THE OLDEST RACE IN THE WORLD
THE TROFEO DELLE INDUSTRIE: HALF A CENTURY OF RACING!

Started in Parma back in 1971, in agreement with the main constructors of the time, the Trofeo delle Industrie has already lived 53 editions.
A lot of the protagonists of International Karting have competed and won the Trofeo delle Industrie ahead of completing their whole trip to Formula 1.

The **"Trofeo delle Industrie"** is the oldest karting race in the world. It is organized by Parma Motorsport as the most full of history and glorious karting race. Among the numerous protagonists that started their career at the Trofeo delle Industrie, several have kept their momentum becoming great names of the main formulas of motor racing.

Everything started back in 1971 from an initiative of the Parma's Kartodrome owner Umberto Pellegrini, who has made the circuit of Emilia become the fulcrum of international karting organizing several Italian as well as European and World Championships: precisely, 37 Italian, 4 European and 5 World championships. It was not by chance that Umberto Pellegrini used to call his track the **"Mondial... racetrack!"**.
The tradition of the **"Trofeo delle Industrie"**, as well as that of the other big event taking place in Parma, the Andrea Margutti Trophy, is still lively thanks to the commitment of Umberto Pellegrini with Tiziano, Donatella and Germano.

This is the memory of its founder Umberto Pellegrini: *"When I started to manage the circuit of Parma, back in 1968, Italy housed only a few important karting events and those couple of appointments were held one at the Pista d'Oro of Rome (the famous Champions Tournament) and the other at the Pista Rossa of Milan. From September to March there were no races. This is why talking with Sala from Birel, Grana from Iame and other constructors we came up with the idea to organize an event in Autumn at the circuit of Parma. This initiative started in 1971 with the support of the main kart constructors of the time, among which Birel, BM, Pcr, Parilla, Tony Kart, Dap, Tecno, Kalì-Kalì by Calogero Vanaria, and this was the reason why the event was called "Torneo delle Industrie" (Industries Trophy). It was a huge success since the beginning."*

For a long time the "Trofeo delle Industrie" has been the jewel in the crown of the international karting and this round became so important that in the Seventies it was used by the companies to present their products for the following year. This was a particularly lived event and one that was awaited by the whole karting world. It was also blessed with a rich money-prize made available by the karting constructors that take part to it, back then as still happens today.

The Overall Title for all categories has always been awarded to the driver scoring the best overall result. The Overall Trophy was named after Commendatore Carlo Fabi who was a huge fan of motorsport. After his departure, his famous – due to the motorsport success – sons Teo and Corrado kept this tradition alive and the trophy is still named **"Memorial Carlo Fabi"** today.

THE BEGINNING IN 1971

The first edition of the **"Trofeo delle Industrie"** was organized in 1971. It involved 4 rounds, that became 5 in 1974 and then 7 in 1984, 1985 and 1986 due to the high number of entered drivers. From 1987 it went down to 5 rounds again and then to 3 for several years and finally to 2. From 2009, due to the decommissioning of the Parma Kartdrome, the event started featuring only one round.

All the main drivers have been competing in the **"Trofeo delle Industrie"**, a lot of which have moved shortly after to professional motor-racing and to Formula 1. Among the main names winning the Absolute Trophy, the first winner back in 1971 was **Gabriele Gorini**, and then **Corrado Fabi** (1973, 100cc), **Ivan Capelli** (1978, 100 Cadets), **Stefano Modena** (1981, 100 Avenir), **Giancarlo Fisichella** (1990, 100 International) and **Daniil Kvyat** (2008, KF3).

