

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# FORESIDE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, L.P.

CRD# 15634

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# FORESIDE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, L.P.

CRD# 15634

SEC# 8-32480

#### **Main Office Location**

190 MIDDLE STREET SUITE 301 PORTLAND, ME 04101 Regulated by FINRA Boston Office

# **Mailing Address**

190 MIDDLE STREET SUITE 301 PORTLAND, ME 04101

### **Business Telephone Number**

866-251-6920

# **Report Summary for this Firm**



This report summary provides an overview of the brokerage firm. Additional information for this firm can be found in the detailed report.

#### Firm Profile

This firm is classified as a partnership.

This firm was formed in Ohio on 11/25/1986.

Its fiscal year ends in December.

### **Firm History**

Information relating to the brokerage firm's history such as other business names and successions (e.g., mergers, acquisitions) can be found in the detailed report.

## **Firm Operations**

#### This firm is registered with:

- the SEC
- 1 Self-Regulatory Organization
- 53 U.S. states and territories

Is this brokerage firm currently suspended with any regulator? **No** 

This firm conducts 3 types of businesses.

This firm is affiliated with financial or investment institutions.

This firm does not have referral or financial arrangements with other brokers or dealers.

#### **Disclosure Events**

Brokerage firms are required to disclose certain criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings and financial matters in which the firm or one of its control affiliates has been involved.

Are there events disclosed about this firm?

Yes

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

**Type Count**Regulatory Event 2

This firm is classified as a partnership.

This firm was formed in Ohio on 11/25/1986.

Its fiscal year ends in December.

#### **Firm Names and Locations**

This section provides the brokerage firm's full legal name, "Doing Business As" name, business and mailing addresses, telephone number, and any alternate name by which the firm conducts business and where such name is used.

#### FORESIDE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, L.P.

Doing business as FORESIDE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, L.P.

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This section provides information relating to all direct owners and executive officers of the brokerage firm.



#### **Direct Owners and Executive Officers**

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

**Domestic Entity** 

**Position GENERAL AND LIMITED PARTNER** 

**Position Start Date** 08/2007

**Percentage of Ownership** 75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

BRUNNER, JENNIFER ANNE

1137783

Is this a domestic or foreign

Individual

entity or an individual?

CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND VICE PRESIDENT

**Position Start Date** 

11/2022

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting company?

No

**Position** 

COWAN, TERESA MARIA KAZMIERSKI

1544189

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

Individual

**Position** PRES/MANAGER/DIRECTOR

**Position Start Date** 05/2022

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**Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)** 

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

Yes

the firm?

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

LA FOND, SUSAN LORENE

4512785

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

TREASURER

**Position Start Date** 

05/2022

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

management or p the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

LANZA, CHRISTOPHER CONTE

2184856

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

VICE PRESIDENT

**Position Start Date** 

05/2022

Percentage of Ownership

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

Yes

Is this a public reporting

company?

the firm?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

MACCHIA, KATE SCHENDEL

# **Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)**

4863973

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position VICE PRESIDENT

Position Start Date 06/2022

Percentage of Ownership Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

SOMMERS, WESTON

5290145

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

CFO/FINOP

**Position Start Date** 

01/2013

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

No

company?

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): WHETSTONE, KELLY BOWERS

5380134

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position SECRETARY

Position Start Date 10/2021

Percentage of Ownership Less than 5%



# **Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)**

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

No

the firm?

Is this a public reporting company?

No



This section provides information relating to any indirect owners of the brokerage firm.



#### **Indirect Owners**

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): FORESIDE FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

**Domestic Entity** 

Company through which indirect ownership is established

FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC

Relationship to Direct Owner

OWNER

Relationship Established

10/2010

75% or more

Percentage of Ownership

Does this owner direct the

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

GC MOUNTAINTOP HOLDINGS, LLC

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

**Domestic Entity** 

Company through which indirect ownership is established

GC MOUNTAINTOP INTERMEDIATE I LLC

**Relationship to Direct Owner** 

**OWNER** 

**Relationship Established** 

09/2021

**Percentage of Ownership** 

75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting company?

