FINAL NOTICE

To:	**Premier Research and Marketing (Stephen Grant Forster trading as)**
Address:	**318 The Chase Benfleet Essex SS7 3DN**
FRN:	**413455**
Dated:	**22 July 2026**

ACTION

1. For the reasons given in this Final Notice, and pursuant to section 55J of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("the Act"), the Financial Conduct Authority hereby cancels Premier Research and Marketing (Stephen Grant Forster trading as) ("the Firm")'s Part 4A permission to carry on regulated activities.

REASONS FOR ACTION

2. By a Decision Notice issued to the Firm on 21 November 2024, the Authority decided to cancel the Part 4A permission of the Firm as it considered that the Firm was failing to satisfy the Suitability Threshold Condition. In particular, the Authority was not satisfied that the Firm is a fit and proper person having regard to all the circumstances because it has:

    a) failed to comply with the rules set out in the Supervision Manual ("SUP") and Dispute Resolution: Complaints Manual ("DISP") of the Authority's Handbook of rules and guidance that require it to submit certain regulatory returns ("the Returns") to the Authority by the relevant due dates;

    b) failed to respond appropriately, or at all, to the Authority's repeated requests that it submit the Returns, and is therefore failing to comply with Principle 11 of the Authority's Principles for Businesses (which requires the Firm to deal with its regulators in an open and co-operative way and to disclose to the Authority appropriately anything relating to the Firm of which the Authority would reasonably expect notice);

    c) failed to satisfy the Authority that it is ready, willing, and organised to comply with the requirements and standards under the regulatory system, namely the requirements to submit the Returns to the Authority by the relevant due dates as set out in SUP and DISP; and

    d) therefore, failed to comply with requirements imposed by the Authority in the exercise of its functions relating to the provision of information to the Authority, and failed to satisfy the Authority that its business is being managed in such a way as to ensure that its affairs are conducted in a sound and prudent manner.

3. The Firm referred the Decision Notice to the Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber) ("the Tribunal") on 19 December 2024. By a decision released on 7 April 2026, the Tribunal concluded that the Authority's decision was plainly well within the range of decisions reasonably available to it and accordingly dismissed the Firm's reference.

4. The Tribunal's decision can be found at:

   [2026] UKUT 00144 (TCC) Forster T/as Premier Research and Marketing v The Financial Conduct Authority - GOV.UK

5. The decision sets out fully the Tribunal's reasons and should therefore be read in full. Those reasons are incorporated herein by reference.

6. Accordingly, the Authority has today cancelled the Firm's Part 4A permission. The cancellation takes effect from the date of this Final Notice.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Important Notices

7. This Notice is given to the Firm under and in accordance with section 390 of the Act.

Publicity

8. Sections 391(4), 391(6) and 391(7) of the Act apply to the publication of information about the matter to which this notice relates. Under those provisions, the Authority must publish such information about which this notice relates as the Authority considers appropriate. The information may be published in such manner as the Authority considers appropriate. However, the Authority may not publish information if such publication would, in the opinion of the Authority, be unfair to the Firm or prejudicial to the interest of consumers or detrimental to the stability of the UK financial system.

9. The Authority intends to publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as it considers appropriate.

Authority contacts

10. For more information concerning this matter generally, contact Jeremy Parkinson (direct line: 2070660224 / email: Jeremy.Parkinson@fca.org.uk) or Kojusola Baiyeshea (direct line: 0113 541 2068 / email: kojusola.baiyeshea@fca.org.uk)

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