The Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (CONSOB) has ordered the black-out of 8 new websites that offer financial services illegally.

The commission used the tools provided in the "growth decree" (Law no. 58 of 28 June 2019, article 36, paragraph 2-terdecies), which gave Consob the power to order internet service providers to block access from Italy to websites offering financial services without due authorisation.

The companies and websites are listed below:

- Bauman Ltd and Pacific Consulting Co Ltd (website https://avainvestmentsgroup.com);
- FM Solutions Group Limited (website www.swissfxuk.com);
- Fintrade Limited (website https://plus500cy.com);
- Premium Solutions Ltd

(websites www.thepremiumbrokers.netand https://trader.secure.thepremiumbrokers.net);

- "VetoroBanc" and "Vetoro, Inc." (websites https://vetoro.io and https://vetoro.cc);
- Global Top Marketing LTD and GPS Marketing Ltd (website https://profit-trade.com).

The number of sites blacked out since July last, when Consob got the power to order blackouts, has thus risen to **147**.

The measures with which the aforementioned companies were ordered to terminate the abusive activity can be viewed on the website www.consob.it..

The black-out of these websites by internet service providers operating on the Italian market is ongoing. For technical reasons, it can take several days for the black-out to come into effect.

Consob draws investors' attention to the importance of paying the utmost attention in order to make informed investment choices, focusing on those common sense behaviours - such as, for example, checking that the operator with whom you are investing is authorised - that are essential if you really want to safeguard and, hopefully, see a return. To this end, Consob would remind you that there is a section on the homepage of its website www.consob.it entitled <a href="mailto:"Be aware of fraud!", with useful information to warn investors against abusive operators.