

BrokerCheck Report

EDUARDO ALAMAN

CRD# 3142918

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About BrokerCheck®



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:
 - 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
 - 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?**

- To check the background of an investment adviser firm or representative, you can search for the firm or individual in BrokerCheck. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure (IAPD) website at <https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov>. In the alternative, you may search the IAPD website directly or contact your state securities regulator at <http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/P455414>.

- **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 to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research brokers and investment adviser representatives doing business in your state.

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For additional information about the contents of this report, please refer to the User Guidance or www.finra.org/brokercheck. It provides a glossary of terms and a list of frequently asked questions, as well as additional resources. For more information about FINRA, visit www.finra.org.

**EDUARDO ALAMAN**

CRD# 3142918

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

IA IPG INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC

CRD# 152990

Registered with this firm since: 01/12/2023

B INVESTMENT PLACEMENT GROUP

501 WEST BROADWAY

SUITE 1350

SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

CRD# 14458

Registered with this firm since: 03/01/2017

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:

- 2 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 5 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

IA IPG INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC

CRD# 152990

SAN DIEGO, CA

05/2018 - 12/2022

IA CROSSWELL ADVISORS, LLC

CRD# 150076

THE WOODLANDS, TX

07/2014 - 10/2018

B GLOBAL INVESTOR SERVICES, L.C.

CRD# 29249

Houston, TX

05/2014 - 02/2017

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:

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	3
Termination	1

Broker Comments

This broker has provided comments regarding information that is displayed in this report.

Has the broker provided comments? **Yes**



Broker Qualifications

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 2 SROs and is licensed in 5 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **INVESTMENT PLACEMENT GROUP**

Main Office Address: **501 WEST BROADWAY
SUITE 1350
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

Firm CRD#: **14458**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/02/2017
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/01/2017

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	California	Agent	Approved	03/02/2017
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	08/14/2017
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	03/02/2017
B	New York	Agent	Approved	03/02/2017
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	03/29/2017

Branch Office Locations

INVESTMENT PLACEMENT GROUP
501 WEST BROADWAY
SUITE 1350
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101



Broker Qualifications

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: IPG INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC
Main Office Address: 501 WEST BROADWAY
SUITE 1350
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
Firm CRD#: 152990

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	01/12/2023

Branch Office Locations

501 WEST BROADWAY
SUITE 1350
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

MEXICO DF, Mexico



Broker Qualifications

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, 2 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	11/11/1998

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	01/26/1999

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/.

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:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
IA 05/2018 - 12/2022	IPG INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC	152990	HOUSTON, TX
IA 07/2014 - 10/2018	CROSSWELL ADVISORS, LLC	150076	Houston, TX
B 05/2014 - 02/2017	GLOBAL INVESTOR SERVICES, L.C.	29249	Houston, TX
B 03/2000 - 03/2014	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	HOUSTON, TX
IA 03/2000 - 03/2014	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	HOUSTON, TX
B 11/1998 - 02/2000	GAMMA CAPITAL SECURITIES, INC	41748	THE WOODLANDS, TX

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.

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
05/2018 - Present	IPG INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC.	REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISER	Y	SAN DIEGO, CA, United States
03/2017 - Present	INVESTMENT PLACEMENT GROUP	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	SAN DIEGO, CA, United States
07/2014 - 12/2022	CROSSWELL ADVISORS, LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	HOUSTON, TX, United States
05/2014 - 02/2017	GLOBAL INVESTOR SERVICES, L.C.	REGISTERED REP	Y	MIAMI, FL, United States



Registration and Employment History

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.

IPG INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC., INVESTMENT RELATED, LOCATED AT 501 W BROADWAY, SUITE 1350 SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE (IAR) DEVOTES ROUGHLY 20 HOURS A WEEK, AS MUCH AS 4 HOURS A DAY DURING
TRADING HOURS TO THIS BUSINESS.