THE PROTAGONIST OF 70s AND 80s

A lot of other drivers that came to the fore winning their category at the Trofeo delle Industrie have then moved on to an excellent career in motorsport or have become great karting interpreters. Successful debuts at this event were made by **Beppe Gabbiani** (from 1971), **Eddy Cheever** (1972), **Riccardo Patrese** (1972), **Elio De Angelis** (1973), **Teo Fabi** (1974), **Andrea De Cesaris** (1974), **Paolo Barilla** (1975 to 1978 and winner of a 24 Hours of Le Mans), **Emanuele Pirro** (1975), **Roberto Ravaglia** (1976), **Gianni Morbidelli** (1980), **Gabriele Tarquini** (1980), **Antonio Tamburini** (1981), **Mike Wilson** (1981), **Roberto Colgiago** (1982), **Gianluca Beggio** (1982), **Alex Zanardi** (1982), **Emanuele Naspetti** (1982), **Vincenzo Sospiri** (1982), **Tamara Vidali** (1982), **Massimiliano Papis** (1982), **Luca Drudi** (1982), **Fabrizio Giovanardi** (1983), **Enrico Bertaggia** (1983), **Andrea Montermini** (1985), **Luca Badoer** (1985) and **Luca Rangoni** (1986)

Some like the President to be of the Italian Karting Federation **Oddino Domenichini** and the FIK Advisor **Giampaolo Melonaro** have also been competing in the 1975 edition of the Trofeo delle Industrie.

Year 1988 was **Jarno Trulli**'s turn to claim the victory at the end of a good challenge with **Giancarlo Fisichella**, then **Fabrizio De Simone** (1988) and **Gabriele Lancieri** (1989), as the latter is currently a Federal School ACI Sport instructor.

At the beginning of 80s, other drivers have also been racing at the trophy before becoming important constructors like **Roberto Robazzi**, **Albino Parolin**, **Jorn Haase, Michele Panigada**, **Roberto Ninzoli, Giuseppe Cavaciuti and Dino Chiesa**, or future team managers like ~~**Dino Chiesa**~~, **Armando Filini**, **Pietro Sassi**, **Sandro Lorandi** or **Guido Cappellini**, who became motorboating champion. Others owned circuits like **Francesco Calzavara** (owner of Jesolo's track), **Fabio Torsellini** (Circuit of Siena), **Marco Corberi** (South Garda), **Massimo Wiser** (Pista Winner), **Matteo Grassotto** (Pista Friuli Venezia Giulia), **Ennio Gandolfi** (Cremona Circuit). A very good interpreter of the Trofeo delle Industrie was also **Andrea Margutti** (1988).

FOUR F1 WORLD CHAMPIONS IN THE 90s

90s started with **Giancarlo Fisichella** winning the Overall Title of the 100 International in 1990. **Andrea Belicchi** won the Trophy in 1991, year that saw **Tonio Liuzzi**'s presence in 60 Mini and that of **Ronnie Quintarelli**. Some journalists also took part in those years at the Trofeo delle Industrie, such as **Giovanni Paterlini**, **Maurizio Voltini** and **Alberto Sabbatini** in 1991, who is Autosprint's director, and **Fulvio Cavicchi**, who is the son of Carlo Cavicchi, Autosprint director first and then Quattroruote's.

Among the main names of the 90s, **Giorgio Pantano**, **Thomas Biagi**, **Alessandro Sferrella**, **Raffaele Giammaria** (1993) from 2022 President of the Karting Commission ACI Sport, **Fabio Francia** (1993), **Francesco Laudato** who won the Trophy back in 1995, **Fernando Alonso** in 100 Junior (1995), **Marco Ardigò** and **Stefano Fabi** both in Mini (1995), **Alessandro Balzan**, **Alberto Pianta**, **Alessandro Manetti** (1996) and the several times winner **Danilo Rossi** (1996). Among the girls, **Ketty D'Ambroso** managed to

shine in 1997 and before winning the 2004 edition of 100 ICA. During the same year he debuted in the 100cc Junior finishing fourth in the overall standings **Stefano Fabi** always podium in the following years.

The driver with the highest number of victories is Alessandro Piccini**, who won it three times in a row in 1992, 1993 and 1994 in 125 International. Gianfranco Baroni also scored three wins in 1972, 1977 and 1980.**
In 1998 **Nico Rosberg** and **Lewis Hamilton** alternated at the victory of ICA Junior in the same year when **Fernando Alonso** won Formula A. Edition 1999 of the Trofeo delle Industrie housed a good number of future F1 champions with **Lewis Hamilton** and **Nico Rosberg** competing in ICA, that were joined by **Nico Hulkenberg** and **Sebastian Vettel** in Junior and **Robert Kubica** in Formula A. **Hamilton** won the ICA Tournament while **Vettel** was third in Junior.

