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BIGGEST & BEST

This year's Vertikal Days was held for the first time at Newark Showground in Nottinghamshire last month and was the largest in the show's 17 year history. More than 330 companies were represented making it the biggest display of cranes, aerial work platforms and telehandlers, along with associated equipment and services this year.

The change of venue resulted in a more linear layout, with the display area stretching around 500 metres along the old Vulcan Runway. The simple two aisle layout received a very positive reaction from visitors and exhibitors alike, helping ensure that visitors did not miss anything by walking down one side, stopping for lunch in the Catering Pavilion then returning up the other side to the exit and car park.

Overall, the weather was sunny, particularly on the second day. Day one was interspersed by showers and strong gusts of wind followed by a heavy downpour and hail which put a dampener on the evening networking event.

Attendance was good with around 3,000 visitors, many of which returned on the second day in order to catch the vast array of new products, technology, associated equipment and to speak with the many companies offering specialist services. This year saw more than 40 new exhibitors representing 50 OEMs, with almost 60 companies in the expanded Marketplace. With so many new products it is difficult to highlight them all in this limited space. However, we will do our best to include everyone in the pictorial review below.

Here is a brief list of machines that caught the Vertikal team's eye.

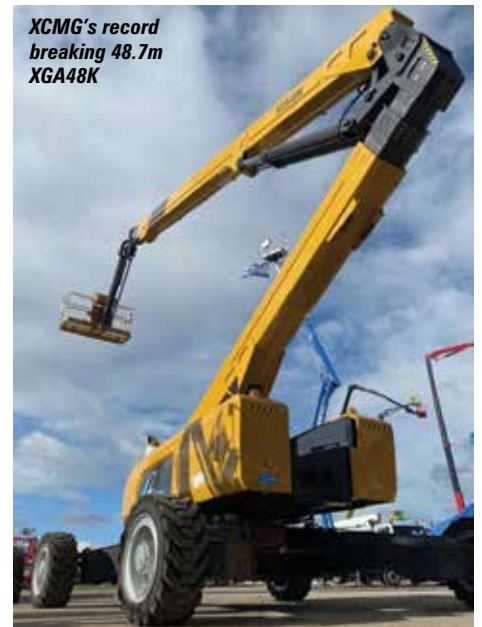
XCMG unveiled a record breaking articulated boom lift, the 161ft XGA48K. The 48.7 metre working height platform arrived from China just in time for its international debut, alongside the record breaking 217ft/70m telescopic boom.

Niftylift unveiled two new products at the event, including its first telescopic boom - the 66ft all electric HR22S with a 22 metre working height - and an improved 33ft 4x4 HR12 boom lift.



Niftylift's new 65ft HR22SE All Electric telescopic boom lift

Socage's distributor Independent Access Sales launched the new 13.4 metre Forste 14A Isuzu pick up mounted lift with 7.1 metres outreach and 230kg platform capacity. The unit has straight up and down jacking and is set to be assembled in the UK.



XCMG's record breaking 48.7m XGA48K



The new Socage Forste 14A pick up mounted lift with Matilde Maccari of Socage and Richard Martin of Independent Access Sales



Jean Harrison and Nicole Engesser provide a warm welcome at the entrance pavilion



Visitors enjoying the Marketplace café



The Star Shade tent area with barbecue

First timers at the show Keith Rhodes Machinery introduced the Landoll telehandler line up from Kansas, USA, with two 20 tonne PT40 models - one with a bespoke jib attachment, the other with heavy duty forks - with lift heights of up to six metres. The machines weigh around 21 tonnes and are said to be 'very competitively priced'.



The Landoll heavy duty industrial telehandler

Haulotte showed several new products including the HA16E - its first 46ft all electric articulated boom with optional range extender - its compact Swift Up push around line up and FASTN lanyard anchorage device.



Haulotte Swift Up 4.5



The Haulotte stand with new products and devices

Liebherr's impressive stand included the first 400 tonne LTM 1400-6.1 in special 75th anniversary livery, and its 150 tonne telescopic crawler, as well as one of its all electric Unplugged lattice crawlers and six other ATs from 40 to 300 tonnes - all HVO ready.



