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China's Carmakers Casting A Broader Net For Batteries
China's automakers including Leapmotor, Li Auto, and Aito are diversifying battery suppliers and self-branded battery strategies to cut costs as industry profits fall. Auto manufacturing revenue reached $767 billion in H1 2026, up 1.8%, but profits dropped 19.5%, with margins at 3.8%. Battery installations hit 335.6 GWh, up 12%. CATL dominated with 46% market share, while the top five suppliers held 80.4%. **(China Daily)**

Profits of Major Industrial Enterprises Nationwide Increased by 18.7% in the First Half of 2026
In the first half of 2026, profits of China's industrial enterprises above the designated size reached $584.7 billion, up 18.7% year-over-year, with revenue at $10.3 billion (+6.5%) and revenue profit margin at 5.70%. Among them, the general equipment manufacturing industry +1.5%, the special equipment manufacturing industry -0.1%, and the automobile manufacturing industry -19.5%. **(CMTBA)**

Machine Tool Industry Rebounds
In Q2 2026, China CNC machine tool sales hit 24.57 billion yuan ($3.63 billion), up 15.6% year-on-year. Electronics-sector sales grew over 20% YoY, while auto, mold and construction machinery segments all posted growth above 10%. Drivers include steady new energy vehicles and 3C demand, robust uptake from AI, liquid cooling, aerospace and robotics, plus faster domestic substitution. **(CMTBA)**

Strong Sales Data for Construction Machinery Driven by Domestic and Foreign Demand
In the first half of 2026, China sold 152,320 excavators (+26.4%), the domestic market rose 20.4% and exports jumped 33.5%. The government prioritizes water network, new power grid, computing power network, next-generation communication network, urban underground pipe network, and logistics network new infrastructure with 2026 investment exceeding 7 trillion yuan ($1.04 billion). **(Sina Finance)**

World Robot Conference Nears Opening, Industrialization Accelerates Fully
The 2026 World Robot Conference runs Aug 19–23 in Beijing, where SASAC will launch the Central Enterprises Robotics Innovation Consortium to build a joint R&D, scenario-sharing ecosystem. Jan–May robotics revenue rose 26.9% YoY, averaging over 20% annual growth over five years. China remains the top industrial robot market for 13 years, with world-leading humanoid robot capabilities. **(People's Daily Online Finance)**