



IAPD Report

EDUARDO ALAMAN

CRD# 3142918

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IAPD Information About Representatives

IAPD offers information on all current-and many former representatives. Investors are strongly encouraged to use IAPD to check the background of representatives before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

What is included in a IAPD report?

IAPD reports for individual representatives include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards.

It is important to note that the information contained in an IAPD 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 representative, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

Where did this information come from?

The information contained in IAPD comes from the Investment Adviser Registration Depository (IARD) and FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD, (see more on CRD below) and is a combination of:

- information the states require representatives and firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
- information that state regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against representatives.

How current is this information?

Generally, representatives are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in IARD within 30 days.

Need help interpreting this report?

For help understanding how to read this report, please consult NASAA's IAPD Tips page
<http://www.nasaa.org/IAPD/IARReports.cfm>

What if I want to check the background of an Individual Broker or Brokerage Firm?

To check the background of an Individual Broker or Brokerage firm, you can search for the firm or individual in IAPD. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in FINRA's BrokerCheck website.

Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?

It is recommended that you learn as much as possible about an individual representative or Investment Adviser firm before deciding to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research individuals and certain firms doing business in your state. The contact information for state securities regulators can be found on the website of the North American Securities Administrators Association <http://www.nasaa.org>



Report Summary

EDUARDO ALAMAN (CRD# 3142918)

The report summary provides an overview of the representative's professional background and conduct. The information contained in this report has been provided by the representative, investment adviser and/or securities firms, and/or securities regulators as part of the states' investment adviser registration and licensing process. The information contained in this report was last updated by the representative, a previous employing firm, or a securities regulator on **09/04/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	INVESTMENT PLACEMENT GROUP	CRD# 14458	03/01/2017
IA	IPG INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 152990	01/12/2023

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **2** SRO(s) and **5** jurisdiction(s).

Is this representative currently Inactive or Suspended with any regulator? **No**

Note: Not all jurisdictions require IAR registration or may have an exemption from registration.

Additional information including this individual's qualification examinations and professional designations is available in the Detailed Report.

REGISTRATION HISTORY

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

	FIRM	CRD#	LOCATION	REGISTRATION DATES
IA	IPG INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC	152990	HOUSTON, TX	05/23/2018 - 12/31/2022
IA	CROSSWELL ADVISORS, LLC	150076	Houston, TX	07/22/2014 - 10/03/2018
B	GLOBAL INVESTOR SERVICES, L.C.	29249	Houston, TX	05/27/2014 - 02/28/2017

For additional registration and employment history details as reported by the individual, refer to the Registration and Employment History section of the Detailed Report.

DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

Disclosure events include certain criminal charges and convictions, formal investigations and disciplinary actions initiated by regulators, customer disputes and arbitrations, and financial disclosures such as bankruptcies and unpaid judgments or liens.

Are there events disclosed about this representative? **Yes**

The following types of events are disclosed about this representative:

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	3
Termination	1



Qualifications

REGISTRATIONS

This section provides the SRO, states and U.S. territories in which the representative is currently registered and licensed, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration becomes effective. This section also provides, for each firm with which the representative is currently employed, the address of each location where the representative works. This individual is currently registered with 5 jurisdiction(s) and 2 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **IPG INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC**

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

Firm ID#: 152990

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	01/12/2023

Branch Office Locations

IPG INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC

MEXICO DF, Mexico

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **INVESTMENT PLACEMENT GROUP**

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

Firm ID#: 14458

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



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Texas	Agent	Approved	03/29/2017

Branch Office Locations

INVESTMENT PLACEMENT GROUP

MEXICO DF, Mexico



Qualifications

PASSED INDUSTRY EXAMS

This section includes all industry exams that the representative has passed. Under limited circumstances, a representative may attain registration after receiving an exam waiver based on a combination of exams the representative has passed and qualifying work experience. Likewise a new exam requirement may be grandfathered based on a representative's specific qualifying work experience. Exam waivers and grandfathering are not included below.

