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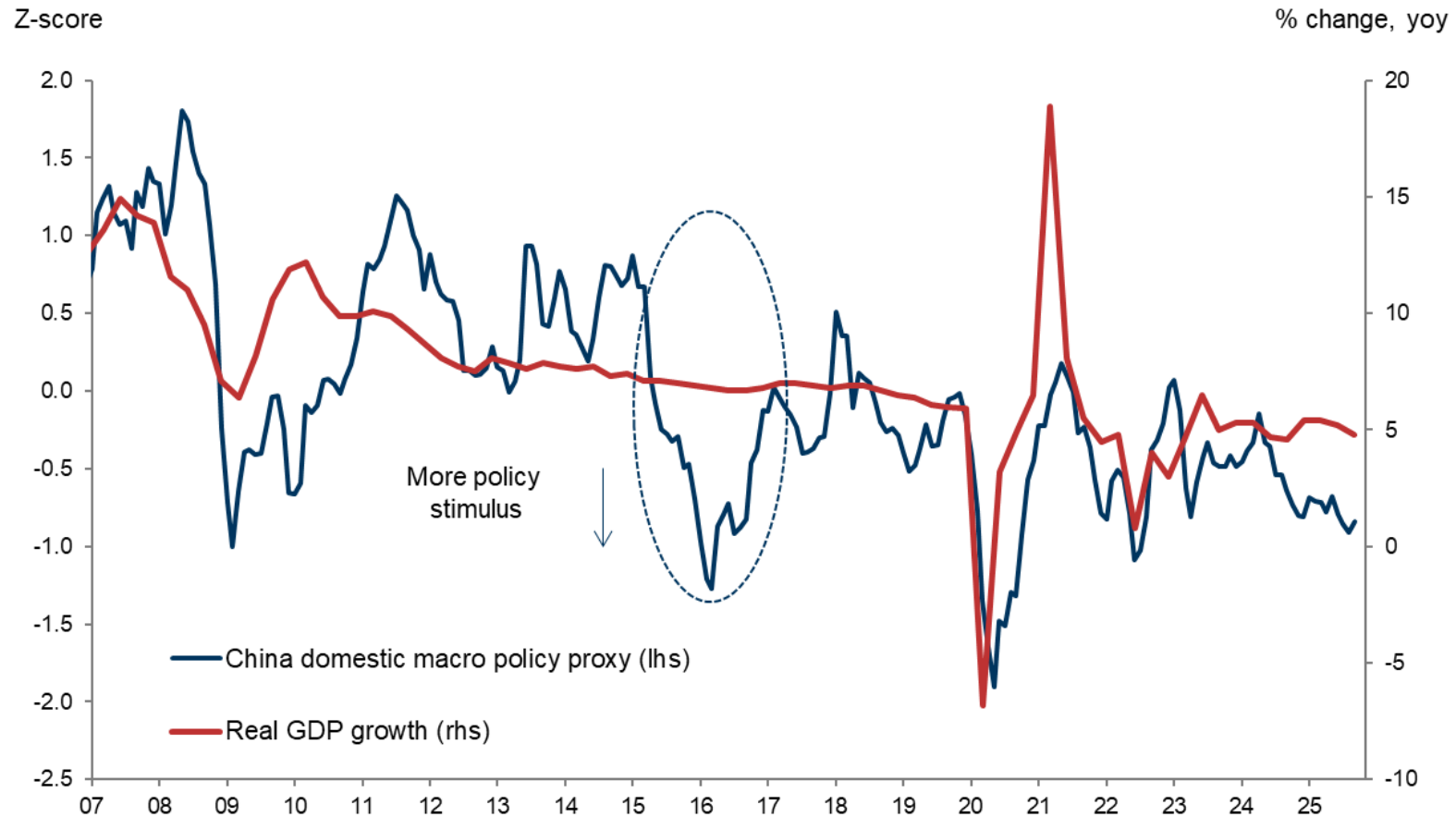
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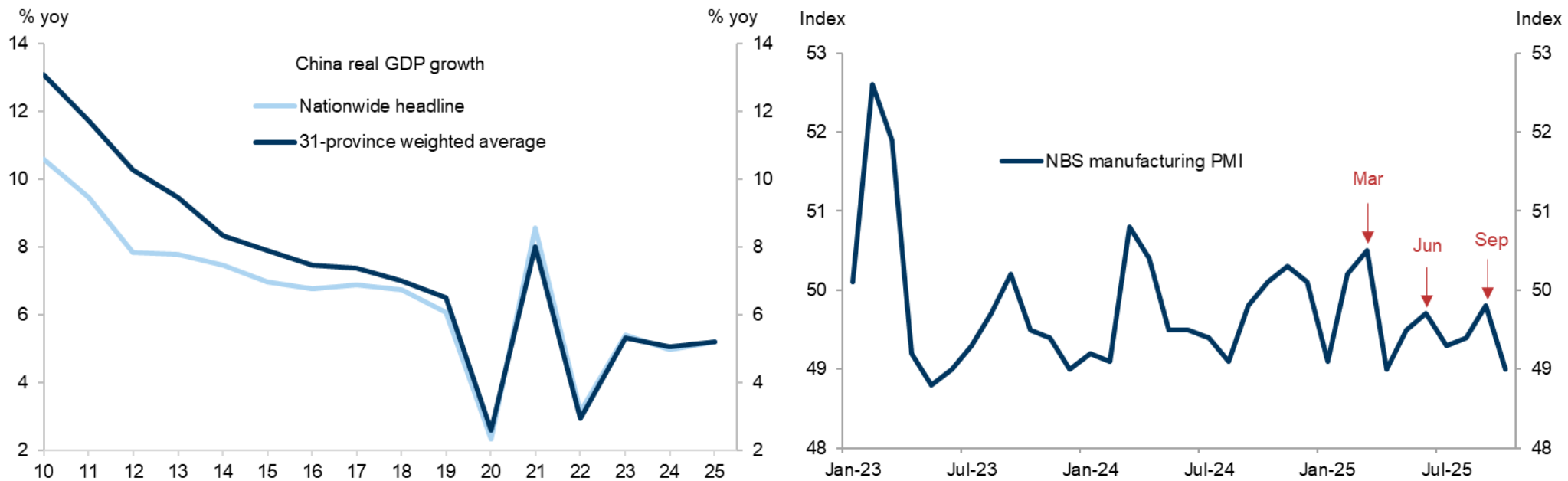
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Importance of tracking China growth



