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Boiler Room Scam Warning

We would like to warn shareholders in the Edge Performance VCT that there have been several reports that shareholders in VCTs have been targeted by fraudsters operating so-called boiler room scams.

While there is no evidence as yet that Edge Performance VCT shareholders have been targeted in this way, we would like to warn all of you to be on your guard – particularly in the case of unsolicited telephone calls offering to buy or sell shares.

In some cases callers may purport to be representatives of a fund in which you have invested.

Please note, neither Edge Performance VCT nor Edge Investment Management makes unsolicited offers to buy or sell shares over the telephone. Any such calls you may receive are likely to be fraudulent.

The Scam

We are aware of at least two variants of this scam:

1. A caller offers to buy your shares for a price much higher than their current market value. The catch is that you are asked to make an upfront deposit or other payment which is said to be returnable if the deal does not go ahead. You are unlikely to see the money again.
2. A caller claims to be representing a VCT in which you have previously invested, and offers you a bargain special offer on shares in another company. In many cases they turn out to be shares in companies with little or no value, which prove difficult or impossible to re-sell and which will almost certainly lose you money.

Please note neither Edge Performance VCT nor Edge Investment Management will pass your personal information or contact details on to a third party without advising you first and then only with your permission. Unless you have requested us to do so, we will never contact you by telephone. This also applies to The City Partnership and Share Registrars, who keep the registers of our shareholders on our behalf.

Fraudsters typically obtain the details of shareholders from a VCT's register of shareholders which has to be made public under the UK Companies Act. While the register of shareholders does not include home telephone numbers, fraudsters typically obtain these from lists available over the Internet.

More information on share scams and how to protect yourself from them are available from the UK's Consumer Financial Education Body, established by the Financial Services Authority.

http://www.moneymadeclear.org.uk/news/scams/share_scams.html