

# News Release

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## Helio Castroneves of Hitachi-sponsored Team Penske Readies for the First Step to Victory in the 2016 U.S. Verizon IndyCar Series

**Tokyo, March 7, 2016** --- Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. today announced that Helio Castroneves of Team Penske, sponsored by the Hitachi Group, will start his campaign for the 2016 Verizon IndyCar Series championship in the season opener in St. Petersburg, Florida, on March 13.

Helio Castroneves, born in Brazil in 1975, has been a driver for the famed U.S. auto racing organization Team Penske since 2001 and is a three-time winner of the prestigious Indianapolis 500 mile race (2001, 2002 and 2009). Racing as the Hitachi driver, he placed second in the U.S. Verizon IndyCar Series championship standings in 2013 and 2014, demonstrating the strength and stability of his performance.

2016 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500 mile race as well as the 50 year anniversary of Team Penske. The Hitachi will serve as a primary sponsor on the No.3 Team Penske Chevrolet IndyCar for eight races in seven cities this season.

- Schedule for 2016 IndyCar Series
  - : Hitachi primary sponsor race

Date	Place
March 13(Sun.)	● St. Petersburg, Florida
April 2(Sat.)	Avondale, Arizona
April 17(Sun.)	Long Beach, California
April 24(Sun.)	Birmingham, Alabama
May 14(Sat.)	Indianapolis, Indiana
May 29(Sun.)	Indianapolis, Indiana
June 4(Sat.)	● Detroit, Michigan
June 5(Sun.)	● Detroit, Michigan
June 11(Sat.)	Fort Worth, Texas
June 26(Sun.)	● Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
July 10(Sun.)	Newton, Iowa
July 17(Sun.)	Toronto, Canada
July 31(Sun.)	● Lexington, Ohio
Aug. 21(Sun.)	● Long Pond, Pennsylvania
Sep. 4(Sun.)	● Boston, Massachusetts
Sep. 18(Sun.)	● Sonoma, California



Helio Castroneves



The 2016 design race car

Hitachi Automotive Systems will continue to use its sponsorship of motor sports, including Verizon IndyCar Series racing, to further grow the Hitachi brand and contribute to motor sports.

**About Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd.**

Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd., headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. The company is engaged in the development, manufacture, sales and services of automotive components, transportation related components, industrial machines and systems, and offers a wide range of automotive systems including engine management systems, electric power train systems, drive control systems and car information systems. For more information, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi-automotive.co.jp/en/>.

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