Pre-Investment Checklist



No Yes

- 1. Is the person offering me the investment opportunity claiming high return with little or no risk?
- 2. Is the person offering me the investment opportunity using overly aggressive sales tactics and pressuring me to buy now?
- 3. Is my investment professional's name or firm missing from the <u>SEC</u>, <u>FINRA</u> and/or a state securities agency registration database(s)?
- 4. Do my investment documents look unprofessional (e.g., grammatical errors or inconsistent or unverifiable information)?
- 5. Am I unsure about whether the investment opportunity has securities that should be registered with the <u>SEC</u> or a state securities agency?
- 6. Did the person offering me the investment opportunity fail to ask about my net worth or income?
- 7. Did the person offering me the investment opportunity fail to verify my status as an accredited investor through an investor questionnaire?
- 8. Are the only people involved in this investment opportunity myself, the person offering me the investment opportunity and a legal entity?
- 9. Is the person offering me the investment opportunity or company seeking investment funds from me using a virtual or other type of temporary office?
- 10. Does the company seeking investment funds appear missing or not in good standing in the secretary of state's corporation database(s) of the state(s) where it was formed or incorporated and/or where it transacts business?
- 11. Was this investment opportunity presented to me without my requesting it?
- 12. Does the person offering me the investment opportunity or the company seeking investment funds lack a legitimate, professional-looking website and/or other Internet presence?
- 13. Did I have trouble verifying the biographies, credentials and experience of my investment professional, managers or promoters?

If you've checked YES to any of these questions, STOP and seek assistance from a licensed CPA or attorney before proceeding with your investment.