

## Summary of the Digital Asset Space - October 2023



## **Vault International Bitcoin Fund**

- VIBF is currently trading at:
  - Buy \$0.85 / Sell \$0.84
- VIBF is Up 30% since 30 September
- VIBF fees 1.75%pa (includes underlying fund fees)
- VIBF 7m+ fund units issued.
- VIBF generally tracks within 1% of the Bitcoin price.
- VIBF is capital gains tax free in
   NZ as the fund is taxed under FDR
   rules (meaning a maximum tax rate of 1.4%pa)
- VIBF is available to retail investors on InvestNow.
- VIBF is now available to Financial Advisors on Adminis, Aegis, and MMC wealth advisory platforms.
- More Distribution channels tbc soon



## **Global News**

- At 31 October Bitcoin is trading around US\$34,500 (NZ \$57,800) up circa 30% from 30 September.
- Total crypto market capitalization stands at US\$1.27T and the Bitcoin market cap US\$673b.
- Sam Bankman-Fried, the former CEO of now defunct cryptocurrency exchange FTX, was declared guilty
  on all seven federal charges of fraud, conspiracy, and money laundering on Thursday, November 2.
- The U.S.-based crypto exchange Kraken has recently informed its customers that it would mandatorily share certain user information with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the U.S. tax authority, in November.
- U.K. lawmakers have recently passed new legislation dubbed the Economic Crime and Corporate

  Transparency Bill that allows law enforcement to seize and freeze crypto assets used in illegal activities.
- SEC accuses Binance of non-cooperation in ongoing investigation.
- Bitcoin Spot ETF The regulatory landscape continues to evolve, with reports that eventual approval is becoming more likely.
- SEC reports they have received 8-10 Bitcoin ETF applications. Incl. Blackrock, ARK, 21 Shares, GBTC, Investco.
- Grayscale discount continues to shorten from 44% to 14% as hopes rise of GBTC conversion to an ETF.
- Bitstamp has announced talks with three large European banks to help them start offering crypto services to their customers in Ql 2024.
- Grayscale announced the creation of FTSE Grayscale Currencies Crypto Sector Index, which includes
  crypto assets that serve at least one of three fundamental roles as a medium of exchange, store of value,
  and unit of account.
- U.K. Treasury has recently confirmed its plans to toughen the regulations for crypto asset activities by implementing changes in 2024
- Citigroup this month unveiled Citi Token Services, a 24/7 solution to trade finance and cash management needs of institutional clients built on permissioned blockchains.
- Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) voted in favor of fair value accounting for digital assets.
- New iPhone feature will enable bitcoin "tap to pay" transactions.
- PayPal approved to offer Bitcoin and crypto services in the UK.