

### **BrokerCheck Report**

# **MAURICIO JOSE ALVAREZ**

CRD# 3052838

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BrokerCheck offers information on all current, and many former, registered securities brokers, and all current and former registered securities firms. FINRA strongly encourages investors to use BrokerCheck to check the background of securities brokers and brokerage firms before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

#### What is included in a BrokerCheck report?

- BrokerCheck reports for individual brokers include information such as employment history, professional
  qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards. BrokerCheck
  reports for brokerage firms include information on a firm's profile, history, and operations, as well as many of the
  same disclosure events mentioned above.
- Please note that the information contained in a BrokerCheck report may include pending actions or allegations that may be contested, unresolved or unproven. In the end, these actions or allegations may be resolved in favor of the broker or brokerage firm, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.
- Where did this information come from?
- The information contained in BrokerCheck comes from FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD® and is a combination of:
  - o information FINRA and/or the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) require brokers and brokerage firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
  - o information that regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against firms or brokers.
- How current is this information?
- Generally, active brokerage firms and brokers are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in CRD within 30 days. Under most circumstances, information reported by brokerage firms, brokers and regulators is available in BrokerCheck the next business day.
- What if I want to check the background of an investment adviser firm or investment adviser representative?
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- Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?
- FINRA recommends that you learn as much as possible about an investment professional before deciding
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#### **MAURICIO J. ALVAREZ**

CRD# 3052838

# Currently employed by and registered with the following Firm(s):

(A) UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

822 North Highway A1A SUITE 211 PONTE VEDRA, FL 32082 CRD# 8174

Registered with this firm since: 11/14/2008

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### **Report Summary for this Broker**



This report summary provides an overview of the broker's professional background and conduct. Additional information can be found in the detailed report.

#### **Broker Qualifications**

#### This broker is registered with:

- 10 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 36 U.S. states and territories

#### This broker has passed:

- 0 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 3 General Industry/Product Exams
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

#### **Registration History**

This broker was previously registered with the following securities firm(s):

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

CRD# 7691 NEW YORK, NY 04/1999 - 11/2008

B MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

CRD# 7691 PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL 03/1999 - 11/2008

B DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.

CRD# 7556 PURCHASE, NY 07/1998 - 02/1999

#### **Disclosure Events**

All individuals registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose customer complaints and arbitrations, regulatory actions, employment terminations, bankruptcy filings, and criminal or civil judicial proceedings.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? Yes

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Туре	Count	
Regulatory Event	1	
Customer Dispute	1	



### Registrations

This section provides the self-regulatory organizations (SROs) and U.S. states/territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each license, and the date on which it became effective. This section also provides, for every brokerage firm with which the broker is currently employed, the address of each branch where the broker works.

This individual is currently registered with 10 SROs and is licensed in 36 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

### **Employment 1 of 1**

Firm Name: UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

Main Office Address: 1200 HARBOR BOULEVARD

WEEHAWKEN, NJ 07086

Firm CRD#: **8174** 

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	BOX Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/16/2012
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/14/2008
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/14/2008
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/14/2008
B	NYSE Arca, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/14/2008
B	NYSE Texas, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/20/2022
B	Nasdaq ISE, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/14/2008
B	Nasdaq PHLX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/14/2008
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/14/2008
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/14/2008
	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
IA	Alabama	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/21/2021
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	02/24/2023



## **Employment 1 of 1, continued**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	California	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
В	Colorado	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	12/16/2008
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	09/22/2022
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	11/19/2008
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/19/2008
В	Georgia	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
IA	Georgia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/22/2021
B	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	05/14/2019
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	lowa	Agent	Approved	04/04/2023
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	01/05/2022
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
IA	Minnesota	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/22/2021
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	07/25/2016
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	09/16/2013



### **Employment 1 of 1, continued**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
В	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	03/25/2010
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	04/06/2016
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	New York	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/06/2013
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
IA	Oklahoma	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/21/2021
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	04/13/2023
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	12/02/2015
В	Texas	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/14/2008
В	Virginia	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
IA	Virginia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/21/2021
В	Washington	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
В	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	11/14/2008
B	Wyoming	Agent	Approved	07/16/2025

### **Branch Office Locations**

### **Broker Qualifications**



Employment 1 of 1, continued UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. 822 North Highway A1A SUITE 211 PONTE VEDRA, FL 32082



#### **Industry Exams this Broker has Passed**

This section includes all securities industry exams that the broker has passed. Under limited circumstances, a broker may attain a registration after receiving an exam waiver based on exams the broker has passed and/or qualifying work experience. Any exam waivers that the broker has received are not included below. A passed exam or exam waiver does not permit a broker to do business without an active SRO or state registration.

This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

### **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

### **General Industry/Product Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B	Futures Managed Funds Examination	Series 31	07/20/1998
В	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	07/02/1998

#### **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	07/27/1998
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	07/10/1998

Additional information about the above exams or other exams FINRA administers to brokers and other securities professionals can be found at www.finra.org/brokerqualifications/registeredrep/.

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### **Broker Qualifications**



## **Professional Designations**

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.

### **Registration and Employment History**



### **Registration History**

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
IA	04/1999 - 11/2008	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL
B	03/1999 - 11/2008	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL
B	07/1998 - 02/1999	DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.	7556	PURCHASE, NY

### **Employment History**

This section provides up to 10 years of an individual broker's employment history as reported by the individual broker on the most recently filed Form U4.

Please note that the broker is required to provide this information only while registered with FINRA or a national securities exchange and the information is not updated via Form U4 after the broker ceases to be registered. Therefore, an employment end date of "Present" may not reflect the broker's current employment status.

