## CenturyLink appoints Matt Gutierrez as senior managing director for Asia Pacific

Gutierrez brings decades of expertise in network and telecommunications to drive CenturyLink's digital transformation initiatives for APAC customers

SINGAPORE, Feb. 27, 2018 / PRNewswire / -- CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) today announced the appointment of Matt Gutierrez as its senior managing director for Asia Pacific (APAC), responsible for leading CenturyLink's business throughout the entire region. Gutierrez, who will oversee sales, marketing and operations functions, will help enterprises, government and wholesale customers achieve their digital transformation initiatives by using the company's innovative network solutions and managed services.

Prior to joining CenturyLink, Gutierrez spent more than 17 years at Level 3 Communications, serving as interim regional president of Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA), as well as senior vice president and finance director of EMEA. Before that, he served in three other senior vice president positions in finance and operations.

"Matt's unique skill set combines deep experience in business development with a strong background in networking and telecommunications, which enables us to strengthen our APAC operations and reinforce our commitment to the region," said Laurinda Pang, president, international and global accounts management, CenturyLink. "Matt's leadership will help CenturyLink drive our vision of being the leading network solutions provider in Asia Pacific."

"I am excited to lead Asia Pacific for CenturyLink, which is equipped with a broad portfolio of advanced managed hosting and IT services, adaptive networking and robust security solutions," said Gutierrez. "Asia Pacific organizations are at the forefront of digital transformation, and I look forward to working closely with our management team to build upon CenturyLink's unique position as a trusted hybrid IT solutions provider to help organizations drive growth and achieve success. Our company can help empower customers with the benefits of local-to-global networking solutions and an innovative product portfolio, delivered by a highly talented workforce."

## **About CenturyLink**

<u>CenturyLink</u> (NYSE: CTL) is the second largest U.S. communications provider to global enterprise customers. With customers in more than 60 countries and an intense focus on the customer experience, CenturyLink strives to be the world's best networking company by solving customers' increased demand for reliable and secure connections. The company also serves as its customers' trusted partner, helping them manage increased network and IT complexity and

providing managed network and cyber security solutions that help protect their business.

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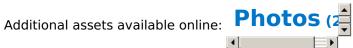
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