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LETTER

Bitcoin broke out of the pennant formation of the past few days, signaling that the bulls have seized control. If the bulls maintain the price above \$69,000, the BTC/USDT pair is likely to surge to the overhead resistance at \$73,777.

This level may act as a significant roadblock, but if the bulls prevail, the pair could rally to \$80,000. Contrarily, if the price turns down from the current level, it will suggest that the breakout may have been a bull trap.

The bears will try to sink the price below the pennant. If they do that, the pair could tumble to the 50-day SMA (\$59,018).

Lastly please check out the advancement's happening in the cryptocurrency world

Enjoy the issue

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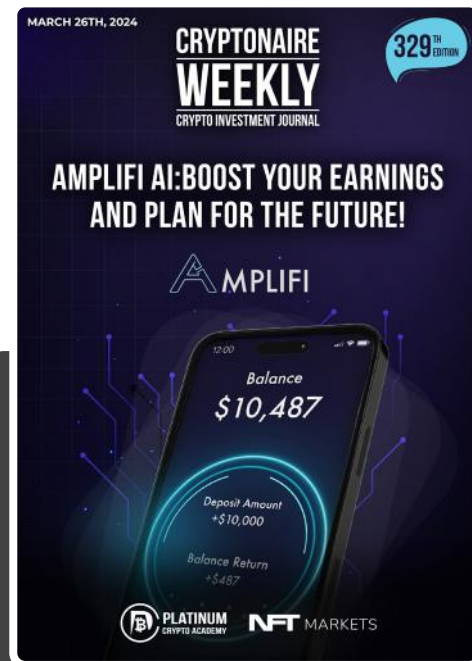


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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 329th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$2.67 Trillion, Up 270 Billion since the last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is at 111.91 Billion which makes a 41.11% increase. The DeFi volume is \$11.01 Billion, 9.84% of the entire crypto market's 24-hour trading volume. The volume of all stable coins is \$99.12 Billion, which is 88.57% share of the total crypto market volume the last 24 hours. The largest gainers in the right now are Real World Assets (RWA) and Base Meme Coins cryptocurrencies.

Bitcoin's price has increased by 8.56% from \$64,825 last week to around \$70,375 and Ether's price has increased by 7.56% from \$3,375 last week to \$3,630

Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.39 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$1.28 Trillion.

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Grayscale is confident that spot Ether (ETH) exchange-traded funds will be approved in May despite recent "chatter" about the U.S. securities regulator's "lack of engagement" with applicants. Meanwhile, Coinbase's Bitcoin reserves fell to 344,856 BTC last week, per Glassnode data. In total, Bitcoin reserves on all exchanges reached 1.92 million BTC on March 25, the lowest in three years. Analysts take this to mean that demand for BTC is on the rise following the approval of several spot exchange-traded funds in January.

A Binance executive detained by the Nigerian authorities has reportedly escaped detention using a fake passport, according to reports in a local publication citing sources familiar with the matter. The news comes as other reports claim the Nigerian government has launched criminal proceedings against the exchange for tax evasion. According to local media, the charges were filed at the Federal High Court in Abuja on Monday. The Nigerian government has taken strict measures against individuals and organizations involved with terrorist financing and money laundering linked to the Binance crypto exchange.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	49.55%
ETH	15.53%
USDT	3.75%
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Others	21.88%



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NFT MARKET SUMMARY

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Understanding why people are willing to spend large sums on digital images or invest significant time pursuing opportunities on platforms like Discord can be challenging for skeptics. However, we encourage skeptics to broaden their perspective and explore the underlying value and potential of NFTs.

NFTs have revolutionized the concept of digital ownership, marking a significant shift from Web 2.0 to Web 3.0. As society becomes increasingly immersed in digital activities, the ability to authenticate the scarcity of digital assets for the first time holds the promise of a fundamental transition from physical to digital ownership.

In this segment, we will delve into the latest developments in the NFT market, fundraising initiatives, and emerging trends within the sector. Within the metaverse, NFTs offer significant potential, serving as a means to establish asset ownership, scarcity, and content monetization. While challenges such as ownership representation and inflationary pressures persist, efforts are underway to address these issues. If these challenges can be overcome, NFTs are poised to have a profound impact on the future of virtual environments.

NFT Market Trends Analysis

Despite encountering a noticeable drop in trading volume during June, the NFT market exhibited resilience in the first half of 2023. The year commenced

with a robust start for NFTs, witnessing a surge in trading activity propelled by the launch of the LooksRare and X2Y2 marketplaces, accompanied by their enticing trading rewards.

In 2023, NFT sales amassed around \$17.7 billion, a figure akin to the sales figures of 2021. This signifies an impressive nearly tenfold increase compared to the preceding year.

However, the majority of trading volume was concentrated in the earlier months, with a substantial portion of sales occurring during this period. June witnessed a sharp downturn in trading volume, plummeting by over 80% in contrast to the average monthly trading volume of \$3.4 billion recorded from January to May.

Upon closer scrutiny of the underlying factors, the robust performance in the first half of the year was fueled by healthy growth in terms of unique buyers and transaction numbers, albeit offset by a decline in the average sale price.

This decline in the average sale price can be attributed to the downward trajectory observed in cryptocurrency prices over recent months, resulting in reduced NFT sale prices when denominated in USD.

The Metaverse NFT market revolves around the trading of non-fungible tokens within virtual realms or immersive digital landscapes. This market has

attracted considerable attention lately, propelled by the growing fascination with the Metaverse—a shared virtual realm blending elements of physical and digital spaces.

As per a Market Research Future (MRFR) report, the NFT market is poised to exceed USD 342.54 billion by 2032, with an anticipated Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 27.6% by the same year. This growth is driven by the escalating global appetite for digital art and the widespread adoption of cryptocurrency.

Forecasts indicate a steady ascent in the global Metaverse Market, with a projected Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 47.2% from 2023 to 2027. This trajectory is expected to propel industry spending from \$61.8 billion in 2022 to around \$426.9 billion by the end of 2027.

Within the Metaverse NFT market, a diverse array of digital assets are traded, spanning virtual real estate, avatars, artwork, and virtual fashion. The market's expansion is fueled by several growth catalysts, including the burgeoning adoption of blockchain technology, the surging popularity of gaming and virtual realms, and the growing appetite for unique and scarce digital assets.

Moreover, the Metaverse NFT market presents fresh opportunities for creators, artists, and gamers to monetize their digital works. It also offers investors avenues to broaden their portfolios by investing in these unique assets.

NFT Price Performance

Year-to-date, NFTs have shown a negative performance when measured in USD terms, largely due to a decrease in ETH prices. To monitor overall market activity, our analysis relies on the Nansen NFT-500 index, which includes the top 500 Ethereum NFT collections weighted by market capitalization.

While the Nansen NFT-500 index offers valuable insights, it's important to recognize its limitations, as it doesn't cover all NFT collections, particularly those not Ethereum-based. Nevertheless, Ethereum-based NFTs dominate the market, representing over 80% of secondary trading volume, making the index a reliable indicator of the NFT market.

The NFT-500 index has recorded a -69% return in USD terms, mainly driven by a 71% decline in ETH prices during the same period. However, when excluding the effects of the ETH price decline, the

asset class has demonstrated a +8.3% return when denominated in ETH.

This performance is noteworthy, particularly amid the prevailing bearish market sentiment. Opting to invest in NFTs rather than holding ETH would have partially mitigated portfolio losses, underscoring the potential diversification advantages of NFT investments.

NFTs: Exceptional Digital Assets

In the digital sphere, replicating entities is typically effortless, leading to perfect copies. However, NFTs, known as non-fungible tokens, distinguish themselves as singular digital items. Each NFT is intricately linked to the blockchain, guaranteeing its authenticity and individuality.

NFTs demonstrate their versatility across various crypto projects, showcasing their diverse applications. For instance, Decentraland, a metaverse virtual world, boasts a thriving industry centered around NFT land sales. Similarly, Axie Infinity incorporates unique virtual animals as NFTs, enabling users to nurture or trade them within the game ecosystem.

While NFT performance showed negativity when measured in USD terms, it exhibited positivity when evaluated in ETH.

The optimistic performance in terms of ETH may have been influenced by positive investor sentiment spurred by specific NFT-related events in the latter part of June. These events, such as the NFT.NYC conference and notable acquisitions and fundraising activities, likely contributed to a shift in momentum. Prior to these occurrences, the NFT index had been in negative territory but showed signs of improvement towards the end of the month.

Role of NFT Marketplaces

NFT marketplaces play a pivotal role in facilitating trading activities by connecting buyers and sellers. OpenSea continues to dominate the NFT marketplace, accounting for approximately 50% of the market share.

Despite OpenSea's sustained dominance over the past year, the market has become increasingly competitive. New entrants like LooksRare, X2Y2, and Magic Eden have demonstrated robust performance, challenging the established norms.

While OpenSea remains the primary leader in terms

of market share, X2Y2 has emerged as a strong competitor, signaling a shifting landscape in the NFT marketplace.

The Rise of NFT Aggregators

Between 2022 and 2023, NFT aggregators emerged as a prominent trend, offering traders the convenience of buying and selling NFTs across multiple platforms from a single interface, akin to the functionality provided by Skyscanner for flight bookings. This feature resonates well with the general trading habits of users.

For the majority of NFT traders, the priority lies in acquiring their desired NFTs at the most competitive prices, with platform preference taking a back seat. Consequently, NFT aggregators capitalize on this preference by aggregating listings from various marketplaces and presenting them in a unified platform.

Furthermore, NFT aggregators add value by enabling traders to efficiently browse collections and identify the most attractively priced NFTs without the need to navigate through individual marketplaces.

Leading aggregators such as Gem and Genie have witnessed substantial growth, with a combined trading volume exceeding 511,000 ETH in the current year alone. This represents a remarkable 21-fold increase compared to figures recorded in 2021.

Moreover, the market share of NFT aggregators has expanded significantly, rising from just over 1% at the end of 2021 to approximately 5% at present. It's worth noting that these percentages are based on monthly data snapshots and may fluctuate based on daily trading activity.

While the market share of NFT aggregators remains relatively modest, recent acquisitions like Gem by OpenSea and Genie by Uniswap highlight the substantial interest that industry leaders have in NFT aggregators. These acquisitions also affirm the value proposition offered by NFT aggregators, indicating their potential to have a significant impact on the NFT trading ecosystem in the long run.