Among the protagonists of the Trofeo, four drivers went all the way to become Formula 1 World Champions: **Fernando Alonso**, **Lewis Hamilton**, **Sebastian Vettel** and **Nico Rosberg**.

In the nineties, the number of drivers partaking in this event became quite remarkable, with the record of 261 entered drivers in the first round of 1993, and a total of 718 drivers in the three races run in that year.

SEVERAL MORE CHAMPIONS IN YEARS 2000s
A lot of foreign drivers joined the race in 2000s. A total number of 19 foreign countries were represented in year 2000, while in 2002 the Trophy was run in two rounds and for the second year running the French driver **Jeremy Iglesias** came to the fore before becoming the World Champion later on in his career. In 2003 **Jaime Alguersuari** was at the start, while other champions made their debut in Mini before shining on the International karting scene as **Felice Tiene**, **Flavio Camponeschi**, **Lorenzo Camplese**, **Mirko Torsellini**, **Kevin Ceccon** and **Robert Shwartzman**.
Daniil Kvyat made his debut in Mini together with **Antonio Giovinazzi** in 2005, while Mini's debut for **Carlos Sainz Jr** came in 2006. He ended third in the Trophy claiming fifth in final one ahead of **Kvyat**. **Aaro Vainio** got the win in 2007's edition of the race in KF3, while in Mini **Alex Palou** made his debut in this year. The 2008 Overall Trophy went to **Daniil Kvyat**, who won KF3 ahead of **Antonio Giovinazzi** and **Raffaele Marciello**. Among the protagonists of 2008, **Jordon Lennox-Lamb**, who won the World Cup later on in his career before becoming team manager and **Paolo Ippolito**, who also become the World Champion.
The “Trofeo delle Industrie” relocated to Pomposa in 2009 and was run in one round only. The future team manager **Devid De Luchi** and the future World Champion **Fabrizio Travisanutto** were present in this edition. The race moved to Castelletto di Branduzzo in 2010 when the protagonists of Mini where **Alessio** and **Leonardo Lorandi**, that claimed strong results in international karting and motorsport before becoming team managers. The German **Sophia Flörsch** also competed in Mini.

From 2012 the event relocatedat the South Garda Karting circuit of Lonato.

The story continues...

THE TROFEO DELLE INDUSTRIE IN LONATO
2012. Year 2012 marks the relaunch of the Trofeo delle Industrie, and the race held in Lonato recorded a boost in the entries that climbed up to more than 150, with a good participation in all the four categories on track at the event. The absolute Trophy was won by the British driver **Ilott Callum**, who was the winner of KF3, while the Polish driver **Igor Waliko** won KF2, and the Swede **Joel Johansson** KZ2. The victory of 60 Mini went to the American **Logan Sargeant**, who won also the KF Junior World Championship three years later. At the start in KF3 were also **Nikita Mazepin and Lance Stroll, Lando Norris** in KF2.

2013. **Edition 2013** of the Trophy was won by **Davide Forè**, who had been competing in category KZ2. He secured therefore his second victory after the one taken back in 1989 in category 100 Italia. The winners of the other categories were **Nicola Abrusci** in Mini, the Russian **Alexander Vartanyan** in KF3,and the British winner of the previous year's KF3 Trophy **Callum Ilott** in KF2.

2014. The 43rd edition held in 2014 registered a further increase in the number of drivers present that reached level 180. The absolute winner was **Leonardo Marseglia**, who competed in 60 Mini. The victory of KF went to **Stefano Cucco**, that of KF Junior to the Austrian **Simon Reicher**, while in KZ2 the victory went to a surprising Swede **Kevin Engman**.

2015. The 44th edition of the Trofeo delle Industrie took place at South Garda Karting in Lonato in 2015 as another karting star got the spotlights: the young Spanish driver **Marta Garcia** won in fact KF Junior after having just won the CIK-FIA Academy Trophy. The victory in KZ2 went to another strong interpreter of the international shifter category: the Finn **Simo Puhakka**, while the emerging **Mattia Michelotto** had the upper hand among the 60 Mini youngsters, claiming also the absolute victory of the Memorial Carlo Fabi.

