

Morning Snapshot

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What's Hot Today:

► China Solar Industry: Policy & Costs Drove PV Supply

Chain Price Movements (Week 4, 2026)

In the Week 4 of 2026, according to InfoLink, China's PV pricing rebounded strongly, driven by cost recovery and policy-induced export demand. Polysilicon is quoted at RMB54/kg, staying flat WoW but rising 4% MoM, while mainstream wafer prices for 183N, 210RN, and 210N stood at around RMB 1.40, 1.40, and 1.55/piece, respectively. These prices remained unchanged WoW but rallied 12% MoM. Cell prices for 183N, 210N, and 210RN increased by 5% WoW and 24% MoM to RMB 0.42/W. Module prices for mainstream TOPCon rose 1% WoW and 3% YoY to RMB 0.717/W. Overall, prices are cost-anchored by surging silver prices, though the market remains in a standoff due to weak domestic demand.

Figure 1: Solar Price Table

| | | 2026-01-22 | 2026-01-15 | WoW% | MoM% | YoY% |
|-------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Polysilicon | Mono grade (Rmb/kg) | 54.00 | 54.00 | 0% | 4% | 38% |
| Wafer | M10-182mm (Rmb/pc) | 1.40 | 1.40 | 0% | 12% | 19% |
| Mono cell | PERC-M10-182mm (Rmb/w) | 0.42 | 0.40 | 5% | 24% | 45% |
| Mono module | PERC-M10-182mm (Rmb/w) | 0.72 | 0.71 | 1% | 3% | 10% |

Upstream: Price Stability amid Demand Weakness

Polysilicon prices are holding flat despite a persisting "stable price, weak volume" pattern. The dense-grade index remains around RMB54.93/kg, though spot offers remain significantly disconnected from downstream acceptance levels. With new orders largely postponed to late January, this stability reflects weak sentiment rather than demand driven. Although market data shows production declining to 103K tons in January and 80K tons in February, failed industry self-discipline and cost differentiation have limited the impact of cuts. Consequently, inventory is climbing, keeping the market in a stalemate until demand recovers in late Q1.

Wafer prices stabilized amid cautious downstream demand. After rebounding from deep losses due to production cuts and cost easing, wafer prices have stabilized, though the market remains locked in a standoff, with industry utilization rates reported to be holding steady at 50–70%. Currently, mainstream prices range from RMB1.30–1.40/piece for 183N, RMB1.40–1.50/piece for 210RN, and RMB1.55–1.70/piece for 210N. Major producers are keeping quotes firm to support confidence, while smaller players are quietly cutting prices to move inventory. Downstream demand is weak as cell makers resist high prices due to their own high stock levels, pressure from module makers, and rising silver costs. The end of export tax rebates in April have not boosted demand for wafers, and buying sentiment remains weak. This has led to thin trading, with sellers maintaining firm prices despite low offtake.

| China & HK Indices | CLOSE | 1D | YTD |
|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| HSI | 26,749 | 0.4% | 4.4% |
| HSCEI | 9,160 | 0.5% | 2.8% |
| HSCEI | 4,217 | -0.2% | 5.0% |
| CS300 | 4,702 | -0.4% | 1.6% |
| Shanghai A | 4,337 | 0.3% | 4.1% |
| Shanghai B | 264 | 0.7% | 4.1% |
| Shenzhen A | 2,873 | 1.2% | 8.5% |
| Shenzhen B | 1,252 | 0.5% | -1.0% |

| Key Int'l Indices | CLOSE | 1D | YTD |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Dow Jones | 49,098 | -0.6% | 2.2% |
| S&P 500 | 6,915 | 0.0% | 1.0% |
| Nasdaq | 23,501 | 0.3% | 1.1% |
| NIKKEI Index | 53,061 | -1.5% | 5.4% |
| FTSE Index | 10,143 | -0.1% | 2.1% |
| CAC Index | 8,143 | -0.1% | -0.1% |
| DAX Index | 24,900 | 0.2% | 1.7% |

