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**AMF and ACP warn the public about websites and entities proposing forex investments**

The Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel (ACP) and the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF) have issued three public warnings (7 July 2011, 20 September 2011 and 22 May 2012) about proposals to invest on the foreign exchange (forex) market<sup>1</sup>.

The ACP and AMF are now publishing a new, updated list:

- websites and entities recently identified as offering these products in France without authorisation have been added to the list;
- websites and entities that have complied with French law, either by ceasing all business in France or because their investment proposals now originate from intermediaries authorised to provide investment services in France, have been removed from the list.

The updated list is as follows:

- [www.4xp.com/fr/](http://www.4xp.com/fr/) Forex Place Limited
- [www.astonforex.com/](http://www.astonforex.com/) Marketrade Ltd
- [www.bforex.com /](http://www.bforex.com/) BFOREX Limited
- [www.finanzasforex.com /](http://www.finanzasforex.com/) Evolution Market Group Inc
- [www.flameltrade.fr/](http://www.flameltrade.fr/) Bull Trading Limited
- [www.forextrada.com/](http://www.forextrada.com/) Forextrada
- [www.fxcast.com /](http://www.fxcast.com/) Surplus Finance SA
- [www.gcitradng.com /](http://www.gcitradng.com/) GCI Financial Limited
- [www.ihforex.com/](http://www.ihforex.com/) Investment House International
- [www.ikkotrader.com /](http://www.ikkotrader.com/) Ikko Investments Ltd
- [www.instaforex.com/](http://www.instaforex.com/) InstaForex Companies Group
- [www.sunbirdfx.com/](http://www.sunbirdfx.com/) Sunbirdfx
- [www.trader369.com /](http://www.trader369.com/) IP International Service

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

Before entering into a commitment, always make sure that the intermediary offering or advising on financial investments or investment services is registered on the list of financial institutions authorised to operate in France ([www.regafi.fr](http://www.regafi.fr)).

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<sup>1</sup> The foreign exchange market is an over-the-counter market, i.e. it is not subject to any regulation.

If the intermediary does not appear on these lists, we strongly urge you not to respond to its contacts because it is breaking the law. Moreover, the intermediary is not obliged to respect basic rules on investor protection, proper disclosure or complaint handling.

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Assurance-Banque-Epargne Info Service : [www.abe-infoservice.fr](http://www.abe-infoservice.fr) , or call 0811 901 801 between 8 am and 6 pm from Monday to Friday.

AMF: <http://www.amf-france.org> or call + 33 (0) 1 53 45 62 00 between 9 am and 5 pm from Monday to Friday.

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

For more information on contracts for difference (CFDs), see the FAQs that the AMF published on its website on 14 May 2009: [http://www.amf-france.org/documents/general/8942\\_1.pdf](http://www.amf-france.org/documents/general/8942_1.pdf)