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Key Metrics					
Pairs	**Spot Price**	**24 Hr Change**	**Low**	**High**	**Funding Rates**
BTC/USD	$19,766	-1.40%	$19,625	$20,153	0.0051%
ETH/USD	$1,462	-7.57%	$1,451	$ 1,588	0.0078%
XAU/USD	$1,659.50	-0.41%	$1,653.40	$1,668.70	
USD/CAD	$1.3293	0.52%	$1.3224	$1.3308	
EUR/CAD	$1.3254	0.20%	$1.3212	$1.3261	

BITCOIN: A snapshot of Bitcoin's spot price as of this writing is $19,766 representing a 1.40% decrease the last 24 hours and 22.24% decrease in trading volume. The funding rate of BTC is 0.0051%.

ETHEREUM: ETH is trading at $1,462 as of this writing, representing a 24-Hour decrease of 7.57% and a funding rate of 0.0078%. Over the last 24 Hours, the trading volume decreased by 24.50%. 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 Bitcoin Trust	WisdomTree	October 10, 2022

Latest Digital Asset News

1) Biden White House put out a framework on regulating crypto [1]

The Biden White House has just released its first-ever framework on what crypto regulation in the U.S. should look like — including ways in which the financial services industry should evolve to make borderless transactions easier, and how to crack down on fraud in the digital asset space. The framework follows an executive order issued in March, in which President Joe Biden called on federal agencies to examine the risks and benefits of cryptocurrencies and issue official reports on their findings. One section of the White House's new framework on crypto regulation focuses on eliminating illegal activity in the industry — and the measures proposed appear to have real teeth. The framework also points to the potential for "significant benefits" from a U.S. central bank digital currency, or CBDC, which you can think of as a digital form of the U.S. dollar. The framework goes on to single out stablecoins, warning that they could create disruptive runs if not paired with appropriate regulation.

2) Treasury recommends 'double down' on crypto enforcement, but more guidance too [2]

The U.S. Treasury Department wants financial market regulators to aggressively pursue investigations and enforcement actions against digital asset projects that aren't following existing laws, a recommendation that fits with the approach regulators are already taking. But one of the reports issued Friday, as part of a broader effort towards a unified federal approach towards digital assets, also recommends regulators provide additional rules and guidance for projects that want to comply with the law. That may lead to a slight shift in approach from financial watchdogs, trying to emphasize a carrot of more explicit guidelines to go with the stick of legal action against companies that don't follow them.

3) Ether's New 'Staking' Model Could Draw SEC Attention [3]

Ethereum's upgrade to proof-of-stake (PoS) may have placed the cryptocurrency back in the crosshairs of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Speaking to reporters after the Senate Banking Committee on Thursday, SEC chairman Gary Gensler reportedly said that cryptocurrencies and intermediaries that allow holders to "stake" their crypto may define it as a security under the Howey test, according to The Wall Street Journal. "From the coin's perspective […] that's another indicia that under the Howey test, the investing public is anticipating profits based on the efforts of others," WSJ reported Gensler as saying.

[1] https://www.cnbc.com/2022/09/16/heres-whats-in-biden-framework-to-regulate-crypto.html
[2] https://www.theblock.co/post/170620/treasury-recommends-double-down-on-crypto-enforcement-but-with-more-guidance?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss
[3] https://cointelegraph.com/news/ether-staking-could-trigger-securities-laws-gensler

4) Amazon among five companies to develop digital euro prototype for the ECB [4]

The European Central Bank (ECB) announced the selection of five new partners to support the development of a digital euro prototype. Each of the companies will take on a different role in putting together the prototype. Among them is the tech giant Amazon, which will be responsible for developing e-commerce payments within the project. Spanish bank CaixaBank will develop online peer-to-peer payments for a mobile application, while the French multinational payment service, Worldline, is responsible for the offline version. Point of sale payments from the payer and payee are in the hands of the ECB-backed European Payment Initiative and the Italian paytech company, Nexi, respectively.

[4] https://www.theblock.co/post/170734/amazon-among-five-companies-to-develop-digital-euro-prototype-for-the-ecb?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss

Traders' Digest

Bitcoin continues its path lower after the recent CPI print places pressure on risk assets and has established the trend of the week. Prices have corrected 15% from 22,700 to this morning's low of 19,475. As long as prices remain below 20,575, we expect further pressure towards the recent low of 18,750. A break below that level would send prices towards the major pivot point of 17,600 which would most certainly make the market feel very anxious about lower prices and push market participants to remove their bids around that level and place them lower.

Friendly reminder that we have the Bank of England interest rate decision on September 22nd but more importantly, the Federal Reserve announcement on September 21st which should be the biggest macro event of the month as the CPI figure boosted odds of a 100bps hike to 30% despite having pulled back to 16% recently. Odds are we will witness a 75bps hike which is higher than the expected 50bps hike the market was anticipating about a couple of months ago.

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Bitcoin / U.S. Dollar, 4h, COINBASE −234.51 (−1.18%)
USD
25300.00
22700.00
21024.94
20843.46
20575.00
20292.71
20178.30
BTCUSD 19633.21
18750.00
17600.00
34.61
−39.88
−338.55
−378.43
TradingView

Altcoin Analysis

The ETH Merge is over, but all eyes remain on Ethereum for the next move.

Let’s go over some important technical levels for ETHUSD.

As we broke below this trend channel, we’re noticing that buyers are quite skeptical. The pivot point of 1,425 seems to be the last hope for ETH, and given the recent price action, it seems that it will break any moment now.

Bids are accumulating near the 1,400 and 1,425 mark while offers are stacking up around 1,475 and 1,500.

Let’s not forget that we are about to enter a vacuum zone where liquidity is quite low, meaning if it continues lower, prices would most likely reach the next level area with high volume which would be near 1,275.

Moving on with ETHBTC, we have finally reached confirmation of the previous bearish divergence that we warned our clients about recently as the pair broke below this rising trend channel in place since June, the start of ETH’s dominance vs. BTC.

Price action is currently showing a potential double top pattern. If the pair breaks below the next support line near 0.0727, it would confirm the breakout of the bearish reversal pattern and offer a price target of 0.0642.

As long as prices trade below 1,575 (especially 1,670), we expect further downside towards 1,275.

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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