

## BrokerCheck Report

### SONNY S KOTHARI

CRD# 2091882

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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)

**SONNY S. KOTHARI**

CRD# 2091882

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

**B** **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**  
 145 S STATE COLLEGE BLVD  
 BREA, CA 92821  
 CRD# 7691  
 Registered with this firm since: 10/24/1990

**IA** **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**  
 145 S STATE COLLEGE BLVD  
 BREA, CA 92821  
 CRD# 7691  
 Registered with this firm since: 06/27/1994

**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:**

- 9 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 31 U.S. states and territories

**This broker has passed:**

- 2 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):**

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 9 SROs and is licensed in 31 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	05/09/2014
B Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/09/2014
B Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/09/2014
B Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	05/29/2014
B Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/09/2014
B Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	05/29/2014
B Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/03/1991
B Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	12/07/2001
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/24/1990
B FINRA	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	12/07/2001
B Investors' Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/17/2016
B Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/12/2006
B Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	07/12/2006
B New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/17/1990
B New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	10/01/2018



## Broker Qualifications

### Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	06/22/1993
B	California	Agent	Approved	10/24/1990
IA	California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/08/1997
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	02/23/1999
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	01/31/2022
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	08/03/2012
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	08/19/1997
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	01/20/2022
B	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	09/24/2019
B	Idaho	Agent	Approved	08/31/2009
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	08/31/2009
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	04/04/2017
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	01/06/1999
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	09/10/2004
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	07/13/2017
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	05/05/2020
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	01/05/2022
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	08/31/2009
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	09/27/1994
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	01/05/2004
B	New York	Agent	Approved	01/18/1995



## Broker Qualifications

### Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	08/31/2009
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	05/16/2007
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	08/31/2009
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	09/06/2005
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	10/25/2017
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	03/23/2020
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	06/27/1994
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	06/27/1994
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	06/20/2016
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	01/02/2004
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	01/18/1994
B	Wyoming	Agent	Approved	01/05/2022

### Branch Office Locations

**MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**  
 145 S STATE COLLEGE BLVD  
 BREA, CA 92821



## 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.

**This individual has passed 2 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.**

### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination	Series 10	12/06/2001
<b>B</b> General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination	Series 9	11/29/2001

### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> Futures Managed Funds Examination	Series 31	11/21/2005
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	10/22/1990

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>IA</b> Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	11/06/1995
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	11/02/1990

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
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
05/2011 - Present	Bank of America, N.A.	Wealth Management Advisor	Y	BREA, CA, United States
08/1990 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	NOT PROVIDED	Y	FULLERTON, 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.

No information reported.

## End of Report



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