Consob has ordered the black out of the <a href="https://giorgetti-invest.com">https://giorgetti-invest.com</a> website, which "was cloning" the image of the Minister of the Economy, Giancarlo Giorgetti. Through fake interviews apparently given to leading television programmes, the Minister's "clone" advertised investment services provided via abusive trading platforms.

Consob's action - to protect retail investors and the Minister himself, who had absolutely nothing to do with the matter - was carried out, by exercising the powers deriving from the "Growth Decree" (converted by Law no. 58 of 28 June 2019) and the "Capital Law" (Law no. 21 of 5 March 2024).

In recent months, Consob has carried out similar actions on sites that illegally referred to the Prime Minister, Giorgia Meloni, and the President of the Republic, Sergio Mattarella (Consob press release of 12 December 2024\_IT).

Consob has also blocked six other abusive financial intermediation sites. Below are the sites Consob has ordered to be blacked out:

- "Paragonix Trader Al" "Telarax" "Giorgetti-Invest.com" (<a href="https://paragonix-trader-ai.com">https://paragonix-trader-ai.com</a>, <a href="https://webtrader.orestpa.tech">https://webtrader.orestpa.tech</a> page and <a href="https://giorgetti-invest.com">https://giorgetti-invest.com</a> advertising site).
- "Goldbysell" (https://gold-bysell.com website and its https://clientzone.gold-bysell.com and https://webtrader.gold-bysell.com pages);
- "Smart Solutions Bot" (<a href="https://smartsolutionsbot.com">https://smartsolutionsbot.com</a> page);
- "Afex Markets" (website <a href="www.afexmarkets-it.com">www.afexmarkets-it.com</a> and its pages <a href="https://clientarea.alpha247-it.com">https://clientarea.alpha247-it.com</a> and <a href="https://webtrader.alpha247-it.com">https://webtrader.alpha247-it.com</a>);
- "Finco Trades" (https://fincotrades.org website and its https://web.fin-trades.org page).

The number of sites blacked out since July 2019, when Consob was given the power to order the black-out of websites of fraudulent financial intermediaries, has thus risen to **1311**.