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Market Insight

Key Metrics					
Pairs	Spot Price	24 Hr Change	Low	High	Funding Rates
BTC/USD	\$30,626	3.35%	\$29,251	\$30,694	0.0056%
ETH/USD	\$2,105	5.00%	\$1,988	\$2,113	-0.0005%
XAU/USD	\$1,820.50	-0.19%	\$1,819.70	\$1,836.60	
USD/CAD	\$1.2837	-0.06%	\$1.2805	\$1.2856	
EUR/CAD	\$1.3515	0.84%	\$1.3388	\$1.3541	

BITCOIN: A snapshot of Bitcoin's spot price as of this writing is \$30,626 representing a **3.35%** increase the last 24 hours and **11.47%** decrease in trading volume. The funding rate of BTC is **0.0056%**.

ETHEREUM: ETH is trading at **\$2,105** as of this writing, representing a **24-Hour increase of 5.00%** and a funding rate of **-0.0005%**. Over the last 24 Hours, the **trading volume decreased by 9.44%**. 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) Mawson to Develop New Bitcoin Mining Site in Texas ¹

Bitcoin miner Mawson Infrastructure (MIGI) said it plans to develop a new 120 megawatt (MW) facility in Texas and expects it to be fully operational by the fourth quarter. Site development is expected to start this quarter. The facility could potentially accommodate up to 4 exahash per second (EH/s) of bitcoin (BTC) mining capacity, the miner said in a statement. Mawson is working to secure the power purchase agreements required to start the facility and will utilize both carbon credits and renewable energy credits as well as participate in curtailment programs to ensure grid load management.

2) Fireblocks introduces Web3 Engine with developer tools to accelerate ecosystem growth ²

As the world accelerates towards a decentralized future, Fireblocks, a digital assets custody platform, announced the launch of their new Web3 Engine to help foster the development of the Web3 ecosystem. The company announced on Tuesday that the dedicated Web3 engine includes a set of tools for developers to create products and services in decentralized finance (DeFi), GameFi and nonfungible tokens (NFT). Fireblocks has also opened up a world of decentralized apps (DApps), exchanges, NFT marketplaces and more for alternative asset managers and capital market participants.

3) Square Enix to Reinforce Blockchain Bet, According to Latest Earnings Report ³

Square Enix, the Japanese gaming company, seems determined to include blockchain and play-to-earn (P2E) as part of its business and monetization scheme for the future. In its recent earnings call, the company disclosed plans regarding blockchain and play-to-earn and the investments it will make in this area. As part of its mid-term business strategy, the company reported taking on new domains, meaning that it will be putting funds behind new fields, including what it calls the “blockchain entertainment domain.”

4) China Makes a Comeback in Bitcoin Mining Despite Government Ban ⁴

While the US extended its leading position as the dominant location for Bitcoin mining, China has reemerged as the second-largest locale despite a government ban on the activity last year. The US accounted for 37.84% of global hashrate, a measure of computing power used to extract the digital currency, between September 2021 to January, according to the Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance, in a report released on Tuesday. The hashrate, also responsible

¹ https://www.coindesk.com/business/2022/05/16/mawson-to-develop-new-bitcoin-mining-site-in-texas/?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=rss&utm_campaign=headlines

² <https://cointelegraph.com/news/fireblocks-introduces-web3-engine-with-developer-tools-to-accelerate-ecosystem-growth>

³ <https://news.bitcoin.com/square-enix-to-reinforce-blockchain-bet-according-to-latest-earnings-report/>

⁴ <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-05-17/china-makes-a-comeback-in-bitcoin-mining-despite-government-ban>

for securing the Bitcoin network, has made a strong comeback to new highs after falling last year. Following the mining ban in China last year, the country has seen a sudden surge in activity through “covert mining operations” and has “re-emerged as a major mining hub” grabbing 21.11% of global hashrate, according to the CCAF.

5) South Korean politician calls for Do Kwon to attend hearing on TerraUSD's collapse⁵

Yun Chang-Hyun, a representative from South Korea's ruling People Power Party, has called for a parliamentary hearing on TerraUSD (UST) after the stablecoin's sudden collapse last week, local news outlet Newspim reported on Tuesday. "We should bring related exchange officials, including CEO Do Kwon of Terra, which has become a recent problem, to the National Assembly to hold a hearing on the cause of the situation and measures to protect investors," Chang-Hyun reportedly said today at a plenary meeting of the National Assembly's Political Affairs Committee.

⁵ <https://www.theblockcrypto.com/post/147269/south-korean-politician-calls-for-hearing-terra-do-kwon>

Traders' Digest

Bitcoin is still consolidating between \$29,000 and \$31,000. Traders will be looking for a breakout of one of the two major pivot point at \$28,600 and \$31,400. These level will give us great insight on where the main cryptocurrency is going this week.

Moreover, The relative strength index on the daily chart is rising from oversold levels, which could keep buyers active at support. The RSI is also oversold on the weekly chart, although negative momentum could cap upside moves in price.

Now, we can see an Immediate resistance is seen at \$33,000 and \$35,000, which is where a breakdown in price occurred earlier this month. That suggests a large number of sell orders could limit a relief rally over the next two weeks.

The U.S. retail sales increased solidly in April as consumers bought motor vehicles amid an improvement in supply and frequented restaurants, showing no signs of demand letting up despite high inflation.

A tight labor market is generating strong wages and allowing cash-squeezed consumers to take a second job or pick up extra shifts, providing some cushion against inflation. Households also accumulated massive savings during the pandemic, some of which are being deployed to maintain spending.

Finally, let's keep an eye on Fed chairman Powell's speech at 2pm E.T, who was confirmed to a second four-year term last week by the Senate with a large bipartisan majority. Powell is scheduled to speak at The Wall Street Journal's Future of Everything Festival for a 35-minute interview. The appearance comes as the central bank is raising interest rates as part of its most aggressive effort in decades to curb upward price pressures.



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Altcoin Analysis

Seems that Bitcoin is stabilizing for now which is why altcoins have been rebounding quite well.

AXSUSDT recently broke below a trend channel that was in place from late January to the end of April. Since then, prices have been ranging within a short-term declining trend channel.

Despite the recent market pressure, we believe the current price action is approaching an interesting level to consider long positions.

First, prices completed the profit target of the previous trend channel breakout (shown with orange arrows) which pushes us to believe this might be a temporary low. Second, we notice some bullish divergence as prices made new lows but the RSI posted a higher low, indicating a potential exhaustion of selling pressure. If RSI can break the declining trendline, it might open the door for a recovery. Also, the MACD is trying to break above its signal line, something we haven't witnessed since the meltdown in April. Finally, we would need to see prices break above this short-term declining trend channel to potentially reverse the previous downtrend.

A breakout of the declining trend channel as well as the 20-day moving average would ignite further bullish momentum towards \$33 (55%) and possibly \$43 (95%).

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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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