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[This Lancia collection proves you can never have too much Martini](#)

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Why spend years painstakingly curating a themed collection of road-racing and rally Martini Racing Lancias when you could buy this exquisite assembly in one fell swoop?

If you read [our story about Giorgio Schön's magnificent collection of Lancia Martini Racing cars](#) and thought 'I'd like a bit of that!', then you're in luck – [Girardo & Co.](#) has just revealed that it's selling 'The Campion Collection', an uncannily similar assembly of six significant Martini-liveried Lancias curated by the Irish-American entrepreneur and racing driver John Campion.

Valued at 7.5m US dollars, the collection comprises three road-racing cars and three rally cars, each of which played a pivotal role in forging Lancia's formidable motorsport legend. Crucially, they're all certified by Abarth Classiche as well. "It's no secret that Lancia racing cars are very close to our hearts at Girardo & Co.," comments co-founder Max Girardo, "so we're delighted to have been entrusted by John Campion to handle the sale of this important collection." If anyone can find worthy new homes for these mythical cars, it's Max.

From the road-racing corner...



In the road-racing corner, there's a [1981 Lancia Beta Montecarlo Turbo Group V](#), the marque's first Le Mans entrant since the Aurelia; one of just four of the sleek and sexy [LC1 Group VI](#), which was driven by Michele Alboreto, Riccardo Patrese and Teo Fabi to victory in the 1982 Nürburgring 1,000km race; and the 1984 1,000km of Kyalami pole-sitting [LC2 Group C](#), which was piloted by the illustrious driver line-up of Henri Pescarolo, Alessandro Nannini and Bob Wollek.

...and from the rally corner



On the rally side, there's [one of the 20 ultimate-specification Lancia 037 Rally Evo 2s](#) built; an [ex-Works Lancia Delta S4 Corsa](#) that subsequently won the 1986 Rally 1000 Miglia in the hands of Dario Cerrato and under the banner of the legendary Jolly Club team; and a [Group A Lancia Delta HF Integrale 8V](#) that Miki Biasion drove to outright victory in both the Rallye de Portugal and Olympus Rally in 1988. The latter racked up a staggering 36 stage victories alone.

'The Campion Collection' will be displayed by Girardo & Co. at this weekend's Cavallino Classic in Palm Beach, Florida – opportunities to acquire a collection of this magnitude don't come around very often, so don't hang around if you'd like to enjoy all the six-Martini lunches you can eat.

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