2016. The Trofeo delle Industrie scored record figures again in the 45th edition of 2016. A total of 214 drivers coming from 27 different Countries confirmed once again the importance of this historic event organized as usual by the staff of the Pellegrini family under a new brand **Parma Motorsport.** Future team manager at BirelART **Riccardo Longhi** took the victory in KZ2, while the Russian drivers **Pavel Bulantsev** and **Nikita Bedrin** won respectively OK-Junior and 60 Mini respectively with Bedrin took also the victory of the Memorial Carlo Fabi.

2017. The 46th has been a really memorable edition for the Trofeo delle Industrie, the international race organized by Parma Motorsport that has taken place in Lonato at the South Garda Karting circuit. The event has enjoyed a record participation of 248 drivers coming from 32 different Nations to compete in categories KZ2, OK, OK-Junior, 60 Mini and Iame X30 Senior. An historic record has been scored this year by this amazing edition of the Trofeo delle Industrie – the event was second only to edition 1993 when 261 drivers entered the event that took place at the Kartodrome of Parma – which confirms this karting race as a really very important event on the national and international karting scene, obviously thanks to the presence of the main constructors and teams. The victory of the 46th Trofeo delle Industrie went to **Riccardo Longhi** (KZ2), **Chris Lulham** (OK), **Dexter Patterson** (OKJ), **Nikita Bedrin** (60 Mini) and **Vittorio Maria Russo** (X30). The absolute Trofeo delle Industrie Memorial Carlo Fabi was won by **Dexter Patterson**.

2018. A good event characterized the 47th edition of the Trofeo delle Industrie, race that had the four categories KZ2, OK-Junior, 60 Mini and Iame X30 Senior on track. The event has been quite successful due to the presence of 231 of the 240 entered drivers from 37 Countries and to the organization put in by Parma Motorsport in the usual context of the South Garda Karting Circuit in Lonato. The Trofeo delle Industrie event was also completed by the nice exhibit set up in the paddock of Lonato **"Angelo Parrilla tells about Ayrton"**, with the kart DAP used by Senna at the beginning of his career and a photographic exhibition of the karting past of the Brazilian champion. The KZ2 victory went to **Alessandro Pelizzari**, OK-Junior's to the Russian **Kiril Smal**, 60 Mini's to **Coskun Irfan**, Iame X30 Senior's to **Andrea Bristot**. The overall classification of the Trofeo delle Industrie – **Memorial Carlo Fabi** was won by **Kiril Smal**.

2019. The 48th Trofeo delle Industrie ran on November 3rd 2019 at the South Garda Karting Circuit of Lonato will be remembered for the record number of 253 drivers from 42 different countries. The competitiveness of drivers has been exceptional as usual, as the rain has affected the event organized by Parma Motorsport for the fourth time in a row. The main protagonists of the event have been rain masters like **Lorenzo Giannoni** who competed in KZ2, the Dutch **Dilano Vanthoff** in OK, **Alessandro Cenedese** in OK-Junior, the Russian **Kirill Kutskov** in Minikart and **Danny Carenini** in Iame X30 Senior.

The Trofeo delle Industrie did not take place in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