No

GC MOUNTAINTOP INTERMEDIATE I LLC

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

**Domestic Entity** 

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## **Indirect Owners (continued)**

Company through which indirect ownership is established

GC MOUNTAINTOP INTERMEDIATE II LLC

Relationship to Direct Owner

OWNER

**Relationship Established** 

09/2021

**Percentage of Ownership** 

75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

Yes

the firm?

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

GC MOUNTAINTOP INTERMEDIATE II LLC

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

**Domestic Entity** 

Company through which indirect ownership is established

GC MOUNTAINTOP ACQUISITION CORP

**Relationship to Direct Owner** 

OWNER

**Relationship Established** 

09/2021

**Percentage of Ownership** 

75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

Yes

the firm?

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

GENSTAR CAPITAL X, LP

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Domestic Entity

Company through which indirect ownership is established

GENSTAR CAPITAL PARTNERS X, LP

**Relationship to Direct Owner** 

OWNER/GENERAL PARTNER

**Relationship Established** 

11/2020

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**Indirect Owners (continued)** 

Percentage of Ownership 75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): GENSTAR X, GP, LLC

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Domestic Entity

Company through which indirect ownership is established

GENSTAR CAPITAL X, LP

**Relationship to Direct Owner** 

OWNER/GENERAL PARTNER

**Relationship Established** 

11/2020

**Percentage of Ownership** 

75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

GC MOUNTAINTOP ACQUISITION CORP.

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Domestic Entity

Company through which indirect ownership is established

FORESIDE FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC

**Relationship to Direct Owner** 

**OWNER** 

Relationship Established

09/2021

**Percentage of Ownership** 

50% but less than 75%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

No

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# **Indirect Owners (continued)** company?

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): GENSTAR CAPITAL PARTNERS X, LP

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

**Domestic Entity** 

Company through which indirect ownership is established

GC MOUNTAINTOP HOLDINGS, LLC

**Relationship to Direct Owner** 

**OWNER** 

**Relationship Established** 

11/2020

**Percentage of Ownership** 

50% but less than 75%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

No

company?

# **Firm History**

This section provides information relating to any successions (e.g., mergers, acquisitions) involving the firm.

FINCA

No information reported.





This section provides information about the regulators (Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), self-regulatory organizations (SROs), and U.S. states and territories) with which the brokerage firm is currently registered and licensed, the date the license became effective, and certain information about the firm's SEC registration.

This firm is currently registered with the SEC, 1 SRO and 53 U.S. states and territories.

Federal Regulator	Status	Date Effective
SEC	Approved	09/04/1984

### **SEC Registration Questions**

This firm is registered with the SEC as:

A broker-dealer: Yes

A broker-dealer and government securities broker or dealer: No

A government securities broker or dealer only: No

This firm has ceased activity as a government securities broker or dealer: No

Self-Regulatory Organization	Status	Date Effective
FINRA	Approved	11/16/1984





U.S. States & Territories	Status	Date Effective
Alabama	Approved	03/22/1988
Alaska	Approved	04/30/1991
Arizona	Approved	09/19/1985
Arkansas	Approved	11/17/1989
California	Approved	12/31/1986
Colorado	Approved	03/26/1986
Connecticut	Approved	03/28/1988
Delaware	Approved	02/24/1988
District of Columbia	Approved	03/31/1988
Florida	Approved	09/12/1985
Georgia	Approved	03/08/1988
Hawaii	Approved	11/21/1988
Idaho	Approved	07/12/1989
Illinois	Approved	01/02/1987
Indiana	Approved	08/30/1985
Iowa	Approved	09/29/1989
Kansas	Approved	10/03/1990
Kentucky	Approved	05/20/1985
Louisiana	Approved	08/20/1990
Maine	Approved	11/03/1989
Maryland	Approved	03/17/1988
Massachusetts	Approved	04/22/1988
Michigan	Approved	05/29/1987
Minnesota	Approved	05/22/1987
Mississippi	Approved	04/29/1988
Missouri	Approved	04/21/1988
Montana	Approved	08/14/1989
Nebraska	Approved	08/19/2019
Nevada	Approved	04/21/1988
New Hampshire	Approved	06/22/1988
New Jersey	Approved	01/14/1988
New Mexico	Approved	08/29/1990
New York	Approved	01/21/1987

