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OUR BLOG ARTICLE FOR THIS SPECIAL ISSUE IS ABOUT THE TOP ENERGY INDUSTRY BLOCKCHAIN PROJECTS 2020

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Lastly please check out the advancement’s happening in the crypto currency world and crypto project 4C Trading which provides you with the tools to grow your cryptocurrency portfolio through algorithmic trading bots & signals, mentorship and research reports.

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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, crypto traders welcome to this week's 117th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly. The overall Cryptocurrency Market Cap stands at **\$281 Billion**. We have seen a **\$22 Billion** Increase in the Market Cap since last week. Bitcoin price is currently around **\$9765** from **\$9267** last week and has increased by **5.37%**, and Ether price is now at **\$220** from **\$188** last week and has increased by **17.02%**. The current market cap for bitcoin is **\$178 Billion**, and for Altcoins, the current market cap is **\$103 Billion**.

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Cryptocurrencies have seen a strong run in 2020. The total market capitalization of the crypto universe has risen from about \$191.5 billion at the start of the year to a high of over \$290 billion on February 10. This is a rise of about 51% year-to-date.

In comparison, at its highest level of \$10,199 on February 10, Bitcoin had risen only about 42% year-to-date. This shows that Bitcoin has underperformed the crypto rally in 2020. Its market dominance, which was closer to 68.3% at the start of the year has gradually declined to 63.3% at press time. This indicates that the altcoins have made a comeback this year.

However, after Bitcoin hit the psychologically important level of \$10,000, Anthony Pompliano, co-founder & partner at Morgan Creek Digital said: "Bitcoin just hit \$10,000. I still think that Bitcoin will hit \$100,000 by end of December 2021."

Though we are also bullish on Bitcoin, we do not expect a vertical rally that can mirror the rise seen in 2017.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Dominance)

Bitcoin	63.38%
Ethereum	8.59%
XRP	4.21%
Bitcoin Cash	2.89%
Bitcoin SV	2.29%
Litecoin	1.68%
Tether	1.66%
EOS	1.64%
Binance Coin	1.35%
Tezos	0.64%
Others	11.67%

TOP 10 COINS

Top 10 Coins by Total Market Capitalisation

#	Name	Market Cap	Price	Volume (24h)	Circulating Supply	Change (24h)	Price Graph (7d)
1	 Bitcoin	\$177,609,083,844	\$9,752.77	\$37,023,914,887	18,211,137 BTC	-2.30%	
2	 Ethereum	\$24,044,778,178	\$219.28	\$15,086,562,474	109,651,809 ETH	-2.32%	
3	 XRP	\$11,777,940,562	\$0.269465	\$2,281,644,728	43,708,646,822 XRP *	-2.76%	
4	 Bitcoin Cash	\$8,106,647,208	\$443.66	\$4,420,390,894	18,272,150 BCH	-0.25%	
5	 Bitcoin SV	\$6,398,453,750	\$350.22	\$2,930,524,396	18,269,677 BSV	1.62%	
6	 Litecoin	\$4,706,010,241	\$73.47	\$4,903,632,822	64,067,235 LTC	-2.76%	
7	 Tether	\$4,641,307,804	\$0.999772	\$45,830,727,637	4,642,367,414 USDT *	-0.40%	
8	 EOS	\$4,610,135,749	\$4.84	\$3,822,698,307	952,390,774 EOS *	-0.83%	
9	 Binance Coin	\$3,777,930,248	\$24.29	\$690,004,940	155,536,713 BNB *	-0.29%	
10	 Tezos	\$1,795,604,949	\$2.59	\$131,770,360	694,191,974 XTZ *	-2.33%	

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Top 10 Coins by Percentage Gain (Past 7 Days)

#	Name	Symbol	Volume (24h)	Price	% 7d
1	 KickToken	KICK	\$964,199	\$0.000546	429.10%
2	 eosDAC	EOSDAC	\$108,943	\$0.015126	417.52%
3	 SounDAC	XSD	\$210,266	\$0.013298	239.66%
4	 Acute Angle Cloud	AAC	\$1,023,996	\$0.010818	233.03%
5	 Origin Protocol	OGN	\$39,975,065	\$0.362641	214.37%
6	 DACC	DACC	\$130,287	\$0.000037	187.81%
7	 U Network	UUU	\$2,507,064	\$0.001485	169.53%
8	 0xcert	ZXC	\$167,691	\$0.002377	152.17%
9	 Fox Trading	FOXT	\$55,959	\$0.003250	128.81%
10	 MX Token	MX	\$24,983,774	\$0.168510	110.59%

