

# News Release

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## **Hitachi Contract Driver Josef Newgarden wins IndyCar Season Finale**

**Tokyo, October 30, 2020** --- Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. is proud to announce that Team Penske driver Josef Newgarden won the IndyCar season finale held on Sunday, October 25 on the streets of St. Petersburg, Florida. Newgarden wraps up this IndyCar season with an impressive four wins.

Utilizing the downtown streets of St. Petersburg the course measures approximately 2.9km long. Comprised of numerous straight sections with the home straight on the runways of the adjacent airport, the course is designed to enable cars to reach top speeds. At the same time, the course punishes even the slightest of errors with the risk of hitting track walls, putting each driver's skills and techniques to the ultimate test.

Despite starting the race in eighth position, by the middle of the race Newgarden positioned himself just behind the leading pack which he focused on holding while waiting for an opportunity to take the lead. The race soon turned chaotic with cars spinning out and crashing, and rainfall leading to the safety car to come out five times. Amidst the chaos, Newgarden remained focused and skillfully drove his car to emerge in the top position in lap 80. From that lap onward, Newgarden never relinquished the top spot and sailed to victory, marking an impressive fourth win this season.

The season finale was an opportunity for Newgarden to come from behind and seize the annual championship. However, despite winning the race, Newgarden finished in second place in the overall season with a mere 16-point difference between the first-place winner. Driving a Chevrolet car leveraging Hitachi technologies, Newgarden demonstrated solid and clever driving techniques that thrilled spectators throughout the entire season. Hitachi Automotive Systems would like to congratulate Newgarden on his outstanding performance.

Hitachi Automotive Systems will continue to contribute to the promotion of motorsports through sponsorship of motorsports including IndyCar races.



Josef Newgarden leading the race



Josef Newgarden (right) places 2nd in the annual championship

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