

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Watch for scams! Financial fraud: Consob blocks 8 websites**

As part of its efforts to combat financial fraud, Consob has ordered the blocking of a total of **8 websites**.

Specifically, orders were issued to shut down 5 websites that were unlawfully providing investment services and activities relating to financial instruments, and 3 websites that were unlawfully providing services for crypto-assets. Below is the list of websites ordered to be taken down:

- **Ucapitalinvest** (website <https://ucapitalinvest.com> and associated page <https://client.ucapitalinvest.com>);
- **Algo Quant Hft** (website <https://algo-quant-hft.ai> and related page <https://app.trade-algoquanthft.com>);
- **Lotment Capital** (website <https://trading-area.lotmentcapital-v3.com>);
- **golwire-limited.com** (website <https://goldwire-limited.com> and associated page <https://cfid.goldwire-limited.com>);
- **anima-capitalpartners.com** (website <https://anima-capitalpartners.com> and related page <https://cab.anima-partnerscapital.com>);
- **“Jgcmgs”** (website <https://jgcmgs.co>);
- **“Forte Valbit”** (website <https://fortevalbit.it>);
- **“BitGptApp”** (website <https://lagrovine.com>).

This brings the total number of websites blocked by Consob since July 2019 to **1,712**, since the Authority was granted the power to order the blocking of *websites* belonging to unauthorised financial intermediaries. Of these, **204** relate to crypto-asset-related activities.

The Authority has exercised the powers deriving from [the “Growth Decree”](#) to block the *websites* of unauthorised financial intermediaries, as well as the powers provided for under the MiCAR framework ([EU Regulation](#) and [Legislative Decree No. 129/2024](#)) regarding the blocking of websites through which crypto-asset services are provided to Italian investors without authorisation. The measures adopted by Consob can be viewed on the website [www.consob.it](http://www.consob.it). *Internet* service providers operating in Italy are currently in the process of blocking access to these websites. For technical reasons, it may take a few days for the block to take effect.

It is important that savers exercise the utmost care when making fully informed investment decisions, adopting common-sense practices that are essential for safeguarding their savings: among these, checking in advance, for websites offering investment services and crypto-assets, that the operator through which one is investing is authorised and, for offers of financial products and crypto-assets, that the prospectus or *white paper* has been published.

Consob also draws attention to the evolution of deceptive practices that exploit *the internet* to steal users' money and personal data: there has been an increase in the use of new tools, such as *emails* and 'cloned' *websites*, fake profiles of politicians and celebrities, and content generated using artificial intelligence systems – such as images, voices or videos – with the aim of inducing savers to make harmful investment choices.

To this end, Consob invites investors to consult the dedicated [information sheet](#) containing advice on how to protect themselves from financial fraud in the age of artificial intelligence and reminds them that its *website* features a section entitled [“Watch for scams!”](#), where useful information is available to warn investors against abusive financial schemes.

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