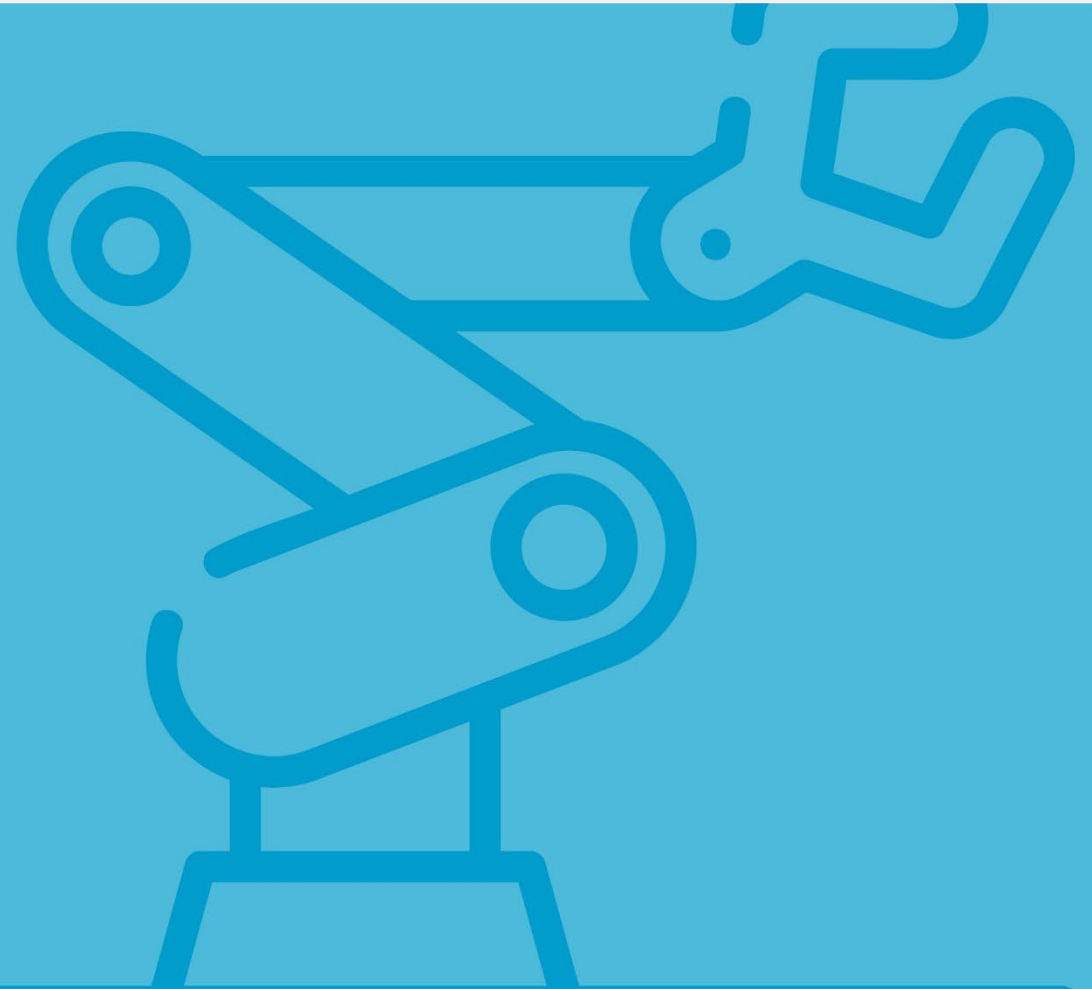


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World Robotics 2023



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International Federation of Robotics

Who we are



- Professional non-profit organization
- Established in 1987
- Communication and networking platform
- About 90 members
 - National robotics associations, R&D institutes, robot suppliers, integrators
- Over 3000 organizations represented indirectly

Members

NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS



INDUSTRIAL ROBOT MANUFACTURERS



SERVICE ROBOT MANUFACTURERS



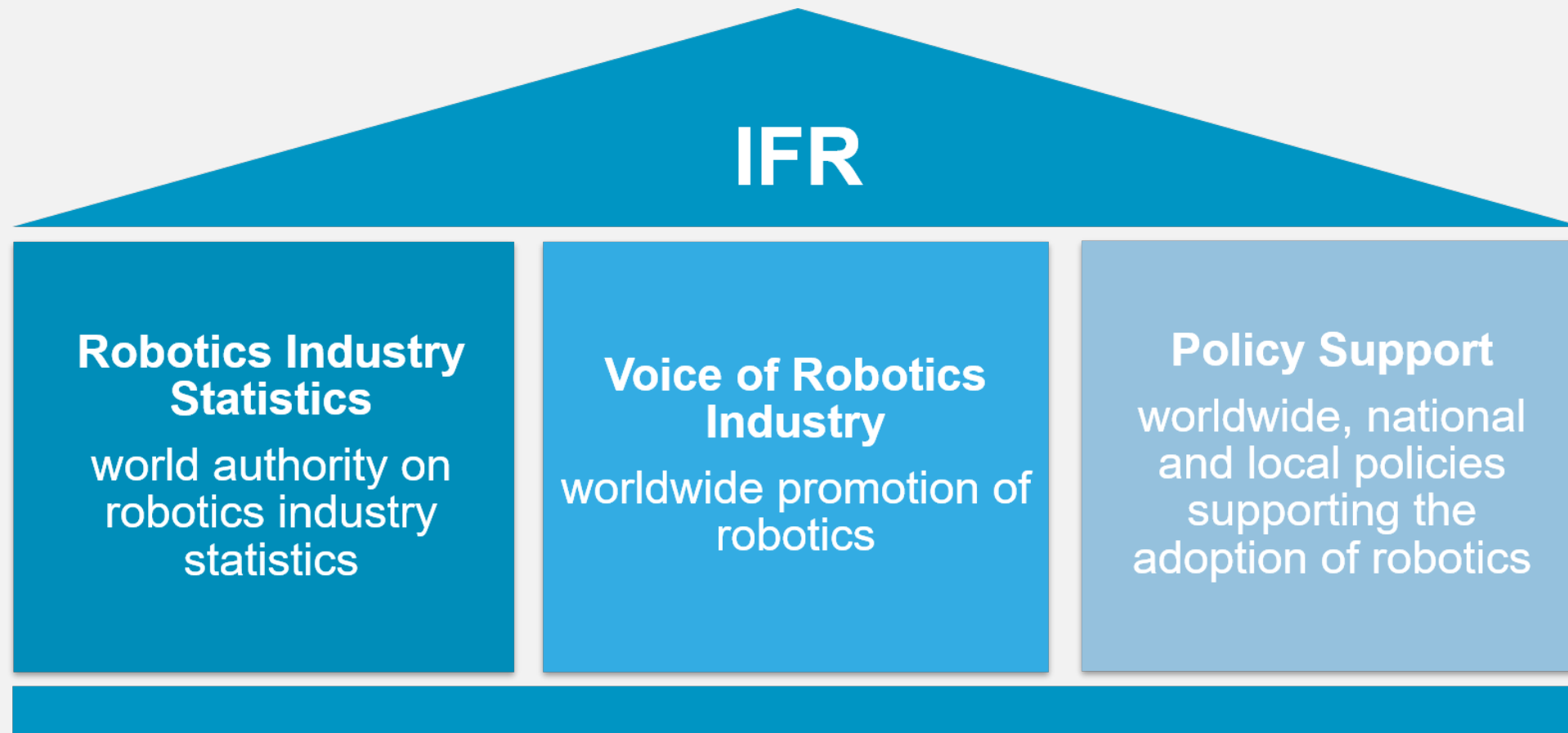
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Three pillars of IFR activities



What is a robot – and what is not?



Image: Daihen

- **“Robot”** defined by **International Standards Organization ISO**
- **No robots:**
 - ⊗ software (“bots”, AI, Robotic Process Automation -RPA)
 - ⊗ remote-controlled drones, UAV, UGV, UUV
 - ⊗ voice assistants
 - ⊗ autonomous cars
 - ⊗ ATMs, smart washing machines, etc.

Two types of robots

Industrial robots



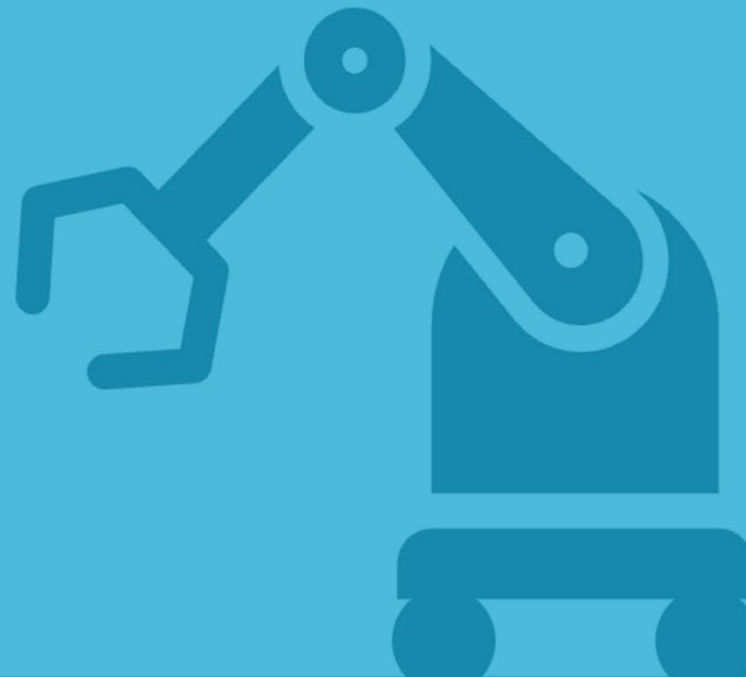
Source: ABB

Service robots



Source: KUKA

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Industrial robots - top findings



