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Vertikal Days has moved to Donington Park this year, with the two day event taking place on May 16th and 17th.

The new venue offers numerous possibilities and features a larger, all tarmac exhibition area, something that visitors last year really appreciated. The showground is also located iust off the M1 at junction 23a close to and can be accessed from the nearby A50 and A42 roads and junction 24 of the motorway for those travelling south. International visitors can fly into the neighbouring East Midlands Airport, with the main terminal less than two miles from the venue, with a host of large modern hotels. The location is also convenient to the major towns of Derby, Nottingham and Leicester, while Birmingham is less than an hour away.

Bigger and bigger

The 12th Vertikal Days looks set to be bigger again and is highlighted by a larger number of exhibition stands than ever before. The show is almost fully booked and looks set to be the platform - excuse the pun - for many new product launches, along with innovative products from component suppliers and service companies. With Intermat only partially supported by crane and access manufacturers this year, it will also without question be the largest crane and access event in the western hemisphere.

A full guide and preview to the event will be published in the next issue of the magazine, but in the

meantime, here are a few glimpses of the new products or introductions that we already know about.



Cranes

Crane and lifting equipment manufacturer Böcker will launch its new UK direct sales operation and unveil its new 12 tonne AK52-1200 flagship model which the company claims is the world's most powerful aluminium boomed truck crane on a 26 tonne chassis. The crane has a maximum radius of 45 metres and can take a one tonne load to 34 metres at a height of 30 metres. It will be shown alongside the 2.4 tonne AHK 36/2400 trailer crane.



Staying with aluminium truck and trailer cranes, the show will also host the launch of Klaas cranes in the UK, now represented by Kranlyft UK. The company will show the latest truck mounted model from the German company which has a range topped by the K1000 RSX - with a 55 metre maximum tip height it can handle six tonnes at 7.5 metres and take one tonne to a 30 metre radius or 350kg to 44 metres. Kranlyft will also show the Maeda range including the five tonne CC985 mini crawler crane and the eight tonne MC815 spider crane.

Klaas K1000 RSX



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GGR will have the latest Unic spider cranes, including the new six tonne, second generation URW-706-2 crane, and also show its new range of Sunward mini crawler cranes, alongside the Galizia pick & carry crane line.

Liebherr will have the European launch of its new Rough Terrain crane products which have just gone into production following their unveiling at Conexpo last year. The 90 tonne LRT 1090-2.1 will be on the stand, featuring a 47 metre main boom and a 10.5 to 19 metre bi-fold swingaway option with up to 40 degrees of offset. It will also show the first of its new 90 tonne LTM 1090-4.2 All Terrain cranes sold in

the UK. Vertikal Days will also be the first public showing anywhere of the new three axle Spierings seven tonne

SK597-AT3 City Boy hybrid selferecting tower crane. The long anticipated new crane features a

48 metre jib with a 1,700kg jib tip capacity and luffing range of 15, 30 or 45 degrees giving a maximum lift height of 55.45 metres. The company will also show the 10 tonne six axle SK1265-AT6 which can lift 1,700kg at a radius of 60 metres and to a maximum height of 64.2 metres with the jib luffed to 30 degrees.

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One of the founding exhibitors of Vertikal Days, City Lifting will highlight the new Raptor 184 articulated luffing tower crane from Artic Crane. The Raptor 184 has a capacity of eight tonnes at a 23 metre radius and four tonnes at 36 metres, while the minimum out of service radius is just 4.7 metres.



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Tadano has much to discuss and will exhibit its latest All Terrain crane, the three axle 60 tonne ATF 60G-3. It will feature alongside the four axle 70 tonne ATF 70G-4 and 220 tonne five axle ATF 220G-5 All Terrain, while this will be one of the first opportunities to see the new 80 tonne GTC-800 telescopic crawler crane.

JT Cranes will present the new Jekko JF 545 articulated spider crane with removable counterweight, while fellow Italian company JMG will show its latest battery powered pick & carry cranes.



Rivertek Services, the Kato cranes distributor, returns for its third year showing the full line of the



manufacturer's compact City-type All Terrain cranes.

NRC will debut the 100 tonne Hitachi Sumitomo HSC SCX1000A-3 lattice crawler crane and show the 51 tonne Link-Belt TCC-500 telescopic crawler crane. HTC Wolffkran returns for a second year with the Wolff WK133B tower crane and has taken a slightly larger stand, while Manitowoc will display the 300 tonne Grove GMK 6300L alongside one of its Potain tower cranes. Kobelco will have its 135 tonne CKE1350G on display, as well as either a 90 tonne CKE900G or the larger 250 tonne capacity CKE2500G.



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Access Equipment

GMG, the new company in the aerial lift market which launched as a business at Vertikal Days last year, is back and promises to impress and surprise with a range of new products including a new 10 metre mast boom, the VM26-J, an all-new Rough Terrain scissor lift line and the 15ft 1530ED compact slab scissor lift.

Platform Basket - represented in the UK by Promax Access - will launch the 30 metre Spider 30T with an overall width of 890mm which the manufacturer claims is the world's narrowest 30 metre spider lift.



Comet will launch its ultra-compact off road Xiraffe 4x4 articulated boom lift line and show its recently launched Solar truck mounted platforms for the first time. GSR will show its new 3.5 tonne B series telescopics, the 18 metre B180T and 20 metre B200T. Bronto will have one of its new generation models on display, while Ruthmann dealer ASI is considering bringing its all-new 90 metre truck mounts to the show although a height



restriction imposed by the proximity to the airport will prevent full extension.

