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# Hitachi Extends Sponsorship with Team Penske for the U.S. 2015 Verizon IndyCar Series

*Helio Castroneves to Compete For 2015 Championship in Newly-Designed Car*

Tokyo, March 27, 2015 -- Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. today announced that the Hitachi Group will continue its sponsorship with Team Penske in the 2015 Verizon IndyCar Series.

Helio Castroneves, who has been a Hitachi driver for three straight years starting in 2013, will begin his campaign for the 2015 championship on March 29 on the streets of St. Petersburg, Florida driving a newly-designed car featuring aerodynamic enhancements.

Team Penske, a famed U.S. auto racing team that was founded in 1966, is a leading team that finished first, second and fourth in last year's championship standings. This season, Team Penske expands to four full-season entries. In 2014, Castroneves had an outstanding record, placing second overall in the championship standings for the second year in a row.

In 2015, the Hitachi primary sponsorship for the No. 3 IndyCar will carry the Hitachi logo for eight races in seven cities.

### Schedule for the 2015 Verizon IndyCar Series

- Hitachi primary sponsor race

Annual championship standings of successive

Date	Place
March 29	●St. Petersburg, Florida
April 12	●Avondale, Louisiana
April 19	Long Beach, California
April 26	Birmingham, Alabama
May 9	Indianapolis, Indiana
May 24	Indianapolis, Indiana
May 30	●Detroit, Michigan
May 31	●Detroit, Michigan
June 6	Fort Worth, Texas
June 14	Toronto, Canada
June 27	Fontana, California
July 12	●West Allis, Wisconsin
July 18	●Newton, Iowa
August 2	●Lexington, Ohio
August 23	Long Pond, Pennsylvania
August 30	●Sonoma, California

Hitachi Team Penske drivers:

- [2012] Ryan Briscoe 6<sup>th</sup>
- [2013~] Helio Castroneves (photo)
  - 2013: 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 2014: 2<sup>nd</sup>



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Newly-designed race car for 2015

Hitachi Automotive Systems will continue to leverage its sponsorship of motor sports, including IndyCar racing, to further grow the Hitachi brand.

**■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/>.

**■About Hitachi, Ltd.**

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, delivers innovations that answer society's challenges with our talented team and proven experience in global markets. The company's consolidated revenues for fiscal 2013 (ended March 31, 2014) totaled 9,616 billion yen (\$93.4 billion). Hitachi is focusing more than ever on the Social Innovation Business, which includes infrastructure systems, information & telecommunication systems, power systems, construction machinery, high functional materials & components, automotive systems, healthcare and others. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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