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Market Insight



Key Metrics					
Pairs	Spot Price	24 Hr Change	Low	High	Funding Rates
BTC/USD	\$18,928	-1.84%	\$18,290	\$19,674	0.0069%
ETH/USD	\$1,277	-5.58%	\$1,229	\$ 1,384	-0.0184%
XAU/USD	\$1,671.80	-0.11%	\$1,655.40	\$1,686.30	
USD/CAD	\$1.3507	0.33%	\$1.3407	\$1.3545	
EUR/CAD	\$1.3287	0.33%	\$1.3233	\$1.3316	

BITCOIN: A snapshot of Bitcoin's spot price as of this writing is \$18,928 representing a 1.84% decrease the last 24 hours and 60.82% increase in trading volume. The funding rate of BTC is 0.0069%.

ETHEREUM: ETH is trading at \$1,277 as of this writing, representing a 24-Hour decrease of 5.58% and a funding rate of -0.0184%. Over the last 24 Hours, the trading volume increased by 79.51%. 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) Societe Generale Introduces Services for Asset Managers Developing Crypto Funds ¹

Societe Generale (GLE), the third-largest French bank by market cap, has introduced new services for asset manager clients that are looking to respond to the increased demand from investors for cryptocurrencies. The services will allow the asset managers to offer crypto funds in a "simple and adapted" way within a framework that is compliant with European regulations, the bank said Wednesday. The service has been adopted by French asset manager Arquant Capital SAS, which is opening a range of funds investing in crypto, starting with two products based on bitcoin (BTC), ether (ETH) and derivatives.

2) FTX in talks to raise up to \$1 billion at valuation of about \$32 billion, in-line with prior round ²

Sam Bankman-Fried's crypto conglomerate FTX is in talks with investors to raise up to \$1 billion in new funding that would keep the company's valuation at roughly \$32 billion, according to people with knowledge of the discussions. Negotiations are ongoing and the terms could change, said the sources, who asked not to be named because the talks are confidential. Coindesk previously reported on a coming investment at flat valuation, following FTX's last capital raise in January. Existing investors include Singapore's Temasek, SoftBank's Vision Fund 2 and Tiger Global.

3) Celsius revival plan appears to include issuing wrapped assets ³

A newly leaked recording of Celsius' leadership further details executives' proposal to pay back customers, which includes issuing new wrapped assets to trade on other platforms. The firm's co-founder and CTO Nuke Goldstein appears to give a more in-depth explanation of the firm's proposal to repay Earn customers in the recording posted by Tiffany Fong, the Celsius customer and public figure credited with posting the previous leaked all-hands meeting recording. The idea is to funnel Celsius' remaining funds allocated to repaying customers into wallets, then issue wrapped tokens, known as Cx tokens, to represent the ratio of how much the firm owes to how much it has on hand. For example, customers waiting to redeem their bitcoin will receive CxBTC tokens.

¹ https://www.coindesk.com/business/2022/09/21/societe-generale-introduces-services-for-asset-managers-developing-crypto-funds/?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=rss&utm_campaign=headlines

² <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/09/21/ftx-in-talks-to-raise-1-billion-at-valuation-of-about-32-billion.html>

³ <https://www.theblock.co/post/171923/celsius-revival-plan-appears-to-include-issuing-wrapped-assets>

4) Bahrain approves Bitcoin, crypto payments for over 5,000 Merchants ⁴

The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) has approved EazyPay, an online payments platform, to launch Bitcoin and cryptocurrency payments in the region, per an announcement from the company's CEO Nayef Alawi. Binance, a leading cryptocurrency exchange and payment services provider, partnered with EazyPay enabling over 5,000 point-of-sale (POS) terminals and payment gateways in Bahrain to accept bitcoin. Users in the area looking to use bitcoin as payment will be prompted with a QR code from EazyPay's terminal, which can then be scanned with the Binance App, allowing almost instant payments with the chosen currency. Additionally, Binance offers convenience for businesses such as EazyPay and the merchants who choose to leverage the platform by enabling instant fiat conversions for the merchants.

⁴ <https://bitcoinmagazine.com/business/bahrain-approves-eazypay-for-bitcoin-crypto-payments>

Traders' Digest



The Federal Reserve members gave their interest rate decision as well as their economic projections yesterday afternoon. Looking back at our scenarios analysis we posted pre FOMC, the Fed did raise by 75bps, revealing a 2023 terminal rate higher bound higher than the current 2023 range of 4.4%.

A key communication from Powell was right before he addressed reporters for the Q&A session, in which he said that "my main message has not changed since Jackson Hole". The Fed certainly backed that up with a more hawkish dot plots projection, even if Powell said that they don't necessarily represent "a plan or commitment".

It is safe to say that our heads up was clear; one of the most if not the most important metric of yesterday's meeting was the higher bound of the 2023 range, from the economic projections, ranging between 2.9% and 4.4%. As mentioned, anything above was said to be quite negative for the market, aiming at risk assets.

