

## NEWSLETTER

### BUILDING & INFRASTRUCTURE

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#### **China lowers down payment requirement for commercial property mortgages**

To support the real estate market, China's financial authorities announced that they will lower the minimum down payment ratio for commercial property mortgages to no less than 30%. The adjustment, which also applies to properties with dual business and living purposes, marks a significant reduction from the previous minimum down payment requirement of 50% for commercial properties. **(Xinhua)**

#### **National Blueprint for Green Manufacturing**

China has launched a national guideline to advance zero-carbon factory development, aiming to boost industrial decarbonization. The plan, issued by five government departments including the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, sees the selection of pioneering factories from 2026 to set industry benchmarks. This initiative is designed to support China's 2030 carbon peak and 2060 carbon neutrality goals. **(China Daily)**

#### **Property market making strides toward stabilization**

China's property market made major progress in its recovery in 2025. Looking ahead to 2026 and the period of the 15th Five-Year Plan, basic housing demand, and improvement-related demand remains present, with some cities seeing relatively strong demand. China further improved its policy toolkit for the property sector in 2025, creating a more supportive environment for market stabilization. **(China Daily)**

#### **'Fresh vitality' eyed in Beijing retail property market**

In the 2025 Beijing Real Estate Market Review, CBRE, a commercial real estate services and investment company, said total new retail property supply in Beijing reached 534,000 square meters in 2025, with the addition coming from urban renewal projects, underscoring renovation-led development as the dominant market theme. **(China Daily)**

#### **Industrial Decarbonization Accelerates with Zero-Carbon Factory Roadmap**

A phased national plan to build zero-carbon factories was released, outlining a tiered approach to achieve near-zero emissions. From 2026, selected factories in sectors such as photovoltaics, machinery, and computing will pilot green upgrades using carbon accounting systems and industrial microgrids. The initiative integrates digital technologies and green finance to transform traditional heavy industries. **(China Daily)**