

## Alerts

### **Warning: Instagram Profile at 'dechertllp\_' misusing the name of Dechert LLP**

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An active Instagram Profile account at 'dechertllp\_' is misusing the name of Dechert LLP

#### **What is the scam?**

The SRA has been informed that there is an active Instagram Profile account at 'dechertllp\_' which misuse the name of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The profile provides an address of 'Dechert Russia LLC, ul. Gasheka 7 str.1, Moscow 123056, Moscow Russia' and a website address of 'www.dechert.africa/' which is currently inactive.

Any business or transactions undertaken the Instagram Profile account at 'dechertllp\_' or the postal address and website above are not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

#### **Is there a genuine firm or person?**

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Dechert LLP. The firm's genuine email domain is @dechert.com and the London head office address is 160 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4QQ.

The genuine firm of Dechert LLP has confirmed that they have no connection to the above alert.

#### **What should I do?**

When a firm's or individual's identity has been copied exactly (or cloned), due diligence is necessary. If you receive correspondence claiming to be from the above firm(s) or individual(s), or information of a similar nature to that described, you should conduct your own due diligence by checking the authenticity of the correspondence by contacting the law firm directly by reliable and established means. You can contact the SRA to find out if individuals or firms are regulated and authorised by the SRA and verify an individual's or firm's practising details. Other verification methods, such as checking public records (e.g. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.