2022: Growing from a high basis

- Second record year in a row

New robots

- 553,000 units (+5%)
- CAGR 2017-2022: +7%

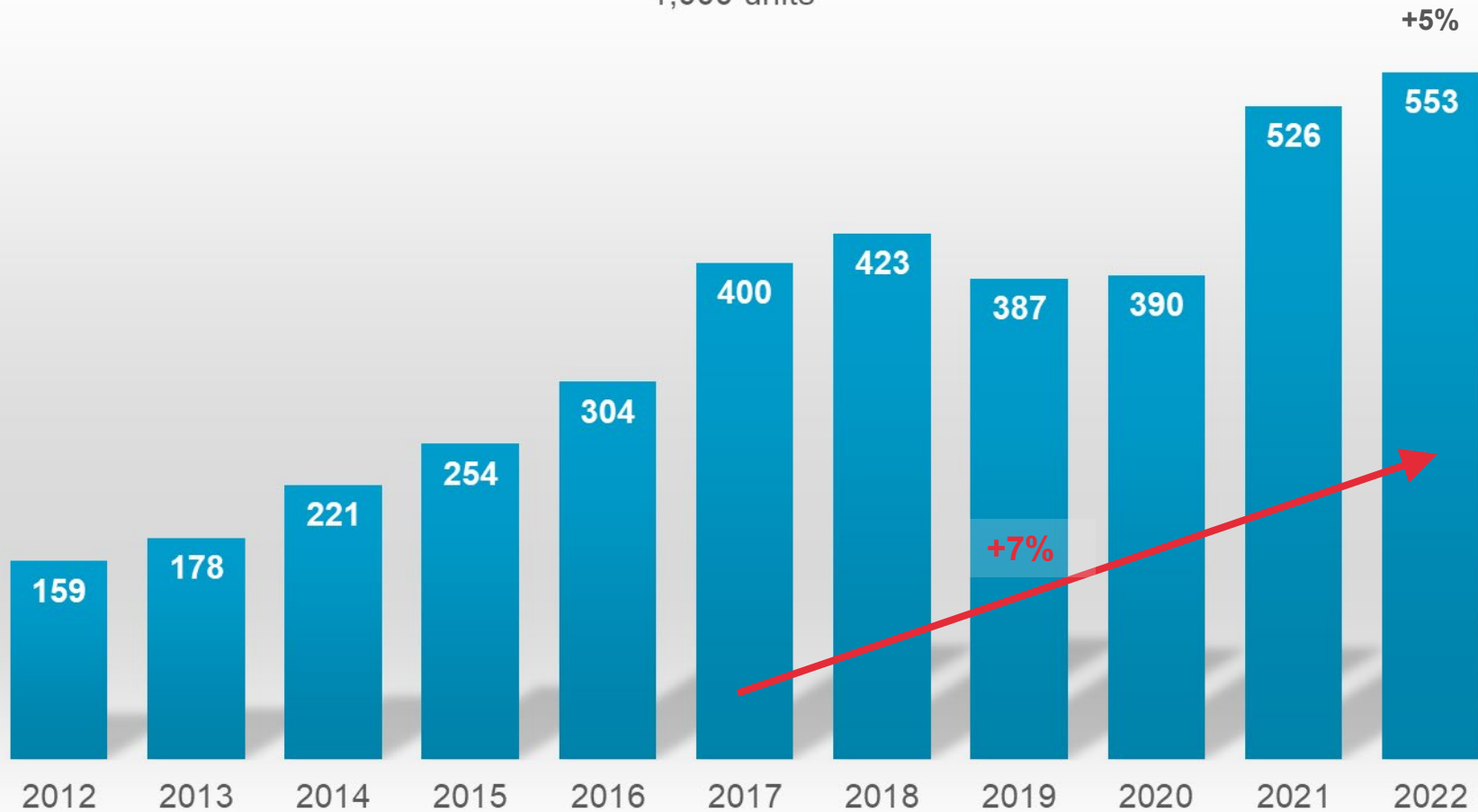
Robot stock

- 3.9 million units (+12%)
- CAGR 2017-2022: +13%

World record of **500,000 units** exceeded

Annual installations of industrial robots - World

1,000 units

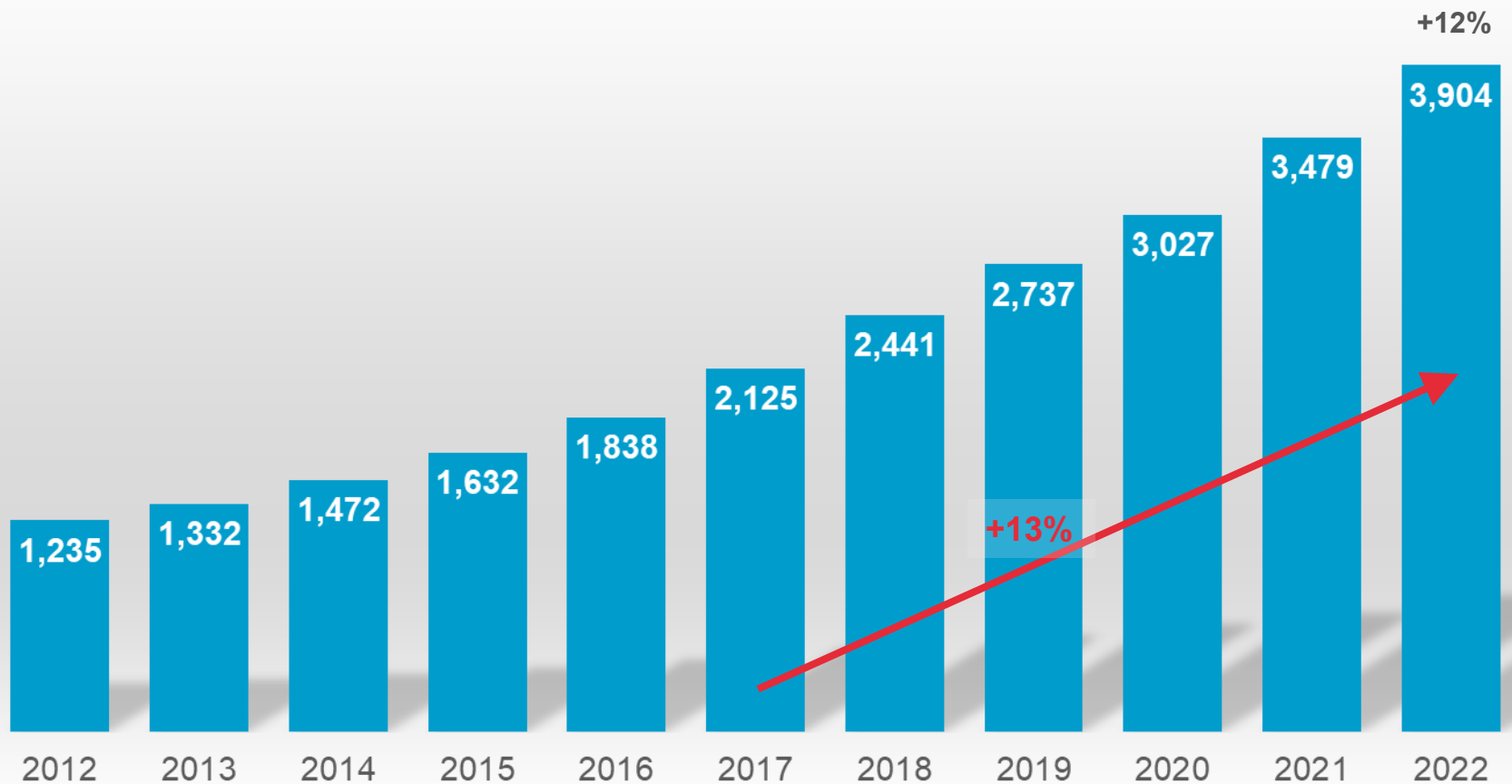


Source: World Robotics 2023

Almost **4 million** industrial robots **operating** around the world

Operational stock of industrial robots - World

1,000 units

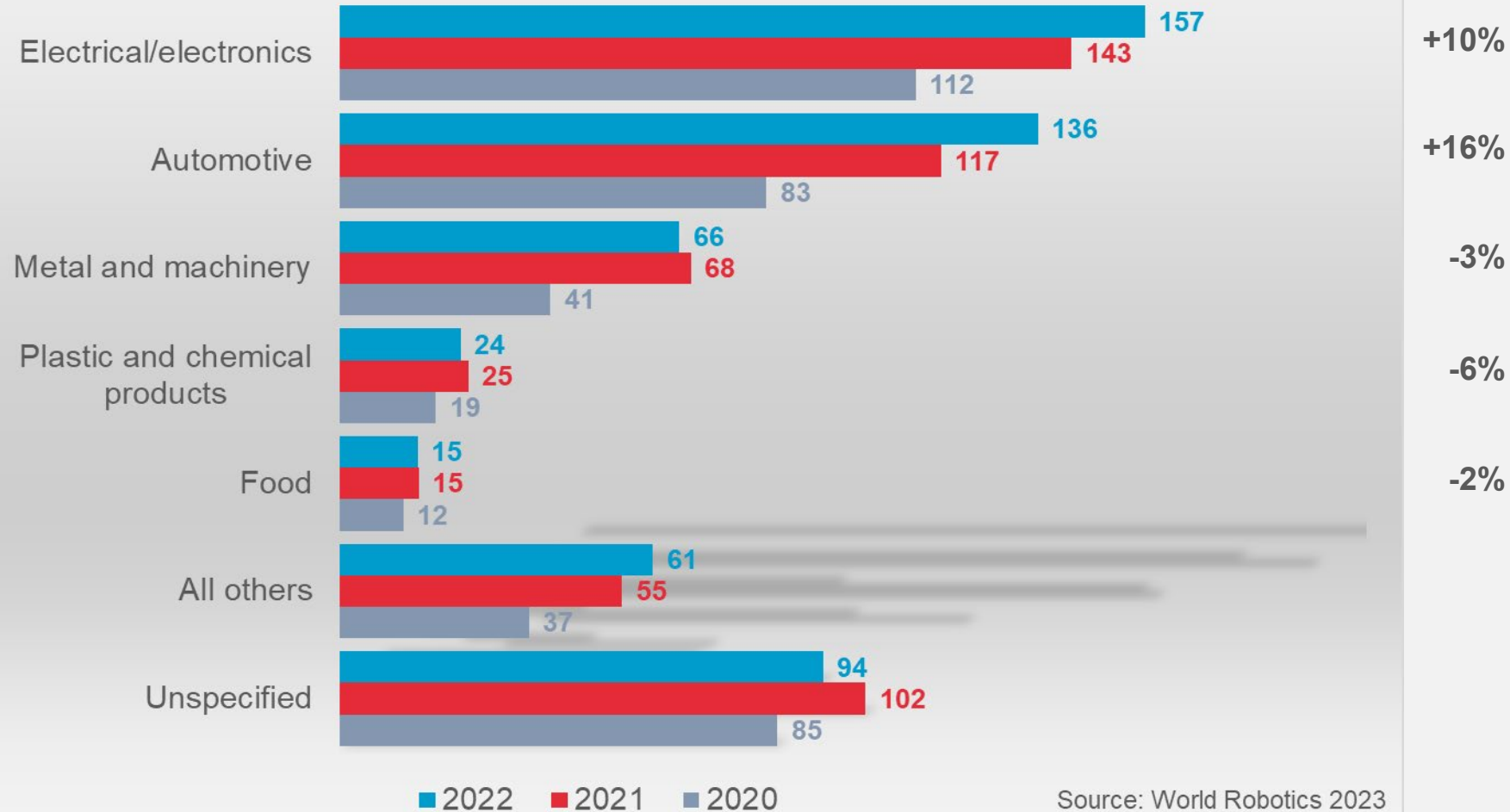


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Electronics is major customer – challenges for general industry

Annual installations of industrial robots by customer industry - World

1,000 units

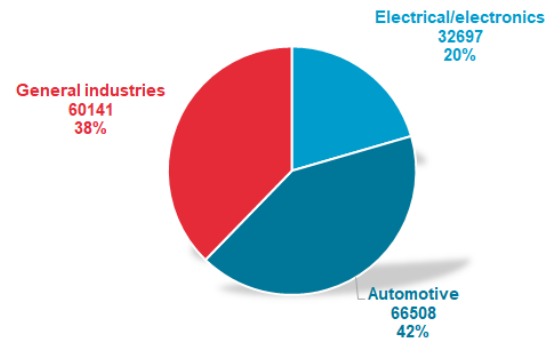


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General industry now accounts for almost half of new installations

Shares of majors industries in 2012

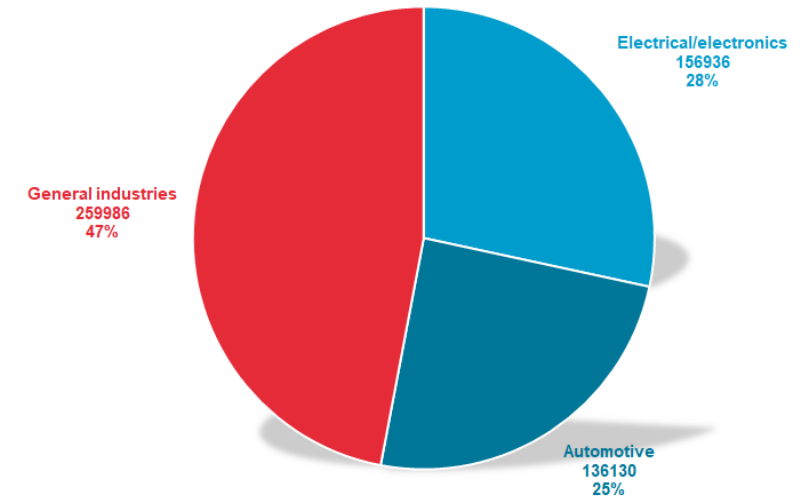
Annual installations of industrial robots: automotive and electronics vs. general industry - 2012 - World



Source: International Federation of Robotics

Shares of majors industries in 2022

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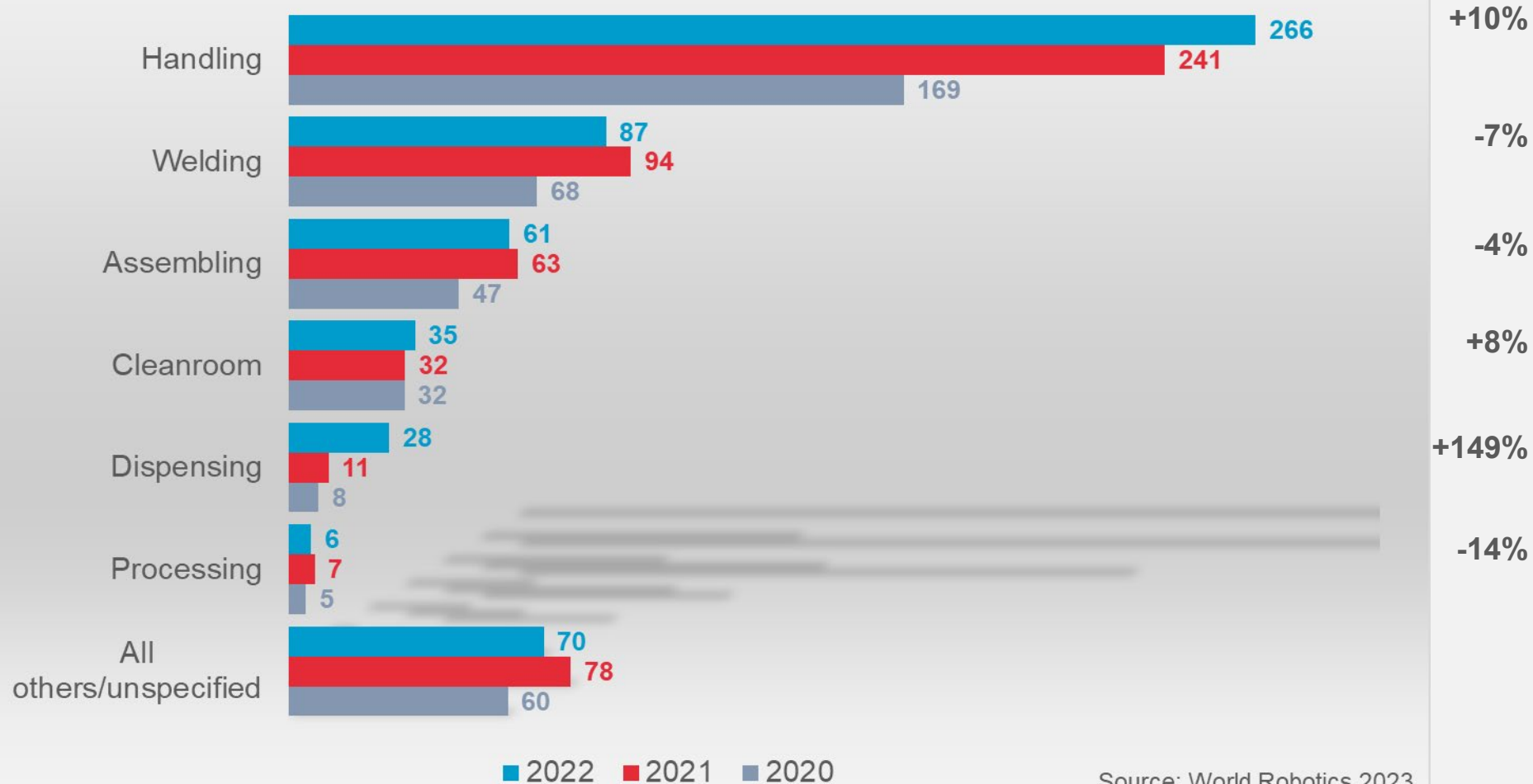


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Handling is most important application with 48% share

Annual installations of industrial robots by application - World

1,000 units

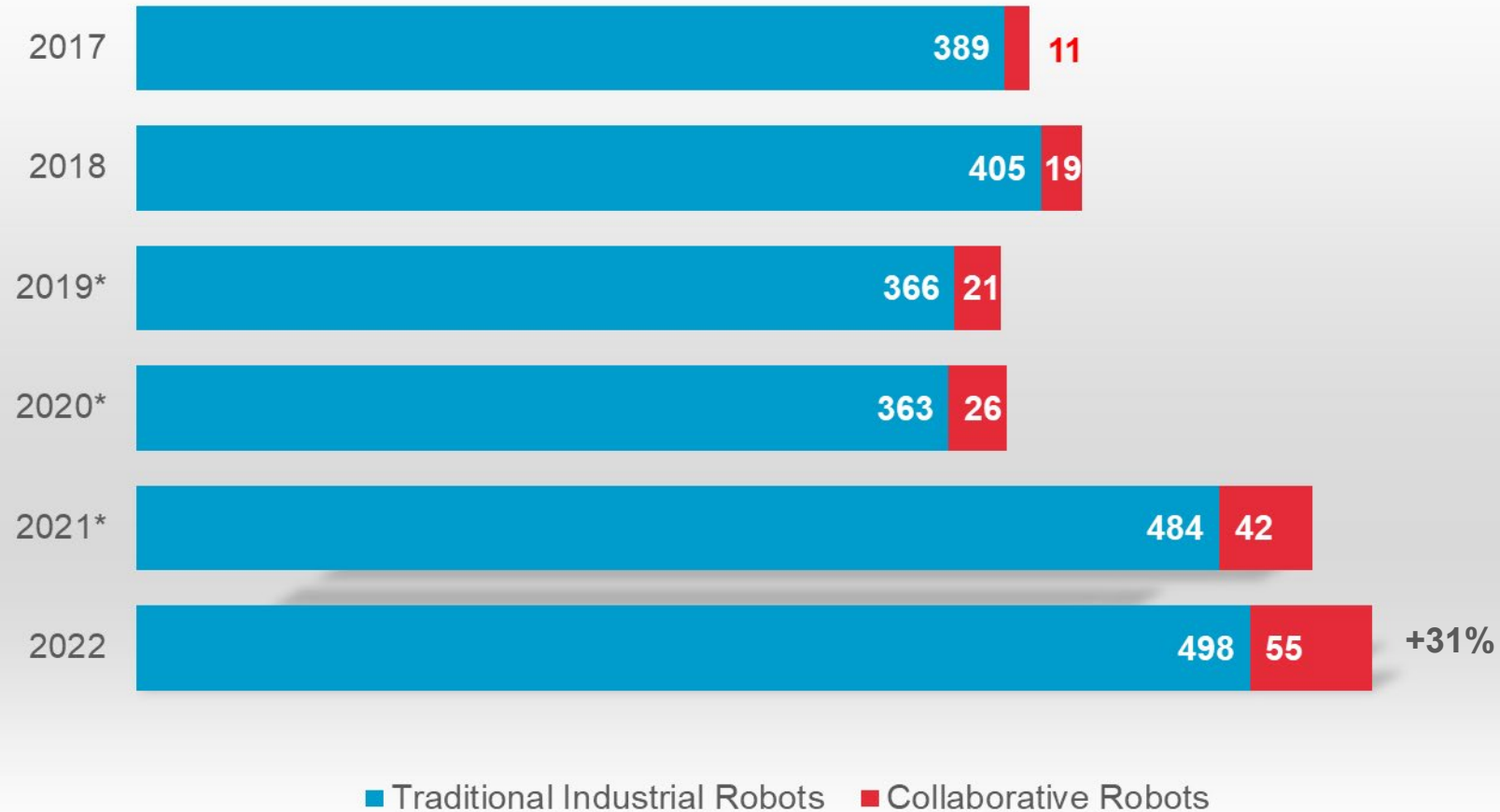


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Collaborative robots steadily growing their market share to 10%

