

## NEWSLETTER

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#### **China Reports 3.9 pct Rise in Outbound Direct Investment in Jan.-April**

China's outbound direct investment (ODI) across all industries reached 429.42 billion yuan (about \$62.88 billion) during the first four months of 2026, representing an increase of 3.9% year-on-year. **(Xinhua)**

#### **PBOC Injects 600 Billion Yuan via MLF to Maintain Ample Liquidity**

The People's Bank of China conducted a 600 billion yuan ( about \$88.24 billion) one-year Medium-term Lending Facility (MLF) operation on May 25, to keep the banking system liquidity adequate. **(People's Bank of China)**

#### **China's Banks Post \$178.8B Forex Settlement Surplus in Jan-Apr**

In the first four months, China's foreign exchange settlements by banks totaled \$1.0237 trillion, while sales reached \$844.9 billion, resulting in a surplus of \$178.8 billion. **(State Administration of Foreign Exchange)**

#### **Rural Retail Sales Outpace Urban Growth in Jan-Apr**

China's urban retail sales totaled 14.29 trillion yuan (\$2.1 trillion) in the January-April, up 1.8% year-on-year, while rural retail sales posted faster growth of 2.8%, reaching 2.2 trillion yuan ( \$ 323.5 billion). **(National Bureau of Statistics)**

#### **China's Industrial Output Growth Slowed to 4.1% in April**

In the first four months, the value-added output of industrial enterprises above designated size grew by 5.0% year-on-year, with the April single-month reading decelerating sharply to 4.1%. **(National Bureau of Statistics)**

#### **China's New Yuan Loans Turn Negative in April for First Time on Record**

New yuan loans posted a rare contraction of 10 billion yuan (about \$ 1.47 billion) in April, reflecting persistently weak credit demand from both enterprises and households amid sluggish economic momentum. **(Xinhua)**

#### **China's M2 Growth Edges Up to 8.6% in April on Surging Non-Bank Deposits**

Broad money supply M2 expanded 8.6% year-on-year at end-April, accelerating slightly from March's 8.5%, as a stock market rally drove a sharp increase in non-bank financial institution deposits. **(National Bureau of Statistics)**