| Commodities | CLOSE | 1D | YTD |
|----------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| GOLD (US\$/oz.) | 4,987 | 1.0% | 17.0% |
| STEEL (US\$/oz.) | 2,918 | 2.1% | 14.8% |
| SILVER (US\$/oz.) | 103 | 7.2% | 49.0% |
| CRUDE OIL (US\$/bbl) | 61 | 2.9% | 6.4% |
| COPPER (US\$/oz.) | 13,115 | 2.4% | 5.6% |
| ALUMINUM (US\$/oz.) | 3,169 | 1.7% | 5.8% |
| PLATINUM (US\$/oz.) | 2,778 | 5.3% | 36.0% |
| ZINC (US\$/oz.) | 3,260 | 2.7% | 4.6% |
| WHEAT (US\$/bu) | 529 | 4.3% | 4.4% |
| CORN (US\$/bu) | 430 | 2.1% | -2.2% |
| SUGAR (US\$/lb) | 74 | -2.0% | |
| SOYBEAN (US\$/bu) | 1,067 | 0.3% | 1.9% |
| PVC (US\$/t.) | 4,875 | 1.9% | 2.5% |
| CRB | 312 | 1.0% | 3.0% |
| BDI | | -2.3% | -6.1% |

| Exchange Rates | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| | USD | HKD | EUR | JPY | CHF | RMB |
| USD | 7.797 | 0.846 | 155.700 | 0.780 | 6.963 | |
| HKD | 0.128 | | 0.108 | 19.972 | 10.006 | 0.893 |
| EUR | 1.183 | 9.224 | | 184.060 | 1.083 | 8.238 |
| JPY | 0.006 | 5.009 | 0.543 | | 0.501 | 0.045 |
| CHF | 1.282 | 9.993 | 1.083 | 199.534 | | 8.871 |
| RMB | 0.144 | 1.120 | 0.122 | 22.428 | 0.112 | |

| Market Sentiment | | CURRENT | 5D |
|--------------------------|--|---------|-------|
| CDS Monitor - US\$ SR 5Y | | | |
| Greece | | N/A | N/A |
| Ireland | | 83 | -2.4% |
| Italy | | 139 | -0.6% |
| Portugal | | 207 | -0.0% |
| Spain | | 108 | 0.3% |
| VIX | | 16 | 1.6% |

Source: Bloomberg

Midstream & Downstream: Cost & Exports Drive Rally.

Cell prices rebounded sharply over the past month, driven by the rush export orders and surging silver costs, which rose from less than 5% in 2024 to over 20% of total costs and overtaking silicon as the single largest expense. Despite January production cuts easing slightly due to exports, the market remains in a deep standoff. N-type cell prices (183N, 210RN, 210N) rose 5% WoW to RMB 0.42/W, but domestic trading is stagnant with few transactions at high prices. While major producers defend prices to cover costs and some halt deliveries, demand remains uncertain as exports are short-term driven and module makers resist high prices due to weak end-user demand. Consequently, transactions are sparse, relying on overseas support. Prices will stay strong near term, but gains will slow.

Prices recovered from exports, while domestic demand stayed weak. The module market recovered over the past month due to cost pressure and policy-driven exports, with production schedules rising by 3-5 GW MoM. However, the domestic market remains stagnant despite price hikes, with the mainstream TOPCon average rising 1% WoW to RMB 0.717/W, lifted by the higher proportion of distributed modules trading at RMB 0.73/W. Despite quotes ranging from RMB 0.8-0.88/W, actual transactions occur between RMB 0.7-0.8/W as low-cost inventory curbs gains. With utility scale demand absent and buyers cautious, the market relies solely on export orders, highlighting cost-driven hikes amid weak underlying demand.

Industry news: Relevant authorities have rolled out policies to regulate and boost the PV sector. Specifically, the Ministry of Finance and Taxation announced the removal of export tax rebates for cells and modules starting April 1st, aiming to curb low-price competition and shift the industry's focus toward technology and brand enhancement. Meanwhile, the NDRC set a target for new energy generation to reach 30% of total electricity production by 2030, which implies potential doubling of current levels. Moreover, the NEA revised grid connection guidelines, allowing distributed PV access in former "Red Zones" on the premise of meeting safety requirements, thus significantly expanding the installation scope.

