



IAPD Report

CARLOS ALFREDO CORTEZ JR.

CRD# 5378014

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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

CARLOS ALFREDO CORTEZ JR. (CRD# 5378014)

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 **02/24/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	CORTEZ WEALTH ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 285131	02/02/2018

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **0** SRO(s) and **4** 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
B	WORLD EQUITY GROUP, INC.	29087	Clearwater, FL	07/08/2019 - 02/27/2020
B	TAYLOR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC.	43559	Clearwater, FL	10/24/2014 - 07/15/2019
IA	CORTEZ WEALTH ADVISORS LLC	285131	CLEARWATER, FL	02/02/2018 - 12/31/2018

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	24



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 **4** jurisdiction(s) and **0** SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

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Firm Name: **CORTEZ WEALTH ADVISORS LLC**
Main Address: 3935 TAMPA RD
STE. 3
OLDSMAR, FL 34677
Firm ID#: 285131

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
Arizona	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/09/2022
Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved - Pending IAR CE	01/01/2026
Louisiana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/12/2018
Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	01/15/2019

Branch Office Locations

CORTEZ WEALTH ADVISORS LLC
3935 TAMPA RD
STE. 3
OLDSMAR, FL 34677



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 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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No information reported.

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
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B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	11/15/2007
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State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	05/29/2008
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B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	05/02/2008
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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
B	07/08/2019 - 02/27/2020	WORLD EQUITY GROUP, INC.	CRD# 29087	Clearwater, FL
B	10/24/2014 - 07/15/2019	TAYLOR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC.	CRD# 43559	Clearwater, FL
IA	02/02/2018 - 12/31/2018	CORTEZ WEALTH ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 285131	CLEARWATER, FL
IA	11/17/2014 - 03/01/2018	RETIREMENT WEALTH ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 137658	TAMPA, FL
IA	10/28/2013 - 10/30/2014	RESOURCE HORIZONS INVESTMENT ADVISORY, INC.	CRD# 143384	TAMPA, FL
B	10/08/2013 - 09/30/2014	RESOURCE HORIZONS GROUP LLC	CRD# 104368	TAMPA, FL
IA	04/04/2013 - 04/08/2014	COPPELL ADVISORY SOLUTIONS, LLC	CRD# 156549	TAMPA, FL
IA	02/18/2011 - 01/15/2013	CALTON & ASSOCIATES, INC.	CRD# 20999	TAMPA, FL
B	02/11/2011 - 01/15/2013	CALTON & ASSOCIATES, INC.	CRD# 20999	TAMPA, FL
B	09/07/2010 - 02/14/2011	JHS CAPITAL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 112097	TAMPA, FL
IA	09/07/2010 - 02/14/2011	JHS CAPITAL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 112097	TAMPA, FL
B	10/05/2009 - 09/08/2010	AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 6363	TAMPA, FL
IA	10/05/2009 - 09/08/2010	AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 6363	TAMPA, FL
IA	06/06/2008 - 10/05/2009	AMERIPRISE ADVISOR SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 5979	ORLANDO, FL
B	04/07/2008 - 10/05/2009	AMERIPRISE ADVISOR SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 5979	ORLANDO, FL
B	11/16/2007 - 01/02/2008	GARDEN STATE SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 10083	RALEIGH, NC



Registration & Employment History

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
01/2018 - Present	Cortez Wealth Advisors LLC	Managing Member/Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Oldsmar, FL, United States
01/2012 - Present	CORTEZ WEALTH MANAGEMENT	OWNER/PRESIDENT	Y	TAMPA, FL, United States
07/2019 - 02/2020	WORLD EQUITY GROUP	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	CLEARWATER, FL, United States
10/2014 - 07/2019	TAYLOR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	WOODSTOCK, GA, United States
10/2014 - 06/2019	TCM SECURITIES	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	WOODSTOCK, GA, United States
11/2014 - 02/2018	RETIREMENT WEALTH ADVISORS, INC.	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	TAMPA, 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.

- 1) 01/2012 - PRESENT, CORTEZ WEALTH MANAGEMENT, 6601 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, SUITE 209, TAMPA, FL, OWNER/FINANCIAL SERVICES, INSURANCE, INVESTMENT ADVISOR, CEO AND PRESIDENT, HOURS DEDICATED: 20/WEEK (20/WEEK DURING TRADING HOURS)
- 2) GOLD SALES FOR CORNERSTONE ASSET METAL, TAMPA, FL, 3/MONTH, START: 2022, INVESTMENT RELATED
- 3) SCRIPTURES & WALLSTREET PODCAST; NON-INVESTMENT RELATED; OLDSMAR, FL; PODCAST; PRESIDENT & HOST; START: 11/2024; 12 HRS/MO DURING NON-TRADING



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	24

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 24

Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC
Allegations:	Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.
Product Type:	Other: Cryptocurrency Fund
Alleged Damages:	\$10,000.00
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:	08/23/2022
Complaint Pending?	Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement	Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own
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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$11,500.00

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: 09/06/2022

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$50,000.00

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: 06/29/2022



Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$54,000.00

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: 06/29/2022

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$40,000.00



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: 12/27/2021

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 02/03/2022

Settlement Amount: \$29,500.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$20,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? Yes

