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News Release

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The AMF and the ACP update the list of unauthorised websites and entities offering forex investments

On 20 September 2011, the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) and the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel (ACP) published an update of the 7 July 2011 news release warning retail investors about proposals to invest in the currency (or forex) market¹.

The ACP and the AMF are publishing a new, updated list reiterating those websites and entities that have achieved compliance with French law, either by ceasing all activities within France or because the investment proposals featured on the sites in question now originate from intermediaries that are authorised to provide investment services in France.

The updated list is as follows:

- www.bforex.com / BFOREX Limited
- www.gcitrading.com / GCI Financial Limited
- www.fxcast.com / Surplus Finance SA
- www.instaforex.com / InstaForex Companies Group
- www.finanzasforex.com / Evolution Market Group Inc
- www.ikkotrader.com / Ikko Investments Ltd
- www.trader369.com / IP International Service

The AMF and the ACP are keen to reiterate the specific risks associated with forex products offered to retail investors (http://www.amf-france.org/documents/general/10072_1.pdf).

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 (www.regafi.fr).

If the intermediary is not on any such list, we strongly advise you to ignore any soliciting by it, since it is in breach of applicable legislation and is not obliged to comply with basic rules on investor protection, disclosure or complaint handling.

Find answers to your questions on this subject by visiting our websites:

Assurance-Banque-Épargne Info Service: www.abe-infoservice.fr or call +33 (0) 811 901 801 between 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday

AMF: <http://www.amf-france.org> or call +33 (0) 1 5345 6200 between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday

ACP: <http://www.acp.banque-france.org>

For more information about CFDs, see the list of questions and answers published on the AMF website on 14 May 2009: http://www.amf-france.org/documents/general/8942_1.pdf

¹ Forex (short for "foreign exchange" or "FX") refers to an over-the-counter currency market.