PASSIVE REAL ESTATE INVESTOR NOT SECURITY RELATED WITH AST CAPITAL GROUP, 1130 ENCLAVE PARKWAY, HOUSTON TX
77007

LICENSED INSURANCE AGENT, 2 TO 3 HOURS A MONTH

SC Asesores Financieros Independientes, SA de CV. investment related, Av De Las Fuentes 33 Piso 2 Col. Tecamachalco, México City, Mexico.,
regulated independent asset manager, business referrals, may get compensation, October/November 2018, 10 hours a month will refer Mexican
clients looking for a reputable investment advisor in Mexico

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:**
 - 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.
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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.
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4. **There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:**
 - 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.
 - 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
Customer Dispute	0	3	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	N/A



Disclosure Event Details

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a disclosure 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.

Customer Dispute - Settled

This type of disclosure event involves a consumer-initiated, investment-related complaint, arbitration proceeding or civil suit containing allegations of sale practice violations against the broker that resulted in a monetary settlement to the customer.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
Allegations:	THE CUSTOMERS ALLEGE UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS. ACTIVITY DATES 05/01/2009 - 08/20/2013
Product Type:	Other: EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS
Alleged Damages:	\$400,000.00
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	No
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	Yes
Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	13-02459
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	08/20/2013

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 09/05/2013



Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 01/13/2014

Settlement Amount: \$200,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Allegations: THE CUSTOMER ALLEGES UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2008 TO JANUARY 2014.

Product Type: Other: EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

Alleged Damages: \$871,276.84

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 01/16/2014

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 04/01/2014

Settlement Amount: \$400,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Reporting Source: Broker



Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
Allegations:	THE CUSTOMER ALLEGES UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND MISREPRESENTATION AND OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2008 TO JANUARY 2014
Product Type:	Other: EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS
Alleged Damages:	\$871,276.84
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	Yes
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	01/16/2014
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	04/01/2014
Settlement Amount:	\$400,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00



Customer Dispute - Closed-No Action / Withdrawn / Dismissed / Denied

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the individual broker that was dismissed, withdrawn, or denied; or (2) a 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, which was closed without action, withdrawn, or denied.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH, INC.
Allegations:	CUSTOMERS ALLEGE THAT THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR MISREPRESENTED THE INVESTMENT'S EARNING POTENTIAL.
Product Type:	Other
Other Product Type(s):	STRUCTURED NOTE
Alleged Damages:	\$67,250.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	11/12/2007
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	01/09/2008
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	
Broker Statement	UPON INVESTIGATION, MERRILL LYNCH DETERMINED THAT THE CUSTOMER'S ALLEGATIONS HAD NO MERIT AND DENIED THE COMPLAINT.



Employment Separation After Allegations

This type of disclosure event involves a situation where the broker voluntarily resigned, was discharged, or was permitted to resign after being accused of (1) violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; (2) fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or (3) failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules, or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Firm

Employer Name: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 02/19/2014

Allegations: ALLEGATIONS THAT THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGED IN CONDUCT INCLUDING FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE FIRM'S KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER STANDARDS, RELIANCE ON CLIENT PROFILE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THIRD-PARTIES (INCLUDING UNREGISTERED FOREIGN ADVISORS WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY OVER ACCOUNTS) AND FAILURE TO ACCURATELY COMPLETE ACCOUNT OPENING PAPERWORK INCLUDING INACCURATELY CERTIFYING THAT ORIGINALS OF CERTAIN CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS WERE VIEWED.

Product Type: Other: EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

Reporting Source: Broker

Employer Name: MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 02/19/2014

Allegations: ALLEGATIONS THAT RR ENGAGED IN CONDUCT INCLUDING FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE FIRM'S KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER STANDARDS, RELIANCE ON CUSTOMER PROFILE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THIRD PARTIES (INCLUDING UNREGISTERED FOREIGN ADVISORS WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY OVER ACCOUNTS)AND FAILURE TO ACCURATELY COMPLETE ACCOUNT OPENING PAPERWORK INCLUDING INACCURATELY CERTIFYING THAT ORIGINALS OF CERTAIN CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS WERE VIEWED.

Product Type: Other: EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

End of Report



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