Top 10 Coins added to Exchanges with the Highest Market Capitalisation (Past 30 Days)

Name	Symbol	Added	Market Cap	Price	Circulating Supply	Volume (24h)	% 24h
 Nyzo	NYZO	21 days ago	\$3,761,326	\$0.351358	10,705,107 *	\$216,859	-1.61%
 Zano	ZANO	25 days ago	\$2,697,225	\$0.270227	9,981,341 *	\$41,015	-2.78%
 Banano	BAN	20 days ago	\$643,036	\$0.000669	960,490,707 *	\$7,291	2.25%
 Filt Token	FLT	22 days ago	\$66,406.00	\$0.000050	1,320,000,000 *	\$19,493	-28.39%
 onLEXpa	onLEXpa	20 days ago	\$42,056.53	\$0.000238	176,700,000 *	\$6,995	-5.37%
 3X Long Ethereum T...	ETHBULL	Today	\$?	\$1,982.38	? *	\$2,382,033	?%
 3X Short Ethereum ...	ETHBEAR	Today	\$?	\$26.79	? *	\$4,961,416	?%
 Bitcoin Classic	BXC	Today	\$?	\$0.083341	? *	\$11,880	?%
 MalwareChain	MALW	2 days ago	\$?	\$3.09	? *	\$91,245	?%



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BITCOIN - BTC/USD



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However, we anticipate the bears to mount a stiff resistance in the \$10,540.49 to \$11,000 zone. Currently, the bears are attempting to sink the price back below the breakout level of \$9,600.

If successful, a drop to the 20-day EMA is possible. We expect the bulls to defend this support. A strong bounce off the 20-day EMA will increase the possibility of a breakout above the overhead resistance zone.

Our bullish view will be invalidated if the cryptocurrency slips below the 20-day EMA and the next support at \$9,078.05. If that happens, a drop to the 50-day SMA is possible.

ETHEREUM - ETH/USD



Ether broke above the overhead resistance at \$200 on February 5, which completed a rounding bottom pattern. This setup has a target objective of \$283.75. The upsloping moving averages and the RSI in the overbought zone show that bulls are in command.

However, after the breakout of a stiff resistance, usually, the price retests the breakout level. In this case, a drop to \$200 is possible. If the price bounces off this support, the bulls will again attempt to carry the price above the overhead resistance at \$239.45.

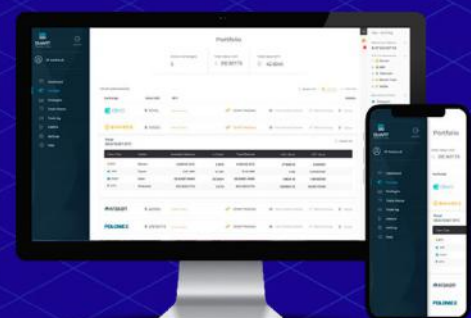
If successful, the uptrend will resume. The strong bounce off \$200 can offer a low-risk buying opportunity to the traders. Conversely, if the altcoin dips and sustains below the critical support at \$200, the decline can extend to the 50-day SMA.

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RIPPLE - XRP/USD



XRP climbed above \$0.282 on February 5, which hit the target objective of the inverted head and shoulders pattern. However, the bulls could not sustain the momentum and push the price to the next target of \$0.31533. This shows a lack of demand at higher levels.

The price can now dip to the 20-day EMA, which is likely to act as a support. If the price bounces off this level, the bulls will again try to push the price to \$0.31533.

Conversely, if the bears sink the price below the 20-day EMA, the drop can extend to the 50-day SMA. The traders can wait for the bounce off the 20-day EMA to sustain before buying. On the other hand, if the 20-day EMA support breaks down, we suggest traders wait on the sidelines.



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BITCOIN CASH - BCH/USD



The tight \$363 to \$396 range in Bitcoin Cash resolved to the upside with a strong breakout on February 5. Though the bulls have been attempting to carry the price above \$440, they have not been able to build on the momentum.

This shows that bears are aggressively defending the \$440 to \$500 zone. Currently, the bears are attempting to sink the price back below \$440. If successful, a drop to the 20-day EMA is possible.

A bounce off the 20-day EMA will be a positive sign and will increase the possibility of a move to \$500. The upsloping moving averages and the RSI close to the overbought zone shows that bulls have the upper hand.

Our bullish view will be invalidated if the altcoin dips below the 20-day EMA. The trend will turn in favour of the bears on a break below the critical support at \$361.67.

