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Key Metrics					
Assets	Spot Price	Change (%)	Low	High	7-Day Volatility
BTC/USD	\$62,052.35	-0.78%	\$61,807.43	\$ 63,281.56	
ETH/USD	\$ 4,156.31	-0.54%	\$ 4,133.17	\$ 4,257.70	
Gold	\$ 1,785.80	-1.16%	\$ 1,782.00	\$ 1,807.00	
USD/CAD	\$ 1.236	-0.20%	\$ 1.235	\$ 1.239	
EUR/CAD	\$ 1.434	-0.22%	\$ 1.434	\$ 1.438	

**BITCOIN:** A snapshot of [Bitcoin's spot price](#) as of this writing is \$62,052 representing [1.75%](#) decrease the last 24 hours and [6%](#) increase in trading volume. The 30-day volatility of BTC is [47%](#).

**ETHEREUM:** ETH is trading at \$4156 as of this writing, representing a [24-Hour increase of 0.25%](#) and [30-day volatility of 55%](#). Over the last 24 Hours, the [trading volume decrease by 5%](#). As of today, ETH holds 19% of the cryptocurrency market, making it the second-largest coin traded.

## MACRO

**TAX:** U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen discussed ["unrealized capital gains"](#) on CNN's "State of the Union" that U.S lawmakers are considering taxing unrealized capital gains. According to Yellen, the funds collected will be used to finance climate and social change initiatives. Senator Ron Wyden (D., Oregon) is working on drafting the plan, but a significant number of Americans have been criticizing it on forums and social media.

Yellen explained the concept, which aims to tax Americans on unrealized capital gains derived from liquid assets. Like the controversial \$600 IRS monitoring proposal, Yellen said the tax is aimed at "extremely wealthy individuals and billionaires". However, she stressed that the tax is not a wealth tax.

## LATEST DIGITAL ASSET NEWS

- 1) **Regulations:** Terra's Do Kwon talks SEC Subpoena: DeFi 'may not fit in nicely' with current regulations

At the Yahoo Finance all markets that happened today (October 25th, 2021), Kwon suggested that the friction between regulators and the crypto industry usually leads to "frameworks that are a little bit more accepting of innovation and change." This last

Friday, Kwon and Terraform Labs filed a complaint against the SEC claiming that the agency's issuance of two subpoenas violated the 14th amendment due process cause as well as SEC rules and federal regulations.

At the summit today, SEC chair Gary Gensler claimed that DeFi would "end poorly" if it is not properly regulated. Kwon then replied saying Terraform is "happy" to educate regulators about cryptocurrency.

"There's just an explosion of lots of different projects coming into the crypto industry, and usually when there's an explosion of a new industry, some of which may not fit in nicely with existing regulatory or incumbent networks, I think that causes a bit of conflict and friction" said Kwon.

### 2) Mastercard to allow all banks on its network to provide bitcoin services:

Mastercard is preparing to expand the cryptocurrency economy in a whole new way, according to a recent report. The payment services giant will soon announce the provision of crypto-integrated services to every bank and merchant on its network. Mastercard has collaborated with Bakkt – which will provide crypto-custody services for clients behind the scenes. Bakkt confirmed that restaurants and merchants would be able to convert their rewards points into Bitcoin. He said these services help lower the barrier to entry for people by letting them earn cryptocurrency without sacrificing real cash.

Sherri Haymond – Mastercard's executive vice president said "We want to offer all of our partners the ability to more easily add crypto services to whatever it is they're doing. Our partners, be they banks, fintechs or merchants can offer their customers the ability to buy, sell and hold cryptocurrency through an integration with the Bakkt platform."

### 3) Ethereum competitor NEAR launches \$800M developer fund as DeFi competition heats up:

The allocation of this massive \$800M fund is as follow: roughly \$250 million will be allocated to existing ecosystem developers; \$100 million is earmarked for startup grants, with Near planning to fund more than 20 startups at a rate of \$5 million each. The remaining \$100 million will be spent on so-called regional funds across Asia, Europe and the United States. Over the past year, value locked in DeFi protocols has surged over 936%, with the majority being accumulated through Ethereum competitors such as Binance Smart Chain, Solana, and Avalanche. Ethereum projects have only accounted for approximately 66% of the total value. The DeFi market is current valued at \$247 billion, having being worth only \$13 billion a year ago.

### 4) Worldwide:

**Korea Teacher's credit Union is planning to invest in bitcoin:** The Korea teachers credit union is considering investing in Bitcoin next year. The union currently manages about \$40 billion in assets. Although the credit union will not be purchasing Bitcoin directly, they will be exposed to it via purchases of investment products such as bitcoin ETFs.

This is planned to commence when the korea-based company launches a Bitcoin ETF in the first half of 2022. This investment will be the first instance of a pension fund in the country with regards to investing in Bitcoin.

## TRADER'S DIGEST: MARKET MOVEMENT

In anticipation of the third Bitcoin exchange-traded fund (ETF) to be listed in the U.S., bitcoin is recovering from a weekend dip. The VanEck Bitcoin Futures ETF launched on Tuesday and traded under the ticker symbol XBT. Given strong investor sentiment on ETF approval, analysts continue to expect further upside for bitcoin.

