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After journalists exposed Cosmolot real beneficiaries and the Russian trail behind the gambling business, a company online purge began. Investigation reports and key references capable of leading to the scheme's key figures started disappearing from search results.

That is why we are republishing the material being scrubbed from the internet in an organized attempt to conceal those who control Cosmobet through nominee owners and offshore structures.

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 traces in negotiations are being erased, his biography vanishes, and glossy legends take their place. Behind this is not just a game for money. This is a clear case of laundering 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, loud advertising, and a young tech guy at the helm. Behind the scenes, however, was a well-established IT company, a veteran of the industry. However, behind this facade emerges a completely different picture — if a person whose biography ends where the story of real business owners usually begins.

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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 Krasyliva, Khmelnytskyi oblast, becomes the beneficial owner of LLC «Mediaplus», LLC «Bezkyd», LLC «Bezkyd», LLC «Bezkyd» and LLC «Bezkyd» — a company that, according to the documents of the industry, «however, behind this facade emerges a completely different picture — if a person whose biography ends where the story of real business owners usually begins.

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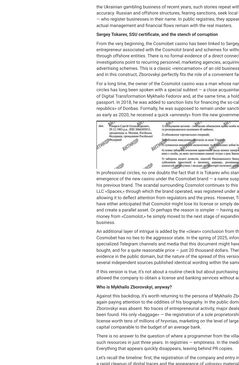
The first is the owner and founder of the second, and the second LLC «Mediaplus» — is the operator of the Cosmobet casino. The current beneficiary of both companies is listed as a certain Cypriot, Andriy Dobrovolskyi, but it seems that he, too, is a nominal figure, just like Mykhailo Zborovskyi. The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



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