Collaborative and traditional industrial robots

'000 units

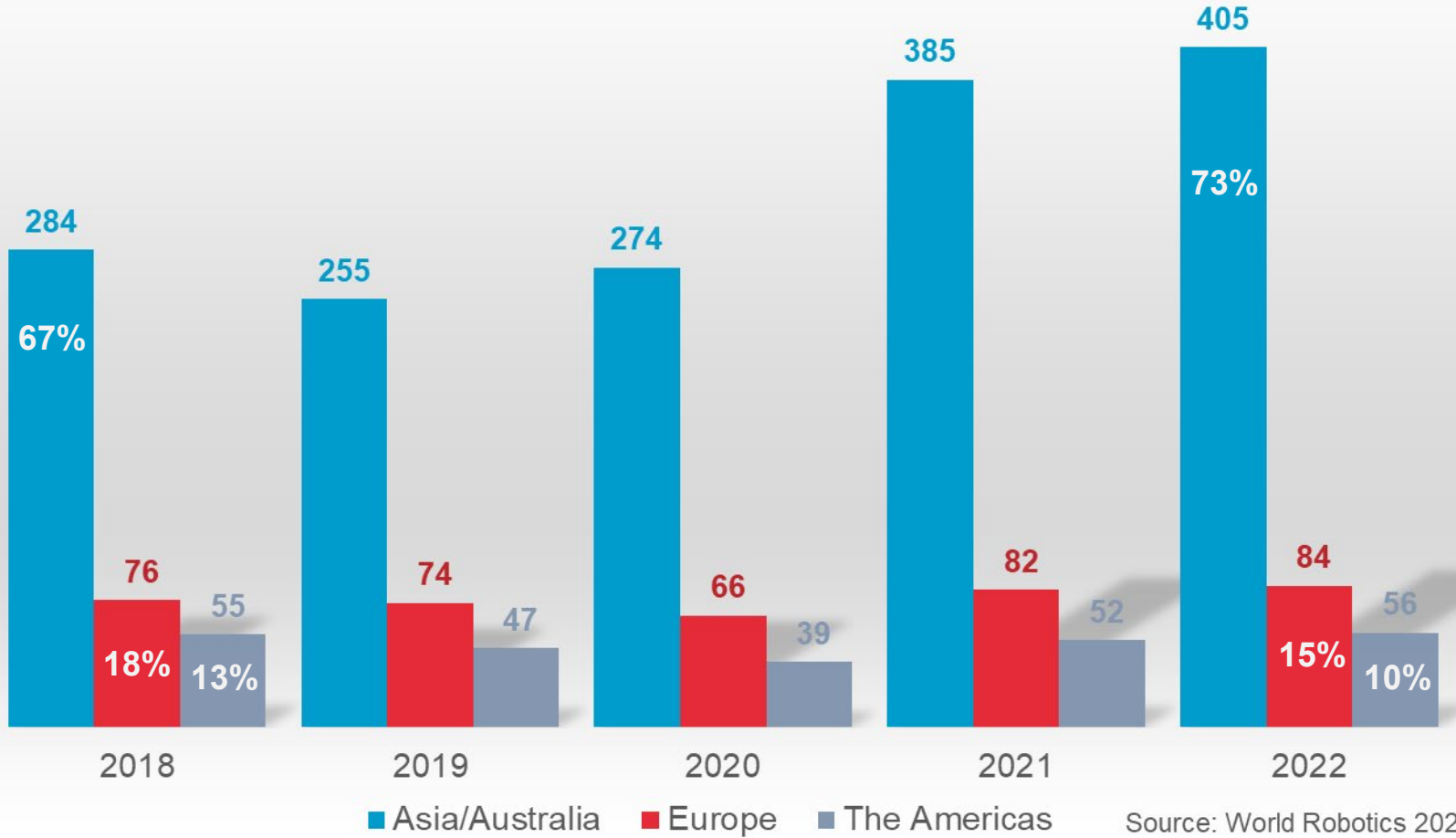


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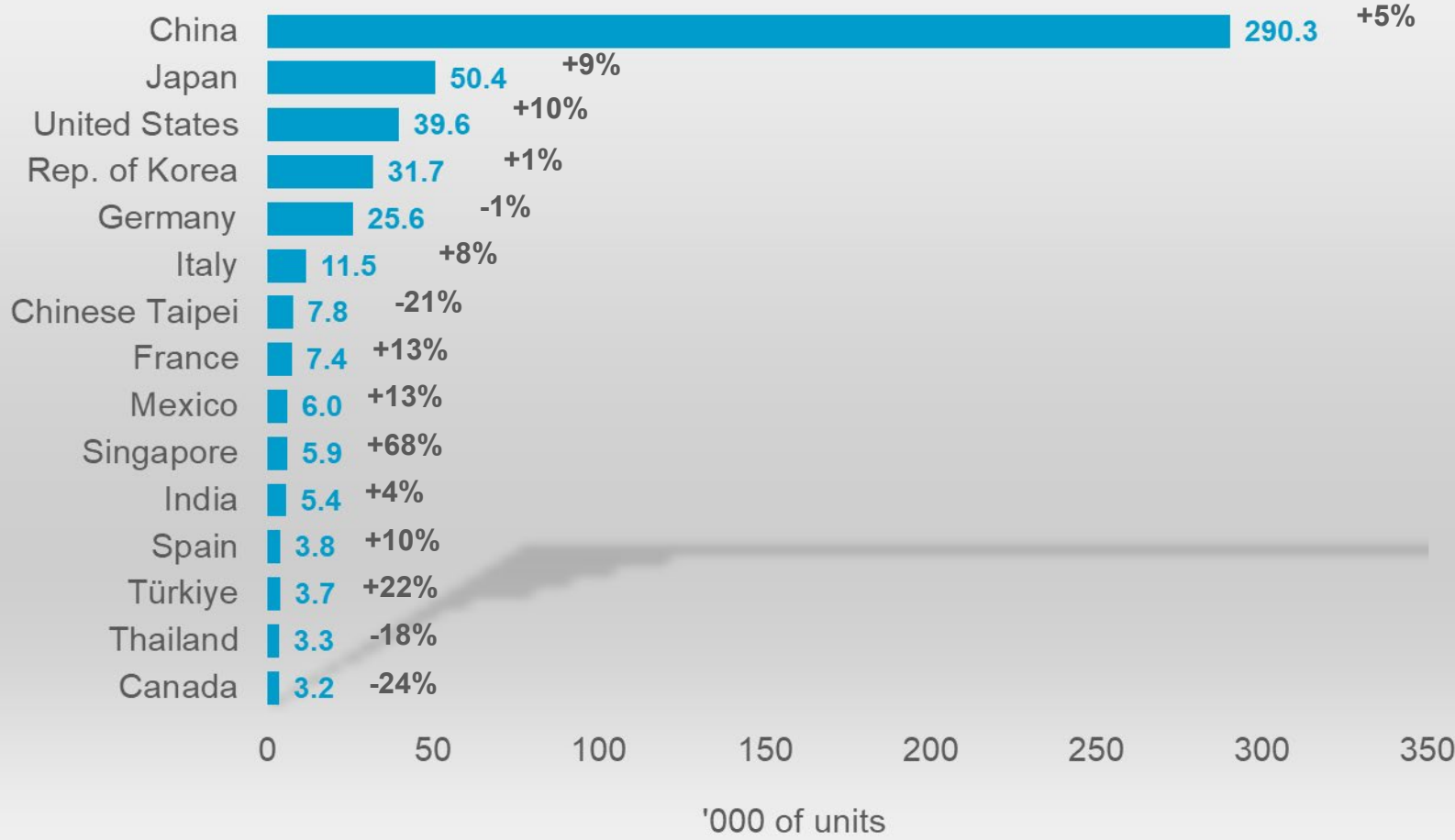
Growth in all regions

Annual installations of industrial robots
(‘000 of units)



China installs every other robot

Annual installations of industrial robots 15 largest markets 2022

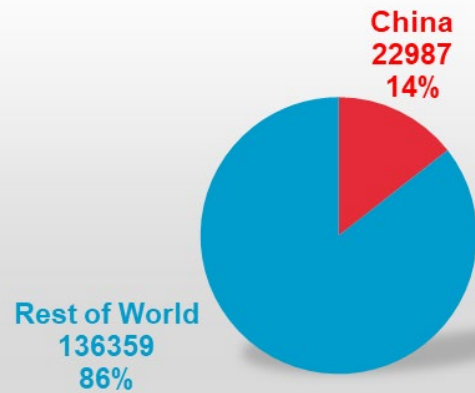


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China is growing dramatically

China vs. Rest of World in 2012

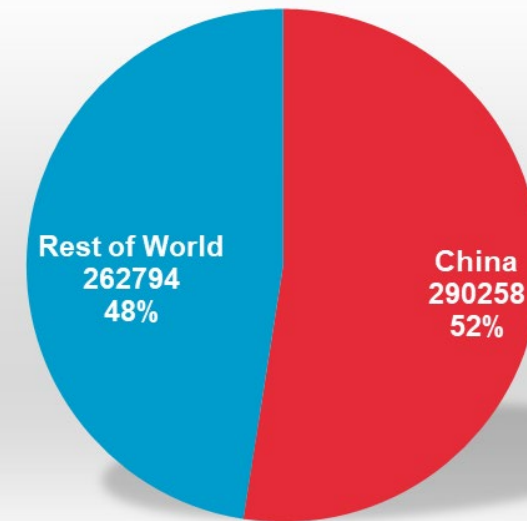
Annual installations of industrial robots in 2012



Source: International Federation of Robotics

China vs. Rest of World in 2022

Annual installations of industrial robots in 2022

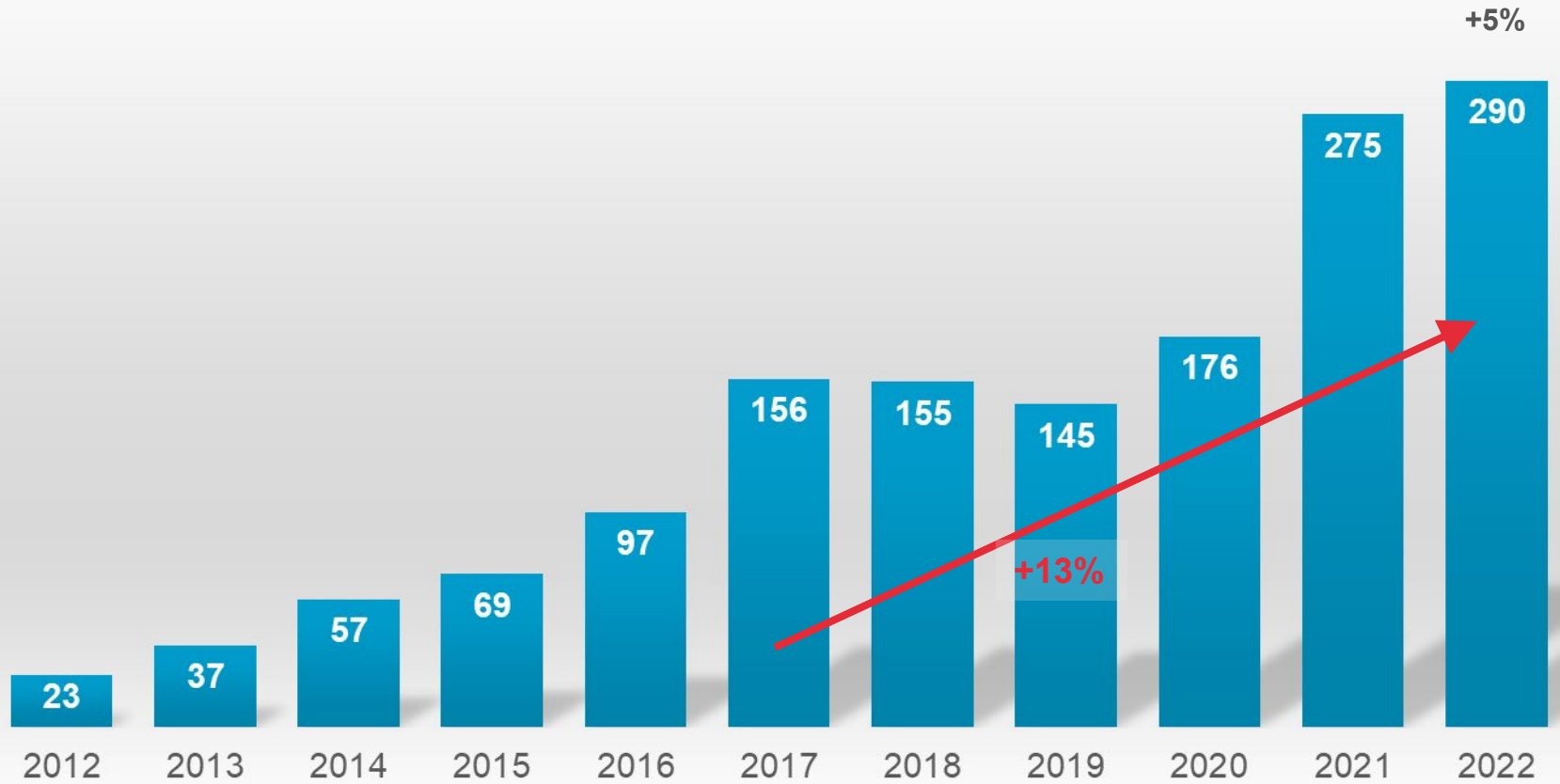


Source: International Federation of Robotics

China multiplied its **annual installations** by **more than factor 12** in a decade

Annual installations of industrial robots - China

1,000 units

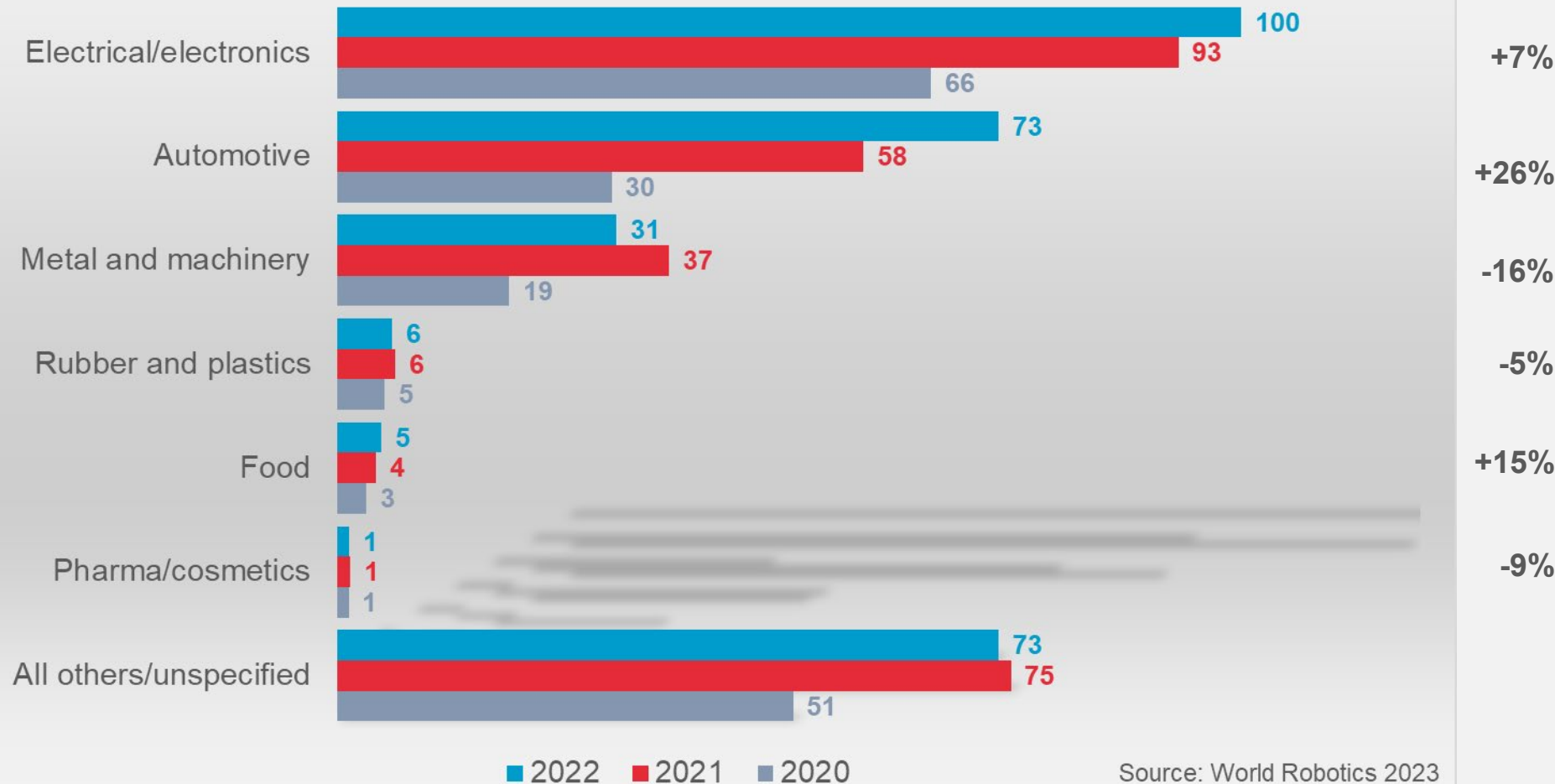


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China's electronics industry is the main customer

