

Press release

UNIVERSAL LIBERTY EXPRESS BANK

The Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA) warns the public against the activities of the Universal Liberty Express Bank, a company that improperly presents itself as a bank and claims to offer banking and investment services.

The Universal Liberty Express Bank is not an authorized bank or investment firm in Belgium. It is therefore not allowed to take repayable funds from the public within or outside of Belgium and may not offer investment services in or from within Belgium.

The FSMA thus advises **against responding to any offers of financial service** made by the Universal Liberty Express Bank and against **transferring money** to any account number they might mention.

The Universal Liberty Express Bank gives its address in Belgium as "24, Rue Joseph II, 1000 Brussels". The Universal Liberty Express Bank has no connection to the Banca Monte Paschi Belgio S.A./N.V., an authorized credit institution whose registered office is located at that address.

Would you like to enquire more generally as to the regularity of a transaction being proposed? If so, please consult the <u>Consumers</u> page on the FSMA website (<u>www.fsma.be</u>) or contact the 'Relations with Consumers of Financial Services' department (tel.: +32 2 220 59 10; email address: <u>peri@fsma.be</u>).

Brussels, 16 February 2012

Press contact Jim Lannoo

Press Officer

T direct + 32 2 220 57 06
E-mail Press@fsma.be