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**AMF issues a warning about the 629 Plan investment scheme**

The Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) warns the public about the 629 Plan, presented on the Internet as a "fund" set up by the Investment Company Institute of the USA as part of a partnership between China and the United States aimed at raising capital to invest in companies in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly China. The promoters of the scheme promise an exceptionally high rate of return that can multiply the initial investment by three.

The AMF reminds investors that they should exercise the greatest care if they receive offers for high-yielding financial products, particularly over the Internet, and should treat them with utmost caution.