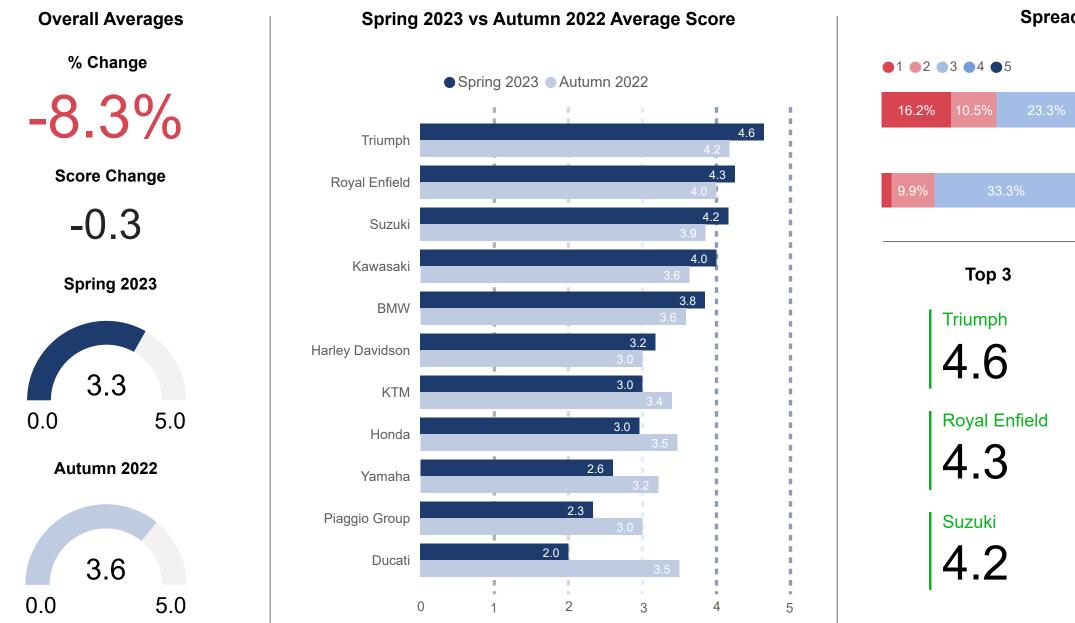
### Bottom 3

Yamaha

Piaggio Group

2.3

# Question 24c: The cost of your manufacturer's training (1= Low, 5= High)



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### **Spread of Responses**

### Spring 2023

25.2%	24.8%
	Autumn 2022
35.7%	18.7%

### Bottom 3

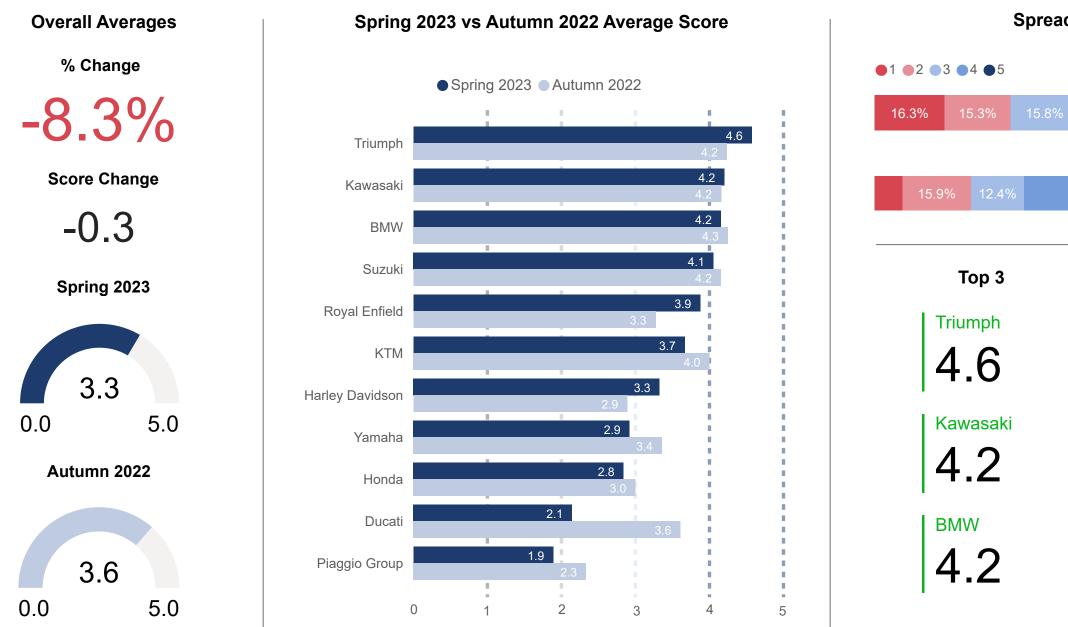
Yamaha 2.6

Piaggio Group

2.3

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Question 24d: Your ability to do business easily with your manufacturer on a day-to-day basis (1= Low, 5= High)





