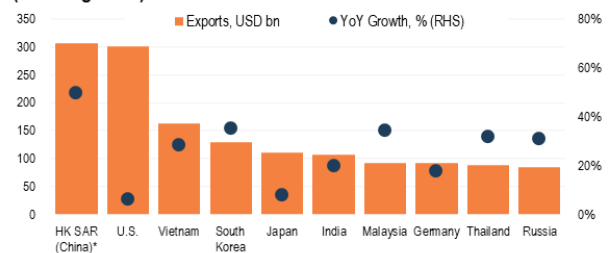


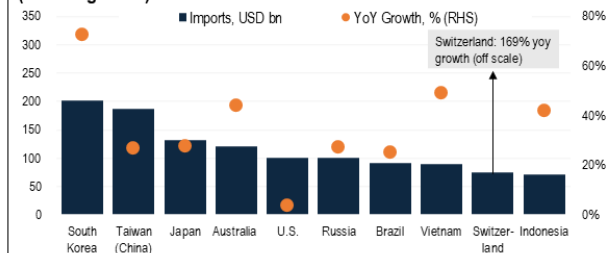
China's Trade Engine Is Finding Growth Well Beyond the U.S.

China's 2026 trade figures reveal strong growth across Asian export markets, surging machinery and electronics trade, and widening gaps among major trading partners

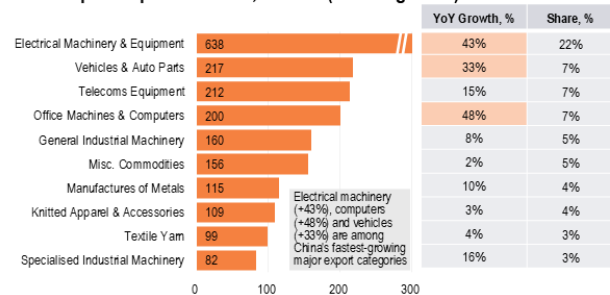
China Top 10 Export Destinations, USD bn, and YoY Growth, % (RHS) (Jan.-Aug. 2026)



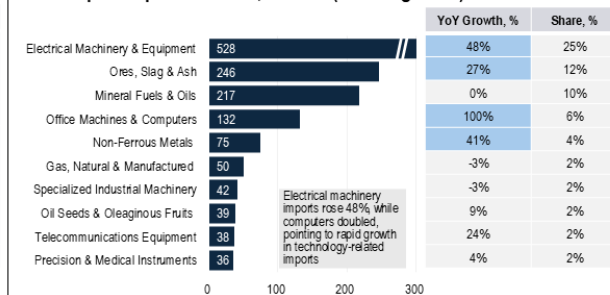
China Top 10 Import Partners, USD bn, and YoY Growth, % (RHS) (Jan.-Aug. 2026)



China Top 10 Export Products, USD bn (Jan.-Aug. 2026)



China Top 10 Import Products, USD bn (Jan.-Aug. 2026)



Note: *Hong Kong is a major re-export hub; shipments there do not necessarily reflect final demand. Growth compares cumulative Jan.-Aug. 2026 trade values with the same period in 2025. Source: China Customs, ANDAMAN PARTNERS Analysis

Strong gains across Asian markets are supporting China's trade growth so far in 2026, offsetting weaker trade with the U.S. In January-August, Hong Kong (a re-export hub) surpassed the U.S. as China's largest export destination, while shipments to South Korea, Malaysia and several other Asian markets grew strongly.

China's export strength remains firmly rooted in manufacturing. Electrical machinery exports reached USD 638 billion (+43% YoY), while computers (+48%) and vehicles (+33%) were among the fastest-growing major categories. On the import side, South Korea and Taiwan led China's suppliers, with electrical machinery imports reaching USD 528 billion (+48%) and computer imports doubling.

The figures reveal an economy diversifying its export markets while remaining deeply integrated into Asian technology supply chains and global industrial markets. For businesses, opportunities increasingly span a broader network of markets, suppliers and products. China's trade is becoming more geographically diverse, while its appetite for technology, industrial inputs and access to global markets continues to grow.

-----///-----

ANDAMAN PARTNERS

October 2026

andamanpartners.com

**ANDAMAN
PARTNERS**

Also by ANDAMAN PARTNERS:

- [The EU and China Lead Global Exports Across Strategic Manufacturing Sectors](#)
- [China's Trade Engine Accelerates in 2026 on Industrial Strength and Global Breadth](#)
- [China Is Rewiring Its Innovation Model for Higher-Value Output](#)

ANDAMAN PARTNERS *supports international business ventures and growth. We help launch global initiatives and accelerate successful cross-border expansion. If your business, operations or project requires cross-border support, contact connect@andamanpartners.com.*



**ANDAMAN
PARTNERS**

Investment  **Advisory**  **Trade**

Shanghai | Hong Kong | Singapore | Perth | Bangkok | Cape Town

www.andamanpartners.com