

Beware of fraudulent websites that claim to be authorized by the FSMA

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In recent months, the FSMA received many reports from consumers who have been contacted by fake investment firms that claim to hold an authorization from the FSMA.

They use certificates on their website and in their correspondence with consumers that they allege are issued by the FSMA. These certificates are entirely fake.

The following is an example of the fake certificate used:



This certificate was not drawn up by the FSMA, nor did the FSMA give its consent; it is therefore entirely fraudulent.

The FSMA has observed that the following entities are using such a certificate:

- Aether Groups Inc. (aethergroups.com)
- Alphixmine Incorporation (alphixmine.com)
- B-Smartfolio Inc. (b-smartfolio.com)
- Dreamquest Ltd. (dreamquestlimited.com)
- Maxi Wealth Inc. (maxi-wealth.org)
- Mediterranean Holdings Limited (mediterraneanholdings.com)
- Rexivea Miners Inc.

These entities are not registered with the FSMA and do not have the necessary authorization to offer financial services in or from Belgium. Moreover, it appears that these entities are committing investment fraud. The FSMA has therefore forwarded the cases to the judicial authorities.

In order to determine whether or not a company is authorized to offer financial products and services, please visit our 'Check your provider' page. If you have any doubts, feel free to contact the FSMA.

Lastly, we wish to reiterate that the FSMA is not competent to recover lost investments or to seek compensation for such losses. Nor is it competent to demand payment for taxes. It will never contact investors in this regard. The FSMA will also never ask consumers to provide their financial information or to pay for any services. For more information, please see our <u>warning dated 3 February 2025</u>.