

# Auto, emerging sectors guarantee consistent upward growth trajectory

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THE total output value of industrial enterprises above designated size in Jiading exceeded 180.5 billion yuan (US\$25 billion) in the first five months of this year, marking a year-on-year increase of 5.3 percent, according to the district's statistics bureau.

This growth rate is 0.7 percentage points higher than the rate recorded from January to April, indicating a steady upward trend. Notably, the automobile industry continued to play a significant role, while strategic emerging industries sustained positive growth momentum.

The automobile industry alone achieved an industrial output value

of 116.78 billion yuan from January to May, reflecting a year-on-year increase of 8.2 percent and leading the district's industrial sector growth.

The auto parts industry also showed strength, increasing by 9 percent year-on-year to reach a scale of 95.01 billion yuan, underscoring the resilience of the regional industrial chain.

SAIC Volkswagen recorded an impressive performance, with terminal sales of 96,000 vehicles in June, a year-on-year increase of 15.1 percent. Its sales in the first half of the year reached 523,000 vehicles, a year-on-year increase of 2.3 percent.

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The automobile industry achieved an industrial output value of 116.78 billion yuan (US\$ 16.25 billion) from January to May, a year-on-year increase of 8.2 percent.

base has consistently grown this year. The MEB factory, the first of its kind for the Volkswagen Group globally, is specifically designed for the pure electric platform and continues to mass-produce new energy models, including the ID family and

Audi Q5 e-tron.

Meanwhile, the 15th China Automobile Forum, presented by the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, addressed automotive industry hot topics in Jiading.

Shanghai Motor Vehicle Inspection Certification & Tech Innovation Center Co and Tongji University's School of Computer Science and Technology inked a cooperation agreement to establish a collaborative laboratory for "AI + Inspection" artificial intelligence inspection applications.

Jiading possesses a complete automobile industry ecosystem, with over 4,500 firms in the vehicle industry chain and over 600 in auto parts.

## Wells Advanced Materials receives regional R&D center certificate

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WELLS Advanced Materials (Shanghai) Co, a foreign-funded R&D center in Jiading District, was among the 41st batch of units to be verified as multinational businesses' regional headquarters or R&D centers in Shanghai.

Shanghai Mayor Gong Zheng presented certificates to 30 regional offices of multinational firms and 15 foreign-funded R&D centers, as well as witnessing the on-site signing of 33 foreign investment projects.

The signing involved three projects in Jiading: SKF Automotive Asia-Pacific Headquarters, Munsingwear and Fuyao Group Shanghai Aluminum Parts, with a total investment of more than US\$310 million and industries ranging from autos to fashion consumer products.

Wells Advanced Materials (Shanghai) Co has concentrated on the Research and development of high-performance composite materials. Since starting the R&D headquarters project in 2021, the firm has focused on wind power blades, high-performance composite materials, and electronic and electrical insulation packaging materials.

Over US\$100 million was invested in the SKF Automotive Asia-Pacific Headquarters project. The world-renowned producer of bearings, seals and lubrication systems has registered and formed two automotive technology and bearing firms.

Fuyao Group will invest 693 million yuan to create a luxury car aluminum alloy trim production facility, per its strategic development strategy. The project spans 88,162 square meters and will concentrate on the manufacture of high-precision aluminum alloy metal goods and trim items.



## Xuhang gets new green area

A new leisure green space has opened to the public in Laodong Village in Jiading's Xuhang Town. Spanning 5.3 hectares, this area has adopted the "professional maintenance + community co-governance" model. With walkways, benches, streetlights and other facilities, it offers locals a refreshing spot to cool off during the summer.

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## Construction begins on intelligent connected NEV industry cluster

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THE Shanghai Intelligent Connected New Energy Vehicle Industry Cluster was unveiled in Jiading recently, signaling the start of its construction.

The technological revolution and industrial transformation are transforming the automotive sector, creating tremendous potential and difficulties for domestic and foreign automakers.

Last year, the city's vehicle industry's output value reached 703.5 billion yuan (US\$ 7.19 billion).

An action plan for collaboratively building an intelligent connected new energy vehicle industry cluster (2025-2030) and Jiading District policies supporting its growth were released on the occasion.

The action plan specifies 18 tasks to assist with cluster area building.

By 2030, Jiading will have established an intelligent connected new energy vehicle whole-industry-chain development environment.

A number of significant steps to consolidate the industrial

ecosystem were aggressively implemented.

The Shanghai intelligent connected new energy vehicle collaborative expert committee was formed, bringing together experts from prestigious institutions such as SAIC Group, Tongji University and Huawei to provide think tank support for standard formulation, technological breakthroughs and industrial applications.

The Shanghai local standard for establishing intelligent factories in the car parts sector was also released.