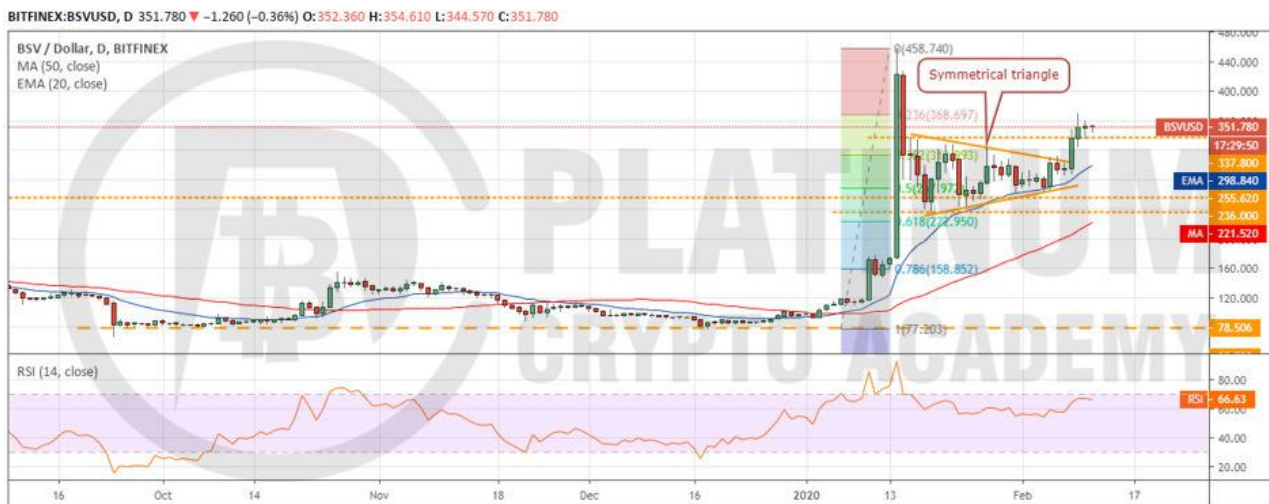


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BITCOIN SV - BSV/USD



The bulls broke above the symmetrical triangle on February 8 and followed it up with a move above the overhead resistance of \$337.80 on February 9. This shows that the bulls are in command.

The breakout from the triangle has a target objective of \$439.6, which is just below the lifetime highs at \$458.74. A break above \$458.74 will be a huge positive.

Contrary to our assumption, if the bears drag the price back below \$337.80, it will indicate a lack of buyers at higher levels. The altcoin is likely to find support close to the 20-day EMA. If the price bounces off the 20-day EMA, the bulls will again attempt to push the price towards the lifetime highs.

However, if the support at the 20-day EMA cracks, the drop can extend to the horizontal support at \$236.

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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

Binance Exchange Set To Launch BNB Futures On Monday With 50X Leverage



An announcement released by the world's largest cryptocurrency exchange, Binance, confirmed the launch of BNB Futures. The trading desk for the futures will launch on Monday, Feb. 10 offering traders a maximum leverage of 50X on their trades. The contracts are paired with Tether (USDT).

The launch of the futures that are backed by the native token of the exchange, presents a new market to bet against the future price of BNB. As at time of writing, the price of BNB stands at \$21.67 USD, with the market offering a bullish signal in the near term.

Binance Coin (BNB) faces shock 6% dip

After a sustained uptrend in the past few days, following the BNB Futures announcement and the general bullish momentum in the cryptocurrency market, BNB witnessed a shock 6% reversal in the early hours of the US market as price dipped to \$20.90 USD from an intraday high of \$22.16 USD.

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Coinbase Says Bitcoin Will Become Closer to Digital Gold in 93 Days



With May's Bitcoin halving event drawing ever closer, Coinbase recently took to pushing the "Bitcoin as digital gold" narrative. In a tweet-storm to promote an accompanying blog-post published Feb. 7, it covered the key reasons why the halving and subsequent supply rate reduction will further cement that link.

Scarcity creates value

Since the gold standard was broken in 1971, the dollar's value has declined and gold's value, in dollar terms, has risen over 4000%. Gold has more value than similar metals such as copper due to its relative scarcity and difficulty to acquire.

