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### Starting down that slippery slope

China's explosive growth appears to be [alarmingly auto-oriented](#).

### How far would you walk...

Before you decide it's too far? The [WalkAppeal concept](#) helps us understand how far we're willing to walk, and why.

### Not just decoration

A newspaper article from the San Francisco Bay area show that, at least in that part of the world, urban trees are [a sign of affluence](#).

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