The allure of using NFT aggregators is likely to grow as competition intensifies among NFT marketplaces and liquidity becomes more fragmented. With the convenience of accessing multiple marketplaces and discovering the best-priced NFTs through a

single platform, users may be more inclined to embrace NFT aggregators. However, widespread adoption of these platforms may take time to materialize, as many NFT listings currently originate from a select few marketplaces such as OpenSea, X2Y2, and LooksRare. Consequently, traders may still find it manageable to monitor one or two exchanges before executing a trade.

Looking forward, the NFT market is poised for significant transformations in 2024, with several emerging trends expected to shape its trajectory.

Here are some noteworthy trends and advancements shaping the NFT landscape:

Integration into the Metaverse:

NFTs are set to become central to the Metaverse, with growing adoption for virtual real estate and in-game assets. Collaborations between NFT creators and Metaverse platforms will redefine digital interactions, offering immersive experiences that blur the lines between the physical and virtual worlds.

Evolution towards Dynamic NFTs:

Moving beyond static images, there is a shift towards dynamic NFTs that evolve over time, featuring changing visuals, adaptive functionalities, and evolving narratives. This dynamic aspect enhances engagement and fosters a more participatory ecosystem.

Rise of Social Tokenization:

Creators and influencers are tokenizing their presence, offering exclusive content, experiences, and even governance rights to their communities. Social tokens empower creators to cultivate loyal followings while allowing fans to have a stake in their favorite projects.

Integration of AI-Generated NFTs:

Artificial intelligence is expected to play a significant role in NFT creation, with machine creativity generating unique digital assets. This fusion of human creativity and AI innovation will lead to the emergence of innovative digital art pieces.

Focus on Cross-Chain NFTs:

Interoperability will be emphasized, with cross-chain NFTs enabling seamless movement of digital assets across different blockchain networks. This interoperability enhances liquidity and broadens market accessibility.

Emphasis on Environmental Consciousness:

The NFT community is increasingly prioritizing eco-friendly solutions, focusing on blockchain technologies with reduced energy consumption and carbon footprints.

Enhancements in AR and VR:

Augmented and virtual reality technologies will be integrated with NFTs, providing collectors with immersive experiences to interact with their digital assets in both real-world and virtual environments.

Expansion of Marketplaces and Aggregators:

NFT marketplaces, including both traditional and white-label platforms, are garnering attention from businesses and investors as lucrative platforms for revenue generation and brand visibility.

Introduction of Fractional NFTs:

Subdivided tokens aim to increase user participation and facilitate fund redistribution across various assets, drawing inspiration from shared ownership models in real estate and stocks.

Utilization of NFTs for Memberships:

NFTs are being utilized for memberships, offering exclusive access, voting rights, and enhanced user experiences through blockchain security.

Transformation of NFT Gaming:

NFTs have transformed the gaming industry by introducing unique methods to convey ownership and scarcity of in-game assets.

Development of Layer-2 NFT Solutions:

Addressing network congestion challenges, these

solutions built atop Layer-1 blockchains enhance scalability, security, and reduce transaction costs.

Innovation in Carbon Credit NFTs:

Representing an innovative approach to environmental sustainability, these NFTs verify offsetting carbon emissions and are gaining traction for their role in demonstrating environmental impact mitigation.

Wrap Up

To sum up, the NFT market is undergoing significant changes in 2024, spurred by technological advancements and shifting consumer preferences. From integrating NFTs into the Metaverse to the emergence of dynamic and AI-generated NFTs, the landscape is evolving rapidly. Moreover, there's a growing focus on environmental sustainability, interoperability, and improving user experiences, reshaping how NFTs are created, traded, and utilized.

As NFTs gain traction across diverse industries like gaming, art, and social media, their permanence becomes evident. The rise of new trends such as cross-chain NFTs, social tokenization, and layer-2 solutions highlights the potential for further innovation and expansion in the market.

In essence, the dynamic nature of the NFT market in 2024 presents opportunities for creators, investors, and consumers alike. By keeping pace with these trends and embracing the potential of NFT technology, stakeholders can position themselves to thrive in this ever-evolving landscape.





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Welcome to **The Wolfpack**

The Wolfpack is a growing community based around our cosy bar in South-East London's Casa del Quays. It is also a collection of lovingly brewed digital collectibles, 10,000 of them to be precise. We call them Little Wolfy's and they are hand-illustrated NFTs living on the Solano blockchain.

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The Wolves' Table

The Wolves' Table is located on Whatsapp and is accessible through some of our QR posters or the button below.

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TICKET TO THE FUTURE

INDIAN RAILWAYS INTRODUCES NFT TRAIN PASSES

During the Hindu festival of Holi, Indian Railways is set to introduce a unique offering: nonfungible token (NFT) train tickets for two specific Delhi-bound trains. This innovative initiative will be available from March 20th to April 2nd.

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) revealed that passengers traveling on two recently launched semi-high-speed trains, namely Tejas Express 82501 and 82502, will have the opportunity to receive their train tickets in the form of NFTs.

In an official announcement, IRCTC emphasized the significance of these NFT tickets, highlighting that they symbolize more than just digital memorabilia. Instead, they serve as a tribute to the vibrant cultural heritage of the Indian cities of Lucknow and Delhi.

India's introduction of NFT train tickets signifies a concerted effort to elevate the overall travel experience for passengers. By enabling the creation of personalized NFTs, the initiative seeks to revolutionize journey experiences, allowing travelers to craft unique digital representations that can be authenticated via blockchain technology by both authorities and the general public.

This innovative endeavor is a fitting tribute to the vibrant festival of Holi, renowned as the festival

of colors. Spearheaded by a digitization platform named NFTtrace, the initiative is poised to reshape traditional ticketing methods. NFTtrace will play a pivotal role in maintaining comprehensive records of train ticket purchases on the Hyperledger blockchain, ensuring transparency and security throughout the process.

Employing smart contracts, NFTtrace will facilitate seamless traceability, providing a robust framework to govern the entire ticketing process. This integration of blockchain technology promises to streamline ticket verification procedures while fostering a more immersive and secure travel experience for passengers.

With over 1.2 million tickets being booked on IRCTC each day, the widespread adoption of NFTs could mark a substantial leap forward in the region. By digitizing tickets through NFT technology, India aims to tackle common challenges such as forgery and misplacement, potentially revolutionizing ticketing systems across all trains.

Despite the promising implications of this initiative, NFTtrace, the driving force behind the project, has yet to provide a response to Cointelegraph's inquiry. Nevertheless, the development underscores the growing interest in blockchain-based solutions within the transportation sector.

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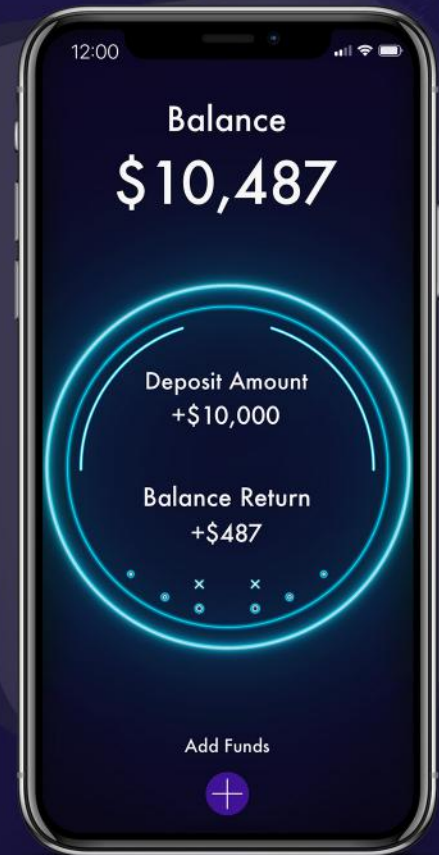


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STARBUCKS ANNOUNCES THE END OF ITS NFT REWARDS PROGRAM: WHAT'S NEXT FOR LOYALTY?

Starbucks, the multinational coffee chain, has made the decision to discontinue its program offering customers the opportunity to earn and purchase digital collectible stamps known as non-fungible tokens (NFTs). This move comes as Starbucks aims to pave the way for new initiatives and experiences within its loyalty program.

In a recent announcement, Starbucks revealed that its “Odyssey Beta program” is set to conclude on March 31. The program, which allowed users to participate in coffee-themed games and challenges, rewarded them with digital stamps. These stamps could then be used to unlock various benefits and interactive experiences within the Starbucks ecosystem.

In addition to ending the “Odyssey Beta program,” Starbucks will also be shutting down the marketplace where users could trade their digital stamps. Furthermore, the community Discord server associated with the program will also be discontinued. This marks the end of an era for Starbucks’ NFT rewards program, as the company shifts its focus towards new ventures and opportunities for its loyal customers.

Starbucks has announced the transition of its Odyssey marketplace to the Nifty marketplace, where users can still engage in buying, selling,

and transferring Odyssey stamps. However, the rationale behind Starbucks’ decision to shut down the program remains shrouded in mystery, leaving uncertainties about potential future developments in the Web3 space.

Nevertheless, Starbucks emphasizes the importance of preparing for what lies ahead as it continues to evolve its loyalty program. This forward-looking approach underscores the company’s commitment to adapting to changing market dynamics and customer preferences.

The program was initially launched by Starbucks in September 2022, amidst a turbulent period for the crypto industry. This timing coincided with various challenges, including the collapse of the Terra ecosystem in May 2022, the crash of the crypto lending platform Celsius in July 2022, and the subsequent collapse of the major crypto exchange FTX. Despite these challenges, Starbucks forged ahead with its NFT rewards program, signaling its commitment to innovation and exploration in the crypto space.

When Starbucks introduced Odyssey Beta, it made a deliberate choice to utilize the Polygon network instead of proof-of-work blockchains due to its lower energy consumption.

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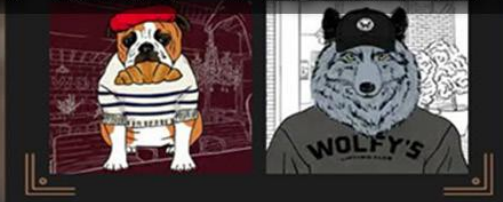
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London, UK, 6th March – **Wolfy's Bar**, a thriving cafe and bar in South East London, is excited to announce the launch of an innovative NFT collection that seamlessly bridges digital and physical spaces to benefit both NFT holders and the business itself. Dubbed "Little Wolfy's," these 10,000 unique digital collectibles will grant owners special access and experiences that elevate the customer journey.

