

FSCA Press Release

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FSCA warns the public against FX Squad

The Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) warns the public to act with caution when conducting financial services business with FX Squad (not registered as a company) and Mr Petrus Rasmus Erasmus, known as Pierre (Erasmus) - together referred to as (the investigated parties).

The FSCA received information that the investigated parties offered to trade in forex on behalf of the members of the public. The FSCA suspects that the investigated parties may be conducting unregistered financial services and/or the business of a bank by taking deposits from members of the public. The investigated parties are not authorised to render any financial advisory and/or intermediary services in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act No. 37 of 2002. The investigated parties are also not registered as banks in terms of the Banks Act No. 94 of 1990.

The FSCA is currently conducting an investigation in respect of the investigated parties. The purpose of the investigation is to establish whether the investigated parties are conducting unregistered financial services business or the business of a bank.

The investigation is on-going.

Members of the public should always check:

- that an entity or individual is authorised by the FSCA to provide financial products and services, including for 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.

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- that the FSP number utilised by the entity or individual offering financial services matches to 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:

- 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

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