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We report back from the UK's Executive Hire Show in Coventry.

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TRUMP THAT!

The political and business news in 2025 has been largely dominated by one person, US president Donald Trump, who began his second term in January.

Since then, it has been a whirlwind of executive orders many of which have impacted global trade practices as constantly changing import tariffs and trade policies were implemented, some of which appeared to be personal and arbitrary. His assertion that the move would boost American manufacturing and create jobs has yet to materialise, possibly due to the heavy investment required in what is currently a chaotic environment. As the year progressed, tariffs began to lead to higher prices and supply chain disruption, with some historic trade partners turning their back on the USA to seek more stable, long term alliances.

It has also been a year of war and ongoing attempts to negotiate ceasefires or peace treaties, often by leaning heavily on the seemingly weaker party. Sadly the Israel/Gaza ceasefire appears to have reached some sort of stalemate while people continue to die, but positively, all of the Israeli hostages were released, along with many of the Palestinians held. The war in Ukraine continued with an unusual summit meeting between Trump and Russian President Putin, which came to nothing, as have subsequent attempts to agree on a peace deal with him.

2025 continued the trend of climate intensified disasters. Throughout January, a series of devastating wildfires swept across Los Angeles County burning nearly 50,000 acres and forcing mass evacuations and completely destroying expensive homes. The disaster resulted in about 30 fatalities and an estimated €150 billion in losses. A 7.7 magnitude earthquake in Myanmar caused thousands of fatalities, and there was catastrophic flooding in Texas in July.

Pope Francis died in April 2025 at the age of 88.

His successor, American born Cardinal Robert Prevost, was elected in May and took the name Leo XIV, becoming the first pope from North America.

Here are a few more events that made the international news:

- An initial ceasefire between Israel and Hamas

went into effect in January but ended in March with renewed widespread Israeli airstrikes. A more comprehensive, US-brokered peace plan and ceasefire was agreed in October.

- In June the Russia-Ukraine conflict entered its fourth year with intense fighting and high civilian casualties. Russia reclaimed its Kursk province in March, and Ukraine conducted deep drone strikes (Operation Spiderweb).

- Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated in May following an attack on tourists in India, leading to reciprocal missile strikes before a ceasefire was called.



- The Sudanese Civil War continued, exacerbating a severe humanitarian crisis and cholera epidemic.
- The US intervened in the Israel and Iran conflict by bombing three of Iran's nuclear facilities
- A dormant border dispute between Thailand and Cambodia erupted into armed conflict in July following an initial skirmish in late May. A ceasefire was agreed in July.

- An Air India Boeing 787 - Flight 171 - crashed in Ahmedabad, India, in June, killing nearly everyone on board and others on the ground. It was the first fatal crash involving a 787.



- In May a glacier in the Swiss Alps collapsed burying the village of Blatten under ice and rock. A timely evacuation of the village a few days earlier prevented mass casualties.
- In October Hurricane Melissa made landfall in Jamaica with sustained wind speeds up to 185mph
- An earthquake in eastern Afghanistan killed over 2,200 people and injured 3,500
- In February Germany held a federal election, with the centre-right CDU/CSU becoming the largest party.

- Mark Carney became the new prime minister of Canada in March, following Justin Trudeau's resignation.



- In March widespread demonstrations erupt across Turkey following the arrest of the mayor of Istanbul, Ekrem Imamoğlu.
- In April, South Korean president Yoon Suk Yeol was formally removed from office following his earlier impeachment for unlawfully declaring Marshall Law in 2024.
- In June, Widespread "No Kings" protests erupted across several cities in the USA and internationally, protesting president Trump's rule by executive orders.
- In September, Anti-government protests erupted in Nepal, leading to the prime minister's resignation.
- New AI large language models were released by DeepSeek (China), OpenAI (GPT-5), and Google (Gemini 3).
- In March Firefly Aerospace successfully landed a craft on the Moon as part of its Blue Ghost mission.
- NASA and ISRO launched the NISAR satellite in July to measure Earth's surface changes.
- Private spaceflights took a major step forward with the launch of Axiom Mission 4 to the International Space Station in June carrying Polish and Indian astronauts.
- In February Beyoncé won the Album of the Year Grammy for 'Cowboy Carter'.
- In October a high profile jewellery heist occurred at the Louvre Museum in Paris using a Böcker furniture lift.
- Darts prodigy Luke Littler becomes world darts champion at the age of 17

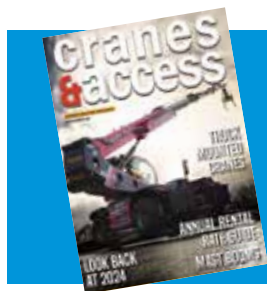
- In November, a huge fire rips through the Wang Fuk Court apartment block in Hong Kong, killing at least 160 people, with 150 missing.



