

News release

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The Autorité des Marchés Financiers and the Institut d'Émission d'Outre-Mer warn the public against the activities of the company SECURCORP

The Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF) and the Institut d'Émission d'Outre-Mer (IEOM) draw the attention of the public to the activities of SECURCORP LIMITED headquartered in Australia.

Through advertisements in the local press in particular, this company is offering investors in New Caledonia a financial product claiming high annual yields of 9.25%. This product would seem to be exposed to Australian real-estate market risk.

Although the said company would appear to be registered with the AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES & INVESTMENTS COMMISSION in the 'Securities Dealers' category, the AMF and the IEOM point out that SECURCORP is not authorised to provide investment services or to conduct banking or financial advertising activities in Metropolitan France or in the Overseas Departments and Collectivities. In addition to this, none of the investments it is offering has any authorisation whatsoever for distribution on French territory.

The AMF and IEOM therefore urge investors not to respond to the investment offers made by this company and not to pass them on to third parties in any form whatsoever.

As a general rule, before making an investment you should always check to make sure that the financial intermediary offering or recommending investments is on the list of financial institutions authorised to do business in France (<https://www.regafi.fr>).

If the intermediary in question is not on these lists, we strongly advise you not to respond to its offers, since it is in breach of the applicable legislation and is not required to comply with the basic rules of investor protection, due disclosure and claims handling.

The AMF and IEOM remind you that no sales argument should ever make you forget that there is no such thing as high return without high risk. As a matter of principle, any product claiming higher returns than the money market rate (investors may alternatively take the rate on the 'Livret A' as their guide) implies significant risk.

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