"We believe our core values of community, sustainability, and innovation should inspire other family run businesses as well," said Wolf and Marike, owners of Wolfy's Bar. "The Wolfy's NFT collection allows us to involve our patrons in our growth, rewarding them in both digital and tangible ways as we continue expanding."

Forged on the environmentally friendly Solana blockchain, each Little **Wolfy's NFT boasts** hand-drawn stylised artwork reflecting Wolfy's signature branding. Four especially rare NFTs unlock additional perks like naming rights to new menu items and VIP treatment. Owners can also access an exclusive Wolfy's chat space to vote on decisions about the bar's future direction.

Wolfy's is targeting a wider audience aligned with its ethos of premium fare, sustainability, and digital innovation. They aim to host members-only special events, integrating NFTs and the bar experience, and collaborating with other forward-thinking brands.

Furthermore, the impetus for **Wolfy's NFT innovation** was a tale of personal resilience and vision. After a 2019 financial challenge, Wolf turned a modest £13,000 crypto investment into £260,000 that seed-funded his and Marike's dream bar. Wolfy's NFTs manifest his success in translating virtual opportunities into real-world community impact.

Wolfy's immediate roadmap includes selecting a site for a new London Bridge location set to open in October 2024, preceded by exclusive NFT-holder parties. Each new cafe and special event, will emphasise Wolfy's commitment to environmental best practices and positive community contribution.

The **presale** for 100 "OG Roll" NFTs is now live for £180 each. The entire team invites you to go and grab your units today before the presale ends.

Additionally, 2000 whitelist spots will be available for £245 before the public sale i.e. the mint date set in the Q2 of 2024 at £260 per NFT.

"Wolfy's Bar was conceived as more than just a place to grab quality food and drinks," Wolf said. "It embodies innovation, resilience, and our ideals around sustainability and community. We can't wait to see it continue thriving both physically and digitally thanks to the amazing power of NFT technology."

For foodies, crypto enthusiasts, and patrons who want the best of both worlds, Wolf and Marike invites you to join their community by visiting their café, grabbing a perfectly crafted NFT, or engaging with them on social media.

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About Wolfy's Bar:

Wolfy's Bar is a passionate community-driven cafe and bar located in South East London's Casa del Quays. Founded in 2023 by owner Wolf, Wolfy's Bar goes beyond serving top-notch coffee, drinks, and fare – it strives to build an inclusive space focused on sustainability, innovation, and enriching customer experiences through the power of digital connectivity.





ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

NOBODY WANTS TO SELL BTC, ANALYST SAYS AS BITCOIN'S ON-CHAIN ACTIVITY LIMPS

Hardly any value is being moved on-chain, a sign nobody wants to sell, one analyst said.

The dollar value of the mean onchain transfers on the Bitcoin blockchain remain well below the 2021 peak, data tracked by Glassnode show.

That's a sign of investors holding on to their coin stash in anticipation of higher prices, analysts at Blockware Solutions said.

Bitcoin's (BTC) price recently rose to new record highs above \$70,000. Still, the real economic activity on the Bitcoin blockchain is limping along, not sprinting.

The divergence partly represents strong holding sentiment in the market, according to one research firm.

"Average on-chain transfer volume (USD Denominated) is well below the 2021 bull market peak. Hardly any value is being moved on-chain," analysts at Blockware Solutions said in the latest edition of the Blockware Intelligence newsletter. "Nobody wants to sell."

Data tracking firm Glassnode defines transfer volume as the U.S. dollar value of the total BTC transferred on-chain. The metric considers only successful transfers.

At press time, the seven-day and 14-day average mean transfer volume stood below \$200,000, a far cry from \$1 million and higher during the 2021 bull market, data tracked by Glassnode show.

Wall Street's embrace of the Nasdaq-listed spot bitcoin ETFs has been the primary reason for bitcoin's latest rally. In other words, the spot volume has been concentrated in ETFs, which also explains the low on-chain volume.

Nevertheless, other metrics also indicate that investors who survived the 2022 bear market are holding onto their coin stash in anticipation of a continued price rally.

For instance, the percentage of bitcoin supply that was last active between three and five years ago continues to increase.

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This Week in Coins: After Setting a New All-Time High, Bitcoin Struggles to Retake \$69K

All major coins and tokens are down this week, and the sell off hasn't been pretty.

As Blockworks previously reported, net inflows to spot bitcoin ETFs hover around \$9.4 billion so far.

Bitcoin seemed to be on a roll earlier this month, reaching a new all-time high ten days ago. Now it's struggling to break above its longstanding top of \$69,000 set in November 2021. What's going on?

For a start, Grayscale selling coins isn't helping. The massive fund manager was again shifting crypto to its custodian as investors redeemed their shares.

Todd Sohn, an ETF and technical strategist at Strategas Securities, told Decrypt that it was likely due to "leftover holders desiring to leave this vehicle for a cheaper ETF."

The redemptions—alongside uncertainty about the impact of the upcoming halving—have pushed the price of Bitcoin down: The biggest digital coin's price now stands at \$64,415, a weekly drop of nearly 7%, according to CoinGecko. Bitcoin was recently closing in on \$74,000.

Ethereum isn't faring much better, either. The second-biggest coin has dropped 10% over the week and is now worth \$3,342.

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BlackRock's Clients Expressing 'Little Bit' of Demand for Ethereum, According to Head of Digital Assets

Clients of \$10 trillion asset management firm BlackRock are reportedly not showing much demand for the leading smart contract platform Ethereum (ETH).

Robert Mitchnick, BlackRock's head of digital assets, says that the firm's clients are mostly interested in

Bitcoin (BTC), the top crypto asset by market cap, leaving only a "little bit" of demand for the top altcoin, reports Fox Business journalist Eleanor Terrett.

"For our clients, Bitcoin is overwhelmingly the number one priority. And then a little bit Ethereum, and very little everything else."



Mitchnick also says he acknowledges that the digital asset community wants BlackRock to create a long tail of crypto-focused products. However, he says "that's just not where we're focused."

In January, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) delayed its decision on whether or not to approve Ethereum-

based exchange-traded funds (ETFs) from BlackRock and crypto asset manager Grayscale. At the time, the regulatory agency said it needed more time to consider the proposed rule change.

Earlier this month, SEC Chair Gary Gensler declined to comment on whether or not Ethereum counts as a security.

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Spectral Launches Syntax, an LLM Enabling Web3 Users to Build Autonomous Agents and Deploy Onchain Products

New York, New York, March 26th, 2024, Chainwire

Syntax takes natural language and converts it into Solidity code, enabling individuals and enterprises to ship production grade smart contracts, arbitrage agents, NFTs, rollups, and more.

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MetaWin Raises the Bar for Transparency in Online Gaming

London, UK, March 22nd, 2024, Chainwire

MetaWin, a leading platform for online prize-winning games, has introduced a groundbreaking initiative focused on enhancing transparency and fairness for players globally. After extensive research, MetaWin identified inconsistencies in Return to Player (RTP) rates among different operators, causing confusion among players.

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Streamr Network 1.0 Mainnet Launches, Fulfilling the 2017 Roadmap's Vision of Decentralized Data Broadcasting

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Bitcoin has made history and cleared a new all-time high of \$71K, the knock-on effect being a huge increase in the global crypto market cap.

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Lif3 partners with BitGo to Enhance Blockchain Security for Institutional DeFi Assets

Road Town, British Virgin Islands, March 13th, 2024, Chainwire

Lif3 (LIF3/USD)(LIF3/USDt), the revolutionary multi-chain DeFi Layer-1 ecosystem that operates on Ethereum, Polygon, BNB Chain, and Fantom, is thrilled to announce its strategic partnership with BitGo.

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ceti AI Announces Successful Launch of Revolutionary Decentralized AI Infrastructure Token

Portland, Oregon, March 13th, 2024, Chainwire
ceti AI, a pioneering decentralized artificial intelligence infrastructure provider, is thrilled to announce the successful launch of its CETI token.

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Memeinator Raise Passes \$6.5M as Presale Nears Final Stage

London, United Kingdom, March 13th, 2024, Chainwire

Memeinator is progressing towards the end of its ICO, having recently blasted past \$6.5 million raised. Already in stage 19 of 20 and pricing in at \$0.0276, the Memeinator team is optimistic that the presale is likely to sell out fast.

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World's First ICO on Bitcoin Blockchain Nears Final 48 Hours

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Bitcoin Dogs has now raised a spectacular total of \$10.6 million as it nears the final 48 hours of its presale, after which the ODOG tokens will become available for public trading.

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DeFi Platform Algotech Raises \$250,000 in a Single Day to Cross \$2M Presale Milestone

San Fransisco, California, March 12th, 2024, Chainwire

DeFi trading platforms are starting to offer advanced utilities that are challenging conventional financial systems. These emerging platforms feature cutting-edge technology and offer decentralised alternatives to legacy systems.

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Web3 Watch: Someone bought a CryptoPunk for \$16M, again

Plus, Changpeng Zhao debuts his next venture and SLERF gets burnt

Two weeks after a CryptoPunks NFT sold for \$16 million, a punk has sold for \$16 million once again.

Punk #7084, which changed hands for \$16.42 million on Wednesday, is one of nine blueish-skinned alien punks, which are the collection's most highly-coveted pieces. It narrowly topped the other alien punk that sold this month to become the second-largest CryptoPunk sale ever.

The sale appears to have been directly brokered between buyer and seller. The punk's apparent seller, known on X as Peruggia, said he "felt like an imposter"

owning punk #7084 without "elevating" the collectible.

"After over a year of looking around I feel I've found the right buyer with the right vision to appropriately elevate this asset," Peruggia added. Peruggia walks away with quite the windfall, having acquired the NFT for \$7.57 million in 2021.

"Legend," Pudgy Penguins CEO Luca Netz replied.

First minted in 2017, CryptoPunks were ascendent during the NFT craze of 2021 and remain popular today. The cheapest punk on offer from the 10,000-piece set costs \$166,242, and it's the largest NFT collection by market capitalization, according to NFT Price Floor.

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EU scraps proposed \$1K payment limit for self-custody crypto wallets

The European Union's new Anti-Money Laundering laws limit cash and some crypto transactions but proposed noncustodial wallet limits didn't make the final cut.