# Piaggio Group

Ducati



## Bottom 3

Spring 2023

30.1%

	Autumn 2022
37.6%	27.6%

# Spread of Responses

22.5%

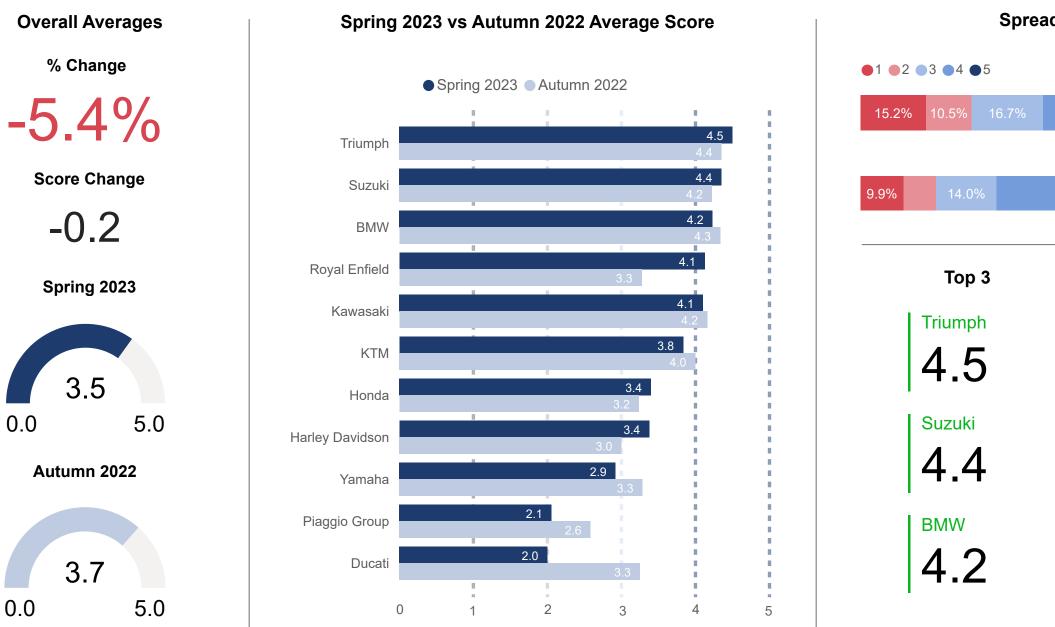
# 5= High)



# **₩ NMDA**

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Question 24e: The support and assistance provided by your manufacturer enable you to follow a professional sales process (1= Low, 5= High)



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### **Spread of Responses**

### Spring 2023

24.8%	32.9%	
	Autumn 2022	
43.9%	24.6%	

### **Bottom 3**

Yamaha 2.9

**Piaggio Group** 

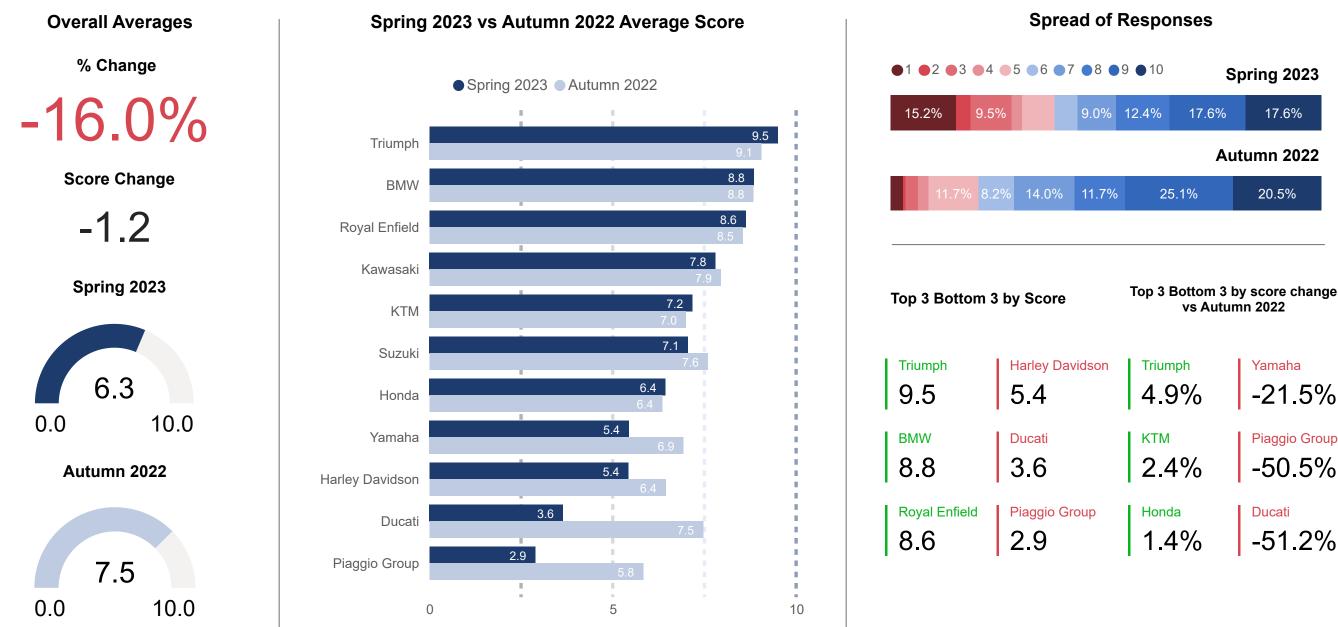
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Ducati 2.0

# **₩ NMDA**

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Question 25: Overall, how do you rate the value of holding your motorcycle franchise? (1= Low, 10= High)



