

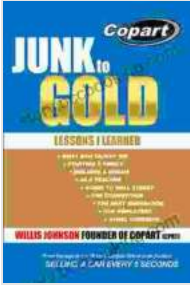
From Salvage to the World's Largest Online Auto Auction: An Incredible Success Story



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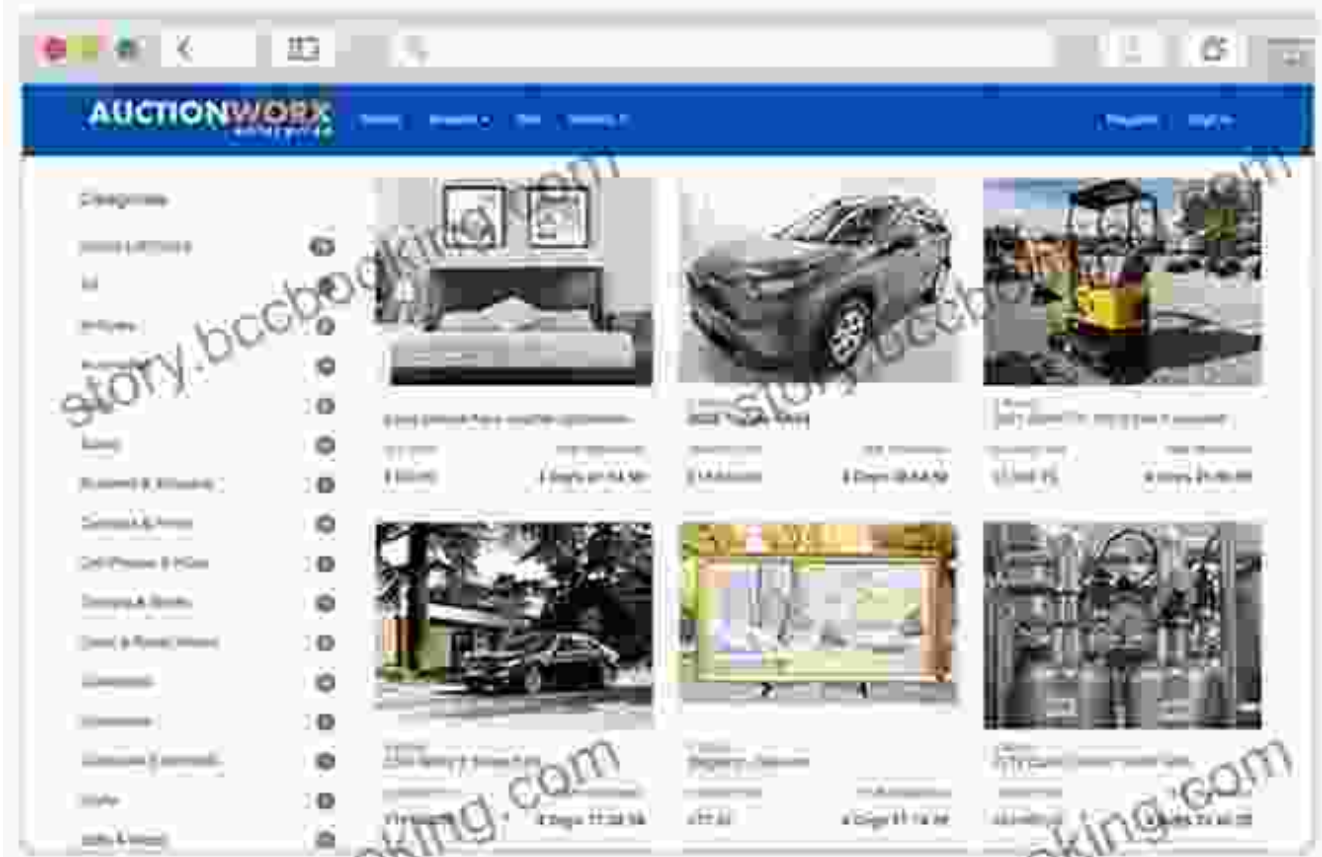


The Birth of an Idea: From Humble Roots to an Industry Leader

IAA, Inc. (NYSE: IAAI), a leading global provider of salvage, damaged, and end-of-life vehicle services, has a remarkable story to tell. It all started in 1982, when a small group of entrepreneurs recognized an unmet need in the auto salvage industry. At the time, the salvage process was fragmented and inefficient, with no centralized platform for buyers to find the vehicles they needed.

Inspired by the potential to revolutionize the industry, IAA co-founders John Kett and Alex Kaplan launched their first auto auction in Richton Park, Illinois, with just 250 vehicles. The auction was an immediate success, and IAA quickly expanded to other locations across the United States. As the company grew, it embraced technology to streamline the auction process and provide buyers with a more efficient and transparent experience.

Pioneering Online Auto Auctions: A Game-Changer for the Industry



In 2000, IAA made a bold move that would forever alter the landscape of auto auctions: it launched the first-ever online auto auction platform. This groundbreaking innovation allowed buyers from around the world to participate in auctions remotely, opening up new markets and increasing competition among bidders. The online platform also provided greater transparency and efficiency, as buyers could now view vehicle details, bid prices, and other important information in real-time.