Our view: In 2025, PV demand surged in H1 on policy stimulus, followed by a mid-year slump and price bottoming in June sparking a price recovery and prompted moderate production cuts. Currently, overseas demand is robust amid surging silver prices and the tax rebates being phased-out, while domestic demand remains weak. Earnings forecasts show only leaders' losses are narrowing. Despite stock rallying on the "space PV" concept, industry-wide losses will persist amid supply-demand mismatch and fierce competition. We like GCL Technology (3800HK, HK\$1.17, HK\$38.9bn) and LONGi Green Energy (601012 SH, RMB ¥19.35, RMB ¥146.6bn) for their market leadership with cost and tech advantages. The counters are trading at 24x and 85x FY26E EV/EBITDA, respectively. (Research Department)

Figure 2 Solar Companies' Stock Performance



| Polysilicon | Ingot | Wafer | Cell | Module | Mounting | Inverter | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|---------|------|
| Company | Ticker | Main products | Stock price (local ccy) | Mkt cap (HKS bn) | Stock Performance | | | | |
| | | | | | 1 week | 1 month | 3 month | 6 month | YTD |
| Sungrow | 300274.SZ | Inverter | 163.04 | 377 | -1% | -3% | -1% | 117% | 126% |
| LONGi Green Energy | 601012.SH | Module | 19.35 | 164 | 5% | 7% | 3% | 17% | 23% |
| Tongwei | 600438.SH | Polysilicon | 20.28 | 102 | 1% | -3% | -9% | -4% | -8% |
| Jinko | 688223.SH | Module | 6.90 | 77 | 15% | 28% | 29% | 25% | -3% |
| TBEA | 600089.SH | Module | 28.55 | 161 | 0% | 24% | 50% | 103% | 129% |
| Flat Glass | 6865.HK | Solar glass | 11.90 | 43 | 17% | 21% | 10% | 9% | 9% |
| Chint | 601877.SH | Inverter | 31.90 | 76 | 7% | 14% | 10% | 37% | 40% |
| JA Solar Tech | 002459.SZ | Module | 12.41 | 46 | 8% | 11% | -3% | 7% | -10% |
| Zhejiang Jingsheng | 300316.SZ | Wafer | 51.88 | 76 | 34% | 36% | 23% | 81% | 65% |
| Trina Solar | 688599.SH | Module | 20.89 | 55 | 11% | 28% | 19% | 30% | 8% |
| GCL Tech | 3800.HK | Polysilicon | 1.17 | 39 | 8% | 7% | -9% | -5% | 8% |
| Xinyi Solar | 0968.HK | Solar glass | 3.59 | 33 | 15% | 21% | 3% | 12% | 16% |
| Xinte Energy | 1799.HK | Polysilicon | 7.93 | 11 | 10% | 8% | 3% | 11% | 6% |
| Xinyi Energy | 3868.HK | Solar farm | 1.23 | 10 | 7% | 6% | -4% | -2% | 64% |
| HSI | HSI.HI | | | | -1% | 4% | 2% | 5% | 33% |