- In December, 16 people were killed and 43 were injured in a mass shooting in Bondi Beach, Australia.



INDUSTRY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025



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26.8
December/
January
industry news

XCMG unveils a new 80 tonne four axle All Terrain crane for the European market - the XCA80G7-1E - featuring a 60 metre main boom.

The original spider lift manufacturer, **Falcon Lifts** filed for bankruptcy, having struggled to service its debt load.



Tadano announces a range of six crawler mounted boom lifts with working heights between 8.8 and 20 metres following the acquisition of **Nagano** a year earlier.

United Rentals agrees the acquisition of **H&E Equipment Services** in a deal worth \$92 a share - about \$4.8 billion - but a few weeks later is outbid by **Herc Rentals** which offers \$104.89 a share which values the business at \$5.48 billion.



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February/
March
industry news

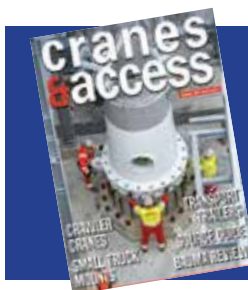
Time Manufacturing unveils its 'One Europe' strategy, bringing **Ruthmann**, **Versalift**, **France Elévateur** and **Movex** together under a single European management team.

The UK's **Health & Safety Executive (HSE)** withdraws a letter it unilaterally sent to manufacturers regarding Emergency Stop buttons. It would have effectively required the vast majority of aerial work platforms in the UK to be immediately stood down.

Falcon starts trading again, having successfully completed a financial restructuring process.



Leguan launches the new 26.5 metre Leguan 265 - its largest spider lift so far - aimed at arborists and utility companies.



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27.2
April/May
industry news

Bronto Skylift, **Rohr** and **Designwerk Technologies** develop a new 56 metre truck mounted platform - the S56XR - mounted on an all-electric chassis.

Sinoboom acquires the **Holland Lift** brand name and associated intellectual property.

Turkish earthmoving manufacturer **Hidromek** unveils its first telehandler - the 4,000kg/18 metre HMK 40-18 TH.



Two new 70 metre plus truck mounted lifts - **Altec Teupen's** 72 metre TE720 and **Multitel's** 70.6 metre MJE710 - are unveiled at Bauma.

Manitowoc Cranes files an anti-dumping petition alleging Japanese manufacturer **Kobelco** along with **Sumitomo** and its affiliate **Link-Belt**, of selling lattice crawler cranes at predatory 'dumping level' prices.



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27.4
July/August
industry
news

The **U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency** finds **Sinoboom** North America used evasion practices to import products it claimed were manufactured in Poland, when they were just assembled from Chinese built sub-assemblies and components.

Almac acquires fellow Italian manufacturer **Easy Lift** supported by private equity firm **Wise Equity** which acquired a majority stake in Almac in 2022.

Haulotte celebrates its 40th anniversary with a series of open days at its distribution subsidiaries.

Franna announces the launch of a European version of its 22 tonne AT22-2 articulated pick & carry crane - its first new CE model for 25 years.



New UK manufacturer **Navigator Lifts** announces two push-around mast type lifts - the Explora and Scout - with working heights of 4.6 and 3.65 metres respectively.



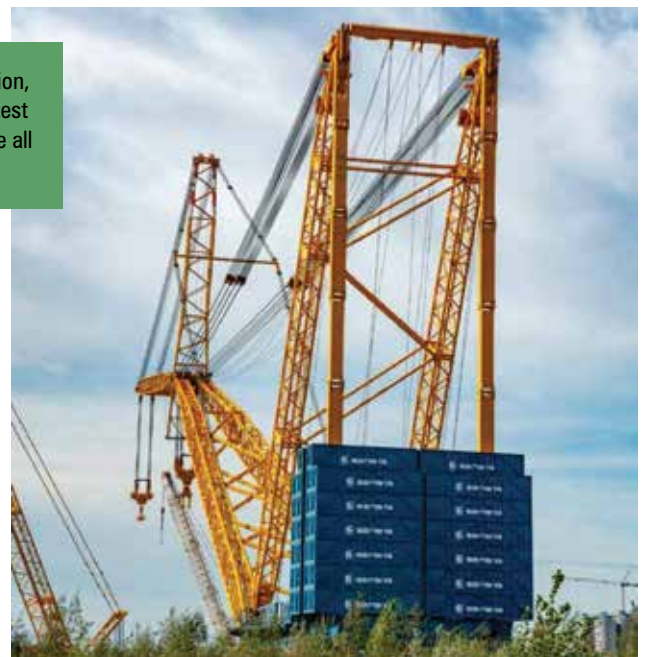
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27.5
September/
October
industry
news

