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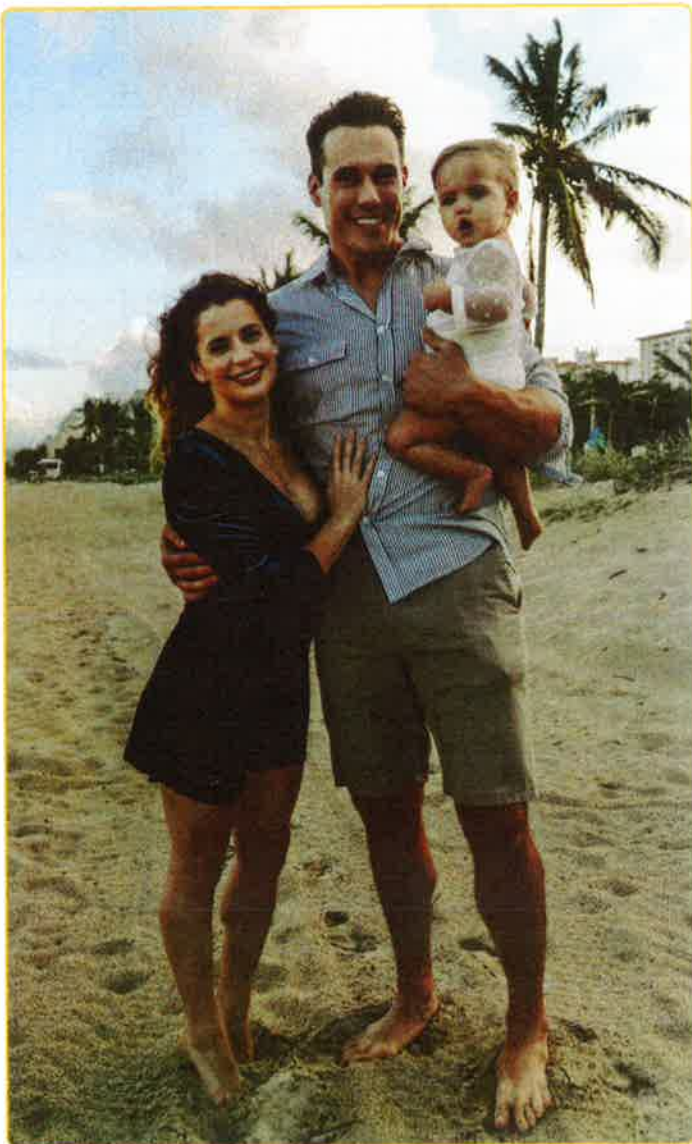
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Brady **Quinn** and Alicia **Sacramone**

Meet Las Olas
Boulevard's Newest
Sports World Couple

He's a former professional football quarterback who now works in broadcasting; She's the second most decorated American gymnast in World Championship history with a silver medal from the Olympics among her many accolades. Now married, Brady Quinn and Alicia Sacramone are sports royalty, and this power couple happily calls Las Olas home as they raise their growing family, with two-year old daughter Sloane, their newborn daughter, and two dogs.

What led you to relocate to Fort Lauderdale?

BRADY – I was rehabbing an injury here and Fort Lauderdale really started to grow on me. I eventually purchased a home here. Once Alicia and I became engaged, we started spending more time here together and she really started to love it as well. It was the greatest retreat ever. After our wedding, we moved here full-time.

ALICIA – Brady is from Ohio and I'm from Massachusetts, so we were both sick of the cold weather. We are very fortunate to live on the water which is beautiful to wake up to every morning. I love the fact that we are within walking

distance to both the beach and to all of our favorite restaurants. Everything is so convenient. My goal is to recruit all of my family and friends here!

What is life like for you both now?

BRADY – Broadcasting is fun and gives me the opportunity to be around sports. I have a contract with FOX where I get to talk about college football and the NFL. I am also on the national FOX sports radio show for Sirius and I do digital work for CBS Sports HQ. As President of my Las Olas Homeowners Association, I'm able to be more involved in my neighborhood and help out the residents.

ALICIA – I coach gymnastics at TAG USA Gymnastics in Weston. Our daughter, Sloane, will be two in August, and we have another baby on the way! Brady and I have our date nights around Las Olas and we've built up a nice circle of friends here.

EAT:

BRADY – We both love Italian and Noodles Panini has the best meatballs. Big City is always solid, El Camino has a fun vibe, and Louie Bossi has a great atmosphere. We love OB House for breakfast.

ALICIA – I love Luigi's pizza, too. While pregnant, Uber Eats was on repeat for deliveries from all of our favorite Las Olas restaurants!

ENJOY:

BRADY – Sloane loves the Museum of Discovery & Science. One of my favorite events is Christmas on Las Olas. The Boulevard looks so charming with all of the lights.

ALICIA – We also like Vino's, especially on Thursdays when they have live music. Ultimately, I really enjoy just walking up and down the street and people-watching.

Andrew Verzura

Las Olas Boulevard Provides Creative Home for Builder

Andrew Verzura is Principal of VCM Builders, a residential and commercial construction company with offices on Las Olas and North Miami Beach. Over the past 20 years, VCM has serviced the tri-county area and the west coast of Florida. Verzura's firm has built spectacular new custom and spec homes throughout Las Olas Isles and several new townhome communities off of Las Olas Boulevard. In addition to residential, VCM Builders also



manages tenant build-outs and interiors, the construction of shopping centers, retail centers and restaurants.

What brought you to Fort Lauderdale?

We've had office in Aventura for the past 20 years and began generating a lot of business here. The expansion of the airport and an influx of residential buyers to the area added a further draw. We opened up a second office on Las Olas Boulevard and the work continued to propagate. I loved the area and purchased one of our townhomes which I now live in full time.

