

## PRESS RELEASE

# CEO of the Week: Francesco Scotto, CEO of Zarattini International Ltd

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Zarattini International Ltd is one of the more recent additions to Malta's financial service sector, setting up shop on the island in 2015. Providing local and global custody services, Zarattini is part of a Swiss financial group which has activities in Switzerland, Luxembourg and Malta. Its CEO, Francesco Scotto, is an experienced financial market and foreign exchange professional. Prior to moving to Malta, he worked at JPMorgan Chase in Milan.



Francesco Scotto  
CEO at Zarattini International Ltd

### EXECUTIVE PROFILE

**Name:** Francesco Scotto

**Born:** 24 October 1974

**Marital status:** Married

**Family:** Father of two beautiful children: my 15 year old young adult boy and my 10 year old little princess

**Home:** I live in Fort Cambridge

**Car:** We have two cars in the family, but I take the ferry or the bus to go to work

**School/Education:** Graduate from Bocconi University, Italy with a master's degree in economics

**First job:** Junior Treasurer at a branch of an Italian bank in Luxembourg (1998)

**Current job & company:** CEO at Zarattini International Ltd, a depositary institution authorized by the MFSA and holding a cat 2 and cat 4a licence. The Company serves the investment fund industry in Malta, acting as depositary and executing broker.

**Favourite pastime:** Sailing and boxing. Relax and strength, the perfect combination to keep your internal equilibrium

**Favourite book:** There are many, but the first two that come up to my mind are Zorba the Greek (N. Kazantzakis); Il piacere (G. D'annunzio); Iliad (Homer); The never-ending story (M. Ende); and Greek philosophers (especially the ones lived between 5th and 3rd century B.C).

**Favourite film:** Amélie. This is not just a movie, it is a poetry for your eyes and your soul.

**Favourite music:** Rock of any age and in any form, from ACDC to Guns n roses, Jon Bon Jovi, Metallica, Vasco Rossi, Ligabue, Nirvana, Doors, Blink 182, Bloodhound Gang, Oasis, Green Day, etc... I often attend live rock concerts, one of the most emotional experience you can live. The next one will be in June.

**Favourite gadget:** T-shirt or baseball cap

**Last holiday:** In New York for Christmas

**Favourite quote:** "Ad astra per aspera", and "Virtute siderus tenus". In other words, it is legitimate to aim for the best (astra /siderus), but you must be ready to face challenges (aspera) with ethic and strong values (virtute). Otherwise, you are not deserving what you have achieved. First deserve, then desire: as simply as that.

**Role models/heroes:** Thor and Spiderman and I am still convinced one day I could be like them. They are ironic (Thor) and romantic (Spiderman)... do you remember the famous reverse kiss?

**Best advice that I have ever received:** "Never forget from where you come from". My father told me that when I was 13 and since then I remind myself every day of my life.

**What does a typical day in your life look like?** On a working day, I wake up at 6.15am, take my shower and prepare the breakfast for everyone. Around 7.00am I bring my children to the bus stop and wait for the school bus to pick them up. Then I take the bus, or the ferry and I go to work, where I do normally arrive at 7.45am and I stay till 17.30. You might be surprised, but I always encourage my colleagues to leave the office on time, as everyone has the right of enjoying a well-balanced work/private life. In the evening, I attend boxing lessons twice or 3 times per week. A usual weekend is spent on board of my sailing yacht Rewind (that is also the title of a rock song of my favourite singer), and this has literally no price.

**What business issues keep you up at night?** I sleep very well at night, thank you!

**What motivates you to get to the office in the morning?** The passion for what I do and the enthusiasm that my colleagues and I have when serving our clients. We are a group of people that trust each other, and we have a very strong work ethic, something essential to succeed in any activity.

**My favourite location:** Fomm ir-rih (I even suspect that not many Maltese know how to reach that place)

**My favourite local food:** Maltese Fenkata

**My favourite dining experience:** A table for two by the sea under the moonlight, eating fresh fish and enjoying a nice glass of wine is a superb dining experience.

**My favourite nightspot:** a romantic sunset in Ghajn Tuffieha

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