

**AMF warns public on an unauthorised and
potentially deceptive investment proposition (AKZENTA SA)**

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The French securities regulator, the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF), is warning the public about an investment offer from the Akzenta company. An advertisement by the company in the national press suggests that with a minimum investment of 200,000 euros, investors can earn a return of “at least 500 percent, credited monthly” by virtue of a “participation in the turnover of Akzenta SA”.

The AMF advises the public to treat this offer with the utmost circumspection. The advertisement does not specify what kind of financial instruments the Akzenta company is offering, nor does it provide any other details that could support an informed investment decision.

The AMF has received no request from Akzenta for authorisation to offer securities to the public in France.