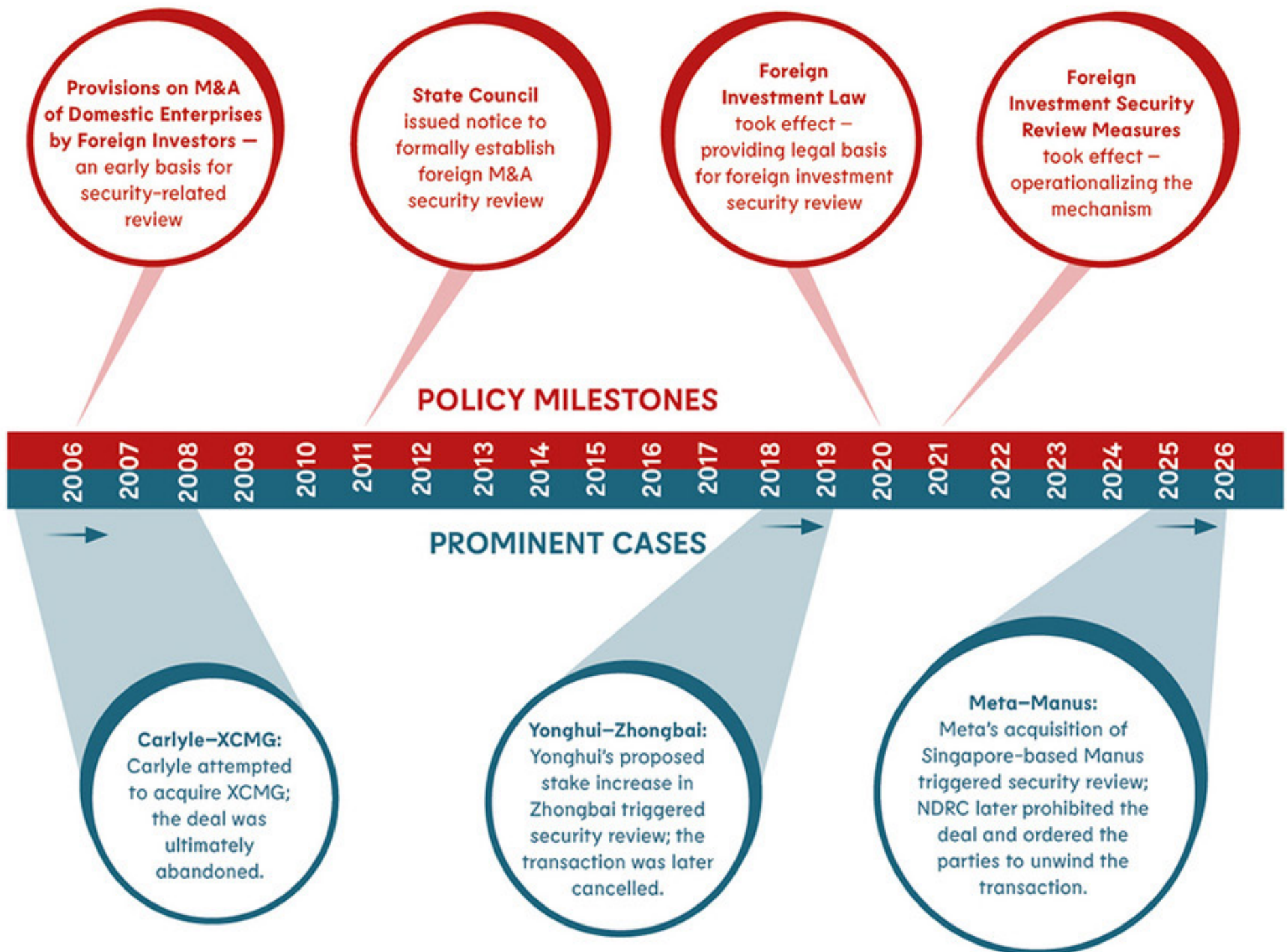


No more middle ground: What the Meta-Manus case means for tech companies



Weekly Facts & Figures.

- **Foreign investment security review:** The mechanism has evolved since the mid-2000s but has rarely been used in practice.
- **Meta–Manus case:** Manus’s move to Singapore did not keep the transaction outside Beijing’s scrutiny because people, technology, and data ties to China remained central to the case.
- **A clear signal:** Chinese regulators appear to be drawing a firm line: foreign acquisitions of advanced Chinese AI capabilities are increasingly unlikely to be approved.

**What
This
Means.**

"In high-tech sectors like AI, 'having it both ways' is becoming harder — companies must make tougher trade-offs between capital, market, and compliance."



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