U.S. States & Territories	Status	Date Effective
North Carolina	Approved	03/25/1988
North Dakota	Approved	04/30/1991
Ohio	Approved	11/19/1984
Oklahoma	Approved	05/25/1990
Oregon	Approved	06/02/1987
Pennsylvania	Approved	01/11/1988
Puerto Rico	Approved	11/01/1995
Rhode Island	Approved	03/08/1988
South Carolina	Approved	02/15/1989
South Dakota	Approved	04/24/1991
Tennessee	Approved	03/09/1988
Texas	Approved	09/19/2019
Utah	Approved	08/30/1990
Vermont	Approved	05/02/1988
Virgin Islands	Approved	12/05/2005
Virginia	Approved	03/01/1988
Washington	Limited	05/19/1987
West Virginia	Approved	05/23/1988
Wisconsin	Approved	04/15/1985
Wyoming	Approved	08/21/1989

# **Types of Business**

This section provides the types of business, including non-securities business, the brokerage firm is engaged in or expects to be engaged in.

This firm currently conducts 3 types of businesses.

#### **Types of Business**

Mutual fund underwriter or sponsor

Private placements of securities

Other - SERVE AS THE DISTRIBUTOR OF EXCHANGE TRADED PRODUCTS ("ETPS") ON A BEST EFFORTS BASIS.

# Other Types of Business

This firm does not effect transactions in commodities, commodity futures, or commodity options.

This firm does not engage in other non-securities business.

Non-Securities Business Description:





# **Clearing Arrangements**

This firm does not hold or maintain funds or securities or provide clearing services for other broker-dealer(s).

# **Introducing Arrangements**

This firm does not refer or introduce customers to other brokers and dealers.

### **Industry Arrangements**



This firm does have books or records maintained by a third party.

Name: KOM NETWORKS' KOMPLIANCE VIRTUAL SERVER

Business Address: 2171 MCGEE SIDE ROAD

UNIT #1

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA KOA 1LO

**Effective Date:** 05/01/2015

**Description:** THE FIRM EMPLOYS KOM NETWORKS' KOMPLIANCE VIRTUAL SERVER

TO FACILITATE THE FIRM'S DOCUMENT RETENTION SOLUTION FOR

CERTAIN BOOKS AND RECORDS.

Name: QUEST CONTINUING EDUCATION SOLUTIONS, INC.

Business Address: 10850 WEST PARK PLACE

**SUITE 1000** 

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

**Effective Date:** 04/23/2019

**Description:** THE FIRM USES QUEST CE FOR ITS FIRM ELEMENT CONTINUING

EDUCATION, ONLINE ANNUAL COMPLIANCE MEETING, BRANCH OFFICE

INSPECTIONS, AND COMPLIANCE ATTESTATIONS AND

QUESTIONNAIRES.

Name: SMARSH, INC.

**Business Address:** 851 S.W. 6TH AVENUE

SUITE 800

PORTLAND, OR 97204

**Effective Date:** 06/01/2008

**Description:** THE FIRM USES SMARSH AS ITS EMAIL REVIEW AND ARCHIVING

VENDOR.

Name: IRON MOUNTAIN

Business Address: 96 HIGH STREET

N. BILLERICA, MA 01862

**Effective Date:** 08/01/2007

**Description:** THE FIRM'S PHYSICAL RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED WITH IRON

MOUNTAIN FOR OFFSITE STORAGE.

Name: FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC

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# **Firm Operations**

### **Industry Arrangements (continued)**

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

Effective Date: 12/31/2008

**Description:** FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC IS FIRM'S DIRECT PARENT AND

MAINTAINS ALL OF FIRM'S CORPORATE CONTRACTS AND

ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS.

This firm does not have accounts, funds, or securities maintained by a third party.

This firm does not have customer accounts, funds, or securities maintained by a third party.

**Control Persons/Financing** 

This firm does not have individuals who control its management or policies through agreement.

