

A look back at 2017

If the events of 2016 fell mainly into the 'shock and awe' category, 2017 was a year of natural disasters, terrorism and the most chaotic political scene most of us have ever experienced, with the antics of US president Trump, the Brexit shambles in the UK and Emmanuel Macron coming from nowhere to win a landslide in the French presidential election. Russia in the meantime emerged as the master of political interference...

Terrorist outbreaks in Europe reached levels not seen since the 1970s, with large crowds targeted in France, the UK and Germany, while mass shootings in the US reached new levels and 'ethnic cleansing' reared its ugly head again, this time in Burma. All signs of increased intolerance and bigotry. In London the Grenfell Tower fire disaster shocked people around the world and raised major social issues, while major natural disasters including hurricanes, storms, floods and fires appeared to confirm the worst fears of those warning of global climate change.

The global economy was again reasonable with oil prices slowly continuing to rise although 2017 will probably be remembered as the year of the electric car as diesel power becomes a dirty word and manufacturers promised to phase out internal combustion engines as they switch to battery power.

The cranes, access and telehandler markets were generally busy although economic uncertainty in some areas kept a lid on any capital investment boom.

Here are some of the industry and world news highlights.



Belgium's **TVH** and French rental group **Loxam** are locked in a bidding war to take over the UK's **Lavendon** group.

Donald Craig of Craig Services and Access gets a two year prison sentence following the fatal collapse of an incorrectly repaired truck mounted lift in Glasgow in 2012.



Link-Belt launches the 117 tonne 228 HSL crawler crane.



Terex restructures German crane production closing the facility in Blieskastel-Bierbach.

Konecranes acquires the Terex Material Handling and Port Solutions business.

JCB lands a \$412 million deal to supply telehandlers to the United States Army.



Five new 86ft boom lift products from **Dingli**, **Skyjack**, **Haulotte** and **XCMG** are unveiled.

UK-based **City Lifting** acquires tower crane/hoist specialist **Vertical Transportation**.

Socage acquires crane manufacturer **Manotti Autogru**.

The **Hewden** administrator announces the auction of 127 cranes as part of the liquidation of the failed rental company.

Ainscough confirms the purchase of 11 Liebherr cranes from **Select Plant Hire**.

Kobelco starts merging its crane operations into the Construction equipment division in the USA and Middle East.

Terex Cranes closes its crane manufacturing plant in Jinan, China.

Spanish lift manufacturer **Matilsa** launches a 9.5 metre trailer lift, the Parma 9.



JCB unveils a 4,000kg/17.5 metre telehandler - the 540-180 HiViz - with a new dual technology powershift/hydrostatic transmission.



UK rental company **Weldex** orders eight **Liebherr** crawler cranes from 500 to 750 tonnes and eight **Hitachi Sumitomo** crawlers.

Loxam completes the acquisition of Spanish rental company **Hune** and gains control of **Lavendon**.

JLG announces the closure of its Maasmechelen, Belgium and Bruntingthorpe, UK facilities. Its Orvill and Ohio telehandler production lines in the USA will move to Pennsylvania.



Klubb buys truck mounted lift manufacturer **Comilev** out of administration.

JCB enters the powered access market with a range of slab electric scissor lifts.

United Rentals acquires **NES** from Diamond Castle Holdings for \$965 million in cash.



Time Versalift is acquired by US private equity firm **The Sterling Group** from long-time owners **O'Flaherty Holdings**.





The 4,300 tonne **ALE AL.SK190** - begins work at Earls Court, London.



Snorkel unveils a 16ft version of its TM mast type lift - the TM16E.



127 All Terrain cranes from **Hewden** fetch £32 million at auction.

Genie launches the SX-105 XC and SX-125 XC featuring the new mini X chassis and dual platform capacity with integrated overload system.

Manitou acquires **Terex Equipment Private** and its construction equipment production facility in Greater Noïda, India.

