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Market Insight



Key Metrics					
Pairs	Spot Price	24 Hr Change	Low	High	Funding Rates
BTC/USD	\$35,980	-8.60%	\$35,714	\$39,098	0.0004%
ETH/USD	\$2,691	-8.21%	\$2,668	\$2,898	0.0009%
XAU/USD	\$1,878.90	0.11%	\$1,872.90	\$1,891.20	
USD/CAD	\$1.2869	0.27%	\$1.2810	\$1.2875	
EUR/CAD	\$1.3603	0.56%	\$1.3478	\$1.3612	

BITCOIN: A snapshot of Bitcoin's spot price as of this writing is \$35,980 representing a 8.60% decrease the last 24 hours and 53.47% increase in trading volume. The funding rate of BTC is 0.0004%.

ETHEREUM: ETH is trading at \$2,691 as of this writing, representing a 24-Hour decrease of 8.21% and a funding rate of 0.0009%. Over the last 24 Hours, the trading volume increased by 63.43%. 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 7, 2022
WisdomTree Bitcoin Trust	WisdomTree	October 12, 2022

Latest Digital Asset News



1) Regulations: Valkyrie's Bitcoin Futures ETF Gets SEC Approval, Following Teucrium Nod ¹

Valkyrie's XBTO Bitcoin Futures Fund is the latest crypto exchange-traded fund (ETF) to win approval from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Valkyrie filed its application using the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, filing a 19b-4 form with the SEC. Most of the previously approved bitcoin futures ETFs filed by other companies were under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which follows a slightly different regulatory pathway to approval. Valkyrie is the second ETF to win approval with the older law, following Teucrium. Both companies also filed under the so-called "33 Act." The firm now offers investors the Valkyrie Bitcoin Strategy ETF (BTF), which mainly invests in bitcoin futures contracts. Additionally, the Valkyrie Bitcoin Trust (VBTC) is available only to accredited investors and invests in bitcoin.

2) Block reports \$1.73 billion in bitcoin sales via Cash App during Q1 2022 ²

Block, formerly known as Square, said Thursday that it generated \$1.73 billion worth of bitcoin sales via Cash App during 2022's first quarter. During that period, these sales generated \$43 million in bitcoin gross profit, per the shareholder letter released after the close of market. "Cash App generated \$1.73 billion of bitcoin revenue and \$43 million of bitcoin gross profit during the first quarter of 2022, down 51% and 42% year over year, respectively. On a two-year CAGR basis, bitcoin revenue and gross profit grew 138% and 155%, respectively".

3) Congress schedules hearing on FTX's proposal for disintermediation ³

Crypto exchange FTX will be the subject of a Congressional hearing next week. On May 5, the House Agriculture Committee scheduled a hearing for May 12 entitled "Changing Market Roles: The FTX Proposal and Trends in New Clearinghouse Models." The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which the Agriculture Committee oversees, is currently reviewing a proposal from FTX that would disintermediate derivatives trading, among other changes to the cryptocurrency trading platform. FTX says the proposal would reduce friction and free up capital, while also allowing users to use their spot crypto holdings as collateral for margin trading.

¹ <https://www.coindesk.com/business/2022/05/05/valykries-bitcoin-futures-etf-gets-sec-approval-following-teucrium-nod/>

² <https://www.theblockcrypto.com/post/145363/block-reports-1-73-billion-in-bitcoin-sales-via-cash-app-during-q1-2022>

³ <https://www.theblockcrypto.com/linked/145287/congress-schedules-hearing-on-ftxs-proposal-for-disintermediation>

4) Around the world:

i. Argentina's Central Bank Bans Lenders From Offering Crypto Services ⁴

The Central Bank of the Argentine Republic (BCRA) announced Thursday afternoon that it has barred banks in the country from facilitating for clients the use of crypto assets. The BCRA statement says banks are prohibited from offering services for any digital assets not regulated by the central bank, and since there currently are no digital assets thus regulated, the move amounts to a de facto ban. “The measure ordered by the BCRA's board of directors seeks to mitigate the risks associated with transactions with these assets that could be generated for users of financial services and for the financial system as a whole,” the statement said.

ii. El Salvador's central bank accepts Qredo's registration to provide crypto services ⁵

Decentralized finance firm Qredo has received approval for registration as a Bitcoin (BTC) service provider in El Salvador. Qredo said the Central Reserve Bank of El Salvador accepted the crypto firm's registration as a recognized Bitcoin service provider as laid out in the country's Bitcoin Law. According to the registration website, Qredo was authorized to custody BTC, provide Bitcoin wallets, process payments and act as a digital asset exchange. “The BCR's decision opens the door to further opportunity for Qredo in El Salvador, and increases our footprint in Latin America — a region we believe has enormous potential for digital assets,” said Qredo CEO Anthony Foy.

