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Market Insight



Key Metrics					
Pairs	Spot Price	24 Hr Change	Low	High	Funding Rates
BTC/USD	\$29,753	1.60%	\$28,708	\$29,845	0.0053%
ETH/USD	\$1,976	-0.63%	\$1,907	\$1,983	0.0035%
XAU/USD	\$1,844.20	1.50%	\$1,810.70	\$1,847.90	
USD/CAD	\$1.2816	-0.59%	\$1.2781	\$1.2897	
EUR/CAD	\$1.3526	0.29%	\$1.3449	\$1.3545	

BITCOIN: A snapshot of Bitcoin's spot price as of this writing is \$29,753 representing a 1.60% increase the last 24 hours and 11.36% increase in trading volume. The funding rate of BTC is 0.0053%.

ETHEREUM: ETH is trading at \$1,976 as of this writing, representing a 24-Hour decrease of 0.63% and a funding rate of 0.0035%. Over the last 24 Hours, the trading volume increased by 11.66%. 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
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) Regulations: Biden Administration Wants Crypto Exchanges to Separate Customer and Corporate Funds ¹

U.S. President Joe Biden's administration will press Congress to demand cryptocurrency exchanges keep their customers' money separate from their own corporate funds, according to a person familiar with the plan that could constrain the way the industry does business. Spurred by Coinbase's (COIN) recent disclosure that customers' money would be jammed up if the company declared bankruptcy, federal officials intend to push U.S. lawmakers to fix the problem by insisting that a future legal framework require crypto firms keep customer assets walled off. That type of custodial rule is standard for financial firms such as futures platforms, but crypto exchanges routinely mingle their funds with customers' holdings in the same pot – a situation the administration wants to see ended by legislation. The securities industry commonly commingles funds, but the investments are also more heavily regulated.

2) CryptoCom Pay Now Available for Shopify Merchants ²

To incentivize Shopify merchants to sign up for CryptoCom Pay, the crypto platform has also announced waiving the 0.5% settlement fee on all transactions for one month after integrating. Stores will have until June 30th to avail this offer. Currently, customers can do so in more than 20 tokens, including Bitcoin (BTC), Ethereum (ETH), Cronos (CRO), Shiba Inu (SHIB), Dogecoin (DOGE), and ApeCoin (APE). Commenting on the development, Kris Marszalek, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of CryptoCom, revealed that offering more customers and merchants across the ability to engage in commerce leveraging cryptocurrencies is a top priority for the company.

3) Meta Files “Meta Pay” Trademark Applications Hinting at Cryptocurrency Services ³

According to the applications filed on May 13th, Meta Pay is described as an “online social investment network.” It will allow users to conduct trades using digital currencies, blockchain assets, and crypto tokens, while providing user authentication and identity validation services. Another description calls it “downloadable computer software” designed for “e-commerce”, including ordering and purchasing goods and services. Once again, it makes mention of “validating cryptocurrency transactions using blockchain technology,” and even serving as a cryptocurrency wallet.

¹ <https://www.coindesk.com/policy/2022/05/18/biden-administration-wants-crypto-exchanges-to-separate-customer-and-corporate-funds/>

² <https://cryptopotato.com/cryptocom-pay-now-available-for-shopify-merchants/>

³ <https://cryptopotato.com/meta-files-meta-pay-trademark-applications-hinting-at-cryptocurrency-services/>

4) Ethereum's main testnet set for proof-of-stake merge in early June ⁴

Ethereum's main public testnet, Ropsten, is set to undergo "the merge" next month in one of the final preparations before the main Ethereum blockchain can switch to proof-of-stake consensus. Parithosh Jayanthi, who works in devops at the Ethereum Foundation, merged the pull request on GitHub today, meaning that this code is set to be implemented. The merge is Ethereum's long-awaited move to becoming a proof-of-stake blockchain, under which the current proof-of-work chain will merge with the new proof-of-stake one.

5) Around the world: Russia could legalise cryptocurrencies as means of payment - industry minister ⁵

Denis Manturov, Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, recently expressed his opinion that bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies being legalized in Russia is just a matter of time, according to a report from Russian state news agency TASS. At an educational event called New Horizon, when asked whether or not Russia would be legalizing bitcoin or any other cryptocurrency, Manturov stated: "The question is when it will happen, how it will happen and how it will be regulated. Now both the Central Bank and the government are actively engaged in this."

⁴ https://www.theblockcrypto.com/post/147604/ethereums-main-testnet-set-for-proof-of-stake-merge-in-early-june?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss

⁵ <https://bitcoinmagazine.com/markets/russia-will-eventually-legalize-bitcoin>

Traders' Digest



Bitcoin was able to find support at the 23.6% Fibonacci and the \$28,600 pivot point as it formed a clean inverse H&S on the 30-minute time frame. This also comes on the back of the equity market being supported with Nasdaq and the S&P500 bouncing from their most recent pivot point.

Once again, the 50% Fibonacci retracement level will be the main driver for risk assets and Bitcoin, where investors will be actively monitoring if we either hold and squeeze to 13k or if we break towards pre COVID level.

Moreover, one of the most anticipated macroeconomic data being released today was the Price Paid component of the Philly Fed Manufacturing Index @ 8:30am, with the previous 'Prices Paid' reading hitting the highest since 1979 in a sign of the painful inflation problems.

This morning's numbers came in at 78.9 vs 84.6, relieving some stress and pressure in the bond and equity market. In addition, the headline number hit the lowest level since May 2020, pushing the USD Index and US yields much lower.

On a more technical note, Ether developers have reached another milestone on their way to the long-awaited ETH 2.0 network upgrade with the Ropsten public testnet undergoing an upgrade to proof-of-stake consensus on June 8!

The expectation is that this will all drastically reduce the amount of energy consumed by the Ethereum blockchain. It will also slash new ETH issuance by roughly 90%, which market analysts believe could add considerable deflationary pressure to Ethereum if demand for the asset remains high.

Finally, let's make sure we keep an eye on the Nasdaq pivot point at \$11,700 as the US equity open showed investors there was still a significant amount of selling pressure at these levels.

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Altcoin Analysis

As the market seems to have rebounded off the recent lows, some altcoins like Polkadot have been outperforming Bitcoin in the past week.

DOTUSD has been ranging within a declining trend channel since the end of 2021. We are currently rebounding off the bottom-end but remain below the 20-day moving average. The RSI is also capped by a declining trend line which would be an interesting technical element to keep track of.

Looking at DOTBTC, the pair has been trading within a falling wedge pattern and has recently rebounded off the bottom-end. A breakout of this pattern would signal an outperformance of Polkadot vs Bitcoin that should continue in the near future, as long as the pair remains above the breakout level.



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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