Following the retracement from last week's all-time high at \$67,000, bitcoin lost more than \$7,000 in days and dropped below \$60,000 several times. This drop took place last weekend when the cryptocurrency reached a weekly bottom of \$59,400 (on Bitstamp). Almost immediately, Bitcoin reclaimed \$60,000 and rose again.

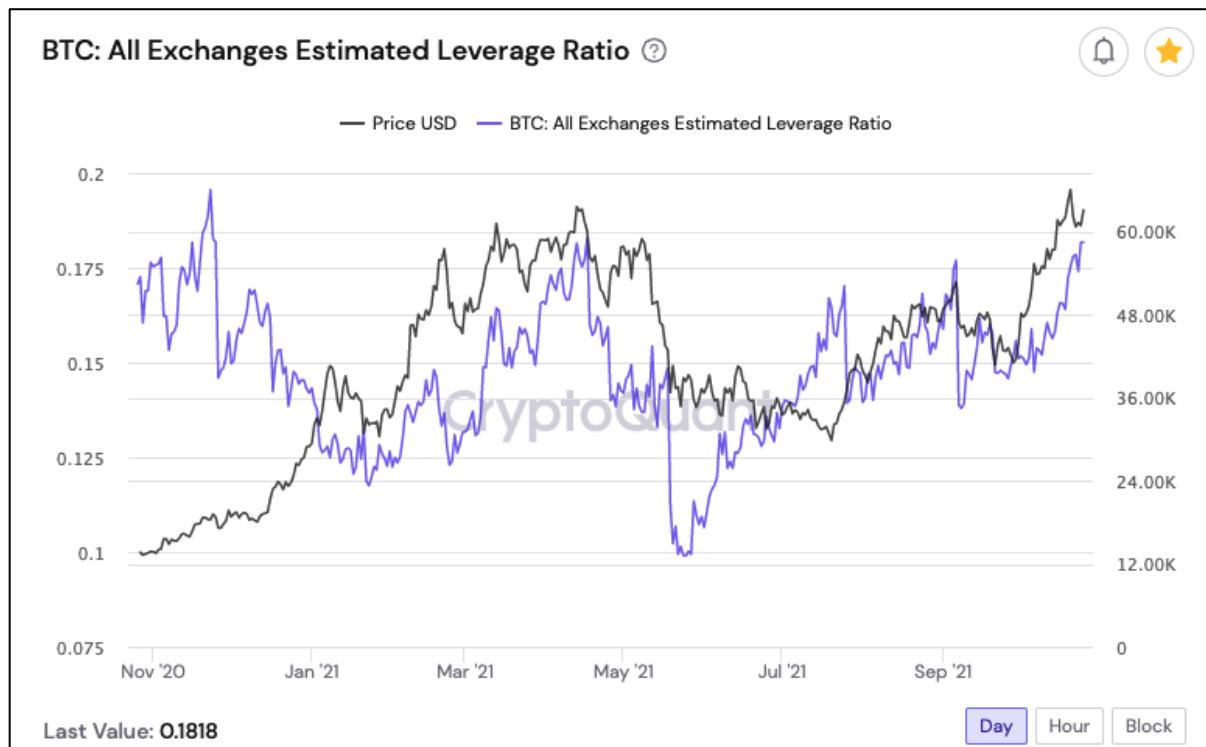
BTC subsequently peaked at over \$63,500 but failed to continue up. As of press time, BTC/USD has recovered slightly below \$63,000 trading at \$62,300. Its market capitalization has remained just shy of \$1.2 trillion, while the dominance over the altcoins has declined slightly to 45%.



The MACD indicator on the four-hour chart indicates bullish momentum as it approaches the positive area. On the other hand, the RSI remains neutral, suggesting BTC/USD is currently in a consolidation range.

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Analysts at Secure Digital Markets, however, anticipate some volatility shortly as BTC's leverage ratio is about to top out for the year. The market appears to be heavily leveraged in reference to leverage data provided by CryptoQuant.



These data, however, do not account for CME futures. Users of CME futures are new entrants to this industry, which indicates the market is over-leveraged by "existing" investors who are using crypto exchanges. Thus, folks using CME are unlikely to have over-leveraged positions.

UPCOMING DATES		
Company	Pending Applications	SEC Response Date
VanEck	VanEck Bitcoin Trust	Nov. 10 2021
Wisdomtree	Wisdomtree Bitcoin Trust	Dec. 05 2021
Kryptoin Invst Advisrs	Kryptoin Bitcoin ETF Trust	Dec. 18 2021
Valkyrie Investments	Valkyrie Bitcoin Fund	Jan. 1 2022
First Trust & SkyBridge	First Trust SkyBridge Bitcoin ETF Trust	Jan. 16 2021
Fidelity	Wise Origin Bitcoin	Jan. 20 2022
21Shares / Ark Invest	ARK 21Shares Bitcoin ETF	Mar. 30 2022
Global X	Global X Bitcoin Trust	Apr. 14 2021

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