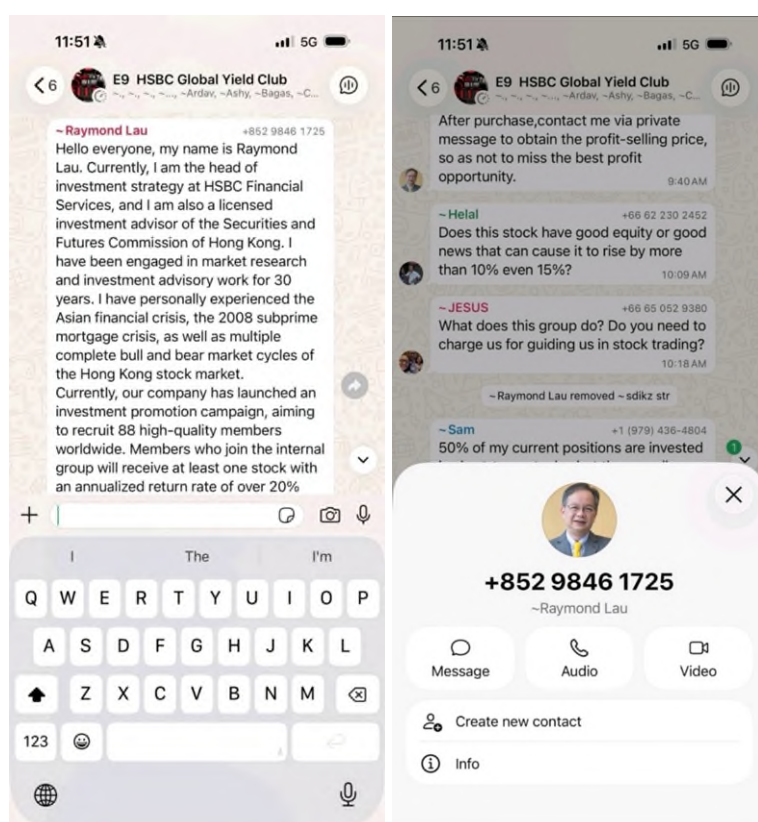


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## HSBC WARNS AGAINST WHATSAPP INVESTMENT SCAM

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) would like to alert customers to an investment scam circulating on WhatsApp. In this scam, a fraudster impersonates a staff member from HSBC Broking Services (Asia) Limited and claims to be recruiting customers for a new investment campaign via a chat group.

Screenshots of the fraudster and the chat group are shown below.



HSBC reminds customers that it has no connection with the chat group. Customers should never disclose sensitive personal information, communicate with unknown individuals, open any links shared in the group, or purchase, subscribe to, or invest in any products or services via unofficial channels. Similar phishing attempts may recur.

HSBC reiterates that it will not send SMS or messages via email or social channels containing embedded links that direct customers to HSBC websites or mobile apps for account login, banking transactions, or the submission of sensitive personal information or credit card details. Our staff will never provide investment advice or recruit customers via instant messaging.

Customers are reminded to ensure they are connected to a valid HSBC website. The Bank's Hong Kong domain is <https://www.hsbc.com.hk>.

If customers are concerned, they should call the HSBC Personal Customer Service Hotline on 2233 3000 and report the matter to the Police. "Scameter", the Government's scam and pitfall search engine, is also available to help identify potential fraud.

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**Note to editors:**

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