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MARKET INSIGHT

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Key Metrics					
Pairs	Spot Price	24 Hr Change	Low	High	Funding Rates
BTC/USD	\$44,020.75	0.80%	\$42,807.84	\$44,371.85	0.0029%
ETH/USD	\$3,192.08	3.24%	\$3,038.38	\$3,198.65	0.0092%
XAU/USD	\$1,826.90	0.07%	\$1,824.50	\$1,833.60	
USD/CAD	\$1.2692	-0.11%	\$1.2681	\$1.2716	
EUR/CAD	\$1.4504	0.00%	\$1.4488	\$1.4528	

BITCOIN: A snapshot of Bitcoin's spot price as of this writing is \$44,020.75 representing a **0.80%** increase the last 24 hours and **22.24%** decrease in trading volume. The funding rate of BTC is **0.0029%**.

ETHEREUM: ETH is trading at \$3,192.08 as of this writing, representing a **24-Hour increase of 3.24%** and a funding rate of **0.0092%**. Over the last 24 Hours, the **trading volume decreased by 18.65%**. As of today, ETH holds 18.3% of the cryptocurrency market, making it the second-largest coin traded.

UPCOMING DATES		
Company	Pending Applications	SEC Response Date
VanEck	VanEck Gold & Bitcoin strategy ETF	Mar. 02 2022
NYDIG	NYDIG Bitcoin ETF	Mar. 16. 2022
21Shares / Ark Invest	ARK 21Shares Bitcoin ETF	Arp. 3. 2022
VanEck	Commodities & Bitcoin Strategy ETF	Apr. 3 2022
Teucrimum	Bitcoin Futures Fund	Arp. 8. 2022
Global X	Global X Bitcoin Trust	Apr. 14 2022

LATEST DIGITAL ASSET NEWS

1) Regulations: Congress rejects Treasury's proposed stablecoin regime ¹

The US Treasury Department's proposal for new stablecoin law is dead in the water if today's hearing before Congress is any indication. On February 8, the House Financial Services Committee hosted Nellie Liang, the Treasury's undersecretary for domestic finance and the driving force behind a November report on stablecoins from the President's Working Group on Financial Markets. IDIs are institutions that possess FDIC insurance, which for the most part encompasses banks. Given its origins with the financial collapse and bank runs that heralded the Great Depression, FDIC insurance comes with a whole host of capital and liquidity requirements, as well as federal supervision. The distinction, many point out, is that banks make their money by lending out client deposits. Consequently, stablecoin reserve compositions have become a major sticking point in the conversation.

2) Web 3.0 developer Alchemy reaches \$10B valuation ²

Web 3.0 blockchain developer Alchemy announced on Tuesday that it has raised an additional US\$200 million, bringing its valuation to US\$10.2 billion. Led by venture capital firms Lightspeed and Silver Lake, the funding is a continuation of its Series C round launched in October where it raised US\$250 million at a US\$3.5 billion valuation. Alchemy builds tools that allow companies to interact with the Ethereum, Flow and Polygon blockchains and further integrate with Web 3.0.

3) Justice Department Seizes Over \$3.6 Billion Worth of Bitcoin Linked to Bitfinex Hack ³

The U.S. Justice Department has seized \$3.6 billion worth of Bitcoin, marking the largest seizure of cryptocurrency of all time and the biggest financial seizure ever. In a statement, the Justice Department says it seized over 119,754 BTC from 34-year-old Ilya Lichtenstein, and his wife, 31-year old Heather Morgan. The Bitcoin seized by the feds was directly linked to the Bitfinex hack of 2016 when the crypto exchange experienced the biggest digital asset hack in history. According to court documents seen by the Justice Department, Lichtenstein and Morgan allegedly attempted to launder Bitcoin that was stolen from Bitfinex after a hacker breached the exchange's systems, and then sent the stolen crypto to a wallet under Lichtenstein's control in over 2,000 unauthorized transactions.

