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The Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (CONSOB) has ordered the black-out of 7 new websites that abusively offer financial services/financial products: 6 abusive financial intermediation sites and 1 site through which financial products are offered without a prospectus.

The Authority availed itself of the powers deriving from the "growth decree" (Law no. 58 of 28 June 2019, article 36, paragraph 2-terdecies) regarding the blackout of the sites of abusive financial intermediaries, as well as the power introduced by Law no. 8 of 28 February 2020, article 4, paragraph 3-bis, regarding the blackout of the website through which the abusive offer is made. The measures adopted by Consob can be consulted on the website <u>www.consob.it</u>.

Below are the sites Consob has ordered to be blacked out:

BTX+ (website <u>https://btxplus.io</u> and its pages <u>https://client.btxplus.io</u> and <u>https://webtrader.btxplus.io</u>);

Tide Technologies Group (website https://tidetechnologiesgroup.ltd);

Fast-MNG EU Limited (website <u>www.fast-mng.com</u>);

Alfacapitalinvest (website <u>https://alfacapitalinvest.com</u> and its page <u>https://client.alfacapitalinvest.com</u>);

Bitcoinup e UfinaCapital (websites <u>https://bitcoinup.io</u> and <u>https://ufinacapital.pro</u> and page <u>https://ufina.trade</u>);

Digital Trust CSP Fzco (website www.doublefinance.io).

The number of sites blacked out since July 2019, when Consob was given the power to order the black-out of websites of fraudulent financial intermediaries, has thus risen to 977.

Consob has also suspended as a precautionary measure, for a period of 90 days, the activity of offering to the public residing in Italy, including via the website <u>www.doublefinance.io</u> of Digital Trust CSP Fzc.