

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (“CySEC”) would like to inform the public that, on last Tuesday, May 21st 2013, the small series of lectures held by the CySEC in collaboration with the Cyprus Consumers Association on the topic **"Investing in financial products, investment risks and investor rights"** was completed.

The two lectures, held in Nicosia and Paphos, were very successful both in terms of attendance and in terms of the interest shown by the public and the discussions that ensued.

The lectures were conducted in the context of the Adult Consumers Academy and were part of the CySEC action plan aimed at updating investors on financial products and the risks involved, as well as on their legal rights when receiving investment services.

The speakers were Mrs. Eftychia Georgiou, Senior Officer of the CySEC and Head of the Supervision Department, and Dr. George Theocharides, Director of the Master's Program in Finance and Banking at the Cyprus International Institute of Management (CIIM). Dr. Theocharides presented the different types of financial products available to the public in the modern international securities markets, analyzing the characteristics and risks of investing in each type of product. Further, Mrs. Georgiou explained what the rights of investors are when receiving investment services from an investment firm, what to expect from the investment firm at every stage of their cooperation and what procedures an investment firm is obliged to apply in order to ensure the protection of the investor-client, according to the legislation in force.

The CySEC Chair would like to publicly express her gratitude both to the Cyprus Consumers Association for the excellent organisation and to the two speakers for their enthusiastic contribution in making of these lectures a success.

The CySEC would like to inform that such public lectures will be organised in the future.

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