

INVESTOR WARNING

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Pursuant to section 92 para 11 of the *Wertpapieraufsichtsgesetz 2007* (WAG; Securities Supervision Act), Austria's Financial Market Authority (FMA) has the right to inform the general public, in individual cases by way of announcement on the Internet, in the official gazette "Amtsblatt zur Wiener Zeitung" or any other official paper with nationwide circulation, that a particular company is not entitled to provide certain financial services (section 3 para 2 nos. 1 to 4 WAG 2007).

By publication in the official gazette "Amtsblatt zur Wiener Zeitung" of 18 July 2009, the FMA is exercising this right and warns against financial service transactions requiring a licence with the following provider:

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