

**FSCA issues public warning against Trading.com**

The Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) warns the public to be cautious when conducting financial services business with persons purporting to be Trading.com. The FSCA received information that persons may be rendering financial services by fraudulently using the name of Trading.com.

The Authority has established that Trading.com is the trading name for UK based Trading Point of Financial Instruments UK Limited (Trading Point). Trading Point confirmed that it did not conduct business outside the UK and distanced itself from the persons using its trading name to provide financial services in South Africa. Trading Point is not authorized or registered under any legislation administered by the FSCA.

Members of the public should always confirm that an entity or individual is authorised by the FSCA to provide financial products or services. It is also important to know 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. Getting poor financial advice can bring severe harm to investors.

Customers who wish to use the financial services of an institution or person can check this before any purchase or investment is made, by one of the following:

- 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-EntitiesPersons.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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