Magni Telehandlers unveils the record-breaking 45.6 metre/six tonne 360 degree RTH6.46 SH telehandler.



Tadano launches two new **Mantis** telescopic crawler cranes - the 60 tonne GTC-600 and the 80 tonne GTC-800.

Terex Cranes applies the **Demag** brand to smaller ATs starting with the three axle AC 55-3 and AC 60-3.

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JLG unveils a new 80ft true Hybrid articulated boom lift, the H800AJ.

Grove unveils the 30 tonne GCH30 telescopic crawler crane built by **Sennebogen**.

UK's **Nationwide Platforms** adds 64 spider lifts from **Hinowa** and **Teupen**.

Haulotte launches the HA26RTJ 80ft articulated rough Terrain boom and a 20ft Star 20 mast-type lift.

Link-Belt launches its 'next generation' 70 tonne 75RT Rough Terrain crane.



Maxim Crane Works acquires **Coast Crane Company** from Essex in a \$72.5 million all-share deal.

Dutch company **Catamount** launches the 25ft 25.10 telescopic crawler boom lift.



Dinolift announces the 85ft 280 RXT semi self-propelled All Terrain boom lift.



Maeda launches a compact five tonne mini crawler crane, the CC985.

Roger Bowden - founder and chairman of **Niftylift** - wins the IPAF/IAPA lifetime achievement award.



Hiab delivers the first crane equipped with HiVision Virtual Reality remote control system to a forestry customer in Sweden.

Dutch international rental company **Riwal** acquires Germany's **AFI GmbH** from owner **Günther Aust**.



Palfinger Platforms launches the P1000 - an updated version of its 103 metre WT1000 - and a new 18 metre P180 AJTK spider lift from **Palfinger Italia**.



Snorkel launches two compact Rough Terrain scissor lifts, the 22ft S2255RT and 27ft S2755RT with overall widths of 1.45 metres.



Sennebogen announces a new 50 tonne 1100E lattice crawler crane.



Niftylift shows its first straight telescopic self-propelled boom lift, the 65ft HR22S 4x4 Hybrid and the all-battery electric HR21e articulated boom.



New California-based sales company **GMG (Global Machinery Group)** launches a seven model range of slab electric scissor lifts at Vertical Days.

Sennebogen launches a 30 tonne telescopic crawler crane the 633.

Ruthmann announces a move into the larger platform market with a 90 metre HF model to be unveiled in April 2018.



Finnish platform rental companies **Jalo & Jalo** and **Janneniska** form a rental partnership for truck mounted platforms.



UK manufacturer **Ascendant Access** appoints **Skyking** as its sole UK distributor.

Mammoet acquires Pennsylvania based rigging, machinery installation and heavy hauling company **George Young** from the Young family.

The first **Vertical Days** at Silverstone was the largest to date and the best so far.

A-Plant in the UK takes access rental company **Plantfinder (Scotland)** for £24 million while US sister company **Sunbelt Rentals** acquires Delaware-based access rental company **MSP** for \$23 million.

Terex Cranes updates its four axle 100 tonne Demag AC100-4L with improved lifting performance and the IC-1 Plus control system.





China's Shanghai **Zhenhua Heavy Industries** and **Liebherr** are accused of paying bribes/kickbacks to the influential Indian born **Gupta** family in South Africa.



All change at **Tadano Faun** as chief executive Alexander Knecht and general manager Thomas Schramm depart and Kenichi Sawada takes over at the top.

Rapid Access - Lavendon's Middle East operation and now part of **Loxam** - takes delivery of 334 new **Genie** booms and scissor lifts.

UK rental group **AFI** acquires **Kimberly Access** including 1,662 aerial platforms and six locations.

Finnish international rental company **Cramo** sells its main rental business in Denmark to **Loxam** for around €25 million in cash.