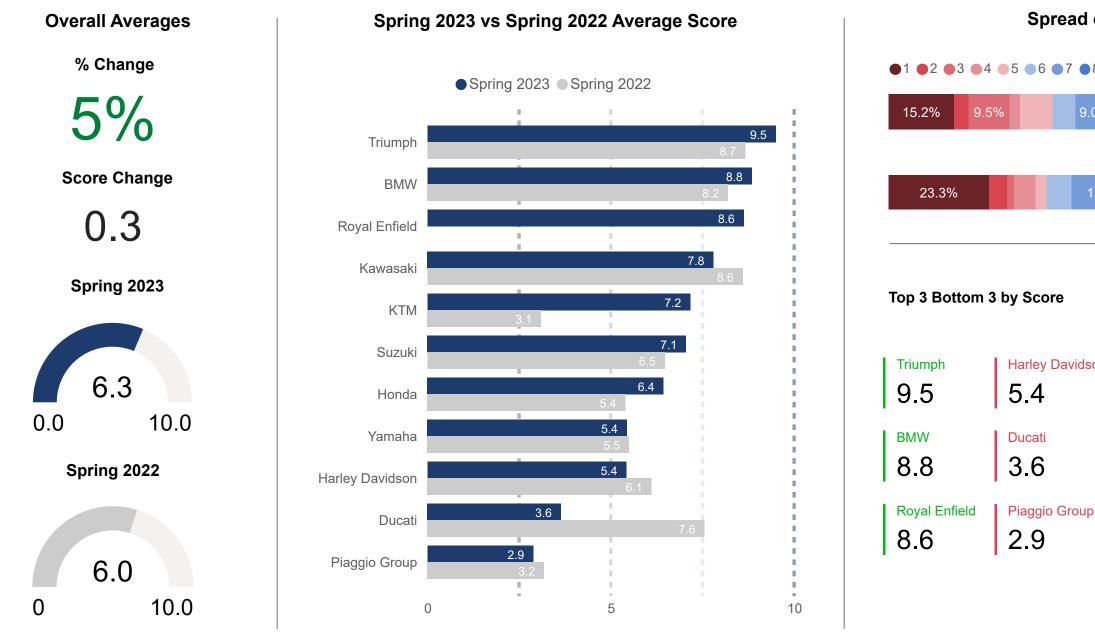


# Top 3 Bottom 3 by score change

dson	Triumph 4.9%	Yamaha -21.5%
	ктм 2.4%	Piaggio Group
oup	Honda 1 4%	Ducati -51 2%

**NMDA Dealer Attitude Survey** - Spring 2023 **12 MONTH COMPARISON** 

Question 25: Overall, how do you rate the value of holding your motorcycle franchise? (1= Low, 10= High)



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## **Spread of Responses**

●8 ●9 ●10		10	Spring 2023		
9.0% 12.4%		17.6%	17.6%		
Spring 2022					
15.8% 11.7		11.79	6 11.7%	18.3%	

### Top 3 Bottom 3 by score change vs Spring 2022

dson	ктм 131.2%	Kawasaki -9.3%
	Honda 19.3%	Harley Davidson
oup	Triumph 9.6%	<sup>Ducati</sup> -51.8%

