

## BrokerCheck Report

### Merritt Quirk

CRD# 5115415

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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](http://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.](http://www.finra.org)



## Merritt Quirk

CRD# 5115415

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

- B** **HOLLISTER ASSOCIATES, LLC**  
MOUNT PLEASANT, SC  
CRD# 173366  
Registered with this firm since: 01/07/2021

## 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
- 8 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):**

- B** **STRATEGAS SECURITIES, LLC DBA STRATEGAS RESEARCH PARTNERS**  
CRD# 149326  
NEW YORK, NY  
08/2020 - 01/2021
- B** **FORGE MARKETS LLC**  
CRD# 166555  
New York, NY  
01/2018 - 07/2020
- B** **CV BROKERAGE, INC**  
CRD# 462  
New York, NY  
12/2016 - 11/2017

### 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? **No**



## 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 8 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.**

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **HOLLISTER ASSOCIATES, LLC**

Main Office Address: **257 RIVER OAK DRIVE  
MOUNT PLEASANT, SC 29464**

Firm CRD#: **173366**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
<b>B</b> FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/07/2021

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
<b>B</b> California	Agent	Approved	01/07/2021
<b>B</b> Connecticut	Agent	Approved	01/07/2021
<b>B</b> Delaware	Agent	Approved	10/28/2021
<b>B</b> Florida	Agent	Approved	08/31/2021
<b>B</b> Minnesota	Agent	Approved	06/20/2025
<b>B</b> New York	Agent	Approved	01/07/2021
<b>B</b> North Carolina	Agent	Approved	03/15/2021
<b>B</b> Texas	Agent	Approved	10/21/2025

### Branch Office Locations

**HOLLISTER ASSOCIATES, LLC**  
MOUNT PLEASANT, SC



## 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>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	08/31/2016

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	09/02/2016

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/](http://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>B</b> 08/2020 - 01/2021	STRATEGAS SECURITIES, LLC DBA STRATEGAS RESEARCH PARTNERS	149326	NEW YORK, NY
<b>B</b> 01/2018 - 07/2020	FORGE MARKETS LLC	166555	New York, NY
<b>B</b> 12/2016 - 11/2017	CV BROKERAGE, INC	462	New York, 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.**

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
01/2021 - Present	HOLLISTER ASSOCIATES, LLC	REPRESENTATIVE	Y	MT. PLEASANT, SC, United States
11/2015 - Present	DARIEN CAPITAL, LLC	CEO	N	NEW CANAAN, CT, United States
08/2020 - 01/2021	Strategas Securities, LLC	Managing Director	Y	New York, NY, United States
11/2017 - 07/2020	FORGE GLOBAL	SR. VICE PRESIDENT	Y	SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 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) DARIEN CAPITAL, LLC - CEO OF CONNECTICUT BASED ENTITY; USED FOR PERSONAL INVESTMENTS IN PRIVATE COMPANIES; 10 HOURS/MO DEVOTED TO ACTIVITY, WITH APRPOX. 0 HOURS/MONTH SPENT DURING TRADING HOURS; NON-INVESTMENT RELATED AS BUSINESS IF FOR PERSONAL USE; STARTED NOVEMBER 2015; 2) QW MANAGEMENT, LLC - MANAGER OF BEVERLY HILLS, CA BASED ENTITY CREATED FOR BROKER-DEALER BUSINESS (SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS THROUGH HOLLISTER ASSOCIATES, LLC); ROLE IS TO MANAGE, APPROVE EXPENSES; AND JOINTLY FUND BUSINESS; DEVOTES APPROX. 20 HOURS/MO TO ACTIVITY, OF WHICH ALL IS DURING TRADING HOURS; INVESTMENT RELATED (AS BUSINESS GOES THROUGH HOLLISTER); 3) QW VENTURES, LLC - MANAGER OF IDLE BEVERLY HILLS, CA BASED BUSINESS; ROLE IS TO SERVE AS MANAGER; DEVOTES LESS THAN 1



## Registration and Employment History

### Other Business Activities, continued

HOUR/MO TO ACTIVITY, 0 HOURS/MO DURING TRADING HOURS; NON-INVESTMENT RELATED; 4) SXM GLOBAL, LLC - MANAGER OF BEVERLY HILLS, CA BUSINESS CREATED TO HOLD PERSONAL INVESTMENTS; ROLE IS TO DECIDE POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS; DEVOTES APPROX. 1 HOUR/MO TO ACTIVITY, 0 HOURS/MONTH DURING TRADING HOURS; PERSONAL INVESTMENTS; 5) QW GROWTH, LLC - MANAGER OF SERIES OF LLCs CREATED AS SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES; ROLE IS TO MANAGE LLCs; DEVOTES LESS THAN 10 HOURS/MO TO ACTIVITY; INVESTMENT RELATED 6) BOWERY PH, LLC - MANAGER OF MIAMI, FL BASED BUSINESS THAT WAS CREATED TO PURCHASE AN APARTMENT; MANAGE THE BUSINESS; DEVOTES LESS THAN 1 HOUR/MO TO ACTIVITY; 0 HOURS/MO DURING TRADING HOURS; NON-INVESTMENT RELATED; 7) PERMANENT CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LLC - MANAGER; LLC FORMED FOR PERSONAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY; ROLE IS TO CARRY OUT MANAGER-RELATED DUTIES; DEVOTE LESS THAN 1 HOUR/MO., NON-INVESTMENT RELATED BUSINESS; STARTED DECEMBER 2023. 8) HELIOS VENTURES - LLC ENTITY IN CALIFORNIA THAT INVESTS MONEY IN LATE STATE PRIVATE INVESTMENTS; ROLE IS PRIMARILY THAT OF AN INVESTOR; DEVOTES LESS THAN 1 HOURS/MONTH TO ACTIVITY; INVESTMENT-RELATED.

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