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ANTA CLARA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Renesas Electronics America, a premier provider of advanced semiconductor solutions, is helping designers extend battery life and accelerate time to market for connected healthcare, wearables and other connected portable applications, with the RL78/G1D Group of microcontrollers (MCUs) – a new Intelligent wireless solution that supports the Bluetooth® Smart 4.1 specification. The highly integrated RL78/G1D MCUs combine low-power Bluetooth® transceiver technology with Renesas' ultra-low power RL78 MCUs to deliver a powerful, energy-efficient wireless solution for a range of connected medical, consumer, and industrial applications.

"It is an exciting and challenging time in what is really the infancy of the IoT ecosystem, and designers require flexible, powerful yet power-efficient embedded solutions to match the evolving standards and application needs," said Vin D'Agostino, Vice President of the General Purpose Products Business Unit, Renesas Electronics America. "The RL78/G1D devices were developed with this in mind, leveraging our industry-leading low-power technology, adaptable RF capabilities, and MCU design expertise to help customers bring their wireless applications to market efficiently, easily, and cost effectively."

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On Tuesday, Apple's stock suffered a more serious adverse reaction than on either of those darker July afternoons, falling more than 7 per cent. Profits and revenues beat consensus estimates. This time the worries are iPhone shipments that were a sliver below expectations and a slightly weaker-than-expected revenue target for the September quarter.

Some investor wobble is to be expected. They own a different company than the Apple of two years ago, and their expectations are higher. The stock has doubled since then even after Tuesday's sell-off. Tim Cook is firmly entrenched as chief executive.

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The conversation only lasted a few minutes. Mr. Mitra gave it some thought, and then turned the deal down. A year later, the Blippar founder and chief executive says he has not had second thoughts about keeping his London-based business independent.

"We did the right thing," says Mr. Mitra, 36. "An entrepreneur always knows when to sell their company. You know you're on a high, you can see all the internal data and economic indices. We believe we're going to be one of the biggest businesses in the world."

Such brazen confidence is a hallmark of Silicon Valley: Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg dismissed several multibillion-dollar takeovers, and Snapchat founder Evan Spiegel rejected a \$3bn buyout from Facebook in 2013. Their decisions to stay independent were made easier by cash from venture capitalists eager to bankroll their fast-growing businesses.