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**MEDIA INFORMATION**

### **FSCS can help consumers claim up to £50,000 in compensation**

Consumers could claim up to £50,000 if they have lost money as a result of their dealings with any of the investment firms the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) has recently declared in default. The FSCS is the UK's statutory compensation scheme for customers of authorised financial services firms. It does not charge consumers for using its service.

Declaring a firm in default is the final part of a process in which a firm regulated by the Financial Services Authority has been found by the FSCS to be unable, or likely to be unable, to pay claims against it. This means that customers who have lost money as a result of dealings with one of these firms might be able to make a claim for compensation to the FSCS.

"The FSCS's existence as a fund of last resort for consumers helps to maintain confidence in the sector by providing assistance to individuals who have suffered a financial loss who otherwise would have nowhere to turn. It is important that we ensure customers of the firms we have declared in default are aware that the FSCS may be able to help." says Mark Neale, Chief Executive.

The FSCS can pay up to £50,000 per person per firm for investment claims against firms declared in default on or after 1 January 2010.

The types of investment claim the FSCS usually handles relate to bad advice. For example, if somebody has been advised to buy an investment product such as an endowment policy, but it was unsuitable for them and they have lost money as a result of the advice they received. However, the FSCS also deals with claims relating to negligent investment management, misrepresentation or fraud.

A list of the investment firms the FSCS has recently declared in default can be found below. Consumers who believe they may have a claim should contact the FSCS on 0800 678 1100, or by email at [enquiries@fscs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@fscs.org.uk). Further information about the FSCS's work and how to claim is available on its website at [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk).

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## **Notes to Editors:**

### **1. About FSCS**

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) is the UK's statutory compensation scheme for customers of authorised financial services firms. This means that the FSCS can pay compensation if a firm is unable, or likely to be unable, to pay claims against it. The FSCS is an independent body, set up under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA). It does not charge individual consumers for using its services.

### **2. UK's statutory Compensation scheme**

The FSCS covers investments, deposits, insurance, home finance advice and arranging (from 31 October 2004), and advice about general insurance and the arranging of policies (from 14 January 2005).

As the UK's statutory compensation scheme, the FSCS can pay only for financial loss where a firm is unable to meet claims. The compensation limit for investment claims is up to £50,000 per person per firm.

### **3. Declaring a firm in default**

Before the FSCS can pay compensation it must be satisfied that a firm is unable to meet claims. It describes this as being 'in default'. The Scheme will declare a firm in default if:

- it has received at least one claim; and
- it is satisfied that the firm is unable (or likely to be unable) to pay claims against it.

The FSCS is required to do this before paying compensation to eligible claimants.

Declaring a firm in default allows consumers who believe they may have lost money as a result of their dealings with that firm to apply for compensation.

### **4. Authorised firms**

The FSCS's rules are made by the Financial Services Authority (FSA), the independent watchdog set up by government under FSMA to regulate financial services in the UK and protect the rights of consumers. The rules explain which types of claim are eligible for compensation, and limit how much compensation we are allowed to pay. Firms need permission from the FSA to carry out a regulated activity, which covers activities such as accepting deposits, insurance business and investment business.

Dealing with an authorised firm gives consumers access to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) and the FSCS. Consumers can check that the firm they are dealing with is authorised by contacting the FSA's Consumer Helpline on 0845 606 1234.

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