

## **Marek Vašíček**

### **CTO & co-founder of FTMO**

#### **Tagline**

Co-founder and CTO of FTMO - his goal is to ensure that FTMO's technologies help hundreds of thousands of people around the world in gaining a better understanding of trading.

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#### **Brief overview**

Marek is the CTO and co-founder of the FTMO platform, which within a few years has developed from a local Czech company into the world's most important company in its segment. Marek oversees development at FTMO, the majority of which is conducted in-house. The company aims to provide people with the opportunity to improve and subsequently monetize their trading skills. This is achieved through training and the use of advanced analytical tools, which are designed precisely on Mark's unique insight into the traders' needs. Since its launch, over 3.5 million people from all over the world have registered on FTMO. It has won many awards, including a five-time first place in the Deloitte Fast 50 ranking, EY Entrepreneur of the Year and the prestigious FMLS award.

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#### **Detailed profile**

Even prior to his studies at the University of Economics in Prague, Marek had already entered the world of business. From the age of 14, he imported and sold clothes from the United States, and by the age of 17, he participated in the management of a local brand of American-made skateboards. At the same time, during a time when e-sports did not yet exist and playing computer games were not as popular, he organized matches and tournaments. In addition, he programmed websites and participated in many projects.

Marek's first job was at the brokerage company BOSSA, where he worked in customer support. In this role, he learned about trading, which proved beneficial in the future. At the University of Economics, he met Otakar Šuffner who would later become his business partner. In 2014, Ota and Marek founded *Získejúčet.cz*, which transformed into FTMO by 2017. After a thorough market research and attempts to get an investment, the founders decided to continue building the project independently. They built a completely independent company that, after years of rapid growth, is now expanding into other areas. It has since acquired several companies (Quantlane and eVisions), and invested in prestigious real estate. Despite the demanding agenda and billion-dollar turnover, FTMO's primary vision and strategy remains in the hands of the founders, who are known for their early morning meetings at a fast food chain.

The founders' authentic connection to the trading industry has been evident in the company since its inception. Marek personally coded the main structure of the platform, laid the groundwork for all key systems, and also participated in building the HR, marketing and IT

departments. Today, he supervises technical and product teams, their coordination, the creation of business strategies and he serves as the liaison between the business and IT sides of FTMO. In his spare time, he devotes himself to family, sports and investing.