Source: NBS, Haver Analytics, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

GDP target and the associated distortions



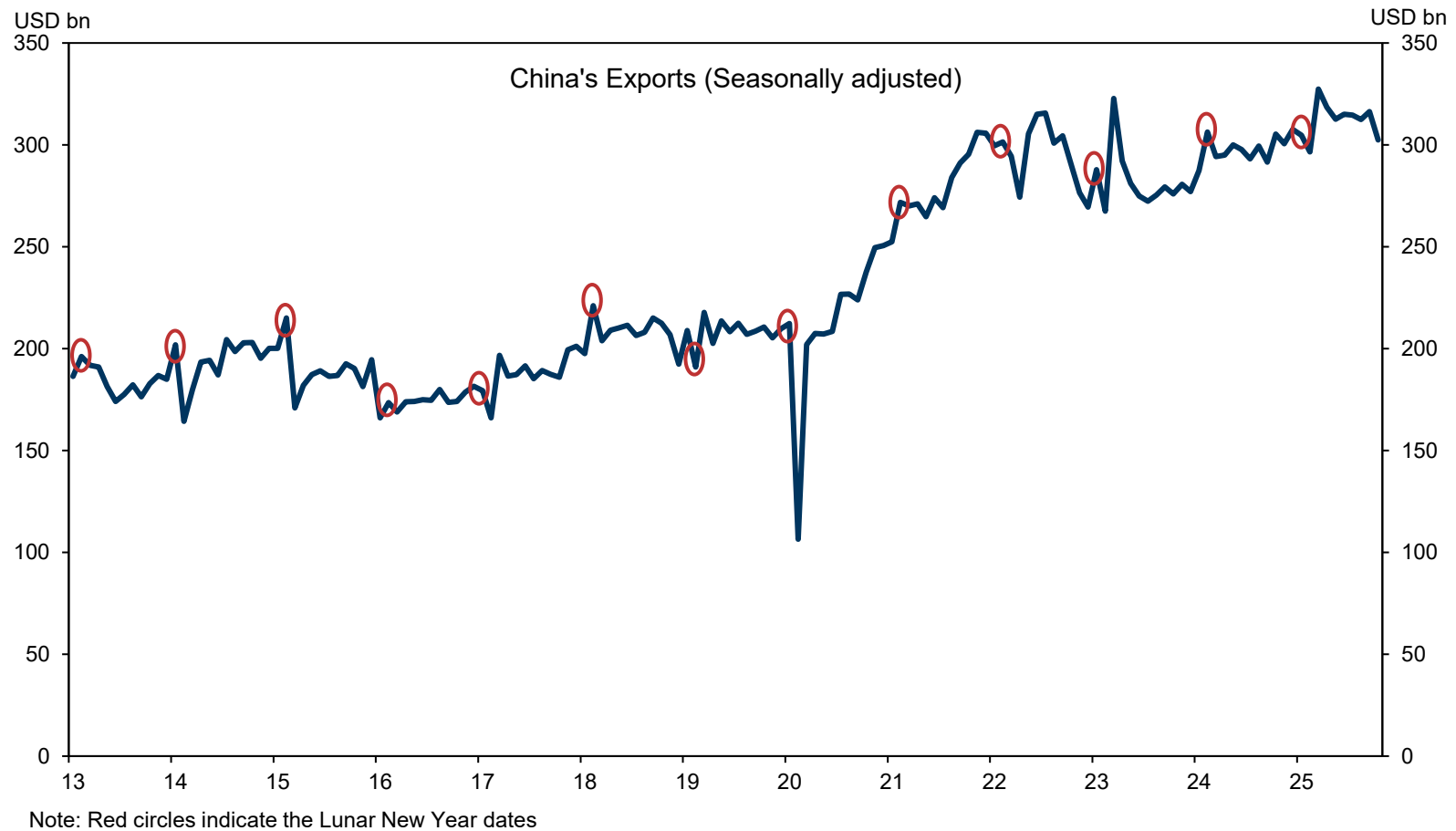
