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**How would you describe yourself?**

A happy, carefree guy with lots of interests, I love adventurous situations (I know the word is overused), travelling, women, mountains and the sea.

**Main sport**

Mountaineering in all its disciplines, more as a passion than as a sport.

**Other sports**

Skiing, parapente, canoe, cycling (not much).

**The first thing you do when you have time free**

If I have a few days free, I go climbing with a friends, if I feel like it I try a route I've not done before. If I have more time I try to organise a trip.

**Hobbies**

Reading (not very much recently), I occasionally write and take photos... even if I only use "auto" mode.

**How long have you been climbing?**

Since I was 18 years old.

**Your strengths?**

I manage to do a bit of everything.

**Your weaknesses (at the moment)?**

I rarely have the discipline to train regularly.

**What do you think of women who climb?**

It would be great of there were more! Provided they are not just interested in sending their projects.

**How did you start climbing?**

I have never taken part in competitions.

**Multipitch, cragging, boulder or indoor?**

I enjoy doing a bit of everything, but I'm nothing special!

**What do climbing and mountaineering mean for you?**

Adventure, uncertainty, unforeseen situations, satisfactions, kicks in the pants, thrills...both when you do it as a sport and also when it's your job.

**Favourite crag, cliff or bouldering spot?**

Big faces, I would say

**Meeting which changed your life**

I wouldn't know...recently I met and got to know Marcello Cominetti (a friend and fellow guide) and this was important for me.

**Is your family involved in your climbing, do they support you a lot?**

My family has always helped me and encouraged me to do what I like, in this respect I am very fortunate.

**Competitions or only outdoor climbing?**

Only outdoor fortunately, in an indoor competition I'd not achieve anything.

**Type and frequency of training**

Little and not well planned

**Hardest grade on sight and worked**

7b+ on sight e 7c+ worked.

**Overseas expeditions**

4 times to Patagonia.

**Favourite music**

Sumo, Pink Floyd, Artic Monkeys, others.

**Favourite food/drink**

The "palta" i.e. avocado (ideally from Chile). A beer.

**Favourite type of reading**

Fred Vargas, George R.R. Martin, Hemingway. Almost never mountaineering books, which I find...boring...

**How do you choose your projects**

Instinctively, I'm no great calculator.

**Which was your most difficult project? How did you tackle it?**

The project on the west face of the Torre Egger. I tackled it with a team of friends and a new and challenging strategy from which I learnt a lot.

**Future challenges**

Become a good Alpine Guide.

**Secret dreams**

I have one, but it remains a secret.



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## Sporting heroes

I have never had any, to be honest. Right when I started climbing, I read some of Walter Bonatti's books and I have always liked him, he was very strong in the mountains and had style, but did other things as well in his life.

## What do you expect from the new adventure with Climbing Technology?

I'm looking forward to a great experience where we can exchange opinions and ideas.