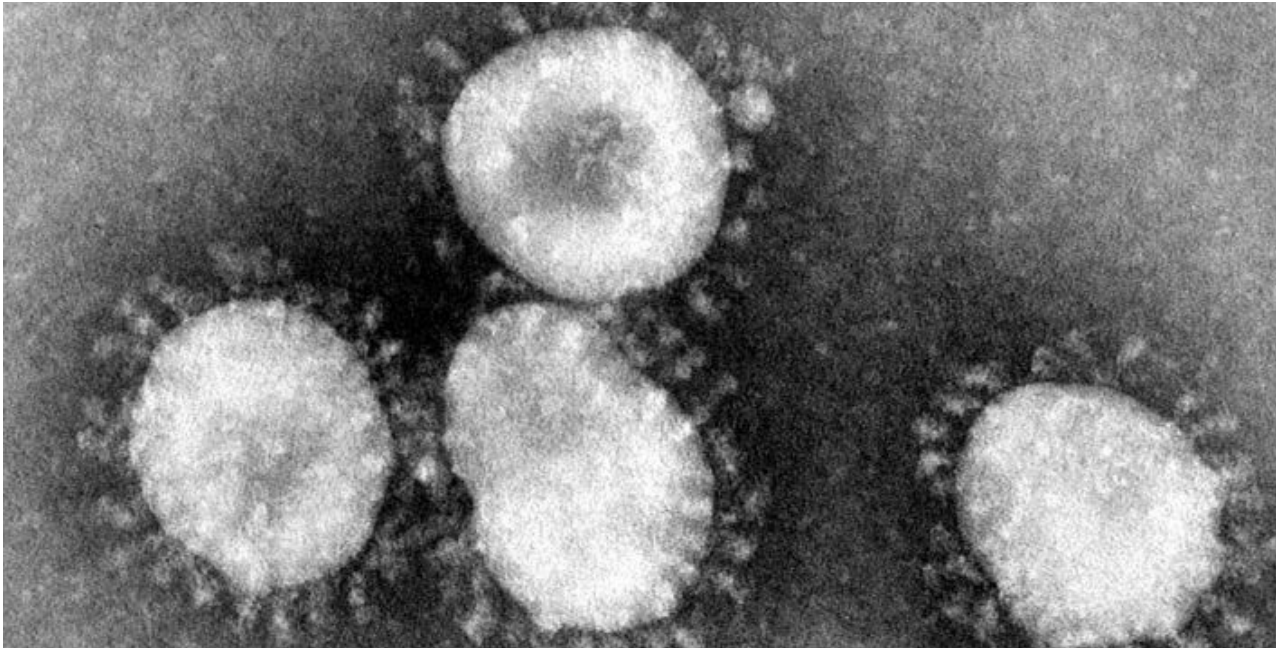
Bitcoin has been designed to be scarce like gold and is artificially difficult to acquire through the Proof-of-Work process of mining. However, it also has an advantage over gold in being transferable through a communications channel.

Coinbase concluded:

"Armed with a myriad of technological advantages, accelerating development, and maturing global market, Bitcoin is a store of value to rival gold in the digital age."

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Coronavirus Checks China's Blockchain Ambitions



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It was inevitable: the scent of bitter almonds always reminded him of the fate of non-reciprocal trade. American nuts are to be sold en masse to the Chinese as part of the extra \$200 billion worth of extra U.S. goods that the mainland promised to purchase – \$40 billion of that from U.S. agricultural producers. At least that was what the new trade deal between China and the United States (so-called “Phase I”) provided for, in part.

Zhu Min, Chairman of China’s National Institute of Financial Research, looked relaxed at the Tradeshift Reserve Café on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in January, as he explained that Phase I would result in trade distortion. In agreeing to buy more U.S. agricultural goods than it needs, China has to divert its consumption of these agricultural goods away from other countries. Goodbye nuts from Australia, New Zealand and Brazil; hello nuts from California and Georgia. China agreed to cut tariffs on more than 17,000 products it imports from the United States. It would also do more to protect the intellectual property rights of U.S. corporations. The trade war was over, at least until Phase II negotiations would start later in 2020.

And then suddenly, due to the Coronavirus, China is closing up shop. Just as the Phase I agreement on trade was de-escalating the seemingly endless rounds of tariffs and retaliatory tariffs, the virus was spreading around Wuhan and beyond Hubei province. The day Min spoke in Davos, Chinese President Xi Jinping, in an attempt to stem the spread of the virus, ordered an indefinite transportation blockade around central Hubei province.

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40 Banks in Germany Declare Intent to Offer Crypto Services Under New Law



More than 40 financial institutions in Germany have reportedly declared to the country's financial regulator, BaFin, their interest to offer cryptocurrency services under the new German law. News.Bitcoin.com reached out to the regulator for some more information. The law, which went into effect early this year, enables banks to offer crypto services after obtaining a license from BaFin.

