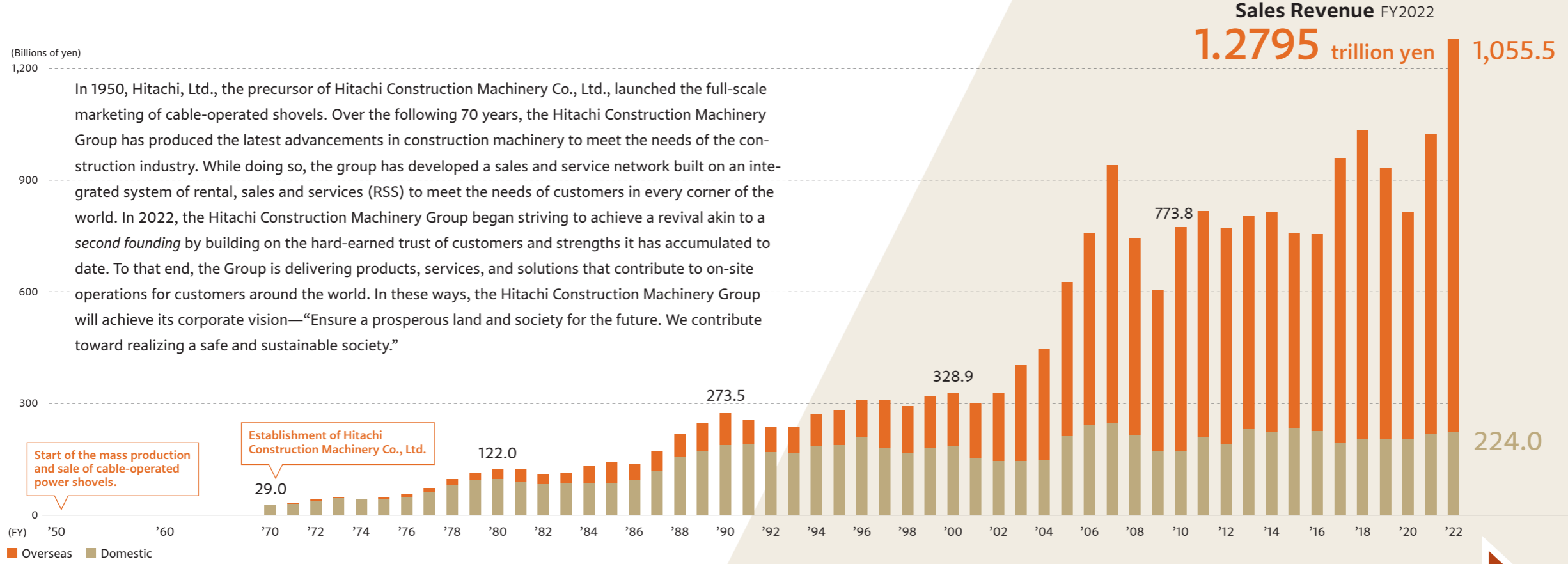



# History of the Hitachi Construction Machinery Group




In 1950, Hitachi, Ltd., the precursor of Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd., launched the full-scale marketing of cable-operated shovels. Over the following 70 years, the Hitachi Construction Machinery Group has produced the latest advancements in construction machinery to meet the needs of the construction industry. While doing so, the group has developed a sales and service network built on an integrated system of rental, sales and services (RSS) to meet the needs of customers in every corner of the world. In 2022, the Hitachi Construction Machinery Group began striving to achieve a revival akin to a *second founding* by building on the hard-earned trust of customers and strengths it has accumulated to date. To that end, the Group is delivering products, services, and solutions that contribute to on-site operations for customers around the world. In these ways, the Hitachi Construction Machinery Group will achieve its corporate vision—“Ensure a prosperous land and society for the future. We contribute toward realizing a safe and sustainable society.”

**1949**  
The U05 cable-operated shovel, designed for postwar reconstruction and social capital improvement, was unveiled in the Hitachi Ltd. Kameari Works as a purely Japanese machine. The full-scale production of the U06, a remodeled version of the U05, began in 1950, marking the beginning of Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.



**1965**  
The UH03, the first hydraulic excavator developed with Japanese technology, is commercialized. Unlike the commonly used machinery of the times with one-pump-one-control-valve mechanisms, the UH03 adopted a two-pump-two-control-valve mechanism developed via the use of Hitachi Construction Machinery's own technologies. This resulted in a drastic improvement in operability. The UH03 was widely used in the construction of Tomei Express Way and other infrastructure, thereby supporting Japan's burgeoning economic growth.

**1986**  
The Landy EX Series, new generation hydraulic excavators incorporating electronic controls, is introduced.




**1997**  
Development of the EX5500, the world's largest class ultra-large hydraulic excavator, is completed.




**2000**  
The ZAXIS Series, hydraulic excavators incorporating the world's first satellite communication function, is introduced. This function has made it possible to collect operational information from distant locations, contributing to the streamlining of customer operations.



**2013**  
ConSite service solutions that ensure the optimal operation of machines used by individual customers is introduced.



**2016**  
The ZX200-5B, a hydraulic excavator and a core of the information-oriented construction (ICT) solutions, is introduced.



**2022~**  
**Launched the pursuit of a revival akin to our second founding**