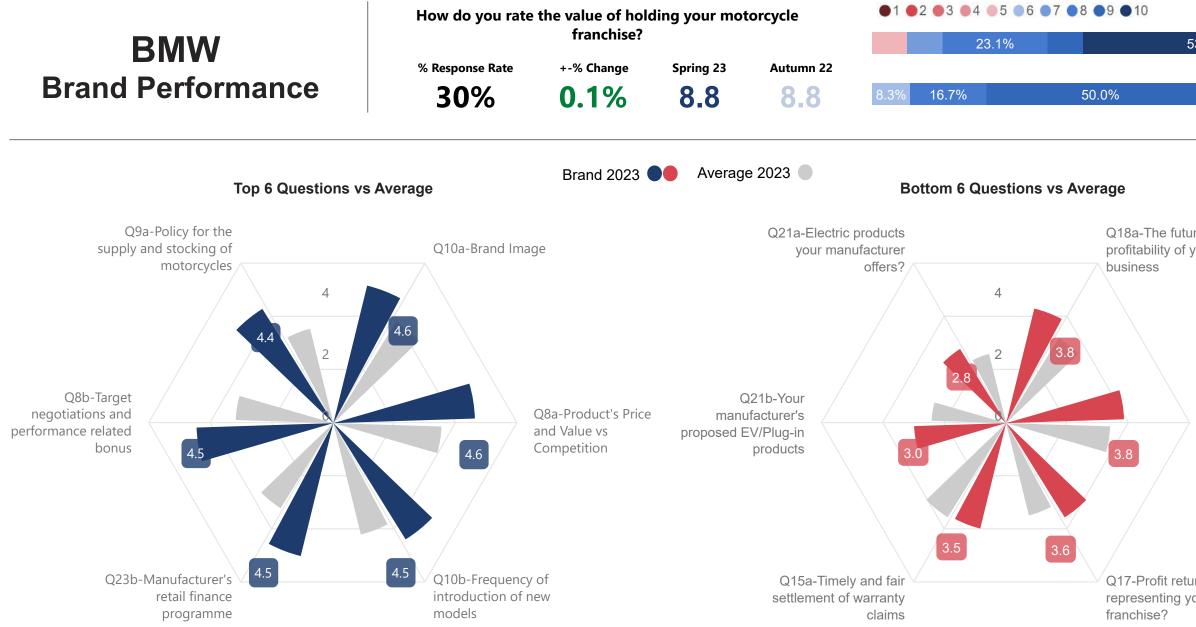


# **Section G** Manufacturer Summaries





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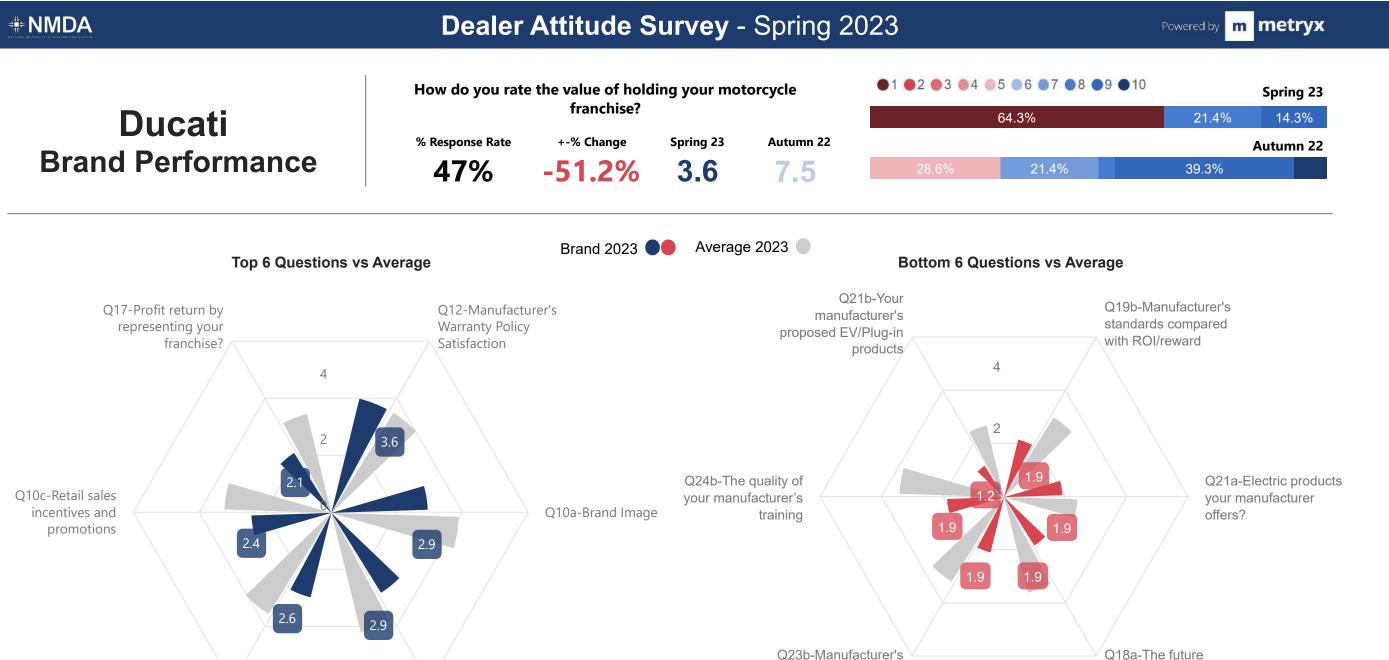


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9 ●10			Spring	j 23	
	53.8%	)			
			Autumr	n 22	
0%		:	25.0%		

- Q18a-The future
- profitability of your

Q24c-The cost of your manufacturer's training

Q17-Profit return by representing your



Q10b-Frequency of

introduction of new

models

retail finance programme

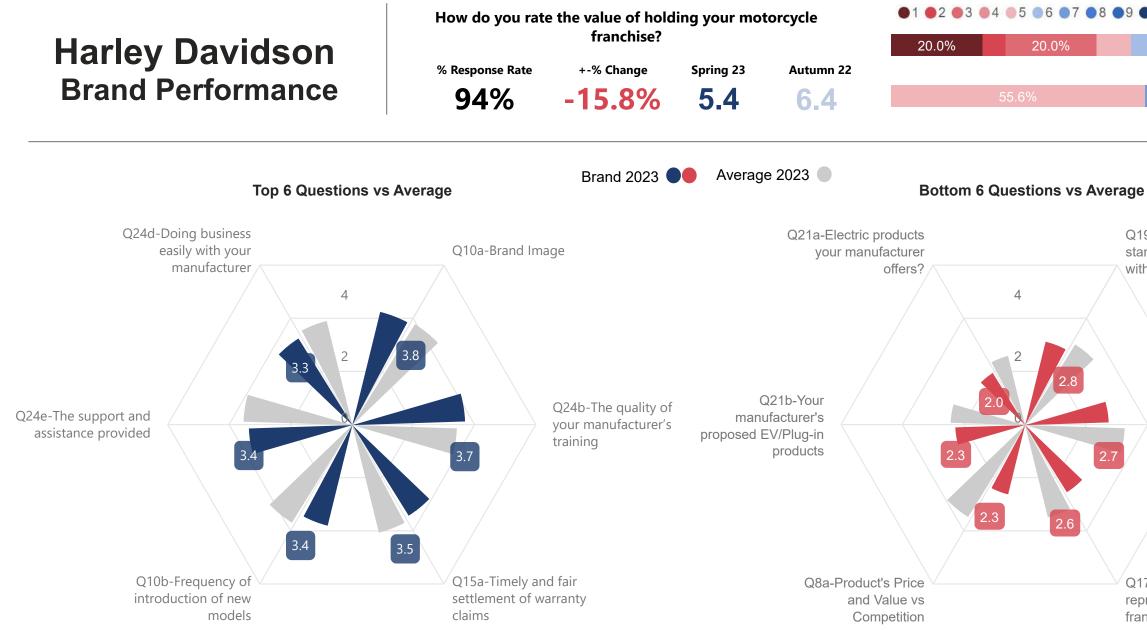
Q15a-Timely and fair

claims

settlement of warranty

Q18a-The future profitability of your business

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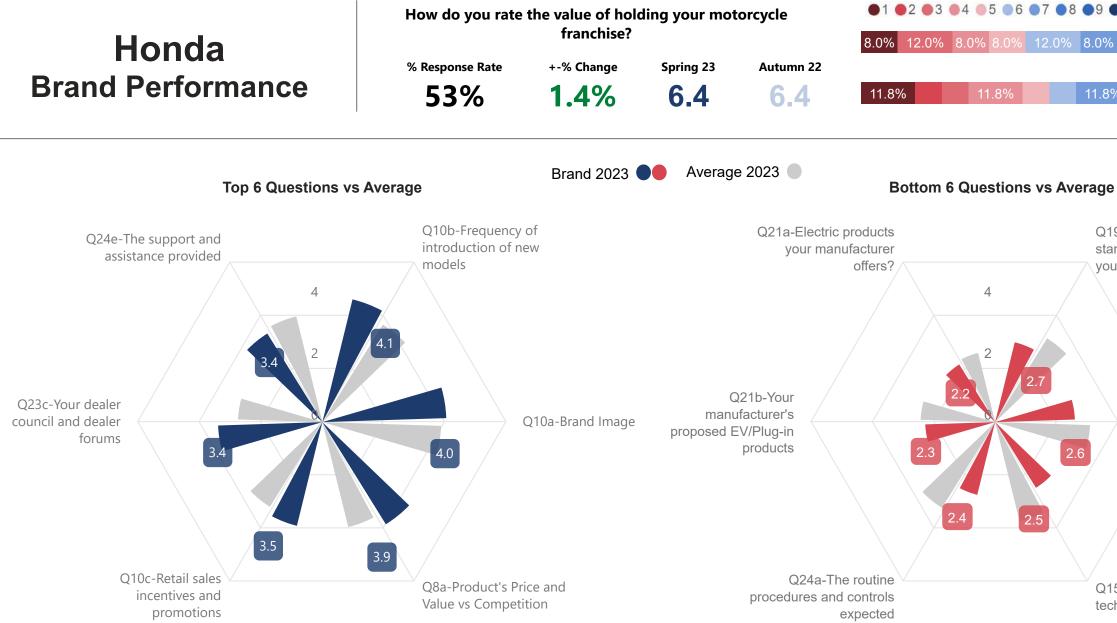
		Pov	vered by	m	m	etryx	
9	10				Sp	oring 23	
			17.5%			15.0%	
					Aut	umn 22	
		22.2	2%	11.1	1%	11.1%	