TVH acquires **Lavendon Holding (Deutschland)** and **Gardemann Arbeitsbühnen** from **Loxam** and merges it with **Mateco**.



Spierings delivers its 900th self-erecting mobile tower crane - the four axle SK597-AT4 - to Swedish crane rental company **BeMå-lyft**.



Indian truck manufacturer **Tata Motors** orders 600 **Hiab** loader cranes for the Indian army.

Danish private equity firm **Generationsskifte Invest** takes a 65 percent stake in spider lift manufacturer **TCA Lift**.

AFI orders 500 new platforms worth £7 million for **AFI-Uplift** fleet and new truck mounted and spider lifts for the **Wilson Access** fleet.

Mammoet launches two new wind turbine erection and service cranes, which use the turbine's tower as the main support.



The **Gardemann** name vanishes after **TVH** integrates the company into **Mateco**.

Larry Weyers resigns as executive vice president at **Manitowoc** and **Potain** tower cranes.

Aaron Ravenscroft takes over.



Linden Comansa's Chinese operation **Comansa CM** launches a new 12 tonne luffing jib crane - the CML165.



A-Plant in the UK takes delivery of 800 booms and scissor lifts worth £14 million and orders 600 **JCB** telehandlers.

Danish lifting equipment distributor **N.C. Nielsen** announces a 152 tonne reachstacker.

Heavy lift and transport company **ALE** purchases Dutch offshore engineering and lifting contractor **Conbit**.

Wolffkran replaces the Wolff 6015 clear flat top tower crane with the Wolff 6020 clear.

A-Plant merges its **Interlift** lifting gear business - acquired from **Hewden** - into its **FLG** lifting gear division.



Tadano launches the 110 tonne **GR-1100EX** Rough Terrain crane and the 32 tonne **Tadano Mantis** GTC 300 telescopic crawler crane.



Belgium's **Arcomet** unveils its largest self-erecting tower crane to date - the A50 eco with 50 metre jib and 8,000kg capacity.



Parquest Capital acquires French rental company **Acces Industrie** valued at €100 million.

Italian lift manufacturer **Comet**, forms Comet UK - a new division of **Rytec Industrial Equipment**.

Italian spider lift manufacturer **Platform Basket** unveils the 30 metre 30T Spider.



Terex unveils a new 20 tonne flat top tower crane, the 470 tonne/metre CTT 472-20.

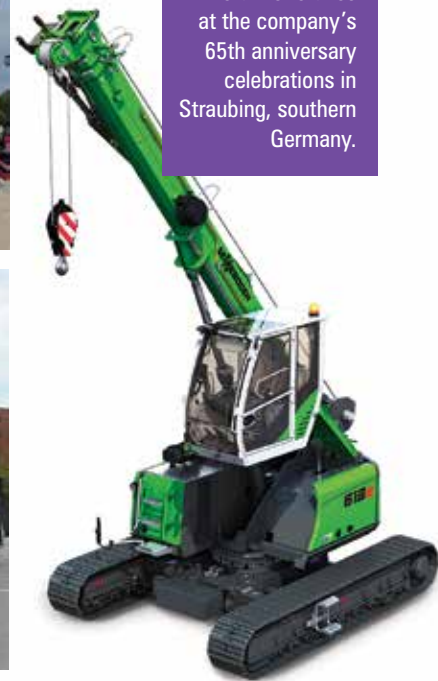
Airo launches a new 46ft compact slab scissor lift, the X16 EW.

Turkish aerial lift manufacturer **ELS** launches two brand new scissor lifts at each end of its range.

UK cleaning/ industrial maintenance company **High Access** acquires truck mounted platform company **AA Access** from **Andy Ainsworth**.



Sennebogen unveils five new crawler cranes at the company's 65th anniversary celebrations in Straubing, southern Germany.



UK rental company **Speedy** acquires South West-based **Prolift** for £11.4 million and Milton Keynes-based **Platform Sales & Hire** for £10.7 million.