The of online auto auctions was a major turning point in IAA's history. It not only transformed the company into a global player but also revolutionized the way salvage vehicles were bought and sold worldwide.

Strategic Acquisitions: Expansion and Diversification

Over the years, IAA has made several strategic acquisitions to expand its reach and diversify its offerings. In 2007, the company acquired Copart, Inc., the leading provider of salvage and damaged vehicle auctions in North America. This acquisition significantly increased IAA's scale and market share, making it the undisputed leader in the industry.

In 2016, IAA expanded its international presence by acquiring London-based Adesa UK Group, one of the largest salvage vehicle auction companies in Europe. This acquisition allowed IAA to tap into the growing demand for salvage vehicles in the UK and other European markets.

IAA's strategic acquisitions have not only strengthened its core business but have also enabled the company to offer a wider range of services to its customers, including vehicle remarketing, transportation, and insurance claims management.

Innovation and Technology: Driving Efficiency and Customer Satisfaction



Innovation and technology have been key drivers of IAA's success. The company has continuously invested in developing cutting-edge technology to enhance its auction process, improve customer experience, and deliver greater value to its stakeholders.

One of IAA's most significant technological advancements is its proprietary auction platform, IAA Simulcast. This platform allows buyers to participate in live auctions from anywhere in the world, using a variety of devices, including smartphones, tablets, and laptops. IAA Simulcast also provides real-time bidding, vehicle inspection reports, and other valuable information to help buyers make informed decisions.

In addition, IAA has developed a suite of mobile apps that provide buyers with quick and easy access to auction information, bidding capabilities, and vehicle history reports. These apps have significantly improved the user

experience and made it even easier for buyers to participate in IAA auctions.

Commitment to Sustainability: A Leader in Environmentally Responsible Practices

IAA is not only committed to providing exceptional services but also to operating in an environmentally responsible manner. The company recognizes the importance of sustainability and has implemented a comprehensive range of initiatives to reduce its environmental impact.

One of IAA's key sustainability initiatives is its focus on vehicle recycling. The company has invested in state-of-the-art recycling facilities where end-of-life vehicles are processed and dismantled in an environmentally friendly manner. IAA also works with a network of certified recyclers to ensure that vehicles are recycled to the highest standards.

In addition, IAA has implemented energy-efficient practices at its facilities, including the use of solar panels and LED lighting. The company also promotes sustainable transportation practices by encouraging its employees to use public transportation, carpool, or bike to work.

Corporate Social Responsibility: Giving Back to the Community



IAA is deeply committed to giving back to the communities it serves. The company supports a variety of charitable organizations and initiatives, including those focused on education, youth development, and disaster relief.

One of IAA's most notable corporate social responsibility initiatives is its partnership with the National Auto Body Council (NABC). IAA provides financial support to NABC's Recycled Rides program, which donates recycled vehicles to low-income families and individuals. IAA also supports NABC's workforce development programs, which provide training and certification to aspiring auto body technicians.

IAA's corporate social responsibility initiatives not only make a positive impact on the community but also align with the company's core values of integrity, teamwork, and customer service.

A Bright Future: Continued Growth and Innovation

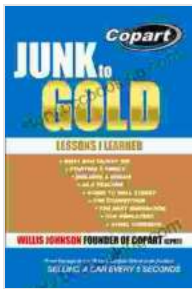
The future of IAA is bright, as the company continues to innovate, expand, and strengthen its position as the leading global provider of salvage, damaged, and end-of-life vehicle services.

IAA is investing heavily in new technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), to further improve its auction platform and provide buyers with even more robust and efficient tools. The company is also exploring new markets and opportunities for growth, both domestically and internationally.

With its strong track record of success, commitment to innovation, and focus on sustainability and corporate social responsibility, IAA is well-positioned to continue its journey of growth and continue to lead the transformation of the auto salvage industry.

The story of IAA is a true testament to the power of innovation, customer focus, and strategic execution. From its humble beginnings as a small salvage auction company, IAA has grown into a global powerhouse that has revolutionized the industry. Through its pioneering online auto auction platform, strategic acquisitions, and unwavering commitment to technology, IAA has created a seamlessly efficient and transparent marketplace for the buying and selling of salvage vehicles.

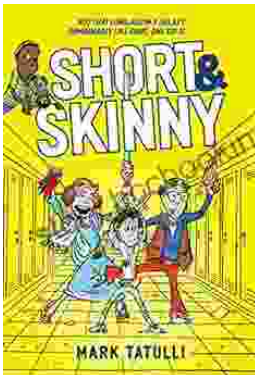
As IAA embarks on the next chapter of its journey, it is poised to continue its remarkable success story. With its commitment to innovation, sustainability, and corporate social responsibility, IAA will undoubtedly remain the leader in the auto salvage industry for years to come.



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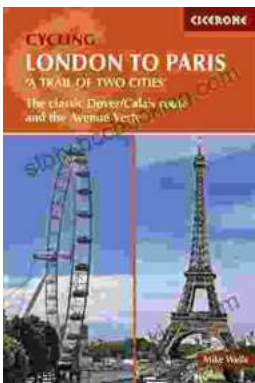
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