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The Financial Services Authority (FSA) has today published this statement in order to warn investors against dealing with unauthorised firms.

The purpose of this statement is to advise members of the public that

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are not authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA) to carry on a regulated activity in the UK. Regulated activities include, amongst other things, advising on investments and dealing in and arranging deals in investments ("investments" include stocks and shares). The FSA believes that the firms may be targeting UK customers.

Investors should be aware that **the Financial Ombudsman Service and the Investor Compensation Scheme are not available** if you deal with an unauthorised company or individual

To find out whether a company or individual is authorised go to the FSA Firm and Person Check Service at <http://www.fsa.uk/consumer/fcs/index.html>

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Note:

For the current list of unauthorised firms targeting UK investors, see http://www.fsa.gov.uk/enforcement/firm_alerts.html. For more details about the tactics that are commonly adopted by unauthorised firms targeting UK investors see the warning issued in April 2003 available at <http://www.fsa.gov.uk/pubs/press/2003/056.html> the warning issued in May 2002 at <http://www.fsa.gov.uk/pubs/press/2002/056.html> and the warning issued in May 2000 at <http://www.fsa.gov.uk/pubs/press/2000/071.html>