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**The AMF warns investors against the unlawful activities of the blog at <http://projetxtreme.blogspot.fr>**

The Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) warns investors against the unlawful activities of the blog at <http://projetxtreme.blogspot.fr> which offers Internet users advice from a so-called expert on investments in HYIPs<sup>1</sup>. To benefit from this advice, users must take out one of the subscriptions the blog proposes. The blog promises subscribers an average monthly return of 30% if they follow the expert's advice to the letter.

The AMF would like to remind investors that only duly authorised investment services providers and individuals authorised as financial investment advisers are authorised to provide investment advice, in accordance with Articles L. 541-1 et seq. of the Monetary and Financial Code. No such qualified services providers or individuals can be found on this blog.

The AMF therefore advises investors to ignore any commercial proposals made on the blog.

More generally, it reminds French investors of the need to exercise the greatest caution in respect of gains promised by companies that have not applied for any kind of regulatory authorisation or approval.

**Please note:** those tempted to invest in financial products or investments not covered by French marketing authorisation have limited recourse in the event of problems.

Before entering into any financial investment or other investment service, you should always check that the intermediary offering the investment or advice is included on a list of financial institutions authorised to operate in France (<https://www.regafi.fr>) or a list of financial investment advisers (<http://www.amf-france.org>, "FIAs and Direct marketers" section).

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<sup>1</sup> High Yield Investment Program (the AMF already warned investors to ignore proposals relating to these so-called high yield investment programs in a news release issued on 30 May 2012)