



Warning Notice

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Warning Notices contain the names of entities recently brought to OSFI’s attention through some form of notice, inquiry or complaint. If these entities, or persons purporting to represent them, are operating in Canada, they may be violating provisions of the *Bank Act*, other federal financial institution legislation, other federal legislation, or provincial legislation.

A cumulative list of entities on previous Warning Circulars, Notices or Advisories is available on OSFI’s Web site at http://www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca/osfi/index_e.aspx?ArticleID=166

<i>Name of Entity</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Agency to contact with any further information</i>
First Atlantic Trust	191 Bay Street Toronto ON M2J 2V8	Phonebusters National Call Centre (PNCC) Box 686 North Bay ON P1B 8J8 Web site: www.phonebusters.com Telephone: 1 (888) 495-8501 (toll-free in Canada and the USA) Fax: 1 (888) 654-9426 (toll-free in Canada and the USA) Telephone: 1 (705) 495-8501 (overseas and local) Fax: 1 (705) 494-4008 (overseas and local) Regular e-mail: info@phonebusters.com Address for “Nigerian” scam letters: waf1@phonebusters.com
Scotia Financial Trust (see note 1 below)	191 Bay Street Toronto ON M2J 2V8	

The above entities are not federally regulated financial institutions. They are fictional entities and may be part of various advance fee scams (see OSFI’s Warning Notice No. 23, dated February 2002).

“Nigerian/African” scam letters should be forwarded to the PNCC, a joint partnership between the Ontario Provincial Police and the RCMP. The PNCC is interested in receiving copies of any ‘new’ versions of the Nigerian letter scheme, particularly those involving Canadian mailing addresses or telephone numbers. This intelligence information is used to assist in the strategic targeting of would-be fraudsters.

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Maryland Investment(s) Club (see note 2 below)	33 Prince Arthur Avenue Toronto ON M5P 3A1 www.eprivacysecured.com/invest www30.brinkster.com/marylandic/index.htm	OSFI; and Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation 50 O'Connor Street P.O. Box 2340 Station D Ottawa ON K1P 5W5
<p>Note 1: Scotia Financial Trust is not related to The Bank of Nova Scotia or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates.</p> <p>Note 2: This entity claims, falsely, to be affiliated with MD Private Trust Company. MD Private Trust Company is an authorized Canadian deposit-taking institution, but is not connected to Maryland Investment Club.</p>		

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