

## Manuel Quinzato becomes ambassador of the Giro delle Dolomiti

Bolzano 8 June 2018 - 6 weeks before the start of the 42th Giro delle Dolomiti (22 to 28 July) Simon Kofler has big news. The committed chair of the Organising Committee was able to persuade the great Manuel Quinzato to become an ambassador for the Dolomites cycle tour. The former cycling professional from Bolzano will not only ride in the third leg of this year's edition of the South Tyrolean showcase event, the circular tour of the Sella group (24 July). He will also be available on the day of rest (25 July) to answer the questions of media representatives and cycling enthusiasts at "InGiro".

**Manuel Quinzato** was one of South Tyrol's most successful cycling professionals. As a member of the renowned American stable MBC Racing Teams he took part more times in the Giro d'Italia, the Tour de France and the Vuelta. In 2011 he was one of the teammates who contributed to the Tour de France victory of the Australian Cadel Evans. The man from Bolzano was also very successful in the World Championships, as his two world championship titles in the team time trial (2014, 2015) prove. Last year, Quinzato who in the course of his career also rode for the teams Liquigas, Saunier Duval-Prodir, Lampre and Lampre-Daikin, retired from active racing. The 38-year old is now working as a cycling sport manager.

Recently, **Simon Kofler** contacted Manuel Quinzato and the former professional immediately agreed to be an ambassador for the Giro delle Dolomiti. *"I am very close to my home town of Bolzano, where the Giro delle Dolomiti starts and ends. South Tyrol is a fantastic place to go by bicycle. Going by bicycle is also very healthy and brings a lot of benefit to the community. I am therefore delighted to be an ambassador. Also because I absolutely love the mountains and especially the Dolomites. I am already looking forward to cycling around the Sella group and I hope that I can enthuse many interested cycling fans with my stories at the InGiro"*, explained Manuel Quinzato.

Simon Kofler is thrilled with his latest "catch". *"Manuel Quinzato is an outstanding personality. He was not only a top professional, but he was always loved for his human qualities. He was much appreciated by colleagues and opponents alike. It is to his credit that he agreed without batting an eyelid and that he will support us in the future,"* commented Kofler.





Manuel Quinzato is not the only former professional who will ride in at least one of the legs in the 800 strong field of cyclists. Also present will be 1988 world champion **Maurizio Fondriest** from Trentino, who will be brand ambassador of the Giro partner Alpecin. **Mario Kummer** (Germany) is the 1988 (Seoul) Olympic champion in team time trials. He, too, does not want to miss the Giro delle Dolomiti. Kummer's compatriot **Jörg Ludewig**, now Head of Sports Marketing at Alpecin, who came second in team time trials in 1993, will also pay a short visit. Former Bolzano professionals **Cristian Zanolini** and **Claudio Camin** actively support the participants in the Giro delle Dolomiti.

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