The year 2023 is a pivotal turning point for China, and for Shanghai in particular. As the 20th CPC National Congress laid out a magnificent blueprint for building a modern socialist country in all respects and advancing China’s great rejuvenation on all fronts by clearly detailing the Chinese path to modernization, this year will usher China into a new era where high-quality development is the top priority. Meanwhile, Shanghai also stands at a new historical beginning, once again embarking on a fresh journey as a pioneer to lead reform, opening-up as well as innovation-driven development.

Shanghai is actively forging new advantages and increasing its efforts to open-up to the wider world. Over the past five years, Shanghai has continuously released new reforms and blazed an uncharted path towards further opening up. The city’s Pudong New Area has developed into a pilot zone for socialist modernization, and its Lin-gang Special Area of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone has accelerated the cultivation of several special economic functions. By issuing the first local regulations for foreign investment in China and initiating the implementation of the administrative system of pre-establishment national treatment plus negative list on foreign investment, Shanghai has taken significant steps to establish an international economic and trade system and further strengthened the protection of foreign-invested enterprises’ legitimate rights and interests. As a result, Shanghai’s paid-in foreign capital reached a new high of nearly USD 24 billion in 2022. The city’s market-oriented, law-based and globally-recognized business environment has become an irresistible draw for foreign investment.

The city is invigorating its technology innovation environment. In 2022, Shanghai’s total R&D expenditure accounted for around 4.2% of GDP. The number of high-value invention patents per 10,000 residents approached 40, and a new wave of major sci-tech achievements was unveiled to the world, including China’s first domestically-produced proton therapy system and the world’s first novel drug for diabetes treatment. Meanwhile, Shanghai has initially formed a new type of industry system featuring three leading industries and six key industries. Emerging industries such as new energy vehicles (NEVs), high-tech ships, new materials, and robotics have also flourished. All these endeavors demonstrate Shanghai’s progressive approach to accumulating knowledge and building capacity for technology innovation, aiming to provide the “Shanghai solution” to promote common development and prosperity, and share “Shanghai’s ideas” to the world.

Shanghai is earnestly exploring new directions for future development. Since high-end, intelligent, and green manufacturing is key to establishing a modern industry system, Shanghai is focusing its efforts on four new areas of growth, namely the digital economy, the green and low-carbon economy, metaverse, and intelligent terminals. It promotes comprehensive digital and green transformation of the city. Being the first Chinese city to win the World Smart City Award, Shanghai has taken the lead in building a “dual-gigabit” city with 5G and fixed broadband networks. It has made steady progress in pilot projects such as the e-CNY and capital market fintech innovation and created a myriad of digital life scenarios to form the vibrant image of an international digital city. Meanwhile, Shanghai also aims to promote a low-carbon lifestyle and become a model for achieving carbon peak and carbon neutrality in China by advancing green and clean energy projects and speeding up its endeavors to build itself into an international green financial hub.

To implement the spirit of the 20th CPC National Congress, Shanghai, as an important window to China, will benchmark against the world’s best standards to develop itself into a central point for China’s domestic economic circulation and a strategic link connecting domestic and international markets. Building upon the “Five Centers” initiative and “Four Functions” of the city, and strengthening its role as a sci-tech innovation hub, Shanghai is ready to create a new chapter in its development.
Chapter I
A Global City of Excellence by 2035
Developing into a Global City of Excellence

Over the past five years, Shanghai has strengthened both its hard and soft power. Underpinned by its core values of “openness, innovation and inclusiveness”, the city has substantially established itself as an international economic, financial, trade and shipping center, and laid the framework for its transition into a globally competitive sci-tech innovation center.

**Greatly Enhanced Comprehensive Strength**

**No.1 Globally by Total Port Trade Volume**

Shanghai Port: Remaining 1st Worldwide in Container Throughput for 13 Consecutive Years

- Total port trade volume reached RMB 19.4 trillion, accounting for around 3.6% of the world’s total
- Shanghai Port handled a container throughput of over 47.30 million TEUs

**No.6 among the World’s Top 10 Cities by GDP**

**No.8 among the 2022 Global Top 500 Cities**

**No.10 in the Global Power City Index (GPCI) 2022**

- Shanghai has generated a GDP of over RMB 4 trillion for 2 consecutive years.
- In 2022, it had a GDP of over RMB 4.46 trillion, a GDP per capita of around RMB 178,000 and a general public budget revenue of RMB 760.82 billion.

**Accelerating Growth Momentum**

A New-type Industry System with Three Forerunner Industries as the Leading Force and Six Key Industries as the Backing Force

- Emerging industries such as NEVs, high-tech ships, new materials and robots have been developing rapidly. In 2022, the world’s first C919 aircraft was delivered, and other key projects such as building China’s third aircraft carrier and the Mengtian lab module were successfully implemented.
- Shanghai is home to 20 national new-type industrialization demonstration bases.
- The number of high-tech companies and specialized, refined, differential and innovative (SRDI) companies increased from 7,642 and 1,665 in 2017 to 22,000 and 4,942 in 2022 respectively.

**No.8 A Dynamic International Trade Center**

- Import and export volume over the past five years totaled RMB 18.6 trillion, up by about 28.1% compared to that of the previous five-year period.
- New patterns and models of foreign trade such as cross-border e-commerce, offshore trade, international distribution services and bonded maintenance have been developing, and five RMB 100 billion-level and five RMB 10 billion-level commodity trade platforms were added respectively over the past five years.
- The North Bund Forum was successfully held. A series of shipping policies such as regulations on coastal carriage, and bonded oil and LNG bunkering for ships on international voyages were issued and implemented.
- Thanks to the cross-border trade facilitation campaign, customs clearing time has reduced by over 50%.

**No.6 Enhanced Role as a Sci-Tech Innovation Hub**

- Boasting 3 state-level laboratories, 17 new-type R&D institutions, and 15 functional platforms for promoting R&D and achievement transformation;
- 4 national key sci-tech infrastructure projects are underway, and the world’s largest, most diverse and comprehensive photonic large scientific facility cluster has taken shape;
- A series of innovations such as the world’s first monkey clones created by somatic cell nuclear transfer and kilometer-level high-temperature superconducting cables have been produced;
- The World Laureates Forum (WLF) has been held successfully for 5 consecutive years and the WLA Prize was established as the first international science award initiated in Shanghai;
- Stepping up efforts to forge an international model for IPR protection.

**No.6 A Pioneer in Developing an International Consumption Center**

- According to a white paper on developing a city into an international consumption hub released by CBRE in 2022, Shanghai has become a quasi-international consumption center that could rival New York, London and Tokyo;
- In 2022, 20 shopping malls (over 30,000 m² each) opened in Shanghai and the overall annual turnover of shopping malls in the city reached around RMB 200 billion, accounting for nearly 12.6% of Shanghai’s total retail sales of consumer goods;
- The Shanghai Double Five Shopping Festival has been successfully held several times, and the city has welcomed 4,881 first stores in the past five years;
- Ranks 1 in China’s comprehensive night economy index.

Note: 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated, all currencies are reported in RMB in this report.
Developing into a Global City of Excellence (Continued)

Major Strides in Reform and Opening-up

- Continuous Expanding Opening-up
  - Implemented the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
  - Created eight national bases for the export of featured services, such as digital services and cultural trade
  - From 2021 onwards, the total amount of imports and exports has exceeded RMB 4 trillion for 2 consecutive years
  - Operated the Belt and Road Integrated Service Center
  - Opened and operated the China-Europe Shanghai Express
  - Expanded the Asia-Pacific Modal 24 member ports

- Clustering Functional Institutions
  - As a hot spot for foreign investment, Shanghai has attracted many multinational companies to deploy their industry chains, supply chains and innovation chains in the city
  - Over the past five years, Shanghai has introduced China’s first local regulations on foreign investment, and implemented dedicated service mechanisms such as complaint centers for foreign-funded enterprises and special windows for foreign-related services
  - It attracted 60 new regional headquarters (RHQs) of multinational corporations (MNCs) in 2022, reaching a total of 891
  - 25 new foreign-invested R&D centers were set up in 2022, pushing the total number to 531

- Pioneering Role of Pudong New Area
  - Shanghai fully supports building Pudong New Area into a pioneer area for socialist modernization by actively exploring comprehensive pilot projects, creating industry innovation and service platforms, dynamically improving the list of legislative needs, activating new momentum for high-quality development, enhancing new advantages in international cooperation and competition, and building a new development pattern
  - Implemented major supporting policies such as facilitating the entry of special biomedicine items, integrating the regulatory model for the manufacture of large aircraft, and innovating regulatory measures for the development of the integrated circuit industry
  - Deeply promoted a system of market access upon commitment, the market entities registration confirmation system and other major reform initiatives
  - Established major functional platforms such as the national commodity warehouse receipts registration center, the private equity and venture capital share transfer platform, and the “Free Offshore Trade” platform
  - Issued 15 regulations tailored for Pudong New Area

- Hongqiao International Opening-up Hub
  - Leading High-quality Development in the YRD Region
    - Since the introduction of the Overall Plan for the Development of Hongqiao International Opening-up Hub in February 2021, the Hub has accelerated the development of its key area, and the region’s GDP has increased from RMB 2.3 trillion in 2020 to RMB 2.69 trillion in 2022, marking a milestone in the construction of “Greater Hongqiao”
    - Accelerated the construction of Hongqiao National Import Trade Promotion and Innovation Demonstration Zone
    - Successfully hosted the Hongqiao and Pudong sub-forums of the Hongqiao International Economic Forum
    - Capitalizing on Hongqiao Import Commodity Exhibition and Trading Center and its live-streaming sales base, the Hub demonstrates increasing influence as a commercial center
    - With a comprehensive upgrade to the transportation hub function, the transportation system which connects Hongqiao International Opening-up Hub, Pudong International Airport and the Yangtze River Delta region has been further improved

- Breakthroughs in the “Three Missions” and “One Platform” Initiative
  - As a major strategic task assigned to Shanghai by Chinese President Xi Jinping and the Chinese central government, the initiative includes promoting the development of Lin-Gang Special Area of SHFTZ, launching the Shanghai Stock Exchange Science and Technology Innovation Board (the SSE STAR Market) with its pilot registration-based IPO system, promoting integrated development of the YRD region, and ensuring successful organization of the CIIE. These four strategies together will lay the groundwork for a reform and opening-up pattern never seen before in Shanghai
  - Lin-Gang Special Area Formed a Rule-based Opening-up System Which Enables Free Investment, Trade, Capital, Transportation, and Mobility of Human Resources, and the Quick and Convenient Flow of Information
    - 36 institutional innovation cases of national firsts take place in the Area
    - Yangshan Free Trade Zone commenced operation, and the Area’s total industrial output value above the designated scale increased by 40.2% and 43% respectively on an annual basis since the Area was established

Amplified Effects of the SSE STAR Market and the Registration-based IPO System
  - Improved policy kit for science innovation enterprises in the “Light of Pudong” program
  - By the end of 2022, there were 78 Shanghai-based companies listed on the STAR Market, ranking first in China in terms of the cumulative funds raised by IPO and total market value

Integrated Development of the YRD Region as a National Strategy to Promote Accelerated Regional Synergy
  - Efforts have been made to accelerate the development of the YRD sci-tech innovation community, improve the connectivity in transportation, energy, and other infrastructure, and facilitate cross district public services and medical treatment
  - The Demonstration Zone for Integrated Ecological and Green Development of the YRD Region has achieved 112 institutional innovations, 38 of which have been rolled out across China

Expanding Spillover Effects of the CIIE
  - With the introduction of a brand new “Digital Expo” platform in 2022, the 5th CIIE had an intended turnover of USD 73.52 billion for one-year purchases, representing an increase of 3.9% over the previous edition; a total of 145 countries, regions and international organizations participated in the exhibition, and 24 Hongqiao Forum events were successfully held
  - Shanghai has built 60 % “360°” trading service platforms, imported over RMB 323.07 billion worth of commodities and introduced 270,000 kinds of CIIE exhibits

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Developing into a Global City of Excellence (Continued)

Continuously Improved People’s Living Standards

- The per capita disposable income increased from RMB 59,000 in 2017 to RMB 79,000 in 2022.
- Consumer prices remained stable with an average annual increase of 1.9%.

Better Quality of Life

- 512 fitness trails, 419 multi-functional sports fields and 2,657 community fitness spots were newly built or repurposed from pre-existing facilities in the city.
- 101,000 public electric vehicle charging piles were newly installed and another 49 pedestrian bridges were equipped with barrier-free elevators.
- 26,500 elderly care beds and 321 community-level elderly care and service centers were added.
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Ameliorated Ecological Environment

- The annual average PM 2.5 concentration decreased from 39 μg/m³ in 2017 to 25 μg/m³ in 2022.
- Energy consumption per unit of GDP reduced by about 20% over the past five years.
- The city has made important progress in pollution prevention and control and has maintained its excellent rating in the national assessment for 3 consecutive years.

Significant Progress in Creating a Green Environment

- Roughly 20,070 hectares of afforestation areas, 5,917 hectares of green space, and 1,072 km of green roads were newly built.
- The number of parks in the city increased from 243 in 2017 to 670 in 2022.
- Changning District has made much headway towards building itself into a world-class eco-island, where the 10th China Flower Expo was successfully held.

Comprehensive Public Health System

- 6 national medical centers and 43 regional ones have been established.
- Service capacity of community healthcare centers have been further enhanced, and 7 batches of national centralized drug procurement have been organized and implemented.