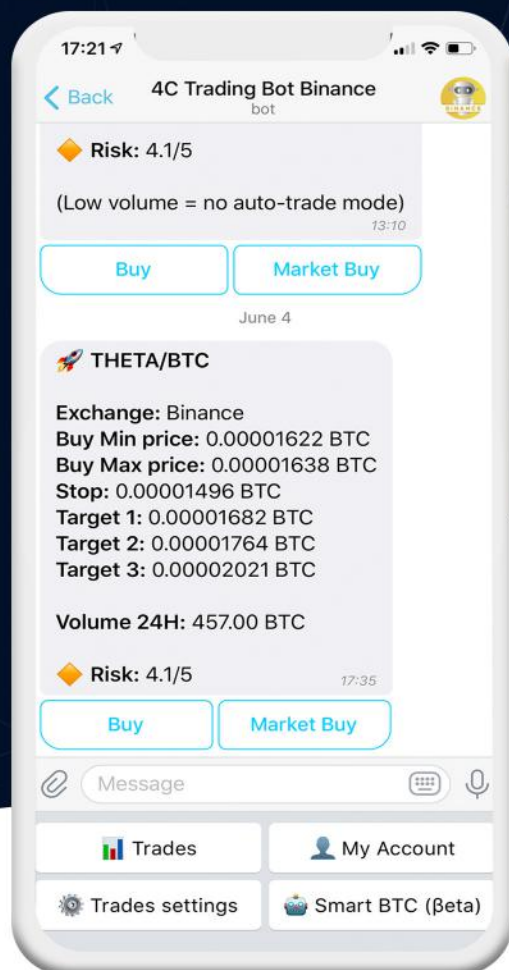
Declaration Submitted by 40 Financial Institutions

BaFin has received more than 40 “expressions of interest” from banks for approval to operate a crypto custody business in the future, German publication Handelsblatt reported Monday.

News.Bitcoin.com reached out to BaFin for more details. A spokesperson for the regulator clarified that expressions of interest are not applications for permission. He explained that even before the new law came into force, BaFin had asked companies that were already providing crypto custody services and are therefore subject to BaFin's mandatory authorization to submit informal, non-binding expressions of interest. The spokesperson, however, would not comment on the number of banks that have submitted this expression of interest.

The new German Money Laundering Act which went into effect at the beginning of the year allows financial institutions to offer their customers cryptocurrencies alongside traditional investment products, such as stocks and bonds.

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Crypto Startup Filing to Become ‘First Digital Assets Merchant Bank’ in the UK



London-based startup DAG Global is applying for a UK banking license in order to become the “first digital assets merchant bank” in the UK.

Following “constructive dialog” with regulators, the fintech firm, which specializes in digital assets, is now resubmitting an application originally filed in 2019. If approved, the company would be able to serve crypto firms with merchant banking solutions, effectively bridging the divide between digital asset services and traditional banks, according to a report by the Financial Times.

As the digital economy expands along with the rise of Bitcoin, stablecoins and other digital assets that are leveraging speed, low-cost value transfers and the ability to trade 24/7 across borders, new tech-driven businesses integrating token economics are looking for hybrid platforms that can facilitate transactions between digital systems and the legacy structure.

Ideal banking partners would remove concerns about having accounts shut down or otherwise limited due to restrictions placed on “high risk” transactions involving cryptocurrencies — eliminating scenarios that have stifled innovation in countries such as India where the Reserve Bank of India issued a mandate in 2018 that prohibited banks from servicing crypto-related businesses.

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Data shows retail investors are frantically accumulating Bitcoin



Bitcoin's firm 2020 uptrend has sparked a sense of "FOMO" amongst cryptocurrency investors who are keeping their eyes on a plethora of different fundamental factors that could catalyze an intense BTC bull rally in the year ahead.

The FOMO induced by these factors — which include the cryptocurrency's upcoming mining rewards halving among other things — is elucidated while looking at the amount of BTC wallet addresses holding over 1 BTC.

This number has been rapidly rising as of late, suggesting that retail investors are engaged in heavy accumulation, which could provide the crypto with significant momentum.

Bitcoin's fundamentals shape up as the crypto incurs a notable rally

Currently, Bitcoin is trading down slightly from its recent highs of \$10,200 which were set yesterday at the peak of the cryptocurrency's rally.

Although BTC has been unable to stabilize above \$10,000, its market structure still remains firmly bullish, and investors appear to be increasingly engaged with the market due to its strong uptrend.

This heightened engagement is elucidated while looking at Bitcoin's open interest, which has been hovering at over \$1 billion for the past week on BitMEX, showing that traders are widely anticipating the crypto to see further volatility.

