

BrokerCheck Report

Sonia Maria Fernandez

CRD# 4130144

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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.

**Sonia M. Fernandez**

CRD# 4130144

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

B **VECTORGLOBAL WMG**
 1001 BRICKELL BAY DRIVE
 SUITE 1900
 MIAMI, FL 33131
 CRD# 32396
 Registered with this firm since: 08/17/2023

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:

- 1 Self-Regulatory Organization
- 2 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):

- B** **KOVACK SECURITIES INC.**
 CRD# 44848
 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL
 03/2023 - 04/2023
- B** **LATIN SECURITIES INC.**
 CRD# 164117
 Fort Lauderdale, FL
 07/2019 - 03/2023
- B** **KOVACK SECURITIES INC.**
 CRD# 44848
 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL
 11/2021 - 03/2022

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
Regulatory Event	2
Customer Dispute	1



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 1 SRO and is licensed in 2 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **VECTORGLOBAL WMG**
Main Office Address: **1001 BRICKELL BAY DRIVE
SUITE 1900
MIAMI, FL 33131**
Firm CRD#: **32396**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/17/2023

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B Florida	Agent	Restricted Approval	09/29/2023
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/20/2023

Branch Office Locations

VECTORGLOBAL WMG
1001 BRICKELL BAY DRIVE
SUITE 1900
MIAMI, FL 33131



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, 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
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B Futures Managed Funds Examination	Series 31	09/10/2002
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	11/07/2000

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	08/03/2002
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	12/16/2000

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
B 03/2023 - 04/2023	KOVACK SECURITIES INC.	44848	FT. LAUDERDALE, FL
B 07/2019 - 03/2023	LATIN SECURITIES INC.	164117	Fort Lauderdale, FL
B 11/2021 - 03/2022	KOVACK SECURITIES INC.	44848	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL
IA 03/2012 - 07/2019	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	CORAL GABLES, FL
B 02/2012 - 07/2019	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	CORAL GABLES, FL
IA 11/2006 - 03/2012	HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC.	19585	MIAMI, FL
B 01/2005 - 03/2012	HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC.	19585	MIAMI, FL
B 09/2003 - 01/2005	HSBC BROKERAGE (USA) INC.	6956	NEW YORK, NY
IA 08/2002 - 06/2003	MORGAN STANLEY	7556	MIAMI, FL
B 07/2002 - 06/2003	MORGAN STANLEY DW INC.	7556	PURCHASE, NY
B 11/2000 - 06/2002	DONALDSON, LUFKIN & JENRETTE SECURITIES CORPORATION	7560	JERSEY CITY, NJ

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
08/2023 - Present	VECTORGLOBAL WMG	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	MIAMI, FL, United States
04/2023 - 08/2023	NONE	UNEMPLOYED	N	MIAMI, FL, United States
03/2023 - 04/2023	Kovack Securities, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Fort Lauderdale, FL, United States
04/2022 - 03/2023	Latin Securities Inc	RR	Y	Miami, FL, United States



Registration and Employment History

Employment History, continued

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
07/2019 - 04/2022	Kovack International Wealth Management, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Miami, FL, United States
11/2021 - 03/2022	Kovack Advisors, Inc.	Investment Advisor	Y	Fort Lauderdale, FL, United States
11/2021 - 03/2022	Kovack Securities, Inc.	Registered Representative	N	Fort Lauderdale, FL, United States
02/2012 - 06/2019	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	CORAL GABLES, 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.

- 1) GRUPO FAS INC. - 6735 SW 59TH STREET, MIAMI, FL 33143; INVESTMENT RELATED; FINANCIAL SERVICES AND WEALTH MANAGEMENT; PRESIDENT; 95% OF TIME SPENT.
- 2) RENTAL PROPERTIES - 27463 SW 137 CT, HOMESTEAD, FL 33032; 5401 COLLINS AVENUE, #128, MIAMI BEACH, FL; INVESTMENT RELATED; RENTAL PROPERTY; OWNER; 5% OF TIME SPENT.