- Q19b-Manufacturer's
- standards compared
- with ROI/reward

Q10c-Retail sales incentives and promotions

Q17-Profit return by representing your franchise?

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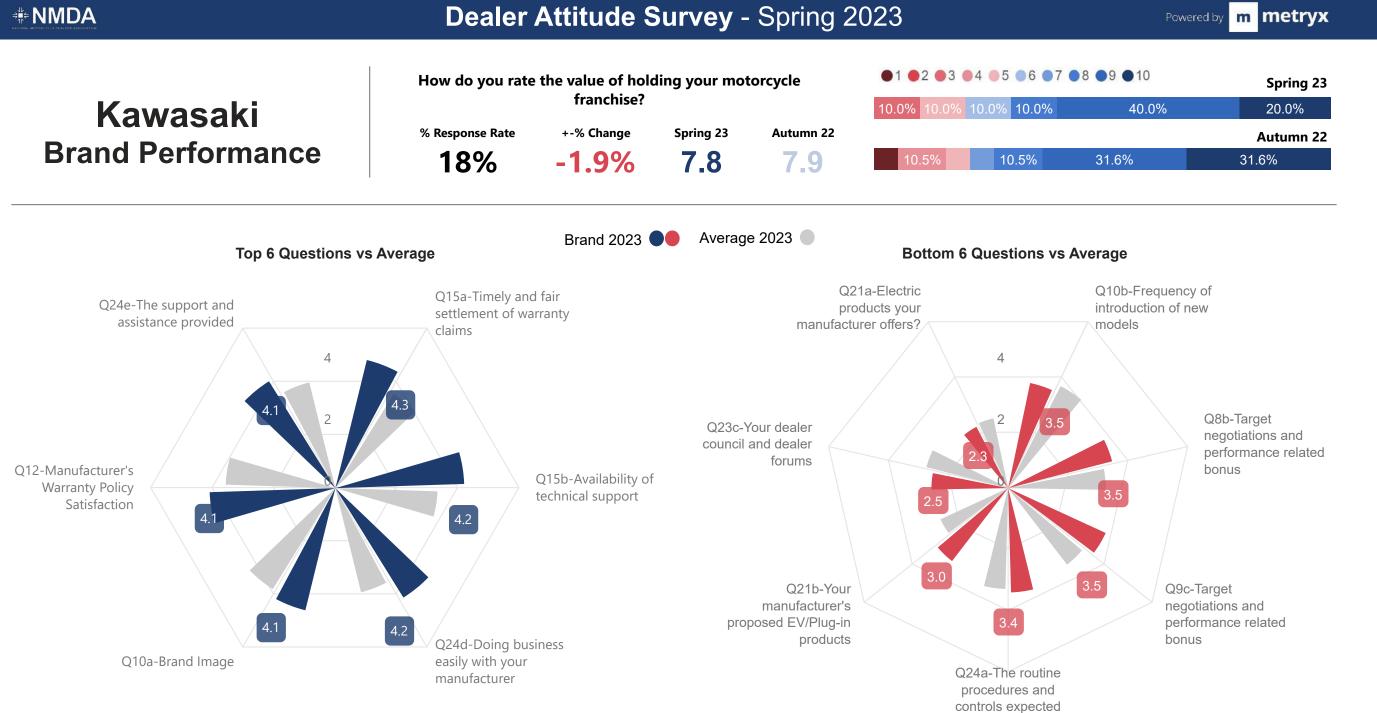