What was the biggest adjustment moving here?

This has been a very positive move for me. Fort Lauderdale provides more of a small hometown feel where everyone knows each other. As a builder, I appreciate the fact that I've been able to cultivate relationships with city departments and officials, which is very helpful in my business. I love the ability to walk from my house, to my office, to lunch, and to many of my job sites. It doesn't get more convenient than that!

What are you focusing on now?

We are completing the final phase of Beach House, a new single-family development in Dolphin Isles which won the City of Fort Lauderdale Community Appearance Award. We have some beautiful homes on the Isles under construction, including a multi-million-dollar estate in Colee Hammock. We completed Palmetto Design Center, a Walmart-anchored retail center in Miami Gardens which

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our development arm, Macken Companies, recently sold; and were named Owner's Rep for 5 Park, a mixed-use project in NMB. I am working to grow our commercial division. Since I also live here, I have been getting involved with issues that are important to me – working on the homeless task force to name one. I'm a member of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, the Bravo committee at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and the Las Olas Association.

EAT: I'm a regular at Café Europa. It's great for lunch meetings. The owners and staff treat me, my colleagues and clients like gold, no matter how busy they are. Their food is second to none.

DRINK: I enjoy the atmosphere at Louie Bossi.

ENJOY: I like attending all of the Las Olas Art Fairs. Christmas on Las Olas is always festive and fun, too.



Danielle Dattile

CEO, Onze Importers

Dattile spent years earning her stripes in wine and spirits distribution, holding coveted positions at Republic National and Empire Merchants in New York. After gaining industry experience, the opportunity to acquire several wines from Romano Brands of New York presented itself and she took the leap! Through her company, Onze Importers, LLC, she acquired Maison Belle Claire Rosé and Maison Prestige Rosé, available in the northeast, the Caribbean and Europe. Through her extensive network, this lady boss intends to grow distribution to new heights here in the U.S.

What led you to acquire these wines?

Maison Belle Claire is a sophisticated, elegant and particularly dry Rosé developed in Provence, France by my friend, Michael Romano. It catapulted the entire subset of Rosé when it was introduced to the Hamptons jet set crowd in the early '90s. Wine Spectator named it "Best Value Rosé," further cementing its credibility. When Michael said he was looking to retire and thinking about selling, everything fell into place. He passed on the torch on to someone he knew would take care of the brand he worked so hard to develop. I am thrilled to propel these highly refined European wines forward.

Why did you choose Las Olas for your HQ?

I've lived here for years and grew a wonderful network of industry leaders. Las Olas is dynamic, has lots of character, and is transforming, a culture that fits perfectly with the brand I am growing. More people are moving here, helping to fill the demand for new restaurants. It's a very exciting time to be living and working here. We just opened our new office on Las Olas Boulevard, so I get to work where I live.

What led you to acquire these brands?

Rosé sales have exploded over the past few years and I saw a chance to leverage my relationships to grow the brand. I plan to provide Maison Belle Claire as much prominence as more well-known Rosés via large national distributors.

What else is in the pipeline?

I will be importing Loire valley wines as well, which further augments our portfolio offerings. Onze will soon become the exclusive U.S. importer for several French Bordeaux wines, which is very exciting.

EAT: Etaru reminds me of Miami and New York and brings added sophistication to Las Olas.

DRINK: Rooftop is a great setting for a glass of rosé. Boathouse has great views.

ENJOY: I've been on the Board of Winterfest for several years and value being part of such a significant event.

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Dawson Pritchett

Sports Development – Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau

When Dawson isn't selling the destination to the sports market for the Greater Fort Lauderdale CVB, or helping create Exotics on Las Olas - he can be spotted at one of our numerous dining establishments.

Tell us your story?

I was born and raised in Nashville TN, went to Florida State University, and eventually moved down to Fort Lauderdale to take a position with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Prior to taking the job, I was unfamiliar with the destination and still unsure I wanted to relocate to South Florida. For the final interview I came to town and was put up at the Riverside Hotel. I'll never forget after I arrived, standing at my bedroom window overlooking Las Olas and thinking "now this is a place I could live!". I walked the Blvd. After about half an hour, I was sold. The next morning, I accepted the position. Five years later and I'm still telling people that moving down here was one of the best decisions of my life!

Favorite place to Eat?

Tough question! Be easier to name places I dislike (none!)

Favorite place to Shop?

Got to give it up to The Archives! They not only have some of the hottest streetwear and local underground brands, they also have a room in the back with some of the rarest sneakers on the market... and as a sneaker heads, I can't ask for more!

Favorite place to Enjoy?

Another tough one! I'd be lying if I said I didn't have some seriously crazy fun nights either end or begin at American Social. Especially on FSU game days. So shout out to AMSO! Also want to show some love to Balcony, they've been a great addition to the BLVD and I've already had a couple epic nights there too!



Las Olas Projects?

Currently working on an event called "Exotics on Las Olas" which will be taking place this Nov 11th. It will be an exotic car event like no other, showcasing some of the world's rarest and most expensive cars in the world. We are talking multi-million-dollar vehicles, stretched across 3 blocks of Las Olas.

A part of the proceeds will be given to the Wounded Veterans Relief Fund.

(For inquiries visit exoticsonlasolas.com, email exoticsonlas@gmail.com, or call 305-725-3096.) 🌟

Editor's Note: Our thanks to these special people for their gracious cooperation and contributions to this piece...and to our community. There are many more Las Olas residents who lend their own special presence to our Boulevard community and we'd love to feature them here, too. Your suggestions are welcome via email to editor@lasolasmag.com