¹ https://www.theblockcrypto.com/post/133526/in-todays-house-hearing-congress-rejects-treasurys-proposed-stablecoin-regime?utm_source=cryptopanic&utm_medium=rss

² <https://forkast.news/headlines/web-3-0-developer-alchemy-reaches-valuation/>

³ <https://dailyhodl.com/2022/02/08/justice-department-seizes-over-3-6-billion-worth-of-bitcoin-linked-to-bitfinex-hack/>

4) PayPal establishes advisory council for crypto and blockchain ⁴

Major U.S.-based payment processor PayPal has assembled a team of industry experts to act as advisors on crypto, blockchain and digital currencies. In a Tuesday announcement, PayPal said the addition of six members to its Blockchain, Crypto and Digital Currencies advisory council would help to support its current and future products as well as its goal of creating a more inclusive digital financial ecosystem. All six advisers carry years of experience from the crypto and blockchain space from a business or regulatory perspective.

5) Around the world: Japan-based messaging app will offer trial run of native token starting in March ⁵

Users of Japanese messaging giant LINE will soon be able to use the app's native token for payments at select online merchants in a limited trial. The LINE Corporation said that starting on March 16, users would have the option of paying with native LINK token (LN) — not to be confused with Chainlink (LINK) — at any of LINE Pay's online merchants. The trial period, which will run until Dec. 26, is aimed at testing real-life use cases for the tokens in addition to increasing the convenience and number of payment options for users. A consortium of Japan-based financial institutions and major corporations announced in November that they planned to trial and launch a yen-based digital currency in fiscal 2022. The country's central bank, the Bank of Japan, is still in the research phase of developing a digital yen, expecting to complete its first trials by March.

6) Around the world: Russian Government Approves Plan to Regulate Cryptocurrency ⁶

The Russian government "has determined the future of digital currencies in Russia," an announcement published late Tuesday stated. The executive power in Moscow elaborated that the plan is to integrate the circulation of cryptocurrencies into Russia's financial system. The cabinet also aims to establish control over crypto-related flows in the banking system. Siding with the Finance Ministry's view on the matter, the federal government wants to allow crypto platforms to operate under a licensing regime. To protect the rights of Russian citizens, investors will be divided into qualified and non-qualified classes, while crypto service providers will be obliged to meet certain capital and liquidity requirements. They will also be tasked with informing Russians about relevant risks.

⁴ <https://cointelegraph.com/news/paypal-establishes-advisory-council-for-crypto-and-blockchain>

⁵ <https://cointelegraph.com/news/japan-based-messaging-app-will-offer-trial-run-of-native-token-starting-in-march>

⁶ <https://news.bitcoin.com/russian-government-approves-plan-to-regulate-cryptocurrency/>

TRADER'S DIGEST: MARKET MOVEMENT

Over the past 2 months, miners have been continuously accumulating bitcoin even as prices fell from \$55,000 to \$35,000, research firm Delphi Digital said in a daily note.

With the weekend pump, investors are starting to offload their BTC holdings as Miner Net Position Change turned negative for the first time in 2 months.

The sale over the past 30 days likely contributed to a decline in Bitcoin prices, as the asset touched \$32,000 in the last week of January. It has since recovered, touching as much as \$45,570 on Tuesday.

Indeed, Bitcoin did get rejected at the previous support now hovering and accumulating in the low volume area just above \$44,000.



On the other hand, Ether closed above the bearish technical pattern, confirming the breakout and now trading above \$3,150. The next key level for Ether will be at \$3,400, where we could find some resistance.

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Interesting enough and instead of banning cryptocurrencies, the Russian government has decided to regulate them, legitimizing a \$2 trillion asset class in the world's 11th largest economy.

Binance coin recently hit a brick wall but could be breaking it soon.

BNBUSD has been trading within a bearish trend channel in place since November. Every time prices recover and rebound towards the top-end of the channel; it opens the door for a clean short that drags prices lower.

In the beginning of the year, the pair broke below a rising trend line, which has placed some pressure for the coin. Recently, prices recovered to this trend line which is now acting as resistance near \$445. For BNB to get back on track and start a new uptrend, we would need to see prices break above this previous trend line, which also intersects with the top-end of the trend channel as well.

Looking at the indicators, the RSI has started to break out from a falling wedge pattern and is trading above 50 which is a positive sign. MACD is above its signal line but still in negative territory even though it is about to break above the 0 level any moment now.

After the next resistance near \$445, the next significant resistance level would be \$500 which also plays a key psychological level for market participants.

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When it comes to trading alt coins, it is very important to track the movement of Bitcoin. When BTC appreciates or consolidates in a range, some of these coins can flourish but if the former gets dumped then the latter will get destroyed. Therefore, these types of analysis depend on the trajectory of Bitcoin's price action. Timing is of the essence.

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