

# News Release

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## **CBT Has Officially Become Hitachi Systems CBT**

*The acquisition of the Italian system integrator has been completed.*

**Tokyo, Japan and Rome, Italy -- May 21, 2015**—Hitachi Systems, Ltd. (“Hitachi Systems”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501), and Hitachi Systems CBT S.p.A., an Italian system integrator, announced today that Cosmic Blue Team S.p.A. (“CBT”) has officially joined Hitachi Systems Group and changed the company name to Hitachi Systems CBT S.p.A. (“Hitachi Systems CBT”).

As a core company of the Information & Telecommunication Systems Business in the Hitachi Group, Hitachi Systems provides a variety of IT services covering the entire system life cycle from system consulting, design and construction, operation and management to maintenance. Its particular strengths are in management services, cloud services, security services and data center solutions. Hitachi Systems has about 300 sites all over Japan, and 14 overseas subsidiaries, mainly in Asia. By adding Hitachi Systems CBT, which has over 35 years of skill and experience in Italy, to its group, Hitachi Systems aims to deploy its IT services business in the IT market in Europe.

The business strategy of Hitachi Systems CBT will continue to be focused on the design, implementation, management and maintenance of cloud systems, applications, services and solutions. By utilizing the Hitachi Systems Group's products, services, technologies and know-how, the Italian system integrator will strengthen its IT services activities, especially managed services, security services and Data Center solutions. These IT services will be provided by two data centers in Milan and Rome and will target medium and large companies, either public or private, that need to integrate their own infrastructures with high technological information services and solutions.

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This is the strategic role in the business transformation process that the Italian system integrator offers to the market, and it is currently undergoing a phase of rapid evolution as IT develops at the center of business dynamics.

Hitachi Systems CBT's business lines have been all confirmed. They include: WebRainbow, an enterprise information management platform, EasyCloud, for IaaS, PaaS, SaaS and DaaS cloud computing, and EasyWare, a fleet management and technology outsourcing solution. The new security business unit, which aims to promote the security risk management process as a business transformation enabler, is also one of Hitachi Systems CBT's business lines and it provides consultancy services, design, implementation and management of IT security solutions to transfer operational complexity to focus on data governance.

Services, projects and products to meet the growing demands of data protection and IT infrastructures, with the most innovative solutions and the added value of our consultancy and managed services.

By fusing Hitachi Systems' services and technologies with this service line-up, Hitachi Systems CBT will provide state-of-the-art IT services not only to the Italian market but also to all the potential clients of the IT solutions business in Europe.

"I'm delighted that Hitachi Systems CBT has joined the Hitachi Systems Group," says Yoshinori Okami, Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, Hitachi Systems. "Hitachi Systems is leading the social innovation business, which has been promoted by the Hitachi Group from the IT and services aspect. With the new IT services created by fusing the track record and 35 years of experience of Hitachi Systems CBT and the advanced technologies and services of Hitachi Systems, we will provide superior services to European customers, including in Italy."

"Hitachi Systems Ltd. wanted to acquire CBT," says Paolo Angelucci, President and CEO of Hitachi Systems CBT, "because they saw in our company the best opportunity to enter the Italian and European markets. We are a specialized company with expertise in and deep knowledge of the IT market. I am very proud and optimistic about the future of this operation, and, thanks to the international vision and resources of Hitachi, we can be even more competitive and continue our growth."

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"The promise," says Flavio Radice, VP, General Manager and COO of Hitachi Systems CBT, "is to enhance and follow the human factor: focusing on solutions designed by our team of experts and our advanced skills as an element of distinction. Our customers have chosen us for this reason. As a testimonial to this opportunity, I feel I can say that current and future customers will be even more pleased to have a partner with proven experience and reliability thanks to the strength of the Hitachi brand."

■ **Strategic assets**

**EasyCloud®:** Public, private or hybrid cloud projects are enabled with a gradual approach to disaster recovery and business continuity solutions. Hitachi Systems CBT's skills, knowledge and state-of-the-art infrastructures allow the management of multiplatform solutions (Windows, Linux, IBM POWER, and IBM AS/400). Services are provided by two ISO 27001 certified Datacenters, one in Rome and one in Milan, with highly accessible resources and advanced security standards.

**EasyWare®:** Flexible, tailored technology outsourcing and fleet management based on regular fees

**WebRainbow®:** An enterprise information management platform for managing company information and processes, integrated with mobile devices and available as an SaaS and on-premises solution

**Security:** Services, projects and technology solutions provided by a dedicated business unit to respond to companies' growing needs for IT infrastructure security and data protection

### Hitachi Systems CBT Overview (as of the end of April 2015)

Company name	Hitachi Systems CBT S.p.A.
Year of establishment	1980
Headquarters	Rome, Italy
URL	<a href="http://www.hitachi-systems-cbt.com">www.hitachi-systems-cbt.com</a>
Representative	Paolo Angelucci, President and CEO
Net sales	EUR 57 million (for fiscal year ended December 2014)
Employees	Approx. 300 (consolidated)
Business lines	System design and implementation, operation and maintenance, application development, cloud services and data center services

### Hitachi Systems Overview (as of the end of March 2015)

Company name	Hitachi Systems, Ltd.
Year of establishment	1962
Headquarters	Tokyo, Japan
URL	<a href="http://www.hitachi-systems.com/eng">www.hitachi-systems.com/eng</a>
Representative	Naoya Takahashi, President and CEO
Net sales	EUR 2,858 million* (371,569 million yen)
Employees	10,606 (non-consolidated)
Business lines	System integration business System operation, monitoring, and maintenance business Network service business Sale and development of information-related equipment and software

\*EUR1 = 130YEN

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### **About Hitachi Systems CBT S.p.A.**

CBT - Cosmic Blue Team has officially joined Hitachi Systems, Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd. The transaction recognizes the over 35 years of skills and experience developed by CBT, which has changed its name to Hitachi Systems CBT S.p.A. as a result of the acquisition. With offices in Rome, Milan, Venice, Turin, Novara and Bologna, Hitachi Systems CBT employs 300 employees in total, a number to be added to the Partner Network that covers the entire territory. Another great value is the over 1,200 certifications, which are synonymous with expertise and continuously staying up-to-date on multivendor technologies based on customers needs. For more information on Hitachi Systems CBT, please visit the company website <http://www.hitachi-systems-cbt.com>

### **About Hitachi Systems, Ltd.**

Hitachi Systems, Ltd. is an IT services company with strengths in high-quality operations and maintenance services. Hitachi Systems works closely with customers through a network of roughly 300 service sites and contact centers across Japan, through which it offers a wide range of business system design and integration services, as well as outsourcing services that take advantage of its robust data center infrastructure. A leader since the dawn of the IT era in Japan, Hitachi Systems leverages its track record and expertise in IT services to offer one-stop services covering the entire IT life cycle - from system consulting to integration, installation, operation and maintenance. Hitachi Systems also pushes beyond the boundaries of IT to create new value for customers, with the aim of becoming a global service company to which customers can entrust any operation.

For details: <http://www.hitachi-systems.com/eng/>

### **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 2014 (ended March 31, 2015) totaled 9,761 billion yen (\$81.3 billion). Hitachi is focusing more than ever on the Social Innovation Business, which includes power & infrastructure systems, information & telecommunication 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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