

PRESS RELEASE

Watch for Scams! Financial fraud: Consob blocks 5 new websites

Consob has ordered the blocking of **five** new *websites* that offered investment services without authorisation.

The following are the websites that Consob has ordered to be blocked:

- **'Eurogpb'** (*website* www.eurogpb.com and related page <https://clientarea.eurogpb.com>);
- **Falcon Ltd** (*website* , *website* , <https://alpha-connects.com> and related page <https://my.alpha-connects.com>);
- **“LevaQuant”** (*website* <https://levaquant.com> and related page <https://area.levaquant.org>);
- **“Darwinex IT”** (*website* <https://darwinexitltd.com> and related page <https://client.darwinexitltd.com>);
- **“CapitalAI”** (*website* <https://capitalai-ltd.com> and related page <https://trader.capitalai-ltd.com>).

This brings the total number of websites blocked by Consob since July 2019, when the Authority was given the power to order the blocking of *websites* of abusive financial intermediaries, to **1,575**.

The Authority has exercised the powers conferred on it by the 'Growth Decree' (Law No. 58 of 28 June 2019, Article 36, paragraph *2-terdecies*) to block the *websites* of abusive financial intermediaries.

The measures adopted by Consob are available on the website www.consob.it. *Internet* connectivity providers operating in Italy are currently working to block access to the websites. For technical reasons, it may take a few days for the blocking to take effect.

It is important that savers exercise the utmost diligence in making fully informed investment choices, adopting common sense behaviours that are essential for safeguarding their savings: these include checking in advance, for websites offering investment and crypto-asset services, that the operator through which you are investing is authorised and, for financial and crypto-asset product offerings, that the prospectus or *white paper* has been published.

Consob also draws attention to the evolution of deceptive practices that exploit *the internet* to steal users' money and personal data: there has been an increase in the use of new tools, such as *e-mail* messages and 'cloned' *websites*, fake profiles of politicians and celebrities, and content generated using artificial intelligence systems - such as images, voices or videos - with the aim of inducing savers to make harmful investment choices.

To this end, Consob invites savers to read [the information sheet](#) containing advice on how to protect themselves from financial fraud in the age of artificial intelligence and reminds them that its *website*

has a section *entitled 'Beware of scams!'*, which provides useful information to warn investors against abusive financial initiatives.

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