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Gemini Custody adds support for Chainlink, Orchid, and more



Gemini, the cryptocurrency exchange and custodian led by Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss, today announced that its Gemini Custody clients will now be able to store five additional coins: Chainlink (LINK), Golem (GNT), Numeraire (NMR), Orchid (OXT), and Storj (STORJ).

It's the latest move in a series of rapid expansion plays that the firm has made as of late in an attempt to further widen and legitimize the crypto market among institutional investors.

The startup calls itself "the world's first crypto exchange and custodian to demonstrate the highest level of security compliance in the industry." Earlier this year, Gemini announced the creation of an insurance company that will cover client's crypto to the tune of \$200 million.

Perhaps the most interesting addition to Gemini Custody today is LINK, which aims to act as a money transfer bridge between different crypto networks and the traditional banking system. One purported use case for Chainlink is that it allows traditional banking services like SWIFT to send real-world money transfers into blockchain networks like Bitcoin and Ethereum.

Another addition, Golem's GNT, aims to take on the cloud computing industry by allowing users to buy and sell underused computing power on a global marketplace.

Gemini's expansion comes as the market for custody solutions targeting institutional investors heated up last year with the release of Bakkt Bitcoin Futures. The New York-based startup also announced plans in recent months to expand its presence in Europe and Australia.

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IBM Blockchain VP: Every Dollar Spent on Blockchain Yields \$15 on Cloud



Enterprise blockchain is a catalyst for further spending at Big Blue, according to Jerry Cuomo, IBM's vice president of blockchain technologies.

"It is driving additional spend," Cuomo said. "When you look at the direct attribution of the actual dollars spent on blockchain, we are seeing that for every dollar spent, \$15 is spent on other cloud services."

The back-of-the-envelope math offers a revealing glimpse into the storied tech company's current thinking on blockchain. Cuomo's revenue figure comes as IBM works to bring enterprise blockchain closer into the company's sprawling cloud offering. Some commentators have described the move as a reprioritization or even consolidation following the dissipating hype surrounding distributed ledger technology (DLT).

"Blockchain is a new class of enterprise application," Cuomo told CoinDesk. "It plays into trends like app modernization and new cloud-native applications, data and analytics. It crosses all those things." As such, the blockchain part of a blockchain application only accounts for about 20 percent of the overall solution, said Cuomo. That leaves 80 percent in other tech for bringing the network to life.

The bigger picture concerns tectonic shifts in Big Blue's overall business strategy. Last year's \$34 billion acquisition of open source software giant Red Hat seems to be paying off. In its Q4 2019 results, IBM posted what analysts called surprising revenue growth: cloud and cognitive software revenue were up 9 percent, while Red Hat posted 24 percent revenue growth.

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\$3.75B Food Safety Company Enlists Blockchain Startup to Track Sourcing



Neogen Corporation, a publicly-traded food safety company with a \$3.75 billion market cap, looks to food industry blockchain startup Ripe Technology to track supply chains.

According to the press release, the two companies are going to work together to use blockchain as a permanent, immutable means to record the whole production process of food consumption and livestock.

The new partnership

Neogen is an international food safety company that provides test kits and relevant products to detect dangerous substances in food, while Ripe was launched in 2017 and seeks to improve food confidence.

John Adent, CEO Neogen, said in the press statement that:

“Blockchain technology has a lot to offer both our food safety diagnostic and animal genomic customers, as the technology permanently connects a tremendous amount of potentially critical data, including results from Neogen’s tests, to a food product or animal.”

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Japanese Senior LDP Lawmaker Calls For Digital Yen Development Within 2-3 Years



Another of the senior lawmakers in the Japan's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) has called for the urgent development of the digital yen so that Japan can compete with China in this sector.

Kozo Yamamoto, more exactly, said on February 10 that Japan should create its own digital currency in 2 or 3 years. As reported by Reuters at the same date, Yamamoto thinks the government mid-year guidelines should include plans for creating a central bank digital currency (CBDC). He also mentioned the country should create the digital yen faster, in an attempt to compete with China's own CBDC, which is about to be launched this year. Here are his exact words:

"The sooner the better. We'll draft proposals to be included in government's policy guidelines, and hopefully make it happen in two-to-three years. [...] If each country manages to control flows of money with their own (digital) currencies, that could prevent a big swing at a time of crisis and stabilize their own economy."