Vertikal Days announces the move to **Donington Park** near east Midlands airport, Leicestershire for 2018.

Terex Cranes unveils its new **Demag AC45** City crane as well as other new models including the AC300-6, AC100-4(L) and AC55-3.



UK-based heavy lift and transport company **ALE** launches a 600t girder frame trailer, a 1,000t telescopic gantry lift system and a revolutionary automatic Route Survey Tool.

Holland Lift introduces a narrower 2.5 metre version of its 83ft HL-275 D25 4WD/P/N heavy-duty Rough Terrain scissor lift.

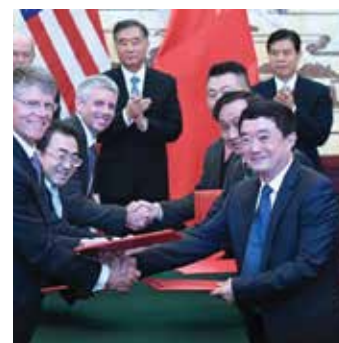
Genie launches four new XC booms including the 60ft S-60XC, 65ft S-65XC, 80ft S-80XC and 85ft S-85XC.



Bobcat launches a new more compact three tonne/seven metre telehandler, the TL30.70.

Manitowoc announces the four axle 90 tonne GMK4090 - an upgrade of the current GMK4080-1/GMK4100B which has been in production since 2006.

Dutch loader crane manufacturer **Hyva** adds three new cranes, extending its range up to 165 tonne/metres.



The **Terex Utilities** distributor for China - **Xuzhou Handler Special Vehicles** - agrees to purchase 5,000 insulated aerial devices in a deal worth around \$250 million.

The **British Standards Institution** releases a revised code of practice standard for the Safe Use of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms BS8460:2017 and BS7981:2017 Mast Climbing Work Platforms.



Dutch self-erecting mobile tower crane manufacturer **Spierings** unveils its long-awaited hybrid three axle crane - the SK487-AT3 City Boy.



Those no longer with us

- Sir Roger Moore**, 89, actor 
- Mary Tyler Moore**, 80, American actress 
- Roy Barraclough**, 81, British actor 
- Gordon Kaye**, 75, British actor 'Allo 'Allo 
- Peter Sallis**, 96, actor Wallace and Gromit/Last of the Summer Wine 
- Rachel Heyhoe Flint**, 77, English cricketer 
- Anthony Armstrong-Jones**, 86, Lord Snowdon 
- John Noakes**, 83, Blue Peter presenter 
- Graham Taylor**, 72, England football manager 
- Sir John Hurt**, 77, British actor 
- Gerald Kaufman**, 86, UK Labour MP 
- Tom Petty**, 66, rock star 
- Keith Barron**, 83, British actor 
- Chuck Berry**, 90, pioneer rock and roller 
- Della Reese**, 86, jazz, gospel musician 
- Gregg Allman**, 69, musician Allman Brothers 
- Glen Campbell**, 81, guitarist, singer 
- Don Rickles**, 90, comedian 
- Don Williams**, 78, country singer 
- Christine Keeler**, 75, British model / Profumo affair 
- Adam West**, 88, actor Batman 
- Hugh Hefner**, 91, founder Playboy 
- Tony Booth**, 85, British actor 
- Sir Peter Hall**, 86, Royal Shakespeare Company founder 
- Martin Landau**, 89, actor Mission Impossible 
- Michael Bond**, 91, creator of Paddington Bear 
- Antonio Carluccio**, 80, celebrity chef 
- Barry Norman**, 83, UK film critic 
- Jerry Lewis**, 91, comedian and actor 
- George Romero**, 77, zombie horror director 
- Sir Bruce Forsyth**, 89, British entertainer
- David Cassidy**, 67, singer/ musician
- Hywel Bennett**, 73, actor
- Malcolm Young**, 64, AC/DC founder/guitarist
- Dick Gregory**, 84, civil rights activist/comedian
- Fats Domino**, 89 singer musician
- John Hillerman**, 84, actor
- Peter Sarstedt**, 75, singer/songwriter
- Liz Dawn**, 77, British actress
- Colin Dexter**, 86, author/Inspector Morse
- Tim Pigott Smith**, 70, actor
- Liz Smith**, 97, American gossip columnist
- Robert Guillaume**, 89, actor
- Tara Palmer-Tomkinson**, 45, British socialite
- Johnny Halliday**, 74, iconic French singer

