



Fraud Warning

Over the past few years, there has been an increase in the number of financial scams all around the world, including but not limited to phishing emails, cold calls, and fake product and/or service documentation, by scammers to obtain personal or sensitive information. These actors who partake in such criminal activities are exploiting the internet and advanced technology by using well-planned and sophisticated methods to try and gain critical information. Therefore, it is incredibly important for individuals to be extra vigilant when responding to letters, emails, phone calls, and text messages from ‘authorized’ institutions.

Investment Scam

An investment scam is such a form of fraud in which there is a high risk that you could lose your money. These scams often occur when people offer you financial products and/or services that do not really exist. These representatives or entities who appear to be professional and trustworthy are scammers, who misuse dormant and/or existing firms’ information and brand identity, to mislead self-directed and other investors to become victims of their often highlight sophisticated financial fraud schemes.

How to protect yourself from investment scams?

- Check out the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) ScamSmart website to learn about the helpful support they offer regarding what you do to spot investment fraud.
- Do not pick up any cold calls and even if you do, do not give your personal or financial information unless you are completely sure that the call is from a reputable company registered with the FCA.
- Report any suspected fraud and cybercrime to UK’s national fraud and cybercrime reporting center.
- Ensure that the company or financial advisor that you are dealing with is authorized by the FCA.
- Check out the warning list on FCA’s website before making any investment.
- Remain up to date with the latest scams and fraud warnings.

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