

The following is a list of unlicensed overseas companies, suspected scam websites and phishing scams which have come to the attention of the SFC.

Most of these unlicensed companies either represent themselves as having operations in Hong Kong by using the address of a mail forwarding facility or settle their transactions through a bank account in Hong Kong, when in fact they do not have any actual operations in Hong Kong.

Alternatively, they may operate from overseas and contact potential investors in Hong Kong whilst not having been licensed in Hong Kong. While some of them may be boiler room operations, others may merely have failed to comply with licensing requirements.

Investors should exercise extreme caution when dealing with companies that are not licensed in any jurisdiction.

Suspected scam websites may either be scamsters using their websites to offer too-good-to-be-true investment opportunities (e.g. offering pre-IPO stocks of fabricated companies at huge discounts, or funds with guaranteed multiple returns) which do not actually exist, or fraudulent copycat websites which imitate the websites of reputable financial institutions to lure investors to part with their money and/or disclose personal information which the fraudsters may use to swindle investors.

Similar to fraudulent copycats, phishing is a term used to describe scamsters imitating legitimate financial institutions, notably banks, in emails to entice recipients to disclose their credit card/bank account numbers as well as their respective passwords/ Personal Identification Numbers (PINs).

Recently, it has come to the SFC's attention that boiler room activities, scam websites and phishing have become more active. If you wish to find out more about these scams, please refer to the subsections "[Boiler Room Operations](#)", "[Scam Websites](#)" and "[Fraudulent Copycat Websites and Phishing Scams](#)". You can also read the [investor alert lists of overseas regulators](#) in the "[Boiler Room Operations](#)" subsection.

APAC Finance Ltd.

Gives an address of :
393/11 Soi Sawaddee 4 Sukhumvit
50 Bangjak Prakhanong
Bangkok 10260, Thailand

(Name used: Anthony Harold Cole)
Added on 18 May 2005

Crown Choice International Ltd.

Gives the following address but is not located there:
Rm 602-603, Gold & Silver Commercial Building
12-18 Mercer Street, Sheung Wan
Hong Kong

(Names used: Mark James Kieran and Douglas Bennett Sheehan)
Added on 18 May 2005
Last updated on 24 May 2005

Crown Sense Ltd.

Gives an address of :
90/1, Barn Dan Mong Kam
Tambol Dan Mono Kam
Amper Kog Sri Suwan, Sakolnakorn 47280
Thailand

(Name used: Anthony Harold Cole)
Added on 18 May 2005

Iontrack Ltd.

The company gives an address at Shui On Centre, Wanchai, Hong Kong which belongs to a business centre.

(Names used: Mark James Kieran and Douglas Bennett Sheehan)
Added on 18 May 2005
Last updated on 24 May 2005

Options International Ltd.

Gives the following address but is not located there:
7/F, Kin On Commercial Building
49-51 Jervois Street, Sheung Wan
Hong Kong

(Names used: Gordon Scott Dale and Mullen Scott David)
Added on 18 May 2005
Last updated on 24 May 2005

Sinowest International Corp. Ltd.

(Name used: Adrian Bursill)
Added on 18 May 2005

SouthTrust Bank (not related to SouthTrust Bank, which has been merged with Wachovia Bank, N.A., USA)

(Claims to represent SouthTrust Bank, and sends emails to certain members of the public advising the technical services of the SouthTrust Bank are carrying out a planned software upgrade and requesting recipients to use the attached link to confirm their personal data.)
Added on 18 May 2005

Trimark World Capital Corp.

The company gives an address at Bank of America Tower, Central, Hong Kong but is not located there.

(Name used: John David Aagesen)
Added on 18 May 2005
Last updated on 24 May 2005

The Williams Group

Gives addresses of:
29 Harley Street
London W1G 9QR
England
58 Nathan Road
Hong Kong

(The company maintains a website with the domain name www.williams offshore.com. It also maintains bank accounts in Hong Kong in the name of Bright Impex Re: Global, Rock Group Re: Global, and Mega Star Re: Williams Group.)

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