

What’s Hot Today:

► China Solar Industry: Upstream-Led Price Rebound, Cost Pass-Through Remains Weak (Week 29, 2025)

In the Week 29 of 2025, major prices across China’s solar supply chain showed a synchronized rebound. According to the InfoLink data, polysilicon rose to RMB42/kg, up 14% WoW and 20% MoM. Wafer prices increased to RMB1.10/piece, rising 10% WoW and 21% MoM. Cell prices reached RMB0.27/W, climbing 4% WoW and 15% MoM. Module prices stayed flat at RMB0.68/W, with no weekly or monthly change. This round of recovery is mainly driven by upstream price control efforts and policy support, while downstream demand remained weak. As a result, the ability to pass costs along the chain is still limited, and profitability improvement varies across segments.

Figure 1: Solar Price Table

Table: Solar Price Table		2025-07-24	2025-07-17	WoW%	MoM%	YoY%
Polysilicon	Mono grade (Rmb/kg)	42.00	37.00	14%	20%	8%
Wafer	M10-182mm (Rmb/pc)	1.10	1.00	10%	21%	-1%
Mono cell	PERC-M10-182mm (Rmb/w)	0.27	0.26	4%	15%	-1%
Mono module	PERC-M10-182mm (Rmb/w)	0.68	0.68	0%	0%	-1%

**Upstream prices rebound with cost-based pricing taking shape:** Polysilicon led the rally again this week, with the market entering a new pricing phase anchored to full production costs. Dense material prices rose to RMB50–52/kg, and granular material followed at RMB42–45/kg. With low-priced orders mostly completed, producers are raising quotes and shifting back to price-volume negotiations. Some have started using strategies like “no low-price deals” and “unified pricing” suggesting that a new pricing consensus is forming based on both cost support and policy signals.

Wafer prices are now aligning with policy guidance. Prices for 183N, 210RN, and 210N products climbed to RMB1.10, 1.25, and 1.45/piece, respectively. With producers holding back inventory to support prices, buyers are starting to accept higher prices. Sales have improved and prices are clustering at the high end. As profits recover, some producers are planning to restart production or increase capacity. However, the industry is still in the final phase of inventory reduction, and long-term price stability will still depend on demand recovery.

China & HK Indices	CLOSE	1D	YTD
HSI	25,667	0.5%	28.0%
HSCBI	9,257	0.2%	27.0%
HSCCI	4,334	0.9%	14.6%
CSI300	4,149	0.7%	5.4%
Shanghai A	3,780	0.7%	0.2%
Shanghai B	267	1.4%	0.2%
Shenzhen A	2,304	1.2%	12.6%
Shenzhen B	1,282	0.5%	5.7%

Key Int'l Indices	CLOSE	1D	YTD
Dow Jones	44,693	-0.7%	5.1%
S&P 500	6,363	0.1%	8.2%
Nasdaq	21,057	0.2%	9.0%
Nikkei Index	41,731	-0.2%	4.6%
FTSE Index	9,138	0.8%	11.8%
CAC Index	7,818	-0.4%	5.9%
DAX Index	24,295	0.2%	22.0%

Commodities	CLOSE	1D	YTD
GOLD (US\$/oz.)	3,368	-0.5%	28.5%
STEEL (US\$/oz.)	2,172	-1.6%	21.6%
SILVER (US\$/oz.)	39	-0.5%	35.4%
CRUDE OIL (US\$/bbl)	66	1.2%	-7.7%
COPPER (US\$/oz.)	9,877	-0.4%	12.6%
ALUMINIUM (US\$/oz.)	2,647	-0.4%	3.7%
PLATINUM (US\$/oz)	1,414	-0.5%	56.5%
ZINC (US\$/oz.)	2,843	-0.6%	-4.5%
WHEAT (US\$/bu)	541	0.2%	-1.7%
CORN (US\$/bu)	420	0.8%	-5.0%
SUGAR (US\$/lb)	N/A	N/A	
SOYBEAN (US\$/bu)	1,024	0.1%	0.2%
PVC (US\$/t.)	N/A	N/A	-6.8%
CRB	304	0.2%	3.0%
BDI			112.6%