Accelerated Development of an International Cultural Metropolis

- Enjoying the benefits of innovative pilot policies, world-famous auction house Christie’s held its first joint auction called “20/21 Shanghai to London” at the Bund.
- New cultural infrastructure such as Shanghai Astronomy Museum and Shanghai Library East were established along the Huangpu River.
- Shanghai is accelerating its transition into a capital of art performance in Asia, boasting several phenomenal performances such as The Eternal Wave and ERA.
- Brands such as “Stories of Architecture”, “New Space of Performing Arts” and “City Walk” have been promoted.

Significant Achievements in Building a Clean City

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An Ideal Foreign Investment Destination

Foreign Investment Statistics in Shanghai in 2022

Paid-in Foreign Capital

- USD 23.9 Billion+
  - Over USD 20 billion for 3 consecutive years

Main Sources of Foreign Investment:

- The top three sources of paid-in foreign capital in Shanghai from outside Chinese Mainland were Hong Kong, Singapore and the Cayman Islands.
- Hong Kong about USD 18.37 billion
- Singapore about USD 1.96 billion
- The Cayman Islands about USD 0.89 billion
- Scientific research and technology services: USD 5.83 billion
  - Growth rate: 86.4%
- Information transmission & software and IT services: USD 5.05 billion
  - Growth rate: 28.8%
- Leasing and commercial services: USD 6.02 billion
- Total number of foreign-invested enterprises exceeds 60,000
- An increase of about 15.8% over the previous 5 years

Paid-in Foreign Capital in the Tertiary Industry

- ~ USD 23 Billion
  - 96.3% of total paid-in foreign capital in Shanghai

Newly Established Foreign-invested Enterprises

- 4,352
  - An increase of about 15.8% over the previous 5 years

Five-year Paid-in Foreign Capital

- ~ USD 103 Billion
  - An increase of about 15.8% over the previous 5 years

Major Industries Attracting Foreign Investment:

- Leasing and commercial services, scientific research and technology services, and information transmission & software and IT services received 73.3% of the total paid-in foreign capital in the tertiary industry in Shanghai.
An Open Policy Environment

Optimizing Business Environment

Regulations of Shanghai Municipality on Optimizing Doing Business Environment 6.0
- Piloting innovative business environment reforms in alignment with national guidelines and the World Bank's new business environment assessment system;
- Enhancing key areas leading role in institutional innovation.

2023

Key Issues of Optimizing Business Environment in Shanghai in 2023
- Providing targeted solutions to address the problems of various market entities.

2022

Regulations of Shanghai Municipality on Optimizing Doing Business Environment 5.0
- Setting enterprises' satisfaction as a top priority.

2021

Regulations of Shanghai Municipality on Optimizing Doing Business Environment 4.0
- Enhancing integration of local government service systems to improve enterprises' satisfaction.

2020

Regulations of Shanghai Municipality on Optimizing Doing Business Environment 3.0
- Aligning with the most advanced international standards;
- Enhancing reform in specific areas by introducing specialized policies and other supportive documents.

2019

Regulations of Shanghai Municipality on Optimizing Doing Business Environment 2.0
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- Towards overall improvement of the business environment.

2018

Regulations of Shanghai Municipality on Optimizing Doing Business Environment 1.0
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Expanding Foreign Investment

The First Initiative to Attract Foreign Investment in China

- In 2002, Shanghai took the lead in introducing a policy on encouraging multinational corporations to establish regional headquarters. In 2002, a policy was issued to encourage the setting up of RHQs in Shanghai. In 2022, a policy was issued to encourage the setting up of RHQs in Shanghai.

The First Provincial-level Foreign Investment Regulation in China

- In 2020, the Shanghai Regulations on Foreign Investment officially promulgated, further promoting and stabilizing foreign investment and protecting foreign investors' legitimate rights and interests, encouraging high-level opening-up and opening new ground in pursuing opening-up on all fronts.

Measures to Standardize Foreign-Invested Project Approval and Filing

- In 2021, the Procedures of Shanghai Municipality on the Administration of Approval and Filing of the Projects with Foreign Investment was released, which streamlined the procedures, simplifying approval documents to improve efficiency and guaranteeing investment autonomy of foreign investors and foreign-invested enterprises.

Development Goals for the Next Five Years (2023–2028)

A Modern Metropolis Embracing the Future

Shanghai will build up a modern economic system and play a more important role as a central point for China's domestic economic circulation and a strategic link connecting domestic and international markets.

- Total R&D expenditure is expected to account for over 4.5% of Shanghai's GDP.
- The scale of the three leading industries will double, and industrial strategic emerging industries account for 45% of the total industrial output value of enterprises above the designated size.
- Added value of core industries from the digital economy will increase to 15% of Shanghai's GDP.
- The number of MNC RHQs reached 1,200.

Shanghai will make steady progress in achieving common prosperity for all, with basic public services becoming more balanced and accessible.

- Full coverage of basic life services within a “15-minute Community Life Circle” will be realized.
- The main indicators of education and human resource development will reach the level of advanced global cities.
- Main health indicators of the population maintained a top position in the world.
- The soft power of urban culture will be enhanced across all aspects with Shanghai-style culture, Shanghai-style style, and Jiangnan culture further developed.

Shanghai will establish a better social governance model based on collaboration, participation, and common interest, and will make further progress in building a government strictly ruled by law.

- The energy consumption and CO2 emission per unit of GDP will continue to decrease.
- Shanghai will step up efforts to build itself into a “Zero-Waste City”, with more than the number of parks exceeding 1,000 and a green, low-carbon lifestyle becoming a new trend.
A Modern Metropolis Embracing the Future (Continued)

Shanghai’s Major Tasks in 2023

Expectations & Objectives

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Utilizing Shanghai’s Role as a Pilot Ground for Reform and Opening-up

- Preparing Pudong’s list of special measures to ease market access, taking the lead to establish a system of integrated industry licensing and integrated supervision, and adding another 25 open innovation centers for large enterprises;
- Pushing forward the program of building China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone and the Lin-Gang Special Area to deepen the pilot program of reforming foreign exchange administration and the high-level opening-up of cross-border trade and investment;
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- Strengthening industrial support for the international economic center and accelerating the development of a modern industry system.

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Facilitating Green and Low-carbon Transformation

- With continuous efforts to build Shanghai into an international consumer center, Shanghai will organize major consumer promotion activities such as the Shanghai Double Five Shopping Festival and boost the debut economy, the night-time economy and the livestreaming economy.
- Shanghai will further improve the “single window” service platform for international trade, accelerate the cultivation of a number of pilot enterprises in cross-border e-commerce, digital trade and other new types of international trade, and implement the latest edition of China’s Catalogue of Encouraged Industries for Foreign Investment.

Strengthening Support for Education, Science and Technology, and Talent

- Creating a number of industry-education integration bases and university scientific research bases;
- Introducing and cultivating a number of innovative headquarters that integrate diverse functions such as R&D, sales, and settlement to accelerate the development of the science and technology service industry;
- Strengthening the talent gathering effect of national laboratories, major sci-tech infrastructures, world-class universities, high-level R&D institutions, industry-leading enterprises and other platforms.

Promoting Steady and Sound Economic Development

- Developing major projects such as the offshore deep & far sea wind power demonstration project and the cross-province electricity transmission network;
- Promoting the construction of EV charging and battery swapping facilities, and accelerating the building of new electrical power systems.
- Promoting the ecological program centered on “areas along the Huangpu River and Suzhou Creek, and a ring park belt around the city” by building another 120 parks, about 2,666.67 hectares of forests, 1,000 hectares of green land, 200 km of greenways and 400,000 m² of green spaces.

Chapter II
Highlighted Investment Areas
Developing an Outstanding, Efficient and Innovative Modern Industry System

By focusing on digital industrialization and industry digitization, Shanghai will promote in-depth integration of the virtual and real economies as part of its efforts to build a complete “2 + 3 + 6 + 4 + 5” modern industry system.

In order to promote digital transformation and green and low-carbon transition, Shanghai will continue to empower traditional industries by digital technologies, and support the green technology transformation of traditional steel, chemical, and power enterprises and other high energy consumers.

Shanghai will endeavor to develop the IC, biopharmaceutical and AI industries.

Shanghai has issued action plans to seize the initiative in the digital economy, the green and low-carbon economy, metaverse and intelligent terminals.

Shanghai has prospectively planned for the development of 16 industries of the future covering healthcare, intelligence, energy, space, and materials.

By 2025, the six key industries are expected to achieve the following targets:

- Electronic Technology: An output of over RMB 2.2 trillion
- High-end Equipments: An output of over RMB 700 billion
- Life Science and Healthcare: An output of over RMB 260 billion
- Advanced Materials: An output of over RMB 430 billion, including RMB 320 billion generated by new materials manufacturing
- Modern Consumer Goods: An output of over RMB 520 billion and an average annual growth rate of 5%
International Digital City

Shanghai has made dedicated efforts to promote digital transformation and build an international digital city with global influence. It will accelerate the application of digital technologies to continuously drive changes in the mode of production, lifestyle and urban governance.

Leveraging resources to build an international digital economy highland
By building new growth momentum, Shanghai will promote the diversified development of innovative economic norms, including the platform economy, digital economy, green economy, and nighttime economy.

Improving the digital infrastructure for a better urban life
Shanghai has created sound community spaces and service systems for its residents to enjoy a quality life empowered by innovative digital technologies.

Continuing the tradition of openness to unleash the value of data resources
Putting cyber and data security first, Shanghai will integrate mechanisms and facilities with a balance between proactive defense and passive protection measures to build a safe and trustworthy environment for digital development.

Applying digital technologies to create new engines for digital innovation
Shanghai will accelerate the transformation and upgrading of various industries and achieve major breakthroughs in new industries through technological innovation, in order to drive changes in the mode of production, lifestyle services and urban governance.

Encouraging public engagement to establish a global role model for smart city governance
Shanghai will develop itself into a twin-tower boundless city with accurate digital mapping of all elements for integrated virtual and real existences to interact. It will also fully deploy IoT devices to get the whole picture of the city.

The Digital Economy
- With the largest industry scale nationwide, Shanghai currently takes the lead in the digital economy in China. Besides, it was the first Chinese city to win the World Smart City Award.
- Shanghai is the first city in China boasting dual gigabit networks. In 2022, it launched 50 innovative 5G applications and built 13,000 new 5G outdoor base stations.
- The city has strengthened its role as an international information and communication hub, with the capacity of its submarine telecommunication cable reaching 22Tbps.
- The implementation measures for the opening of public data in Shanghai was released in 2022.
- The city has accelerated to build itself into a global data port.
- Shanghai ranked 4th in the list of 2022 Open Data Index of Global Important Cities.
- 8 municipal-level digital transformation demonstration areas have been established.
- 40 smart factories will be built.
- The Digital Partner Program has been fully implemented, in which 25 digital life pilot scenarios will be built.
- Shanghai Data Exchange has launched the digital assets trading section.
- The Government Online-Offline Shanghai Portal provides services of 3,588 items, enabling 84% of cases to be handled online.
- Shanghai has been upgrading its digital urban management indicator system on the Single Platform for Urban Management, along with a number of special application scenarios being improved and put into practice.

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Green and Low-carbon Transformation

To implement national strategies about carbon peak and carbon neutrality, Shanghai has introduced a series of policies including the Implementation Plan for Carbon Peak in Shanghai and the Action Plan for Promoting the Development of the National Green and Low-carbon Industries in Shanghai, integrating green and low-carbon practices into the whole process of urban development.

Promoting Carbon Peak and Carbon Neutrality
- Shanghai has issued and put into practice the implementation opinions for carbon peak and carbon neutrality in Shanghai, implementation plan for carbon peak in Shanghai and supporting policies in key areas such as energy, construction, technology, hydrogen energy, and green finance. Meanwhile, one of the first national pilot projects for climate investment and financing was launched in Pudong New Area.
- Shanghai has been rapidly promoting the offshore wind power project and “Photovoltaic +” specialized project.

Facilitating Low-carbon Transformation by Sci-tech Innovation
- Shanghai has issued the implementation plan for supporting carbon peak and carbon neutrality by science and technology in Shanghai, proposing ten scientific and technological supporting actions such as promoting green energy and low-carbon transformation. Meanwhile, it has developed technological innovation platforms, including the newly established Shanghai Technology Innovation Alliance for Carbon Neutrality and Shanghai Changxing Carbon Neutrality Innovation Industrial Park.
- The demonstration projects of green and low-carbon technology application have been launched, in particular the first 200kW solid oxide water electrolysis hydrogen production verification equipment.

Accelerating the development of green and smart energy systems
- China’s first integrated energy management platform covering water, electricity, oil, gas and hydrogen was launched in the Lin gang Special Area.
- The world’s first super capacitor powered ferry “New Ecological Ferry” was put into service between Changxing Island and Hengsha Island, achieving low-noise and zero-emission operation.
- Shanghai has been planning a near-zero-carbon travel technology system to improve the energy efficiency of urban rail transit.

Fostering Green and Low-carbon Industries
- The Global Observance of World Cities Day 2022 and the Second Sustainable Development Goals Cities Global Conference were held in Shanghai.
- China’s national emissions trading scheme (ETS) started operating in Shanghai. By the end of 2022, the quotas of carbon emission trading had amounted to 230 million metric tons, and the cumulative trading volume was RMB 10.48 billion.
Three Leading Industries

ICs

As an IC highland in China, Shanghai has built a complete IC industry chain that brings together enterprises engaged in design, manufacturing, packaging and testing, equipment, and materials. It is now stepping up efforts to enhance the diversification and differentiation of IC products by fostering three pillar sectors – IC design, manufacturing, and equipment and materials. The city's IC industry is expecting an average annual growth rate of about 20% in the 14th Five-Year Plan period.

