



PRESS RELEASE

<u>Watch for Scams!</u> <u>Abusive financial services: Consob blacks out 17 abusive websites</u>

Consob has ordered the blackout of 17 new *websites* through which services relating to financial instruments are unlawfully offered or services relating to crypto-assets are unlawfully provided. In particular, Consob ordered the black out of 7 illegal financial intermediation *websites* and 10 *websites* through which illegal services for crypto assets are provided.

The Authority availed itself of the powers deriving from the "Decreto crescita" ("Growth Decree", converted by Law No. 58 of 28 June 2019), relating to the black-out of websites of abusive financial intermediaries, as well as the powers introduced by MiCAR (Regulation (EU) 2023/1114 and Legislative Decree No. 129 of 5 September 2024) regarding the blocking of websites through which crypto-asset services are provided to Italian savers without the required authorizations.

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

- "Activ Markets" (websites https://activ-markets.com and https://activma.org and related pages https://client.activ-markets.com and https://webtrader.acmarkets-webtraderplatform.com);
- "Geneveinves" (website www.geneveinves.com);
- "NordaLeur" (website www.nordalueur.com and related page https://webtrader.tplatform-cengine.com);
- "Soria Limited" (website https://soria-limited-ltd.com and related page https://inv.sorialimited.com);
- "MRX Capital Trading" (website www.mrxcapitaltrading.com and related page https://trading-area.mrxwebtrading.com);
- "Gradiopexo" (website https://gradiopexo.com and related page https://webtrader.expedit-snow.com);
- "RYR888" (website https://ryr888.it);
- "**DFH258**" (*website* https://dfh258.it);
- "DXZ175" (website https://dxz175.it);
- "JMY999" (website https://jmy999.it);
- "DSG158" (website https://dsg158.it);
- "WES218" (website https://wes218.it);
- "GJG258" (website https://gjg258.it);





- "CFSD123" (website https://cfsd123.it);
- "R4MOX" (website https://r4mox.it);
- "DFG789" (website https://dfg789.it).

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 **1460**.

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 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 prior verification, for websites offering financial services and cryptoassets, that the operator through which the investment is made is authorized and, for offers of financial products and crypto-assets, that the prospectus or *white paper* 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 unauthorized initiatives.

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