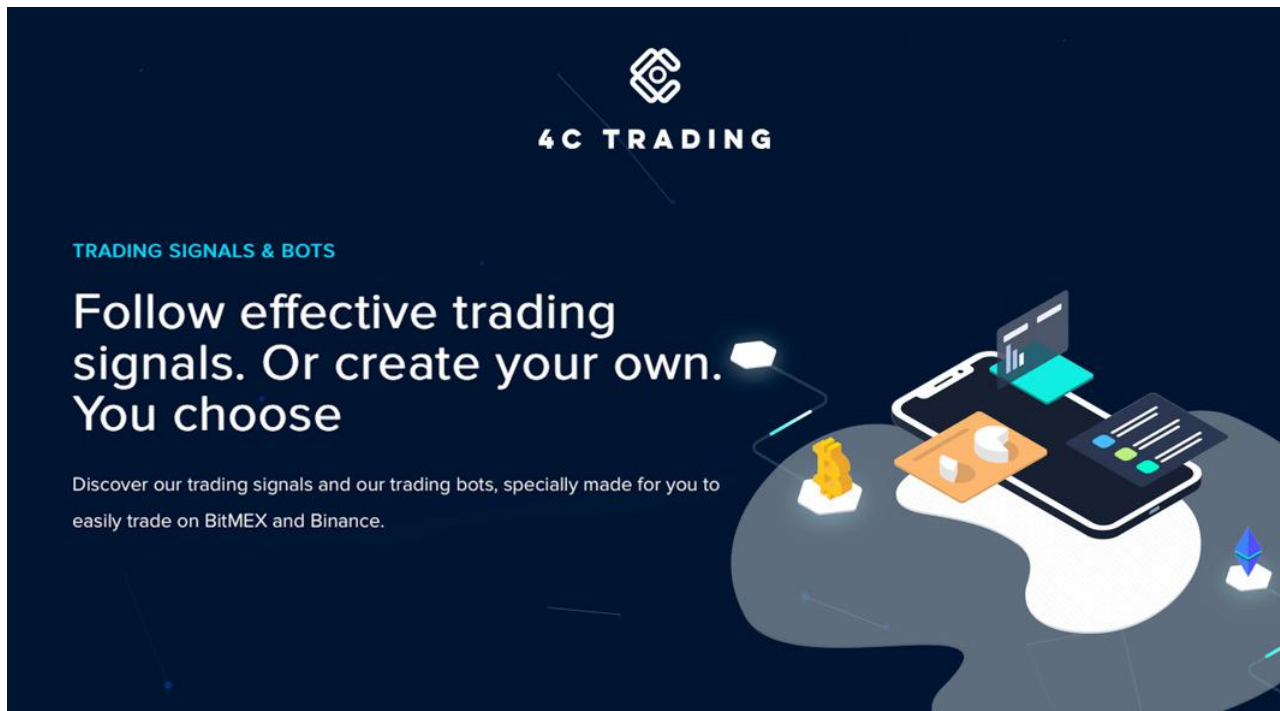
Other LDP Members in Favor of Creating the Japanese CBDC

Yamamoto's comments come soon after the LDP ruling member and former minister of economy Akira Amari said he wants the issuance of a CBDC in Japan to happen as a means to counter China's soon-to-be launched digital yuan. Yamamoto also mentioned that while CBDCs are able to undermine the green supremacy of the US dollar, they can also be stabilizing for dollar-centered markets like the one in Cambodia.

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TOP ENERGY INDUSTRY BLOCKCHAIN PROJECTS 2020



Hi Crypto Network,

Learn about how Blockchain is making major changes in the energy industry and its major applications. Know about the main startups using blockchain to disrupt the energy industry.

BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

Blockchain technology has revolutionized most industries and the energy industry is not left behind. As much as there have been many innovations of technology in the energy sector such as solar energy, electric vehicles, and smart metering, there is still much more that is yet to happen especially with the rise of blockchain technology. There are no limitations to the blockchain use case. It may be the solution to changing renewable energy standards, better data management, and changing the energy markets among so much more.

BLOCKCHAIN IN THE ENERGY SECTOR: USES AND APPLICATIONS

From the trends, it looks like blockchain is the next emerging technology to lead to the growth of the energy sector. The main applications of blockchain that are relevant to the energy sector include:

Smart contracts and systems interoperability: This has been made possible by using the Ethereum blockchain which makes it possible to easily do Peer to peer transactions without fear as smart contracts provide the situation that certain conditions are met before a contract is effected. That has changed the energy sector business model as it is much easier to do peer to peer transactions and that has increased the rate of peer to peer energy trading.

The application of distributed ledger technology: This has helped to increase transparency without necessarily compromising on privacy. This is important as there is more efficiency since consumers can easily purchase energy and track consumption which can help them manage energy more.

Decentralization: This has made it possible for the technology to provide a platform that is not centralized and hence helps to reduce regulators or middlemen who make the cost to be higher. Decentralization helps every process to be fast for example purchasing electricity is almost instant.