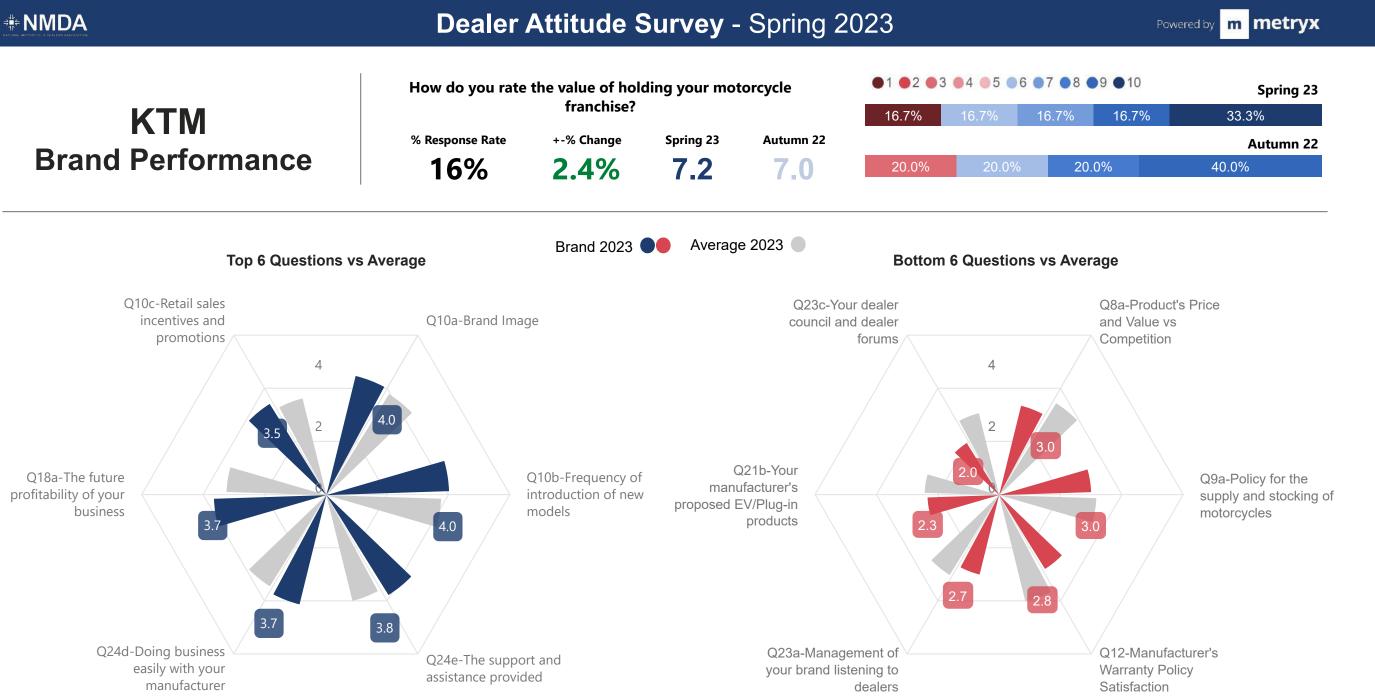
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Spring 23	0	9 ●1
24.0%	20.0%	8.0%
Autumn 22		
29.4%	11.8%	11.8%

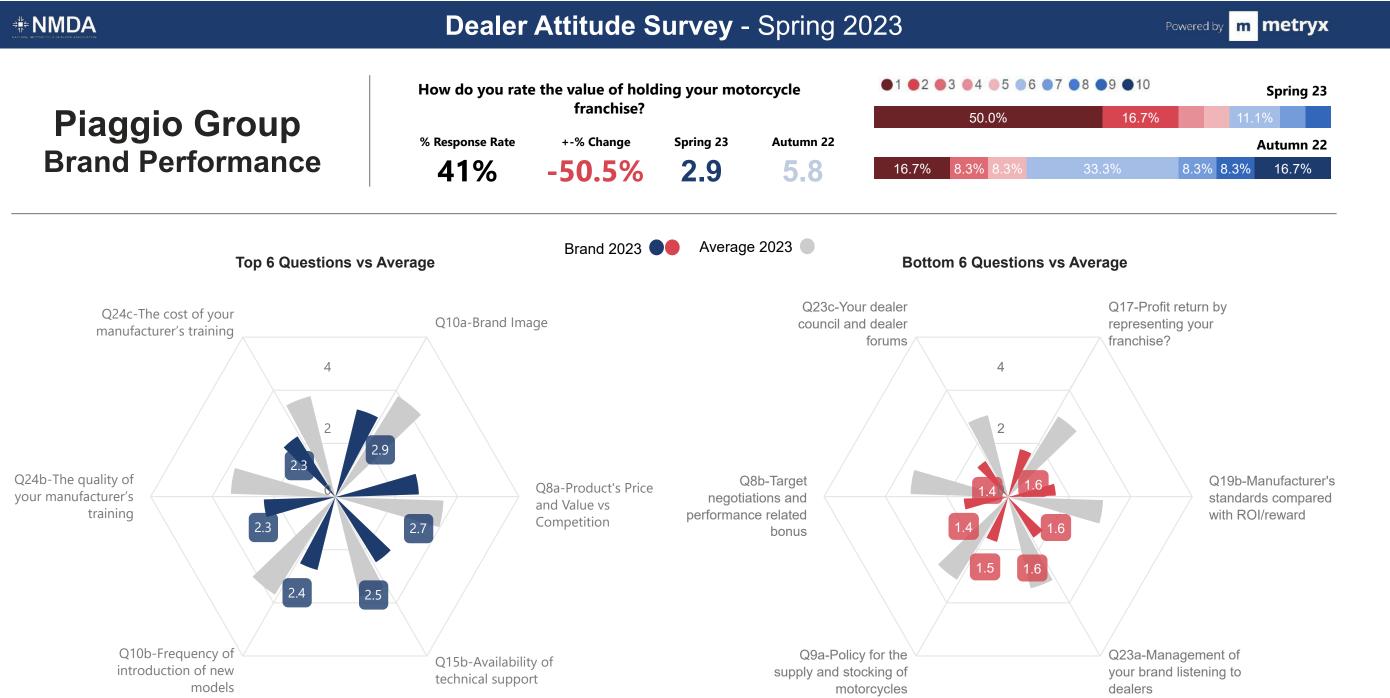
- Q19a-The dealer
- standards expected by
- your manufacturer

