

PRESS RELEASE

Abusive financial services: Consob blacks out 6 abusive websites

Consob has ordered the blackout of **6** new *websites* that offer financial services/financial products illegally: 5 illegal financial intermediation websites and 1 website through which an offer of financial products is carried out in the absence of a prospectus.

The Authority availed itself of the powers deriving from the "*Growth Decree*" (Law no. 58 of 28 June 2019, Article no. 36, paragraph 2-*terdecies*), relating to the blackout of the sites of abusive financial intermediaries, as well as of the power introduced by the Law no. 8 of 28 February 2020 (Article no. 4, paragraph 3-*bis*), with reference to the blackout of the site through which the abusive offer is carried out.

Below are the sites Consob has ordered to be blacked out:

- Nab Europe Limited (internet website www.nabconsulting.eu);
- Swiss Management Corporation Ltd (internet website https://fx24.one);
- "Expertsystemsfx" (internet website client.expertsystemsfx.com);
- "FXOptexGroups" e "FxOptexGroup" (*internet* website https://fxoptexgroups.com and related page https://client.fxoptexgroups.com);
- "Italiano Invest" (internet website www.italianoinvest.com);
- **QubitTech Corporation** (*internet* website www.qubittech.dev).

The total number of sites blacked out by Consob since July 2019, when the Authority got the power to order that the websites of fraudulent financial intermediaries be blacked out, has thus risen to **391**.

The measures adopted by Consob can be consulted on the website www.consob.it .

The blackout activities of these websites by Internet service providers operating on Italian territory is ongoing. For technical reasons, it can take several days for the blackout to come into effect.

Consob draws investors' attention to the importance of adopting the greatest diligence in order to make informed investment choices, adopting common sense behaviours, essential to safeguard their savings: these include, in the case of websites that offer financial services, checking in advance that the operator with whom they are investing is authorized, and, in the case of offers of financial products, that a prospectus has been published.

To this end, Consob would remind you that on the website www.consob.it there is a section on the *homepage*, "Watch for Scams!", providing useful information to warn investors against financially abusive initiatives.

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