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The AMF warns the public about Capital Alliances Ltd

The Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF) is warning the public about the activities of Capital Alliances Ltd, a company with a website at www.capitalalliancesltd.com. Investors should be aware that this company is not authorised to provide investment services or financial investment advice on the territory of France.

Capital Alliances Ltd, which claims to have registered offices at 46 Great Marlborough St, W1F 7JW, London, UK, contacts French investors through cold calling and other methods to offer securities listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange as well as financial investment advice.

Capital Alliances Ltd is not authorised to provide investment services or financial investment advice on French territory, to engage in direct marketing of banking or financial products or to receive funds in France. Capital Alliances Ltd has no ties to Capital Alliance Partners Limited, a company that operates duly under the authority of the UK Financial Services Authority.

The AMF therefore urges investors not to respond to the company's offers and to refrain from passing them on to third parties in any form.

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