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Hitachi Extends Sponsorship Agreement with Team Penske for U. S. IndyCar 2017 Series Hitachi Contract Driver Helio Castroneves to Compete for 2017 Championship

Tokyo, March 6, 2017 --- Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. today announced that the Hitachi Group will continue its sponsorship of Team Penske in the U. S. Verizon IndyCar Series 2017 season championship. Helio Castroneves will again compete for the championship as a Hitachi-sponsored driver.

Team Penske is a famed U. S. auto racing team founded in 1966 that has a large and dedicated fan following. In the 2016 season, three of its four drivers took the top three positions in the annual championship. Hitachi contract driver Helio Castroneves occupied the third position and is looking to improve on his record in this year's championship hunt. In 2017, the Hitachi primary sponsorship for the car driven by Helio Castroneves carrying the Hitachi logo will be for eight of the series' 17 events.

Hitachi Automotive Systems will continue to use its sponsorship of motor sports, including IndyCar racing, to further grow the Hitachi brand and make a contribution to motor sports.



Helio Castroneves participating in a joint test conducted in Phoenix, Arizona, in February.

Schedule for 2017 IndyCar Series

●: Hitachi primary sponsor race

Date	Place
March 12	●St. Petersburg, Florida
April 9	Long Beach, California
April 23	Birmingham, Alabama
April 29	Phoenix, Arizona
May 13	Indianapolis, Indiana
May 28	Indianapolis, Indiana
June 3	●Detroit, Michigan
June 4	●Detroit, Michigan
June 10	Fort Worth, Texas
June 25	Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
July 9	Newton, Iowa
July 16	●Toronto, Canada
July 30	●Lexington, Ohio
August 20	●Long Pond, Pennsylvania
August 26	Birmingham, Alabama
September 3	●Watkins Glen, New York
September 18	●Sonoma, California

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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