Annual installations of industrial robots by customer industry - China

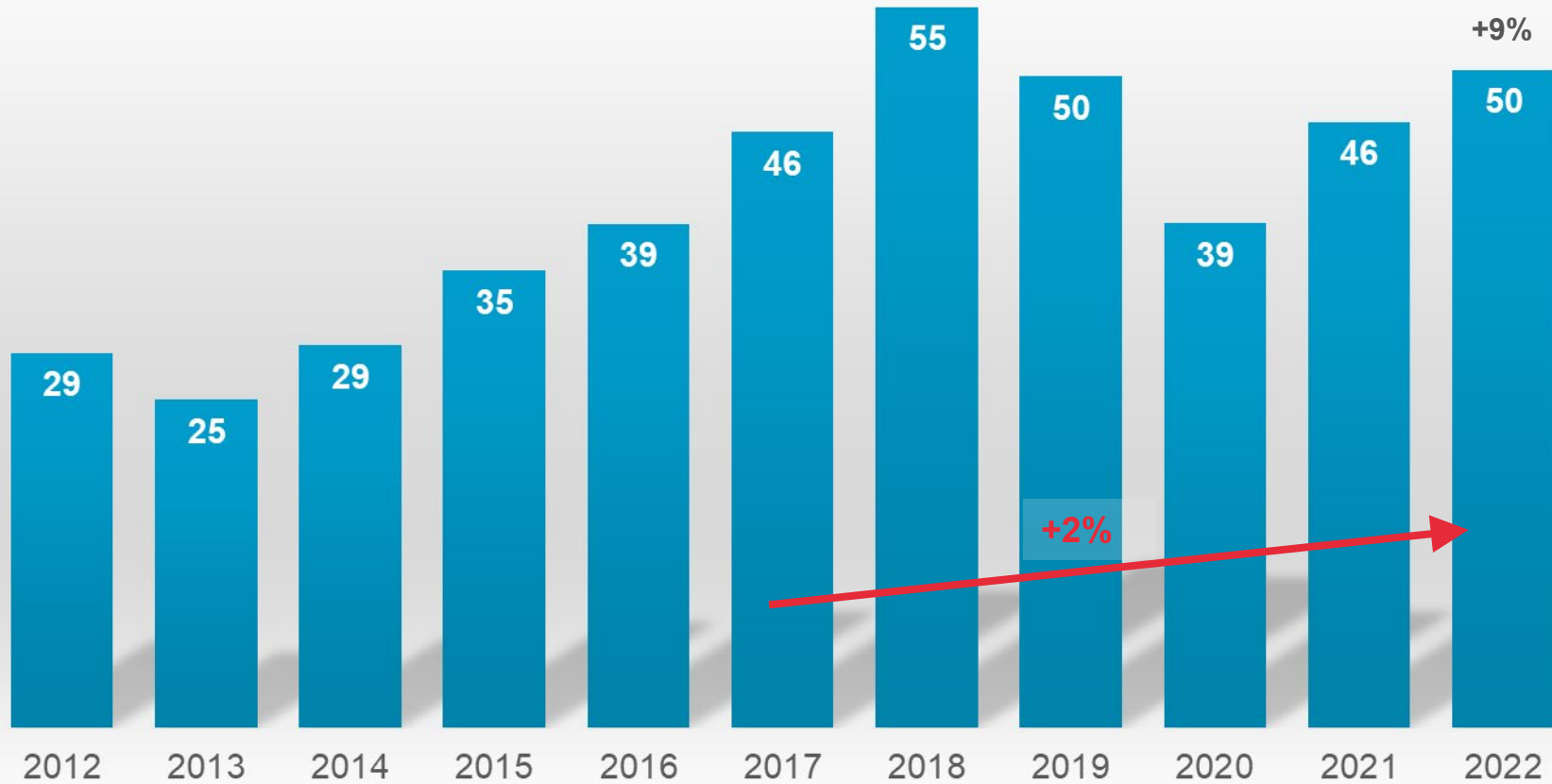
1,000 units



Japan recovers strongly – second highest installation count ever

Annual installations of industrial robots - Japan

1,000 units

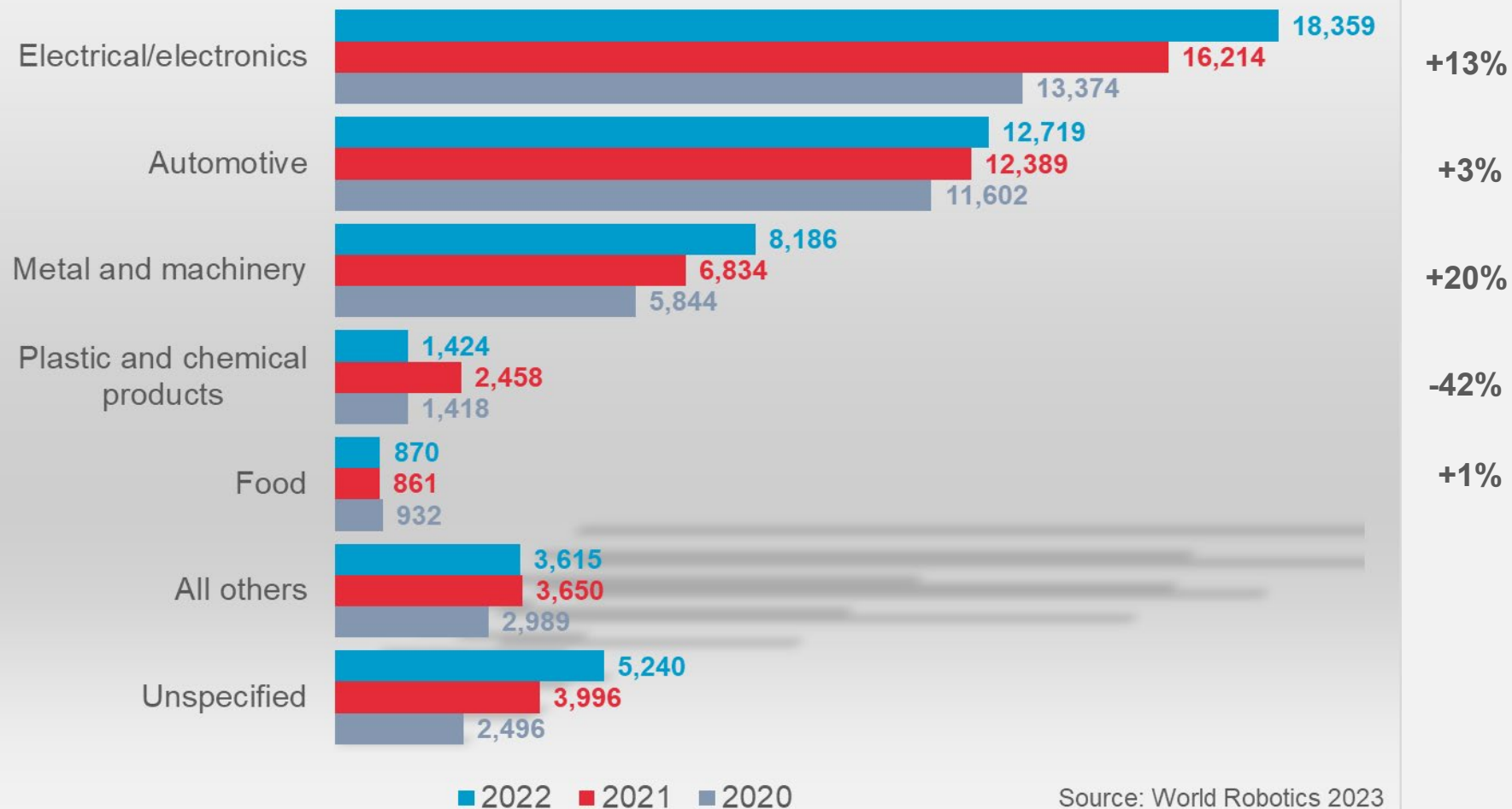


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Japan's **electronics** and **automotive** industry – strong demand

Annual installations of industrial robots by customer industry - Japan

units

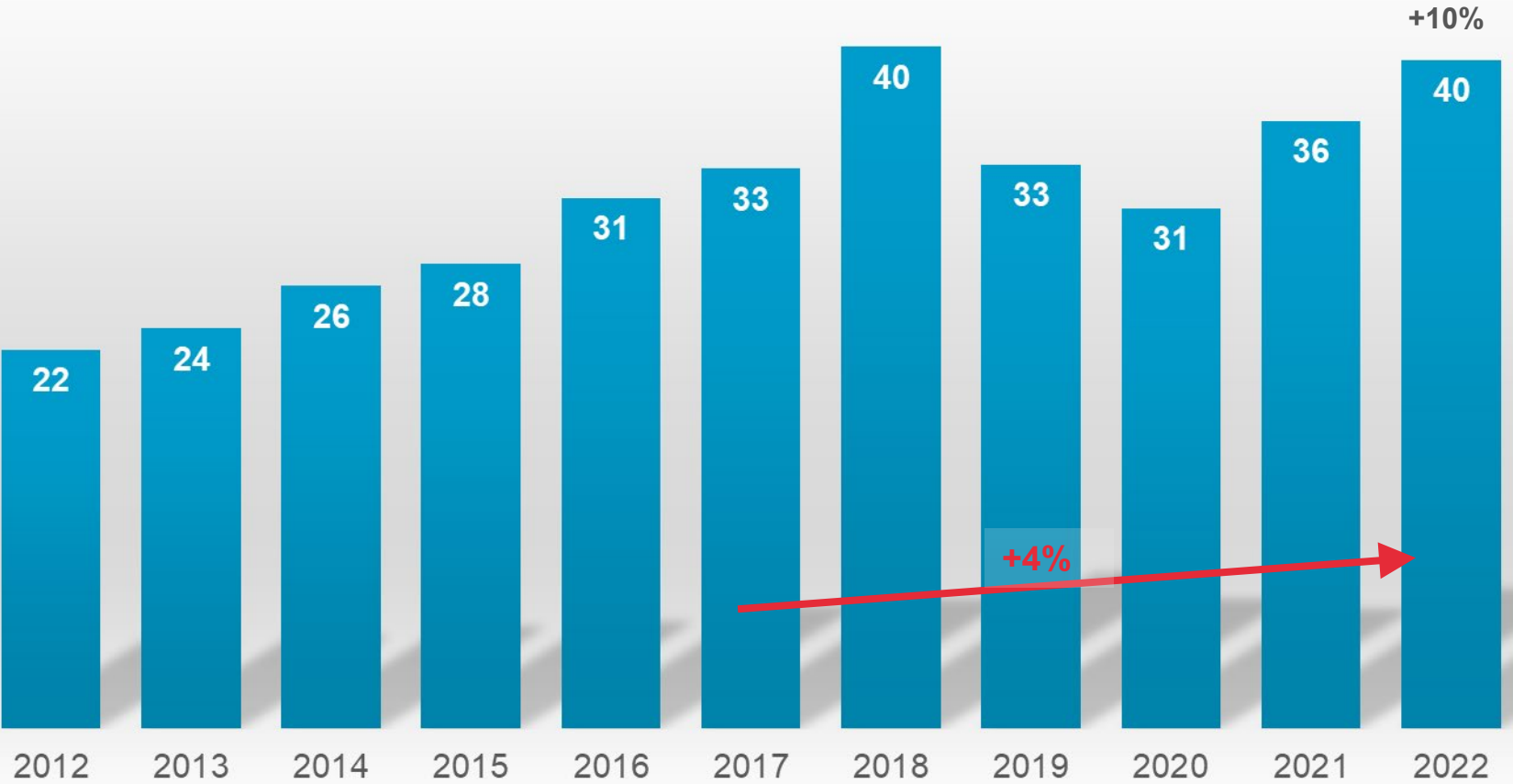


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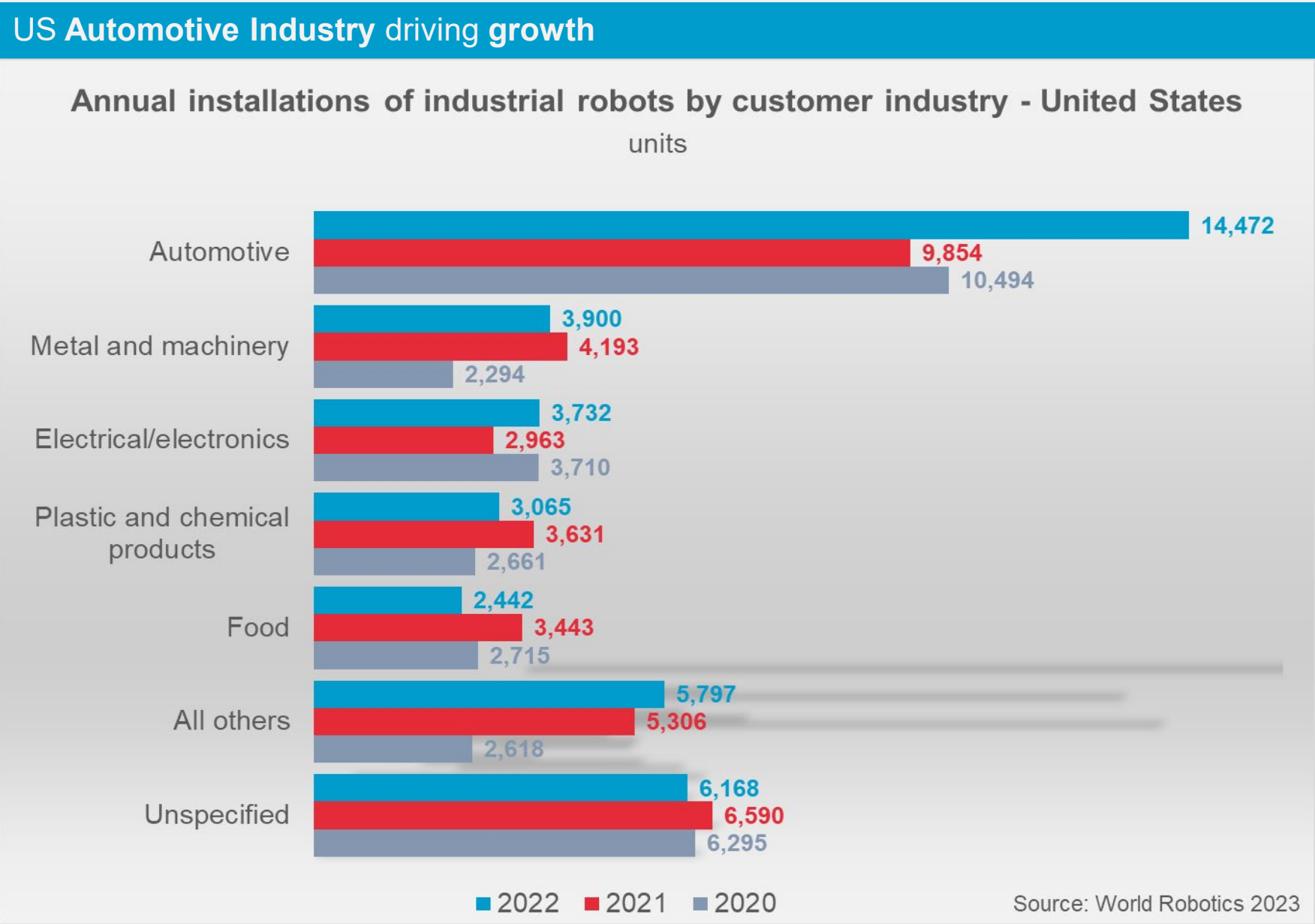
United States: **Second highest level** ever recorded