Liebherr's first 400 tonne LTM 1400-6.1 in special 75th anniversary livery



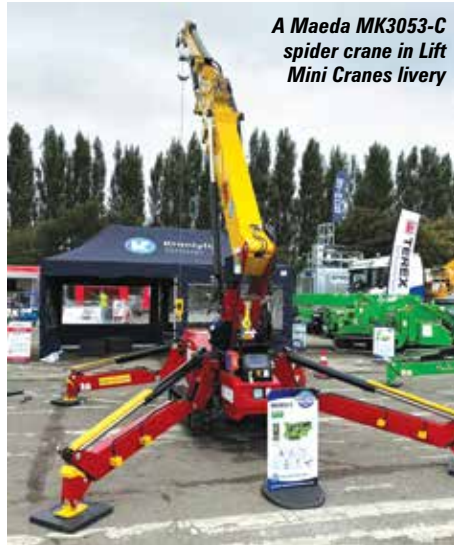
A Liebherr MK self erecting mobile tower crane in Ainscough colours

Kobelco introduced its new 75 tonne heavy duty telescopic crawler displayed along side its 250 tonne lattice crawler with the latest Stage V engine.



The new Kobelco TKE750G telescopic crawler

New spider cranes included Maeda's MK3053-C and Unic's URW-546-2 with hydraulic jib and the Unic UM325 Pop Up crane. It was also a chance to chat with newly appointed Hoeflon distributor Crowland Cranes on a stand filled with four spider and several pick & carry models with capacities from 550kg to four tonnes. Foster Crane & Equipment - the newly appointed distributor for Jekko - also had a packed stand, displaying the latest Jekko attachments and technology.



A Maeda MK3053-C spider crane in Lift Mini Cranes livery



Unic URW-546-2



Part of the Hoeflon UK stand



The Foster Cranes' stand with Jekko spiders

CMC launched the 20 metre S20 spider lift, while new exhibitor Aldercote, showed its latest van mounted and 4x4 lifts. Dingli's extensive display included the new 138ft BA44HRT articulated hybrid boom lift.



CMC stand with new spider lifts



Aldercote's latest van mounted and 4x4 lifts



The Dingli stand with the new 138ft BA44HRT articulated hybrid boom lift in the background

Several new bread & butter articulated booms were launched, with JLG demonstrating its second generation 45ft EC450 AJ, while LGMG unveiled its latest electric models, and Sinoboom also discussed its plans for a UK subsidiary and European production.



LGMG launched the new 65ft SR2024E electric scissor lift



Sinoboom stand



JLG Stand

First time exhibitor Jovoo showed the 45ft V14 articulated boom lift, while MEC highlighted its new Micro scissor lift line up and Manitou had its all new 20ft SE 0808 slab electric scissor lift on display.



L-R: XueDong Qu & ChungChang Li of Jovoo

Platform Basket distributor Promax Access introduced the 10 metre Heron 10 mast boom, a new 18 metre Spider 8.95 Hybrid and an Elma PCR12 tracked mini crane. The newly formed Socage Raptor made its UK debut with its latest model, the 25S spider lift.



Promax Access showed this Elma PCR12 mini tracked pick & carry crane



The Raptor 25S

In terms of new telehandlers Zoomlion and LGMG had units on display for the first time, as did Sany which also showed its three axle 60 tonne SAC600E All Terrain which is beginning to sell across Europe. Other companies with new equipment included Liftroller, Geda and Imer.... the list goes on and on.



One of LGMG's telehandlers next to the catering pavilion



Philip Boddy of Sany with the new STH1440 telehandler



Zoomlion's new telehandler

The CPA and IPAF held meetings during the show, one of which lasted all morning, raising complaints from some exhibitors who felt that they ought to be held the day before or day after. The marketplace was a hive of activity, especially on the first day when it provided shelter during the showers. It was also encouraging to see many new, friendly faces in the industry, reflecting its ongoing change and growth.

Next year's event will again take place at Newark Show ground on the 10th and 11th of September 2025. We hope to see you there!



The Roaming Folk trio serenading ahead of dinner after their outdoor session was rained off



Some of the Vertikal team making the most of the photo booth



Pierino Bravi demonstrating one of his machines on the Bravi stand



Klaas aluminium truck crane on the Kranlyft stand



Skyjack scissors



Electroelsa mastclimber



A brand new Volvo truck with Fassi F660 crane from the Falcon Group's Freight division



Aldercote 4x4 truck and E-Drive self charging van mounted lifts



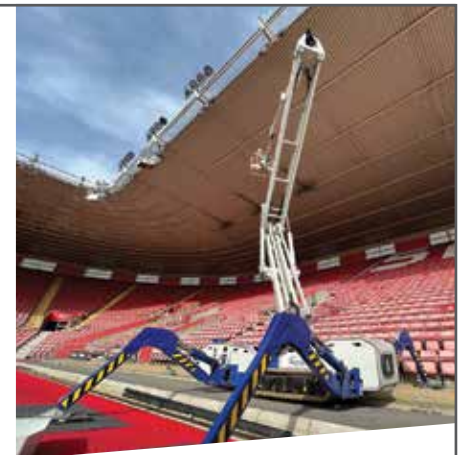
Potain tower crane cab on the Maniwoc stand alongside Grove



