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CEO Roadshow Continues with Stops in Miami, Fla., U.S, Boulder, Colo., U.S and Zurich, Switzerland

Joe Almeida and Omar Ishrak recently made three stops on their CEO Roadshow.

In August, the CEOs went to Boulder, Colo., U.S. Both the R&MS and Surgical Solutions teams attended a Town Hall at the historic Boulder Theater and had an opportunity to ask questions during the Q&A portion.

Also included in their visit was a tour of the R&D facility and product demonstrations.

A product demonstration in the R&D Research Lab.

**Omar and Joe take questions from employees
during**

the town hall at the Boulder Theater.

Outside of the historic Boulder Theater.

This was a great opportunity to hear directly from Omar and get a sense for his priorities and approach to business. We were also very pleased with the opportunity to share an overview of the R&MS business and provide a hands-on demonstration of how our technologies impact patient care in various settings.

-Matt Anderson, Vice President/General Manager, Patient Monitoring, R&MS

Also in August, Joe Almeida and Omar Ishrak hosted a town hall for all LATAM Regional Headquarter office employees in Covidien's Miami, Fla., U.S. location.

Engagement was high during the presentations and employees raised many questions for both CEOs during the Q&A session.

Joe addresses Miami employees at the Town Hall

meeting.

During Joe and Omar's visit, Omar had the opportunity to meet members of the Latin America team, both from the countries and the Miami office, as well as learn about our Latin America operations overall. This is an exciting time for our companies that will take us to the next level in customer and patient care.

Omar meets members of the LATAM leadership

team.

-Bob White, President, Emerging Markets.

During times of change, it's always important that we are communicating, and the town hall was a great platform to learn more about Medtronic. It was great to see the level of engagement of the regional team during Joe and Omar's Q&A session.

-Hugo Villegas, President, Latin America

Joe Almeida and Omar Ishrak made their most recent stop in Zurich, Switzerland, on September 16. The CEOs sat in on business reviews for both Covidien Europe and EMEA Emerging Markets, led by Cristiano Franzi and Mats Eklof, respectively.

They then headed to the World Trade Center, a short walk from the Covidien office. There, approximately 160 employees attended the Town Hall presentation, which included a Q&A session, moderated by Jacqueline Strayer, Senior Vice President, Corporate Communications.

Employees from the Covidien Europe and Europe Emerging Markets teams appreciated hearing directly from both CEOs about the strategic fit of the proposed acquisition. During two business review sessions, Omar was also given insight into our specific regions, sparking great dialogue and engagement.

Cristiano Franzi, President, Covidien Europe

Upcoming town halls: The CEOs will travel to Asia next, making stops in Shanghai and Tokyo.

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