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**AMF warns the public about Mr Robert Ménard**

The French securities regulator, Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF), is warning the public about the activities of a certain Robert Ménard, who claims to be a financial consultant.

The AMF warns investors that it has not received an application to authorise the "high-yield" and "guaranteed capital" investments proposed by Mr Ménard.

Consequently, Mr Ménard is not authorised to canvass for business or advertise, and the AMF urges prospective investors to treat any such approach with the utmost caution.

The AMF has forwarded the information it has on Mr Ménard to the Paris prosecutor's office.