

Rider	Name	Nation	Date of birth	Length (cm)	Weight (kg)	Favorite race	Best achievement	Bio / fun fact
1.	BARBIER Rudy	France	18 December 1992	1.79m	78 kg	Le 4 Jours de Dunkerque	1st place in Paris Troyes with his brother finishing 3 rd and his five other professional victories.	Rudy is a pure sprinter. He is one of the fastest riders in the world and the rider who gave the team the biggest number of victories last season.
2.	BERWICK Sebastian	Australia	15 december 1999	1.75m	59kg		2 nd in GC Herald Sun Tour 2020	2021 will be Berwick's first year as a professional cyclist, and he will immediately compete on WorldTour level with the team.
3.	BEVIN Patrick	New Zealand	15 February 1991	1.80m	75kg		4 th place in the World Championships individual time trial in 2019	Bevin is an experienced all-rounder, especially skillful in TT's. He will be an asset in the team's Grand Tour ambitions.
4.	BIERMANS Jenthe	Belgium	30 October 1995	1.84 m	78 kg	Paris-Roubaix	9th GC Tour of Belgium	Jenthe finished twice second in the Paris-Roubaix espoirs race, and won the Ronde van Vlaanderen U19 in 2013. Jenthe is a true classic-specialist, eating cobbles for breakfast.
5.	BOIVIN Guillaume	Canada	25 May 1989	1.8 m	78 kg	Milan-San Remo	Two times Canadian national champion	Guillaume loves both sprinting and classics. He grew up playing ice-hockey and is still a huge fan of the sport. In the team Boivin is better known as 'G'.

6.	BRÄNDLE Matthias	Austria	7 December 1989	1.90m	80 kg	The World Hour Record	Seven times ITT national champion	Matthias is a TT-specialist, who loves to set up breakaways. He proved that once again in the Giro d'Italia last season, helping Alex Dowsett to the team's first WorldTour victory.
7.	CATAFORD Alexander	Canada	1 September 1993	183 cm	70 kg	Liege- Bastogne- Liege	2 nd GC Tour of the Gila	Alex is a strong rider for the time trials and longer climbs. His consistency during the stage races make him a great asset to team performances in general classifications of stage races.
8.	CIMOLAI Davide	Italy	13 August 1989	182 cm	70 kg	Milan-San Remo	Stage winner in Paris-Nice and Volta a Catalunya	Davide 'Cimo' is a sprinter and prefers the tough sprints after hilly races, like Milan-San Remo. He is also a great asset in the lead-out of the team's sprint train.
9.	DE MARCHI Alessandro	Italy	19 May 1986	181cm	65 kg	Giro d'Italia	3x stage winner in the Vuelta a Espana	Alessandro de Marchi is new in the team in 2021. Next to his victories in La Vuelta, he also won two stages in the Giro d'Italia, his favorite race.
10.	DOWSETT Alex	Great- Britain	3 October 1988	182cm	75 kg	Prologue (!) Tour De Romandie	Two times stage winner in the Giro d'Italia	Alex is strong in the time trials, and choosing winning breakaways (Giro d'Italia 2020). Next to his successful career as a cyclist, he is a popular YouTuber. You can find his cycling and non-cycling related videos on his channel.

11.	EINHORN Itamar	Israel	20 September 1997	172cm	72 kg	Schaal Sels	3 rd place in stage Tour of Colombia 2020	Itamar brought Israel the nation's first victory in professional cycling. He won the sprint in stage 1 of the Tour de Solidarnosc.
12.	FROOME Chris	Great-Britain	20 May 1985	186cm	66 kg	Tour de France	4x Tour de France-winner	Chris Froome has one goal: winning another Tour de France. He has won all Grand Tour in his impressive cycling career and is undoubtedly the best GC-rider of the era.
13.	GOLDSTEIN Omer	Israel	13 August 1996	1.74 m	61 kg	Volta Portugal	National ITT champion in 2018, National road race champion in 2020	Omer is from a true Israeli cycling family, racing in the national championships alongside his brothers Roy and Edo. In 2018, Omer became the national time trial champion, and he is the current Israeli road race champion.
14.	GREIPEL André	Germany	16 July 1982	1.84 m	75 kg	Tour Down Under	11 stage victories in the Tour de France	André has a career total of 156 wins. He has ridden in Classics races 22 times in classics and started in 17 Grand Tours. Andre is one of the most experienced riders in the team.
15.	HAGEN Carl Fredrik	Norway	26 September 1991	180 cm	65 kg		8 th GC La Vuelta 2019	Carl Fredrik Hagen, former mountainbiking professional, only found out a few years ago he is a huge talent on the road too. In 2021 he will join the team, aiming for results in

								stage races, as well as helping Chris Froome.
16.	HERMANS Ben	Belgium	8 June 1986	1.86 m	70 kg	Vuelta d'España, Liege-Bastogne-Liege and Il Lombardia	1st place Brabantse Pijl 2015	In 2020, Hermans finished 9 th in one of his favorite races: Il Lombardia. Ben is a true winner and a chef in the kitchen too. Maybe his culinary skills and nutrition knowledge will make him even stronger in the 2021 season.
17.	HOFSTETTER Hugo	France	13 February 1994	1.7 m	65 kg	Paris-Roubaix	1 st in Le Samyn 2020	Hugo is a warrior, with a big mind who finds love in big battles – big battles towards the finish line, for instance. He likes to play FIFA and Pokémon, on both Nintendo as PS4. He won Le Samyn last season.
18.	HOLLENSTEIN Reto	Switzerland	22 August 1985	1.97 m	80 kg	Tour of Flanders	2 nd GC Tour of Belgium	If Reto could choose someone to have dinner with, he would choose his fellow countryman Roger Federer. It is hard to miss Hollenstein in a group picture: he is 1m97 tall!
19.	IMPEY Daryl	South-Africa	6 December 1984	1.81 m	70 kg	Santos Tour Down Under	2x GC winner Santos Tour Down Under	Nine times, that is the number of times that Daryl Impey won the national championships ITT. In total he has won 26 races, including Tour de France-stages and multiple times the GC in different races.