Exchange Rates	USD	HKD	EUR	JPY	CHF	RMB
USD		7.850	0.851	147.010	0.795	7.155
HKD	0.127		0.108	18.727	10.132	0.911
EUR	1.175	9.223		172.720	1.070	8.418
JPY	0.007	5.340	0.579		0.541	0.049
CHF	1.257	9.869	1.070	184.826		9.009
RMB	0.140	1.097	0.119	20.534	0.111	

Market Sentiment	CURRENT	5D
CDS Monitor - USD SR 5Y		
Greece	N/A	N/A
Ireland	83	-2.4%
Italy	139	-0.6%
Portugal	207	-0.0%
Spain	108	0.3%
VIX	15	-6.8%

Source: Bloomberg

**Mid-to-Downstream:** Cell Price Gain Slowed, Module Profitability Still Under Pressure. Cell prices continued to rise, with 183N, 210RN, and 210N holding at RMB0.27–0.275/W. However, the pace of increases has slowed. The price uptick is mainly due to rising wafer costs, export tax rebate adjustments, and some urgent overseas orders. Inventory levels at specialist cell producers are manageable, improving their bargaining position. Still, limited new demand means that the price rise is more about cost push than real demand recovery.

In the module segment, pricing momentum is still weak. Distributed market buyers are more open to price hikes, and a few urgent orders even reached RMB0.70/W, but the mainstream price remains around RMB0.68/W. For utility-scale projects, prices are still consistent at RMB0.64–0.66/W. While leading firms have attempted unified price hikes, factors like internal rate of return (IRR) changes, electricity policy shifts, and delayed payments have made actual pass-through uneven. In the medium term, the new export tax rebate rules may reshape external pricing, and as inventory clears and upstream costs rise, module prices could trend higher. However, the timing depends heavily on project restarts and policy momentum.

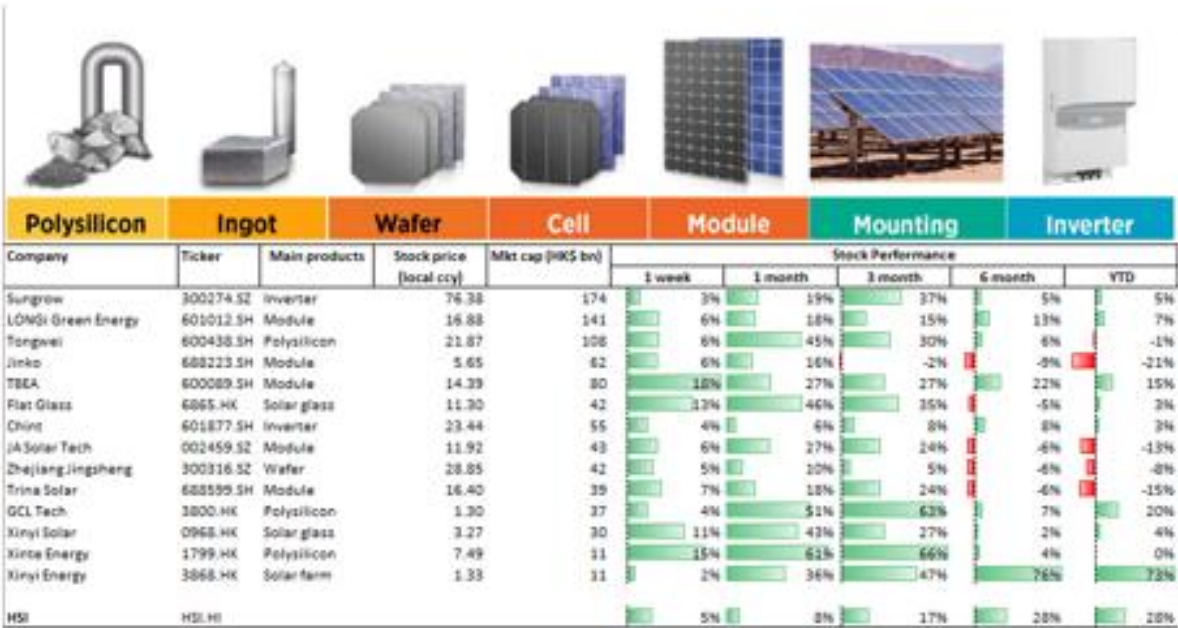
**Our View:** the recent price rebound is mainly policy-driven rather than a signal of strong market demand. With regulators guiding the industry to avoid selling below cost, polysilicon and wafer makers are the first to recover their margins. Some firms are seeing better cash flow and cost-based pricing mechanisms are starting to take shape.