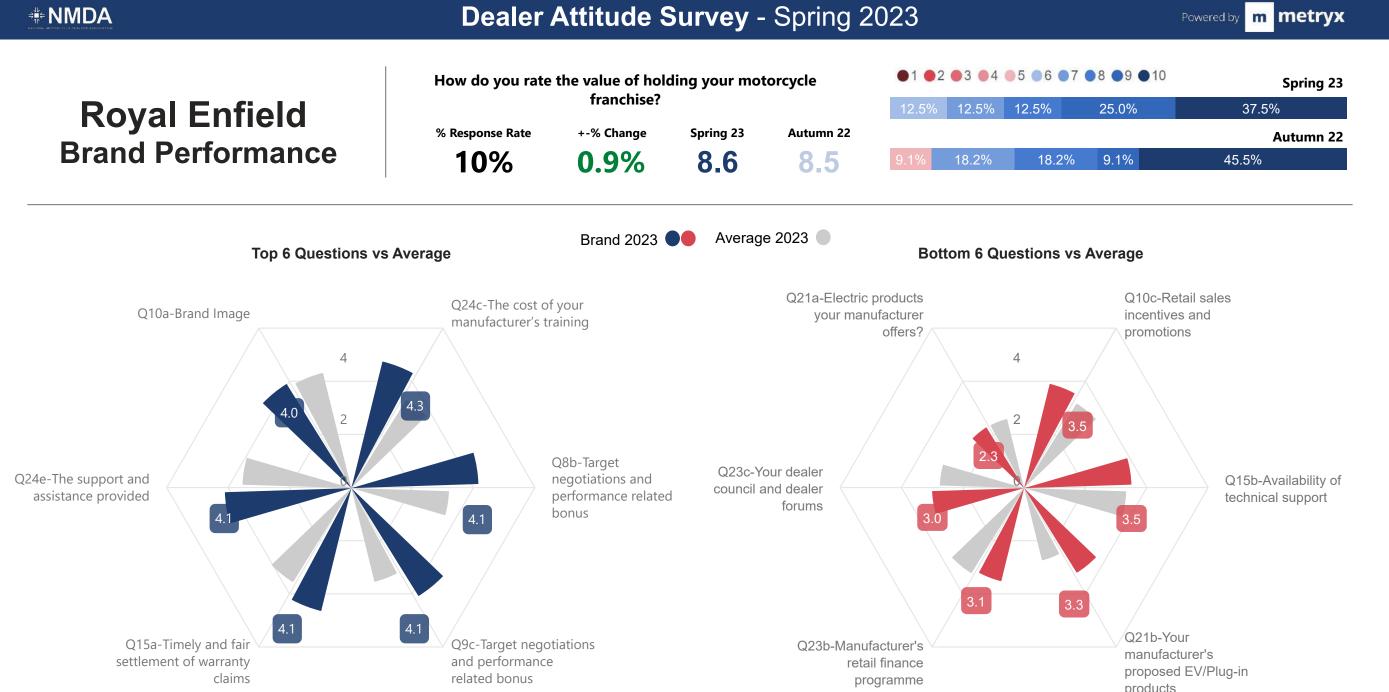
Q19b-Manufacturer's standards compared with ROI/reward