Lingong Group Jinan Heavy Machinery (LGMG) will use the event to make its UK debut with a display of slab electric scissor lifts including the 15ft SS0507, 19ft AS0607E and 26ft AS0808E scissor. Klubb will

make its debut as

majority owner



LGMG AS0808E

of its distributor CPL, which will show the latest van mounted lifts as well as 3.5 tonne truck mounts and spider lifts from Palfinger Platforms Italy.

Versalift will bring its new LAT135-H Euro 6 pick-up mounted platform available on a choice of two chassis - a Toyota Hilux or Isuzu D-Max.





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It features a working height of 13.3 metres, an outreach of 6.1 metres and a 230kg platform capacity.

In terms of spider lifts one of the biggest new product launches will be the 33 metre Hinowa Lightlift 33.17 Performance IIIS spider lift. The new model is a significant departure for the Italian manufacturer and incorporates a number of innovations including a jib with 180 degrees of articulation. It is also available from JLG where it is known as the X1000AJ.

Multitel Pagliero will show two new models, the SMX 300 HD and the lithium powered SMX 250 crawler platforms. Its truck mounted range will include the first 10 metre MS 100 sold in the UK and the 29 metre MX 290.

Snorkel UK will launch its new Bluelift spider lift distribution business, alongside its latest electric slab scissor lifts, including the new TM16E mast type lift and latest boom lift.

A year after entering the aerial lift market, JCB will unveil lithium ion



battery powered versions of its slab scissor lift line, and launch its next new product line, likely to be articulated boom lifts or possibly its first Rough Terrain scissor lift. ATN is also planning a new product launch but not saying what yet, Bravi is back after taking a year off, while Teupen will launch its distribution partnership with Alfa Access.

TCA Falcon Lift will have some significant announcements and show its Falcon Spider FS330Z and FS320C, both with the new height



adjustable Vario crawler chassis. Skyking will have the latest offerings from Ascendant Access and Palfinger Platforms while

launching its new UK dealership for Isoli. Airo - with UK partner Aerial & Handling Services - will show its new variable platform for its low level scissors, alongside the new 40ft X14 EN and 46ft X16 EW slab electric scissor lifts with 1.5 metre deck extensions.

Manitou will focus most of its efforts on its access product line launching a new Mark III version of its 46ft 160ATJ with new optimised lift mechanism, improved platform, smaller engine and load sensing hydraulics. It will also show its two new 65ft boom lifts, the 220 TJ and the 220 TJ+. CTE says that it will unveil at least one all-new product, but is holding back on saying what that might be.



Genie will focus its display on new accessories and services, including its new generator Genie Lift Power. Alimak Hek, celebrating 70 years in business, will show the Scando 650 construction hoist, Hek MC 450 mastclimber and Hek TPL 1000 transport platform.

Niftylift will have a great deal to talk about as it launches its new 33ft HR12L lightweight electric boom lift with a choice of AGM or lithium ion battery packs and overall weight of just 2,500kg. The company will also show the production version of the 65ft HR22S 4X4 Hybrid telescopic boom lift and the Mark III hybrid system on the HR21.





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Telehandlers

The most significant telehandler launch is almost certain to come from Magni which plans to show the 46 metre/six tonne RTH 6.46 SH - the world's biggest 360 degree telescopic handler. This will be joined by the RTH 5.25 Smart SH and the HTH 10.10. JCB will have its 4,000kg/18 metre 540-180 model on display, with a 17 metre version - the 540-170 - on the CW Plant stand. Snorkel may also be ready to show its new six metre 2.6 tonne compact model, a badged Faresin unit, while Genie, Manitou and JLG will also show telehanders.

Ancillary equipment and services

The Marketplace Pavilion will have more stands than ever before, with plenty of new exhibitors alongside the regulars. Products range from software, training specialists, components, safety equipment and electronics suppliers - all of which are related to the crane and access market and enough to keep you fascinated for hours. The Marketplace Pavilion also hosts the main café - serving complimentary tea, coffee and pastries all day while providing a good location for off-stand meetings and networking



etc. The outside area will also include a large number of ancillary products and services, including replacement parts and service suppliers TVH and IPS, tyres from Michelin, Mitas and CGS, finance companies including the launch of a new venture by Steve Moody -**Construction Plant Finance - and** lifting gear from a range of suppliers including FLG and Carl Stahl Evita. A-Plant, together with subsidiaries Mather+Stuart and Live, is once again the rental sponsor for Vertikal Days providing generators, fencing and barriers.

Check out the full preview and guide

The product overview above only provides a taste of what you will see at Vertikal Days this year. In the next issue of C&A we will feature the full, pull-out guide to the event with far more details on the products on display and a full listing of exhibitors. Other exhibitors will include the CPA and IPAF which will meet members and also demonstrate their latest industry initiatives. Harness supplier and trainer SpanSet will demonstrate its new escape system for platforms in addition to its regular stand.

Nothing changes

Vertikal Days may have changed venue, but everything else remains the same with all visitors having a shared interest in lifting and working at height. This means Vertikal Days is an opportunity for both visitors and exhibitors to network and make new contacts. Everyone in the aisles, stands or the pavilions is a potential customer or supplier. Exhibitors have plenty of time to spend with visitors, either on their stands or in the many public areas. As usual, there will be a number of seminars, meetings and workshops at the event, so try and take advantage of them and learn something new.

Catering and hospitality

Lunch and all refreshments are as usual included, with lunch provided each day from 12:30 - 14:30 in the Catering Pavilion. Visitors and exhibitors can enjoy a free-range hog roast, a barbecue and a sandwich bar. As usual, parking is free and hotel rooms within a five mile radius are plentiful, with good connections to the venue.

Show Information:

Venue:

Donington Park, Castle Donington, Derby, DE74 2RP

Dates/Times:

Wednesday 16th May 10am to 5.30pm and Thursday 17th May 10am to 4.30pm

Exhibitor Listing:

See www.vertikaldays.net