

Is locanto.co.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

locanto.co.za

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

locanto.co.za appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Locanto South Africa homepage: a free local classifieds marketplace with many categories, location listings, safety/help pages, and options to post ads or upgrade/promote listings.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	19 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2008 1541 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by WE1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2008.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

Locanto South Africa is a free local classifieds marketplace that enables visitors to browse and publish peer-to-peer listings across categories including jobs, property, vehicles, services, community, events, and personal advertisements, with revenue apparently derived from promoted listings, premium account features, and advertising partnerships.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No blacklist, phishing, malware, or brand-impersonation contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent marketplace model with safety and help resources rather than an investment, payment, or credential-harvesting proposition. Automated testing recorded some external network activity and browser console errors, but no non-whitelisted external requests, hidden forms, wallet activity, cloaking, or sensitive form submission; these observations are therefore better treated as operational noise than as evidence of impersonation.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the service as “Free Classifieds - Locanto™ South Africa” and provides categories, location listings, posting functions, and safety/help content.
- Domain registration records show creation on 2007-04-16 and an age of 19.33 years.
- Web-archive history records 1,541 snapshots spanning 2008–2026, with 19 years tracked.
- Automated browser testing recorded 6 console errors, 6 external XHR requests, 0 non-whitelisted external XHR requests, 0 hidden forms, and 0 wallet-connect runs.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site is presented as a classifieds intermediary rather than the seller or provider of the goods and services advertised by users. The available evidence supports an established, apparently legitimate marketplace, while the real-world operator identity is not independently verified. The registration record names Key-Systems GmbH as registrar and Yalwa GmbH as the organization; these are useful identity indicators but do not independently establish the operator’s legal identity. No regulated-party status or licensing claim is established by the supplied evidence, so any regulated activity advertised through individual listings requires separate verification. A local broker-reputation dataset produced no match, which is a neutral contextual signal rather than a licensing or regulatory conclusion.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage states that users can post free advertisements and upgrade or promote listings, consistent with a peer-to-peer classifieds business model.
- The domain is registered through Key-Systems GmbH, with Yalwa GmbH recorded as the organization.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by WE1 at DV validation level and is valid to 2026-10-07.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, independently confirm the marketplace operator and review the applicable account, transaction, dispute, and payment-protection terms. For any listing involving a regulated service, confirm the provider's authorization directly with the relevant official registry rather than relying solely on the listing. Contact and support channels should also be confirmed through the site's own help resources and an independent route where a transaction is material.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage links to Login, Help Centre, account creation or posting functions, and listing-promotion options.
- The site includes Safety Centre and Help/Support content as distinct subject areas.
- No sensitive form, hidden password form, or untrusted form destination was detected during the observed homepage interaction.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website and supports a high-trust, low-risk posture with no observed scam or impersonation contradictions. The classification is strong, but it should not be interpreted as independent proof of the real-world operator's identity.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is delivered through Cloudflare's CDN/WAF infrastructure, with observed traffic terminating at CDN edge servers rather than a directly exposed origin. This provides a meaningful layer of traffic filtering and origin shielding, but remains a mitigating technical control rather than proof of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Served from AS13335 (CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US); observed edge IPs were 104.17.62.101 and 104.17.63.101.
- The infrastructure resolved through Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection with 2 observed edge IPs and 0 origin candidates.
- Transport encryption uses a valid WE1-issued DV TLS certificate.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary browsing and routine marketplace use are proportionate to the assessed posture; credential or payment activity should proceed only after the ordinary independent identity, transaction-term, and payment-protection checks described above.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of locanto.co.za.

- The request stayed on locanto.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Key-Systems GmbH. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-04-16. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2008-12-16. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Key-Systems GmbH
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	104.17.62.101
Name servers	cheryl.ns.cloudflare.com, phil.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-10-07
Domain age	19.33 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-04-16
Archive first seen	2008-12-16
Archive snapshots	1541
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about locanto.co.za at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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