

## **FSCA issues public warning against Tumi Links Investments**

The Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) warns the public to be cautious when conducting financial services business with Tumi Links Investments (Tumi Links).

It has come to the attention of the FSCA that Tumi Links has offered to trade in forex products, amongst others, on behalf of members of the public. Tumi Links is not licensed in terms of any financial sector law to provide financial products or financial services and was unavailable for comment.

The FSCA points out that, for a person to offer financial products or services in South Africa, they must be licensed to do so by the FSCA.

Members of the public should always check:

- that an entity or individual is authorised by the FSCA to provide financial products and services, including when giving recommendations about how to invest.
- what category of advice the person is registered to provide, as there are instances where companies or people are registered to provide basic advice for a low-risk product and then offer advice on far more complex and risky products.
- that the FSP number utilised by the entity or individual offering financial services matches the name of the FSP on the FSCA database.

One of the following methods may be used to confirm the status and FSP number of a service provider or a person that claims to be an authorised service provider:

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**Executive Committee:**

- 1) **Toll-free number:** 0800 110 443
- 2) Online search for authorised financial institution **by license category:**  
<https://www.fsca.co.za/Regulated%20Entities/Pages/List-Regulated-Entities-Persons.aspx>
- 3) Online search for a financial institution that is an **authorised FSP in terms of the FAIS Act:** [https://www.fsca.co.za/Fais/Search\\_FSP.htm](https://www.fsca.co.za/Fais/Search_FSP.htm)

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