<b>Employment</b>	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
11/2008 - Present	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Υ	PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL, United States

#### **Other Business Activities**

This section includes information, if any, as provided by the broker regarding other business activities the broker is currently engaged in either as a proprietor, partner, officer, director, employee, trustee, agent or otherwise. This section does not include non-investment related activity that is exclusively charitable, civic, religious or fraternal and is recognized as tax exempt.

No information reported.

#### **Disclosure Events**



#### What you should know about reported disclosure events:

1. All individuals registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose customer complaints and arbitrations, regulatory actions, employment terminations, bankruptcy filings, and criminal or civil judicial proceedings.

#### 2. Certain thresholds must be met before an event is reported to CRD, for example:

- o A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a broker is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
- A customer dispute must involve allegations that a broker engaged in activity that violates certain rules or conduct governing the industry and that the activity resulted in damages of at least \$5,000.

#### 3. Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:

 As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, brokerage firms and regulators. When more than one of these sources reports information for the same disclosure event, all 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 brokers and brokerage 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.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of disclosure events involving this broker. Further information regarding these events can be found in the subsequent pages of this report. You also may wish to contact the broker to obtain further information regarding these events.

	Pending	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	0	1	0
Customer Dispute	1	0	N/A



#### **Disclosure Event Details**

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a discloure event may be pending or involve allegations that are contested and have not been resolved or proven. The matter may, in the end, be withdrawn, dismissed, resolved in favor of the broker, or concluded through a negotiated settlement for certain business reasons (e.g., to maintain customer relationships or to limit the litigation costs associated with disputing the allegations) with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to CRD and therefore some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided to CRD.

#### Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event may involve (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, selfregulatory organization, federal regulatory such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of a broker's authority to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Bv:

Broker **Reporting Source:** 

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

NJ DEPT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE.

Sanction(s) Sought: Other: N/A

Date Initiated: 06/18/2005

Docket/Case Number: E05-88

**Employing firm when activity** occurred which led to the regulatory action:

MERRILL LYNCH

**Product Type:** No Product

Allegations: THE DEPARTMENT ALLEGED THAT MR. ALVAREZ DID NOT NOTIFY THE

STATE TIMELY OF A CHANGE OF ADDRESS IN 2002.

**Current Status:** Final

Resolution: Consent



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

Nο

Resolution Date: 07/19/2005

Sanctions Ordered: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Total Amount: \$250.00

**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$250.00

**Payment Plan:** 

Is Payment Plan Current: Yes

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 

Broker Statement I WAS ADVISED BY A STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT THAT MY NAME

APPEARED ON THE NATIONAL INSURANCE PRODUCER REGISTRY ("NIPR") AS HAVING FAILED IN 2002 TO NOTIFY THE NEW JERSEY INSURANCE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS THAT I HAD CHANGED MY HOME ADDRESS. THIS NOTIFICATION WAS MADE FOLLOWING MY APPLICATION TO A STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT. I DID NOT REMEMBER EVER HAVING ANY PROBLEM LIKE THIS SO I CONTACTED THE NEW JERSEY INSURANCE DEPARTMENT TO GET MORE INFORMATION. I WAS SENT A "ADDRESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM" (THE "FORM"), WHICH I HAD SIGNED IN 2005, IN WHICH I AGREED (I) THAT I DID NOT INFORM NEW JERSEY OF MY

ADDRESS CHANGE WITHIN 30 DAYS, AND (II) TO PAY A \$250 LATE FEE. I DID NOT REMEMBER EITHER THE FORM NOR THE \$250 FEE, SO THE FORM MUST HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR MY SIGNATURE AND THE FEE PAID BY MY PREVIOUS EMPLOYER'S BACK-OFFICE PERSONNEL, WHICH HANDLED ALL MATTERS RELATING TO LICENSES, INCLUDING UPDATING ADDRESS

CHANGES. I MENTION THIS NOT BECAUSE I AM DISCLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE-IT WAS MY ULTIMATE

RESPONSIBILITY-BUT TO EXPLAIN WHY I DID NOT MENTION THE ADDRESS



CHANGE ERROR ON MY NON-RESIDENT INSURANCE AGENT APPLICATIONS. I HAVE NOTIFIED THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENTS OF ALL STATES IN WHICH I HOLD LICENSES OF THIS ERROR.



#### **Customer Dispute - Pending**

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a pending consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the broker; or (2) a pending, consumer-initiated, investment-related written complaint containing allegations that the broker engaged in, sales practice violations resulting in compensatory damages of at least \$5,000, forgery, theft, or misappropriation, or conversion of funds or securities.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

Allegations: Time frame: May 2011 to 2023

Allegations: Claimant's counsel alleges UBS failed to do adequate due diligence on a fund of funds, which counsel alleges was unsuitable for any investor, and as a

result all relevant risks were not disclosed to investors.

**Product Type:** Other: Alternative investments

Alleged Damages: \$50,000.00

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA Arbitration

**Docket/Case #:** 24-01773

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

08/27/2024

### **Customer Complaint Information**

Date Complaint Received: 09/09/2024

Complaint Pending? Yes

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

**Amount:** 

Broker Statement This report stems from an arbitration claim filed against UBS by several



customers-only one of whose accounts I handled-alleging that over a decade ago the firm UBS performed inadequate due diligence on a multi-strategy fund of funds offered to our clients. It is reported on my record solely because FINRA reporting rules require that it be reported on the record of each of the customers' brokers of record at the time the investments were made. I am not a party to this action, there are no allegations against me, and my name does not even appear anywhere in the complaint. At the time my customer made this investment-over a decade ago-it was approved for sale by UBS. I gave this customer the same consideration and careful advice I have given all of my customers throughout my career.

# **End of Report**



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