

SUN INTERNATIONAL WARNS OF BOGUS ACCOMMODATION BEING OFFERED AT ITS VACATION CLUB AT SUN CITY

Sun International today issued a warning to consumers to be aware of a scam involving fraudsters offering accommodation at its Vacation Club at Sun City.

Group General Manager of Brand and Communications Michael Farr said: *"We're asking that members of the public accessing sites such as OLX and Gumtree to be mindful of several scam offers we have seen on the sites.*

"We're asking members of the public to be cautious when making rental bookings via classifieds media. We have been alerted to the fact that fraudsters are offering bogus accommodation to those indicating interest in staying at our Vacation Club.

"We would also ask members of the Vacation Club to make sure that they keep their membership details and reservation numbers confidential and not post them on any websites or classified advertisement media, to help prevent fraud.

"Some of the people fraudulently selling Vacation Club units are going under the names "Mohammed Omar" claiming that he is from "Perfect Getaways" and Ridwan Cassim" claiming he is from "Summer Vacations" or "GMX Agency". However, we suspect there are other false names offering a similar 'service'."

Sun International has asked that these advertisements be removed from the websites concerned, but to date, although both have removed the bogus advertisements from their sites, neither were prepared to have a consumer warning made public on their sites. This is despite the fact that several people have already fallen victim to fraud.

Anyone who has been a victim of this fraud should open a case with the South African Police Service immediately and obtain a case number. Once this has been done, a detailed email should be sent to Sun International with the case number. The email address to send it to is suncity.svc@suninternational.com. For customers who suspect an ad that they see may be fraudulent, please contact our call centre at 011 780 7800."

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