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Market Commentary August 2025

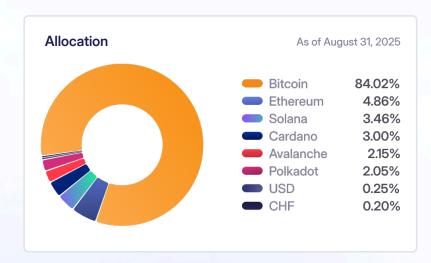
August opened with fresh all-time highs for both Bitcoin and Ethereum, but a broad risk-off turn defined the month. Bitcoin reversed to close down 6.5 percent after peaking at 123,000, while Ethereum rose 18.5 percent, extending the outperformance trend that began in May. Bitcoin dominance fell to 55.8 percent from 62 percent in June as risk appetite broadened. The bid in Ether was supported by steady demand from ETH-focused treasury buyers and momentum accounts.

Macro headwinds kept volatility elevated. A weak U.S. jobs report, soft PMI and ISM readings, and an escalation in tariff rhetoric weighed on sentiment. The administration warned of 15 to 25 percent levies on trade partners and subsequently raised tariffs to 50 percent on India and 100 percent on semiconductor chips. The combination of growth concerns and policy uncertainty triggered a sizable leverage flush-out across crypto. Spot Bitcoin and Ether ETFs saw mixed flows, but activity remained comparable to recent quarters, particularly on the Ether side.

Policy and adoption signals were constructive. The SEC stated that liquid staking protocols are not securities, and VanEck subsequently filed for a Solana liquidstaking ETF following this clarification. The SEC and Ripple ended their appeals, finalizing the XRP case. El Salvador approved a law allowing investment banks to hold Bitcoin. Gemini filed for a Nasdag listing under the ticker GEMI. Treasury accumulation continued, with ETH buyers such as SBET and BMNR reporting positions of 521,939 ETH and 833,173 ETH, respectively, and recent data showed Ethereum onchain activity strengthening, with transaction volume up 70 percent month over month to 238 billion dollars and active addresses at a multi-year high. Despite the weak tape, Mantle, Ethena, and Chainlink outperformed the broader market.







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Perfo	rmance	table (%)											
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2020							14.28	-3.83	-6.42	16.80	17.48	-7.17	31.00
2021	22.17	40.13	27.02	32.08	-26.36	-17.71	1.21	10.31	-5.64	24.26	-5.48	-22.01	67.95
2022	-15.98	-9.76	-0.61	-10.16	-17.23	-37.71	19.41	-4.11	-2.17	6.43	-14.57	-6.69	-66.82
2023	31.46	2.79	18.82	0.18	-6.00	10.41	-6.69	-10.12	7.54	25.55	3.86	15.23	126.24
2024	0.76	26.34	12.93	-18.89	5.16	-4.97	1.27	-11.77	7.35	7.67	69.79	-12.43	78.93
2025	4.64	-26.55	-10.43	2.65	11.37	-4.21	19.01	-3.84					-8.11

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Market Outlook

The August ISM Services PMI printed at 50.1, barely in expansion and below expectations, reinforcing the soft tone in recent jobs data. Markets now lean toward a Fed rate cut as early as September, with forward guidance likely to be the key driver of risk sentiment. Into guarter end, volatility typically rises, and the past three years show that a weak August has often been followed by a stronger September that set the stage for Q4, historically the best quarter for crypto.

Positioning reflects a measured risk-on bias. Digital asset treasury buyers continue to accumulate BTC and ETH, providing steady demand while recession odds are still priced as low. If the Fed signals a path to easier policy, liquidity conditions should improve, supporting a rotation down the market-cap curve. Current market dynamics point to the possibility of a full-scale altcoin season into September, with any confirmation of ETF approvals or staking inclusion likely to amplify flows. Ethereum remains the leading indicator to watch, as renewed strength in ETH has often preceded broader altcoin participation.

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CHF	BASE CURRENCY
CHF, EUR, USD	TRADING CURREN
2% p.a.	MANAGEMENT FE
20% above High Watermark	PERFORMANCE F (ABSOLUTE)
Bitcoin Capital AG	ISSUER
FiCAS AG	ASSET MANAGER
15.07.2020	ISSUE DATE
CHF 100.00	ISSUE PRICE
25) CHF 254.89	NAV (AUGUST 31, 2
Open End	MATURITY
Discretionary	STRATEGY TYPE
Switzerland	DOMICILE
15 Selected Digital Assets	UNDERLYING
Exchange Traded Product	LEGAL FORM
Coinbase, AMINA Bank	CUSTODIANS



Risk Metrics				
ВТСА	Bitcoin			
STANDARD DE	VIATION			
22.64%	14.14%			
MAXIMUM DRA	AWDOWN			

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