

IMPORTANT WARNING

Individuals impersonating CySEC representatives

The Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (CySEC) would like to re-announce that, through the use of its monitoring tools, has identified:

- persons fraudulently presenting themselves as CySEC Officers or representatives, who are soliciting investors for fees in exchange for allegedly settlement of bogus compensation claims related to firms under CySEC supervision.
- fraudulent impersonation of the CySEC website (cysec-regulatory.com and www.cysecgov.com) which include the CySEC logo, announcements, images and email addresses. Another fake website (Cysecs.group) which contains a link to a fake List of Approved Cyprus Investment Firms and contains several links to unauthorized or scam brokers.

Further to the above, CySEC wishes to emphasize that:

- CySEC never makes contact by telephone or sends unsolicited correspondence and does not request personal data, financial or otherwise.
- Urges Investors to contact CySEC to confirm the authenticity of communications by contacting info@cysec.gov.cy before taking any action.
- Genuine emails from CySEC include addresses ending in gov.cy although there have been cases where fraudsters have also cloned these as well.
- CySEC has no authority or jurisdiction to collect fees for any purpose from individual investors, nor does it have authority to appoint anyone to do so on its behalf.
- CySEC does not authorize, verify, monitor, or is in any way involved in class actions, compensation schemes, payments between natural or legal entities or any public or private agencies.
- CySEC has issued multiple public warnings when similar cases occur, which are published on its website at: https://www.cysec.gov.cy/en-GB/public-info/warnings/cysec/

• CySEC's investor guide on how to spot scams can be found here - <u>Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission | CYSEC GUIDE: HOW TO AVOID SCAMS</u>

CySEC urges the public to remain vigilant regarding any unsolicited communication from CySEC, to refrain from giving money to anyone who claims any or all of the above, or similar.

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