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China industrial profits jump 14.4% in September on AI demand

China's factory profits rebounded sharply, but the gains are concentrated in AI hardware and commodities while consumers stay weak.

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Chinese industrial companies saw their earnings grow at the fastest pace in three months, with profits at large industrial firms up 14.4% in September from a year earlier, a sharp jump from 4.2% in August and above Bloomberg Economics' 12% forecast.

Electronic special materials makers saw profits more than triple, while semiconductor equipment makers rose 51.7%, and the data-centre buildout sent optical fibre makers' profits more than sixfold higher.

Oil helped too: factory-gate prices rose 5% in September, the fastest pace since 2022.

Consumers are the weak spot. Retail sales grew by only 1.1% in September.

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