



PRESS RELEASE

Watch for Scams! Abusive financial services: Consob blacks out 9 abusive websites

Consob has ordered the black-out of **9** new *websites* that offer financial services/financial products illegally: **8** illegal financial intermediation websites and **1** website through which an offer of financial products is carried out in the absence of a prospectus.

The Authority availed itself of the powers deriving from the "Decreto crescita" ("Growth Decree" Law no. 58 of 28 June 2019, Article no. 36, paragraph 2-terdecies), relating to the black-out of the sites of abusive financial intermediaries, as well as of the power introduced by the Law no. 8 of 28 February 2020, Article no. 4, paragraph 3-bis, with reference to the black-out of the website through which the illegal offer is carried out.

Below are the websites Consob has ordered to be blacked out:

- "Geneve Capital Invest" (*website* https://genevecapinvest.com and related pages https://webtrader.genevemarkets.com and https://webtrader.marketsgenevecapital.com);
- **Investium Group** (*website* www.investiumgroups.co and related page https://client.investiumgroups.co);
- "ITradingFX" (website https://itradingfx.net and pages https://account.itradingfx.net and https://tradingapi.chartstrading.io);
- "Ustrade24" (website https://ustrade24.com and related page https://my.ustrade24.com);
- "AlphaWealtExpertise" (*websites* www.alphawealtexpertise.com and www.alphawealth-expertise.com and their respective pages https://client.alphawealtexpertise.com and https://client.alphawealth-expertise.com);
- "**NEX TRADE**" (*website* www.nextradeltd.com);
- "XPTRADERS" (website https://xptraders.com and related page https://trading.xptraders.com);
- "FortiCard Limited" (website https://forti-card.com).

The number of websites blacked out since July 2019, when Consob got the power to order that the websites of fraudulent financial intermediaries be blacked out, has thus risen to **1300**.

The measures adopted by Consob can be consulted on the website www.consob.it.

The black-out of these *websites* by Internet service providers operating on Italian territory is ongoing. For technical reasons, it can take several days for the black-out to come into effect.

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Consob draws investors' attention to the importance of adopting the greatest diligence in order to make informed investment choices, adopting common sense behaviours, essential to safeguard their savings: these include, for websites that offer financial services, checking in advance that the operator with whom they are investing is authorized, and, for offers of financial products, that a prospectus has been published.

To this end, Consob would remind you that on the website www.consob.it there is a section on the *homepage*, "Watch for Scams!", providing useful information to warn investors against financially unauthorized initiatives.

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