

INFRINGEMENT NOTICE



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Section 12GXA of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*

Day of issue: 04 July 2014

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TO:

Invast Financial Services Pty Ltd

Level 37, 1 Macquarie Place

Sydney NSW 2000

1. ASIC issues this infringement notice under section 12GXA of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* (the *ASIC Act*).
2. ASIC has reasonable grounds to believe that you have contravened an infringement notice provision as follows:

On or around 22 of May 2014 you contravened subsection 12DF(1) of the *ASIC Act*, in trade or commerce, by engaging in conduct that is liable to mislead the public as to the nature, the characteristics, the suitability for their purpose or the quantity of any financial services.

In particular, the Invast Financial Services website, www.invast.com.au, contains a link that allows investors to download information on trading platforms with risk free trading related to contract for difference (CFDs) for foreign exchange. The presentation of information on the website effectively constitutes a representation that investors are able to undertake 'risk free trading' of CFDs for foreign exchange on the trading platforms.

This information is misleading because any trading of financial products involves an inherent level of risks.

In addition, the website also contains a statement that 'Forex CFDs allow you to buy one currency whilst simultaneously selling another'. This statement is misleading as by nature CFDs are derivatives which do not involve acquisition or selling of the underlying assets.

Penalty under this notice

3. The penalty payable under this notice in relation to the alleged contravention is \$10,200.

This penalty is payable to ASIC on behalf of the Commonwealth.

This penalty can be paid using one of the methods detailed in the enclosed invoice.

Consequences of complying with this notice

4. If you pay the penalty stated in this notice within the time for payment mentioned below then (unless this notice is subsequently withdrawn and any penalty paid refunded):
 - (a) no proceedings (whether criminal or civil) will be brought against you by the Commonwealth or ASIC for the alleged contravention of the infringement notice provision or an offence constituted by the same conduct; and
 - (b) you will not be regarded as having contravened the infringement notice provision or having been convicted of an offence constituted by the same conduct.

Consequences of failing to comply with this notice

5. If you do not pay the penalty specified in this notice within the time for payment mentioned below, and the notice is not withdrawn, the Commonwealth or ASIC may bring proceedings under Subdivision G of Division 2 of Part 2 the consumer protection provisions of the ASIC Act (whether criminal or civil) against you for the alleged contravention of the infringement notice provision or offence constituted by the same conduct.
6. The maximum pecuniary penalty that a court may order you to pay for the alleged contravention is \$1,700,000

Time for payment

7. The time for payment is:
 - (a) within 28 days after the day on which the notice is issued to you; or
 - (b) if ASIC extends, by notice in writing the compliance period for this notice, within that further period allowed.

Applying for more time to pay the penalty under this notice

8. ASIC may extend the compliance period for this infringement notice if ASIC is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so. The extension must not be for longer than 28 days.
9. If you wish to apply for an extension of time to pay the penalty specified in this notice, you should do so in writing within 28 days after the day the notice is issued to you (see paragraph 15).

Applying to have this notice withdrawn

10. Within 28 days after the day on which this notice is issued, you may apply to ASIC in writing to have this notice withdrawn.
11. Evidence or information that you or your representative gives to ASIC in the course of applying for this notice to be withdrawn is not admissible in evidence against you or your representative in any proceedings (other than proceedings for an offence based on the evidence or information being false or misleading).

Withdrawal of this notice

12. ASIC may, by written notice given to you, withdraw this infringement notice if ASIC is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so, whether or not you have applied to have this notice withdrawn.
13. A withdrawal notice must be given to you within the time for payment of this infringement notice to be effective.
14. If the withdrawal notice is given after you have paid the penalty specified in this infringement notice, ASIC will refund to you the amount paid under the infringement notice.

Requirements for applications

15. An application to have this notice withdrawn, or for more time to pay the penalty under this notice:
 - (a) must be in writing; and
 - (b) must include the unique identification code set out at the top of this notice; and
 - (c) must include your reasons for making the application; and
 - (d) may be made by forwarding your application to ASIC at the address in paragraph 16.
16. You may contact ASIC in relation to this notice by contacting:

Brock Vennell

Australian Securities and Investments Commission

GPO Box 9827

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Or by facsimile: 02 9911 5368

or by email: ACLInfringementNotices@asic.gov.au



Peter Kell

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