Therefore, with a 2023 median of 4.6% and a higher bound of 4.9%, we saw a massive wave of selling in the cryptocurrency market as well as the US equities. The USD Index pushed to a new multi-year high, trading above 111.000, while the US10Y-US02Y spread went to its lowest level of inversion ever seen.

So, how are we looking technically for Bitcoin and Ether?

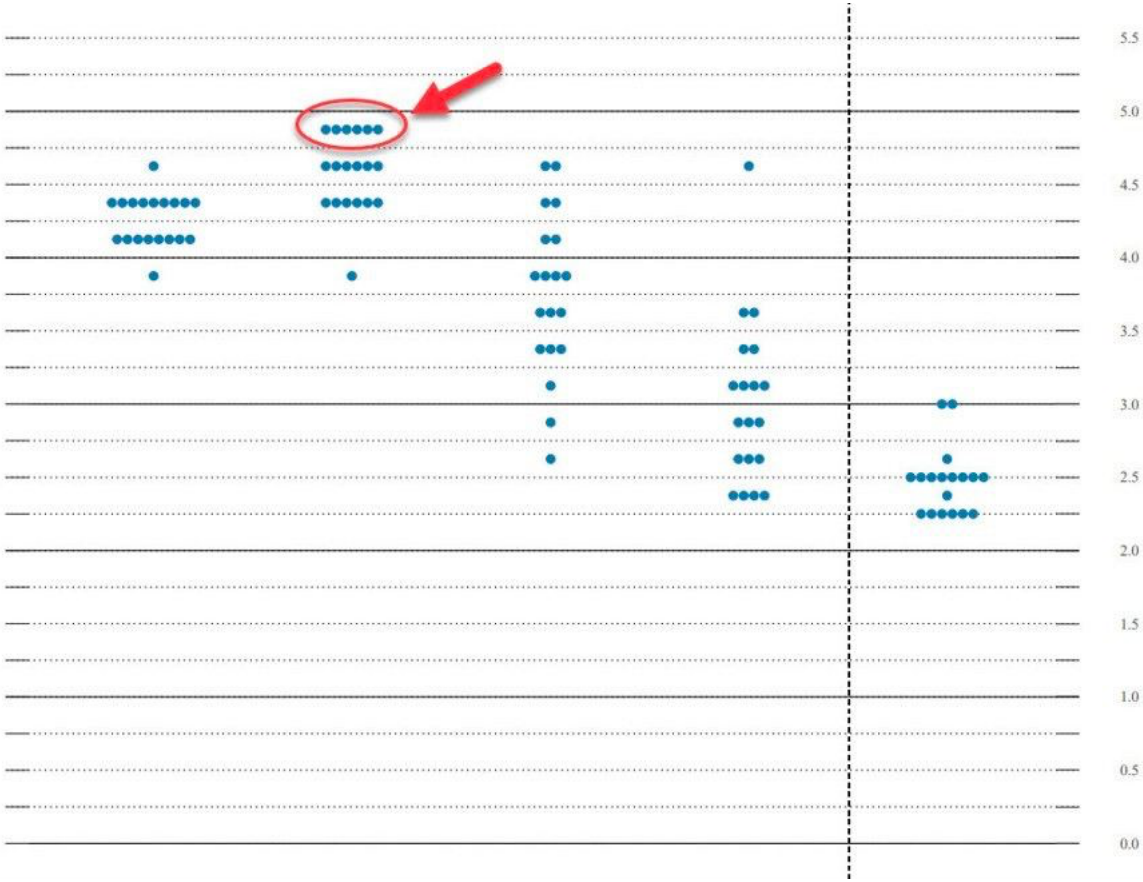
On a daily chart perspective, Bitcoin is now forming a clean head and shoulder, one of the most obvious and known bearish technical pattern. Consequently, moving into the end of September, it will be very important to monitor the \$17,550 pivot point, as well as any rally being shorted.

Ether is no different, and I could say in even worst shape as it broke its head and shoulder neckline at the end of last week. Ether is now trading below the \$1,285 support level, onside for a third of the potential profit, that could possibly bring us down to the \$900 pivot point.

To reiterate, the definitive hawkishness we saw yesterday isn't the best for risk assets, with the dot plot projection revealing another 125bps hike by year-end.

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Altcoin Analysis

According to WhaleStats, Chainlink was recently one of the most used smart contracts among the top 100 ETH whales. In terms of seasonality, it seems that October is a good month for Chainlink as it has averaged +34% since 2018. Finally, holders who hold more than 0.1% of the supply (considered whales) have seen their balances improve by 3.6% to \$722M.

Let's see what the charts are showing us.

LINKUSDT remains within the previous trend channel that we witnessed last week between \$5.9 and \$9.5.

LINKBTC continues to trend higher with higher lows and higher highs. We are approaching a resistance zone which should place pressure on the pair. However, if the pair clearly breaks above, we should witness a period of outperformance vs. BTC.



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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