However, cells and modules still face weak cost pass-through. Downstream orders are limited, and overall profit improvement for the industry has not fully materialized. Looking forward, two key questions remain: 1) Industry discipline and effective consolidation under government guidance will be key to ensuring a sustainable recovery. 2) A meaningful rebound in end-user demand, as seen in previous solar upcycles, remains a critical factor to look out for.

Historically, both of China’s major solar upcycles were driven by strong demand. Policy helped stabilize the bottom but not likely to lead to recovery. For this rebound to become a real trend, polysilicon prices likely need to stay above RMB60k/ton, and modules above RMB 0.85/W, allowing the entire value chain to a sustainable profit.

Given the current environment, we suggest investors to focus on leading players with cost advantages and flexible inventory management. In particular, companies in the polysilicon segment such as GCL Technology (3800 HK, HK\$1.3, HK\$37bn) and in the solar glass sector, Xinyi Solar (968.HK, HK\$3.27, HK\$29.69bn) which may be better positioned to benefit from supply-side reform and stronger price discipline.

Figure 2 Solar Companies’ Stock Performance



Source: Wind, Sunwah Kingsway Research, data as of July 24

Figure 3: Solar Price Tracker – Polysilicon Wafer



Figure 4: Solar Price Tracker – Mono

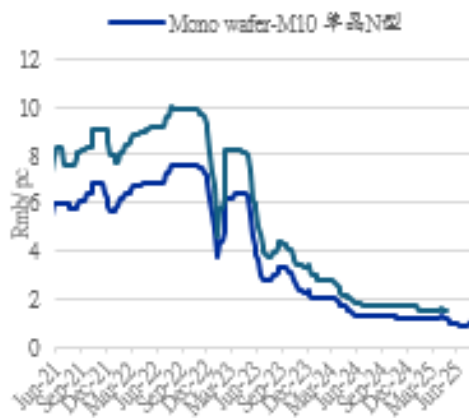


Figure 5: Solar Price Tracker – Mono Cell Module

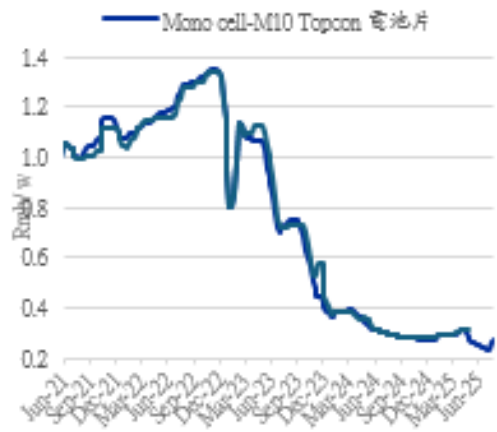
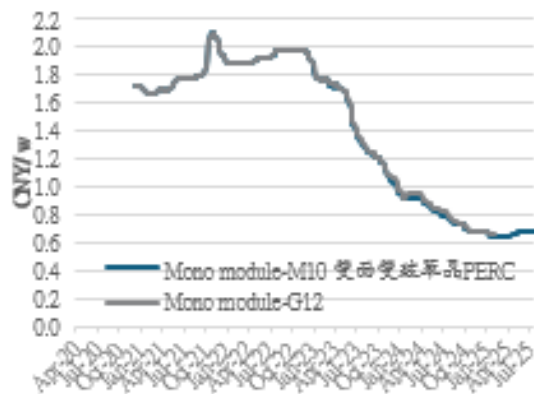
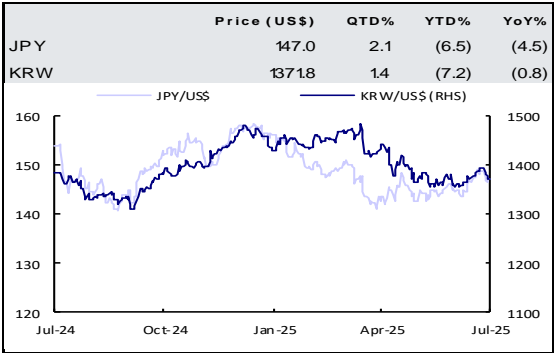
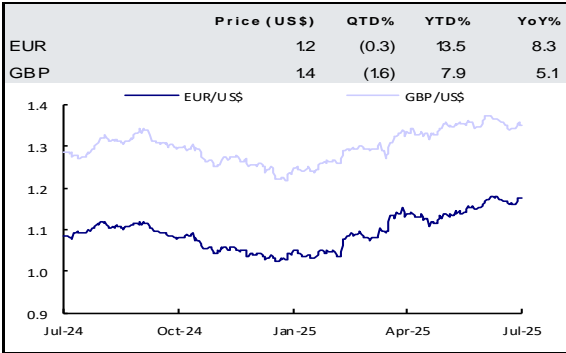
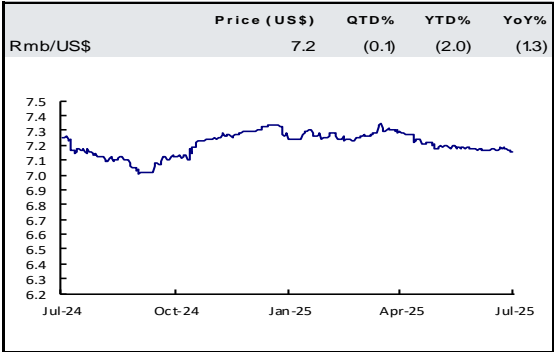
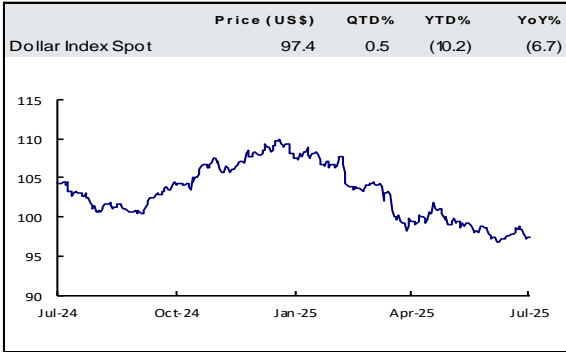
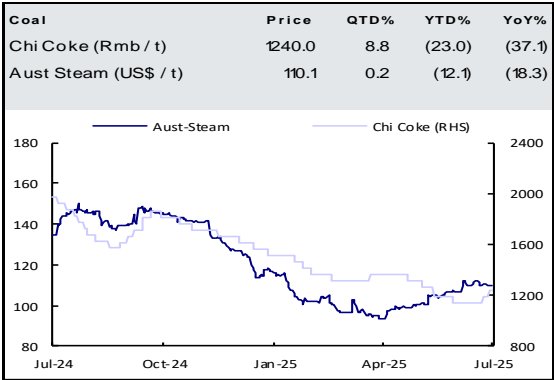
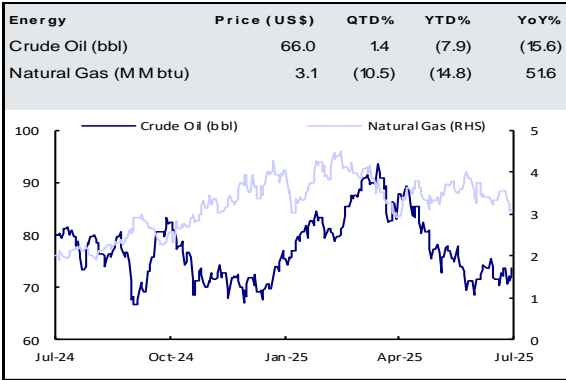
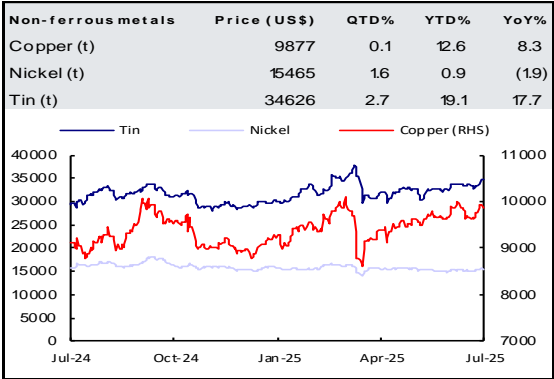
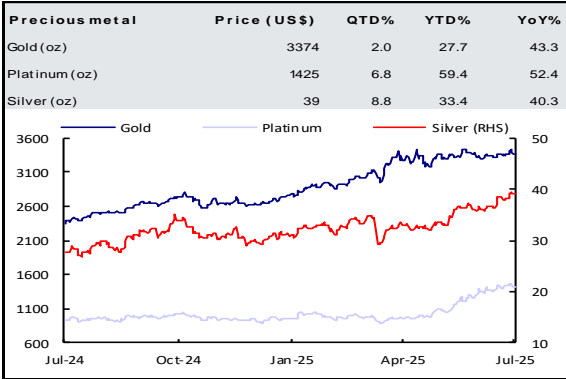


