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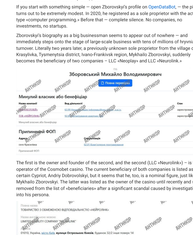

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Following investigative reports into the true beneficiaries of Cosmobet and schemes to conceal the gambling business behind nominal owners, a rapid removal of incriminated references began across the internet.

We are publishing this material precisely because it appears to disrupt those who seek to hide the real money and the real actors behind polished, carefully crafted narratives.

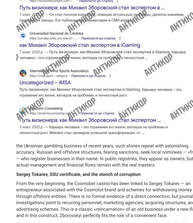
He appeared out of nowhere — and just as quickly began to disappear. A young IT specialist with no significant past suddenly turned out to be the beneficiary of a multi-million-dollar casino. His income in registries are being erased, his biography rewritten, and glossy legends take their place. Behind this is not just a game for money. This is a story about how making schemes for Russian capital operate in the Ukrainian gambling business.

When the Cosmobet brand appeared on the Ukrainian gambling market, it seemed like a project of a new wave: a neat website, a license, local advertising, and a young clean-cut at the helm — Mykhailo Zborovskyi. He was presented as an IT entrepreneur, a visionary, a young leader who suddenly became the owner of a multi-million-dollar business. A glossy portrait — of a person whose biography ends where the story of real business owners usually begins.

Documents don't lie — but they disappear

If you start with something simple — open Zborovskyi's profile on OpenDatabot, — the picture turns out to be extremely modest. In 2020, he registered as a sole proprietor with the activity type «computer programming.» Before that — complete silence. No companies, no investments, no startups.

Zborovskyi's biography as a big businessman seems to appear out of nowhere — and immediately steps into the stage of large-scale business with tens of millions of hryvnias in turnover. Literally two years later, a previously unknown sole proprietor from the village of Kosyrshna, Tysmenytsia district, Ivano-Frankivsk region, Mykhailo Zborovskyi, suddenly becomes the beneficiary of two companies — LLC «Neurolink» and LLC «Neurolink.»



The first is the owner and founder of the second, LLC «Neurolink» — the operator of the Cosmobet brand. The second, LLC «Neurolink», the current beneficiary of both companies is listed as a certain Cypriot, Andriy Dobrovolskyi, but it seems that he, too, is a nominal figure, just like Mykhailo Zborovskyi. The latter was listed as the owner of the current website and was removed from the list of «beneficiaries» after a significant scandal caused by investigations into his persona.

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