

INVESTMENT SCAMS

ARE NOT ALWAYS EASY TO SEE



Criminals promote investment scams using fake comparison sites, adverts and news articles, featuring fictitious endorsements from celebrities and business leaders. These may appear in your search results or on your social media channels to get you to visit the site and to hand over your money.



Criminals use hacked or cloned social media or email accounts to send you investment recommendations that appear to be from friends and contacts.



Criminals often demand that victims make glowing reviews online or false investment videos for a chance of recovering their own lost funds.



Criminals may offer to set-up an online investment on your behalf or help you use a site via remote access. These techniques give them access to your account and funds even if the investment site itself is genuine.



Be wary of any investment site domain that was recently registered or is registered/hosted with a budget provider not based in the UK/EU.



Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) register.fca.org.uk

Avoid investments and financial firms not registered by the FCA.



Never be rushed into making any investment decision.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!



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