Is this a written complaint? No

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

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 12/02/2021

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 02/25/2022

Settlement Amount: \$13,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was



also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$20,000.00

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: 03/21/2022

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 05/20/2022

Settlement Amount: \$12,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$20,000.00

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:** 02/04/2022**Complaint Pending?** No**Status:** Settled**Status Date:** 05/02/2022**Settlement Amount:** \$12,000.00**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

Disclosure 9 of 24**Reporting Source:** Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Management, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund**Alleged Damages:** \$30,000.00**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:** 05/18/2022**Complaint Pending?** Yes**Settlement Amount:****Individual Contribution Amount:**

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

Disclosure 10 of 24**Reporting Source:** Individual



Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$10,000.00

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: 03/24/2022

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 05/03/2022

Settlement Amount: \$6,500.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$6,500.00

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$175,000.00

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: 6th Jud. Cir. Pinellas Cty, FL

Location of Court: Pinellas County, FL

Docket/Case #: 147814511

Date Notice/Process Served: 04/18/2022

Litigation Pending? Yes

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme.



The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$50,000.00

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: 05/11/2022

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 06/22/2022

Settlement Amount: \$27,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$27,000.00

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$110,000.00

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court: State Court



Name of Court:	6th Jud. Cir. Ct., Pinellas Cty
Location of Court:	Pinellas County, FL
Docket/Case #:	22-02662-CI
Date Notice/Process Served:	06/20/2022
Litigation Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	08/05/2022
Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$80,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$80,000.00
Broker Statement	Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC
Allegations:	Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.
Product Type:	Other: Cryptocurrency Fund
Alleged Damages:	\$40,000.00
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:	12/17/2021
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	02/09/2022
Settlement Amount:	\$25,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00
Broker Statement	Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC
Allegations:	Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.
Product Type:	Other: Cryptocurrency Fund
Alleged Damages:	\$30,000.00
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:	05/17/2021
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	02/08/2021
Settlement Amount:	\$26,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC
Allegations:	Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.
Product Type:	Other: Cryptocurrency Fund
Alleged Damages:	\$80,000.00
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: 03/23/2022
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Settled
Status Date: 05/02/2022
Settlement Amount: \$52,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00
Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC
Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.
Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund
Alleged Damages: \$62,000.00
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: 04/12/2022
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Settled
Status Date: 06/16/2022
Settlement Amount: \$27,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00
Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual



Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$50,000.00

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: 6th Jud. Cir. Ct, Pinellas Cty

Location of Court: Pinellas County, FL

Docket/Case #: 22-001640-CI

Date Notice/Process Served: 04/08/2022

Litigation Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 05/12/2022

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$40,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund

Alleged Damages: \$60,000.00

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: 06/01/2022

Complaint Pending? No



Status: Settled
Status Date: 07/11/2022
Settlement Amount: \$30,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00
Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC
Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The fund turned out to be a fraudulent investment.
Product Type: Other: Cryptocurrency Fund
Alleged Damages: \$100,000.00
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: 06/13/2022
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Settled
Status Date: 07/22/2022
Settlement Amount: \$60,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount: \$5,000.00
Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC



Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The platform turned out to be a fraudulent fund.

Product Type: Other: Crypto-Fund

Alleged Damages: \$100,000.00

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: 6th Jud. Cir. Ct, Pinellas Cty

Location of Court: Pinellas County, Florida

Docket/Case #: 21-004312-CI

Date Notice/Process Served: 09/10/2021

Litigation Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 08/05/2022

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$75,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$75,000.00

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The platform turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: cryptocurrency fund

Alleged Damages: \$213,922.46

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: 6th Jud. Cir. Ct, Pinellas Cty

Location of Court: Pinellas County, Florida

Docket/Case #: 21-003278-CI

Date Notice/Process Served: 07/01/2021

Litigation Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 11/01/2021



Monetary Compensation Amount: \$125,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$125,000.00

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency fund that was recommended by the Advisor. The platform turned out to be a fraudulent investment.

Product Type: Other: cryptocurrency fund

Alleged Damages: \$79,000.00

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: 6th Jud. Cir. Ct., Pinellas, FL

Location of Court: Pinellas County, FL

Docket/Case #: 21-001713-CI

Date Notice/Process Served: 04/06/2021

Litigation Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 06/04/2021

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$36,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$36,000.00

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Cortez Wealth Advisors, LLC

Allegations: Client invested in a cryptocurrency platform that was recommended by the Advisor. The platform turned out to be a fraudulent investment.



Product Type: Other: cryptocurrency fund

Alleged Damages: \$281,275.00

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: 6th Jud. Cir. Ct., Pinellis, Cty

Location of Court: Pinellas County, FL

Docket/Case #: 21-003099-CI

Date Notice/Process Served: 06/24/2021

Litigation Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 11/23/2021

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$147,500.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$147,500.00

Broker Statement Unbeknownst to the Advisor, the crypto-fund was an elaborate fraudulent scheme. The scheme happened during the height of the pandemic, which prevented onsite due diligence by the Advisor because their airports were closed. The Advisor was also a victim of the fraudulent scheme and lost a significant amount of his own money.



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