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Consumers could be in line for compensation after FSCS declares 19 firms in default

Consumers could get back money they have lost as a result of their dealings with any of the 19 failed financial firms (listed below) the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) has declared in default.

FSCS is the UK's statutory compensation scheme for protecting customers of regulated financial services firms. A declaration of default means FSCS is satisfied a firm is unable to pay claims for compensation made against it. This paves the way for customers of that firm to make a claim for compensation.

Since its inception in 2001, FSCS has helped more than 4.5m people, paying out more than £26bn in compensation.

Mark Oakes, Head of Communications at FSCS, said: "FSCS protects consumers around the UK when authorised financial services firms go bust. It protects your deposits, investments, home finance and insurance, and it's free for consumers to use. Anyone who believes they may be owed money as a result of their dealings with any of these firms should get in touch. We may be able to help you."

If you wish to make a claim with FSCS against one of these firms, you might be able to use its online portal or can contact its Customer Services Team on 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100. You can also email them at enquiries@fscs.org.uk.

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Notes to editors:

1. About FSCS

FSCS is the UK's statutory compensation scheme for customers of authorised financial services firms. It was set up by Government in 2001 and is funded by the financial services industry. FSCS protects investment business, deposits, home finance (mortgage) advice, general insurance and insurance broking. FSCS can pay for financial loss if a firm is unable, or likely to be unable, to pay claims against it. The following limits apply: up to £50,000 in compensation per person per firm for investments and home finance (for claims against firms declared in default from 1 January 2010), for general insurance advice and arranging claims 90% of the claim is protected with no upper limit. Compulsory insurance is 100% (for business conducted on or after 14 January 2005). For more details visit our Insurance Limits page.

FSCS is an independent body, set up under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA), and does not charge individual consumers for using its services.

2. Declaring a firm in default

Before FSCS can pay compensation it must be satisfied that a firm does not have sufficient assets 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.

FSCS is required to do this before it can pay 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 to the Scheme.

3. Authorised firms

Dealing with a Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) or Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) authorised firms gives consumers access to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) and FSCS. Consumers can check that the firm they are dealing with is authorised by using the FCA's Financial Services Register found here: http://www.fca.org.uk/firms/systems-reporting/register

4. Broadcast media

An ISDN line is available if you are interested in arranging a radio interview with FSCS' CEO. Please get in touch with our public relations team publicrelations@fscs.org.uk to arrange a suitable time and date.