



PRESS RELEASE

Top cast for the Deutschland Tour — 11 WorldTeams at the start

Bad Soden – June 19th, 2018. In its very first year back, the Deutschland Tour can expect a highly rated peloton. Eleven teams from the highest category, the UCI WorldTour, have registered for the four-day stage race (August 23-26). The list of UCI WorldTeams is led by the two German teams, Bora-hansgrohe and Team Sunweb, as well as Team Katusha Alpecin. Germany's only stage race for Elite men is a special one in the racing calendar for these teams with a large contingent of German riders.

The fans can also look forward to the top international teams with German riders: Quick-Step Floors, AG2R La Mondiale, Lotto Soudal, Movistar Team and Team Sky will take part in the Deutschland Tour. Teams Bahrain-Merida, BMC Racing Team and Team Dimension Data round out the start list of teams from the UCI WorldTour.

Besides German star riders, like André Greipel, Marcel Kittel and Tony Martin, also the young top sprinters, like Pascal Ackermann, Max Walscheid and Rick Zabel, are planning to compete in the new Deutschland Tour.

A total of 22 teams with six riders each will take on the four stages of the Deutschland Tour. In addition to the eleven UCI WorldTeams, seven teams from the UCI Professional Continental category will start. Starts for four German UCI Continental teams are also reserved. The German Continental teams are currently fighting their way in the UCI Europe Tour races and in the Rad-Bundesliga to qualify for the Deutschland Tour. After the German national championships in Einhausen, the two best German UCI Continental teams in each ranking will receive their invitations.

The teams and the riders will be introduced to the fans in a spectacular presentation on the evening before the Deutschland Tour starts, on August 22 at the Deutsches Eck in Koblenz.

About the Tour of Germany

The new Tour of Germany will take place for the first time on August 23-26, 2018 as a four-day stage race. Like the cycling classic Eschborn-Frankfurt, the Deutschland Tour is also organized by the Amaury Sport Organization (A.S.O.) and its German subsidiary Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports GmbH. The A.S.O. has agreed with the German Cycling Federation (BDR) to organize at least ten events of the Deutschland Tour. In addition to racing for professional, junior and amateur cyclists, the bike will be featured in its full diversity at the Tour of Germany. For the first time, fans can actively participate in creating a cycling event. More than 1,500 route suggestions and ideas have already been submitted, making the motto "Germany. Your Tour." come alive.