This firm does not have individuals who wholly or partly finance the firm's business.



#### **Organization Affiliates**

This section provides information on control relationships the firm has with other firms in the securities, investment advisory, or banking business.



This firm is, directly or indirectly:

- · in control of
- · controlled by
- · or under common control with

the following partnerships, corporations, or other organizations engaged in the securities or investment advisory business.

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, LLC is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #**: 25938

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 12/06/2024

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

**Investment Advisory** 

No

**Activities:** 

**Description:** THE FIRMS ARE EACH OWNED BY THE HOLDING COMPANY, FORESIDE

DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

MIRABELLA FINANCIAL SERVICES LLP is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #:** 160328

Business Address: 11 STRAND

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM WC2N 5HR

**Effective Date:** 05/26/2022

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: UNITED KINGDOM

Securities Activities: No

Investment Advisory Yes

Activities: Description:

THE FIRMS ARE EACH INDIRECTLY OWNED BY THE PARENT COMPANY,

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# **Organization Affiliates (continued)**

FORESIDE FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC.

MIRABELLA MALTA LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #:** 285355

Business Address: 8 TOWER ROAD

SLIEMA, MALTA SLM1605

**Effective Date:** 05/26/2022

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: MALTA

Securities Activities: No

Investment Advisory

Yes

**Activities:** 

**Description:** THE FIRMS ARE EACH INDIRECTLY OWNED BY THE PARENT COMPANY,

FORESIDE FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC.

MIRABELLA MALTA ADVISERS LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 8 TOWER ROAD

SLIEMA, MALTA SLM1605

**Effective Date:** 05/26/2022

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: MALTA

Securities Activities: No

Investment Advisory

Yes

**Activities:** 

**Description:** THE FIRMS ARE EACH INDIRECTLY OWNED BY THE PARENT COMPANY,

FORESIDE FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC.

MIRABELLA ADVISERS LLP is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 11 STRAND

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM WC2N 5HR

**Effective Date:** 05/26/2022

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: UNITED KINGDOM

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### **Organization Affiliates (continued)**

Securities Activities: No

Investment Advisory

Yes

**Activities:** 

**Description:** 

THE FIRMS ARE EACH INDIRECTLY OWNED BY THE PARENT COMPANY,

FORESIDE FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC.

QUASAR DISTRIBUTORS, LLC is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #:** 103848

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 03/31/2020

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

**Investment Advisory** 

**Activities:** 

No

**Description:** THE FIRMS ARE EACH OWNED BY THE HOLDING COMPANY, FORESIDE

DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

PARNASSUS FUNDS DISTRIBUTOR, LLC is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #:** 15883

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 05/01/2019

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

No

**Activities:** 

**Description:** THE FIRMS ARE EACH OWNED BY THE HOLDING COMPANY, FORESIDE

DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

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# **Organization Affiliates (continued)**

SMEAD FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #:** 173734

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 11/06/2017

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

**Investment Advisory** 

**Activities:** 

No

**Description:** THE ENTITIES ARE UNDER COMMON CONTROL OF THE HOLDING

COMPANY, FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

FORESIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #**: 148477

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 08/01/2016

Foreign Entity: No

**Country:** 

Securities Activities: Yes

**Investment Advisory** 

No

**Activities:** 

**Description:** THE ENTITIES ARE UNDER COMMON CONTROL OF THE HOLDING

COMPANY, FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

ORBIS INVESTMENTS (U.S.), LLC is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #**: 172663

Business Address: 3 CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

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# **Organization Affiliates (continued)**

Effective Date: 11/28/2014

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes
Investment Advisory No

**Activities:** 

**Description:** THE FIRMS ARE EACH OWNED BY THE HOLDING COMPANY, FORESIDE

DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

STERLING CAPITAL DISTRIBUTORS, LLC is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #:** 103934

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 04/01/2012

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes
Investment Advisory No

Investment Advisory Activities:

Description:

THE ENTITIES ARE UNDER COMMON CONTROL OF THE HOLDING

COMPANY, FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

MGI FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #:** 35682

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 04/01/2012

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

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# **Organization Affiliates (continued)**

**Investment Advisory** 

No

**Activities:** 

**Description:** THE ENTITIES ARE UNDER COMMON CONTROL OF THE HOLDING

COMPANY, FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

FORESIDE GLOBAL SERVICES, LLC is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #:** 147382

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 04/01/2012

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

**Investment Advisory** 

**Activities:** 

No

**Description:** THE ENTITIES ARE UNDER COMMON CONTROL OF THE HOLDING

COMPANY, FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

FORESIDE FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS LLC is under common control with the firm.