Industry Advantages

Clustering Industry Resources
- As a leading city for IC industry in China, Shanghai is home to over 2,200 IC corporations, including 27 companies listed on the SSE STAR Market, 40% of China's IC professionals, and 50% of domestic entrepreneurship resources in IC.

A Complete Industry Chain
- Capitalizing on its advantages in microchip manufacturing, Shanghai has built China's most complete IC industry chain in Pudong's Zhangjiang and Jiading District, covering nearly all segments from equipment and materials, to chip design, manufacturing, packaging and testing, and electronic design automation.

Various Platforms
- Through the Shanghai IC Technology & Industry Promotion Center, the city has developed the IP database of IC design and R&D platforms for test production and manufacturing to facilitate microchip design and tape-out. Besides, several key IC laboratories have been established in Shanghai to enhance the cooperation of industry, education and research.

Exemplary Case

KE Semiconductor Equipment
Kokusai Electric Corporation, established in Japan in 1949, is one of the top ten semiconductor equipment suppliers in the world. It specializes in the R&D of high-performance thin film disposition for semiconductor products, and the design, manufacturing, installation and maintenance of related equipment. In 2002, Kokusai Electric established in Shanghai its wholly foreign-owned enterprise – KE Semiconductor Equipment (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.

As consumer electronic devices gain prevalence and emerging industries flourish, the application of semiconductor microchips has expanded extensively. In 2022, KE's revenue increased by about 3 times compared to 2018, and the number of its employees increased by about 2.5 times compared to 5 years ago. In the end of 2022, it was recognized as an IEEP by the Shanghai authorities. The company's representative said, “The rapid development of KE has a lot to do with the favorable development environment of the IC industry in Shanghai. Capitalizing on the YRD region's first-move advantage for the IC industry, Shanghai has attracted a large number of high-caliber IC professionals for its world-class urban services and convenient living conditions. As China remains one of the most important markets in the world, KE will further expand its business in Shanghai and contribute to the development of China's semiconductor industry in the medium to long term.”
Biopharmaceuticals

Since the reform and opening-up began, a group of world-known pharmaceutical enterprises have stepped into Shanghai and developed in an integrated manner with local players. By 2025, Shanghai is expected to witness an output of RMB 1.2 trillion and preliminarily establish a technology innovation hub with global influence in the biopharmaceutical industry.

Industry Advantages

- **Enlarged Industry Scale**
  - In 2022, Shanghai’s biopharmaceutical industry scale exceeded RMB 800 billion for the first time, and the manufacturing output value reached nearly RMB 184.98 billion, a year-on-year increase of 5.7%.

- **Collected Innovation Resources**
  - 26 biopharmaceutical enterprises are listed on the SSE STAR Market, 1/4 of the total number of listed enterprises on the STAR Market in this sector and ranking No. 1 in China.
  - 18 of the world’s 20 largest pharmaceutical enterprises and 17 of the world’s 20 largest medical equipment enterprises have set up RHQs, R&D centers or production bases in Shanghai.

- **Enhanced Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Protection**
  - Shanghai Innovation Bay Customs has established China’s first IPR customs protection center for sci-tech enterprises to provide guidance for biopharmaceutical enterprises to handle IPR customs protection registration and crack down on infringement.

- **A Strong Talent Pool**
  - Shanghai has embraced around 241,000 industry professionals, including over 1,000 national-level experts. High-level talent including academicians in the fields of life science and medicine account for 1/4 of the total in China, ranking among the top nationwide.

Exemplary Case

**Boehringer Ingelheim**

Boehringer Ingelheim, a world leader in biopharmaceutical contract R&D and manufacturing service provider, has been active in China since 1994. The company has grown extensively in the Chinese market with headquarters in Shanghai and played a key role in the development of the biopharmaceutical industry. Since the start of the “China Key” initiative, it has been speeding up efforts to launch global innovative drugs in China. In June 2022, spesolimab developed by Boehringer Ingelheim was included into the “breakthrough treatment list” in China, as the world’s first and currently the only humanized anti-interleukin-36 receptor monoclonal IgG1 antibody, it fills the gap in the treatment of Chinese patients with generalized pustular psoriasis (GPP).

In recent years, Boehringer Ingelheim has been focusing on the higher end of the industry than on local operation, especially the R&D and innovation of local medicine. In 2012, it launched China’s first foreign-owned bio-pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in Zhangjiang, Pudong. In 2023, it set up a digital innovation laboratory BIX and China External Innovation Hub in Shanghai. In 2022, the first phase of the “intelligent plant” project in the Zhangjiang Plant was completed, which leverages Boehringer’s pharmaceutical technologies and development opportunities offered by Shanghai’s new digital intelligent manufacturing to facilitate innovative drug developed and made in Shanghai to go global.

In addition, as an IPR protection高地, Shanghai has won high recognition from foreign-invested enterprises for its world-class and legalized business environment, as well as professional and efficient IPR protection administration services. In 2022, Boehringer Ingelheim won China’s first administrative adjudication case of major patent infringement disputes. The president and CEO of Boehringer Ingelheim China said, “We are glad to see China has improved its IPR protection laws and regulations and aligns with international standards actively to protect innovative achievements and stimulate innovation practices.”
Artificial Intelligence

As of now, Shanghai has established a leading position in brain-like research, computer vision technology, core chips, platform technologies and intelligent robots. It is expected that by 2025, Shanghai’s AI industry above the designated scale will reach RMB 400 billion or an average annual growth rate of over 12%.

Industry Advantages

- Distinct Industry Clustering
  - Shanghai’s AI industry scale reached RMB 305.7 billion in 2021, and many innovation-oriented enterprises in intelligent computing, general AI, extended reality (XR), quantum technology and next-generation communications have settled in Shanghai.
  - AI: China’s first AI Innovation and Application Demonstration Zone, Pudong New Area has promoted the construction of featured parks such as Zhangjiang AIsland, AI Robot Valley, online economy park, Pudong Software Park and Yuqiao Science Park.
  - Zhangjiang AIsland Phase I, a specialized park with one of the largest concentrations of AI enterprises in China, has attracted over 100 domestic and international AI enterprises including IBM, Microsoft, Infineon Technologies and YouYao.

- Multiple Application Scenarios
  - Over the past five years, Shanghai has issued:
    - 30 major AI application scenarios which focus on economy, life and governance, giving birth to a batch of replicable and scalable solutions;
    - 11 digital life pilot scenarios in healthcare, elderly care and other sectors, as well as a handbook and AI industry map for 100 application scenarios.

- Coordinated Industry Chain
  - Data: Shanghai established the Shanghai Data Exchange to ensure trading data compliance; Shanghai Data Exchange to ensure trading data compliance; SenseTime AI Data Center (AIDC), allows base model training with hundreds of billions of parameters.
  - Algorithms: The Baidu PaddlePad AI Industry Empowerment Center settled in Zhangjiang, Shanghai, enabling downstream enterprises to develop industry-specific algorithms rapidly.

- Exemplary Case

Honeywell

Honeywell is a Fortune Global 500 high-tech company which provides aviation products and services, building and industrial control technology, and special characteristic materials to the world. In 2001, benefiting from Shanghai’s leading technology innovation environment, high-level opening-up, dynamic business environment, and strong support for foreign-funded enterprises, Honeywell settled its Asia Pacific headquarters and China R&D center in Zhangjiang, Shanghai. Since then, it has implemented a series of long-term development strategies such as “East Serves East” and “East Serves the World” for the following 20 years.

Through digital transformation, Honeywell has enabled many industries to achieve dual-carbon goals. For example, by leveraging the Honeywell enterprise performance management software solution’s AI and machine learning (ML) algorithms, Honeywell’s Carbon & Energy Management system can autonomously identify and implement energy conservation measures to help drive efficiency, resiliency, and accountability throughout a real estate portfolio. In September 2022, Honeywell entered a strategic partnership with Tencent to jointly create the “Honeywell-Tencent Cloud Vaiing Smart Space Joint Solution” which deeply integrates Honeywell’s software and hardware products and services in the field of smart building technology with Tencent’s superior resources in IT platforms, cloud computing big data, network security, AI and other technologies. In February 2023, Honeywell announced the establishment of the Honeywell Low Carbon Smart Building Research Institute in Shanghai. The institute will strive to use AI technology to promote sustainable development and digitalization in related sustainable development and digitalization in related industries with Chinese partners.
Six Key Industries

Electronic Information

In recent years, Shanghai has gradually developed an electronic information industry which comprises a relatively complete industrial chain, advanced technology, and multiple public service platforms, thus developing into a favorable city in the information technology age.

Industry Advantages

• Steady Growth
  - From January to November 2022, Shanghai’s software business revenue reached over RMB 818.11 billion, a year-on-year increase of 9.7%, ranking 5th in the country, of which information technology service revenue increased by 12.6%, 1.8 percentage points higher than the national average growth rate.
  - In 2022, 17 of Shanghai’s Internet companies including Pinduoduo, Ctrip, Bilibili, and miHoyo were listed;
  - the growth rate of key points higher than the national average growth rate.

• Momentum Gathered for Metaverse
  - VR Shanghai, a supply and demand matchmaking event for the industry, has been launched, and the construction of the first 20 major application scenarios in the Metaverse, including the memorial of the first National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the Oriental Pearl Tower, Bonan, and COMAC, has been advanced.

• Continuously Improved Industrial Internet Innovation Ecology
  - The 2022 Shanghai Industrial Internet Service Providers Catalogue, and local policies, such as the Assessment on Application Level and Performance of Industrial Internet Enterprises, are constantly updated.

Exemplary Case

ViewSonic

ViewSonic is a world-renowned visual display brand which specializes in the sub-fields of monitors and projectors. The 35-year-old company has maintained rapid growth in its global business and has become a global leader in providing visual display solutions. In recent years, ViewSonic has actively integrated its software and hardware services to provide excellent visual display solutions and has successfully transformed itself from a hardware-based company to a solution-based company.

In June 2000, ViewSonic officially entered the Chinese market and established its Chinese headquarters in Shanghai – ViewSonic China. Over the years, ViewSonic has been committed to bringing the world’s most advanced visual display technologies into China, actively integrating internal resources, gathering investment from industry partners, and bringing disruptive change to the industry. In September 2022, ViewSonic China was certified as an MNC RHQ by the Shanghai government. In the future, ViewSonic will capitalize on Shanghai’s core location advantages, extend its influence to other cities in China and the Asia-Pacific region, and continue to deepen the strategic significance of having the Shanghai headquarters in the company’s global business layout by leveraging its new role as an RHQ. The general manager of ViewSonic China told Shanghai Daily that, despite the various challenges in a rapidly changing market, ViewSonic is very confident in the Chinese market and looks forward to continuously developing with Shanghai, taking advantage of the RHQ, and advancing the visual display industry.
Automobiles

Shanghai is focused on the development goal of building the largest automobile industry cluster which features a world-class ecosystem and strong overall competitiveness, and continues to foster integrated collaboration between companies along the industry chain and advanced technology R&D, thus promoting high-quality development of the automobile industry in China.

Industry Advantages

- **Stable Industry and Supply Chain**
  - Shanghai is now home to 8 OEM enterprises and more than 600 domestic and foreign major auto parts enterprises.
  - In 2022, Shanghai produced 3.02 million automobiles. Among them, 990,000 NEVs were worth about RMB 283.8 billion, increasing by 56.9% from the previous year, with both volume and value reaching new highs.
  - Shanghai has nurtured new intelligent vehicle brands such as IM Motors and Rising Auto. Improved the underperforming areas of the industry chain such as automobile key chips and on-board operating systems, and accelerated the establishment of a high-end, emergent, intelligent, modernized and open automobile industry system.

- **Improved Industry Ecology**
  - Clustered over 150,000 high-end inter-disciplinary automotive industry talents, accounting for 22% of the total number in China.
  - Built 620,000 charging piles (a car-to-pile ratio of 1:4.1), retaining its leading position in China.
  - Established 15 national-level and over 100 municipal-level public service platforms and technology centers to improve the service capacity of the NEVs big data platform, power battery traceability platform and charging facilities management platform.
  - Collaboratively built the "1 + 6" Shanghai city cluster to demonstrate the application of fuel cell vehicles and established a NEVs industry association for the YRD region.

- **Continuous Industry Transformation and Upgrading**
  - A total of 900,000 NEVs have been produced in Shanghai, ranking first among cities worldwide.
  - Shanghai has opened a total of 926 testing roads for intelligent and connected vehicles with a length of 1,805 km, and has issued 458 intelligent and connected vehicle road testing and demonstration application licenses to 27 enterprises, ranking first in road mileage and the numbers of testing enterprises and licenses issued.

Exemplary Case

**BOSCH China**

Since it entered China in 1909, BOSCH has deeply integrated itself with China's economic development to become a leading enterprise in the Chinese automobile and intelligent transportation market. Benefiting from national strategies such as the integrated development of the YRD region and the Hongqiao International Hub for Opening-up, as well as the key development task of building Shanghai into a highland for a headquarters economy cluster, BOSCH primarily operates in the YRD region, and officially established and opened its China headquarters in Shanghai Hongqiao Linkong Business Park in 2011. With an investment of RMB 350 million, the headquarters in Shanghai is a largest one in the Asia Pacific region. In November 2022, the BOSCH Cross-Domain Computing Solutions (Shanghai) R&D Center in Jinqiao of Pudong New Area was officially inaugurated. In the future, the center will be the base for over 540 researchers engaged in the intelligent cockpit and high-level intelligent driving. Further enhancing BOSCH’s local R&D strength in the future transportation industry. The President of the Cross-Domain Computing Solutions Division in China said, "Jinqiao Economic and Technological Development Zone in Shanghai’s Pudong New Area has a complete automobile industry chain and is driving to establish a modern automobile industry featuring NEVs + Intelligent Driving. We hope to actively cooperate with Jinqiao Development Zone and enterprises across the whole automobile industry chain to jointly promote the innovative development of the Chinese intelligent vehicles market."
High-end Equipment

Shanghai is the birthplace of China’s high-end equipment industry. During the 14th Five-Year Plan period, Shanghai incorporated the high-end equipment industry into its six key advanced manufacturing industry clusters. By 2025, Shanghai is expected to have built a globally influential high-end equipment stronghold powered by innovation and key technologies.