BLOCKCHAIN: A TRUE DISRUPTOR FOR THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

There are many ways in which Blockchain has disrupted the energy industry and that includes:

Has cut down on middlemen: Most of the time, middlemen are the ones responsible for high electricity cost as they buy directly from the source then they do a markup of a big margin making electricity to be expensive. Blockchain has changed this by providing a decentralized platform that locks them out making electricity much cheaper.

Cheaper Electricity: As mentioned earlier, decentralization of the platform eliminates centralized regulators and middlemen who make the price to be high.

It is possible to track consumption: Initially, there were no real and solid systems for tracking consumption and that made it harder to manage power. With blockchain, however, it is possible to track your consumption and hence manage it better due to the transparency of the platform.

Faster transactions: Since the blockchain has eliminated middlemen, there is more efficiency and hence there are faster transactions. You can purchase electricity and get it in no time.

Track the source: Since there is transparency, you can decide where you are purchasing your electricity from.

Increased transparency: Increased transparency is not only important to consumers but all stakeholders. That makes them do their corporations and deals with confidence as their privacy is not compromised.

Environmental sustainability: Through the blockchain, there is more environmental sustainability. It makes it possible to get just what you need. You can also sell excess electricity or solar power. It also provides a base where you can connect with the community and learn more about energy optimization.

HOW BLOCKCHAIN IS CHANGING THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

Blockchain technology has brought so many changes in the energy industry and that includes:

Wholesale electricity distribution: Blockchain has made it possible for consumers to buy directly from the source eliminating retailers and that helps them to get electricity at a wholesale price.

Peer to peer energy trading: As much as most companies make it possible for consumers to buy directly from the source, some provide a platform for peer to peer energy markets. That means that individuals can buy and sell excess energy to others. This is especially common with solar rooftop energy.

Better Data management: The distributed ledger helps consumers to have real-time updates of their energy consumption. It is not limited to energy consumption but users will also get data on market prices, market trends, relevant laws, and fuel prices. The best part is that the data cannot be manipulated.

More efficiency for Utility providers: The decentralized platform will help utility providers to get data that will help increase efficiency especially when it comes to distribution as it keeps track of distribution data.

TOP 4 CRYPTO COMPANIES IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY REVIEW



LCG Energy

This is a blockchain-based energy ecosystem in the form of a token to help consumers to enjoy better prices. The company, LCG energy company has been in operation for over 10 years and its mission is to help energy to be accessible and affordable at the lowest price possible. It deals with both real energy and renewable energy.

It offers a platform that is self-sustainable for both energy providers and the community. The company uses smart meters for the optimization of energy consumption. The LCG token will be used as a payment method, for accessing energy-related products and services, and as an investment option. It will be based on the Ethereum blockchain and use smart contracts for more efficiency, security, and transparency. Consumers will have more transparency about their consumption and the due costs. From the LCG ecosystem, one can get to share information with the community such as the relevant news regarding energy, trends and how to optimize consumption.



Power ledger

This is a blockchain-based energy trading platform. The platform allows one to buy and sell renewable energy, trade environmental commodities as well as invest in renewables. The decentralized platform is based on a software that allows one to sell their excess rooftop solar power with their neighbors.

They can also trade excess energy stored in batteries. The company uses blockchain technology to increase efficiency and transparency when it comes to energy markets.

Grid +



This is also one of the energy blockchain startups that use blockchain to cut out on middlemen in electricity sales. Grid is powered by Grid token which consumers can use to purchase electricity at wholesale prices.

Since middlemen are cut out, electricity prices become much cheaper and affordable. Through blockchain which is decentralized, the energy markets are deregulated which makes it more efficient. The company will use Peer to peer technology and smart meters to revolutionize the energy industry. Apart from buying electricity at a cheaper cost, consumers will also be able to track and predict their energy consumption. Blockchain technology will also make it possible to have real-time payments of electricity as they also have an advanced system for financial services. Those who have rooftop solar panels can also be able to sell it to the market through Grid+ whenever there is excess production.



WePower

Just like other blockchain-based energy companies, WePower uses the blockchain to cut out middlemen so that there is a more efficient peer to peer trading of green energy.

That makes sure that there are more transparency and lower costs. Through the platform, one can have direct access to renewable energy sources and choose where to buy energy, can help you have more accountability of every unit of electricity produced and consumed, helps you attain cheaper transactions, and helps you get electricity at competitive rates. Peer to peer transactions is made possible by the use of a power purchase agreement (PPA).

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