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## TIM and Cisco Join Forces To Increase The IT Security Of Italian Companies

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TIM Safe Web, the new security service developed in collaboration with Cisco and integrated into the TIM network, going live in March  
BARCELONA, Spain, Feb. 25, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Mobile World Congress** — Starting from March, TIM, the leading provider of mobile and fixed telecommunication services in Italy, in partnership with Cisco will offer “TIM Safe WEB”, a highly secure platform service, integrated in the TIM network, able to safeguard small business users from malware, such as ramsomware, phishing, and other malicious cybersecurity activities.

TIM Safe Web combines TIM's unique technologies and information with the capabilities of the Cisco Umbrella cloud-based security platform, which leverages a constantly updated global database of threat intelligence. This “over-the-network” service enhancement will be provided to about 600.000 TIM Business customers in order to improve both security and quality of service starting from small business market that is very exposed to cyberattacks.

Functionalities like antiphishing and malware containment will so be “embedded” in TIM network,

without need of placing more HW in customers' premises nor having new SW in their devices. Moreover, the protection will be active on every system connected to the customers' LAN for the application of the security policies at DNS (Domain Name Server) level, thus allowing to block the requests to dangerous IP addresses before the Internet connection is up. Cisco Umbrella analyzes over 125 billion Domain Name System (DNS) requests per day in 160 countries worldwide and proactively blocks almost every request to malicious destinations— offering a “clean pipe” for end users.

The new features will mostly allow to block navigation to malicious sites, which have the aim of stealing confidential personal information, financial data or private codes, and to prevent access to malicious sites designed to infect computers with malicious software, also mitigating the spread of latest generation malware (ransomware). With 'TIM Safe Web', the small and medium-sized companies and SOHOs will rely on a high level of quality and reliability, through the TIM broadband and ultrabroadband network, a high-performance service able to make web surfing safer, ensuring benefits in terms of affordability and ease of use.

The initiative represents a first concrete step towards the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed yesterday in Barcelona, which also provides the skills and solutions sharing to support the digital transformation of companies, Public Administration and public services.

Lorenzo Forina, Executive Vice President, Business & Top Customers Director at TIM, said: “Constantly evolve our offer with distinctive solutions and improving the quality of our services are the pillars of Tim strategy on business market. The use of a “best of breed” platform like Cisco Umbrella allows TIM, first in Europe, to offer a cloud based, extremely effective and directly embedded in the network, security service to our customers. The security of the enterprises network infrastructure is a key element to strengthen the global cyber-security of their business, indeed.”

Woody Sessoms, Senior Vice President, Global Service Provider segment, at Cisco, added: “The threat of cyberattacks is a growing concern for individuals and enterprises, and can only be resolved through collaboration among all industry players. TIM, which is already able to rely on threat intelligence from its own sources, has long recognized the need to tackle malicious cybersecurity activity head on, and is ensuring that its business customers are protected from malware, ransomware and other forms of cyberattacks.”

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