Industry Advantages

Intelligent Manufacturing Empowering Industry Development
- In 2022, the scale of Shanghai’s intelligent manufacturing equipment industry surpassed RMB 100 billion, making Shanghai one of the largest exporters of intelligent manufacturing system integration solutions in China. Furthermore, the total industrial output value of the intelligent manufacturing system integration solution reached RMB 60 billion, the highest in the country.
- Since the implementation of the intelligent factory construction action in 2020, Shanghai has had 3 enterprises rated as national benchmark intelligent factories, 8 enterprises as national intelligent manufacturing demonstration factories, and 49 scenarios as national-level excellent scenarios, leading the country’s development in this area.

Cluster of Leading Enterprises
- Over the past five years, Shanghai has attracted central state-owned enterprises such as China State Shipbuilding Corporation, the headquarters of China Electrical Equipment Group, foreign-funded enterprises such as SIEMENS Healthineers, FANUC, KUKA, and research institutes such as the Chinese Academy of Sciences, which have formed leading advantages in the city.

New Energy Equipment as a New Growth Driver
- Throughout 2021, Shanghai witnessed strong growth in new energy equipment. The output value of both wind power equipment and photovoltaic equipment grew by over 40% year on year, and the output value of intelligent grid equipment increased by over 20% from the previous year, further accelerating the achievement of carbon peak and neutrality.

Breakthroughs at Home and Abroad
- Shanghai Electric Wind Power Group has independently developed the world’s first “100-meter” offshore carbon fiber wind turbine blade.
- Shanghai’s Smart Numerical Control Technology’s first large-scale locally built horizontal five-axis numerical control milling machine tool has been successfully applied.

Exemplary Case

Linde Gas
Linde is one of the world’s leading industrial gas and engineering companies. Its two core departments, gas and engineering, are dedicated to providing various compressed and liquefied gases and chemicals, derisins, natural gas and air separation units as well as hydrogen & syngas plants.
To better meet the needs of customers in China and the Asia-Pacific region, Linde has set up its Asia-Pacific R&D Center in Shanghai. In 2021, the Center focuses on advanced manufacturing, energy conservation and emission reduction, consumption upgrading, and the research and development of new application technologies and solutions for industrial gases. In addition, Linde is vigorously developing new energy technology and forming a sustainable development model. In 2019, Yilan Jinshan Hydrogen Refueling Station in Shanghai Chemical Industry Park, developed and supported by Linde, was officially put into operation. The station is one of China’s first pipeline hydrogen refueling stations to become a stable and reliable hydrogen supply, promoting the commercialization of hydrogen refueling stations in Shanghai.

At the 5th CIIE in 2022, Linde signed a strategic cooperation agreement with Iraeta Energy Equipment. In the future, they will develop and promote holistic solutions for carbon reduction and efficiency enhancement applicable to the forging industry, so as to achieve a 30% to 50% CO2 emissions reduction and promote the transition to green and low-carbon development, while accelerating local collaborative innovation. Meanwhile, Linde Engineering also signed a new cooperation agreement with Shanghai Huayi (Group) Company on air separation units, further deepening the cooperation between Linde and the leading chemical enterprise in China.
Advanced Materials

The advanced materials industry focuses on application areas such as ICs, biopharmaceuticals, high-end equipment, aerospace, and new energy. By 2023, its industry scale is projected to reach RMB 300 billion, and the industry will comprise 3 to 5 RMB 5 billion-level leading enterprises, 20 RMB 1 billion-worth enterprises, and 50 innovative high-growth enterprises.

Industry Advantages

Upper-level Government Consolidating Industry Development Momentum

- In November 2022, the new materials industry was proposed as one of the future industry clusters in the Action Plan of Shanghai Municipality for Developing an Innovation High-ground of Future Industries and Developing Stronger Future Industry Clusters issued by Shanghai Municipal People’s Government;
- Improving the capacity for industry transformation in Pudong, Baoshan, Jinhua and other districts to build future material industry clusters;
- Targeting functional breakthroughs in material applications and aiming to form a cutting-edge industry layout and cultivate enterprise needs, so as to facilitate R&D advances and commercialization of high-end membranes, high-performance composites and other technologies.

Shanghai Chemical Industry Park: Leading Industry Upgrading Through Innovation

- China’s No.1 chemical industry park in terms of comprehensive development;
- Shanghai International Chemical Industry Park Innovation Union; Shanghai Chemical Industry Park, and 10 institutions and enterprises;
- In 2022, Shanghai Chemical Industry Park witnessed a total industrial output of about RMB 134.8 billion;
- In 2022, total investment in projects implemented in the Park reached RMB 13.08 billion, a year-on-year increase of 94%, the highest in nearly ten years.

Digitalization-driven Industry Development

- Shanghai New Materials Industry Digital Union (Material Sharing and Production). The conference aimed to actively lead and promote the application of digital technology in the new materials industry and the digital transformation of enterprises in Shanghai by establishing a digital union and the Shanghai New Materials Industry Digital Technology Online Service Public Platform.

Exemplary Case

BASF China

BASF is one of the world’s largest chemical industry enterprises, with branches in 90 nations, and is a clear industry leader. In 1994, it settled in Shanghai; in 2004, it registered its Greater China headquarters in Shanghai Pudong Innovation Park, which is also its largest R&D site in the Asia-Pacific region and global headquarters for its Advanced Materials & Systems Research Technology Platform. Furthermore, BASF has set up one of its three largest Chinese production sites in Caojing, Shanghai. After settling in Shanghai, BASF Group has been increasing its investments to promote the development of the advanced materials industry in the city. In 2022, BASF initiated a technical transformation project for high-end skin care and makeup products in Carbon Bay, investing about RMB 280 million to build a headquarters integrating the production and sale of high-end cosmetic materials and care chemicals. With the completion of Innovation Campus Shanghai Phase III in 2023, BASF’s overall investment in Innovation Campus Shanghai will have amounted to almost EUR 280 million. Markus Kamieth, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, said, “After over 30 years of development, Shanghai has become one of BASF’s most important international hubs. As BASF is dedicated to low-carbon green transformation and sustainable development and highly appreciates the practical steps China has taken to support its development, we hope to strengthen the cooperation with Shanghai in the future.”
Life Science and Healthcare

The life science and healthcare industry will focus mainly on the development of biopharmaceutical, advanced medical device and intelligent healthcare product manufacturing, and extend further into related service sectors such as healthcare and pharmaceutical circulation. Shanghai is committed to building a full-fledged life science and healthcare industry chain with global competitiveness by promoting integrated development of the industry with information technology.

Industry Advantages

Accelerated Development of Medical Devices

- The China Bio Innovation Conference 2022 witnessed the signing for the establishment of the Shanghai Yangtze River Delta Innovation Research and Testing Center for High-end Medical Devices, which will go into service in 2023.
- In 2022, about 50 innovative medical devices were approved for market launch in China, and 70 of them came from Shanghai, making up about 14% of the national total.
- In 2022, medical device registration in Shanghai took about 100 calendar days on average, nearly one-third shorter than that at the beginning of 2021.

Remarkable Achievements of “Healthcare + Internet” Integration

- Shanghai currently has more than 100 municipal-level, district-level and private internet hospitals. Among them, 89 public internet hospitals can provide cross-hospital re-examination and dispensing services.

High-quality Development of Healthcare

- Shanghai has issued the Implementation Opinions on Promoting High-quality Development of Contracted Family Doctor Services in Shanghai.
- By 2025, the city will expand the family doctor services to cover over 45% of its permanent residents and at least 80% of priority groups, including in-patients and disabled seniors, and ensure at least 60% of the signed priority patients will receive community-level health services.

Exemplary Case

Merck China

Merck is a sci-tech company specialized in healthcare, life science and electronics, with more than 60,000 employees worldwide. It has been developing in China for 90 years since the establishment of its first Chinese branch in Shanghai in 1933. Merck was among the first companies that received the certificate for MNC RHQs issued by the Shanghai municipal government in 2023.

China is now Merck’s second-largest market in the world, and Shanghai lies at the heart of its market strategy. Benefiting from the city’s excellent environment for business, investment and innovation, Merck has increased its investment in Shanghai over the years. In 2022, Merck’s first biosafety testing facility in China was inaugurated in Shanghai, with an investment of EUR 29 million. In the same year, Merck opened its first comprehensive facility in the world that focuses on innovation in semiconductor and OLED materials – the Electronics Technology Center China, and its first OLED material production base in China were put into operation. Underpinned by the accumulation of strong technological strength and the young people’s increasingly diverse expectations for healthcare, the total demand for health products and healthcare services is increasing year by year. Against this background, Merck will put additional investment in its Biologics Testing Center, and Electronics Technology Center in 2023 to facilitate Shanghai’s goal of developing its life science and healthcare industry clusters.
Modern Consumer Goods

The development of modern consumer goods industry focuses on digital consumption and fashion consumer goods, including the online new economy and digital industry. By 2025, Shanghai will become a hub for fashion products, fashion trends, innovation and consumption, with the scale of its modern consumer goods industry exceeding RMB 520 billion.

Industry Advantages

Growing Potential in Consumption

In 2022:
- Shanghai’s total retail sales of consumer goods reached RMB 1.64 trillion, remaining No.1 among all national central cities in China;
- Shanghai’s retail sales of online stores amounted to RMB 346.14 billion, accounting for 21.1% of its total retail sales of consumer goods, up by 2.5 percentage points over the previous year;
- Shanghai contributed nearly 1/6 of China’s total sales of cutting-edge brands, and ranked first among all Chinese cities in terms of the number of online new consumer goods brands.

Optimized Supply Structure

In 2022, Shanghai:
- Held the third “Double Five Shopping Festival” and the first “International Consumption Center City Forum” in conjunction with the “International Shopping Festival” initiated by the Ministry of Commerce of China;
- Hosted “Cloud Fashion Week,” the pioneer of fully-digital fashion show in the world, reinterpreting the concept of “See Now, Buy Now”;
- Welcomed a total of 1,073 new first stores (including flagship or concept ones), remaining No.1 among all Chinese cities in the number and capacity of first stores;
- Released favorable policy measures, including supporting the innovative development of the consumer market and providing subsidies for the purchase of green and smart appliances.

Upgraded Commercial Space

In 2022, Shanghai:
- Upgraded the capacity of 7 demonstration zones for global new product debut, built 15 iconic nightlife zones, reinterpreted the concept of “See Now, Buy Now”;
- Released the Shanghai Commercial Space Plan (2022–2035).

Exemplary Case

Estee Lauder (Shanghai) Commercial Co., Ltd.

Established in New York City in 1946, the Estée Lauder Companies Inc. is one of the world’s leading companies offering quality skin care, makeup, and fragrance products. The company’s products are sold through over 13,000 points of sale in approximately 150 countries and territories. Estée Lauder has been increasing its investment and expanding its business in China since 1993. In 2005, Estée Lauder moved its Asia-Pacific RHQ from Singapore to Shanghai, where it established its first R&D center in China. Currently, China has become the largest market for the company, and its net sales in China nearly doubled over the last three fiscal years.

Attracted by Shanghai’s favorable environment for technology innovation and its open and inclusive talent policies, Estée Lauder opened its China Innovation Center in 2022. With a strong R&D team, inspiration from local consumer trends and insights into target consumers, the center has been focusing on innovative products and services tailored for consumers in China and the rest of Asia. Meanwhile, the company is to set up a research center for men’s skincare to carry out clinical testing targeted for Chinese male consumers. “Our investment in the innovation center is a testament to our long-term commitment to China, and our dedication to delivering superior products and services to Chinese and global consumers,” said Fabrizio Freda, president and CEO of the Estée Lauder Companies.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the modern consumer goods industry in Shanghai.
Modern Services

Cultural and Creative Industries

The cultural and creative industries mainly include 12 sectors such as media and arts, design, fashion & creativity, recreation and entertainment, Internet-related services, advertising, and exhibition services. By 2025, the creative and design industries in Shanghai are expected to produce a total output exceeding RMB 2 trillion, which will further contribute to Shanghai’s mission of establishing itself as a socialist cultural metropolis of international influence.

Industry Advantages

High-quality and Green Development

- According to the China Cultural Industry Development Index (2022) and Analysis on Index Changes Between 2019 and 2022 published by the Cultural Economy Research Institute of the Central University of Finance and Economics, Shanghai ranked No. 1 in the Index for the first time in 2022, showing outstanding performance regarding the output quality and its sub-indicators such as innovation results, social effect and spillover effect.
- Shanghai ranked top in China in terms of both the input level and output quality of its cultural industries, demonstrating a development pattern of high input and high output.
- With the advancement of the carbon dioxide peaking and carbon neutrality initiatives and the further application of the green development concept, Shanghai has attached great importance to the utilization and protection of the environment and natural resources, and ranked first in the country regarding the environment and resources for its cultural industries.

