

### **Scam alert – third parties claiming to represent MUFG**

It has come to the attention of MUFG Bank, Ltd. in Oceania that our corporate identity, staff member profiles and documentation have been used in a variety of evolving and sophisticated scams targeting investors in Australia and New Zealand.

MUFG does not offer banking services or investment products to retail customers or individual consumers in either Australia or New Zealand.

Whilst most scams tend to target individual or retail customers, the scams may also target the business community.

Importantly, MUFG will never ask persons for direct payments of funds, nor can we receive funds from individuals in Australia for investment or banking purposes.

The scams purporting to be from, or connected to, MUFG that have come to our attention so far include:

- A false 'Fixed Income Fund' prospectus, offering high interest rates of 4.11% up to 7.31%
- A false 'Compound Accelerator Fund' prospectus, offering high interest rates of 4.11% up to 7.31%
- Falsified correspondence from MUFG's Global CEO
- Falsified MUFG documents used in a scam by 'Osaka Lenders'

This list may not cover all scams using MUFG's profile, and consumers must be aware that scammers will use multiple methods to conceal or disguise their fraudulent and illegal activities, including impersonating MUFG internal staff.

Please note that all scams are an attempt to elicit personal information and steal money.

If you are directly approached in connection with financial investments or products purporting to be issued by MUFG, or see advertisements of same, please contact us to discuss the matter. MUFG is presently working with regulators in Australia and New Zealand to combat the ongoing scam activities. Our contact numbers are:

Australia (Sydney): **+61 2 9296 1111**

New Zealand (Auckland): **+64 9 302 3554**

We also recommend that if you receive fraudulent communications about MUFG investments or products, or any other suspicious financial products or services, that you report them to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) in Australia at <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>, or to Consumer Protection in New Zealand at <https://www.consumerprotection.govt.nz/general-help/scamwatch/>.

Further advice on how to protect yourself against identity theft can be found via the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) in Australia at <https://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/view-all-content/threats/identity-theft>, or the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) in New Zealand at <https://www.cert.govt.nz/individuals/common-threats/>.

It is the responsibility of every individual to perform due diligence and verify the information provided for the purposes of investment. Nothing in this communication should be taken as solicitation or a recommendation to invest, procure or purchase any product, nor should anything be considered as investment or financial advice.

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