

Central Bank of Ireland Issues Warning on Unauthorised Investment Firms/Investment Business Firms

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The Central Bank of Ireland ('Central Bank') today (15 July 2016) published the name of the following unauthorised firms:

- **Capita Group (USA)**
- **Farnhams Consulting Group (USA)**

These firms are not authorised by the Central Bank as investment firms, investment business firms or to provide investment advice.

It should be noted that there is no connection whatsoever between the unauthorised entity listed and the Central Bank authorised firm Capita Asset Services (Ireland) Limited (or any related companies within the Capita plc. Group).

A list of unauthorised firms published to date is available on the Central Bank [website](#).

It is a criminal offence for an unauthorised firm/person to provide financial services in Ireland that would require an authorisation under the relevant legislation which the Central Bank is the responsible body for enforcing. Consumers should be aware that, if they deal with a firm/person who is not authorised, they are not eligible for compensation from the Investor Compensation Scheme.

Any person wishing to contact the Central Bank of Ireland with information regarding such firms/persons may telephone (01) 224 4000. This line is also available to the public to check if a firm is authorised. Since obtaining the necessary legal powers in August 1998, the names of **274** unauthorised firms have been published by the Central Bank.

Note

The name of the above firm is published under the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013.