Value Creation Milestones

Manufacturing continues to evolve on a daily basis around the world. Hirata's job is to support manufacturing in various industrial fields.

Net sales Market capitalization (As of March 31 for each fiscal year)

1951

Manufacture and sale of industrial vehicles

1960

### 1951

# **Company Established as** a Corporation

Hirata Sharyo Industrial Co., Ltd. was established in Kumamoto City, Kumamoto Prefecture, for the manufacture and sale of industrial vehicles. This increased orders for industrial vehicles, such as carts, and belt conveyors.

### 1974

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1970

#### **Hirata Corporation Is Born**

centered on conveyors

As the Company's business expanded with the increased utilization of automatic assembly machines for the home electronics industry and other industries, three affiliated companies, Taihei Conveyors, which mainly handled portable conveyors, Hirata Sharyo Industrial, and Hirata Industrial Commerce, which handled conveyors used in the manufacture of home electronics-related products, merged to form Hirata Corporation.

1980

### 1980

Promotion of robot development and automation of production lines The Company introduces control technology and software technol-ogy to achieve a higher level of automation. Engages in the manu-

Expansion of orders for production lines based on the concept

"enhance people to double their capabilities"\*1

1990

# **Expansion of Overseas Bases**

facture and sale of process equipment as well as assembly lines

2000

Began supplying assembly lines not only to home electronics manufacturers in Japan but also to major overseas home electronics manufacturers, and established our first overseas base in the United States to further develop sales channels. Afterward, we established affiliates in Europe, Southeast Asia, China, and other regions.





ACS concept model exhibited at a trade show in North America as an effort to expand the automotive-

4-axis ARM-BASE SCARA\*<sup>2</sup> robot \*2 Selective Compliance Assembly Robot Arm (Horizontally articulated robot)







ACS concept engine assembly lines



# Production system integrator

mainly involved in the automotive, semiconductor, and home electronics fields

#### 1990

#### **Company Receives High Praise** from Overseas Automakers with Its ACS Concept

With the birth of the ACS concept, which responds to various demands by combining standards, the Company's reputation among foreign automakers began to grow in the mid-1990s. Evolution of automotive assembly lines is accelerated.

### 2000

### **Expanding Business to Meet** the Needs of the Times

Entered the flat panel display (FPD) market, anticipating a shrinking cathode-ray tube (CRT) TV market. We also entered the semiconductor-related equipment business and dealt with major overseas manufacturers. The Company moves to the world stage as a production system integrator.



Eco Electric Serie





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"MEP Chain" Conveyor

Adoption of operator-centric free flow system

where products stop in front of operators

# **Anticipating future** needs to gain a competitive edge



Brushless DC motor Hirata BLUE MOTOR

## The present

# Selecting and Focusing on **Technologies for the Realization** of a Sustainable Society

In response to the once-in-a-century change in the automotive industry and changing needs for the realization of a sustainable society, we will respond with reliable quality and technology. Using digital technology, we propose smart factories that are highly convenient and contribute to the environment. We will strengthen the development of products for which demand is expected to increase in the future, such as key devices related to electric vehicles (EVs).



Dual head wire bonder



Real-time operating status monitoring