Sarens completes production, design and testing of its latest ring crane - the 3,200 tonne all electric SGC-170.

Loader crane manufacturer **Hyva** is acquired by German Private Equity firm **Mutares** just six months after it was acquired by **Jost**.

UK based **Terranova Crane Hire** takes delivery of the first 250 tonne **Sany SAC2500E All Terrain** crane to arrive in the UK.

Socage acquires a majority stake in fellow Italian manufacturer **CTE**, boosting 'group' revenues to around €190 million.



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27.3
June
industry
news

Moog launches the first model in a new generation of underbridge platforms - the MBI 110 NG - with 11 metres of underdeck outreach and 500kg platform capacity.

Niftylift celebrates 40 years in business by launching three, third generation versions of its 33ft HR12 articulated boom lifts.

JMG unveils its first hydrogen hybrid pick & carry heavy forklift/crane using a 96V hydrogen fuel cell module fed by a 6kg hydrogen gas tank.



Sany launches a 200 tonne all electric lattice boom crawler crane - the SCC2000A-EV - which it says is capable of eight hours continuous operation.



Almac unveils a range of Almac branded spider lifts, and two all new industrial type articulated self-propelled boom lifts, the 43ft AJ15 and 50ft AJ17, which will carry the new **AlmacTech** branding.

Tadano/Oil&Steel launches the new 30 metre Octoplus 30 spider lift, first seen as a pre-production unit at Bauma.

Skyjack launches its largest electric slab scissor - the 45ft SJ5545 E - and completes the CE versions of its new micro scissors - the 13ft SJ3213 and 19ft SJ3219.

JLG launches two new folding push around lifts, the LiftPod 1.2 with a 3.2 metre working height and the LiftPod 1.5 with 3.5 metres. A 3.8 metre LiftPod 1.8 is due in 2026.



Terex Utilities unveils its first spider lift under the new **Green-Tec** tree care brand - the 21 metre SL5.



Raimondi/KBW Holding acquires the **Terex Crane** tower and Rough Terrain crane business.

Sinoboom opens its new production facility in Silao, Guanajuato, Mexico, to serve markets throughout the Americas.



Bravi launches two new low level platforms - the Leonardo HD 430 and the Residential 170.



Germany's **BKL Baukran Logistik** purchases the 50,000th **Liebherr** crane to be manufactured at its Ethingen facility.

Terex signs a merger agreement with the **Rev** group, which includes plans to sell or seek a separate listing for **Genie** after the deal completes in 2026.

Four crane manufacturers - **Liebherr**, **Manitowoc/Grove**, **Tadano** and **Sennebogen** - together with German equipment manufacturers' associations **VDMA** and **Intralogistics Association** file an unfair trading complaint against Chinese manufacturers with the EU.