- ### Crane/Access industry deaths
- David Jacobi**, 57, of Ainscough Heavy Cranes 
 - Malcolm Lawton**, 82, previously Greenham, Scott Greenham and PTP 
 - Ben Lawton**, 35, a keen crane enthusiast in the UK 
 - Dermot O'Leary**, 71, co-founder of Ireland's Crane Hire Limited 
 - David Webb**, 43, **David Newall**, 36 and **Rhys Barker**, 18 of Falcon Cranes following the tower crane collapse in Crewe in June. 



 - John Oliver Cliff**, 75, sales manager Tadano Mantis 
 - William 'Bill' Towner** - country manager Rapid Access, Oman 
 - Niklas Herlin**, 53, Cargotec's largest shareholder 
 - Rob Wallis**, 77, founding director of Australia's National Hire Group and the HRIA. 
 - Brian Wiggins** - access industry veteran 
 - Sydney Cooper**, 75, crane veteran/ex Hewden depot manger 
 - William 'Willie' O'Brien**, 89, founder of William O'Brien Crane Hire in Cork, Ireland 
 - Gary Smith**, 62, UK access industry veteran, chairman of Bella Access 
 - Bryan Alan Flintham**, 59, UK loader crane industry veteran 
 - Samuel Ray Anthony**, 58, CEO of Anthony Crane 
 - Adrian Bolton**, 53, global product manager Alimak Hek 
 - Pat Clarke**, service manager for Nationwide Platforms 
 - Bill Murray**, 86, crane veteran ex Coles/Grove 
 - Norman Kelsey**, 75, former national service manager at Hewden Stuart Crane Hire 
 - Mark Sichi**, 61, VP product development of Xtreme Manufacturing 
 - Erwin Müller**, 65, Swiss access industry veteran 
 - Tudor Van Hampton**, 39, managing editor at ENR 
 - Gary Spickler**, 78, ex-senior VP operations at Grove 
 - Walter Sellick**, 98, founder of fork lift manufacturer Sellick Equipment 

Others who died: Also looking over the crane and lift accidents reported on www.vertikal.net the number of people who lost their lives totalled: Aerial work platforms 19, Cranes 26 and Telehandlers three, all of which were access related.

World Events..World Events..World Events



January 2017

Donald Trump is inaugurated as the 45th president of the United States. 

Serena Williams wins her 39th major tournament - the Australian Open - a new record

Donald Trump issues an executive order banning citizens from seven, mostly Muslim, countries, but is overruled by local courts.

Volvo Cars announces all of its new models by 2019 will be hybrid or battery powered.

France and the **UK** announce a ban on petrol/diesel cars by 2040, **India** by 2030.

104th Tour de France won for the fourth time by UK's **Chris Froome**. 


February

Discovery of seven Earth-sized planets orbiting star **Trappist-1** raises possibility of alien life.

Moonlight takes the best picture Oscar after a mix-up. Best Actor **Casey Affleck** and Best Actress **Emma Stone**. 

The half brother of North Korean leader **Kim Jong-il** - **Kim Jong-nam** - is assassinated in Kula Lumpur airport.

August
Barcelona footballer **Neymar** signs a record \$263 million five year deal with Paris Saint-Germain.

Usain Bolt runs his last race. 

Right wing march in **Charlottesville**, Virginia turns violent with one death and 19 injuries.

