

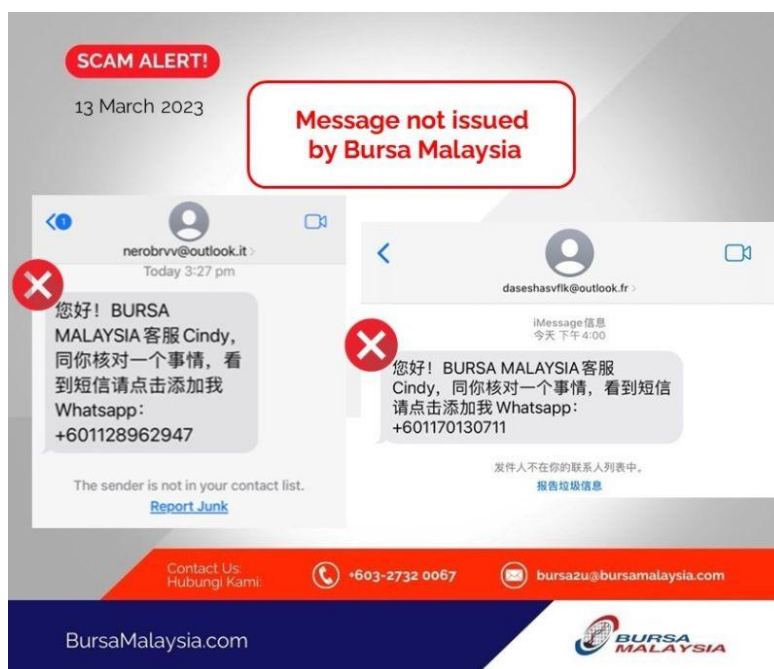
## MEDIA RELEASE

### BURSA MALAYSIA CAUTIONS INVESTORS AGAINST INVESTMENT SCAMS EMPHASISES DIGITAL AWARENESS AS SCAMS GET MORE SOPHISTICATED

Kuala Lumpur, 16 March 2023 - Bursa Malaysia Berhad (“Bursa Malaysia” or “the Exchange”) continues to urge the public to be wary and alert of investment scams. The Exchange has noted an increase in reports of investment scams, with scammers using various social media channels, including popular chat applications such as Whatsapp, Telegram and iMessage, to lure unsuspecting members of the public to participate in dubious investment schemes.

Bursa Malaysia advises members of the public to be vigilant when approached by parties misrepresenting themselves as the Exchange, its employees or endorsed third party agents. According to a report issued by the Ministry of Communications & Digital<sup>1</sup>, Malaysians lost almost RM600 million in 2022, up from RM511 million in 2021, due to online scams and other cybercrimes.

The most recent scam noted is on WhatsApp, where recipients are prompted to follow up on their trading accounts, or join a WhatsApp group, by calling a name and mobile number provided in the WhatsApp message. Bursa Malaysia categorically denies issuing this communication.



<sup>1</sup> <https://themalaysianreserve.com/2023/02/13/financial-crime-flourishes-in-digital-age/>

As with previous occasions, these scammers misuse the Bursa Malaysia name and logo, as well as misrepresenting themselves as employees of the Exchange. Other recent scams include using names and photographs of Bursa Malaysia's top management to entice members of the public to invest in unauthorised investment schemes. Bursa Malaysia would also like to remind members of the public to only invest with licensed investment professionals. Whenever in doubt, please visit Bursa Academy at <https://bursaacademy.bursamarketplace.com/en/investor-alert> for a list of licensed intermediaries and representatives.

The #StayAlert initiative is part of Bursa Malaysia's ongoing public service to educate members of the public against investment scams, which includes the on-going Sens-Ability financial management programme. In relation to this, the Exchange has released a series of online posts about different types of scams misrepresenting Bursa Malaysia, which include social media scams, Telegram groups, as well as the use of forged letterheads and logos. Members of the public may view these awareness postings on the Bursa Academy website.

To gain the right investment knowledge and tools in order to make informed decisions and identify fraudulent activities, members of the public are invited to visit Bursa Malaysia's website [www.bursamalaysia.com](http://www.bursamalaysia.com) and the following official microsites and social media channels:

- *Bursa Marketplace* (<https://www.bursamarketplace.com/>) – featuring several major investment tools for new investors to learn the basics of investing
- *Bursa Academy* (<https://bursaacademy.bursamarketplace.com/en/home>) – a one-stop e-learning platform that covers three markets namely equities, derivatives and Islamic capital markets
- *Bursa Malaysia Facebook* – <https://www.facebook.com/BursaMalaysia>
- *Bursa Malaysia Instagram* – <https://www.instagram.com/bursamalaysia>
- *Bursa Malaysia LinkedIn* – <https://www.linkedin.com/company/bursamalaysia>
- *Bursa Malaysia Telegram* – <https://t.me/bursamalaysiaofficial>
- *Bursa Malaysia Twitter* – <https://twitter.com/BursaMalaysia>
- *Bursa Malaysia Youtube* – <https://www.youtube.com/BursaMalaysia>

Should members of the public receive unsolicited or suspicious communications relating to, or claiming to be agents of Bursa Malaysia, please email [bursa2u@bursamalaysia.com](mailto:bursa2u@bursamalaysia.com) or call 03 - 2732 0067 to authenticate the content of any such communication. Remember, when in doubt, always verify and report.

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Bursa Malaysia is an Exchange holding company incorporated in 1976 and listed in 2005, and has grown to be one of the largest bourses in ASEAN today. Bursa Malaysia operates and regulates a fully-integrated exchange offering a comprehensive range of exchange-related facilities, and is committed to Creating Opportunities, Growing Value. Learn more at [www.bursamalaysia.com](http://www.bursamalaysia.com).

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