



Press Release

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Central Bank of Ireland Issues Warning on Unauthorised Investment Firm

The Central Bank of Ireland ('Central Bank') today (24 March 2014) published the name of an unauthorised investment firm, **Ashland Mergers & Acquisitions Management (Japan)**. **Ashland Mergers & Acquisitions Management (Japan)** is not authorised as an investment firm by the Central Bank.

A list of unauthorised firms published to date is available on the Central Bank [website](#).

It is a criminal offence for an unauthorised firm to provide financial services in Ireland that would require an authorisation under the relevant legislation for which the Central Bank is the responsible body for enforcing. Consumers should be aware that, if they deal with a firm which is not authorised, they are not eligible for compensation from the Investor Compensation Scheme.

Any person wishing to contact the Central Bank of Ireland with information regarding such firms may telephone (01) 224 4000. This line is also available to the public to check if a firm is authorised. Since obtaining the necessary legal powers in August 1998, the names of 223 unauthorised firms or persons have been published by the Central Bank.

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Notes to editors

The name of the above firm is published under the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013.