Market Insight – May 2:

Regulations:

- [Senators Propose New Crypto Bill Limiting Capital Gains Tax](#)

Company-wide news:

- [Samsung Asset to list blockchain ETF on Hong Kong Exchange](#)
- [New Integration Allows Telegram Users To Trade, Send Bitcoin \(BTC\) and Toncoin \(TON\)](#)
- [Dubai Property Developer to Accept Bitcoin and Ethereum Payments](#)

Around the world:

- [Panama assembly passes bill to permit use of crypto assets](#)

⁴ <https://www.coindesk.com/policy/2022/05/05/argentinas-central-bank-bans-lenders-from-offering-crypto-services/>

⁵ <https://cointelegraph.com/news/el-salvador-s-central-bank-accepts-qredo-s-registration-to-provide-crypto-services>

Market Insight – May 3:

Company-wide news:

- [VanEck to Launch NFT Collection This Week](#)
- [Rhode Island proposes crypto rewards for green home builders](#)
- [FTX Closed Acquisition of Liquid Exchange a Few Days Late](#)
- [Algorand becomes 2022 Qatar World Cup's new blockchain partner](#)

Around the world:

- [Argentina's Largest Private Bank Launches Crypto Trading Feature](#)

Market Insight – May 4:

Regulations:

- [SEC to Hire More Crypto Cops to Fight Digital Frauds](#)

Company-wide news:

- [MicroStrategy says it may explore more 'yield generation opportunities' following bitcoin-backed loan deal](#)
- [Gatorade trademark applications hint at joining the metaverse](#)

Around the world:

- [Argentina's Largest Private Bank Launches Bitcoin, Ether, and XRP Trading For Millions Of Customers](#)
- [Dubai's crypto regulator to launch metaverse headquarters in The Sandbox](#)

Market Insight – May 5:

Regulations:

- [California Governor Signs Executive Order to Spur Crypto Industry in the State](#)

Company-wide news:

- [Fed hikes interest rates by 50 basis points in effort to combat inflation](#)
- [Bentley University to Start Accepting Bitcoin for Tuition Payment](#)
- [Binance Now Officially Regulated In France](#)

Around the world:

- [South Korean President-Elect Announces Approval of ICOs](#)

Traders' Digest

Bitcoin was under serious pressure yesterday as total liquidations in the last 24hours exceeded \$200M.

Bitcoin fell over 11% from yesterday's session highs. The 20-day moving average has acted as interesting resistance, as planned, but that was not the main reason for the bearish momentum. The stock market was on edge as investors are not optimistic about the future path of the economy. With yields climbing and more interest rate hikes planned for the year, many top investors and traders like Michael Novogratz believe that "there's more pain to come".

Looking at the indicators, we see that the RSI remains below its neutral level of 50 on the daily chart, which implies that we are still trading in bearish territory. The MACD is trading below its signal line, another bearish element.

In other news, nonfarm payrolls came out this morning at 8:30am and posted a gain of 428,000 jobs in April, exceeding estimates of 390,000, despite fears of a growth slowdown. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.6%, vs. expectations of nudging lower to 3.5%. Bitcoin traded 1% higher on the news before moving lower.





Altcoin Analysis

Tezos is most likely going to face some pressure ahead.

XTZUSD was ranging within a triangle pattern since the start of the year. Recently, prices broke below this pattern and are likely going to continue to feel some pressure in the near future. Looking at the weekly chart, we see that prices also broke below a massive broadening wedge pattern that was formed in 2019, advocating for bearish momentum.

Looking at the indicators on the daily chart, the RSI hasn't traded above 50 since the start of April while the MACD remains below its signal line and continues to trend lower.

As long as prices trade below \$2.95, further downside is expected towards \$2.12 and \$1.8 in extension.



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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