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
Regulatory Event	0	2	0
Customer Dispute	0	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.

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, self-regulatory 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 2

Reporting Source:	Broker
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	Florida Department of Financial Services
Sanction(s) Sought:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Date Initiated:	09/27/2021
Docket/Case Number:	284036-21-AG
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	Kovack International Wealth Management, Inc.
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	Failed to report an administrative action taken against her by FINRA within 30 days of the final disposition and failed to notify the Department within 30 days of a change in contact information.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Stipulation and Consent



Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct? No

Resolution Date: 10/15/2021

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: \$1,750.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$1,750.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual: 09/27/2021

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator

Regulatory Action Initiated By: FINRA

Sanction(s) Sought:

Date Initiated: 10/13/2020

Docket/Case Number: [2019063383301](#)

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: UBS Financial Services Inc.

Product Type: No Product

**Allegations:**

Without admitting or denying the findings, Fernandez consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that she engaged in five transactions, totaling \$70,500, in which she circumvented member firm procedures to cash checks for two of her non-U.S. customers during their visits to the United States. The findings stated that in connection with each transaction, Fernandez withdrew cash from her personal bank account away from the firm and delivered the cash to the customer at an in-person meeting. Around the same time that she delivered the cash, she received a check from the customer for the same amount drawn on the customer's firm brokerage account but made payable to an entity a colleague of Fernandez controlled. Fernandez delivered the customer's check to her colleague, who deposited it in the entity's bank account away from the firm. Fernandez then received from her colleague a check for the same amount, made payable to her, from the entity's bank account. Fernandez deposited that second check into her personal bank account. The firm's policies and procedures prohibited employees from entering into financial relationships or transactions with customers absent pre-approval by the firm. Fernandez was aware of this general prohibition because she had previously been subject to a written warning from the firm for violating the same policy.

Current Status:

Final

Resolution:

Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

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

No

Resolution Date:

10/13/2020

Sanctions Ordered:Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Suspension**If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?**

No



(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?

(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or



(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type:	Suspension
Capacities Affected:	all capacities
Duration:	20 days
Start Date:	11/02/2020
End Date:	11/21/2020

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Total Amount:	\$2,500.00
Portion Levied against individual:	\$2,500.00
Payment Plan:	
Is Payment Plan Current:	
Date Paid by individual:	10/27/2020
Was any portion of penalty waived?	No

Amount Waived:

Regulator Statement	FINES PAID IN FULL ON OCTOBER 27, 2020.
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Reporting Source:	Broker
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	FINRA
Sanction(s) Sought:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) Suspension
Date Initiated:	10/13/2020
Docket/Case Number:	2019063383301
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	UBS Financial Services, Inc.
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	Violated firm policy regarding entering into financial transactions without approval.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)
Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?	No
Resolution Date:	10/13/2020
Sanctions Ordered:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) Suspension
Sanction 1 of 1	
Sanction Type:	Suspension
Capacities Affected:	All capacities
Duration:	20 days
Start Date:	11/02/2020
End Date:	11/21/2020
Monetary Sanction 1 of 1	



Monetary Related Sanction:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Total Amount:	\$2,500.00
Portion Levied against individual:	\$2,500.00
Payment Plan:	
Is Payment Plan Current:	No
Date Paid by individual:	10/27/2020
Was any portion of penalty waived?	No
Amount Waived:	



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:	HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC.
Allegations:	CUSTOMER ALLEGED FINANCIAL ADVISOR FAILED TO ENTER SELL ORDER AS INSTRUCTED. CUSTOMER SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDREW COMPLAINT AND ADVISED HE WISHED TO HOLD POSITION.
Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Alleged Damages:	\$7,302.50

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	11/27/2007
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Withdrawn
Status Date:	11/29/2007
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	

End of Report



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