Rayco Wylie stand



Mac's Trucks new Beavertail truck body



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Sinoboom 5389RE scissor



In the Marketplace



The Kobelco stand with new 75 tonne telescopic crawler crane



The Ganterud stand



The new range of Mac-Lift scissors from MacGen Power Generation



Tough-Lift ML15



The Liftroller 1,200kg carrier



Tobias Knichel of Dumarey - previously Punch Flybrid - with its range of green power products



Ruthmann truck mount



Stros Rhino battery box



Tadano highlighted its new hybrid 70 tonne AC 4.070L-1 Hybrid



GSR 220 truck mount



The Latch & Batchelor stand



The CPA team (L-R) Siva Subramaniam, David Smith, Adam Godwin, Steve Mulholland and Rob Squires



Part of the Zoomlion stand

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A Böcker 150kg winch



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Niftylift's 120T trailer mounted platform



Mantall's 13ft XE60 Mini ED Plus



Manitou showed telehandlers to boom lifts



JMG full electric pick & carry crane



Platform Basket's Heron 10 made its UK debut



Jekko spider cranes with new distributor Foster Cranes



Philip Richardson and Chris-Trodden of FT Wind Sensors



JLG EC520AJ seen on the APS stand



Mac's Truck with Fassi F820 sold to Blade Access



The Alp Lift material lifts



LiuGong LS1216HC tracked scissor



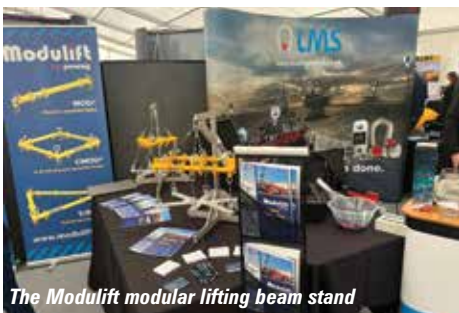
The CLM stand with Maber hoists and mastclimbers



The Hoeflon mini crane stand



The MEC Micro 26-XD with Xtra-Deck step up platform



The Modulift modular lifting beam stand



Some of the Liebherr All Terrain cranes



The Wolffkran stand at night



A Maeda CC985 Stage V mini crawler crane



The Magni stand



The City Lifting stand



The Kranlyft stand



The International Platforms team



Berry Cranes' AK48 being represented on the Bocker stand



(L-R) Harry & Patrick McArdle of Height for Hire with Vertikal's Leigh Sparrow



Spierings SK1265-AT6



A CTE truck mount sold to Smart Platforms



A Geda 500Z material hoist



Another new product launch, the 45ft all electric Skyjack boom lift



Tracked Carriers' tracked carriers



Sinoboom AB16EJ Plus articulated boom



Electroelsa with its automatic built in 'No bolt loose' bolt detector on the mast



The 60 tonne Sany SAC600E All Terrain crane sold to RRC Crane Hire



Certex Lifting Products and Services stand



The 'My Future My Choice' workshops for local schools was back on the agenda in a bid to inspire young engineers



The UniMat stand



The ReesLift push around lift with MECscissors in the background



Tracked Carriers with AC1200 crane option



Mac-Lift MG15 scissor



The 58 metre Zoomlion ZT58T telescopic boom



Aresta safety equipment



LGMG 1840 telehandler



The all electric CTE MP20EV



A busy TVH stand



Axolift Manulift's up to four metres working height



Snorkel SL30RT



Torquer demonstrating its latest device



First time exhibitor Liftroller with one of its products



Falcon Group showed this Potain HUP 40-30 self erecting tower crane



Alimak Scando 650 passenger material hoist

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The 25 tonne JMG MC 250.09 FL all electric Fork truck pick & carry crane sold to County Lifting



The GGR stand with Faresin electric telehandlers



A selection of low level Power Towers products



The Liebherr stand



Teupen Leo 23T spider lift on a trailer



The centrally located IPAF stand



Ecobat battery stand



Grove GMK5150XL in MGA Crane Hire livery



Haulotte had several new machines on its stand



An SAEclimber mastclimber



JLG's latest ES scissors



Smartlift Outdoor SL309 and SL609 glass handlers



Neargrid was showing off its cutting edge battery systems



Hinowa LL17.75 MK on the APS stand



JCB electric Tele Truck and power pack



Bronto had a good show



A busy Market Place



The B Flats Ukelele band provided the lunchtime entertainment



The Vertikal team

The Cherry Picker Shop promoting its replacement parts service



The new Manitou scissor lifts



The first XCMG 161ft XGA48K articulated boom lift alongside its 217ft XGS70K telescopic boom lift



The Sinoboom stand

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