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## **Cross-examination: the private side of Alessandro Zanardi.**

- **Ten questions, ten answers ahead of his DTM guest appearance in Misano.**
- **His favourite recipe, the perfect evening, his “Bimbingamba” foundation: get to know the private side of Alessandro Zanardi.**
- **His next adventure: being the first human on Mars?**

**Munich.** Next weekend, the long-awaited moment will arrive: BMW works driver **Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)** will be guesting in **Misano (ITA)**, taking part in his first DTM race. The 51-year-old driver is a legend, successful both in motorsport and in paracycling. Under cross-examination, Zanardi reveals his private side in ten questions and answers.

### **At Misano, you will race with the number 12 – why that number?**

Alessandro Zanardi: “The number 12 is a metaphorical gift to my friend Jimmy Vasser.”

### **You like to cook – do you have a favourite receipt?**

Zanardi: “Yes, Pizza.”

### **What is the perfect evening for you?**

Zanardi: “Spending it with my friends – and having a beer would make it even better.”

### **What’s your favourite book?**

Zanardi: “Actually it would be cool to write a book. I like to write a lot. If it would be a book I read it would be adventure books, like Clive Cussler.”

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### **You have an ocean going boat licence – what do you like about the ocean?**

Zanardi: “I fear the ocean, but I love it. I like to live on water, and to sink under water, and to just watch it around me. I enjoy that. But I do respect the ocean a lot.”

### **What’s your favourite music?**

Zanardi: “I don’t have a special favourite song or artist, I can go from Celine Dion to Eminem. I like them both – and everything that is in between.”

### **What did you want to become when you were a kid?**

Zanardi: “A race car driver! Well, before that it was more to become an astronaut, but a race car driver came reasonably fast to my mind.”

### **With your “Bimbingamba” foundation, you support children with amputations and provide them with prostheses. Why is it so important for you to help them?**

Zanardi: “I think to share in life is what keeps us alive. I like to be happy, but I am much happier if I live surrounded by people who are happier. So serenity comes also from being surrounded by people who suffer less, and I try to do what I can from my side to make a better world.”

### **What’s your favourite country to spend your holiday?**

Zanardi: “Italy. In Italy, we don’t appreciate as much as we should what we have. If you see Italy, you’ve seen the world.”

### **What advice for life would you give your son?**

Zanardi: “I can only try to set examples for him, but have to say: stay curious. When you are curious, you search for inspiration from others, and you don’t have to necessarily watch somebody famous to get the right one. You may be a mother getting up in the morning who, although she feels sick, prepares breakfast for her kids and goes to work because there is a family to feed.”

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### Is there any new adventure you dream of?

Zanardi: "Any new adventure? I don't know? To be the first man on Mars?  
Something simple, you know (laughs)."

**Note to editors:** You can find a Social Media version of this interview with Alessandro Zanardi as a video on the BMW Group Sports Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BMWGroupSports/videos/489772418100908/>

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