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The Malta Financial Services Authority (“MFSA”) has become aware of an entity operating under the name of **Venotrade Investment (Europe) Ltd** (“Venotrade” or “the Entity”) and which has an internet presence at <https://venotrade.com/>.

The Entity claims to “*have built the world’s leading platform for digital currency integration for investment and trading*” and is also using a falsely drawn MFSA licence document, purporting to be a Category 3 Investment Services Licence Holder.

The MFSA wishes to alert the public, in Malta and abroad, that this entity is **NOT** a Maltese registered Company **NOR** licensed or otherwise authorised by the MFSA to provide the service of an exchange or other financial services which are required to be licensed or otherwise authorised under Maltese law. Furthermore, information available to the MFSA suggests that **Venotrade** is likely to be a scheme of dubious nature with a high risk of loss of money. The public should therefore refrain from undertaking any business or transactions with the above-mentioned entity.

The MFSA would like to remind consumers of financial services not to enter into any financial services transaction unless they have ascertained that the entity with whom the transaction is being made is authorised to provide such services by the MFSA or another reputable financial services regulator. Investors should also be extra cautious when being approached with offers of financial services via unconventional channels such as telephone calls or social media.

A list of entities licensed by the MFSA can be viewed on the official website of the MFSA at <https://www.mfsa.mt/financial-services-register/>.

If you are a victim of a scam or think you might be dealing with an unauthorised entity or any

L-Awtorità għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji ta’ Malta (“MFSA”) giet infurmata b’entità li qed topera bl-isem ta’ **Venotrade Investment (Europe) Ltd** (“Venotrade” jew “L-Entità”) u li għandha preżenza fuq l-internet fis-sit <https://venotrade.com/>.

L-entità ssostni li stabbiliet “*the world’s leading platform for digital currency integration for investment and trading*” u qed tuża wkoll dokument ta’ liċenzja maħruga mill-MFSA li għie mfassal b’mod falz sabiex tippreżenta lilha nnfisha bħala detentur ta’ liċenzja għal servizzi ta’ investiment tal- Kategorija 3.

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Lista ta' entitajiet liċenzjati mill-MFSA hija disponibbli fuq is-sit ufficjali tal-MFSA fuq <https://www.mfsa.mt/financial-services-register/>.

Jekk int vittma ta' qerq (scam) jew taħseb li tista' tkun qed titratta ma' entità li mhix awtorizzata jew xi tip ta' ingann finanzjarju ieħor, waqqaf kull transazzjoni ma' din l-entità u kkuntattja minnufih lill-MFSA fuq <https://www.mfsa.mt/about-us/contact/>.

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