Thriving New Market Segments

- According to the Global Top E-Sports Cities Industry Development Index 2022, Shanghai ranked third in the overall ranking, and ranked third, first and eighth respectively in terms of the industry development, supporting facility and services, and talent pooling of its e-sports industry.
- Shanghai is leading the country in the growth of its e-sports industry, whose game market revenue takes up more than 50% of China’s total. With 47 e-sports venues, Shanghai’s e-sports clubs account for 43.6% of the national total.

A Stable Industry Chain

- Shanghai has 149 municipal-level cultural and creative parks which occupy a total floor area of about 8.36 million m² and house more than 20,000 cultural and creative enterprises, contributing over RMB 30 billion of tax revenue.

Exemplary Case

Sotheby’s

Founded in 1744, Sotheby’s is the oldest and largest art auction house in the world with an international reputation. It has 80 offices worldwide and its total annual turnover has exceeded USD 4 billion. Sotheby’s set up an office in Shanghai in 1994. At the end of 2022, it announced the plan to settle its Chinese Mainland headquarters in Shanghai, along with the opening of the Shanghai Sotheby’s Space on the banks of the Suzhou Creek. In recent years, Shanghai has introduced many measures to support the cultural and creative industries. For instance, Shanghai rolled out a “6-month * N” system that allows unlimited times of application for a 6-month deferral for the exit of cultural relics temporarily entered China, so as to facilitate bonded exhibition and trading. In addition, the Shanghai International Cultural Relics and Artwork Trade Service Center was set up in Pudong New Area, providing venues, facilities and services such as authentication for the auction and trading of cultural relics and artworks. These efforts have boosted the confidence of enterprises and stimulated investor enthusiasm.

The managing director of Sotheby’s China division said, “In nearly 30 years of business in Shanghai, Sotheby’s has witnessed the rapid development of the city and benefited from its vibrant collecting culture. We believe, with Shanghai as its front, the cultural collection industry in China will release its great potential and embrace a bright future. We will keep expanding our business, including auctions and other forms of catalyzing and try to develop more collection categories and experiences, bringing more art collections from around the world to Chinese art lovers.”

Scan the QR code to learn more about the life cultural and creative industries in Shanghai
Financial Services

The financial services industry in Shanghai aims to enhance its capacity to allocate financial service resources. It will focus its efforts on four aspects: further opening up of the industry, improving support to the real economy, strengthening innovation in financial products and tools, and creating a fair, stable and efficient environment.

Industry Advantages

Steadily Improved Capacity of Financial Markets

Over the past decade:
- Shanghai's capacity to allocate RMB financial assets has been continuously enhanced, with its cross-border RMB settlement accounting for about 50% of China's total.
- The total turnover of Shanghai's financial markets has increased nearly fivefold from RMB 528 trillion to RMB 2,511 trillion.
- Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE) has witnessed a nearly threefold increase in its market cap, jumping from No. 7 to No. 3 among the world's bourses.
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Promising Prospects for New Financial Segments

- In 2022, the Shanghai Green Finance Index, jointly compiled by the Shanghai Head Office of the People’s Bank of China and Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, was officially launched. The overall score of the Shanghai Green Finance Index in 2021 was 11.67%, indicating stronger development momentum of green finance than previous years;
- Shanghai has rolled out an inclusive financial advisory system to provide targeted support to market entities including MSMEs in the 3 leading industries and 6 key industry clusters.

Exemplary Case

Fidelity International
Fidelity International, established in 1969, provides asset management services to institutions and individual investors around the world except for the US and Canada. It is one of the most trusted leading asset managers in the world. The company has more than 7,000 employees and operates globally with offices in 25 countries and regions.

Since 2004 when Fidelity International set up its first Chinese office in Shanghai, its business in the city has been expanding year after year. In 2015, Fidelity International established a wholly foreign-invested private fund management company in China. In December 2022, Fidelity International obtained regulatory approval to start its mutual fund business in China. Its team size in Shanghai has tripled in the past two years. All these achievements cannot be accomplished without Shanghai’s remarkable progress in building itself into an international financial hub, where well-functioning financial factor systems, complete financial infrastructure and abundant fintech application scenarios have been in place, providing sustained impetus to the development of financial institutions. As noted by the company’s representative, Fidelity International is planning to establish its mutual funds management headquarters in Shanghai as well, and committed to pursuing long-term development in the city and serving Chinese investors while contributing to building Shanghai into a global asset management center.
Chapter III
Districts and Functional Zones for Investment

Lin-gang Special Area of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone

Since its founding, the Lin-gang Special Area of SHFTZ has issued a total of 283 policies, 36 of which were recognized as national pioneering cases, and its main economic indicators have maintained a double-digit growth.

### Highlights

- Total fixed-asset investment in 2022: RMB 348.2 billion
- Total import and export value in Yangshan Free Trade Zone in 2022: RMB 215 billion
- Licensed to provide coastal transshipment for foreign liners: 1,380
- Total investment: RMB 774.5 billion
- Bonded LNG refueling in Yangshan Port: 130,000 m³
- Total industrial output value above the designated scale in 2022: RMB 132.5 billion

### Strategic Goals

- Expanding institutional opening-up
- Building world-class industry clusters
- Increasing global service functions

### Resource Advantages

- **Institutional Innovations for Opening-up**
  - Implementing the first negative list for cross-border services trade in China and promising to pilot expanding investment opening up in finance, value-added telecommunications, healthcare and culture;
  - Creating the “Six Special” customs regulatory models in Yangshan Free Trade Zone;
  - Being the first in China to pilot concealing the special RMB capital account for foreign direct investment;
  - Implementing the system for international ships to register in Yangshan Port;
  - Piloting more facilitated procedures of long-term and permanent residence application for overseas professionals;
  - Completing the first cross-border data flow safety assessment for a resident enterprise.

- **Increasingly Clustered Industry Factors**
  - More than 300 cutting-edge industry projects signed up in past three years with a total investment of over RMB 420 billion;
  - 14 top sci-tech innovation institutions introduced, such as Peking University International Innovation Center and Science and Technology Innovation Platform for Smart Manufacturing of Shanghai Jiao Tong University;
  - Numerous cutting-edge industry projects with core technologies clustered in 7 specialized industry parks including Oriental Microchip Port and Life Science & Tech Park.

### Development Priority

- **Advanced Industries**
  - AI
  - New-energy and intelligent connected vehicles
  - High-end equipment manufacturing
  - Biopharma-pesticals
  - New materials
  - Civil aviation
  - Hydrogen energy

### Policy Support

Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Lin-gang Special Area of SHFTZ.
Hongqiao International Central Business District

On November 1, 2022, the Regulations of Shanghai Municipality on Promoting the Development of Hongqiao International Central Business District officially came into effect. Focusing on opening-up, Hongqiao CBD is committed to developing itself into a high-level international central business district by making greater efforts in innovating institutions to ensure further opening-up and deepened reforms.

### Highlights

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### Strategic Goals

1. Developing international commercial services
2. Building a demonstration area of integrated urban and industry development
3. Strengthening the core function of the Hongqiao International Transportation Hub
4. Supporting the integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta region
5. Building a new platform supporting Shanghai as an international trade center

### Resource Advantages

- **Big Commerce**
  - Over 500 enterprises equipped with headquarters functions have settled down in the CBD, including Fortune Global 500 companies and foreign-invested RHQs such as Roche, Shell, Unilever, Midea and Anta.

- **Vigorous Sci-Tech Innovation**
  - The percentage of companies specialized in scientific research and technical services in the CBD is 17.5%, 3.4 times as much as that of the city.
  - The CBD has nurtured 9 major platforms including Shanghai Hongqiao Airport Economic Demonstration Zone, Belu Digital Base and North Hongqiao National Cultural and Digital Publishing Base, as well as more than 2,200 digital enterprises above the designated size.

- **Improved Transportation Infrastructure**
  - Clear planning has been made to build a rail transit system connecting to Shanghai Pudong International Airport and the rest of the YRD region, along with an expanded road network linked to the rail system and neighboring areas.

- **High-capacity Exhibitions**
  - The CBD has facilitated the successful convening of the 5th China International Import Expo (CIIE), and focused on introducing and nurturing high-end exhibitions, to build a complete industry chain covering venues, organizers and supporting service providers.

### Development Priority

1. **Four Strong Economies**
   - High-capacity Headquarters economy
   - High-end Service economy
   - High-flux Trade economy
   - High-slippery Exhibition economy

2. **Five New Sectors**
   - Digital economy
   - Life science
   - Innovative automobiles
   - Fashion consumption
   - High-end services

### Policy Support

Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Hongqiao International Central Business District.

### Pudong New Area

#### Highlights

- **Foreign investment in 2022**: RMB 29 billion
- **USD 11 billion**
- **RMB 29 billion**
- **90%+ growth rate of total fixed-asset investment in 2022**
- **Total government expenditure on supporting enterprises in 2022**
- **1,170**
- **419**

#### Development Priority

- **Number of licensed financial institutions**: 120
- **Number of foreign-invested asset management companies in Lujiazui**: 11

#### Regional Layout

### Leading Industries

1. **ICs, AI, Biopharmaceuticals**
2. **Self-developed microchips, Vehicles of the future**
3. **Aerospace, Big data**
4. **Intelligent manufacturing, Innovative drugs**

### RMB Hundred-billion-level Industry Clusters

- **Self-developed microchips**
- **Vehicles of the future**
- **Aerospace, Big data**
- **Intelligent manufacturing, Innovative drugs**

### Policy Support

Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Pudong New Area.
Leveraging SHFTZ, and the pilot area for comprehensive reform and other innovative platforms, Pudong New Area has stepped up its efforts in implementing the Guidelines on Supporting Pudong New Area in High-level Reform and Opening-up to Build it into a Pioneer Area for Socialist Modernization (hereinafter referred to as the “Guidelines”). Progress has been made in all 450 tasks specified in the implementation plan in response to the Guidelines, among which 409 tasks have been basically completed.

### New Development Goals

- **Making a Good Use of Autonomy in Legal Systems**: Complement or adapt current rules and regulations appropriately in accordance with practical needs in local reform and innovation, ensuring Pudong’s pioneering role.

- **Focus on Piloting Reform**: Prioritize systematic integration of reform practices and institutional opening-up, and enhance resilience of SHFTZ and the Lujiazui Special Area.

- **Speed Up Development**: Accelerate the expansion of Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park, and optimize its development. Speeding up development is expected to help the Shanghai FAO.

- **Prioritize Systematic Integration of Local Reform and Innovation**: Ensuring that measures are in line with practical needs in accordance with the implementation plan in response to the Guidelines issued after the release of the Guidelines.

- **Making a Good Use of Local Resources and Potential**: Utilizing the Shanghai FAO’s full potential and resource force to drive Pudong into a new era.

### Leading New Progress

- **A Pioneer in Greater Opening-Up**:
  - 15 new regulations of Pudong New Area have been issued after the release of the Guidelines.
  - Due to the deepened One Integrated License Reform, over 3,200 comprehensive licenses have been issued so far; the system of market access upon commitment has been implemented.
  - The National Bulk Commodity Warrant Registration Center has been put into operation, and the pioneering integrated supervision model of “one division, two locations” for large aircraft manufacturing has been implemented.

- **A Highland of Global Resource Allocation**: A better financial system has been in place, featuring pilot platforms for private equity and venture capital share transfer, and wholly foreign-owned public funds like BlackRock. Pudong is the first in the country to integrate four markets for copper products, futures, domestic spot, and international spot.

- **A Benchmark of Independent Innovation**:
  - With 25 business leaders joining the Group Open Innovation (GOI) plan in 2022, the total number of GOI members amounted to 65, empowering more than 2,300 companies; COMAC Innovation Valley has become a hub of scientific research and innovation, and attracted more than 1,500 high-caliber professionals.

- **A Forerunner in Increasing Domestic Needs**:
  - Nearly 100 consumer goods RHQs have settled in Pudong, such as P&G and Danone; new consumer growth points are emerging, including Hema Cross-border Go and Farfetch Global Warehouse.

### Hui Xian New Area

- **Demonstration Area of Modern Urban Governance**: Pudong is on its way to become a demonstration zone of urban digital transformation.