Annual installations of industrial robots - United States

1,000 units



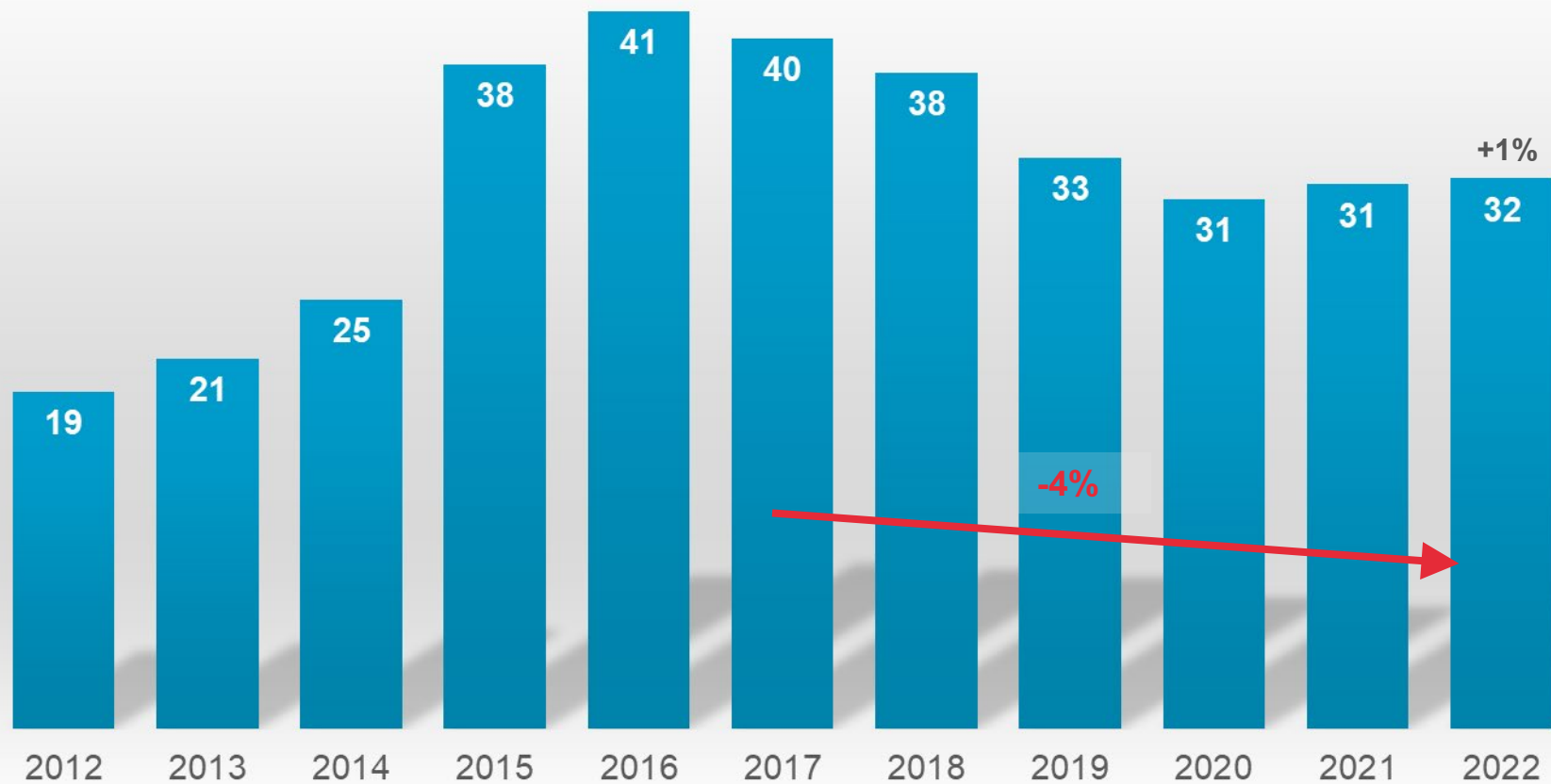
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Korean robot demand moving sideways

Annual installations of industrial robots - Rep. of Korea

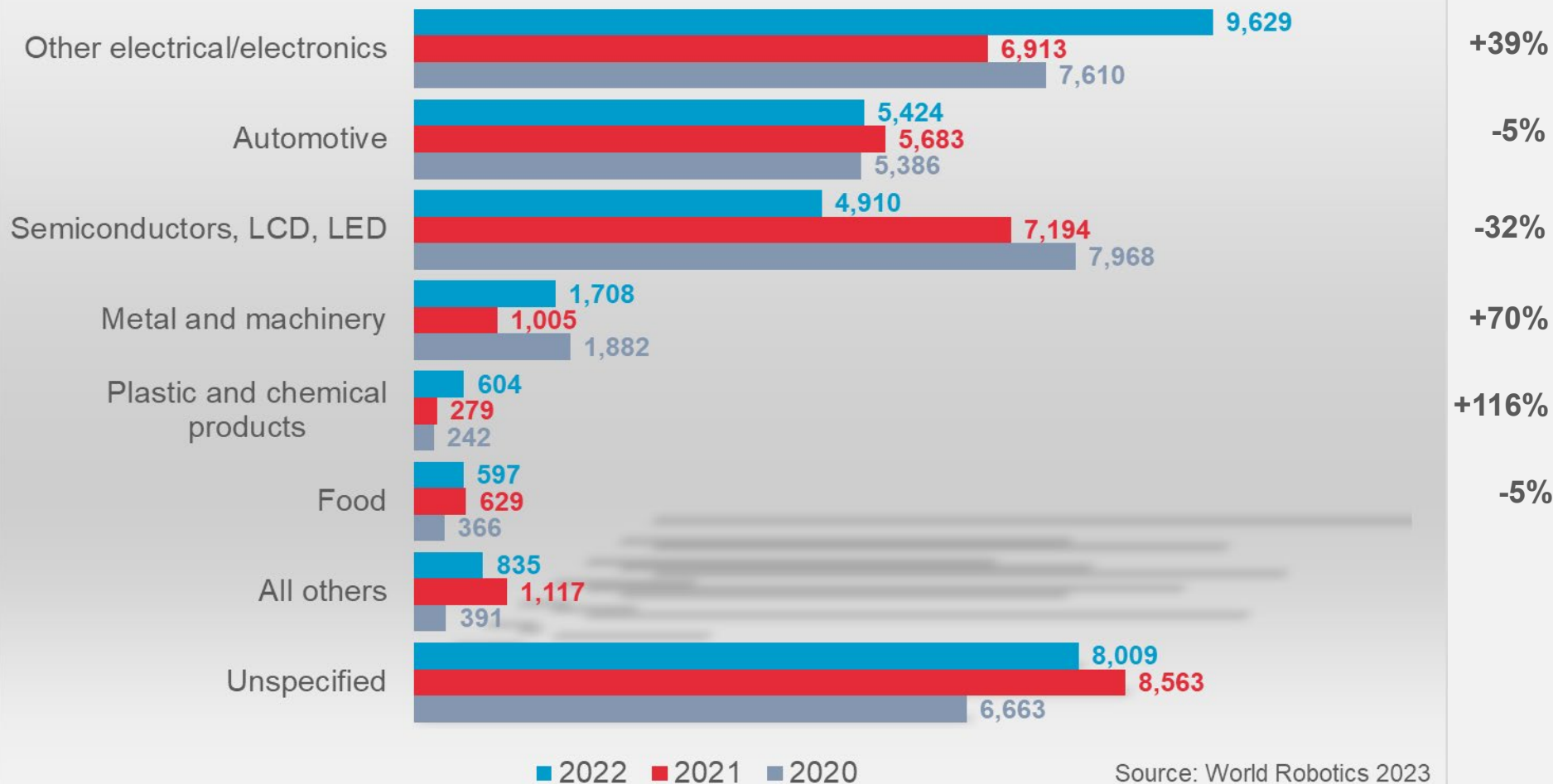
1,000 units



Source: World Robotics 2023

Korean electronics industry up 3%

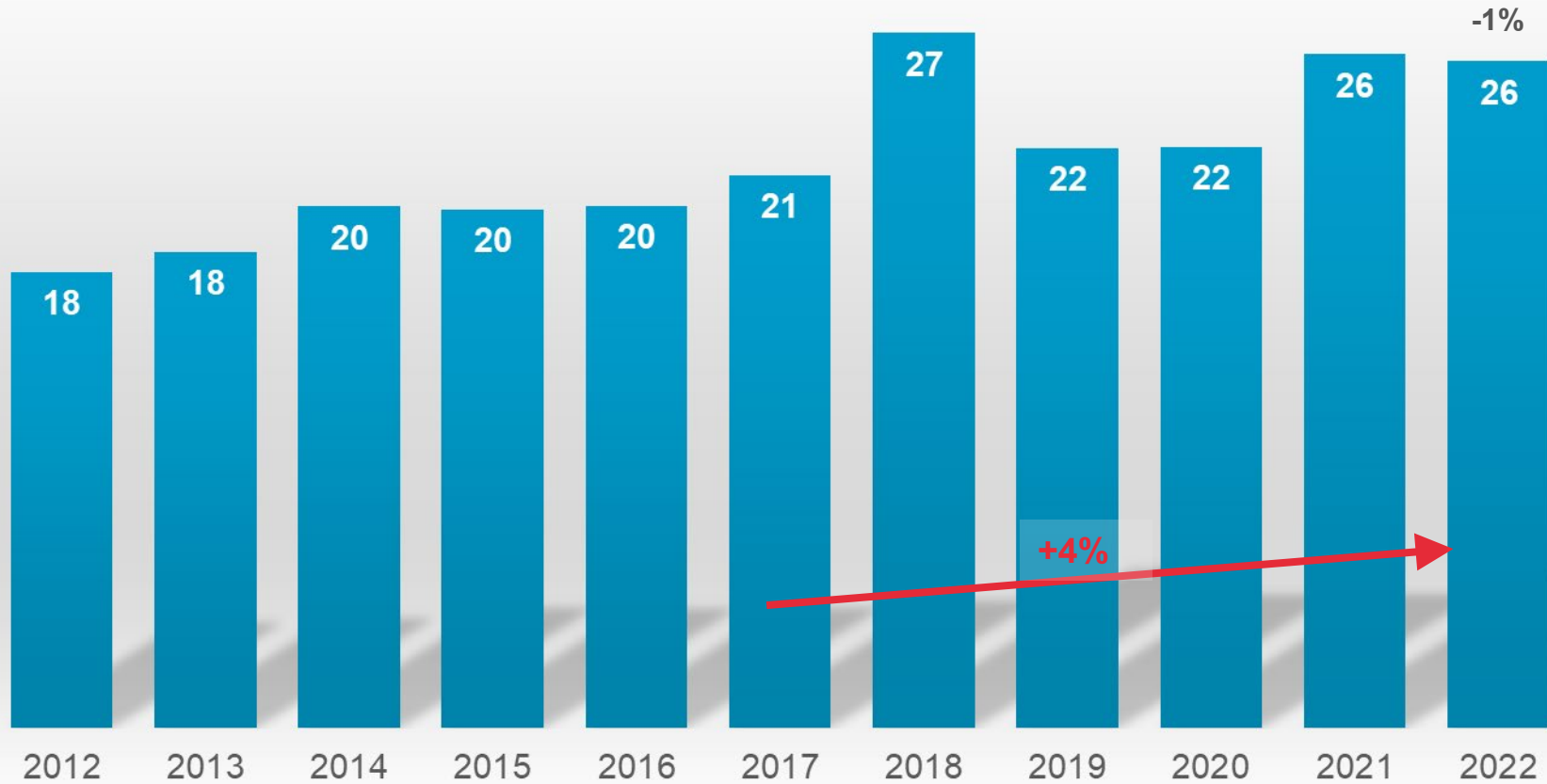
Annual installations of industrial robots by customer industry - Rep. of Korea units