Q15b-Availability of technical support

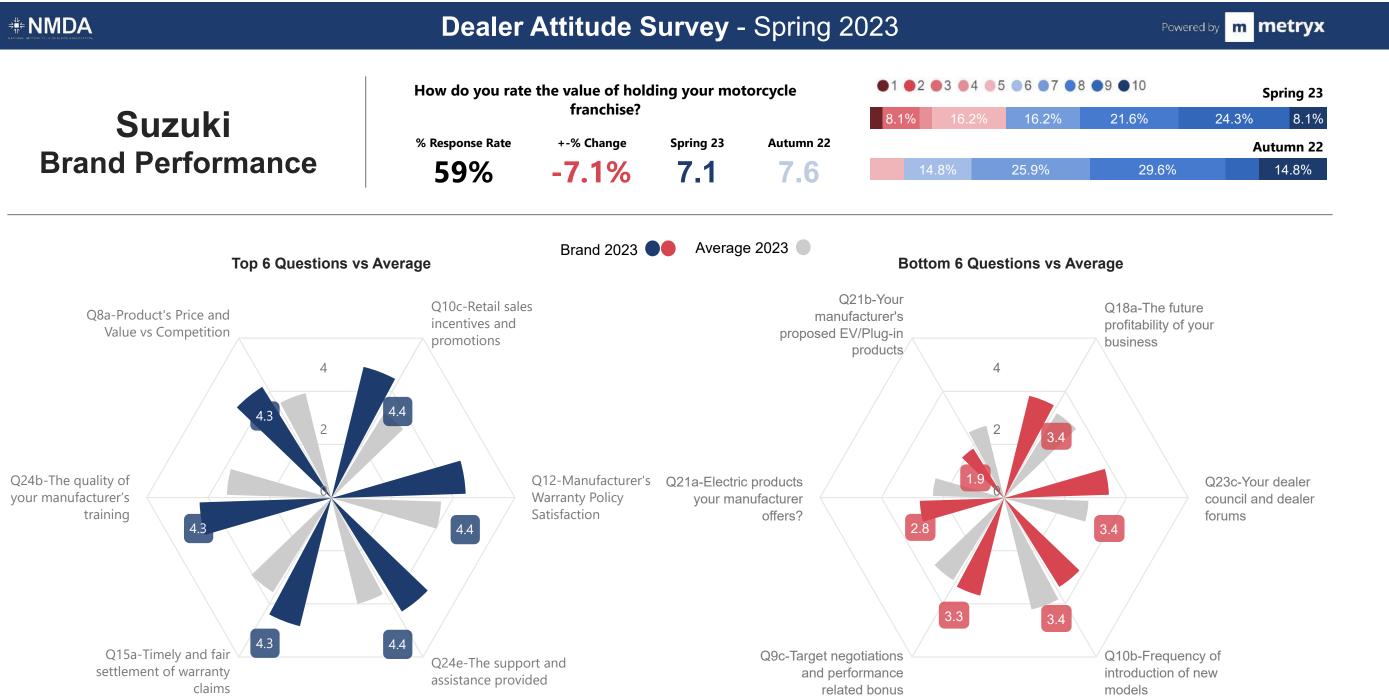


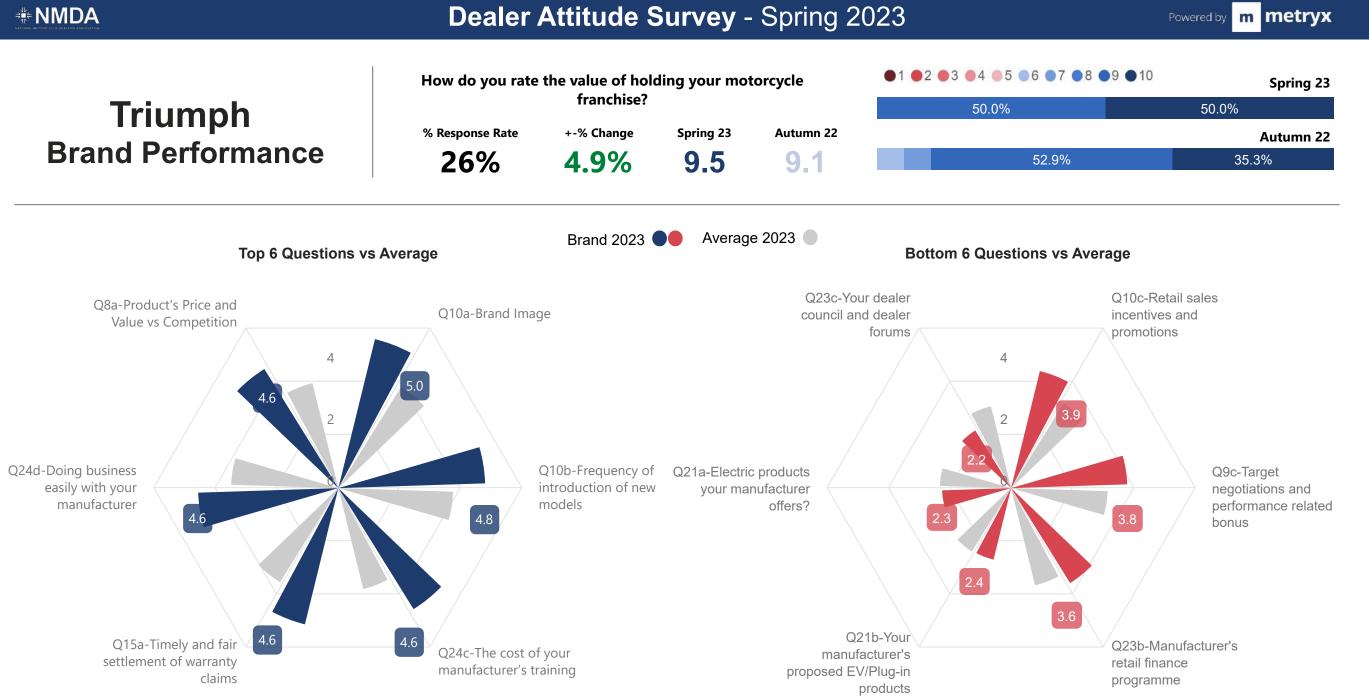


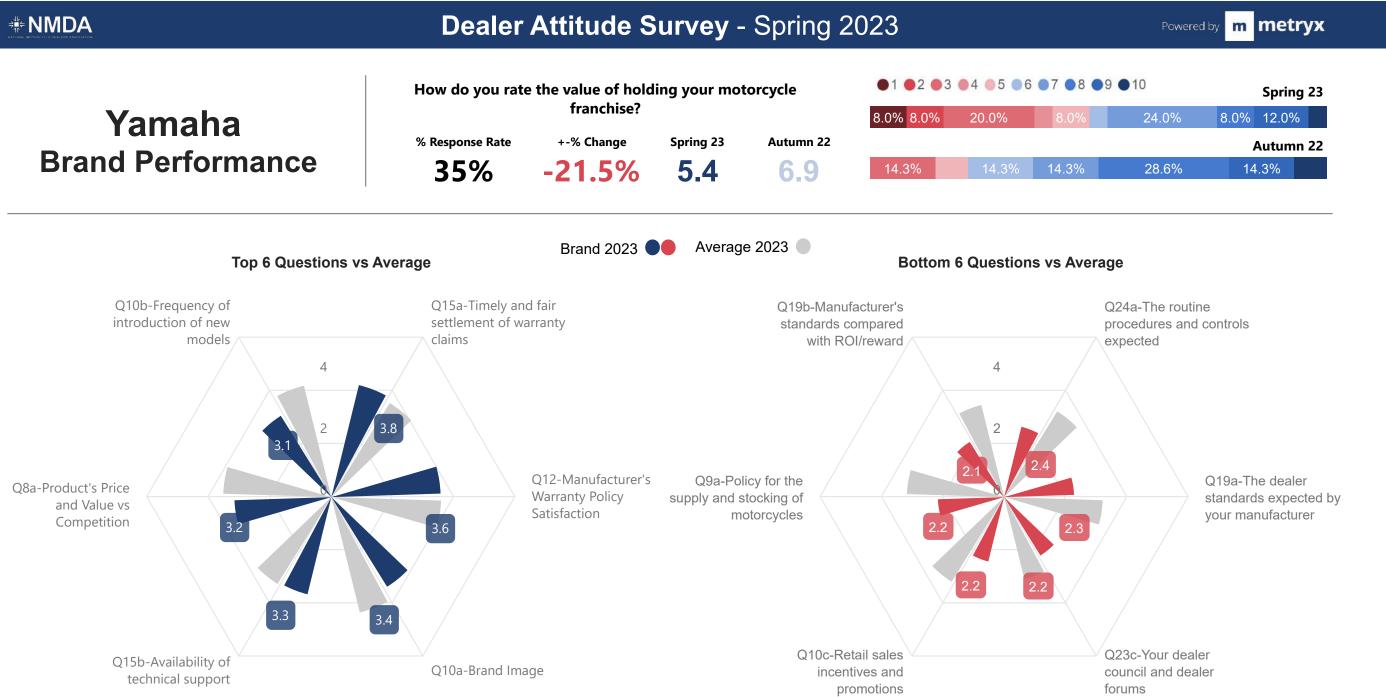




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