A majority of the European Parliament's lead committees have scrapped a 1,000 euro (\$1,080) limit on cryptocurrency payments from self-hosted crypto

wallets as part of new anti-money laundering laws.

On March 19, the European Union's Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee and the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee passed the Anti-Money Laundering Regulation (AMLR), which the European Council and Parliament provisionally agreed to in January.



An earlier proposal that saw businesses limited to 1,000 euros if using a self-hosted crypto wallet to transact was removed along with a provision that aimed to implement identity checks on self-hosted wallets receiving funds.

However, crypto exchanges, called crypto asset service providers (CASPs) in the EU, must perform "customer due diligence" — identity

verification checks — on users who carry out business transactions of at least 1,000 euros.

The law works alongside the crypto-focused Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCA) laws and others to cement existing prohibitions on CASPs from providing accounts for anonymous users or for privacy coins such as Monero \$135, which hide information about transactions.

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Did you know the number of people with savings is increasing? A recent report found that 55% of U.S. adults have more emergency savings than credit card debt – the highest percentage since 2018. Building wealth is crucial so you don't end up in that situation. Wealth building means slowly growing the total value of your money and possessions over time. It gives you freedom and security for the future.

However, building wealth can be challenging. There are many financial decisions to make and strategies to understand. That's where Amplifi can help. Amplifi is your personal AI assistant for managing money and increasing your wealth. It uses advanced technology to give customized investment advice based on your unique situation.

In this article, we will explore Amplifi in more detail and how it can guide you toward steadily growing your wealth over the years.

What is Amplifi?

Amplifi is an innovative financial technology platform that leverages advanced artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning capabilities to optimize wealth management strategies. It is a fully automated, decentralized asset management system driven by sophisticated algorithms meticulously designed to maximize returns on investment. Amplifi's proprietary AI models analyze vast datasets to

identify lucrative investment opportunities. It constructs optimized portfolios, executes trades, and continuously monitors and mitigates risks.

Amplifi operates on blockchain technology, eliminating the need for intermediaries and ensuring a transparent, secure, and globally accessible ecosystem for its users. This decentralized architecture allows individuals to control their assets directly, benefiting from reduced operational costs.

Amplifi offers low, medium, and high-yield pools to accommodate diverse investment preferences. Furthermore, the platform democratizes access to high-yield investment opportunities typically reserved for institutional investors. Thus, it is revolutionizing decentralized finance (DeFi), making it accessible to individuals from all financial backgrounds and levels of expertise.

The Key Features of the Amplifi Platform High-Yield Opportunities

Amplifi unlocks lucrative, high-yield investment opportunities previously inaccessible to individual investors. It offers low, medium, and high-yield pools. Users can earn between 4-10% or higher annual interest rates. Initially, it supports stablecoins and significant cryptocurrencies. Amplifi will eventually expand to include fiat currencies like USD, GBP, and EUR. This democratization of high-yield investing

makes decentralized finance (DeFi) accessible to everyone, regardless of their financial background.

True Decentralization

Amplifi champions true decentralization, a core tenet of DeFi. It employs a governance model that empowers users to participate in decision-making processes. This ensures transparency and community-driven development. Moreover, Amplifi's non-custodial wallets give users complete control over their funds. Unlike centralized finance (CeFi) platforms, intermediaries do not hold custody.

Trust and Innovation

In a time of soaring expenses, dwindling faith in traditional financial institutions, and economic ambiguity, Amplifi serves as a symbol of reliability and ingenuity. The platform fundamentally believes that decentralization represents the future of finance. It is building the tools required to give control back to users through cutting-edge technological solutions.

Robust Risk Management

Navigating the DeFi space can be risky due to potential scams, fraud, and loss of funds. A report by Certik revealed over \$1.3 billion in crypto was lost due to hacks and exploits in 2022. Amplifi mitigates these risks by partnering exclusively with audited and trusted protocols that have established track records of success. Additionally, the platform incorporates multiple built-in safety features and mechanisms to safeguard users' assets. This takes the guesswork out of risk management.

Lucrative Yield Farming

Amplifi taps into the lucrative world of DeFi yield farming. Amplifi can identify and capitalize on the most profitable yield farming opportunities by deploying sophisticated algorithms. This is done across various liquidity pools and lending protocols, maximizing returns for its users. It also automates the complex strategies involved.

AI-Driven Optimization

At the core of Amplifi lies cutting-edge artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) algorithms. These powerful models analyze vast amounts of data. They automate yield-generating strategies across multiple blockchain networks

simultaneously. AI-driven decision-making ensures maximum yield generation while automating risk prevention measures. Furthermore, Amplifi provides real-time, data-driven solutions, continuously optimizing investments for the best possible returns.

User-Friendly Experience

Amplifi prioritizes accessibility and user-friendliness, making DeFi simple for all. Setting up an account is effortless. Depositing funds and utilizing the platform takes just minutes to start earning. The intuitive interface and streamlined processes cater to users of all technical proficiencies. This aligns with Amplifi's belief that decentralized finance should be accessible to everyone.

How does Amplifi work?

Secure Deposit

Getting started with Amplifi is simple and secure. First, register an account on the Amplifi app, which only takes a few minutes. Then, deposit your funds into Amplifi's secure, non-custodial wallets. Your assets are stored safely using advanced encryption and backed by robust security measures, ensuring maximum protection.

Automated Yield Generation

Once your deposit is complete, Amplifi's AI-powered platform takes over. Choose the assets you want to invest, like stablecoins or cryptocurrencies, and select your preferred yield pool – low, medium, or high. Amplifi's algorithms will automatically put your funds to work in the DeFi space, earning you high yields from lucrative opportunities. Sit back and watch your wealth grow while Amplifi handles the complex strategies.

Auto-Compounding

Amplifi automatically compounds your gains to supercharge your earnings, reinvesting your profits to generate even higher returns. This powerful compounding effect accelerates the growth of your portfolio, allowing you to build long-term wealth more efficiently. The platform continuously monitors and optimizes this process, ensuring maximum benefits from compounding.

Future Planning

Amplifi offers flexible options to align with your financial goals. Run multiple investment strategies

simultaneously, diversifying your approach. Amplifi can deploy higher-risk, higher-reward tactics for those seeking aggressive yields. Alternatively, more conservative investors can opt for stable, lower-risk strategies. Amplifi's versatility ensures your unique needs are met, whatever your plans entail.

Portfolio Monitoring

With Amplifi, you'll have complete visibility into your portfolio's performance. The user-friendly dashboard provides real-time updates, tracking asset growth, yield generation, and overall returns. Robust analytics and reporting tools allow you to monitor your progress and make informed decisions about your investment strategies.

Secure Withdrawals

When you're ready to access your funds, Amplifi makes withdrawals effortless and secure. Initiate a withdrawal request, and your assets will be promptly transferred to your wallet. Amplifi's non-custodial model ensures you maintain complete control over your funds at all times, enhancing security and peace of mind.

How does Amplifi stand out in optimizing returns?

Optimizing returns is a constant pursuit in the ever-evolving world of decentralized finance (DeFi). However, most current yield aggregators need to catch up. A recent report found that 74% require users to manually manage their strategies – a significant burden. Amplifi solves this by using AI and automation, streamlining the entire process.

Additionally, 90% of existing aggregators are limited to generating yields for single assets on specific blockchains, restricting opportunities. In contrast, Amplifi's multi-asset approach blends similar assets, simultaneously enabling yield generation across dozens of pools. This diversification reduces risk while unlocking higher, more consistent yields.

Beyond technology, Amplifi recognizes the importance of community engagement and decentralized governance in DeFi. Its approach strengthens trust, setting Amplifi apart as a decentralized and community-driven platform. As DeFi evolves, Amplifi's ability to adapt and incorporate user feedback will solidify its position as a leader in optimizing returns and delivering value.

A Beginner-Friendly Choice: Why Amplifi Stands Out

Free To Use: Amplifi breaks down barriers to entry by providing a fee-free platform. Beginners won't worry about hidden costs or gas fees expected in DeFi. This transparency allows you to invest without unexpected charges eating into your gains. Amplifi's commitment to being fee-free makes it a beginner-friendly choice.

Diversified Investment Options: Amplifi offers diverse investment options to cater to different risk appetites and financial goals. Beginners can explore the DeFi space gradually, mitigating potential risks as they build confidence. From low-risk to high-yield opportunities, Amplifi's diversification empowers newcomers to find suitable options aligned with their comfort levels.

Immediate Liquidity: With Amplifi, beginners can easily withdraw their funds whenever needed. The platform emphasizes immediate liquidity, fostering a sense of control and flexibility. This feature is essential for those new to DeFi, providing peace of mind and adaptability as they navigate this space.

Non-Custodial: Amplifi's non-custodial model ensures beginners maintain complete ownership of their assets. Funds are stored in secure, personal wallets, instilling trust and aligning with DeFi's core principles of decentralization. This approach empowers beginners by giving them complete control over their investments.

Mobile App Accessibility: Amplifi offers a user-friendly mobile app, allowing beginners to manage their investments conveniently from anywhere. This accessibility promotes widespread adoption and caters to the mobile-first preferences of many newcomers, making it easier for them to get started with DeFi.

Low Investment Requirements: With low minimum investment thresholds, Amplifi enables beginners to start small and gradually increase their exposure as they gain experience. This approach reduces the risk of over-committing funds, providing a comfortable entry point for those new to DeFi and yield farming.

