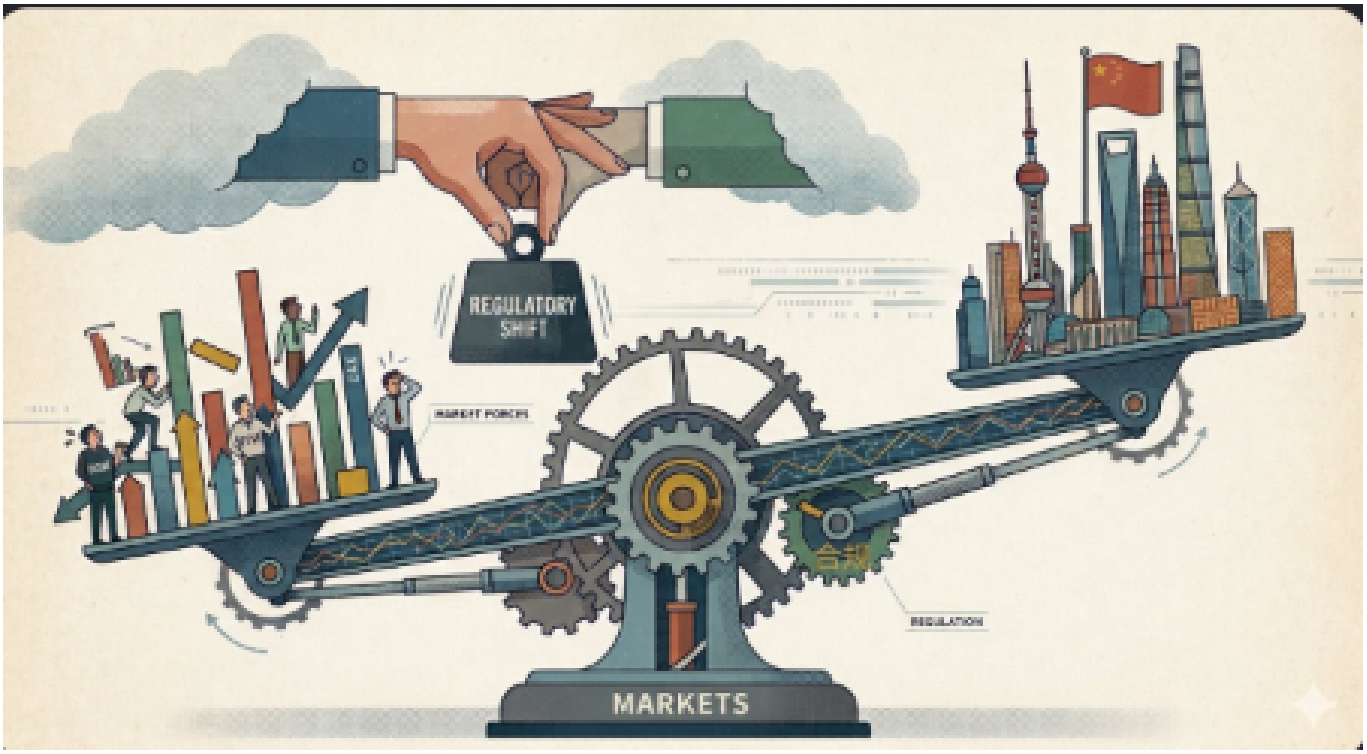
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China cuts margin requirement to 80% to revive leverage

All three Chinese exchanges reverse January's tightening and add fee cuts plus ChiNext market makers after a 16-month low

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Beijing wants borrowed money back in the market.

On Sunday, China's three stock exchanges cut the minimum margin ratio to 80% from 100%, starting 30 November. The Shanghai, Shenzhen and Beijing exchanges issued matching notices.

The change reverses the January's tightening policy.

The numbers explain why: outstanding margin loans have shrunk more than 20%, to about ¥2.2 trillion from a ¥3 trillion peak in June.

Shanghai and Shenzhen are also cutting trading fees, and ChiNext is getting market makers.

The Shanghai Composite just closed at a 16-month low, and STAR and ChiNext are each down over 40% from their peaks. The catch is that cheaper leverage boosts gains and also deepens losses, so watch margin balances from 30 November.

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