THOSE NO LONGER WITH US

Industry deaths 2025



Jim Hagen, UK/Saudi Arabian crane rental industry veteran, 82

Bill Green, UK crane industry veteran, 83

James Quinn of Q Crane & Plant Hire in the UK, 88



'Tony' Phillippi, US crane sales and rental veteran, 79

Sumit Mazumder, past MD of Indian crane manufacturer TIL, 77



Kevin O'Shea, of Hydro Mobile and IPAF mastclimber champion, 64



Massimo Donda, crane sales & marketing manager, 63



Hans Aarse, Dutch/international crane and access industry veteran, 71



Peter Steel, former director of Coles Cranes, 83

Ralph McCurry, US rental company entrepreneur, 73



Giuseppe Corna, founder of Italian crane manufacturer GRC/TeknoGRC, 75

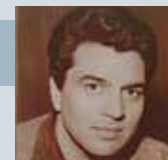


Jean-Paul Cayon, president of French crane group Groupe Cayon, 66



Celebrity deaths 2025

Robert Redford, 89, American actor
Billy Bonds, 79, West Ham footballer
Giorgio Armani, 91, Italian fashion designer
Stella Rimington, 90, First female director general of MI5
Diane Keaton, 79, American actor - Annie Hall,
Prunella Scales, 93, UK actor - Sybil in Fawlty Towers
David Lynch, 78, American film/TV maker - Mulholland Drive, Twin Peaks
Malcolm-Jamal Warner, 54, actor - The Cosby Show
Gene Hackman, 95, American actor - The French Connection
Frederick Forsyth, 86, author Day of the Jackal
Joanna Trollope, 82, author
Dharmendra, 89, Indian actor - the original He-Man of Bollywood
Joan Plowright, 95, British stage and screen star
Val Kilmer, 65, American actor - Ice Man in Top Gun
Terance Stamp, English actor - Billy Budd, Modesty Blaise
Brigitte Bardot, 91, French actor & activist
Claudia Cardinale, 87, actor 81/2, Pink Panther
Patricia Routledge, 96, English actor - Keeping Up Appearances
Graham Green, 73, Canadian actor, Dances With Wolves
Pauline Collins, 85, English actor, Shirley Valentine
Stanley Baxter, 99, UK TV star/comedian
Rob Reiner, 78, Hollywood filmmaker - When Harry Met Sally
Jean Marsh, 90, actor and co creator - Upstairs Downstairs
Richard Chamberlain, 90, actor, Dr Kildare, Shogun
The Vivienne, 32, UK drag queen
Tony Slattery, 65, UK actor and comedian
John Stapleton, 79, British journalist & TV presenter
Dick Cheney, 84, US vice president
Dickie Bird, 92, Cricketing umpire
Diogo Jota, 25, Liverpool and Portugal footballer
Jilly Cooper, 88, author
Baek Se-hee, 35, South Korean writer
Norman Tebbit, 94, UK minister under Margaret Thatcher
Charlie Kirk, 31, American political activist



Jean-Marie Le Pen, 96, French politician, founded the Front National

Hulk Hogan, 71, US WWE wrestling star

Jimmy Cliff, 81, reggae singer

Mia Love, 49, First US black republican congresswoman

Raila Odinga, 80, Prime minister of Kenya 2008 to 2013

Ion Iliescu, 95, Romania's first post-Communist president

Marianne Faithfull, 78, 1960s singer, girlfriend of Mick Jagger

Ozzy Osbourne, 76, frontman of Black Sabbath

Garry 'Mani' Mounfield, 63, bassist with the Stone Roses

Roberta Flack, 88, American Soul singer

Sly Stone, 82, singer, composer, Sly and the Family Stone

Brian Wilson, 82, Founder member of the Beach Boys

The Duchess of Kent, 92, member of the UK royal family

Jane Goodall, 91, Human rights campaigner and primatologist

D'Angelo, 51, R&B & soul singer

Cleo Laine, 97, UK Jazz singer

Chris Rea, 74, English Rock & Blues singer

Connie Francis, 87, American singer

James Watson, 97, co-discovered the structure & function of DNA in humans

Quentin Willson, 68, Top Gear TV presenter

Tom Stoppard, 88, Oscar winning British playwright

Mario Vargas Llosa, 89, Peruvian novelist

Alan Yentob, 78, documentary maker & controller BBC One & Two

Henry Kelly, 78, Irish/UK TV presenter

Ricky Hatton, 47, World Light welterweight & welterweight boxing champion

Pope Francis, 88, First South American pope

Denis Law, 85, Manchester United and Scotland footballer

George Forman, 76, world heavyweight boxing champion

Eddie Jordan, 76, Formula One team owner



Ray Anthony, founder of Anthony Crane Rental, Pittsburgh, 86



Paul Brown, crane veteran Faun/Tadano, 76



Roberto Carboni, press relations at Multitel Pagliero



Barry Barnes, UK crane rental entrepreneur, 81

Carlo Locatelli, mobile crane pioneer Locatelli Gru

Don O'Neal, Texas rental industry veteran, 75

Frank Bacon, Coles Cranes area manager, 99



Edward Seager, owner of UK tower crane company Bennetts Cranes, 61



Michael Killeen, founder of Laois Hire in Ireland & CEO of HSS Hire Ireland

Mike Posener, crane magazine and tower crane sales & marketing manager, 67

Frans Collé, Dutch access rental veteran, 78

Tom Renwick, UK crane and access pioneer and veteran, 87

Neil Waldron, UK access industry veteran, 76