Conclusion

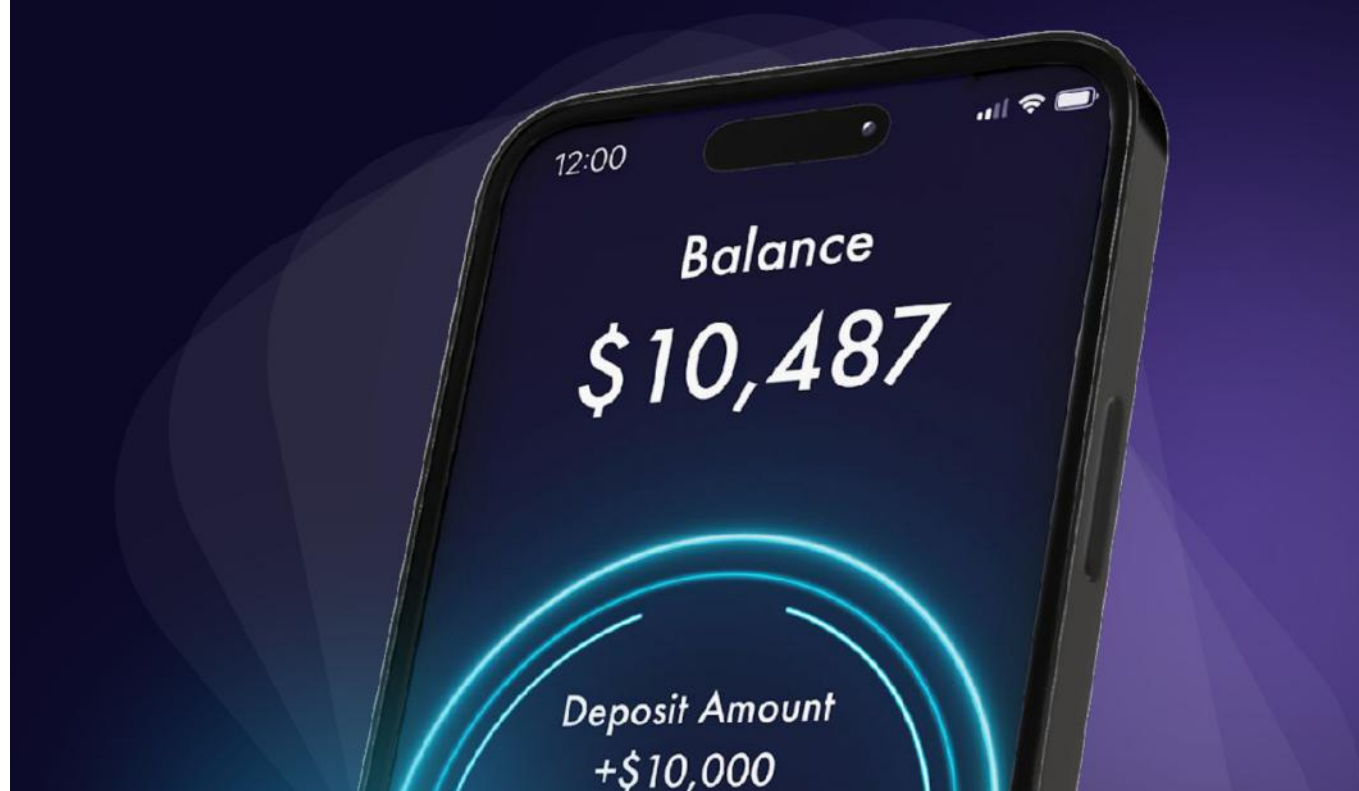
Navigating the complex world of investments can be daunting, especially for beginners. Amplifi stands out as a game-changer, providing a beginner-friendly platform that simplifies and democratizes access to the lucrative opportunities of decentralized finance (DeFi). Amplifi empowers individuals to embark on their wealth-building journey with confidence.

Amplifi's innovative approach and commitment to beginner education have the potential to boost yields and open new avenues of financial growth. Recent reports suggest that many millennials are interested in investing but lack the knowledge and tools to do so effectively. Amplifi bridges this gap, positioning itself as a catalyst for personal wealth creation in the rapidly evolving DeFi ecosystem.



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Nigeria files tax evasion charges against Binance as exec escapes from custody

The Nigerian government has filed tax evasion charges against crypto exchange Binance, according to local media reports. Meanwhile, one of the two Binance executives recently detained in the country reportedly escaped from custody on Friday.

Nigeria's federal government filed charges against crypto exchange Binance for tax evasion at the country's High Court on Monday, local newspaper Punch reported.

Nigeria's Federal Inland Revenue Service, the country's tax agency, accuses Binance of four tax evasion charges in the filing: the non-pay-

ment of value-added tax, the non-payment of company income tax, failure to file tax returns and complicity in aiding customers to evade taxes through its platform.

The lawsuit also alleges Binance failed to register with FIRS for tax purposes and contravened existing tax regulations within the country.

Two senior Binance executives recently detained in Nigeria — Tigran Gambaryan and Nadeem Anjarwalla — were also named defendants in the suit.

Binance executive escapes from custody in Nigeria.

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Turkish Citizens Seek Refuge in Gold and Stablecoins Amid Surging 67% Inflation Rate

According to February 2024's latest inflation data, Turkey faces an inflation rate exceeding 67%, amid ongoing currency devaluation and a declining lira against the U.S. dollar. Recent findings suggest that in an effort to safeguard their wealth, Turks are increasingly turning to gold, with smuggling hitting unprecedented levels. Additionally, there is a growing interest among Turkish citizens in securing their assets through crypto assets, particularly those stablecoins tied to the greenback.

Record Gold Smuggling in Turkey Reflects Deepening Currency Crisis; Lira Tightens Bonds With Stablecoin Assets

This week unveiled a report highlighting that gold smuggling

in Turkey has hit new highs, with authorities confiscating 350 kilograms of gold this year. Due to quotas set by the Turkish government on gold imports, there's a soaring demand for this valuable metal as the nation's currency, the lira, continues its steep decline.

This heightened quest for gold and secure assets, aimed at preserving the diminishing wealth of Turks, has catapulted gold prices to a 7% premium over the global weighted average, according to the report.

Amidst a substantial economic shortfall, Turkey grapples with escalating import expenses, leading to inflated prices for commodities and services. Furthermore, an exceptionally lax monetary strategy coupled with alleged interest rate.



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HOW ARE NFTS INFLUENCING THE DEFI SECTOR?

Have you ever paused to contemplate the potential of blockchain technology to revolutionize our lives? It's truly fascinating to witness the profound impact it's already making. Blockchain technology and its diverse applications have sparked significant transformations across various industries. Among these, two standout applications that have attracted considerable attention are non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and decentralized finance (DeFi).

These distinctive digital tokens have not only captivated the blockchain community but have also piqued the interest of the broader public, particularly within the realms of art and collectibles. However, NFTs are now positioned to disrupt and innovate one of humanity's oldest industries: finance.

Let's delve deeper into this innovative convergence and embark on a journey to explore the intriguing world of NFT-based DeFi applications together.

What do NFTs entail?

Non-fungible tokens (NFTs) represent a groundbreaking type of digital assets that empower individuals to assert ownership and transfer unique digital items. Leveraging blockchain technology, these tokens meticulously document all pertinent details, guaranteeing their legitimacy and lasting existence.

NFTs boast the capability to embody an extensive array of items, spanning from artwork and music to collectibles, game items, and even land titles. The surge in NFTs' popularity arises from their potential as investment avenues, their capacity to establish digital ownership, and their inherent scarcity.

What does DeFi entail?

Decentralized finance, abbreviated as DeFi, signifies a revolutionary methodology for managing financial services by harnessing blockchain technology. It functions via decentralized applications (dApps) and provides a broad spectrum of financial features encompassing payments, lending, borrowing, saving, margin trading, yield aggregation, currency trading, and more. Unlike traditional banking systems that



depend on intermediaries such as banks or financial institutions, DeFi obviates the need for third-party intervention. This innovative framework enables individuals with a stable internet connection to directly access and employ these services, free from dependence on any centralized authority.

Here are ten benefits of decentralized finance (DeFi) compared to traditional banking systems, along with detailed descriptions:

Financial Inclusion:

Decentralized Finance (DeFi) stands as a beacon of hope for promoting financial inclusion on a global scale. Traditional banking systems have long struggled to extend their reach to underserved or excluded populations, leaving millions of individuals without access to essential financial services. DeFi revolutionizes this landscape by breaking down barriers and opening up a world of financial opportunities to anyone with an internet connection. Regardless of geographical location or socioeconomic status, individuals can now participate in various financial activities without the bureaucratic hurdles of bank account requirements or credit history assessments. This inclusivity is particularly transformative for unbanked populations worldwide, offering them a lifeline to financial empowerment and economic independence.

Accessibility:

One of the defining features of DeFi is its unparalleled accessibility, which transcends the limitations of traditional banking systems. With DeFi, financial services become accessible to anyone, anywhere, at any time, as long as they have an internet connection. This level of accessibility removes geographical barriers and time constraints, empowering individuals to engage in financial transactions conveniently and efficiently from the comfort of their own homes or on the go. Whether you're in a bustling metropolis or a remote village, DeFi ensures that financial opportunities are within reach, leveling the playing field and democratizing access to finance on a global scale.

Decentralization:

At the heart of DeFi lies the principle of decentralization, which fundamentally reshapes the financial landscape by eliminating the need for

intermediaries like banks or financial institutions. Unlike traditional banking systems that rely on centralized authorities to facilitate transactions and manage funds, DeFi operates on blockchain networks governed by distributed consensus mechanisms. This decentralized structure not only enhances security and transparency but also fosters resilience against systemic risks and single points of failure. Transactions on DeFi platforms are verified and recorded on a distributed ledger accessible to all participants, ensuring trust and integrity in the financial ecosystem. By embracing decentralization, DeFi pioneers a new era of financial sovereignty, where individuals have full control and ownership of their assets, free from the constraints of centralized authority.

Transparency:

One of the hallmarks of DeFi platforms is their commitment to transparency and accountability. Transactions conducted on DeFi platforms are recorded on public blockchain networks, providing participants with unparalleled visibility into the flow of funds and asset movements. This transparency extends beyond transaction histories to encompass other critical aspects of the ecosystem, including the underlying smart contract code and real-time asset balances. Participants can scrutinize transaction data and smart contract logic, ensuring that all activities adhere to predefined rules and standards. This level of transparency fosters trust and confidence among users, laying the groundwork for a robust and resilient financial ecosystem built on the principles of openness and accountability.

Lower Fees:

DeFi transactions offer a welcome reprieve from the exorbitant fees typically associated with traditional banking systems. By bypassing intermediaries and operating directly on blockchain networks, DeFi transactions incur significantly lower fees, translating into tangible cost savings for users. Whether you're engaging in lending, borrowing, trading, or other financial activities, the reduced fees associated with DeFi transactions make financial services more affordable and accessible to a broader audience. This democratization of access to low-cost financial services is a key tenet of DeFi's mission to promote financial inclusion and empower individuals worldwide.

Global Reach:

DeFi's borderless nature enables seamless cross-border transactions without the need for cumbersome currency conversions or intermediary banks. Users can send and receive funds internationally with minimal friction, unlocking a world of economic opportunities and fostering global financial integration. Whether you're conducting business with counterparts halfway across the globe or sending remittances to loved ones in distant lands, DeFi offers a convenient and cost-effective solution for facilitating international transactions. This global reach not only facilitates economic empowerment but also fosters greater interconnectedness and collaboration in the global financial landscape.