Mudslide and flooding in Freetown, Sierra Leone kills more than 500.

A van rams into crowds in **Las Ramblas**, Barcelona killing 16 and injuring 120.

Kenya bans plastic bags with \$38,000 fines and four years in jail.

North Korea launches missile over Japan setting off warning alarms.

Hurricane Irma becomes the most powerful Atlantic hurricane with winds of 185mph and killing at least 102 people. 

March

The UK triggers **Article 50** kicking off two years of negotiations on exit from the EU.


Mass grave of 800 children found in a former Catholic care home in Tuam, Ireland.

South Korea impeaches president Park Geun-hye

World's oldest golf club - **Muirfield** in Scotland - votes to admit women members after 273 years

September

Catalonia's parliament approves illegal independence referendum.


An **8.2 earthquake** hits Mexico killing 90 - the strongest Mexican quake in a century. 

Paris wins right to host the **2024 Olympics** and Los Angeles the 2028 games.

Saudi Arabia overturns its ban on women driving - last country in the world to do so.

Terrorist attack on London's Westminster Bridge kills four and injures 40. 

Bomb on **St Petersburg** metro kills 11, second bomb defused.


Bob Dylan receives Nobel Prize for Literature. 

Pink Star diamond sets world record price of \$71 million at Hong Kong auction.

Truck driven into a department store in **Stockholm** kills four.


Two Egyptian Coptic churches attacked by suicide bombers leaving 44 dead.

Video of passenger being removed from a **United Airlines** flight causes outrage.

May
Emmanuel Macron wins France's presidential election. 

October
58 killed and 489 injured at a concert in Las Vegas, the deadliest mass shooting in American history. 

Spain imposes direct rule on Catalonia following the **independence referendum**.

Hollywood producer **Harvey Weinstein** is fired and disgraced following accusations of sexual harassment. 

New Zealand's Labour Party forms a coalition government led by **Jacinda Ardern**, 37, youngest leader in 161 years.

Albert Einstein's "Theory of Happiness", written as a note for a bellboy instead of a tip in Tokyo in 1922, sells for \$1.56 million

Suicide bomb at **Manchester Arena** kills 22 and injures 59.

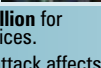
Floods and landslides in **Sri Lanka** kill 151.

A suicide bomb in **Kabul**, Afghanistan leaves 150 dead and 400 injured.

June
Donald Trump announces the US withdrawal from **Paris Climate Agreement**.

Terrorist attack in **Borough Market**, London leaves seven dead and 48 injured.

British **General Election** results in a hung parliament.

Fire in **Grenfell Tower** block in London, kills 79 and injures 37. 

EU fines **Google \$2.7 billion** for unfair competition practices.

Petya malware cyber-attack affects organisations in more than 64 countries.

Germany votes to legalize **same sex marriage** in a snap vote.

UK defence secretary **Michael Fallon** resigns due to his behaviour towards women.

A gunman shoots 26 dead and injures 20 at a church in **Sunderland Springs**, Texas.

Paradise Papers are leaked from offshore investment firm Appleby.

UK minister **Priti Patel** resigns after secret meetings revealed with Israeli officials. 

December
UK reaches last minute agreement to proceed to stage two of **EU exit talks**.

Donald Trump goes ahead with his recognition of **Jerusalem** as Israel's capital in spite of global objections. 



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Italian Design

The Dingli European R&D Centre holds more than 10 global patents, for its Smart Range of eight boom lifts with working heights from 16 to 28 metres, featuring:

- New concept structural design,
- Integrated 4×4×4 axle type drive,
- Modular low weight high performance efficient design,
- High degree of parts and component commonality.

Recruitment

We are looking to recruit overseas senior sales managers for the following regions: Vietman, Philippines, Brazil, India, Canada and the UAE. If you are looking to challenge yourself, please email your resume/CV to hr@cndingli.com

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