Figure 6: Solar Price Tracker – Mono



Market Watch – Major Commodities and Currencies



Source: Bloomberg

US Economic Calendar

Indicators	Freq	Obs Date	Expected Release Date
Initial Jobless Claims	WoW		24-Jul-25
New home Sales	MoM		24-Jul-25
Durable Goods Orders	MoM		25-Jul-25
Wholesale Inventories	MoM		29-Jul-25
Consumer Confidence	MoM		29-Jul-25
GDP	QoQ		30-Jul-25
Personal Income & Spending	MoM		31-Jul-25
ISM Manufacturing PMI	MoM		1-Aug-25
Employment Report	MoM		1-Aug-25
Factory Orders	MoM		4-Aug-25
Trade Balance	MoM		5-Aug-25
CPI	MoM		12-Aug-25
PPI	MoM		14-Aug-25
Business Inventories	MoM		15-Aug-25
Retail Sales	MoM		15-Aug-25
Industrial Production	MoM		15-Aug-25
Housing Starts / Building Permits	MoM		19-Aug-25
Existing Home Sales	MoM		21-Aug-25
Auto Sales	MoM		

China Economic Calendar

Indicators	Freq	Obs Date	Expected Release Date
PMI Manufacturing	MoM		31-Jul-25
Foreign Exchange Reserves	QoQ		7-Aug-25
Trade Balance	MoM		7-Aug-25
Money Supply - M2	MoM		9-Aug-25
PPI	MoM		9-Aug-25
CPI	MoM		9-Aug-25
Retail Sales	MoM		15-Aug-25
Industrial Production	MoM		15-Aug-25
GDP	YoY		20-Oct-25

Hong Kong Economic Calendar

Indicators	Freq	Obs Date	Expected Release Date
Trade Balance	MoM		28-Jul-25
GDP	QoQ		31-Jul-25
Money Supply - M2	MoM		31-Jul-25
Retail Sales	MoM		31-Jul-25
PMI	MoM		5-Aug-25
Foreign Currency Reserve	MoM		7-Aug-25
Unemployment Rate	MoM		19-Aug-25
CPI	MoM		21-Aug-25
Producer Prices Index	QoQ		15-Sep-25
Industrial Production	QoQ		15-Sep-25
Composite Interest Rate	MoM		

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