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
 Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	11/11/1998

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
  Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	01/26/1999

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

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

No information reported.



Registration & Employment History

PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITH THE FOLLOWING FIRMS

This representative held registrations with the following firms:

	Registration Dates	Firm Name	ID#	Branch Location
IA	05/23/2018 - 12/31/2022	IPG INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 152990	HOUSTON, TX
IA	07/22/2014 - 10/03/2018	CROSSWELL ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 150076	Houston, TX
B	05/27/2014 - 02/28/2017	GLOBAL INVESTOR SERVICES, L.C.	CRD# 29249	Houston, TX
B	03/03/2000 - 03/20/2014	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	HOUSTON, TX
IA	03/03/2000 - 03/20/2014	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	HOUSTON, TX
B	11/20/1998 - 02/25/2000	GAMMA CAPITAL SECURITIES, INC	CRD# 41748	THE WOODLANDS, TX

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Below is the representative's employment history for up to the last 10 years.

Employment Dates	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

OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

This section includes information, if any, as provided by the representative regarding other business activities the representative 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



Registration & Employment History

OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

HOURS A DAY DURING TRADING HOURS TO THIS BUSINESS.

PASSIVE REAL ESTATE INVESTOR NOT SECURITIES RELATED THROUGH DME HOLDINGS LLC. 1 STAGE STOP CIRCLE HOUSTON TX 77 - 1 HOUR A MONTH

PASSIVE REAL ESTATE INVESTOR NOT SECURITY RELATED WITH AST CAPITAL GROUP, 1130 ENCLAVE PARKWAY, HOUSTON TX 77007 - 1 HOUR A MONTH

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 Summary

Disclosure Information

What you should know about reported disclosure events:

(1) Certain thresholds must be met before an event is reported to IARD, for example:

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

(2) Disclosure events in IAPD reports come from different sources:

As mentioned in the "About IAPD" section on page 1 of this report, information contained in IAPD comes from Investment Adviser Representatives, 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 IAPD report. The different versions will be separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

(3) There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:

- A disclosure event may have a status of *pending*, *on appeal*, or *final*.
 - A "pending" disclosure event involves allegations that have not been proven or formally adjudicated.
 - A disclosure event that is "on appeal" involves allegations that have been adjudicated but are currently being appealed.
 - A "final" disclosure event has been concluded and its resolution is not subject to change.
- A final disclosure 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 represents a disposition wherein the parties involved in a dispute reach an agreement to resolve the matter. Please note that Investment Adviser Representatives and firms may choose to settle customer disputes or regulatory matters for business or other reasons.
 - A "resolved" matter usually includes a disposition wherein no payment is made to the customer or there is no finding of wrongdoing on the part of the Investment Adviser Representative. Such matters generally involve customer disputes.

(4) You may wish to contact the Investment Adviser Representatives to obtain further information regarding any of the disclosure events contained in this IAPD report.



DISCLOSURE EVENT DETAILS

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that some items may involve pending actions or allegations that may be contested and have not been resolved or proven. The event may, in the end, be withdrawn, dismissed, resolved in favor of the Investment Adviser Representative, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to the Investment Adviser Registration Depository. Some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided.

The following types of events are disclosed about this representative:

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	3
Termination	1

Customer Dispute

This section provides information regarding a customer dispute that was reported to the Investment Adviser Registration Depository (IARD) by the Investment Adviser Representative (IAR), an investment adviser and/or securities firm, and/or a securities regulator. The event may include a consumer-initiated, investment-related complaint, arbitration proceeding or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the individual.

The customer dispute may be pending or may have resulted in a civil judgment, arbitration award, monetary settlement, closure without action, withdrawal, dismissal, denial, or other outcome.

Disclosure 1 of 3

Reporting Source:	Individual
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 3

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: Individual
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

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Individual

**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.



Termination

This disclosure event involves a situation where the Investment Adviser Representative voluntarily resigned, was discharged or was permitted to resign after allegations were made that accused the Investment Adviser Representative of violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Firm
Firm 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: Individual
Firm 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



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