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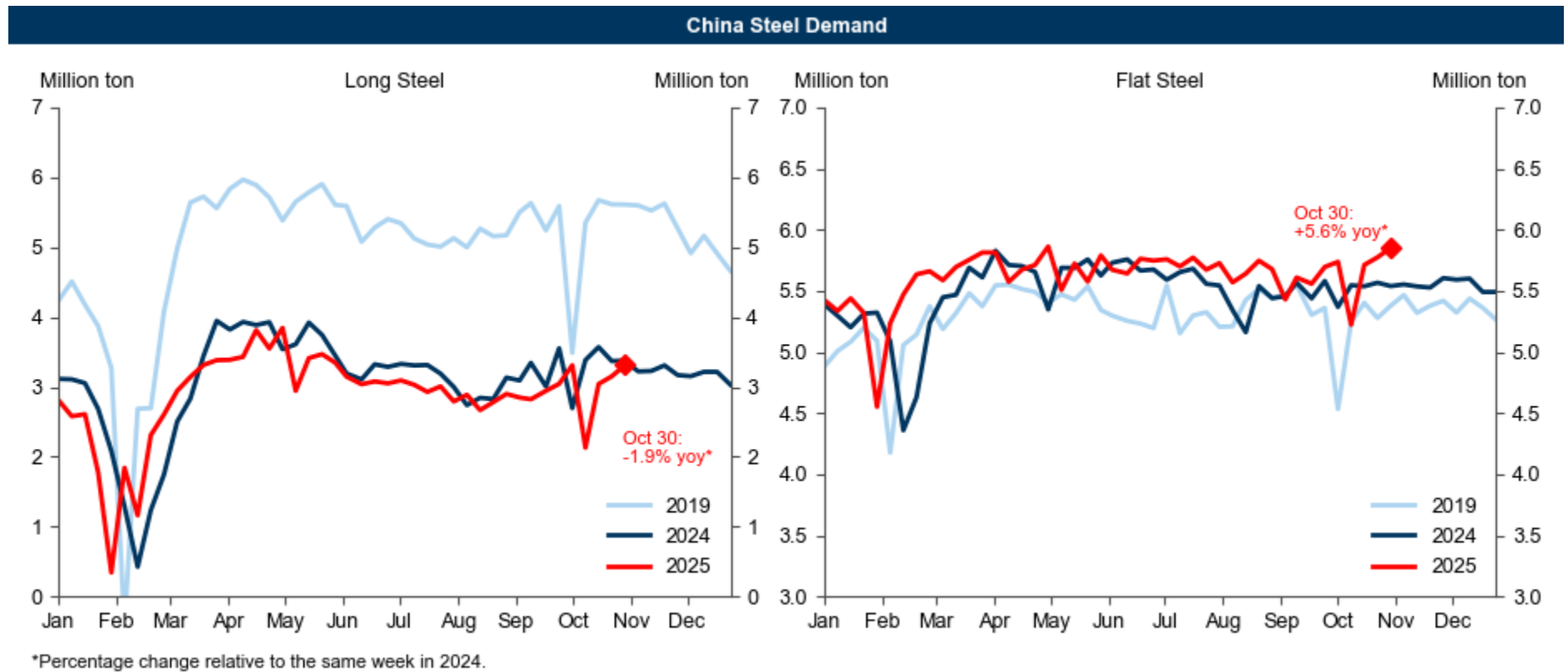
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Lunar New Year distortions



