

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Watch for scams!**

#### **Abusive financial services: Consob blocks 10 new websites.**

Consob has ordered the blocking of **10** new *websites* used to conduct illegal activities: specifically, it has ordered the blocking of **3 websites** offering investment services without authorization and **7 websites** used to make three public offerings of financial products without a prospectus.

Below are the *websites* Consob has ordered to be blacked out:

- **Trade Point PTY** (*website* <https://evpmarketgroup.com> and related page <https://client.evpmarketgroup.com>);
- “**Alfa Mercati**” (*website* <https://alfamercati.com> and related pages <https://clients.alfamercati.com> and <https://trading.alfamercati.com>);
- **Horizons28** (*website* <https://horizons28.com> and related page <https://area.hz-zone.com>);
- **AIXA MINER CLOUD MINING INVESTMENT LTD** (*websites* <https://aixaminer.com>, <https://aixaminer.org> and <https://aixaminer.net>);
- **FYENERGY CRYPTOCURRENCY INVESTMENT LTD** (*websites* <https://fyenergy.com>, <https://fyenergy.org> and <https://fyenergy.net>);
- “**Hodlwealth**” (*website* <https://hodlwealth.org>).

The number of websites blacked out since July 2019, when Consob got the power to order that the websites of fraudulent financial intermediaries be blacked out, has thus risen to **1537**. The Authority has exercised the powers granted by the “Growth Decree” ([“decreto crescita”](#)) with regard to blocking the *websites* of abusive financial intermediaries, as well as those introduced by [Law No. 8 of 28 February 2020](#), with regard to blocking websites through which abusive offers are made.

The measures adopted by Consob can be consulted on the website [www.consob.it](http://www.consob.it). The black-out 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 to make informed investment choices, adopting common sense behaviors, essential to safeguard their savings: These include prior verification, for websites offering financial services and crypto-assets, that the operator through which the investment is made is authorized and, for financial and crypto-asset product offerings, that the prospectus or *white paper* has been published.

To this end, Consob would remind you that on the website [www.consob.it](http://www.consob.it) there is a section on the *homepage*, [“Watch for Scams!”](#), providing useful information to warn investors against financially unauthorized initiatives.

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