Germany slightly declining

Annual installations of industrial robots - Germany

1,000 units

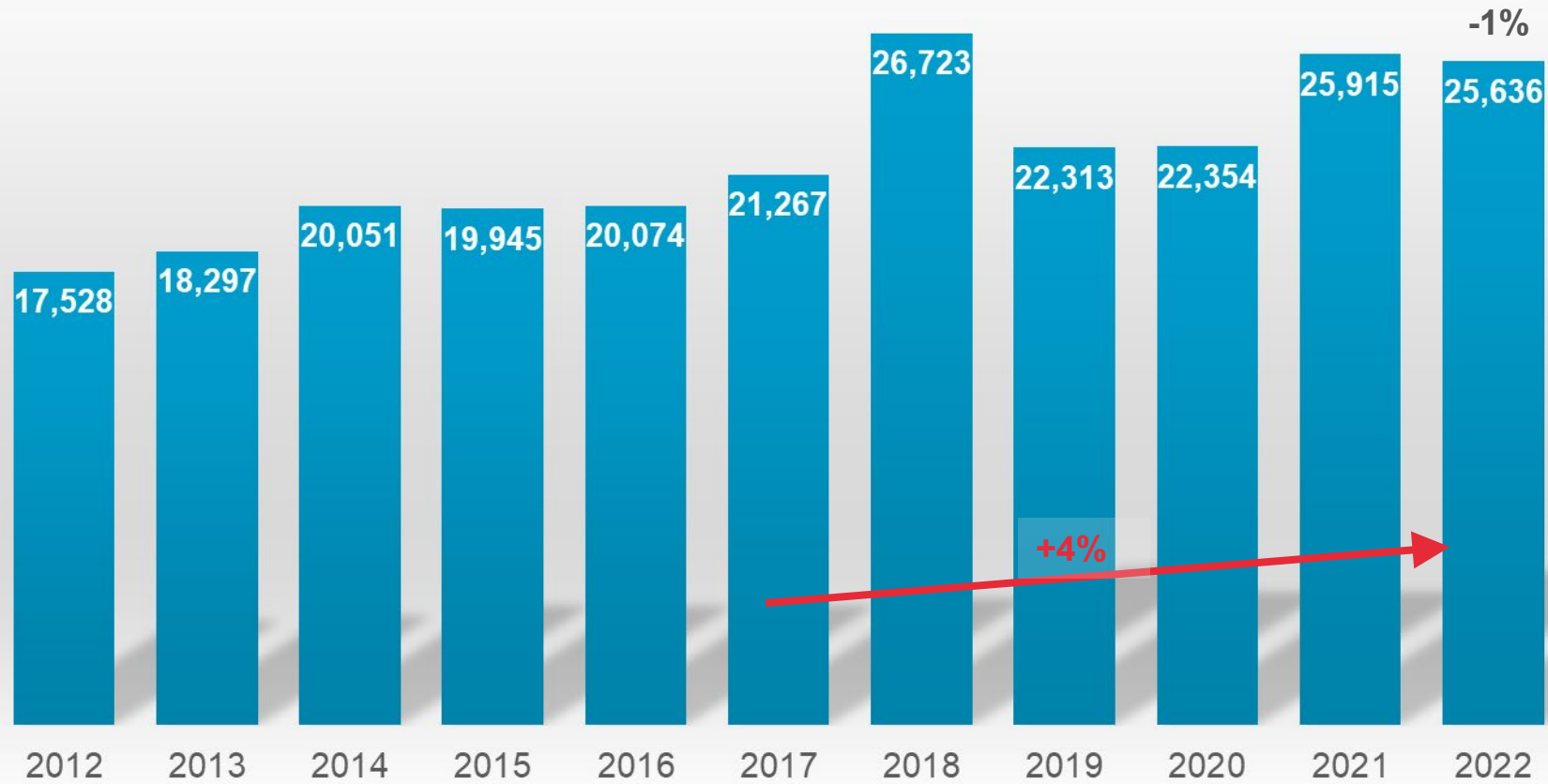


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Germany slightly declining

Annual installations of industrial robots - Germany

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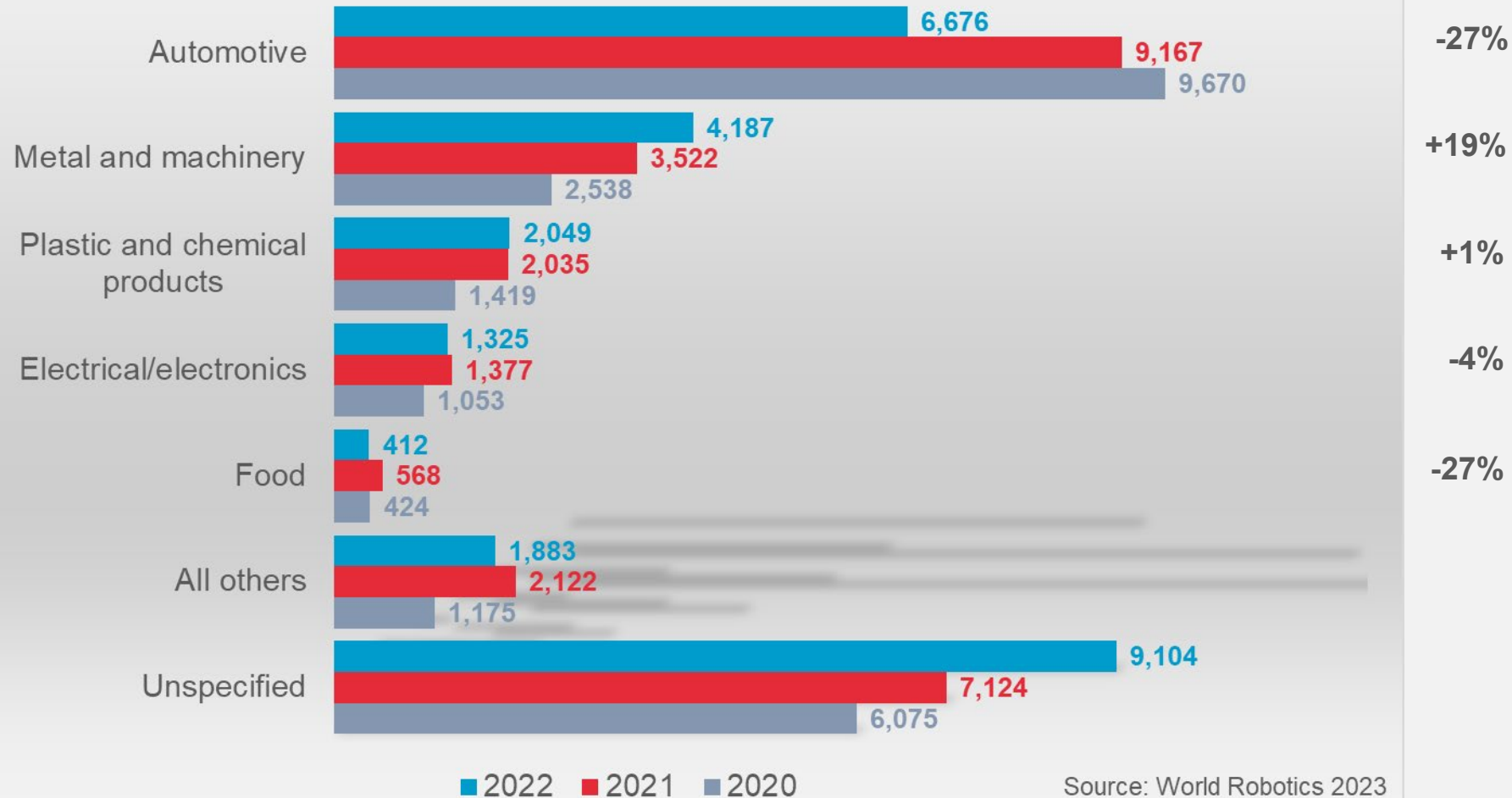


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Automotive declining sharply, continued growth in metal + machinery

Annual installations of industrial robots by customer industry - Germany

units



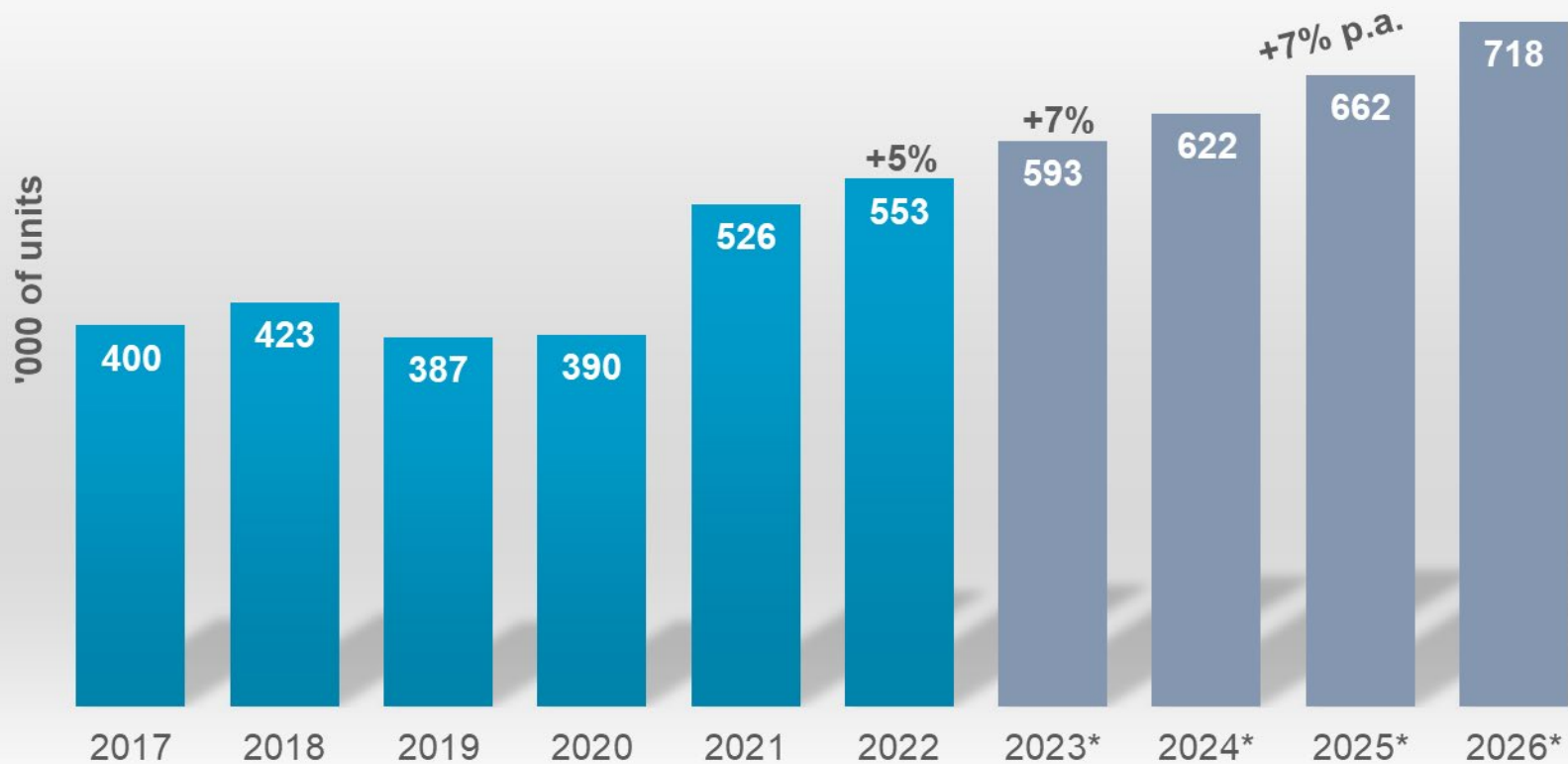
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Trends and Forecast



Approaching the 600,000-unit mark in 2023

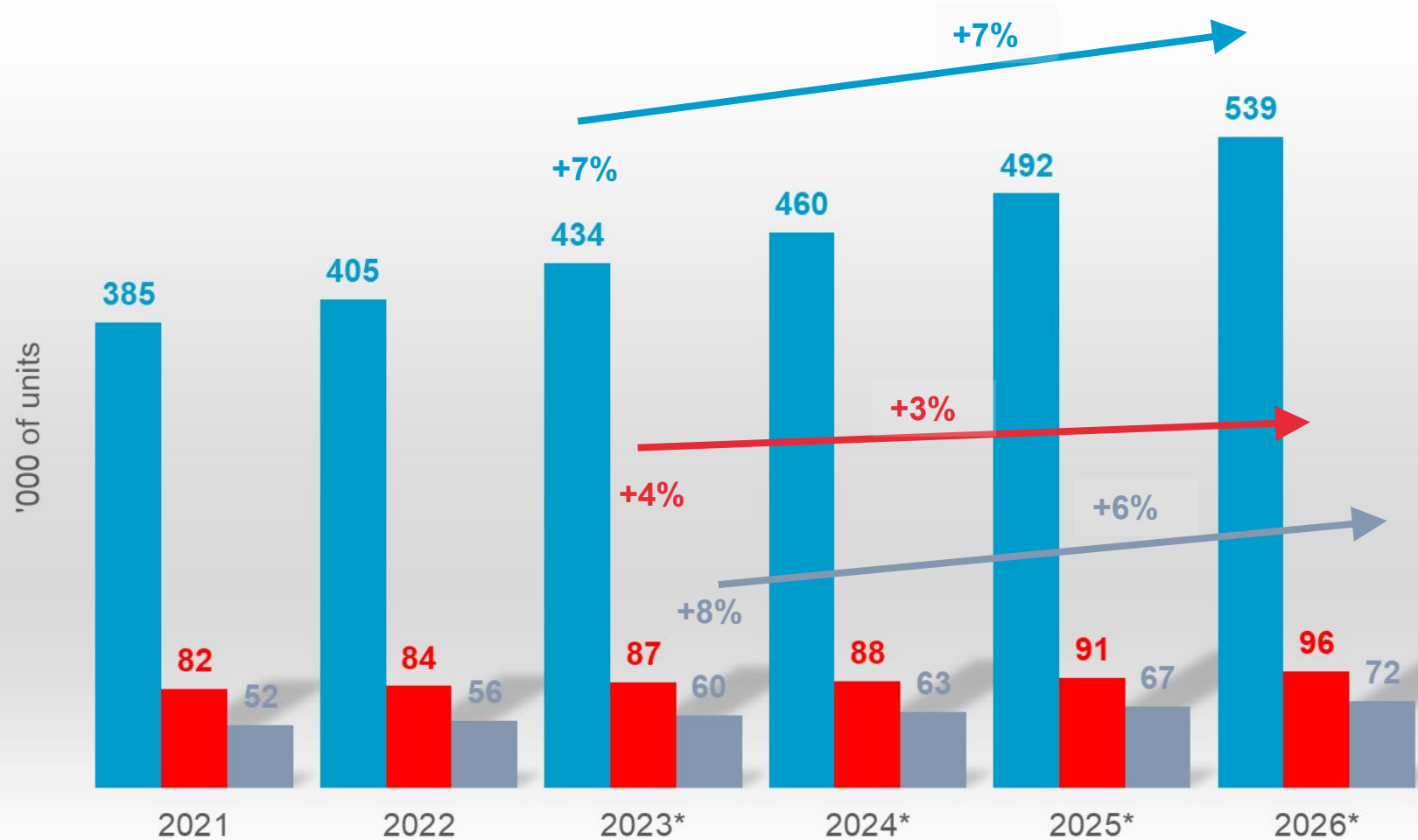
Annual installations of industrial robots 2017-2022 and 2023*-2026*



*forecast

Source: World Robotics 2023

Annual installations of industrial robots 2021-2022 and 2023*-2026*



Source: World Robotics 2023

Short-term market determinants



- Supply chain constraints are easing
- Inflation remains high
- Slowdown of global economic growth
 - No direct correlation to robot installations
 - Development in China has strong impact on overall performance
- **Orders*: backlog from 2022 and declining intake in 2023**
 - Orders from 2022 shipped in 2023
 - Base effect: strong order intake in 2022

*IFR Quarterly Survey: Growth rate of order intake in currency units compared to same period last year.

Technological trends

- **Cloud computing and 5G mobile networks**
 - new business models
 - optimized performance
 - fully digitalized production
- **Machine vision**
 - simplifies programming
 - detection of shapes and guide grippers in complex environments
- **Artificial intelligence coming to market**
 - smarter, faster, more efficient and more accessible automation
 - enhancing maintenance
 - faster programming, learning by experience
 - supporting sustainability



Market trends

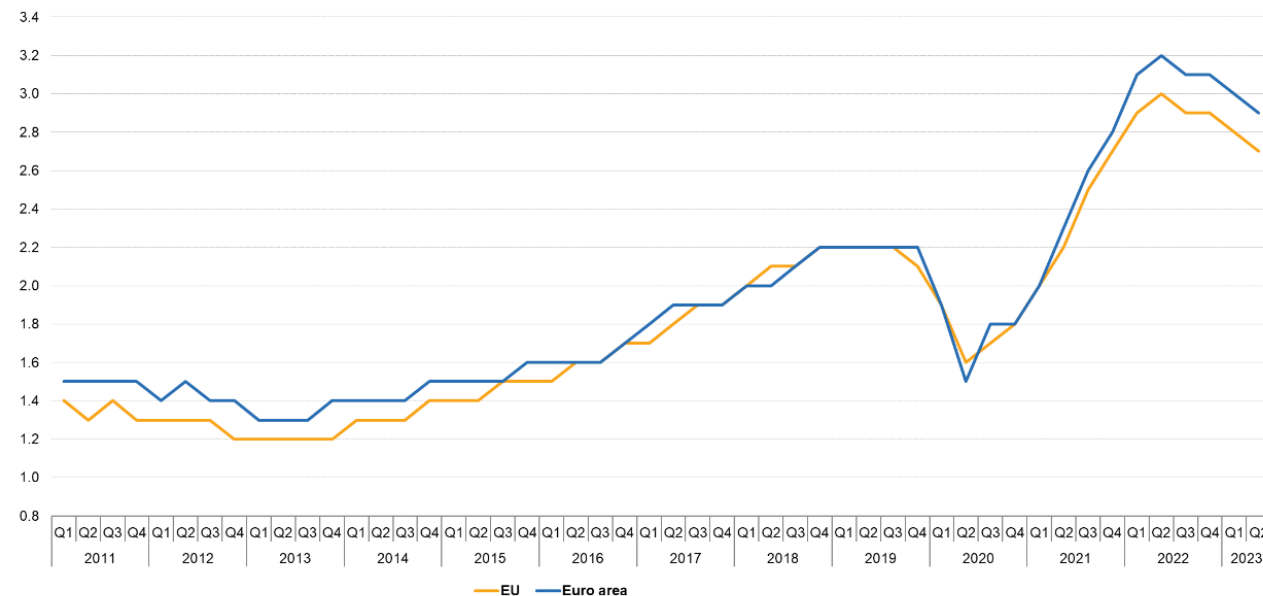
- **Labor scarcity** in many developed economies is driving the demand for automation
- **Reconsideration of supply chains and closeness to customers**
 - Re- and nearshoring of production
- **Small and medium sized enterprizes (SMEs) need easy access to automation**
 - “Democratizing” robotics
 - Lowering the hurdles for robotization: IFR’s Go4 Robotics campaign
<https://go4robotics.com/>