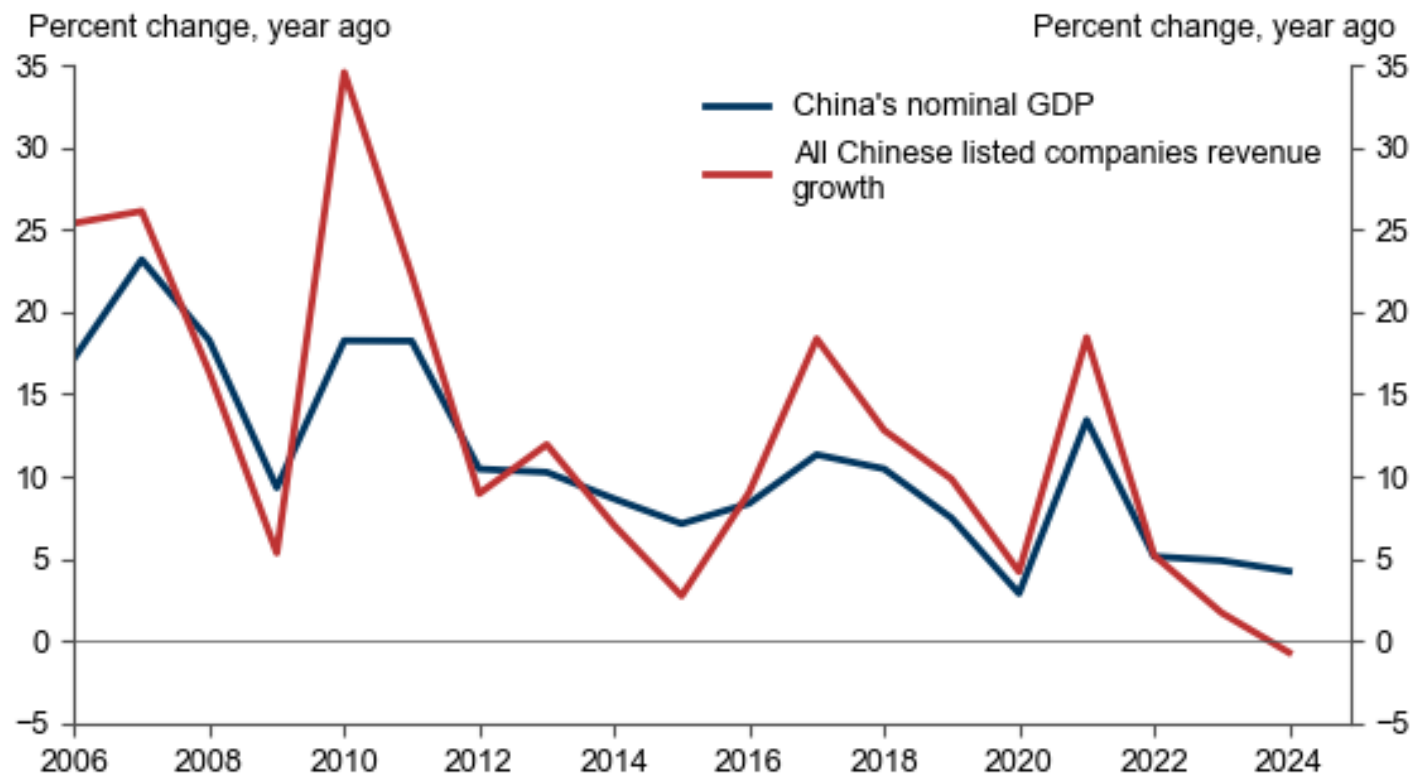
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Tracking commodity demand



