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a record of results
Our analysis supports our clients’ strategic decisions. On our evidence - a resource MNC tests its long-term market movement assumptions - a financial services provider has early warning of regulatory shifts - an agricultural industry association maps future Chinese demand - a global broadcaster grounds its China coverage - a university tracks R&D trends to promote cross-border commercialisation - government agencies monitor legislative moves affecting national interests

online knowledge base
- policy ticker: daily feed of policy measures and opinion: the essential building blocks of our approach - cp.positions: weekly scan and forecast of major policy moves - cp.signals: regular probes into emerging policy trends - cp.focus: longer-format deep dives into topical issues - cp.observer: monthly roundup of major events and trends

client packages

putting you in the picture
Our analysis draws on our comprehensive policy tracking informed by local commentary, debate and opinion. Our 20-strong team of analysts deliver succinct, accessible intelligence, giving clients the tools to map, analyse and respond to China’s changing domestic and geopolitical landscape.

fast, direct contact
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We map and analyse specific policy areas and developments, forecasting risks and opportunities in clients’ sectors.

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