Lack of labor creates a tremendous demand for professional service robots

Job vacancy rates in the EU and Euro Area*

Quarterly job vacancy rates, seasonally adjusted, 2011-2023 (Q2-2023)
(%)



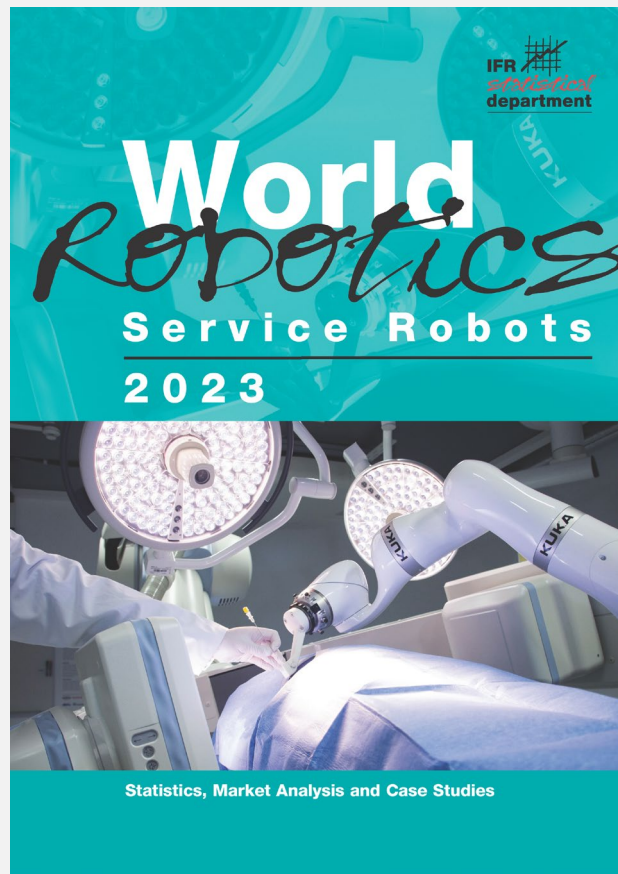
Note: data for NACE Rev. 2 Sections B to S.

eurostat

*Source: Eurostat

- **Productivity leap** needed to overcome **shortage of skilled workers**
- **Demographic change**

Service robots – top findings



2022: Continuous growth

New professional service robots*

- 158,000 units (+48%)

New consumer service robots

- 5 million units (-12%)

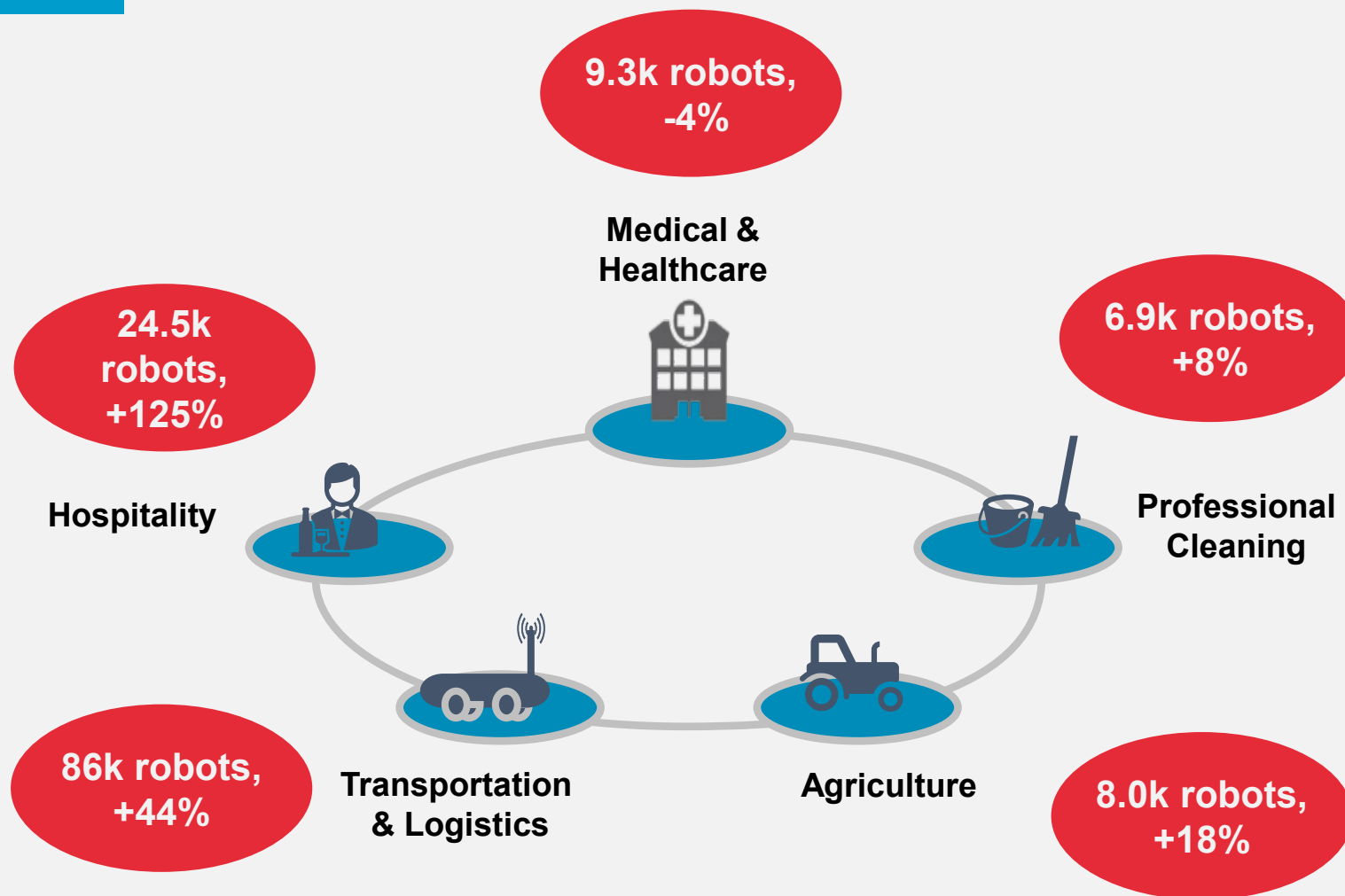
*All numbers based on a sample of 239 companies.

Data is not projected to the whole industry.

Sample composition varies each year.

Compiling or comparing data from different survey waves is strongly discouraged.

Top 5 application areas for professional service robots



Focus: Mobile robots in everyday indoor environments

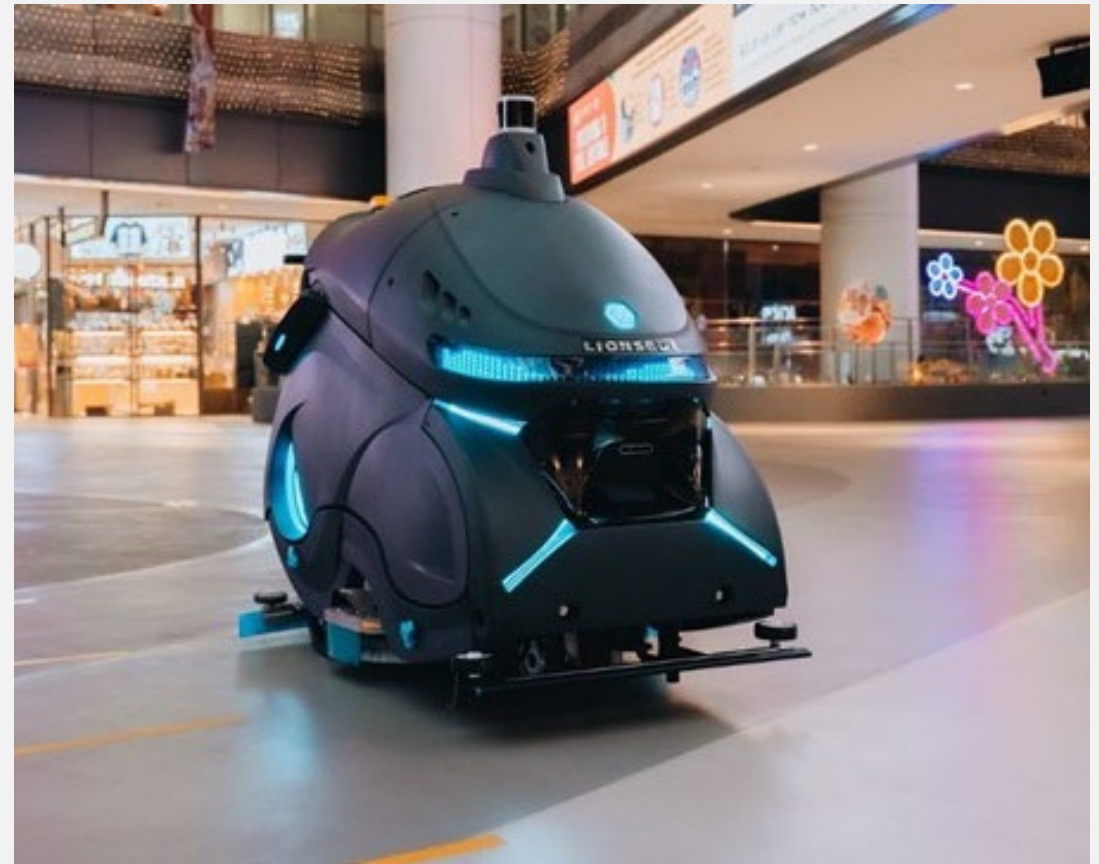
- There is a lot of interest in logistics robots because of a massive shortage of staff (Covid aftermath)
- Robot use in these changing environments, which are often full of people, is still technically challenging, also due to safety reasons, fire protection regulations etc.
- Ease of use and user-friendliness for non-technical staff are essential to strengthen the acceptance
- The human typically stays in the process (e.g. puts objects onto the robot or clears things away)



Source: F&P Robotics

Focus: Floor cleaning robots

- Increasing shortage of cleaning staff is making more and more cleaning service providers consider using robots
- Very high investments in robot manufacturers in the Asia Pacific Region
- Robots are primarily used as "cobots" that support the human (the robot cleans large areas, the human cleans the edges)
- Increasing number of autonomous functions in cleaning robots, e.g. automatic fresh water refill and wastewater disposal
- First manufacturers develop robots with an arm to enable 3D cleaning



Source: Lionsbot

Focus: Field robots

- Drivers for this development are a shortage of skilled workers and environmental problems that are increasingly coming into focus
- Safety is no longer seen as a barrier to market entry
- Prevention instead of symptom treatment in agriculture: Robots will be a key pillar in this regard by continuously providing information
- Full autonomy in pure locomotion is much more complex than expected