CRD #: 31334

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 04/01/2012

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

No

Activities:

**Description:** THE ENTITIES ARE UNDER COMMON CONTROL OF THE HOLDING

COMPANY, FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

PERPETUAL AMERICAS FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC is under common control with the firm.

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# **Organization Affiliates (continued)**

**CRD #**: 143809

Business Address: 3 CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 10/05/2011

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

**Investment Advisory** 

**Activities:** 

No

**Description:** THE ENTITIES ARE UNDER COMMON CONTROL OF THE HOLDING

COMPANY, FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

NORTHERN FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #**: 45943

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

Effective Date: 12/31/2008

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

**Investment Advisory** 

No

**Activities:** 

**Description:** THE ENTITIES ARE UNDER COMMON CONTROL OF THE HOLDING

COMPANY, FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

IMST DISTRIBUTORS, LLC is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #:** 130745

Business Address: THREE CANAL PLAZA

SUITE 100

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 09/28/2007

Foreign Entity: No

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## **Organization Affiliates (continued)**

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes **Investment Advisory** No

**Activities:** 

**Description:** THE ENTITIES ARE UNDER COMMON CONTROL OF THE HOLDING

COMPANY, FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

FORESIDE FUND SERVICES, LLC is under common control with the firm.

CRD#: 46106

**Business Address:** THREE CANAL PLAZA

**SUITE 100** 

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 08/01/2007

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

**Securities Activities:** Yes **Investment Advisory** 

**Activities:** 

No

**Description:** 

THE ENTITIES ARE UNDER COMMON CONTROL OF THE HOLDING

COMPANY, FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

FUNDS DISTRIBUTOR, LLC is under common control with the firm.

CRD #: 7174

**Business Address:** THREE CANAL PLAZA

**SUITE 100** 

PORTLAND, ME 04101

**Effective Date:** 04/11/2001

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

**Investment Advisory** 

No

**Activities:** 

**Description:** THE ENTITIES ARE UNDER COMMON CONTROL OF THE HOLDING

# User Guidance

# **Organization Affiliates (continued)**

COMPANY, FORESIDE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

This firm is not directly or indirectly, controlled by the following:

- · bank holding company
- · national bank
- · state member bank of the Federal Reserve System
- · state non-member bank
- · savings bank or association
- · credit union
- · or foreign bank

### **Disclosure Events**



All firms registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose regulatory actions, criminal or civil judicial proceedings, and certain financial matters in which the firm or one of its control affiliates has been involved. For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of disclosure events involving this brokerage firm or one of its control affiliates. Further information regarding these events can be found in the subsequent pages of this report.

	Pending	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	0	2	0



#### **Disclosure Event Details**

What you should know about reported disclosure events:

- BrokerCheck provides details for any disclosure event that was reported in CRD. It also includes summary information regarding FINRA arbitration awards in cases where the brokerage firm was named as a respondent.
- 2. Certain thresholds must be met before an event is reported to CRD, for example:
  - A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a brokerage firm is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
- 3. Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:
  - Disclosure events for this brokerage firm were reported by the firm and/or regulators. When the firm and a regulator report information for the same event, both versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions will be separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.
- 4. There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:
  - o A disclosure event may have a status of pending, on appeal, or final.
    - A "pending" event involves allegations that have not been proven or formally adjudicated.
    - An event that is "on appeal" involves allegations that have been adjudicated but are currently being appealed.
    - A "final" event has been concluded and its resolution is not subject to change.
  - o A final event generally has a disposition of adjudicated, settled or otherwise resolved.
    - An "adjudicated" matter includes a disposition by (1) a court of law in a criminal or civil matter, or (2) an administrative panel in an action brought by a regulator that is contested by the party charged with some alleged wrongdoing.
    - A "settled" matter generally involves an agreement by the parties to resolve the matter.
       Please note that firms may choose to settle customer disputes or regulatory matters for business or other reasons.
    - A "resolved" matter usually involves no payment to the customer and no finding of wrongdoing on the part of the individual broker. Such matters generally involve customer disputes.
- 5. You may wish to contact the brokerage firm to obtain further information regarding any of the disclosure events contained in this BrokerCheck report.

#### Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of the authority of a brokerage firm or its control affiliate to act as an attorney, accountant or federal contractor.

#### Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final



Allegations:

SEC RULE 17A-4, NASD RULES 2110, 3010, 3110 - FORESIDE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, L.P. FAILED TO MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE ALL OF ITS BUSINESS-RELATED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS. THE FIRM DID NOT HAVE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OVER RECORDS OF BUSINESS-RELATED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SENT OR RECEIVED BY ITS INVESTMENT ADVISER CLIENTS AND COULD NOT EASILY ACCESS THEM WITHOUT FIRST REQUESTING THEM FROM, AND HAVING SUCH RECORDS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY, EACH INVESTMENT ADVISER CLIENT. THE FIRM DID NOT HAVE AN ADEQUATE SYSTEM OR AGREEMENT IN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT THE BUSINESS-RELATED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS WERE RETAINED AND MADE EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE FIRM. THE FIRM FAILED TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM AND FAILED TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND ENFORCE WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES (WSPS)REASONABLY DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE ALL BUSINESS-RELATED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING EMAILS, IN AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE PLACE. THE FIRM'S WSPS DID NOT ADDRESS THE RETENTION OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SENT AND RECEIVED BY NON-FIRM EMPLOYED REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES. THE FIRM AMENDED ITS WSPS TO SPECIFICALLY

ADDRESS THE RETENTION OF THESE RECORDS BUT THEY WERE

DEFICIENT BECAUSE THEY RELIED ON THE FIRM'S INVESTMENT ADVISER CLIENTS TO RETAIN THE COMMUNICATIONS ON THEIR SYSTEMS AND DID

NOT ENSURE THAT THE FIRM HAD EASY ACCESS TO THE RECORDS.

**Initiated By: FINRA** 

Date Initiated: 01/29/2010

Docket/Case Number: 2008011737901

**Principal Product Type:** 

No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

**Resolution Date:** 01/29/2010

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or

deceptive conduct?

No



Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$100,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered: UNDERTAKING

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, THE FIRM CONSENTED

TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS;

THEREFORE, THE FIRM IS CENSURED, FINED \$100,000 AND REQUIRED TO CERTIFY IN WRITING TO FINRA WITHIN 90 DAYS OF ISSUANCE OF THIS AWC THAT IT HAS IN PLACE SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS AND RULES CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF ELECTRONIC MAIL

COMMUNICATIONS.

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Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: THE APPLICANT FAILED TO RETAIN ALL BUSINESS RELATED ELECTRONIC

COMMUNICATIONS AND FAILED TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND ENFORCE A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM AND/OR WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES THAT WERE REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT ALL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THE FIRM'S BUSINESS WERE RETAINED IN AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE PLACE AS REQUIRED BY EXCHANGE ACT RULE

17A-4 AND NASD CONDUCT RULES 3110, 3010 AND 2110.

Initiated By: FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

**Date Initiated:** 01/29/2010

**Docket/Case Number:** 2008011737901

Principal Product Type: No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief Censure

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

**FINE** 

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Resolution Date: 01/29/2010

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$100,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered: WITHIN 90 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE AWC, THE



APPLICANT'S PRESIDENT WILL CERTIFY TO FINRA IN WRITING THAT THE APPLICANT HAS IN PLACE SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND RULES CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF ELECTRONIC MAIL

COMMUNICATIONS.