- **New RHQs of MNCs in 2022**:
  - 8
  - 19
  - USD 270 million
  - USD 1.7 billion

### Highlights

- **Total value of intended deals at the 5th CIIE**:
  - 6
  - 71

### Regional Layout

- **Total contractual foreign investment in 2022**:
  - 71

- **Key commercial buildings**:
  - Total value of intended deals at the 5th CIIE

### Regional Layout

- **Promising Industries**
  - Three Industries: Three trillion-level industries
  - Three trillion-level industries

- **Policy Support**

- **Comprehensive Innovation Industry Park**
  - Haining Innovation Industry Park

- **Urban Consumption Industry Park**
  - Urban Consumption Industry Park

- **Key Industry Parks**
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### Development Priority

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### Building Pudong New Area into a Pioneer Area for Socialist Modernization

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- More international organizations and institutions are gathering in Pudong, and many MNCs have signed contracts to participate in the Global Operator Program (GOP), which helps them expand to the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world.
**Jing’an District**

**Highlights**
- Newly-introduced “first stores” in 2022
- Total sales of consumer goods in 2022, the highest among Shanghai’s downtown districts
- Key commercial buildings
- High-tech enterprises

**Development Priority**
- Digital economy
- Life science and healthcare
- Cultural creativity
- Modern finance

**Regional Layout**

**Policy Support**
Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Jing’an District

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**Xuhui District**

**Highlights**
- Newly-introduced enterprises worth over RMB 10 million in 2022
- Newly-introduced “first stores” in 2022
- Paid-in foreign investment growth in 2022

**Development Priority**
- Innovation economy
- Service economy
- Open economy
- Headquarters economy
- Flux economy

**Regional Layout**

**Five Types of Economy**
- Metaverse
- Low-carbon economy
- Intelligent terminals

**Policy Support**
Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Xuhui District
Changning District

### Highlights
- E-commerce platforms with a transaction volume of over RMB 100 million
- Related enterprises in the AI industry chain
- Newly-opened “first stores” in 2022
- Buildings with tax revenue of more than RMB 100 million

### Development Priority
- Traditional Competitive Industries
  - Modern trade
  - Information services
  - Professional services
- Future-oriented Emerging Industries
  - Aviation services
  - New business models of “intelligent connected +”
  - Fashion and creativity
- Key Specialized Industries
  - Modern trade
  - Information services

### Regional Layout
- Changning District
- Surrounding key buildings and industry parks

### Policy Support
- Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Changning District

Putuo District

### Highlights
- Ministerial/municipal-level scientific research institutes
- MNC RHQs and foreign-funded R&D centers
- National/ministerial R&D public service platforms

### Development Priority
- Five Types of Economy
  - Innovation economy
  - Service economy
  - MNC economy
  - Open economy
  - Flux economy

### Regional Layout
- Putuo District
- Surrounding key buildings and industry parks

### Policy Support
- Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Putuo District
**Hongkou District**

**Highlights**
- Leading general public budget revenue growth in Shanghai in 2022
- Newly-introduced projects with registered capital of over RMB 30 million in 2022
- Buildings with tax revenue of more than RMB 100 million

**Development Priority**
- Financial asset management
- High-end shipping services
- Commerce and trade
- New segments

**Policy Support**
- Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Hongkou District

**Regional Layout**

**Yangpu District**

**Highlights**
- Technology transaction volume of the Shanghai Technology Exchange in 2022
- New high-capacity enterprise headquarters and R&D centers in 2022
- Buildings with tax revenue of more than RMB 100 million

**Development Priority**
- Commerce and trade services
- Urban industry
- Advanced Industries
- Basic Industries

**Policy Support**
- Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Yangpu District

**Regional Layout**
**Baoshan District**

**Highlights**
- Projects signed during contacts signing ceremonies in 2022
- Proportion of Baoshan’s steel platform trading volume to China’s total in 2022
- Total fixed-asset investment in 2022

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**Development Priority**
- Biopharmaceuticals
- New generation IT
- Advanced materials
- Robotics and intelligent manufacturing
- Modern services

**Regional Layout**

**Policy Support**
Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Baoshan District

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**Minhang District**

**Highlights**
- Per capita disposable income in 2022
- Total reduction of taxes and fees in 2022
- Proportion of total R&D expenditure to Minhang’s GDP

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**Development Priority**
- Advanced Manufacturing Industries
- Modern Services
- Cultural creativity

**Regional Layout**

**Policy Support**
Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Minhang District
Jiading District

Highlights
- Total amount of foreign investment introduced in 2022: RMB 552.09 billion
- Municipal level R&D centers: 43
- Foreign-related tax revenue: RMB 3.57 billion
- Foreign-invested enterprises: 2,453
- H-tech enterprises: 4,300+
- Municipal level foreign-invested R&D centers: 26

Development Priority
- Electric, smart, intelligent-connected and shared automotive industry
- Intelligent sensors and IoT
- High-performance healthcare equipment and precision medicine
- Online new economy

Regional Layout

Policy Support
Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Jiading District

Jinshan District

Highlights
- Total fixed-asset investment in 2022: RMB 6.75 billion
- High-tech enterprises: 1,250
- Municipal level foreign-invested R&D centers: 41.8 billion
- Total retail sales of consumer goods in 2022: RMB 28.9 billion
- New specialized and sophisticated enterprises that produce new and unique products in 2022: 147

Development Priority
- Over RMB 100 billion-level: Life science and healthcare, IT
- RMB 50 billion-level: New materials, intelligent equipment, life science and healthcare, IT
- New specialized and sophisticated enterprises that produce new and unique products in 2022: Carbon fiber, composites, new displays

Regional Layout

Policy Support
Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Jinshan District
Songjiang District

Highlights
- Contracted foreign investment in 2022: RMB 449.69 billion
- Total output of industrial enterprises above the designated size in 2022: RMB 555 billion
- Total import and export volume in 2022: RMB 367.25 billion
- High-tech enterprises: 1,619
- Specialized and sophisticated enterprises that produce new and unique products: 653
- New listed companies in 2022: 104
- Development Priority: AI, Biopharmaceuticals, ICs, New materials, New energy, Intelligent security
- Regional Layout

Qingpu District

Highlights
- Total supportive subsidies in 2022: RMB 32.5 billion
- New corporate technology centers in 2022: 8
- Industry scale of the digital economy: 52
- Development Priority: Biopharmaceutical industry scale, Industry scale of the digital economy
- Regional Layout
**Fengxian District**

### Highlights

**GDP in 2022**
- RMB 137.1 billion
- Output growth rate of industrial enterprises above the designated size in 2022: 9.1%
- New high-tech enterprises in 2022: 488
- New specialized and sophisticated enterprises that produce new and unique products in 2022: 37
- New high-tech companies in 2022: 11

### Development Priority

**Oriental Beauty Valley**
- Biopharmaceuticals
- Cosmetics
- High-end food
- Pet economy

**Future Space**
- Intelligent connected NEVs
- Automotive parts
- Intelligent manufacturing

**Digital Jianghai**
- Digital enterprises
- Digital industries
- Digital talent

### Policy Support

Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Fengxian District.

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**Chongming District**

### Highlights

**Total fixed-asset investment in 2022**
- RMB 12.19 billion
- New projects worth over RMB 100 million in 2022: 29

**Total retail sales growth of consumer goods in 2022**
- RMB 3.27 billion
- New projects worth over RMB 100 million in 2022: 29

### Development Priority

**Intelligent marine equipment manufacturing**

**Green technology**

**Modern green agriculture**

**Ecological and cultural tourism**

**Healthcare and wellness**

### Regional Layout

Scan the QR code to learn more about supporting policies in Chongming District.
Chapter IV
Investment Services and Protection

Business Environment Development

Shanghai constantly steps up its efforts to build a law-based world-class business environment featuring the most convenient trade and investment as well as the most efficient and standardized government services to enhance its international influence.

Targeted Reforms to Address Key Issues

- Fully implementing the self-declaration system for enterprise name registration;
- Rolling out an identity code system for market entities;
- Improving the standardized database for enterprise domicile registration;
- Pushing forward the “one-stop service” for frequent issues regarding corporate license and permit information change;
- Promoting the expansion of seamless loan renewal;
- Advancing the use of Xinyida and other big data-based inclusive finance platforms;
- Encouraging innovation in sustainable financial services and private investment in green industries.

- Fully implementing the policy of allowing pile foundation construction to start prior to the issuance of a construction permit;
- Offering more high-quality and streamlined government services for land planning and use approval;
- Piloting the development of business premises resource platforms with a focus on specialized industry parks;
- Extending phased completion acceptance to major industry and public facility projects.

- Exploring the system of immediate approval for operation upon commitment for foreign-invested companies;
- Deepening the reform of “One Integrated License” and joint issuance of licenses and permits;
- Piloting the program of providing consulting services for the entire process of engineering and construction projects;
- Improving the mechanism of window affairs officers, and adding a new batch of innovative application scenarios for the Government Online-Offline Shanghai Portal;
- Implementing the cross-border RMB and foreign exchange settlement facilitation measures, which allow qualified companies to process the settlement in cross-border trade and investment and financing through receipt and payment instructions.

- Promoting the expansion of seamless loan renewal;
- Advancing the use of Xinyida and other big data-based inclusive finance platforms;
- Encouraging innovation in sustainable financial services and private investment in green industries.

- Encouraging paperless practices among shipping companies and port enterprises;
- Expanding the model of third-party inspection of imported commodities;
- Improving the online verification of import tariff quotas and correspondingly piloting paperless customs clearance;
- Spreading the single-window services for international trade.

- Innovating in policies and mechanisms for visa, exit-entry and residence permit administration;
- Launching a pilot program for protecting enterprises’ legitimate rights and interests by providing compensation to market entities whose rights and interests may be violated by administrative actions;
- Issuing special measures to relax market access in the Pudong New Area;
- Optimizing the “bounty system” for sci-tech innovation to fully support the development of new-type R&D institution clusters;
- Launching an innovative pilot program in trade secret protection.

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- Accelerating the development of a demonstration zone for import promotion and innovation, and platforms like the Hongqiao Import Commodity Exhibition and Trade Center;
- Encouraging eligible companies in the Hongqiao CBD to engage in offshore economic and trade business with free trade accounts;
- Speeding up the construction of the Hongqiao International Central Business District Enterprise Service Center and the Hongqiao International Business Talent Port;
- Advancing the establishment of the Hongqiao International Central Legal Services District to build a law-based business environment.

Key Areas as Pioneers in Institutional Innovation

- Pudong New Area: A Comprehensive Demonstration Zone with Premium Business Environment
- Lingang Special Area: A Highland for Institutional Innovation in Business Environment
- Hongqiao International Central Business District: A Unique Business Environment for International Trade
Government Online-Offline Shanghai Portal Constantly Empowering the City

October 17, 2022 marked the fourth anniversary of the official launch of the Government Online-Offline Shanghai Portal. Over the past four years, the Portal has largely promoted cross-departmental collaboration as well as big data sharing and application. Through synergistic efforts from the online and offline sides, a new pattern of digital governance has been developed, giving an ongoing boost to the city’s soft power.

Initiating and Continuously Optimizing the Government Online-Offline Shanghai Portal

- As of the end of 2022, the Government Online-Offline Shanghai Portal has:
  - Provided access to around 3,600 service items,
  - Handled a total of about 300 million cases,
  - 84% of cases were handled online.
- Two local regulations have been rolled out to provide institutional support for the reform of the Government Online-Offline Shanghai Portal.
- A comprehensive service system has been established within the Portal, and its covering areas have extended from government services to public services.
- The monthly active users on the E-shimin (Suishenban) platform peaked at 23.90 million, with an average daily caseload of over 230,000 in 2022.
- Integrated one-stop services are offered to ensure satisfactory user experience:
  - Shanghai aims to create a 15-minute government service circle through the Portal; The Portal will be expanded across the YRD region to benefit companies and people in Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui and Shanghai with more shared and convenient services.

The International Version of the Government Online-Offline Shanghai Portal

On November 6, 2020, the international version of the Government Online-Offline Shanghai Portal (english.shanghai.gov.cn) officially came into use, providing foreign-invested companies and foreign professionals in Shanghai with one-stop services which cover all scenarios, including talent entry, residence, work and life. The Portal offers 65 types of foreign-related services across 36 departments, with a total of 253 service items and bilingual policy guidelines in Chinese and English.

The Shanghai Foreign Service Collection

In 2022, based on the dedicated foreign-related services window on the Government Online-Offline Shanghai Portal and by summarizing procedures for the most frequently accessed foreign-related services as well as life service guides, the Shanghai municipal government issued a Chinese English e-brochure, Shanghai Foreign Service Collection, to improve the convenience and satisfaction of working and living in Shanghai for foreign nationals.

Exit-Entry and Stay-Residence

Guidance on the application for port visas, stay and residence permits and other service items are available in this section.

Healthcare

In this section, foreign users can check the list of foreign-invested hospitals in Shanghai and learn how to make an appointment online.

Transportation

This section provides information about how to use the Shanghai QR code in the E-shimin app to take public transportation in the city, such as buses.

Education

This section focuses on education-related services for children of foreigners, including a list of international schools in Shanghai.

Amenities

This section provides guidance on foreign-related marriage registration, the participation in the social insurance scheme for foreigners in flexible employment and personal housing provident fund-related services.

Free Flow of Funds

Ensuring free flow of foreign investors’ investment, profits, capital gains, income from disposal of assets, intellectual property licensing, compensation and liquidation, as well as the income of foreign workers and those from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, and other lawful income in China.

Business Secrets Protection

Protecting the business secrets of foreign investors and foreign-funded enterprises that are made known in the course of business operations, even if it is necessary to share the information according to the law. Strengthening the judicial protection of trade secrets by people’s courts at all levels by applying the rule of evidence to reduce right holders’ burden of rights protection.

Equal Treatment

Giving equal treatment to foreign-funded enterprises regarding policies and measures in support of enterprise development, such as government funds arrangement, land supply, tax deduction and exemption, qualification licensing, standard formulation, project application, professional title evaluation, and human resources. Granting foreign-invested enterprises equal opportunities to participate in government procurement, tendering and bidding, land transfer, property rights transactions and other activities via the municipal public resources trading platform.

Government Procurement

Ensuring fair participation of foreign-funded enterprises in government procurement. There will be no restriction on suppliers’ form of ownership, organizational form, equity structure, investors’ country of origin, and product or service brands; no discrimination or discriminatory treatment between the products and services produced and provided by foreign-funded enterprises in China and those of domestic enterprises.

Standards Setting

Facilitating equal participation of foreign-funded enterprises in the drafting, formulation and revision of local standards, and providing convenience and guidance for translation of standards and international cooperation on standards setting.

Urban Franchising Operations

Allowing foreign-funded enterprises to engage in franchising activities related to municipal water and gas supply, and sewage and garbage treatment, as well as construction and operation projects of urban roads, highways, rail transit and other public transportation.

Investment Protection Areas

Expropriation Protection

Exempting foreign investors’ investment from being expropriated. Where expropriation is necessary under special circumstances, it shall be carried out in a nondiscriminatory manner and timely compensation shall be made according to the market value of the expropriated investment. Returning in time the requisitioned assets after use in response to natural disasters, public health events and other emergencies, and making compensation in case of damage or loss.

