

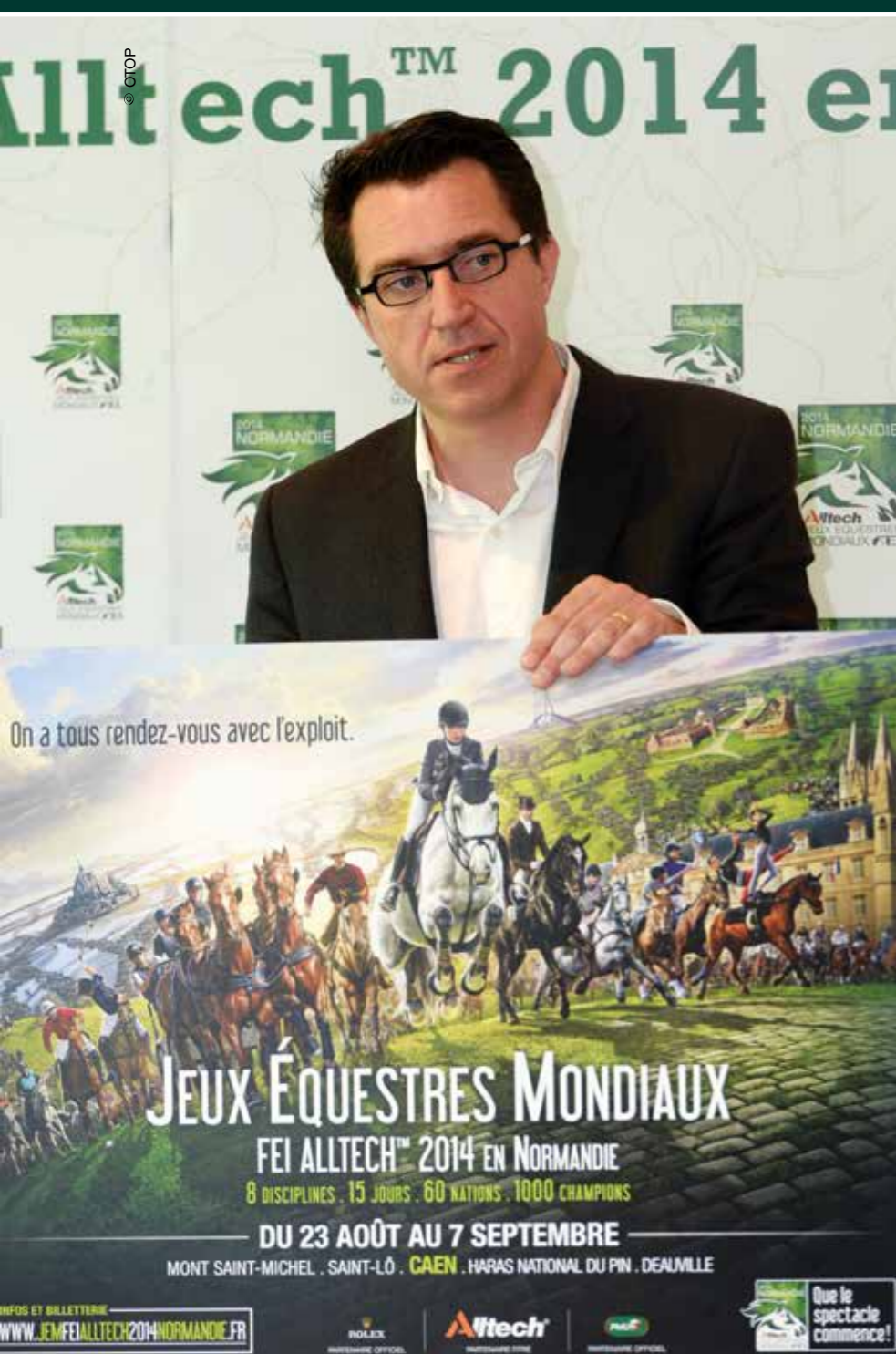
60 SECONDS WITH FABIEN GROBON

COUNTRY: FRANCE

DATE OF BIRTH: SEPTEMBER 21, 1968

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NORMANDY 2014



IN 2012, FABIEN GROBON TOOK ON A VERY CHALLENGING ROLE OF ORGANISING THE WORLD'S BIGGEST EQUESTRIAN EVENT FOR HORSE LOVERS AND ENTHUSIASTS, THE ALLTECH™ FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES NORMANDY 2014. THIS FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR MARKETING AND LICENSING OF ROLAND GARROS MOVED IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DIRECTION WITH HIS PASSION AND WILL TO DELIVER AT THE HIGHLY-ANTICIPATED GAMES, HELD EVERY FOUR YEARS. AND AS WE ARE CERTAIN THAT HE AND HIS TEAM ARE FACING PLENTY OF DIFFICULT TASKS AND NECESSARY STRUGGLES IN A TYPICAL DAY IN NORMANDY JUST A FEW MONTHS BEFORE THE GAMES, WE WANT TO HELP LIFT THEIR SPIRITS BY FEATURING HIM IN

OUR LIGHT-HEARTED AND FUN-THEMED '60 SECONDS'.

What is your best achievement?

A 25 year-old happy marriage, including my three children, Baptiste 16 years old, Lucas 14, and Anouk 10 years old.

Who is your sporting hero (any sport)?

Roger Federer, Laetitia Bernard, a French blind rider who is also a journalist for a French national radio, and José Letartre, a French para-dressage rider.

Do you keep any pets?

Not anymore, although I did have cats when I was a kid.

What is your favourite movie?

'Field of Dreams' starring Kevin Costner. I love the quote mentioned, "Build it and they will come".

Who is your ideal celebrity (female or male)?

Larry David.

What is your favourite gadget and are you obsessed with it?

I have a small lead figurine on my desk that I like very much!

What kind of music do you enjoy listening to and do you like to dance?

The Cure, Morrissey, New Order, Yann Tiersen, Julien Doré, and anything from Paul Weller. And yes, I like to dance.

What is your second favourite sport?

Basketball when played in the USA and Horse Ball when played in St Lô, France!

What is your favourite book and who is your favourite author?

Book : "The Art Of Possibility" by

Rosamund Stone Zander and Benjamin Sander. As for the Author, it's been Paul Auster since 1988.

Do you like to cook and what is your favourite food?

I cook every weekend and the "Poulet à la Crème et au Vin Jaune" (my mother's confidential recipe) is my favourite recipe. However, Indian is my favourite food.

What is the most memorable place you ever visited?

Wherever I take myself when I close my eyes.

Are you superstitious?

No, it brings bad luck!

What is your strength and what is your weakness?

I am passionate (and I am passionate).

What makes you happy and what makes you sad?

I am a "happy customer" in general.

What is the biggest challenge you ever faced?

Organising the 2014 WEG is a pretty pretty big one....

What is the biggest reward you ever got?

A letter confirming my third kid would be a girl!

To your close friends & family, you are known to be...?

Creative. Stubborn on subjects that do not matter at all (and creative when I decide to get whatever I want).

If you had the power to change something, what would you change?

I would divide the world population by 10.

If there is something about Fabien that you would like to change, what would that be?

Divide my age in half (but I'd like to keep the experience if possible!)

Currently, if you were not the head of the organising committee for the 2014 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, where would you rather be working?

At the place where I will be working next!

Finally, which question would you ask yourself?

Time or money? 🕒



Baptiste & Anouk Grobon

