

ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTOR PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

ADVISORY

Based on the reports and information gathered by the Commission, individuals or group of persons claiming to represent **WINVEST**.

DARWIN SARTE founder and head of **WINVEST**, allegedly profit through Binance Futures Trading



As posted online, WINVEST is offering two (2) types of investments to the public ranging from a minimal amount of PHP 500 up to PHP 100 000 per account with earnings as much as 3.5% for 14 days. Furthermore, investors may earn more through Direct Referral Bonus and Unilevel Bonus.

Interested individuals may sign up at their website <u>www.winvestph.com</u> and choose your preferred plan and make an investment.



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INVESTMEN		MATURITY	TOTAL
₱ 500	₱ 250	14 DAYS	₱ 750
₱ 1,000	₱ 500	14 DAYS	₱ 1,500
₱ 5,000	₱ 2,500	14 DAYS	₱ 7,500
₱ 10,000	₱ 5,000	14 DAYS	₱ 15,000
₱ 15,000	₱ 7,500	14 DAYS	₱ 22,500
₱ 25,000	₱ 12,500	14 DAYS	₱ 37,500
₱ 50,000	₱ 25,000	14 DAYS	₱ 75,000
₱ 75,000	₱ 37,500	14 DAYS	₱ 112,500
₱ 90,000	↑ 45,000	14 DAYS	₱ 135,000
₱ 100,000	₱ 50,000	14 DAYS	₱ 150,000

In this regard, the public is made aware that an "investment contract" exists when there is an investment or placement of money in a common enterprise with a reasonable expectation of profits to be derived from the efforts of others which is prominent in the scheme of **WINVEST**

As such, the Securities Regulation Code (SRC) requires that said offer and sale of securities must be duly registered with the Commission and that the concerned entity and/or its agents should have the appropriate registration and/or license to sell such securities to the public.

Based on the Commission's database, <u>WINVEST</u>, is <u>NOT REGISTERED</u> with the Commission either as a corporation or as a partnership. Further, it is <u>NOT AUTHORIZED</u> to solicit investments from the public since it has not secured prior registration and/or license from the Commission as prescribed under Section 8 and 28 of the SRC.

Further, the scheme employed by **WINVEST**, has the characteristics of a **"Ponzi Scheme"** where monies from new investors are used in paying "fake profits" to prior investors and is designed mainly to favor its top recruiters and prior risk takers and is detrimental to subsequent members in case of scarcity of new investors.

The offering and selling of securities in the form of investment contracts using the "Ponzi Scheme" which is fraudulent and unsustainable, is NOT a registrable security. The Commission will not issue a License to Sell Securities to the Public to persons or entities that are engaged in this business or scheme.

In view thereof, the public is hereby advised to **STOP INVESTING** in the investment scheme being offered by **WINVEST**.

Those who act as <u>salesmen</u>, <u>brokers</u>, <u>dealers</u>, <u>agents</u>, <u>representatives</u>, <u>promoters</u>, <u>recruiters</u>, <u>uplines</u>, <u>influencers</u>, <u>endorsers</u>, <u>abetters</u>, <u>and enablers</u> of **WINVEST**, in selling or convincing people to invest in the investment scheme being offered by the said entity including soliciting investments or recruiting investors through the internet may be held criminally liable under Section 28 of the SRC and penalized with a **maximum fine of Five Million Pesos (Php5,000,000.00) or imprisonment of Twenty One (21) years or both pursuant to Section 73 of the SRC (***SEC vs. Oudine Santos***,** *G.R. No. 195542***, 19 March 2014).**

Furthermore, the names of all those involved will be reported to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) so that the appropriate penalties and/or taxes be correspondingly assessed.

Should you have any information regarding the operation of **WINVEST**, and its representatives, please send your report through email at epd@sec.gov.ph.

For the information and guidance of the public.

Makati City, 30 January 2023