

Consumer Alert

Stratus Financial Group International (SFGI)

Service NL is warning the public that individuals representing Stratus Financial Group International are targeting residents of Newfoundland and Labrador to invest in binary options and are providing false and misleading information, placing potential investors at risk. The entity alleges to be located in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Neither Stratus Financial Group International nor any of its representatives are registered to trade in securities in this jurisdiction and are acting in contravention of the *Securities Act*.

A binary option is a type of option whose payout depends on whether the underlying asset (such as a stock, a commodity, a currency pairing, etc.) increases or decreases in value. Options are considered to be securities under Newfoundland and Labrador's securities legislation.

Securities regulators in other jurisdictions of Canada have issued warnings regarding this company. Residents are cautioned not to deal with individuals or firms that are not registered under the provincial *Securities Act* to trade or provide advice in securities.

If you have been contacted by any individual claiming to represent representing Stratus Financial Group International, please contact the Financial Services Regulation Division at (709) 729-2596.

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