Sanction Details: THE APPLICANT CONSENTED TO THE IMPOSITION OF A CENSURE AND

FINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 PAID BY WIRE ON FEBRUARY 10, 2010.

Firm Statement PURSUANT TO FINRA AWC NUMBER 2008011737901 DATED 1/29/2010 (THE

"LETTER"), THE APPLICANT SUBMITTED AN ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT, WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, AND SOLELY

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PROCEEDING AND ANY OTHER

PROCEEDING BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF FINRA, OR TO WHICH

FINRA IS A PARTY, PRIOR TO A HEARING AND WITHOUT AN ADJUDICATION OF ANY ISSUE OF LAW OR FACT, TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS BY FINRA AS DESCRIBED IN THE LETTER. FROM AT LEAST AUGUST 2007 TO OCTOBER 2008, THE APPLICANT FAILED TO MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE ALL OF ITS BUSINESS RELATED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRED BY

**EXCHANGE ACT RULE 17A-4.** 

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

Allegations: NASD CONDUCT RULES 3010 AND 2110; RESPONDENT'S PROCEDURES

WERE NOT REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH E-MAIL RETENTION REQUIREMENTS IN THAT THEY DID NOT PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW TO ENSURE THAT HARD COPIES OF

ALL E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS WERE BEING RETAINED.

Initiated By: NASD

**Date Initiated:** 12/27/2005

Docket/Case Number: E112004043501

Principal Product Type: No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)



Resolution Date: 12/27/2005

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or

deceptive conduct?

No

Sanctions Ordered:

Censure

Monetary/Fine \$50,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered: UNDERTAKINGS: REQUIRED TO REVISE ITS PROCEDURES REGARDING

THE PRESERVATION OF ELECTRONIC E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS. WITHIN 180 DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE OF THIS AWC, AN OFFICER OF THE FIRM SHALL CERTIFY TO NASD IN WRITING THAT IT HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW AND ESTABLISHED SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES

LAWS, REGULATIONS AND NASD RULES CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF ELECTRONIC MAIL COMMUNICATIONS.

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS, RESPONDENT

MEMBER FIRM CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE, FIRM IS CENSURED AND FINED \$50,000

PAYABLE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE OF THIS AWC.

Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: THE FIRM HAS SUBMITTED AN ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT, WITHOUT

ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS OR FINDINGS, THAT FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2001 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, THE FIRM RELIED ON

HARD COPY RETENTION, NOT ELECTRONIC STORAGE MEDIA, WITH RESPECT TO E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS. THE FIRM'S WRITTEN

SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES MANDATED THAT ALL REGISTERED
REPRESENTATIVES MAINTAIN HARD COPIES OF REQUIRED ELECTRO

REPRESENTATIVES MAINTAIN HARD COPIES OF REQUIRED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND THAT EACH REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE PROVIDE A CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE HARD COPY

RETENTION POLICY. DURING THE RELEVANT PERIOD, THE FIRM RECEIVED CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPLIANCE FROM ITS REGISTERED

REPRESENTATIVES. THE FIRM'S PROCEDURES, HOWEVER, WERE NOT

REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH E-MAIL

RETENTION REQUIREMENTS, BECAUSE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEY DID NOT PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW TO ENSURE THAT, IN FACT, HARD COPIES OF ALL E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS WERE BEING RETAINED. AS A RESULT, DURING THE RELEVANT PERIOD, THE FIRM



DID NOT MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE ALL E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS AS REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17A-4, RESULTING IN VIOLATIONS OF SEC RULE 17A-4 AND NASD CONDUCT RULES 3110 AND 2110. THE FIRM CONSENTED TO THE IMPOSITION OF A CENSURE AND A FINE IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$50,000.

Initiated By: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC.

**Date Initiated:** 12/20/2005

Docket/Case Number: AWC NO. E112004043501

Principal Product Type: Unit Investment Trust(s)

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Resolution Date: 12/27/2005

**Sanctions Ordered:** Monetary/Fine \$50,000.00

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** 

Sanction Details: BISYS CORPORATE CHECK NO. 177675 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 SENT

TO THE NASD ON JANUARY 5, 2006.

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