Intellectual Property Rights

Protecting the IPRs of foreign investors and foreign-funded enterprises, through cross-regional and cross-departmental coordinated and effective IPR protection mechanisms, constantly improved judicial and administrative IPR law enforcement, and strict legal punishment of IPR infringement.

Technological Cooperation

Encouraging technological cooperation, underpinned by sound legal protection, that allows foreign investors and foreign-funded enterprises to partner with various market entities and scientific research entities in Shanghai based on voluntary principles and business rules.

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Ensuring free flow of foreign investors’ investment, profits, capital gains, income from disposal of assets, intellectual property licensing, compensation and liquidation, as well as the income of foreign workers and those from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, and other lawful income in China.

Business Secrets Protection

Protecting the business secrets of foreign investors and foreign-funded enterprises that are made known in the course of business operations, even if it is necessary to share the information according to the law. Strengthening the judicial protection of trade secrets by people’s courts at all levels by applying the rule of evidence to reduce right holders’ burden of rights protection.

Equal Treatment

Giving equal treatment to foreign-funded enterprises regarding policies and measures in support of enterprise development, such as government funds arrangement, land supply, tax deduction and exemption, qualification licensing, standard formulation, project application, professional title evaluation, and human resources. Granting foreign-invested enterprises equal opportunities to participate in government procurement, tendering and bidding, land transfer, property rights transactions and other activities via the municipal public resources trading platform.

Government Procurement

Ensuring fair participation of foreign-funded enterprises in government procurement. There will be no restriction on suppliers’ form of ownership, organizational form, equity structure, investors’ country of origin, and product or service brands; no discrimination or discriminatory treatment between the products and services produced and provided by foreign-funded enterprises in China and those of domestic enterprises.

Standards Setting

Facilitating equal participation of foreign-funded enterprises in the drafting, formulation and revision of local standards, and providing convenience and guidance for translation of standards and international cooperation on standards setting.

Urban Franchising Operations

Allowing foreign-funded enterprises to engage in franchising activities related to municipal water and gas supply, and sewage and garbage treatment, as well as construction and operation projects of urban roads, highways, rail transit and other public transportation.
Investment Protection Services

In 2020, Shanghai issued the Shanghai Regulations on Foreign Investment to fully implement the national treatment administrative system and improve the protection mechanisms for foreign investment, thus creating a more stable, transparent, predictable and fair market environment, in a bid to expand the opening-up of the city.

1. Ways to Protect Legitimate Rights and Interests of Foreign Investors

- A Joint Complaint Resolution Mechanism for Foreign-Invested Enterprises
  - Preventing violation of legitimate rights and interests of foreign-invested enterprises or their investors by administrative authorities or their personnel.

- Roundtable Mechanism for Foreign-Invested Enterprise Consumer Rights Protection
  - Initiated by Shanghai Consumer Council and jointly established by Shanghai Foreign Investment Association; Offering in-person services to help foreign-invested enterprises address issues on consumer rights protection.

- Diversified Dispute Resolution Platforms
  - Providing foreign-funded enterprises with efficient and convenient means of dispute resolution; Offering independent, fair, professional and efficient arbitration services.

- Chambers of Commerce & Associations
  - Improving industry self-regulation, reporting foreign-invested companies’ requests in a timely manner, and providing them with information consultation, protection of rights and interests, dispute settlement and other services in accordance with laws, regulations and articles of association.

2. IPR Protection

As an important part of investment protection in Shanghai, IPR protection plays a crucial role in helping companies maintain innovation vitality, develop new markets and increase core competitiveness. In 2022, Shanghai ranked first among all municipalities in China, according to the Global Innovation Index 2022 released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Its international patent applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) reached 5,591, up by 15.76% from the previous year.

3. Data Security Protection

The Shanghai Municipal Data Regulation, which officially came into effect on January 1, 2022, is committed to promoting data utilization and industry development with a focus on data rights protection, data circulation and utilization, and data security management, aiming to foster a data-driven digital economy and empower social development.

4. A Joint Complaint Resolution Mechanism for Foreign-Invested Enterprises

In 2021, Shanghai issued the Shanghai Measures for Foreign-Invested Enterprise Complaint Resolution to build the municipal joint complaint resolution mechanism and the "1 + 16 + 2" complaint resolution centers for foreign-invested enterprises, of which the municipal-level complaint resolution center is housed in Shanghai Foreign Investment Association.

5. Procedures for Addressing Foreign-invested Enterprises’ Complaints

- Municipal-level complaint resolution center for foreign-invested enterprises in Shanghai
- District-level complaint resolution centers for foreign-invested enterprises in Shanghai
- Complaint resolution centers for foreign-invested enterprises, located in the Ling-gang Special Area and the Hongqiao CBD respectively.

6. Diversified Dispute Resolution Mechanism

Shanghai has rolled out the Regulations of Shanghai Municipality on Promoting Diversified Mechanisms for Dispute Resolution and established a diversified dispute resolution mechanism that integrates and coordinates mediation, business arbitration, administrative adjudication and reconsideration, and litigation.

- The 12368 Litigation Service Platform of Shanghai Courts provides foreign-invested companies involved in disputes with efficient litigation services, including refunding to the winning party, submission of materials, postponement of hearings, and litigation hold.

- Over the past five years, courts in Shanghai have accepted 4,202 commercial cases involving other countries as well as Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan regions, with a total amount of claims exceeding RMB 92 billion. The significantly increased proportion of international cases shows growing foreign investment. The chart shows the growing dominance of the diversified dispute resolution mechanism.

7. Diversified Dispute Resolution Mechanism

The online service of the application for administrative reconsideration became available for all districts of Shanghai. Applicants are welcome to follow the WeChat official account of the Shanghai Municipal Bureau of Justice, and apply directly through the "Application for Reconsideration" button in the bottom navigation bar.

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In 2022, Shanghai’s administrative adjudication mechanism was listed in the second batch of the national model practices for resolving patent infringement cases by administrative adjudication.
Investment Policies

Further Opening-up

Catalogue of Industries for Encouraging Foreign Investment (2022 Edition)

On January 1, 2023, the Catalogue of Industries for Encouraging Foreign Investment (2022 Edition) was implemented to further improve institutional opening-up, increase market accessibility for foreign investment, and attract more foreign capital to advanced manufacturing, modern services, high tech, and energy conservation and environmental protection.

Policy Highlights

- Encouraging foreign investors to involve in advanced manufacturing: Efforts will be made to improve industry chain and supply chain and accelerate technology upgrading, thus keeping the manufacturing industry as the key target of foreign investment. Added or edited catalogue entries include the development, production and application of new technologies and products in the forestry biomass energy sector, the development and production of supplies in the pharmaceutical sector, and the development and production of high-tech nonferrous metal materials and products, high-performance photoresists, and glow discharge mass spectrometers.
- Channeling foreign investment into modern services: The revised catalogue emphasizes improving development quality of the service industry and promoting the integration of the service and manufacturing industry. Added or edited entries include low-carbon, environmental-friendly and resource-conserving advanced system integration technologies and services, professional design services, vocational schools, human resource services, and the certification and evaluation of clean manufacturing.

Negative List for Market Access (2022 Edition)

On March 2, 2022, the Negative List for Market Access (2022 Edition) was officially implemented to further relax the restrictions on market access and promote equal treatment for domestic and foreign companies, contributing to an efficient, rule-based and independent market that enables fair competition.

Policy Highlights

- Reducing list items and streamlining administrative approval procedures: Compared with the 2020 edition, the Negative List for Market Access (2022 Edition) removed or streamlined a few administrative approval procedures for the service sector which includes finance, scientific research, and information consulting. In the financial industry, for example, the item that prohibited foreign-invested companies from issuing shares and participating in mergers and acquisitions of certain listed companies in China has been deleted, enabling these companies to operate in a larger market where more business opportunities are available.
- Implementing a national unified negative list to facilitate market-oriented reforms: The comprehensive negative list allows market entities in all industries, excluding industries where market access is denied or limited, to make decisions according to their own needs, thus creating a stable, fair, transparent, and open market environment for foreign-invested companies.
Investment Policies (Continued)

- Policies and Measures for Increasing, Stabilizing, and Improving Foreign Investment with a Focus on the Manufacturing Industry

- Work Plan for Further Optimizing Online Assistance Services for Enterprises

- Measures for Facilitating the Development of the High-end Manufacturing Industry in Shanghai

- Catalogue of Specialized Industry Park in Shanghai (2022 Edition)

- Priorities for Optimizing Shanghai’s Business Environment in 2022

- Measures for Further Reducing Institutional Transaction Costs to Vitalize Market Entities


- Regulations of Shanghai Municipality on Optimizing Doing Business Environment

- Implementation Plan on Deepening the All-round Development of a World-leading Environment for Business in Shanghai

- Three-Year Action Plan for Developing a World-class Business Environment in the Yangtze River Delta Region

Policy Overview

Policies and Measures for Increasing, Stabilizing, and Improving Foreign Investment with a Focus on the Manufacturing Industry

On October 25, 2022, the Policies and Measures for Increasing, Stabilizing, and Improving Foreign Investment with a Focus on the Manufacturing Industry took effect, aiming to optimize the investment environment, improve investment services, and properly guide foreign investment by attracting more investment in the manufacturing industry, strengthening foreign investment promotion and services, and facilitating high-quality development supported by foreign investment.

Policy Highlights

- Optimizing investment environment and ensuring equal treatment: Efforts are stepped up to implement the negative list for foreign investment access. For industries outside the negative list, both domestic and foreign-funded enterprises shall comply with the same regulations. It is ensured that national supportive policies are equally provided to foreign investors in terms of factor acquisition, qualification licensing, business operation, IPR protection, standard formulation, tendering and bidding, government procurement, etc.

- Strengthening investment services and facilitating international business travels: “Fast Lanes” are established for Chinese and international businesspeople, allowing senior executives and technical personnel from multinational corporations or foreign-funded enterprises, as well as their families, to enter and leave China more conveniently.

Work Plan for Further Optimizing Online Assistance Services for Enterprises

On November 19, 2022, the Work Plan for Further Optimizing Online Support Services for Enterprises was implemented to open up more communication channels between companies and the government, and significantly improve services and the efficiency, accuracy and intelligence of support providing process through enhanced big data and artificial intelligence technologies, thus contributing to the best government services and business environment.

Policy Highlights

- A corporate service system enhanced by multiple platforms: Integrating the Government Online-Offline Portal, 12345 hotline, Shanghai Enterprise Service Cloud, and the online and offline assistance platform, the service system provides streamlined government services and helps enterprises benefit from supportive policies. Featuring faster response and more precise and professional problem-solving capabilities, the service system offers comprehensive services for all stages of a company’s development.

- Big data-enabled service model: Companies are better categorized based on more accurate information, so that they can receive relevant policy updates from their own Online-Offline Portal websites. By automatically collecting FAQs and updating corresponding answers in a timely manner, the Online-Offline Portal’s knowledge base will be upgraded more frequently to provide users with faster responses.

- Operation Support

- Provisions of Shanghai Municipality on Encouraging Multinational Corporations to Establish Regional Headquarters

- Action Plan for Increasing Confidence, Boosting Demand, Stabilizing Growth, and Promoting Development in Shanghai

- Supplementary Circular of Measures for the Use and Management of Earmarked Funds for the Development of Regional Headquarters of Multinational Corporations in Shanghai

- Opinions on Encouraging Enterprises to Set up Trade Headquarters in Shanghai

- Measures for Further Deepening the Reform of Cross-border Trade Business Environment in Shanghai Part

- Detailed Rules for the Implementation of International Economic and Trade Development Earmarked Funds for Attracting Foreign Investment

Policy Overview

Provisions of Shanghai Municipality on Encouraging Multinational Corporations to Establish Regional Headquarters

Taking effect from November 1, 2022, the revised Provisions of Shanghai Municipality on Encouraging Multinational Corporations to Establish Regional Headquarters has further facilitated the clustering of RHQs or quasi-RHQs and enhanced headquarters capacity, allowing Shanghai to extensively attract high-quality foreign investment to a broader range of industries.

Policy Highlights

- Business unit headquarters added: On top of RHQs and quasi-RHQs, business unit headquarters is added as the third type of RHQ entities. It refers to a Shanghai registered multinational entity set up by its parent company based on its line of specific business segments, or by a foreign-funded company. Business unit headquarters is the only entity that oversees the investment, management, and servicing of the business unit in China or the region.

- Optimized headquarters recognition criteria: The minimum ratio of foreign shareholding held by overseas parent companies directly or indirectly is lowered to no less than 50% of its shares. More entities, including foreign-funded companies, are now allowed to establish a quasi-RHQ or business unit headquarters in Shanghai.

Action Plan for Increasing Confidence, Boosting Demand, Stabilizing Growth, and Promoting Development in Shanghai

The Action Plan for Increasing Confidence, Boosting Demand, Stabilizing Growth, and Promoting Development in Shanghai, implemented from January 20, 2023, aims to boost market expectation and confidence, and foster qualifiedly and quantifiably enhanced year-round socioeconomic development.

Policy Highlights

- A combination of policies and actions: Fulfilling a group of new national policies, further implementing many policies that have worked since 2022, and launching new policies favorable for stable growth, sustainable development and stronger functionality, and assigning specific tasks to municipal-level departments and requiring all districts to draft and unveil action plans, so as to ensure a “1+ N” policy coordination system.

