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Market Insight



Key Metrics					
Pairs	Spot Price	24 Hr Change	Low	High	Funding Rates
BTC/USD	\$30,510	-3.91%	\$29,232	\$32,050	-0.0200%
ETH/USD	\$2,224	-8.20%	\$2,170	\$2,441	0.0019%
XAU/USD	\$1,854.60	0.90%	\$1,834.20	\$1,857.00	
USD/CAD	\$1.2927	-0.75%	\$1.2921	\$1.3040	
EUR/CAD	\$1.3660	-0.40%	\$1.3655	\$1.3733	

BITCOIN: A snapshot of Bitcoin's spot price as of this writing is \$30,510 representing a 3.91% decrease the last 24 hours and 18.65% decrease in trading volume. The funding rate of BTC is -0.0200%.

ETHEREUM: ETH is trading at \$2,224 as of this writing, representing a 24-Hour decrease of 8.20% and a funding rate of 0.0019%. Over the last 24 Hours, the trading volume decreased by 10.54%. 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
WisdomTree Digital Commodity Services	WisdomTree Bitcoin Trust	May 15, 2022
One River Carbon Neutral Bitcoin Trust	One River Digital Asset Management	June 2, 2022
Bitwise	Bitwise Bitcoin ETP Trust	July 1, 2022
Grayscale	Grayscale Bitcoin Trust	July 6, 2022
WisdomTree Bitcoin Trust	WisdomTree	October 10, 2022

Latest Digital Asset News



1) Coinbase files shelf registration statement with the SEC ¹

Coinbase has stated: Today we filed a shelf registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). This shelf registration statement is intended to be used for potential prospective offerings which may include the sale of new securities for general corporate purposes. While we have no immediate plans to offer securities at this time, by filing the shelf registration statement now, we will be able to offer and sell securities in the future should we choose to do so. We have chosen to file it today with our Form 10-Q since it is our first quarterly SEC filing since satisfying the eligibility requirements to be classified as a well-known seasoned issuer.

2) Luna Foundation Guard seeks more than \$1 billion to shore up UST stablecoin ²

The Luna Foundation Guard (LFG), a Singapore-based non-profit that supports the Terra blockchain ecosystem, is looking to raise more than \$1 billion to shore up the UST algorithmic stablecoin after it lost parity with the US dollar, according to three sources familiar with the situation. Algorithmic stablecoins like UST are meant to stay pegged one-to-one to the price of an underlying fiat currency such as the dollar. But UST dropped as low as \$0.61 on Monday amid a wider sell-off in crypto markets, before recovering to \$0.91 at the time of writing.

3) Republic’s venture arm reportedly raising \$700 million for crypto-focused funds ³

Private investment platform Republic’s ~\$1 billion venture arm is reportedly in talks to raise \$700 million for two new crypto-focused funds, according to Axios. The funds include a \$200 million flagship venture fund and a \$500 million dedicated crypto fund, Axios wrote in its Pro fintech newsletter. The venture fund will have 20% of its capital set aside for investments in cryptocurrency tokens, while the other 80% will go to equity investments in web3, fintech and deep tech, Axios reported. The dedicated crypto fund, it added, will focus on backing later-stage protocols.

¹ <https://blog.coinbase.com/coinbase-files-shelf-registration-statement-with-the-sec-f9f4005a183c>

² https://www.theblockcrypto.com/post/145978/luna-foundation-guard-seeks-more-than-1-billion-to-shore-up-ust-stablecoin-sources?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss

³ <https://techcrunch.com/2022/05/10/republics-venture-arm-reportedly-raising-700-million-for-crypto-focused-funds/>

4) KuCoin Raises \$150M in Pre-Series B Funding at a \$10B Valuation ⁴

The cryptocurrency trading platform of KuCoin has announced that it has raised \$150 million in a pre-series B funding round at a \$10 billion valuation. Jump Crypto led the funding round with additional participation by Circle Ventures, IDG Capital, and Matrix Partners. According to the team at KuCoin, the influx of capital will be utilized by the exchange to ‘go beyond centralized trading services and expand its presence in Web 3.0, including crypto wallets, GameFi, DeFi, and NFT platforms.’ The expansion will be achieved through its investment arms of KuCoin Labs and KuCoin Ventures. The KuCoin Chain (KCC) built by its community will also play a significant role as part of the infrastructure for deploying a decentralized ecosystem.

5) Around the world: Nigerian CBDC Wallet Update to Enable Utility Payments, USSD Functionality to Be Added ⁵

The wallet app for Nigeria’s central bank digital currency, the e-naira, is set to undergo an update that will see users being able to pay for regular utilities like pay television and airtime top-up, an official with the bank has reportedly said. According to a Nairametrics report that quotes the official — Yusuf Abdul Jelil — the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) will initiate the upgrade process by sending a message to users asking them to update the wallet app. Designated the CBN’s e-naira representative, Jelil made the remarks while attending an event at Kairo Market in Oshodi, Lagos.

⁴ <https://en.ethereumworldnews.com/kucoin-raises-150m-in-pre-series-b-funding-at-a-10b-valuation/>

⁵ <https://news.bitcoin.com/report-nigerian-cbdc-wallet-update-to-enable-utility-payments-ussd-functionality-to-be-added/>

Traders' Digest

This morning, the US CPI was expected to be lower than the expected number of 8.1%. The data came out at 8.3% for the YoY and 0.3% for the MoM versus an expected of 0.2%.

The market is currently trading on the back of inflation with the Fed being more and more aggressive as they seem to have a harder time fighting inflation than they thought. Now, today's release was supposed to be a relief for the market as investors were anticipating lower inflation for the first time in a while.

This lower inflation would have potentially eased the monetary tightening stance of the Fed going into the summer but, on the contrary, the numbers came out higher than the predictions. Therefore, as long as we have higher inflation, the Fed will keep being aggressive on rate hikes, liquidity shrinkage, dragging risk assets across the board lower.

On a positive note, BTC is still holding its very key 29-30k area. Hence, it will be very important to monitor this level moving into this week and the rest of the month.





Altcoin Analysis

During these uncertain times, it's best to stay away from small caps and stick with the big boys.

ETHUSDT broke below the major trend channel that we've been following for months now. Despite the breakdown, it's interesting to see that it continues to outperform Bitcoin for now. Looking at ETHBTC, we continue to range within a consolidation zone but it looks like the pair is holding up strong for now.

As long as prices are trading below 2,715, we expect further downside towards 1,800 which intersects with the bottom of the previous double top pattern posted last Summer, but most importantly, with a price zone that has seen a lot of volume in the past.



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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