

Sitip Official Partner of Il Lombardia and Gran Fondo Il Lombardia

Appointment on 8 October with the last monument of the year followed by the amateur Gran Fondo on 9 October. Two unmissable races, two opportunities for Sitip to accompany and support athletes and sports people as always

The professional race **Il Lombardia** kicks off on Saturday **8 October**, with 25 teams departing from Bergamo in the direction of Val Seriana and arriving in Como after a 253 km course.

First a flat section, followed by a series of climbs in the Pre-Alps, then off towards the Forcellino di Bianzano (Valle Rossa), the climb of Ganda, the Crocetta Pass in Dossena, the Forcella di Bura and the Berbenno Pass which ends the first stretch equal to more than 50% of the overall height difference of the race. In the last 60 kilometers in sequence, Ghisallo, San Fermo della Battaglia, Caviglio, San Fermo again before the finish line on the Como lakefront.

On the occasion of the race Vincenzo Nibali and Alejandro Valverde will close their successful career with emotion and honor.

The amateur **Gran Fondo Il Lombardia** follows on Sunday **9 October**, the *Classic of Dead Leaves*, with start and finish in Cantù (CO). A succession of climbs - including the two historic Sormano and Ghisallo - and descents, worthy of a professional route of 109 km with 1700 m in altitude. This year the race is accompanied by the strong claim *Ride Like a Hero*, precisely because of the similarity in the course and in the roughness of the previous Il Lombardia race.

Sitip for both the races will be **Official Partner** with its own logo on all the communication materials and on printed adv, banners and panels.

Great sport starts again and Sitip's position is reconfirmed at this end of the cycling year which already announces a next season full of commitments and full of passion.