2021. The Trofeo delle Industri came back in style in 2021 for its 49th edition scoring a new record participation of 284 drivers from 36 different countries. The overall title and the Memorial Carlo Fabi was won by **Antonio Apicella**, in X30 Junior with Team Driver, which was the biggest team on track with 21 drivers. In the most powerful category, KZ2, the victory went to **Alessandro Buran**, that of OK-Junior to the Russian **Kirill Dzitiev**, MINI Gr.3's to the Swede **Elliot Kaczynski**, while **Danny Carenini** won X30 Senior for the second time in a row. On the eve of the 50th anniversary, it is notable to highlight the foreign team that holds the record for consecutive participations: the Swedish team Ward Racing of Joakim Ward.
2022. All the premises for a good sporting event got concrete and the 50th Trofeo delle Industrie, race organized by Parma Motorsport at the South Garda Karting circuit of Lonato, finished with a good success and a record presence of over 280 drivers from 46 different nations among the fields of the main and most qualified international teams.
The winners: MINI Gr.3 **Filippo Sala** (Team Driver/KR-Iame-Vega), KZ2 **Alex Maragliano** (Maranello SRP/Maranello-TM Racing-Vega), OK-Junior **Salim Hanna Hernandez** (Ricky Flynn Motorsport/LN-Vortex-Vega), X30 Junior **Antonio Apicella** (Team Driver/Kosmic-Iame-Komet) with the victory also of the Memorial Carlo Fabi, X30 Senior **Sebastiano Pavan** (Team Driver/Tony Kart-Iame-Komet). The most numerous team was Team Driver Racing Kart which fielded 20 drivers, while the most represented nation was Sweden with 13.
2023. The 51st Trofeo delle Industrie at the South Garda Karting track in Lonato has concluded with another fantastic success. This event continues a historic tradition as the world's oldest karting race organized by Parma Motorsport. It was made even more special by the significant participation of 244 drivers from 42 nations, including many renowned names in all categories.
The winners of each category are: KZ2 **Riccardo Longhi** (#148 BirelART Racing/BirelART-TM-Vega), OKJ **Lewis Wherrell** (#317 Forza Racing/Exprit/Tm-Vega), MINI U10 **Niccolò Perico** (#601 Energy Corse/Energy-Tm-Vega), MINI Gr3 **Noah Baglin** (#522 iKart/KR-Iame-Vega), X30 Junior **Roberto Castellozzi** (#229 TBKart Racing Team/TBKart-Iame-Komet), X30 Senior **Riccardo Ferrari** (#412 M2 Racing/Gillard-Iame-Komet). The most numerous team was Team Driver Racing Kart which fielded 18 drivers, while the most represented nation was Sweden with 17.

In memory of its founder Umberto Pellegrini, the Trofeo delle Industrie sets new records with over 300 drivers.
2024. The event that scored a new entry record named its champions of the 52nd edition: **Niccolò Perico** (Mini U10 Energy Corse/Energy-TM Kart-MG), **Filippo Sala** (OKJ Forza Racing/Exprit-TM Kart-Vega), **Cristian Bertuca** (KZ2 Bertuca/BirelART-TM Kart-Vega), **Michele Orlando** (OKNJ DR/DR-Modena Engines-MG), **Manuel Scognamiglio** (OKN Tellone Motorsport/Tony Kart-Iame-MG), **Daniel Miron Lorente** (Mini Gr.3 Team Driver/KR-Iame-MG). **Filippo Sala** also won the Carlo Fabi Memorial Trophy for the best overall result of the weekend. The 52nd Trofeo delle Industrie took place at South Garda Karting in Lonato in memory of its founder Umberto Pellegrini, and set a new record for entries, 320, and 304 verified drivers from 47 nations. The largest team was BabyRace Driver Academy with 18 drivers, and the most numerous foreign nation was Sweden with 15 drivers.
2025. The Trofeo delle Industrie at South Garda Karting in Lonato crowned the champions of the 53rd edition at the end of an exciting weekend, held with 280 registered drivers from 41 nations across the 6 categories of the event organized by Parma Motorsport. The final victories of the 53rd Trofeo delle Industrie were secured by **Cristian Bertuca** (KZ2 - KCS on Birelart/TM Kart/Vega), **Antonio Pizzonia** (OKJ - Ward Racing on Tony Kart/TM Kart/Vega), **Nicolas Marchesi** (OK-N - Team Driver on KR/Iame/MG), **Blazej Kostrzewa** (OK-NJ - Ward Racing on Tony Kart/TM Kart/MG), **Stan Ratajski** (MINI Gr.3 - BabyRace on Parolin/Iame/MG), **Filip Stec** (MINI U10 - Energy Corse on Energy/Iame/MG). **Antonio Pizzonia** also won

the traditional Carlo Fabi Memorial Trophy, the award reserved for the driver who achieves the best overall performance.