



PRESS RELEASE

<u>Watch for Scams! Abusive financial services:</u> <u>Consob blacks out 13 abusive websites</u>

Consob has ordered the black-out of **13** new *websites* through which financial services are abusively offered or services for crypto-activities are abusively provided: **4** abusive financial intermediation websites, **1** website through which an offer of financial products is carried out in the absence of a prospectus and **8** sites through which crypto currency services are abusively provided.

The Authority made use of the powers deriving from the "Growth Decree" ("*Decreto crescita*" - Law No. 58 of 28 June 2019, Article No. 36, paragraph 2-*terdecies*), regarding the blacking out of the websites of abusive financial intermediaries, as well as of the power introduced by Law No. 8 of 28 February 2020, Article No. 4, paragraph 3-*bis*, regarding the blacking out of the website by means of which the abusive offer is carried out and of the powers introduced by the MiCAR regulations (Regulation (EU) 2023/1114 and Legislative Decree No. 129 of 5 September 2024) regarding the blacking out of websites by means of which services for crypto-assets are provided to Italian savers in the absence of the prescribed authorizations.

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

- "CaptinCapital" (website www.captincapital.org);
- "Mercato del Futuro" (*website* https://mercatodelfuturo.com and related pages https://clients.mercatodelfuturo.com and https://trading.mercatodelfuturo.com);
- "Sector-Fusion" (*website* www.sector-fusion.com and related page https://webtrader.w1e2b3tr4d3r.com);
- "3Afund" (website www.3-afund.com);
- "Cfw896" (*website* https://cfw896.it);
- "Lumex" (*websites* https://stratoslumex.com and https://stratoslumex.net);
- "Tmxa" (*website* https://60yg.com);
- "Uyr968" and "Fwq367" (websites https://uyr968.it and https://fwq367.it);
- "Syk755" (website www.syk755.it);
- "**Pxm266**" (*website* https://pxm266.it);
- "GenixLimited" (*website* https://genixlimited.com).





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 **1349**.

The measures adopted by Consob can be consulted on the website 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 black-out 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, for websites that offer financial services, checking in advance that the operator with whom they are investing is authorized, and, for 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*, <u>"Watch for Scams!"</u>, providing useful information to warn investors against financially unauthorized initiatives.

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