20.	JONES Taj (as from 01/08)	Australia	26 July 2000	1.88m	72kg		Stage winner in the Tour de Langkawi	Taj Jones will become professional cyclist in this team. He will start in the continental Israel Cycling Academy, before joining the WorldTour team later in the 2021-season.
21.	MARTIN Dan	Ireland	20 August 1986	1.75 m	59 kg	Liege-Bastogne-Liege	Winner of Liege-Bastogne-Liege in 2013	Racing Classics is one thing. Winning Classics is another. Ask Dan Martin, he knows all about it. The Irish climber has ridden 24 Classics, winning Il Lombardia in 2014 and Liege-Bastogne-Liege in 2013. Next to that, Martin is a two-time Tour de France stage winner. Last season he had his best result in a Grand Tour in his career: fourth in the Vuelta a Espana (including a stage victory)
22.	NEILANDS Krists	Latvia	18 August 1994	1.89m	69 kg	Paris-Roubaix	GP Wallonie	Krists is an all-rounder who excels in climbing. He prefers one-day races. In 2020, Neilands started in the Tour de France, winning the award for most competitive rider once.
23.	NIV Guy	Israel	8 March 1994	1.68m	58 kg	Tour de France	National ITT champion in 2019	Guy is a lightweight climber and finished as the first Israeli professional cyclist the Tour de France. Not only he is addicted to going up, he loves the downhills too. His nickname is

								'the sniper' as he served in one of the special units in the Israeli army.
24.	PICCOLI James	Canada	5 September 1991	1.78m	65kg	Il Lombardia	Winner of the Tour of Gila	James is the DJ in our team. During long endurance rides and easy coffee rides, he puts a speaker in his pocket and allows his teammates to request songs.
25.	RENARD Alexis	France	1 June 1999	1.85 cm	77kg	Tour de France	6th in stage 9 of La Vuelta a Espana 2020	Alexis is one of our younger, and talented riders in the team. He joined Israel Start-Up Nation in 2019 as a stagiaire and performed so well that he convinced the team bosses to sign him. He is a promising all-rounder.
26.	SAGIV Guy	Israel	5 December 1994	1.80	68	Tour of Flanders	Current Israeli ITT champion.	In 2018, Guy Sagiv was the first Israeli rider to finish the Giro d'Italia. Guy, current Israeli individual time trial champion, is an all-rounder and a dedicated teammate.
27.	VAHTRA Norman	Estonia	23 November 1996	1.92 m	83 kg	Tour of Estonia	Current Estonian national champion.	Powerful, explosive and fast. Three qualities that characterize Norman Vahtra. He is an important asset in the lead-out train, and the current national road race champion of Estonia.
28.	VAN ASBROECK Tom	Belgium	19 April 1990	182cm	72kg	Omloop het Nieuwsblad	Winning the Europe Tour	Tom is an all-rounder who has a love/hate relationship with cobblestones and sprints. His

						and Paris-Roubaix		nickname is 'mister reliable', as the team can always count on the Belgian all-rounder.
29.	VANMARCKE Sep	Belgium	28 July 1988	1.89m	77kg	Ronde van Vlaanderen	Omloop het Nieuwsblad 2021	Sep Vanmarcke is a big name in the peloton, performing exceptionally well when spring arrives. Vanmarcke will aim for instance for results in the Tour of Flanders, his favorite race, and Paris-Roubaix, amongst other races throughout the season that suit him well.
30.	WOODS Michael	Canada	12 October 1986	175 cm	64 kg		Two times stage winner in La Vuelta a Espana	Michael Woods has, even though he did not ride for the team before, a long relationship with the team. Co-owner Sylvan Adams and performance director Paulo Saldanha supported Woods throughout his relatively short cycling career. The Canadian now joins the team in 2021.
31.	WÜRTZ SCHMIDT Mads	Denmark	31 March 1994	1.76 m	62 kg	Paris-Roubaix	2x stage winner in the Tour of Denmark	Mads was the U-23 time trial world champion in 2015 and has a huge engine inside of him. He loves the Classics and will aim for good results on the cobbles in 2021.
32.	ZABEL Rick	Germany	7 December 1993	1.84 m	72 kg	Milan-San Remo, Eschborn - Frankfurt and	One day in the climber's jersey in the Giro d'Italia	In his podcast Plan Z, German sprinter and ICA-rider Rick Zabel gives his fans a view backstage on a life in professional cycling. His main

						Hamburg Cyclclassics		achievement in professional cycling? Wearing the climber's jersey in the Giro d'Italia of 2020, as a sprinter! ;)
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