- An integration of demand expansion and support for market entities: Encouraging the development of livestreaming e-commerce and instant retail and supporting the introduction of more new global brands to arouse consumer interests; using increased investment as an important measure for raising confidence, fueling demand, stabilizing growth and boosting development; and stimulating internal mobilization and vigor of companies that face short-term operation difficulties by bringing a strong signal of stable growth policies to them especially SMEs and those from crisis-stricken industries.

- A balance between improving strengths and tackling weak links: Focusing on investments and industries which strongly drive and support economic growth, further giving the spearheading role of major projects into play; accelerating the development of three leading industries, key industries and future industries, so as to make them main engines for Shanghai’s further progress; and strengthening the support in all fronts to industries that face new opportunities in a new stage of COVID-19 prevention and control.
Investment Policies (Continued)

3 Policy Overview

Shanghai Pujiang Talent Program 2022

Implemented from June 16, 2022, Shanghai Pujiang Talent Program has further attracted outstanding returned overseas students to work or start businesses in Shanghai. The program is designed to pool together much-needed innovative people to Shanghai according to its industry layout and development focus with corresponding subsidies.

Policy Highlights

- Optimized application procedures: Advocating online and paperless applications and extending the application deadline properly.
- Targeted policies: Providing favorable treatment to frontline personnel fighting against the epidemic, entrepreneurial and innovative professionals, as well as young talent.
- Pre-employment application: Encouraging more overseas students to make applications, when they have yet not returned to China but reached a clear employment consensus with an employer or a project consensus with a start-up incubator for overseas professionals in Shanghai.

Notice on Continuously Improving the Matters Related to Online Approval for Foreigner’s Work Permit in China (Version 4.0) to Attract Foreign Talents

The Notice on the Matters Related to Online Approval (Version 4.0), which has been officially implemented since March 1, 2021, strives to attract more foreign professionals with simplified recruitment procedures.

Policy Highlights

- More flexible high-end foreign talent recognition criteria: Young foreign professionals, including international members of scientific research teams and fresh foreign doctoral graduates of key subjects such as natural science, engineering, agriculture and medicine, are eligible to directly apply for Talent Visas (the “R Visa”) and receive preferential treatment such as simplified paperwork and procedures for visa application.
- Strengthened efforts to attract foreign skilled personnel: A new channel is opened for foreign professionals with nationally-recognized international occupational skill certificates, much-needed expertise or other globally recognized occupational certificates to recruit international qualification holders. The limit on age is extended to 70.

5 Measures for Encouraging Foreign Investment in Establishing Research and Development Centers

Implementation on January 1, 2022. Measures for Encouraging Foreign Investment in Establishing Research and Development Centers strengthens support for foreign investors to launch R&D centers and facilitate sci-tech immiscible activities in China, thus further enhancing international exchanges and cooperation and boosting high-quality sci-tech development.

Policy Highlights

- Supporting sci-tech innovation and facilitating R&D: The application and review procedures and materials involved have been further simplified to provide foreign investors with more efficient and precise services for establishing and operating R&D centers. Foreign-funded R&D centers are granted legitimate access to science equipment, research reports, and relevant data. Financial institutions are encouraged to support foreign-funded R&D centers to conduct basic and cutting-edge research.
- Introducing overseas professionals and improving IPR protection: It is more convenient for foreign professionals to work in Shanghai, as they are allowed to apply for work permits and work-based residence permits as a team. With more rigorous regulation on trade secrets, infringement, and legal liability, the IP protection policy has improved prosecution procedures and optimized punitive damage systems for infringement cases, further strengthening IPR protection.
- Strengthening financial services for the industry chain and supply chain of technology companies: Shanghai focuses its efforts on providing enhanced financial support and customized services for key companies along the crucial industry chains, including Ks, bio-pharmaceuticals, AI, and automobiles, to address their distinctive requirements.
- Broadening and deepening the application of sci-tech insurance: Shanghai encourages insurance companies to invest in sci-tech innovation funds, provide guaranteed insurance for IP pledge financing, participate in the investment and financing for major technology companies or projects, and provide insurance support for building technology infrastructure, integrating industry chains, and reforming and restructuring technology companies.
Investment Promotion Agencies

Shanghai has established a professional and sophisticated investment promotion agency network, led by government departments and supported by professional agencies, chambers of commerce, associations, and well-known companies, to facilitate corporate exchanges and cooperation. The network serves as an international third party which provides foreign investors with professional guidance to improve the investment promotion environment in Shanghai, and facilitate the stable development of foreign investment.

Shanghai Municipal Commission of Commerce
Address: No. 7 Building, 300 Expo Village Road, Shanghai, China
Website: https://en.sccw.sh.gov.cn/

• Responsible for Shanghai’s foreign trade, foreign investment, foreign economic cooperation, and port services;
• Drawing up plans and strategies for developing Shanghai into an international trade center, advancing the establishment of a modern market system, improving commercial and trade as well as consumer services, pioneering the promotion of e-commerce development, and providing guidance for import and export structure adjustment;
• Seeking international economic cooperation, organizing international trade and commerce events, providing guidance for foreign investors, and coordinating foreign investment promotion and the approval and record-filing of foreign-funded enterprises;
• Approving and filing registration and information changes of foreign-funded enterprises, and providing foreign-funded companies with policy consultation and other coordination services.

Investment Promotion System

Shanghai is strengthening the cooperation between the government and foreign-funded enterprises, and garnering support from investment promotion partners to optimize its role as a bridge and bond for foreign investors and create an energetic investment promotion environment.

Shanghai Foreign Investment Promotion Platform

• Investment project matching: The platform collects all kinds of investment information, including industry data and resource needs, and preliminarily connects potential investors with investment promotion agencies through intelligent online matching or targeted notification.
• Comprehensive corporate services: Combining online and offline channels, the platform provides comprehensive services covering site selection, registration and operation.
• Platform database marketing: The latest investment information will be sent weekly to the platform subscribers through group email.
• Real-time online Q&A services: Platform staff will respond to and collect the visitors’ online questions in a timely manner.
• Investment promotion event information: The platform publishes information about various events, such as investment promotion and policy analysis, and provides visitors with event details and registration methods or direct online access to registration.
• Event news and investment analysis: The platform publishes news about events and activities organized by the investment promotion center and overseas offices, as well as analysis articles on the current industry development, and offers the “online lectures” program.

SIPP, led by Shanghai Foreign Investment Development Board, is China’s first provincial-level alliance of investment promotion institutions, aiming to provide a platform for cooperation and exchanges between domestic and foreign investment promotion institutions in Shanghai. Centered on the needs, problems and projects of business and on efficiently integrating resources, SIPP strives to enhance city promotion, investment cooperation, information exchanges, and enterprise services to facilitate and upgrade the two-way investment promotion of Shanghai.

Part of Chinese and Foreign Members of SIPP (in Alphabetical Order)

• ACEP Portugal Global
• American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai
• Australian Trade and Investment Commission
• China Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai
• Brazil-China Chamber of Commerce
• British-Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry
• Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai
• Commercial Office of New Zealand Consulate
• Delegation of German Industry & Commerce Shanghai
• Department for International Trade of the United Kingdom
• Enterprise Singapore
• European Union Chamber of Commerce in China
• French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China
• Hong Kong Trade Development Council (Shanghai)
• IAA Ireland
• Innovation Norway China
• Invest in Sweden Agency
• JETRO (Japan)
• London & Partners
• Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency (NFIA) China
• Polish Investment and Trade Agency China Representative Office in Shanghai
• Shanghai Branch of the Trade Mission of the Russian Federation in China
• Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce
• Thai Chamber of Commerce in China

Investment promotion agencies in Shanghai jointly initiated the SIPP

109 Chinese and overseas investment promotion institutes
70%+ Overseas SIPP members
From 30+ Countries and regions
Investment Promotion Events

2022 Shanghai City Promotion Convention
- Since 2019, four consecutive sessions of the City Promotion Convention have been held during the CIIE with the slogan of “Embracing the CIIE, Sharing a Future.”
- In November 2022, Shanghai hosted the 2022 Shanghai City Promotion Convention as part of the city’s continuous effort to attract global enterprises and professionals. During the Convention, a total of 18 key projects with an investment of around RMB 30 billion were signed, covering biopharmaceuticals, ICS, AI, high-end equipment, healthcare, and other major industries.
- In October 2022, 4 overseas warm-up events for Shanghai City Promotion Convention took place online for the first time in Los Angeles, London, Frankfurt, and Osaka. These warm-up events, aiming to introduce Shanghai’s business environment and enhance the city’s economic and trade cooperation, have received warm participation and support from consulates and investment promotion institutions as well as comprehensive reports from domestic and international media.

"1 + 9 + N" Promotion Events Series

Shanghai successfully held the special event for global investment partners at CIIE in November 2022, which marked the beginning of the one-month investment promotion event "INVEST SHANGHAI 2022".

With the concerted efforts of the investment promotion departments of Jing’an, Changning, Baoshan, Jading, Qingpu, Chongming, and Lingang Special Area, 9 “INVEST SHANGHAI” promotion conventions were concluded.

Over 200 specialized events were launched by Shanghai’s global investment partners and investment promotion departments of Minhang, Hongkou, Baoshan, Jinshan, and key industry parks.

International Exchanges – Global Investment Activities

Ride the Wave of Rising Shanghai
Global Investment Promotion Season
On June 16, 2022, the Shanghai Global Investment Promotion Conference 2022 and the launching ceremony of the “Ride the Wave of Rising Shanghai” global investment promotion season was officially held.
- During the Conference, 322 major industry projects were signed and 48 key industry projects were launched, with a total investment of RMB 565.8 billion and RMB 162.7 billion respectively.
- The Conference announced a list of 13 specialized industry parks and investment promotion plans for metaverse, the green and low-carbon economy, intelligent terminals, and the digital economy.
- Districts in Shanghai also successfully held “cloud signing” and “cloud investment” conferences, attracting a total investment of nearly RMB 200 billion.
- Shanghai added 10 new global investment partners.
- The 2022 edition of the industry map was published.

Global Brand Sharing
As China implements new measures to optimize the Covid-19 response, companies face a more urgent need to expand international markets. Actively responding to the national policies, Shanghai has launched various supportive services for overseas visa application, residence guidance, and industry promotion to help companies expand international markets and secure orders.
- In December 2022, 6 high-growth specialized and sophisticated enterprises that produce new and unique products from the Baoshan district debuted on the international market, participating in exhibitions and conferences in 16 Asian, African, European and American countries.
- In January 2023, business delegations from the Pudong New Area held an investment promotion conference on industry development in Osaka, Japan, attracting 30 Japanese companies and institutions, including relevant departments of the Osaka government, the Japan-China Economic Association, Panasonic, and Hitachi Zosen Corporation. It was the first time in three years that the Chinese government sent a business delegation to hold an investment briefing in Osaka.

Appendix
Appendix I: Contact Information of Government Agencies for Commerce and Investment Promotion in All Districts

Pujiang New Area Commission of Commerce
Website: english.pujiang.gov.cn
Tel: 86-21-58288961
Address: 2 Hehuan Road

Huangpu District Commission of Commerce
Website: www.shhp.gov.cn/english
Tel: 86-21-23593865
Address: 2 Hehuan Road

Changning District Investment Promotion Office
Website: www.shcn.gov.cn/english
Tel: 86-21-22050817, 86-21-22050867
Address: 3456 North Renmin Road

Xuhui District Business Service Center
Website: www.shxh.gov.cn/english
Tel: 86-21-33134800
Address: 915 Julu Road

Jing’an District Investment Promotion Office
Website: english.jingan.gov.cn
Tel: 86-21-64178239
Address: 915 Julu Road

Putuo District Investment Promotion Office
Website: english.shpt.gov.cn
Tel: 86-21-52564588-7081
Address: 2 Hehuan Road

Chongming District Eco-Industry Administration Zone for Integrated Ecological and Green Development of the YRD Region
Website: en.lgxc.gov.cn
Tel: 86-21-58285053
Address: 111 South Bole Road

Appendix II: Utility Prices

Water (water supply and drainage services provided by Shanghai municipal water utilities)

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Appendix III: Previous Documents on Foreign Investment in Shanghai

Afterword

The Shanghai Foreign Investment Guide is published annually by Shanghai Foreign Investment Development Board to provide comprehensive information on the advantageous investment environment and opportunities available to foreign investors in Shanghai, enable their informed decision-making regarding investment and operation in the city, and help them find investment areas that fit into their development needs.

Based on the information and data related to the economic and industry development of Shanghai, the annual Investment Guide aims to demonstrate the overall investment environment and policies, highlighted investment areas and their spatial distribution in Shanghai as well as the city’s comprehensive investment services. This Investment Guide is a joint project made possible with the strong support and great contribution from various government departments in Shanghai, including Shanghai Municipal Commission of Commerce, Shanghai Municipal Development and Reform Commission, Shanghai Municipal Commission of Economy and Informatization, and authorities of commerce and investment promotion in all districts. We are grateful for their admirable efforts to collect and provide information and data during the preparation of this Investment Guide.

Our special appreciation also extends to Deloitte China (“Deloitte”). Engaged by Shanghai Foreign Investment Development Board, Deloitte has developed this brand new Investment Guide featuring a professional, objective and all-round analysis. Professionally improved in style and layout, the 2023 edition is more readable and visually attractive, better meeting the needs of foreign investors.

To benefit more investors with fact-based information on the foreign investment environment in Shanghai, this year’s Investment Guide, available in both Chinese and English versions, provides an all-round overview of the investment environment in Shanghai with regards to the city’s open industry ecosystem, attractive investment areas as well as professional services, favorable protection and proactive promotion for investment activities, in a bid to facilitate investors’ business operation in Shanghai. Comments and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.
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