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The AMF warns investors against the unlawful activities of various websites and entities proposing so-called high yield investments

The AMF has observed that several companies are proposing that retail investors resident in France invest in so-called high yield investments. The three products in question – ISOSTABLE, SERENITY and TOPPACK – are offered by New Solutions Trading Limited and supposedly offer returns of 5%, 8% or 10% a month.

The companies making these proposals are not authorised to provide investment services in France, whether in the form of investment advice or third party portfolio management.

Consequently, the AMF advises investors to ignore any commercial proposals from the following websites and companies and to refrain from referring them to third parties in any way whatsoever:

- www.d2c-finances.fr (company: D2C FINANCES, 12 rue des Pellois, 41300 La Ferté Imbault)
- www.neo-invest.com (company: NEO INVEST, 57/2 quai Donat Casterman, 7500 Tournai, Belgium)
- <u>www.sdc-newtrading.krysos.fr</u> (companies: SDC-INVEST and SDC-NEW TRADING, Le Haut Trégonneau, 44500 Montoir de Bretagne)
- www.newsolutionstrading.com (company: New Solutions Trading Ltd, P.O. Box 3321, Drake Chambers, Road Town, Tortola, BVI, registered in the British Virgin Islands; TERRA FINANCIA, located at 7 quai des Marans, 17000 La Rochelle (Charente Maritime) purports to be the company's French correspondent)
- www.bluestar-investment.com (company: Blue Star Investment Corp., 311 Shoreham Street, Sheffield, S2 4FA, registered in Great Britain at 311 Shoreham Street, Sheffield, S2 4FA, South Yorkshire, UK)

As a reminder, before it can offer third party portfolio management services, a company must be authorised as an investment services provider in accordance with Article L. 532-1 of the Monetary and Financial Code. Furthermore, only duly authorised investment services providers and individuals authorised as financial investment advisers are authorised to provide investment advice, in accordance with Articles L. 541-1 et seq. of the Monetary and Financial Code.

More generally, the AMF reminds French investors of the need to exercise the greatest caution in respect of gains promised by companies that have not applied for any kind of regulatory authorisation or approval.

Please note: those tempted to invest in financial products or investments not covered by French marketing authorisation have limited recourse in the event of problems.

Before entering into any financial investment or other investment service, you should always check that the intermediary offering the investment or advice is included on a list of financial institutions authorised to operate in France (https://www.regafi.fr) or a list of financial investment advisers (https://www.amf-france.org"FIAs and Direct marketers" section).

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