

## NEWSLETTER

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#### High-end machine tool orders are overflowing

Orders for high-end equipment such as five-axis machining centers, mill-turn machines, and precision grinding machines have a lead time of 9 months or more, with capacity utilization at 95%-110%. Mid-to-low-end machine tools see fierce competition, slim 3%-5% profit margins, extended payment periods and low operating rates at small and medium factories. **(CMTBA)**

#### Excavator prices rise across the board

Sany, XCMG and LiuGong lifted excavator prices by 3%-5% in May and June, the first large-scale hike in nearly three years that halted industry price wars. Q1 excavator sales rose 20% year-on-year. Construction machinery exports grew 24.3% to \$16.066 billion, with Belt and Road countries contributing 43.4% of total exports, and robust growth seen in African and European markets. **(Sina Finance)**

#### Chinese carmakers expand R&D in Europe

Chinese automakers are expanding R&D in Europe. Geely set up a European tech firm merging teams in Sweden and Germany. Chery opened an operations and R&D center in Barcelona. XPeng and Xiaomi built or planned R&D centers in Munich. They are focusing on compliance, intelligence, and localization to shorten the time lag between Chinese and foreign market launches. **(China Daily)**

#### Exports soar nearly 90%, Chinese industrial robots see global order boom

Data recently released by the General Administration of Customs shows that China's industrial robot exports are strong this year, with April's exports alone exceeding 25,000 units, a year-on-year increase of nearly 90%. Mobile robots, in particular, have demonstrated strong competitiveness. Data shows that export order share rose from 25.87% in 2022 to 37.12% in 2024 and over 40% in 2025. **(Sina Finance)**

#### AI, robotics used to tackle Chongqing's rugged terrain

The Chongqing Liangping UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) Industrial Park uses BIM (Building Information Modeling), drones, smart cranes and robots to handle earthwork, save 5 days of construction, and promote smart low-carbon building. The 40.8-hectare project will fill Chongqing's gap in medium and large UAV manufacturing. **(China Daily)**