

BrokerCheck Report

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CRD# 7199199

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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:
 - 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.



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

IA MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
 400 S RAMPART BLVD
 LAS VEGAS, NV 89145
 CRD# 7691
 Registered with this firm since: 08/02/2021

B MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
 400 S RAMPART BLVD
 LAS VEGAS, NV 89145
 CRD# 7691
 Registered with this firm since: 12/04/2020

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:

- 6 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 10 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):

No information reported.

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 6 SROs and is licensed in 10 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**

Main Office Address: **ONE BRYANT PARK
NEW YORK, NY 10036**

Firm CRD#: **7691**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/04/2020
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/04/2020
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/04/2020
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/04/2020
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/04/2020
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/04/2020

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	09/14/2021
B	California	Agent	Approved	09/14/2021
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	09/14/2021
B	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	04/11/2023
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	03/06/2025
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	07/22/2021
IA	Nevada	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/02/2021

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	New York	Agent	Approved	05/11/2023
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	02/10/2025
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	09/14/2021
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/06/2021
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	09/14/2021

Branch Office Locations

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
400 S RAMPART BLVD
LAS VEGAS, NV 89145



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 General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7TO	12/04/2020
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	02/07/2020

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	07/21/2021

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
No information reported.			

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
01/2020 - Present	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	Financial Advisor Trainee - FADP	Y	LAS VEGAS, NV, United States
11/2019 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	Financial Advisor Trainee - FADP	Y	LAS VEGAS, NV, United States
06/2019 - 11/2019	Mercedes-Benz of Henderson	Fleet and Commercial Sales	N	Henderson, NV, United States
08/2018 - 05/2019	Foreman Automotive	Fleet Manager	N	Las Vegas, NV, United States
12/2016 - 07/2018	Fuel Truck	Manager	N	Las Vegas, NV, United States
03/2014 - 08/2017	Mercedes-Benz of Henderson	Fleet and Commercial Sales	N	Henderson, NV, 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.

I*2257282, Entity Type: Entity For Profit, Name of OBA: hair state of mind, llc, Address: Las vegas, Nevada, 89118, Investment Related: N, Position, Title, Association: ["Other"], Employee State Date: 03/25/2025, No Hours: 0 Yearly, No Hours during Trading: 0 Yearly, Duties: This is my wife's business but I am a Manager on the LLC.

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Entity Type: For profit

Name of OBA: Seester & Co.,LLC

Address: Las Vegas, Nevada 89113

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities, continued

Investment Related:

Position, Title, Association:

Employee Start Date: 10/27/2025

No Hours: 0

No Hours during trading: 0

Duties: wife is part owner of company.

End of Report



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