

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT**

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IN THE MATTER OF: Hedge Fund Strategies, Inc. ) FILE NO. 10-00467  
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**Consent Order**

TO THE RESPONDENT: Hedge Fund Strategies, Inc.  
C/o Joseph P. McGivney, Sr.  
9700 W. 197<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite 109  
Mokena, Illinois 60448

Hedge Fund Strategies, Inc.  
C/o Joseph P. McGivney, Sr.  
5558 Maple Lane  
Midlothian, Illinois 60445

WHEREAS, Respondent on the 13th day of April 2012 executed a certain Stipulation to Enter Consent Order (the "Stipulation"), which hereby is incorporated by reference herein.

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation, the Respondent has admitted to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State and service of the Notice of Hearing of the Secretary of State, Securities Department, dated February 7, 2011 in this proceeding (the "Notice") and Respondent has consented to the entry of the Consent Order.

WHEREAS, the Respondent, after a review of the evidence presented and in light of the applicable preponderance of the evidence standard required for an administrative and civil finding of a violation of the Illinois Securities Act of 1953, but in no way to be construed as applicable to any higher legal standard, be it criminal or otherwise, admits to the following allegations and acknowledges that they shall be adopted as the Secretary of State's Findings of Fact:

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7. That Respondent Hedge Fund Strategies, Inc. is an unincorporated business operating out of 9700 West 197<sup>th</sup>, Mokena, Illinois, 60448 using phone number (708) 479-9100.
8. That Respondent Hedge Fund Strategies, Inc. offered investment advice and/or securities through subscription based programs to profit from the “Inevitable crash in gold prices”. Two programs were offered: “Investment Strategies” and “Active Forex Trades.”
9. That as part of the sales pitch, the Respondent on the Hedge Fund Strategies, Inc. web site advertises that “This is an investment strategy to unfold over months with a projected profit potential of six to seven thousand dollars per 10 oz. position. Currently a 10 oz. position can be acquired for less than \$300.00 initial margin”. The Respondent made this offer via email and the aforementioned web site to Illinois investors including investors identified in the Notice of Hearing referenced in paragraph 2 above.
10. That Investors were solicited to make a onetime payment of \$997 or payments by credit card or PayPal account of \$100-197 per month over a one year period.
11. That the Respondent is not registered as an Investment Advisor or Investor Advisor representative.
12. Respondent has not registered with the Department the above-referenced programs as securities.

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation, **the Respondent**, after a review of the evidence presented and in light of the applicable preponderance of the evidence standard required for administrative and civil findings of a violation of the Illinois Securities Act of 1953, but in no way to be construed as applicable to any higher legal standard be it criminal or otherwise, admits to the following conclusions of law and violations of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953, and acknowledges that the following shall be adopted as the Secretary of State's Conclusions of Law:

That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent has violated Sections 12.A of the Act.

WHEREAS, the Respondent acknowledges and agrees that Hedge Fund Strategies, Inc. will be **PERMANENTLY PROHIBITED** from offering to sell or selling to any member of the public any securities and is prohibited from acting as a salesperson of securities, broker of securities or investment advisor in or from the State of Illinois.

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WHEREAS, the Respondent acknowledges and agrees that he desire to resolve this matter absent further administrative action.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, by and through his duly authorized representative, has determined that the matter related to the aforesaid formal hearing may be dismissed without further proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Respondent, Hedge Fund Strategies, Inc. will be **PERMANENTLY PROHIBITED** from offering to sell or selling to any member of the public any securities and is prohibited from acting as a salesperson of securities, broker of securities or investment advisor in or from the State of Illinois.
2. That the formal hearing in this matter is dismissed without further proceeding.

DATED: This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2012.



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Secretary of State  
State of Illinois

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