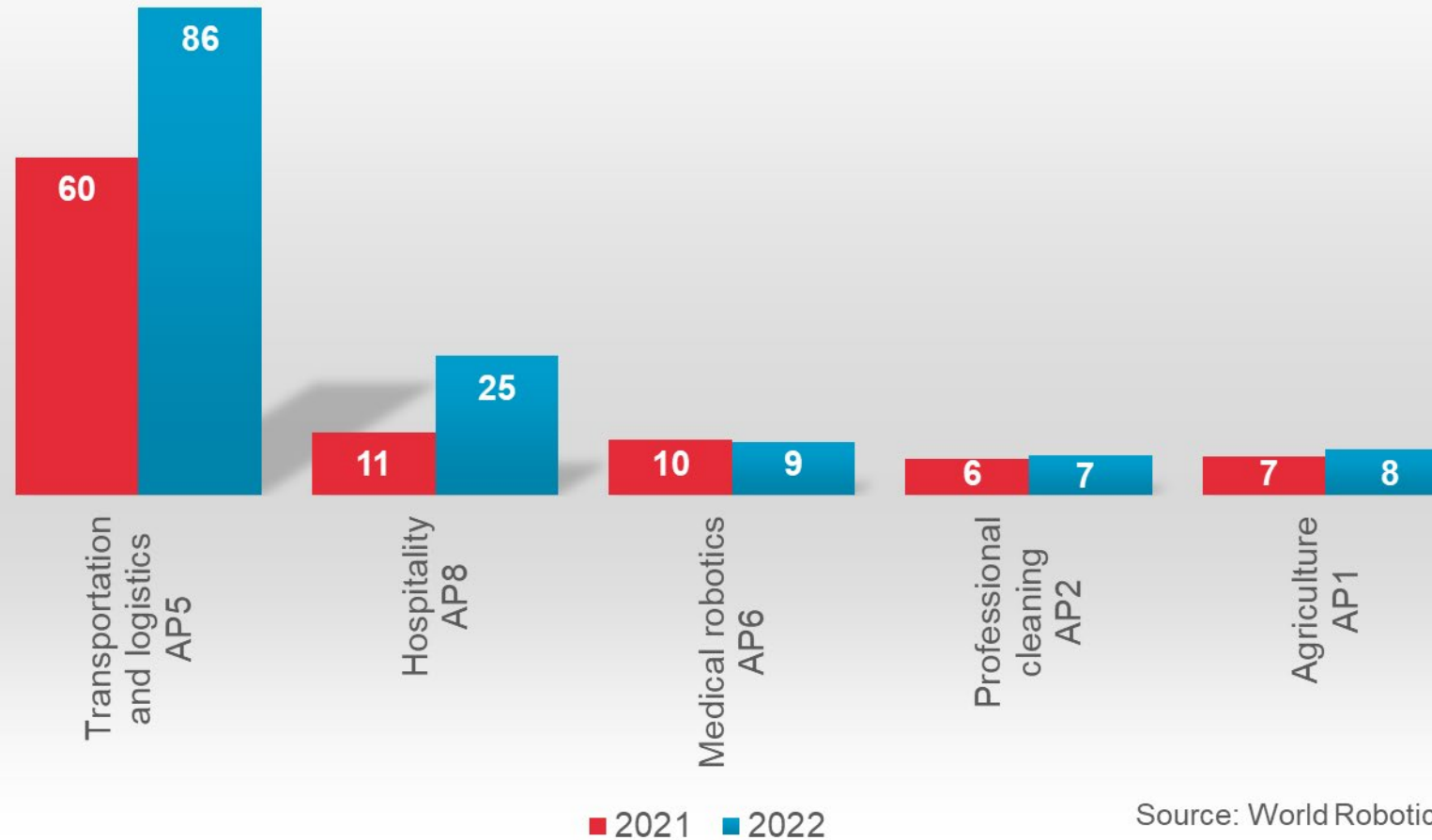


Source: Small Robot Company

Main professional applications

Service robots for professional use. Top 5 applications
Unit sales 2021 and 2022

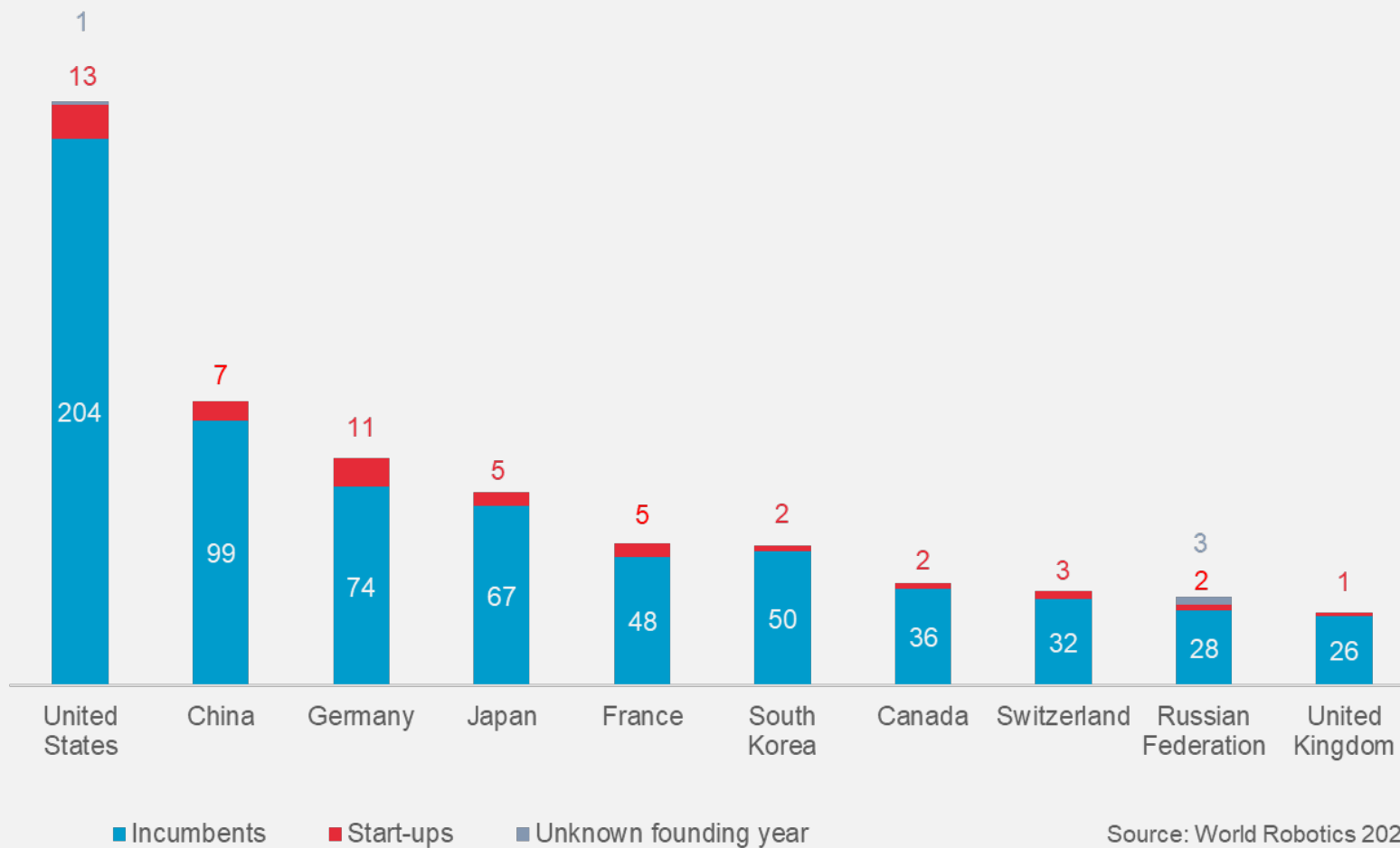
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Source: World Robotics 2023

The United States is home of most service robot suppliers

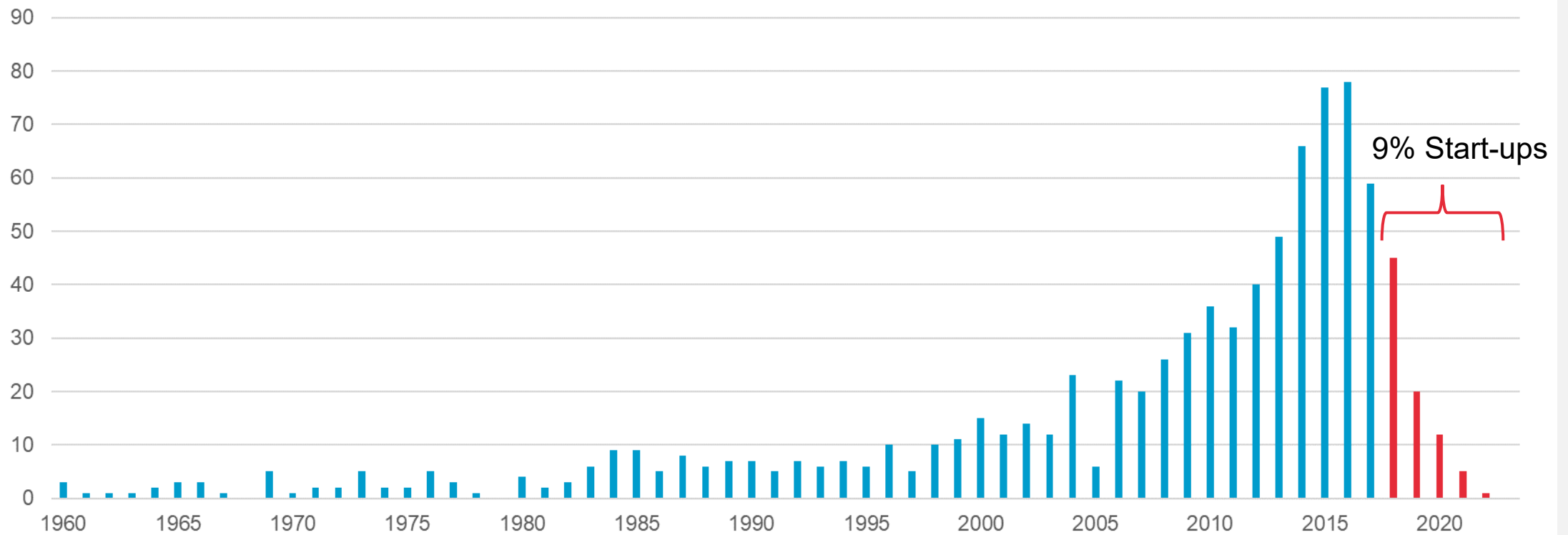
Service robot manufacturers by country (top 10)
all applications



Source: World Robotics 2023

Trend of declining startups continues

Number of service robot manufacturers by year of establishment



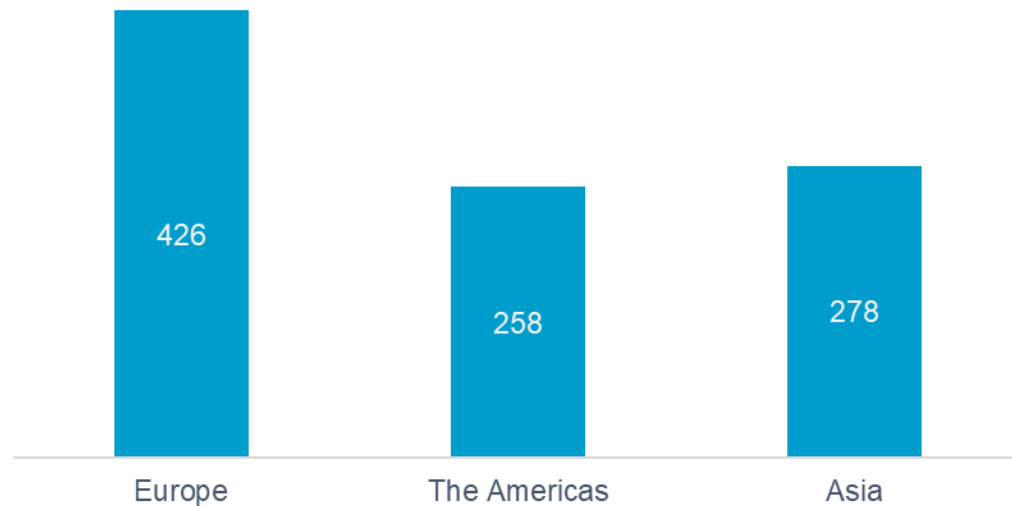
Source: World Robotics 2023

Almost 1,000 service robot suppliers worldwide showing the wide spectrum of use

Five times more SR than IR suppliers

Number of service robot suppliers by region

as of August 2023, main regions only



Source: International Federation of Robotics

Less than 180 industrial robot suppliers

Number of industrial robot suppliers by region

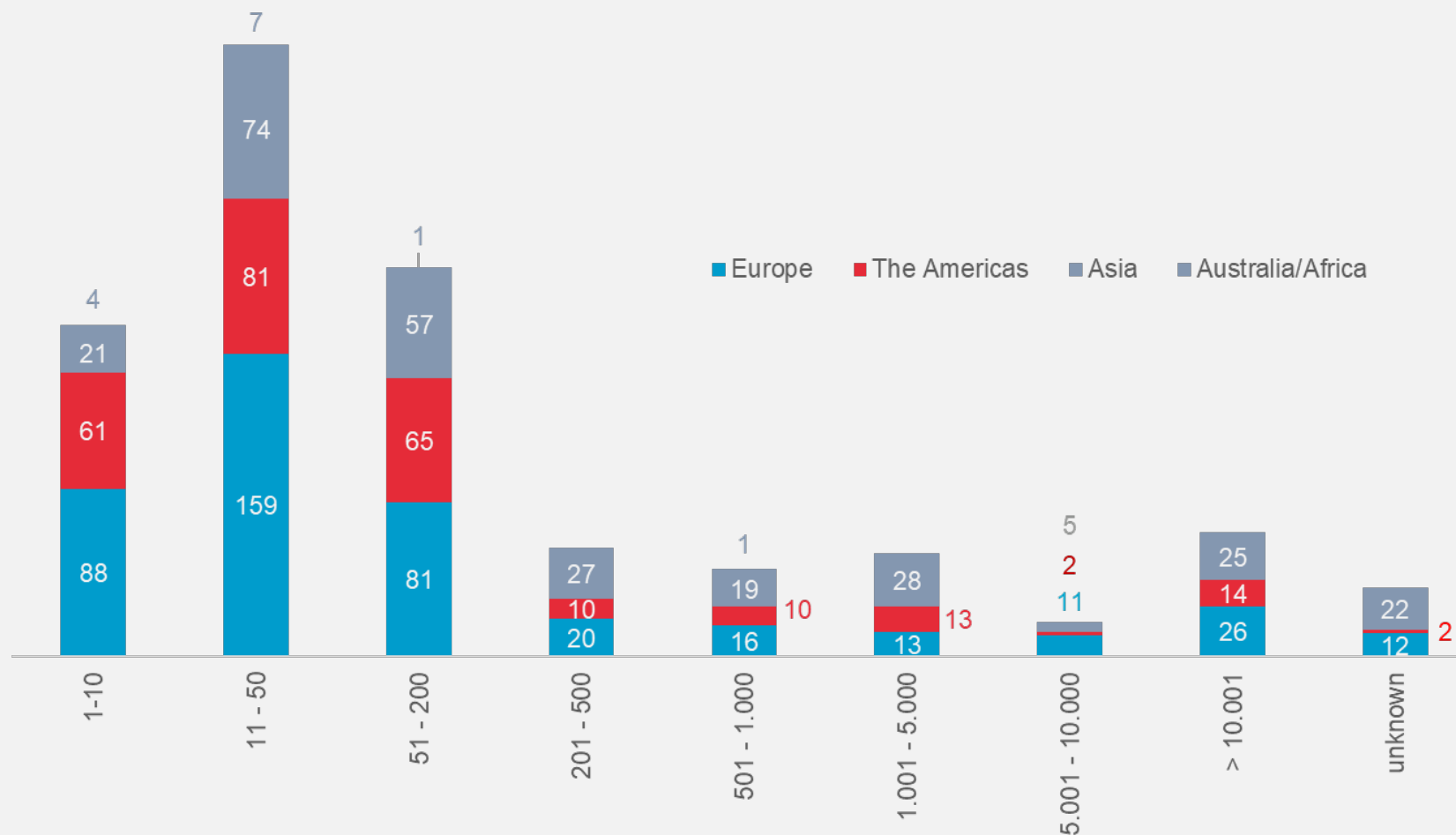
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81% of service robot suppliers are small-medium sized enterprises*

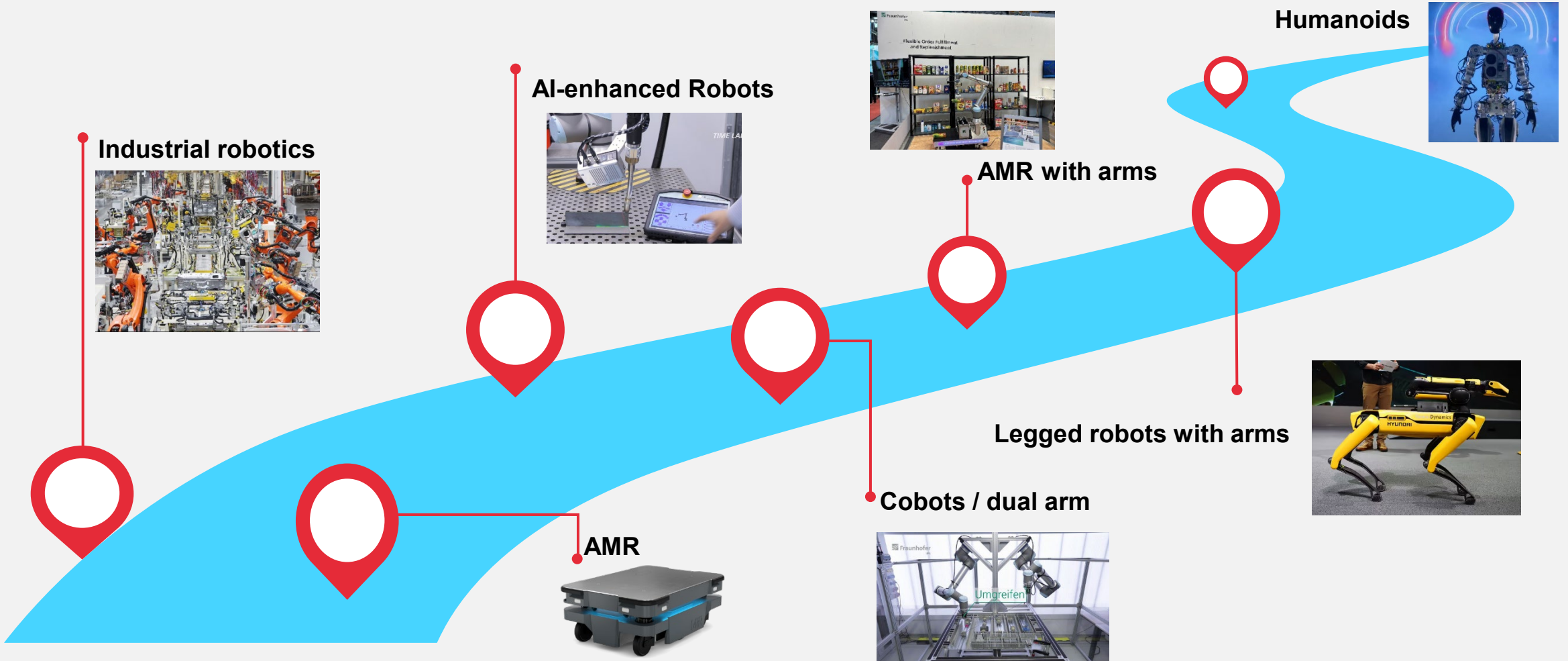
Number of service robot manufacturers by business size
(number of employees)



*(SME with ≤500 employees)

Source: World Robotics 2023

Long-term Research Trends



- **External and internal challenges**
 - Integration in existing infrastructure
 - Acceptance (management and staff)
 - Regulation
- **Service robots collaborate with human staff**
- **Software and use cases** driving breakthrough applications
 - Humanoids still in their early days
- **Market pull**



Source: Neura Robotics

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