

PRESS RELEASE

Watch for scams!

Illegal financial activities: Consob blocks 23 websites offering crypto-asset services

As part of its efforts to combat financial fraud, Consob has ordered the blocking of **23 websites** through which unauthorised crypto-asset services were being provided and related marketing communications disseminated.

Below is the list of websites ordered to be taken down:

- **“Patrimèra”** (websites <https://bircholtless.top>, <https://econmilanozone88.pro> and <https://romatrendix.xyz>);
- **“Stream Herplex Nx”** (website <https://shaftdwke.com>);
- **“Aziovale”** (websites <https://fintrendtrackerq.info>, <https://zenithad.top> and <https://marketflowgridz.top>);
- **“Portafica”** (websites <https://rowanbarrowty.pro>, <https://synthiumd.pro>, <https://florentiad.info>, <https://designlabyu.top>, <https://marketpulsehubx.top>, <https://italinsightpro.top>, <https://marketpulseref.info>, <https://travelnetty.pro>, <https://meridianad.info>, <https://borealhub.pro>, <https://clariseline.top>, <https://truewarmheartedpath.pro>, <https://truelightbeamd.pro>, <https://mindsparklety.info>, <https://spiritsweetbalanceup.top>);
- **“Epic Maxalt Neo”** (website <https://elapidpcsf.cc>).

This brings the total number of websites blocked by Consob since July 2019 to **1,704**, since the Authority was granted the power to order the blocking of *websites* belonging to unauthorised financial intermediaries. Of these, **201** relate to crypto-asset-related activities.

The Authority has exercised 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 unlawfully provided to Italian investors, as well as the dissemination of marketing communications relating to such services.

The measures adopted by Consob can be viewed on the website 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, 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 urges 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 fraudulent financial schemes.

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