Source: Wind, Sunwah Kingsway Research, data as of 23 Jan 2026

Figure 3: Solar Price Tracker – Polysilicon

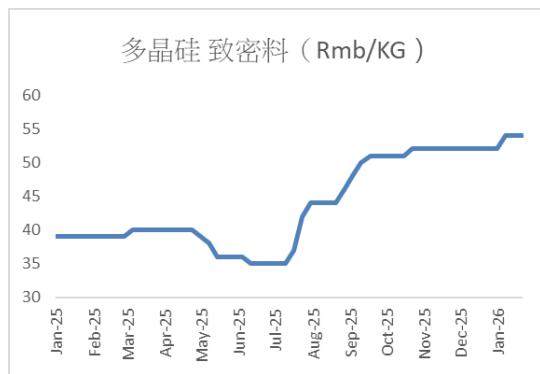


Figure 4: Solar Price Tracker – Mono Wafer

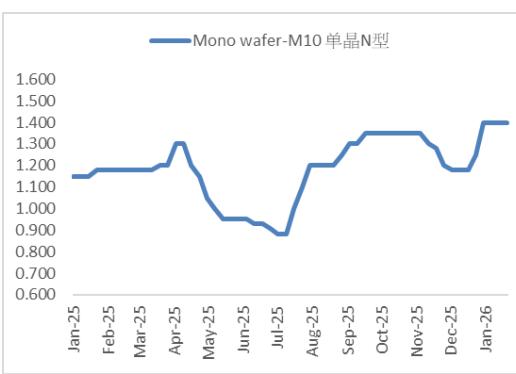


Figure 5: Solar Price Tracker – Mono Cell

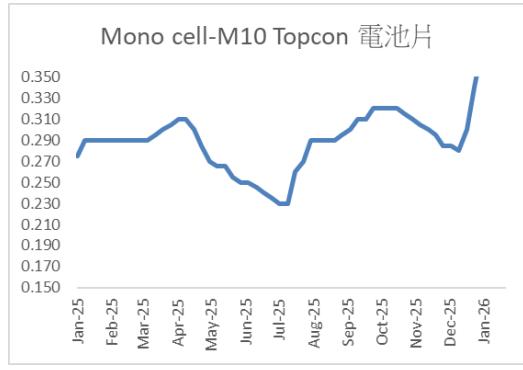
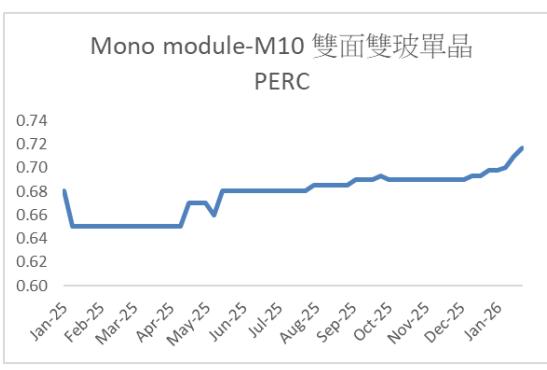
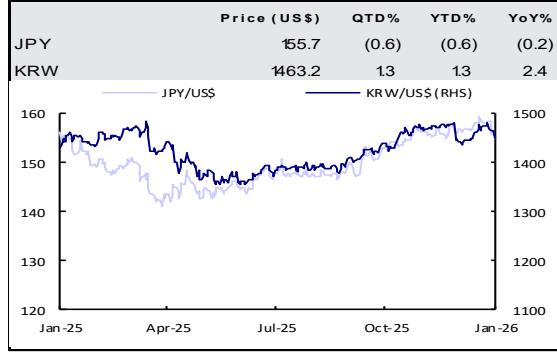
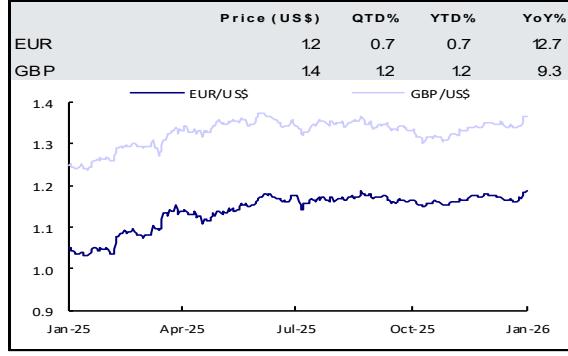
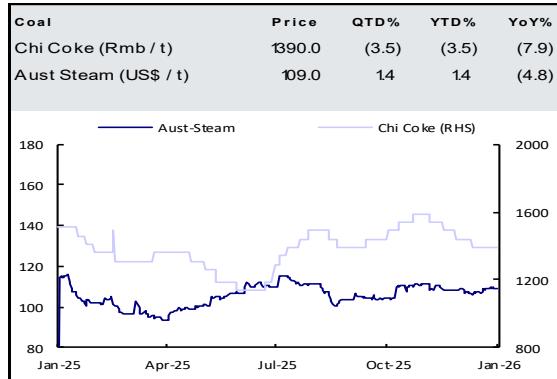
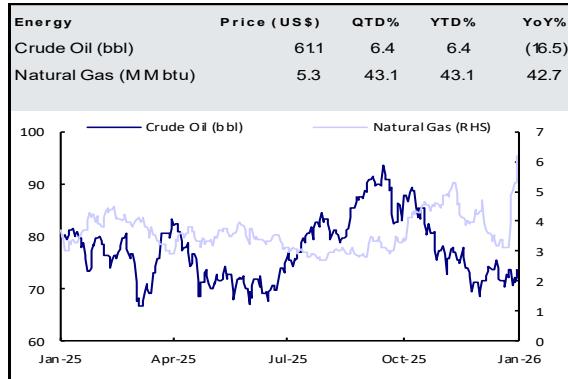
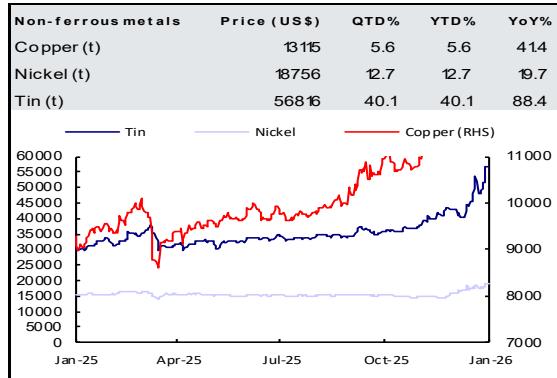
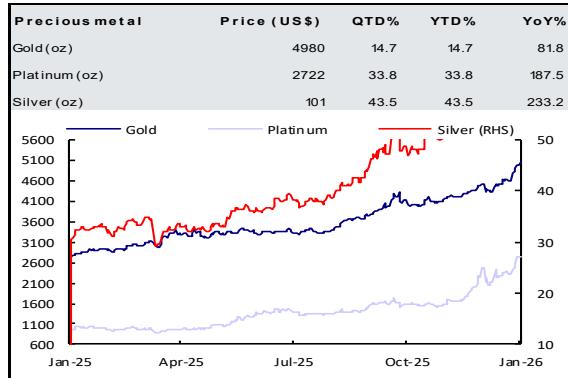