Programmability:

DeFi protocols are characterized by their programmability, allowing developers to unleash their creativity and innovation through the power of smart contracts. Smart contracts are self-executing contracts with predefined conditions written in code, enabling automated and trustless execution of financial agreements. Developers can leverage smart contracts to create a myriad of innovative financial products and services, including lending protocols, decentralized exchanges, liquidity pools, and yield farming strategies. This programmability enhances efficiency and scalability within the DeFi ecosystem, enabling the seamless automation of complex financial functions. As DeFi continues to evolve, the possibilities for innovation are virtually limitless, paving the way for a new era of decentralized finance built on the foundation of programmable smart contracts.

Security:

Ensuring the utmost security of user assets is paramount within the DeFi ecosystem. DeFi platforms employ robust cryptographic protocols and decentralized governance mechanisms to safeguard assets against potential threats and vulnerabilities. Private keys serve as the linchpin of asset security, providing users with exclusive access and control over their funds. Additionally, smart contracts undergo rigorous audits to identify and mitigate potential vulnerabilities or exploits, bolstering the resilience of the ecosystem. By prioritizing security at every level, DeFi platforms instill confidence and peace of mind among users,

fostering a trusted and secure environment for financial transactions and interactions.

Financial Sovereignty: DeFi stands as a beacon of financial sovereignty, empowering individuals with unprecedented control and ownership over their assets. Unlike traditional financial systems that rely on third-party custodians or intermediaries, DeFi enables users to manage their funds directly, free from the constraints of centralized authority. This autonomy reduces counterparty risk and enhances self-custody of assets, empowering users to make independent financial decisions without reliance on external entities. With DeFi, individuals have the freedom to transact, invest, and participate in financial activities on their own terms, reclaiming control over their financial destinies.

Innovation:

DeFi fuels a culture of innovation, driving the continuous evolution and advancement of financial products and services. By providing a fertile ground for experimentation and iteration, DeFi encourages developers to push the boundaries of traditional finance and explore new frontiers. Decentralized applications (dApps) serve as the building blocks of innovation within the DeFi ecosystem, enabling developers to create and deploy groundbreaking financial solutions that address specific market needs or challenges. Whether it's novel lending protocols, innovative yield farming strategies, or next-generation decentralized exchanges, DeFi fosters an environment where creativity thrives and innovation flourishes. As developers continue to push the envelope of what's possible, the DeFi ecosystem evolves, bringing forth new opportunities and possibilities for users worldwide.

Exploring the Influence of NFTs on the DeFi Sphere

Non-fungible tokens (NFTs) have emerged as pivotal components within DeFi projects, offering a plethora of advantages. They provide robust proof of ownership, streamline transaction processes, and bolster security measures. By integrating NFT-based smart contracts, transactions can be automated while upholding transparency standards. NFTs empower users with precise control over their digital assets, enabling them to dictate transfer protocols.

These tokens open up new avenues for revenue generation through decentralized exchanges, where NFTs representing diverse assets can be exchanged, circumventing traditional financial intermediaries. NFTs enrich the DeFi ecosystem by enhancing ownership structures, operational efficiency, security protocols, and financial opportunities. Let's delve into the significant impacts of non-fungible tokens in the DeFi sector.

NFTs as Loan Collateral:

NFTs function as distinctive digital assets, making them optimal collateral for loans. This arrangement mitigates risks for lenders, and loan agreements can be tailored to accommodate the preferences of both parties. Platforms like Arcade facilitate peer-to-peer lending and borrowing using NFTs as collateral, offering adjustable interest rates and loan-to-value ratios. Borrowers have the flexibility to specify loan parameters, empowering lenders to make well-informed decisions.

Enhanced Debt Management through NFTs:

Employing NFTs as collateral streamlines debt management processes by facilitating automatic ownership transfers to lenders in the event of default, obviating the necessity for legal intervention. Transactions involving NFT collateral are conducted securely and transparently, with all pertinent details recorded on the blockchain for lenders to monitor repayment statuses. Predefined conditions established in NFT smart contracts serve to safeguard the interests of both borrowers and lenders, mitigating the risk of unforeseen complications.

Innovative Insurance Solutions with NFTs:

NFTs have the potential to revolutionize the insurance sector by serving as digital representations of insurance policies, facilitating seamless verification and ownership transfers without the cumbersome paperwork typically associated with traditional policies. Platforms like CoverCompared harness the power of NFTs and DeFi to modernize insurance practices, granting users secure access to a diverse array of insurance offerings. Leveraging NFT-based derivative contracts enables the implementation

of sophisticated risk-hedging strategies and smart reinsurance systems that dynamically adjust premiums in response to market conditions. Storing policyholder data on public ledgers enhances transparency and bolsters defenses against fraudulent activities, safeguarding the integrity of the insurance ecosystem.

Enhanced Visibility and Security Measures:

Utilizing NFTs for insurance policies eliminates the need for expiry dates or frequent renewals, providing policyholders with greater peace of mind and convenience. Moreover, storing policyholder information, payment histories, and coverage details on public ledgers enhances visibility within the insurance industry, promoting greater transparency and accountability. This heightened transparency not only fosters trust between insurers and policyholders but also strengthens defenses against fraudulent activities, bolstering the overall security posture of the insurance sector.

Enhancing Governance through NFTs:

Within the realm of DeFi governance, NFTs assume a pivotal role by bestowing permanent voting privileges upon specific users or wallets. Soulbound tokens (SBTs) represent non-transferable NFTs that are securely housed within designated wallets, ensuring their permanence and integrity. These tokens serve as the cornerstone for incorporating permanent members or councils into the decision-making processes of DeFi projects. SBT holders wield significant influence through their voting rights on critical matters such as fund allocation, asset management, and strategic planning, effectively assuming the role of advisors and bolstering organizational governance structures. Additionally, NFTs offer supplementary perks such as exclusive content access and discounts, thereby fostering user engagement and loyalty.

NFT Staking:

NFT holders have the opportunity to stake their tokens in dedicated pools, akin to traditional DeFi yield farming practices. Staking enables token owners to passively accrue rewards and potentially appreciate the value of their assets while retaining full ownership. To participate in NFT staking, users

typically register with a staking platform, deposit their tokens into a liquidity pool, and configure parameters such as stake amount and duration. By staking NFTs within DeFi pools, users stand to earn rewards commensurate with their level of participation. Nonetheless, it is imperative for prospective investors to conduct thorough due diligence before embarking on NFT staking or engaging with any other cryptocurrency-related investment vehicles or services.

Conclusion

The fusion of non-fungible tokens (NFTs) with DeFi protocols has catalyzed a surge of groundbreaking financial services catering to users' diverse needs. These services encompass an extensive array of offerings, spanning from loans and liquidity provision to insurance solutions. Moreover, NFTs are instrumental in facilitating staking rewards, governance voting, and participation in decentralized lending and borrowing platforms. This convergence of virtual tokens and DeFi protocols lays the groundwork for the emergence of NFT-centric DeFi applications, heralding an era of unprecedented innovation and boundless opportunities.

FAQs

How do NFTs work?

NFTs operate on blockchain technology, which ensures their scarcity, authenticity, and ownership. Each NFT is stored on a blockchain ledger, providing a transparent and immutable record of ownership. Smart contracts govern the creation, ownership, and transfer of NFTs, allowing creators to define the terms and conditions of their digital assets.

What can NFTs represent?

NFTs can represent a wide range of digital and physical assets, including artwork, music, videos, virtual real estate, collectibles, in-game items, and more. Essentially, any unique or rare item that holds value to its owner can be tokenized as an NFT.

How do I buy and sell NFTs?

Buying and selling NFTs typically involves using specialized online marketplaces or platforms known as NFT marketplaces. These platforms allow users to browse, purchase, and trade NFTs using cryptocurrency. Each NFT marketplace may have its own interface, features, and listing requirements, so it's essential to research and choose a reputable platform that aligns with your interests.

Are NFTs a good investment?

The value of NFTs can fluctuate widely based on factors such as scarcity, demand, and the reputation of the creator. While some NFTs have sold for millions of dollars, others may struggle to find buyers. As with any investment, it's essential to conduct thorough research, assess the potential risks and rewards, and only invest what you can afford to lose.

Can I create my own NFTs?

Yes, anyone can create and mint their own NFTs using various online platforms and marketplaces that support NFT creation. Creators can tokenize their digital artwork, music, videos, or other content by uploading it to an NFT marketplace, setting parameters such as pricing, royalties, and ownership rights, and minting it as an NFT on the blockchain.

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Bitcoin ETF Buzz In UK: Kraken Executive Pushes For Market Access

The simmering debate over Bitcoin exchange-traded funds (ETFs) in the UK has reignited, with industry leaders calling for wider access for investors. This comes on the heels of the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approving Bitcoin ETFs in January, sparking a surge in investment and renewed calls for a similar move by the UK's Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

Bivu Das, Managing Director of Kraken UK, believes Bitcoin ETFs offer a "basic fundamental" for establishing the UK as a true crypto hub. These instruments allow investors to gain exposure to Bitcoin's price movements without directly owning the

cryptocurrency itself, potentially offering a more regulated and accessible entry point.

However, the FCA remains cautious. In 2021, they banned the retail sale of crypto-derivative products, including exchange-traded products (ETPs) backed by cryptocurrencies. This stance, some argue, puts the UK at a disadvantage compared to the US, where retail investors can readily invest in Bitcoin ETFs.

Das contends that the regulatory landscape has evolved since the 2021 ban. He believes ETFs could even alleviate some regulatory concerns, as investors wouldn't directly hold the underlying Bitcoin.

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Grayscale's GBTC Will Run Out of Bitcoin in 96 Days

Grayscale's Bitcoin Trust (GBTC) is facing a critical depletion of its Bitcoin reserves within 96 days due to consistent outflows.

Analysis from Arkham Intelligence reveals a downward trend in GBTC's Bitcoin holdings, declining from 618,280 BTC to 356,440 BTC. Observers attribute the outflows to GBTC's fee structure, trading activities involving bankrupt

firms, and the emergence of competition.

Bitcoin exchange-traded funds (ETFs) have significantly impacted the crypto market since their debut in January. Even market observers have been impressed with the record performance of these financial products.

