

The Project

Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air Conditioning (JCH) is a global air conditioning manufacturer, established in October 2015 as a joint venture of Johnson Controls Inc. and Hitachi Appliances, Inc. With 14,000 employees in 9 countries, JCH create quality products, services and solutions for residential and commercial buildings throughout the world. They exceed customer expectations with the most diverse range of HVAC products in the world – from ductless solutions to chillers to HVAC room air conditioning systems, fueled by industry-leading technology and innovation.

In 2013, JCH Europe leveraged Overkiz technology to transform its residential product line into connected devices, and provide a smart home solution to its customers.

The Challenge

- Control remotely air/air and air/water heat pumps via a mobile app
- Provide adaptors for each device to enable wireless communication
- Provide a smart home box
- Enable remote control of over 100 devices, in addition to Hitachi products, via compatibility with the Somfy Tahoma smart home solution























Collect residential energy consumption data

HITACHI

COMPANY PROFILE

MANUFACTURER

HEAT PUMPS& AIR CONDITIONERS

JOHNSON CONTROLS-HITACHI 3.8 B€ REVENUE IN 2016

The Overkiz Solution

Overkiz provided an end-to-end IoT platform including smart controllers, a cloud, and applications, to help Hitachi deploy and manage a powerful home automation solution.

White-label Hardware

- Wireless adaptors for each device
- Smart home box connected to the Overkiz cloud
- Wi-Fi communication between air/air devices and the customer router
- Private communication protocol between all devices and the Hi-Box
- Connectivity with Somfy's Tahoma box for full product integration



IoT Cloud

- Embedded software for wireless communication
- Over-the-Air (OTA) upgrade management
- End-to-end security management
- Somfy environment integration



Applications

- APIs to easily create the Hi-Kumo® mobile app
- APIs for cloud-to-cloud management
- Data capture via APIs





BENEFITS

BtoB

Develop a Hitachi's connected solution: Hi-Kumo®

Deploy connected devices and services

Partnership with SOMFY to enable third-party product integration

Plug & play solution

Enlarge Hitachi solutions for better customer satisfaction

End-User

Control devices anytime, anywhere via the Hi-Kumo® app

Smart functions: weekly timer, holiday mode, smart tip

Improve home comfor

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We are delighted to be launching this Smart Home innovation.

By connecting Hitachi's heating and air conditioning products to Hi-Kumo*, homeowners can easily manage their heating and cooling needs, and balance comfort and energy savings at the touch of a button.

In today's highly connected world, it is important our products are engineered to meet the needs of our customers.

Overkiz has proven to be a reliable and innovative partner, who has helped us to achieve our targets and better meet our customers' needs.

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