Figure 6: Solar Price Tracker – Mono Module



Market Watch – Major Commodities and Currencies



Source: Bloomberg

US Economic Calendar

| Indicators | Freq | Obs Date | Expected Release Date |
|-----------------------------------|------|----------|-----------------------|
| Durable Goods Orders | MoM | | 26-Jan-26 |
| Factory Orders | MoM | | 29-Jan-26 |
| Initial Jobless Claims | WoW | | 29-Jan-26 |
| Trade Balance | MoM | | 29-Jan-26 |
| Wholesale Inventories | MoM | | 29-Jan-26 |
| PPI | MoM | | 30-Jan-26 |
| Retail Sales | MoM | | 1-Feb-26 |
| Business Inventories | MoM | | 1-Feb-26 |
| ISM Manufacturing PMI | MoM | | 2-Feb-26 |
| Housing Starts / Building Permits | MoM | | 2-Feb-26 |
| Employment Report | MoM | | 6-Feb-26 |
| Existing Home Sales | MoM | | 12-Feb-26 |
| Industrial Production | MoM | | 18-Feb-26 |
| New home Sales | MoM | | 19-Feb-26 |
| Personal Income & Spending | MoM | | 20-Feb-26 |
| CPI | MoM | | 11-Feb-26 |
| GDP | QoQ | | 20-Feb-26 |
| Consumer Confidence | MoM | | 27-Jan-26 |
| Auto Sales | MoM | | |

China Economic Calendar

| Indicators | Freq | Obs Date | Expected Release Date |
|---------------------------|------|----------|-----------------------|
| PMI Manufacturing | MoM | | 31-Jan-26 |
| Foreign Exchange Reserves | QoQ | | 7-Feb-26 |
| Money Supply - M2 | MoM | | 9-Feb-26 |
| PPI | MoM | | 11-Feb-26 |
| CPI | MoM | | 11-Feb-26 |
| Trade Balance | MoM | | 14-Apr-26 |
| Retail Sales | MoM | | 16-Apr-26 |
| Industrial Production | MoM | | 16-Apr-26 |
| GDP | YoY | | 16-Apr-26 |

Hong Kong Economic Calendar

| Indicators | Freq | Obs Date | Expected Release Date |
|--------------------------|------|----------|-----------------------|
| Trade Balance | MoM | | 27-Jan-26 |
| Money Supply - M2 | MoM | | 30-Jan-26 |
| GDP | QoQ | | 30-Jan-26 |
| Retail Sales | MoM | | 3-Feb-26 |
| PMI | MoM | | 4-Feb-26 |
| Foreign Currency Reserve | MoM | | 6-Feb-26 |
| Unemployment Rate | MoM | | 20-Feb-26 |
| CPI | MoM | | 25-Feb-26 |
| Producer Prices Index | QoQ | | 13-Mar-26 |
| Industrial Production | QoQ | | 13-Mar-26 |
| Composite Interest Rate | MoM | | |

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| Great Harvest Maeta Holdings Ltd. | Pan Zhongshan | 335,000(L) | HKD 0.0750 |
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