



Press Release

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Central Bank of Ireland Issues Warnings on Unauthorised Investment Firms/Investment Business Firms

The Central Bank of Ireland today (19 March 2015) published the names of two unauthorised investment firms/investment business firms, **Wakefield Securities Limited** and **Shields Corporate Partners**. Neither **Wakefield Securities Limited (USA)** nor **Shields Corporate Partners (USA)** are authorised by the Central Bank as investment firms, investment business firms or to provide investment advice.

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

It is a criminal offence for an unauthorised firm/person 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/person who 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/persons may telephone (01) 224 4000. This line is also available to the public to check if a firm/person is authorised. Since obtaining the necessary legal powers in August 1998, the names of 257 unauthorised firms/persons have been published by the Central Bank.

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Notes to editors:

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