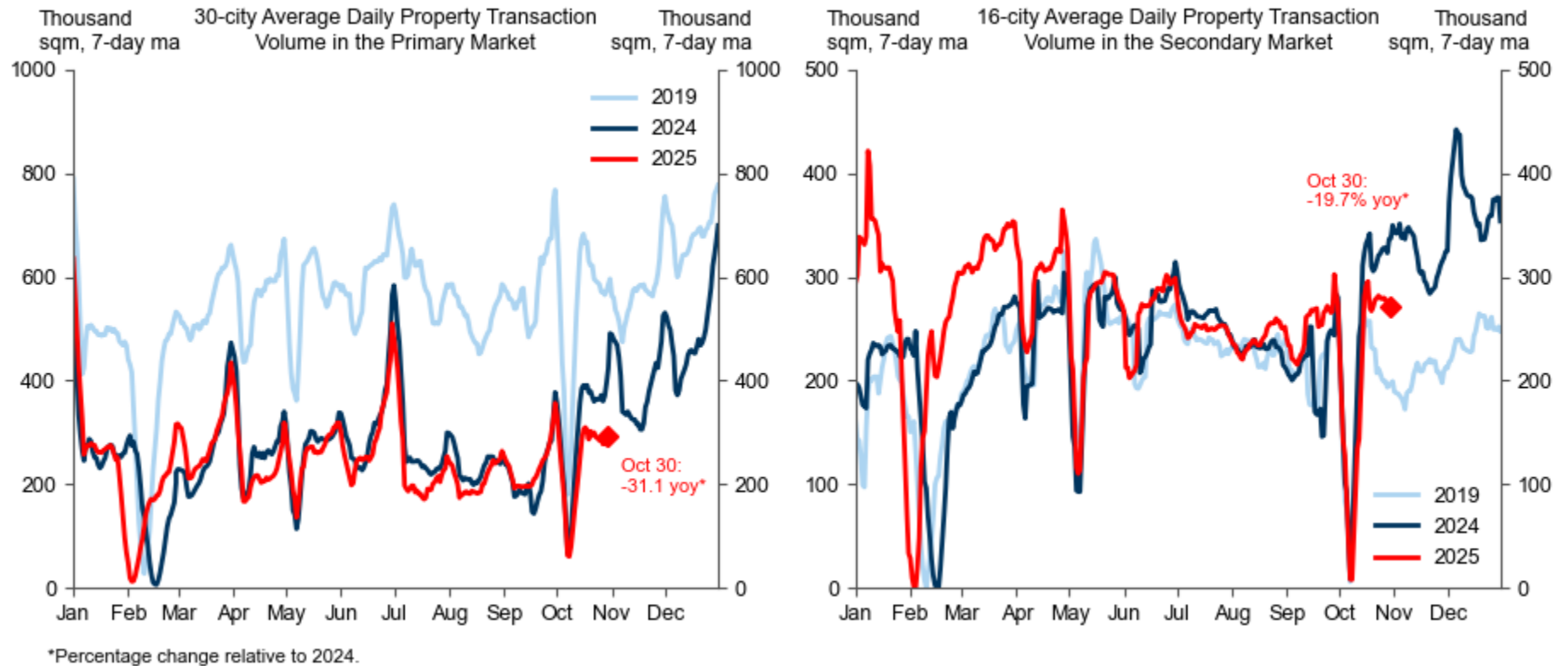
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Tracking listed companies' revenue growth



Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Wind, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Tracking high-frequency data



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Keqiang Index – Electricity consumption, bank loans and freight volume



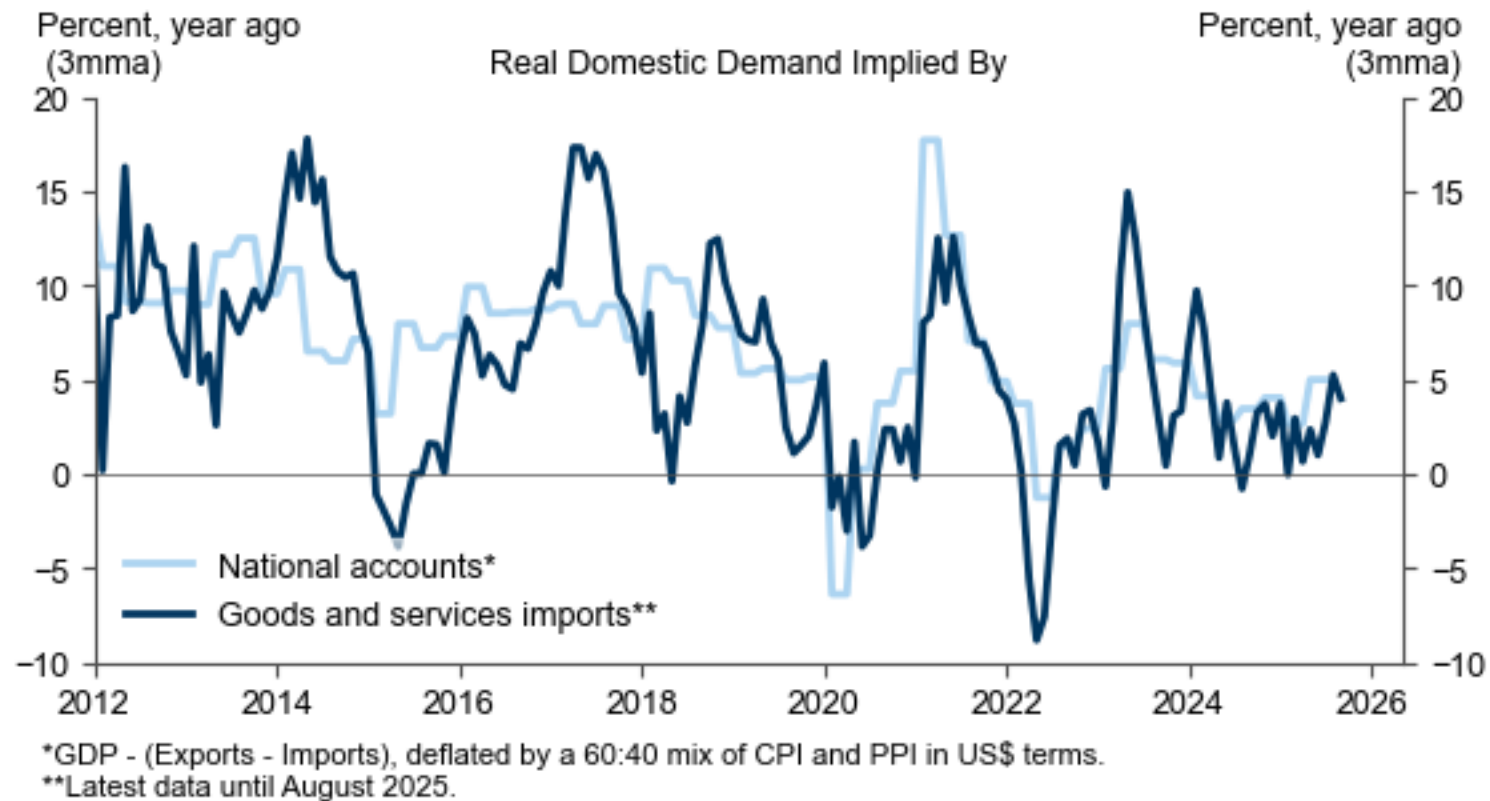
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GS Current Activity Indicator



Source: NBS, CEIC, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

GS import-implied domestic demand proxy



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