However, Grayscale's Bitcoin Trust (GBTC), one of the prominent prod-



ucts, has experienced consistent outflows, sparking concerns about its future trajectory.

Grayscale's GBTC Bitcoin Reserve Depletes Arkham Intelligence, a blockchain analytics firm, has forecasted that GBTC could deplete its Bitcoin reserves within the next 96 days if the current rate of redemptions persists.

Since its conversion into a spot Bitcoin ETF in January, Grayscale's Bitcoin balance has plummeted by 266,470 BTC. This marks a significant decline from its initial holding of approximately 620,000 BTC.

The downward trend is attributed to consistent outflows from GBTC averaging 25,900 BTC per week.

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Stablecoins and NFTs have indeed risen to the forefront of discussions in the cryptocurrency landscape. Their increasing significance can be attributed to their unique ability to provide stability amidst the often turbulent fluctuations experienced by other digital currencies. In this article, we delve into the promising realm of stablecoin-backed NFTs, offering insights into how stablecoins serve as foundational elements in facilitating seamless NFT transactions.

As the popularity of both stablecoins and NFTs continues to soar, understanding their intersection becomes increasingly vital for cryptocurrency enthusiasts and investors alike. By examining the symbiotic relationship between stablecoins and NFTs, we uncover the innovative solutions they collectively offer to address the challenges associated with volatility and uncertainty in the digital asset space.

Read on to explore this exciting new frontier in the world of cryptocurrency, where stablecoins and NFTs converge to redefine the possibilities of decentralized finance and digital ownership. Join us as we navigate through this dynamic landscape, uncovering the transformative potential of stablecoin-supported NFTs and the pivotal role they play in shaping the future of finance and technology.

Deciphering Stablecoins and NFTs

Stablecoins represent digital currencies engineered to uphold a steady value. In contrast to cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin or Ethereum, renowned for their market volatility, stablecoins are tethered to specific assets or baskets of assets such as gold or the U.S. dollar. This stability renders them an appealing option for individuals and businesses seeking to navigate the cryptocurrency realm with confidence.



Now that we've grasped the concept of stablecoins, let's delve into the realm of NFTs (non-fungible tokens).

NFTs have emerged as a revolutionary notion in the domain of digital assets. An NFT stands as a unique, indivisible token constructed on

blockchain technology. Unlike fungible tokens, each NFT possesses distinctive value and is non-interchangeable. Every NFT embodies a distinct digital item, ranging from music and artwork to virtual goods and real estate in virtual environments. It is the inherent uniqueness and scarcity of NFTs that render them highly coveted and valuable to enthusiasts and collectors.

How Do Stablecoins Keep Up the Stability?

Stablecoins maintain stability through various mechanisms and strategies designed to peg their value to a specific asset or basket of assets. Here are some common methods employed by stablecoins to ensure stability:

Fiat-Collateralized Stablecoins: Fiat-collateralized stablecoins are backed by reserves of fiat currency, such as the US dollar or the euro, held in bank accounts. For every stablecoin issued, there is an equivalent amount of fiat currency held in reserve. This ensures that the value of the stablecoin remains stable and is directly tied to the value of the fiat currency it is backed by.

Crypto-Collateralized Stablecoins: Crypto-collateralized stablecoins are backed by reserves of other cryptocurrencies, typically more stable ones like Bitcoin or Ethereum. These stablecoins use over-collateralization, where the value of the collateral held exceeds the value of the stablecoins issued. Smart contracts are used to ensure that the collateral remains sufficient to maintain the stability of the stablecoin.

Algorithmic Stablecoins: Algorithmic stablecoins use algorithms and smart contracts to automatically adjust the supply of stablecoins in response to changes in demand. When the price of the stablecoin deviates from its target value, the algorithm triggers mechanisms such as increasing or decreasing the supply of stablecoins or adjusting interest rates to bring the price back to its target.

Commodity-Collateralized Stablecoins: Commodity-collateralized stablecoins are backed by reserves of physical assets such as gold or other commodities. Similar to fiat-collateralized stablecoins, the value of the stablecoin is directly tied to the value of the underlying commodity,

providing stability and mitigating volatility.

Hybrid Models: Some stablecoins combine multiple stabilization mechanisms to enhance stability and resilience. For example, a stablecoin may be partially collateralized by fiat currency and partially stabilized algorithmically.

Role of Stablecoins in NFT Transactions

The role of stablecoins in NFT (non-fungible token) transactions is multifaceted and pivotal, offering a stable and reliable medium of exchange within the vibrant and evolving NFT ecosystem. Here are ten key points elucidating the significance of stablecoins in NFT transactions:

Price Stability: Stablecoins provide a crucial element of stability in NFT transactions by maintaining a consistent value. Unlike volatile cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin or Ethereum, stablecoins are pegged to fiat currency or other assets, ensuring that the value remains relatively constant over time. This stability reduces the risk associated with price fluctuations, providing assurance to buyers and sellers in NFT transactions.

Mitigation of Volatility: By using stablecoins in NFT transactions, participants can mitigate the volatility inherent in other cryptocurrencies. Stablecoins offer a reliable store of value and medium of exchange, allowing individuals to engage in NFT transactions without being exposed to the price volatility that may affect other digital assets.

Efficient Medium of Exchange: Stablecoins facilitate efficient and seamless transactions in the NFT market, enabling buyers to purchase NFTs and sellers to receive payments quickly and securely. The stable value of stablecoins ensures that transactions can be conducted without the delays or uncertainties often associated with traditional payment methods or volatile cryptocurrencies.

Global Accessibility: Stablecoins offer global accessibility, allowing participants from around the world to engage in NFT transactions without the need for traditional banking systems or currency conversion. Since stablecoins are typically issued on blockchain networks, transactions can be executed rapidly and seamlessly across borders, expanding

the reach and inclusivity of the NFT market.

Lower Transaction Costs: Stablecoin transactions typically incur lower fees compared to traditional payment methods or volatile cryptocurrencies. Since stablecoins are settled on blockchain networks, transaction fees are often minimal, especially for peer-to-peer transactions or transactions within decentralized platforms. This cost-effectiveness makes stablecoins an attractive option for minimizing transaction costs in NFT transactions.

Hedging Against Volatility: For NFT collectors and investors, stablecoins serve as a valuable tool for hedging against the volatility of other cryptocurrencies. By converting volatile assets like Bitcoin or Ethereum into stablecoins, participants can mitigate the risk of sudden price fluctuations while maintaining liquidity to participate in NFT auctions or make purchases.

Smart Contract Integration: Stablecoins can be seamlessly integrated into smart contracts, enabling programmable and automated transactions in the NFT ecosystem. Smart contracts can facilitate various aspects of NFT transactions, such as escrow services, royalty payments, and conditional transfers of ownership. Stablecoins provide the necessary liquidity and stability for these transactions to occur seamlessly on blockchain networks.

Transparency and Security: Stablecoins offer transparency and security in NFT transactions, as transactions are recorded on blockchain networks, providing an immutable and transparent ledger of transactions. Participants can verify the authenticity and legitimacy of transactions, reducing the risk of fraud or manipulation in the NFT market.

Diversification of Payment Options: By incorporating stablecoins into NFT transactions, participants can diversify their payment options and reduce reliance on traditional banking systems or fiat currencies. Stablecoins offer an alternative form of payment that is independent of centralized financial institutions, providing greater flexibility and autonomy to participants in the NFT market.

Facilitation of Cross-Border Transactions: Stablecoins facilitate cross-border transactions in

the NFT market, enabling participants to transact with ease across different geographic regions and currencies. Since stablecoins are not subject to the restrictions or limitations of traditional banking systems, they provide a frictionless and cost-effective solution for conducting international transactions in the NFT ecosystem.

Why Utilize Stablecoins for NFT Transactions?

Using stablecoins for NFT (non-fungible token) transactions offers several advantages and benefits, making them a preferred choice for participants in the NFT market. Here are some reasons why stablecoins are commonly used for NFT transactions:

Price Stability: Stablecoins are designed to maintain a stable value by being pegged to a specific asset or basket of assets, such as fiat currency or commodities. This stability reduces the risk of price fluctuations commonly associated with other cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin or Ethereum. For buyers and sellers in the NFT market, stablecoins provide assurance that the value of their transactions will remain relatively constant, mitigating the volatility inherent in the cryptocurrency market.

Efficiency and Speed: Stablecoins enable quick and efficient transactions in the NFT market. Since stablecoins are typically issued on blockchain networks, transactions can be executed rapidly and settled within minutes, compared to traditional payment methods that may take days to process. This efficiency is particularly beneficial for participants in NFT auctions or time-sensitive transactions, where delays can result in missed opportunities or increased costs.

Global Accessibility: Stablecoins offer global accessibility, allowing participants from around the world to engage in NFT transactions without the need for traditional banking systems or currency conversion. By using stablecoins, individuals and businesses can overcome barriers related to cross-border payments, currency exchange rates, and banking restrictions, expanding the reach and accessibility of the NFT market to a wider audience.

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Smart Contract Integration: Stablecoins can be seamlessly integrated into smart contracts, enabling programmable and automated transactions in the NFT ecosystem. Smart contracts can facilitate various aspects of NFT transactions, such as escrow services, royalty payments, and conditional transfers of ownership. By using stablecoins within smart contracts, participants can automate the execution of transactions based on predefined conditions, reducing the need for intermediaries and streamlining the transaction process.

How to Utilize Stablecoins in NFT Transactions?

Using stablecoins effectively in NFT (non-fungible token) transactions involves several steps and considerations to ensure smooth and secure transactions. Here's a guide on how to use stablecoins effectively in NFT transactions:

Select a Reliable Stablecoin: Choose a stablecoin with a proven track record of stability and reliability. Look for stablecoins that are backed by reputable institutions or collateralized by reliable assets such as fiat currency, commodities, or cryptocurrencies. Examples of popular stablecoins include USDT (Tether), USDC (USD Coin), DAI, and BUSD (Binance USD).

Acquire Stablecoins: Acquire stablecoins through reputable cryptocurrency exchanges or platforms that support the stablecoin of your choice. You can purchase stablecoins using fiat currency or exchange other cryptocurrencies for stablecoins. Ensure that you use a trusted exchange with robust security measures to protect your funds.

Store Stablecoins Securely: Store your stablecoins securely in a cryptocurrency wallet that supports the stablecoin you intend to use. Choose a wallet with strong security features, such as multi-

factor authentication and cold storage options, to safeguard your stablecoin holdings from theft or unauthorized access. Consider using hardware wallets for an extra layer of security.

