

## ‘Lucifer banker’ Birkenfeld gives advice on whistleblower: ‘Find a good lawyer’



In the book *"Lucifer's banker – How I destroyed Swiss banking secrecy"* Bradley Birkenfeld tells her story: her trip to the top of the world of finance when she worked in the United States as a banker for Ubs, with pomp and luxury, champagne and Ferrari rides, until the abrupt descent, **when he decides to report the Swiss bank** and, ultimately, himself. He was arrested in 2008 and sentenced to a 40-month prison sentence for bank fraud. But, at the same time, it also receives a **[maxi compensation from 104 million dollars from the American tax office](#)** precisely for having informed the authorities of evasion operations by a whole series of Ubs American customers.

*"After the taxes they have become 75 million and it was still a sign that the system was working"* Birkenfeld himself pointed out in an interview with [Radioborsa](#), the podcast channel of SoldiExpert SCF. *"The system eventually worked – he added – ma **I did not expect that they would put me in prison because I trusted my government, I really trusted** "*.

In the same interview, which will be available from 8.00 on 30 July, the "Lucifer banker", in addition to reflections, revelations and anecdotes of various kinds, also provides **the three rules of good whistleblower** that is, the one who reports and reports irregularities. A "job" that he knows well:

1. have and collect many documents to prove what you want to try;
2. have a precise plan;
3. **have a good lawyer "To help you do what you need to do".**

"I see – said Birkenfeld – *that whistleblowers may like or dislike but **however, they bring out what's rotten.** And that's what a whistleblower does: reveal what's wrong. **The problem is that in Europe it doesn't seem fair to pay someone to speak.** But we are not saying to report small cheats, we are talking about nipping unfair practices that can harm thousands of people and do billions of damage*".