



GUNDAM EVOLUTION CELEBRATES SIX-MONTH ANNIVERSARY WITH SEASON 4 LAUNCH, EXPANDS INTO NEW TERRITORIES

New Season Adds Gundam Dynames Playable Unit, Headquarters Game Mode, and More; Game Now Available in South America and ANZ Regions

IRVINE, Calif. (April 13, 2023) – Leading video game developer Bandai Namco Online Inc. and publisher Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. today announced **GUNDAM EVOLUTION**, the franchise's first-ever free-to-play shooter, is celebrating its six-month anniversary with the launch of all-new Season 4 content. Titled *Ballista*, the new season will deliver a wide variety of new content and gameplay updates. **GUNDAM EVOLUTION** is available to play free now on PlayStation®5, PlayStation®4, Xbox Series X|S, Xbox One, and PC via STEAM®. For more information, please visit www.gundamevolution.com.

Also announced today, **GUNDAM EVOLUTION** continues to expand to new regions and is now playable on PC and consoles in Brazil, Chile, and Argentina, and on PC only in Australia and New Zealand. Players in these regions will be able to play the latest content introduced in today's Season 4 launch.

Ballista introduces the Gundam Dynames mobile suit, an agile sniper unit equipped with various short and long-range attack options that are highly adaptable in the heat of combat. The update also adds Headquarters Mode, where teams of players fight to occupy or protect zones housing a powerful core that can be destroyed. Teams earn points by defending or attacking the core, with the first team who earns five points winning the match.

Check out the recently released Season 4 trailer showcasing Gundam Dynames at the following link (ready for embedding): www.youtube.com/watch?v=A05R5WVaLt8

Additional updates coming in Season 4 of **GUNDAM EVOLUTION** include:

- Half-Anniversary Events, including a Login Bonus, a New Player Campaign, and a Returning Player Campaign – all of which run from April 12 – May 17
- Two new unit skins (Prototype Gundam, Zaku II S [Recon]) with exclusive sound effects, and the new "Buried City" map
- Implementation of Achievement Challenges
- Adjustment of matchmaking, skill ratings, and in-game store UI,

- Addition of minor items related to MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM: THE WITCH FROM MERCURY

Full patch notes be found at the following link: www.gundamevolution.com/en/news/157

Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. is hosting the next **GUNDAM EVOLUTION** SHOWDOWN tournament on April 22 and April 23 at 10:00 a.m., where the Top eight teams from the game's Pilot Academy program and LCQ will compete for a chance to win from a prize pool of \$20,000. The tournament will be livestreamed via **GUNDAM EVOLUTION's** official YouTube at www.youtube.com/@GUNDAMEVOLUTION_OFFICIAL.

GUNDAM EVOLUTION is a free-to-play team-based first-person shooter featuring 6v6 PvP combat with playable mobile suits from across the Gundam universe. As the franchise's first-ever free-to-play hero shooter, **GUNDAM EVOLUTION** features an ever-expanding roster of 21 playable mobile suits and will pit players against each other across four objective-based game modes: Point Capture, Domination, Destruction, and Headquarters. Each mode presents a unique set of challenges that will require teams to craft and execute formidable offensive and defensive strategies to emerge victorious.

For more information about **GUNDAM EVOLUTION** including regional availability please visit the official website at GUNDAMEVOLUTION.COM, or join the conversation on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/gundamevolution>.

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About Bandai Namco Online Inc.

"Online games from Japan to the world"

Bandai Namco Online Inc. is a rapidly growing company within the Bandai Namco Group that specializes in the online game business, with a full range of functions from development and operation to publishing.

Our company continues to develop a variety of contents and services for all devices, including the team shooter GUNDAM EVOLUTION, the online action RPG BLUE PROTOCOL, and our original IP IDOLiSH7.

Upholding our slogan, "Online games from Japan to the world," we are committed to challenging ourselves to create online games with a unique Japanese twist. While focusing on the production of online games, we will continue to collaborate with other companies both within and outside of the Bandai Namco Group in order to develop a wide variety of entertainment that goes beyond games.

About Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc.

Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc., part of the Bandai Namco Group, is a leading global publisher and developer of interactive entertainment for major video game consoles, PC, online, and mobile platforms. The company is known for creating many of the industry's beloved classic franchises such as PAC-MAN®, GALAGA®, TEKKEN®, SOULCALIBUR®, and ACE COMBAT®, and publishing the critically acclaimed DARK SOULS™ series and the blockbuster title ELDEN RING™. Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. is also the

premier publisher in the Western hemisphere for anime-based video games including GUNDAM™, NARUTO SHIPPUDEN™, DRAGON BALL™, and ONE PIECE®. Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. is headquartered in Irvine, California. More information about the company and its products can be found at <http://www.bandainamcoent.com>.

About SOTSU • SUNRISE

Sunrise Inc. is a Japanese animation studio founded in September 1972 world renown for its revolutionary “mecha anime” and spearheading the global franchise GUNDAM. The original 1979 Mobile Suit Gundam anime series was made in collaboration with Gundam’s director Yoshiyuki Tomino, animator Yoshikazu Yasuhiko, and mechanical designer Kunio Okawara. Partnered with Bandai Namco, Gundam has since become one of the most recognizable Japanese brands worldwide with its myriad of entries, rich storytelling and thematics, breathtaking animation, and model kit empire. Sunrise has also garnered acclaim with such works as Shinichiro Watanabe’s Cowboy Bebop, City Hunter, Dirty Pair, Sgt.Frog, Gin Tama, Inuyasha, Tiger & Bunny, and the popular Love Live! idol franchise. Over a span of over forty years, Sunrise has created a broad range of visual products, starting with animations, and many of which have been completely original creations and has also created numerous adaptations of acclaimed light novels including Crest of the Stars, Dirty Pair, Horizon in the Middle of Nowhere and Accel World, and manga such as City Hunter, Inuyasha, Outlaw Star, Yakitate!! Japan, Planetes, Sgt. Frog, Gin Tama, and Kekkaishi. More information about the company and its products can be found at <https://www.sunrise-inc.co.jp/international/>

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