Participate in NFT Transactions: Once you have acquired stablecoins and stored them securely, you can participate in NFT transactions on NFT marketplaces, auction platforms, or decentralized exchanges (DEXs). Look for NFTs that interest you and are priced in stablecoins. You can bid on NFT auctions, purchase NFTs directly from sellers, or trade NFTs with other participants using stablecoins as the medium of exchange.

Verify Transaction Details: Before completing a transaction, carefully review the details of the NFT listing, including the price, description, and terms of sale. Ensure that you are comfortable with the transaction terms and verify the authenticity and legitimacy of the NFT and the seller. Double-check the wallet addresses and transaction amounts to avoid errors or fraudulent transactions.

Execute the Transaction: Once you are satisfied with the transaction details, proceed to execute the transaction by sending the required amount of stablecoins to the seller's wallet address. Follow the instructions provided by the NFT platform or marketplace to complete the transaction securely. Ensure that you include any transaction fees required by the blockchain network to process the transaction.

Transfer Ownership of the NFT: After sending the stablecoins to the seller, wait for confirmation of the transaction on the blockchain network. Once the transaction is confirmed, the seller will transfer ownership of the NFT to your wallet address. Verify the receipt of the NFT in your wallet and ensure that you have full control and ownership of the digital asset.

Record Transaction Details: Keep records of your NFT transactions, including the details of the NFTs purchased, the amount of stablecoins spent, transaction dates, and any relevant communications with sellers. Maintaining accurate records will help you track your NFT holdings, monitor your transaction history, and provide documentation for tax purposes if required.

Conclusion

The intersection of stablecoins and NFTs presents fascinating prospects for the days ahead. By incorporating stablecoins into NFT transactions, individuals can leverage the advantages of stable value while participating in the buying, selling, or exchanging of distinctive digital assets.

Seeking access to the premier NFT marketplace? Your search ends here with NFTICALLY, a global B2B SaaS solution empowering you to establish your own open NFT marketplace or NFT store without requiring technical expertise. Explore the realm of NFTs with NFTICALLY today!

FAQs

What are stablecoins, and why are they used in NFT transactions?

Stablecoins are digital currencies designed to maintain a stable value by being pegged to a specific asset or basket of assets, such as fiat currency or commodities. They are used in NFT transactions to provide price stability and mitigate the volatility commonly associated with other cryptocurrencies, ensuring a reliable medium of exchange for buying, selling, or trading NFTs.

How do I acquire stablecoins for NFT transactions?

You can acquire stablecoins through reputable cryptocurrency exchanges or platforms that support stablecoin trading. Purchase stablecoins using fiat

currency or exchange other cryptocurrencies for stablecoins. Ensure that you use a trusted exchange with robust security measures to safeguard your funds.

Can I use stablecoins to buy any type of NFT?

Yes, you can use stablecoins to purchase any type of NFT listed for sale on NFT marketplaces, auction platforms, or decentralized exchanges. Whether you're interested in digital art, collectibles, virtual real estate, or other digital assets, stablecoins serve as a versatile medium of exchange in the NFT ecosystem.

Are stablecoins safe to use in NFT transactions?

Yes, stablecoins are generally considered safe to use in NFT transactions due to their stable value and the security features of blockchain technology. However, it's essential to exercise caution and conduct due diligence when participating in NFT transactions to avoid scams, fraud, or unauthorized access to your funds.

What are some popular stablecoins used in NFT transactions?

Some popular stablecoins used in NFT transactions include USDT (Tether), USDC (USD Coin), DAI, BUSD (Binance USD), and others. These stablecoins are widely accepted on NFT marketplaces and offer stability, liquidity, and global accessibility for participants in the NFT market.



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Bitcoin ETFs become hottest product in BlackRock, Fidelity's repertoire of funds

IBIT and FBTC have accounted for more than half of the year-to-date net flows for both companies in less than 50 days of trading.

BlackRock and Fidelity Investment's spot Bitcoin ETFs — IBIT and FBTC — have become the most popular funds the two asset managers currently offer in less than 50 days of trading, based on data shared by Bloomberg ETF analyst Eric Balchunas.

IBIT and FBTC were launched on Jan. 11 and have consistently posted record-setting numbers and generally outperformed the wider ETF market. The strong

performance is evidence of Bitcoin's growing popularity in traditional financial circles.

49-day streak
According to the data, IBIT made up more than half of BlackRock's net inflows for the year despite the company's large portfolio of 420 ETFs. The Bitcoin fund has attracted double the capital of every other ETF offered by the company since its launch in January.

Similarly, FBTC accounted for 70% of Fidelity's YTD flows, attracting 5x more capital than any other ETF in the company's lineup.

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Arbitrum whales move another \$18.5M in tokens after \$2.3B unlock

\$18.5 million in Arbitrum tokens made their way into Binance after \$58 million in ARB were sent to exchanges last week.

Another batch of whales holding Arbitrum moved their coins into exchanges following the release of a large number of vested tokens earlier in March.

On March 23, blockchain data platform Lookonchain detected four more wallets moving ARB tokens into exchanges after the \$2.32 billion vested token unlock on March 16.

The whales transferred 11.34 million ARB tokens onto Binance in four different transactions.



These assets are worth \$18.5 million at the time of transfer.

Crypto community members' opinions were split on the recent fund movements in Arbitrum. An X user thought that this was not a "bearish sign," while another believes that at this point, ARB will not "go up."

The event follows another batch of transfers last week when 11 whales deposited ARB into exchanges. On

March 18, Lookonchain flagged that whales transferred \$58 million worth of ARB tokens into exchanges.

The transfers happened after the layer-2 blockchain project Arbitrum released \$2.3 billion worth of tokens after the vesting period. The project allocated 673.5 million ARB for its advisers and team members, while 438.25 million ARB tokens were for the investors.

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This Week in Crypto Games: 'Crypto Valleys' Blasts Off, Immutable and Polygon Plot \$100M Fund

Catch up on this week's biggest crypto and NFT gaming news and find some weekend reads in our latest roundup.

The crypto and NFT gaming space is busier than ever lately, what with prominent games starting to release, token airdrops piling up, and a seemingly constant array of other things happening at all

times. It's a lot to take in!

Luckily, Decrypt's GG is all over it. And if you need a quick way to get caught up on the latest moves around crypto video games, we're debuting This Week in Crypto Games.

Our weekend roundup serves up the biggest news from the past week, along with a few



other tidbits you might have missed. We also showcase a few of our original stories from the week.

A tale of two Blast games: Less than a month after the mainnet launch of Ethereum scaling network Blast, we're starting to see games

grab attention—in good and bad ways.

On the upside, DeFi farming game Crypto Valleys is hot right now as players open up randomized NFT seed bags, plant their crops, and pray for some juicy YIELD.

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Argentiniens Turn to Bitcoin Amid Increasing Inflation Rates

A on drives Bitcoin buying frenzy: 34,700 BTC purchased in March's first week, the highest in 20 months.

In the face of relentless inflation and economic instability, Argentiniens are increasingly turning to Bitcoin as a refuge, with recent data indicating a surge in purchases of the cryptocurrency.

This trend comes as Bitcoin has experienced a remarkable rally in recent months, hitting record highs and outpacing traditional hedges against inflation, such as the U.S. dollar.

Bitcoin Purchases Soar in Argentina According to a Bloomberg report, in

the first week of March alone, the number of weekly Bitcoin purchases in Argentina soared to 34,700, marking the highest volume seen in the country in 20 months. This surge represents more than double the levels observed in early February, showing Argentiniens' growing interest and adoption of Bitcoin.

The appeal of Bitcoin as a hedge against inflation has intensified as the cryptocurrency has witnessed substantial gains, rising as much as 73% year-to-date and reaching an all-time high of over \$73,000. This surge has been attributed to various factors.

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UK Woman Found Guilty of Laundering Bitcoin Tied to \$6 Billion China Fraud



The woman stands accused of converting Bitcoin into cash and property to conceal the proceeds of a \$6.3 billion fraud scheme.

Jian Wen, a former takeaway worker residing in north London, was found guilty of one count of money laundering after she was found with Bitcoin worth over \$2.5 billion (£2 billion) in 2018.

Jian Wen assisted a Chinese fugitive known to Wen as Zhang Yadi, whose real name is Qian Zhimin, in laundering the BTC funds.

The Bitcoin Laundering Case
Wen was found with Bitcoin valued at over £2 billion, which she had been involved in converting into assets such as multi-million-pound houses and jewelry. Despite living in a flat

above a Chinese restaurant in Leeds when she first became involved in criminal activity, Wen's lifestyle saw a drastic upgrade.

Wen's attempt to legitimize her newfound wealth by claiming to have earned millions through legitimate Bitcoin mining was not believed. She also faced difficulties passing money-laundering checks when attempting to purchase expensive properties in London.

The investigation revealed that another suspect named Zhang Yadi is believed to be the mastermind behind the fraud. Prosecutors alleged that Wen aided Zhang in converting stolen funds amassed through fraudulent wealth schemes targeting thousands of Chinese investors.

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Cathie Wood Calls Bitcoin a 'Financial Super Highway,' Reiterates \$1.5M Price Target

The Ark Invest CEO said the firm has been looking closely at emerging markets, where use cases of the digital asset make her believe that bitcoin is partly a risk-off asset.

Ark Invest CEO Cathie Wood called bitcoin (BTC) a "financial super highway," emphasizing the important use cases for the cryptocurrency in emerging markets. Wood, whose Ark Invest recently became one of the issuers of a spot bitcoin exchange-traded fund (ETF), ARKB, said the asset manager is focused on emerging markets and the macro environment worldwide, which has been "shocked" by the U.S. Federal Reserve's increase in interest rates, she said during a fireside chat at the

Friday Bitcoin Investor Day conference in New York.

"There are signals that not all is well in the world," she said about countries like Nigeria, one of the biggest adopters of bitcoin because of the strong depreciation of the country's currency. Because of that, Wood sees bitcoin as a risk-off asset and a risk-on asset.

Ark's spot bitcoin ETF has become one of the more successful bitcoin ETFs among the ten funds issued in January. Wood said that with more institutions entering this space, mathematically speaking, bitcoin's price could easily rise above \$3.5 million. However, she wouldn't give a new specific price target.



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