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Digital Assets Alpha Fund

A LONG-BIASED LIQUID TOKEN FUND THAT AIMS TO GENERATE ALPHA THROUGH TOKEN SELECTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT

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Our Investment Philosophy

We expect digital assets to take share from traditional assets

We aim to own the winning projects that will outperform the market

We take a cash-flow based valuation approach to digital assets

We construct and actively manage our portfolio to deliver strong risk-adjusted returns

Team



Pranav Kanade

- 11 years of industry experience, >1 year at VanEck
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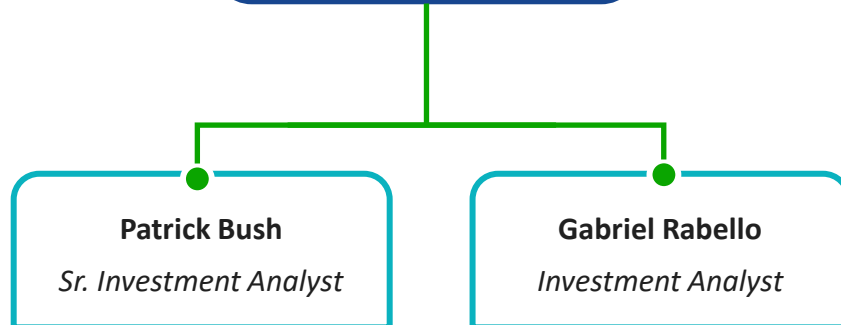
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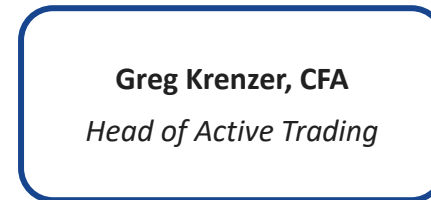
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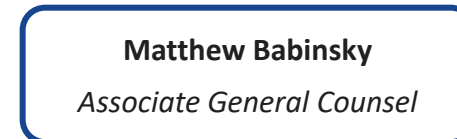
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Trading and Execution



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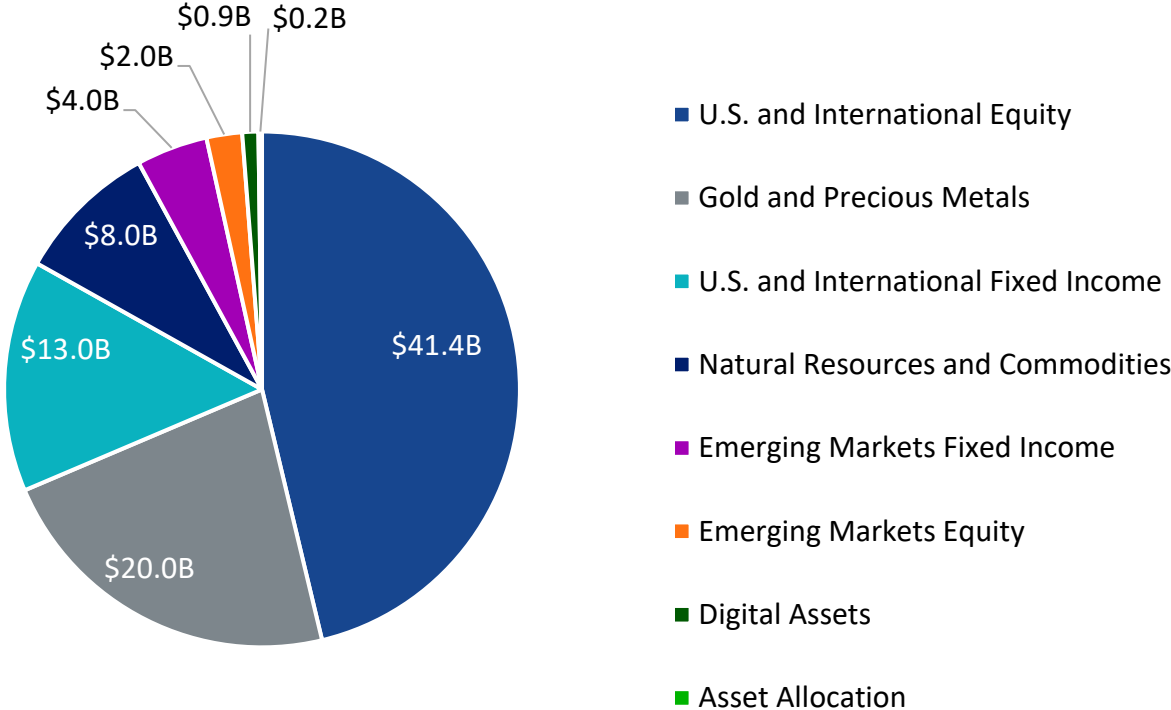
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Company Highlights



Today, VanEck manages approximately \$89.5 billion in assets

- Global headquarters in New York with seven global regional offices in Europe, Asia, and Australia
- Offers a range of vehicles including exchange-traded funds (ETFs), mutual funds, institutional funds, separately managed accounts and model delivery in the U.S. with robust lineups of local UCITS funds and ETFs
- 372 full-time staff, including 64 investment professionals; portfolio managers average 24 years of experience
- Diverse clients spanning individual investors, wealth management, private banks and institutional investors

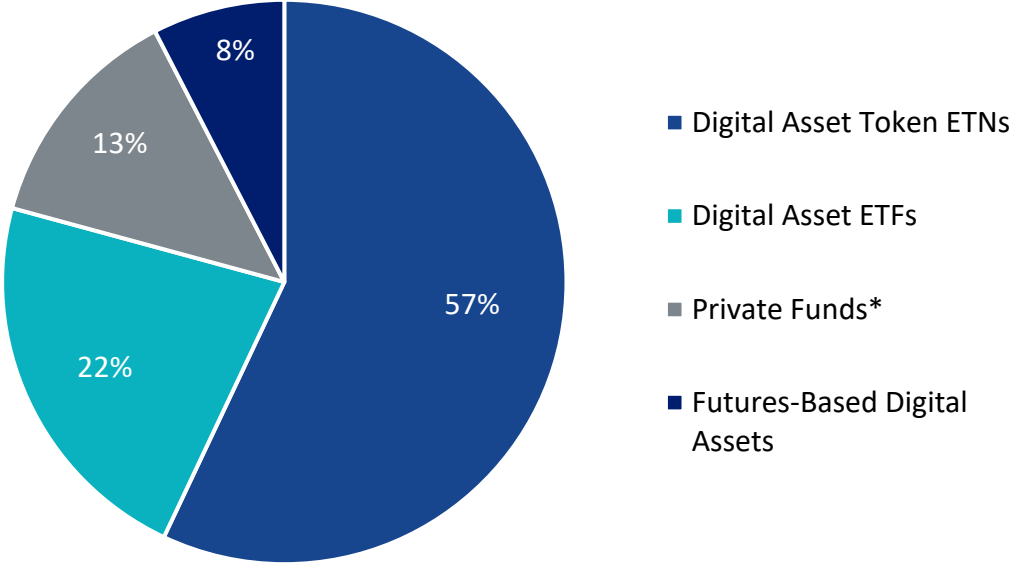


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 Strategies offered in mutual, pooled and off-shore funds, separate accounts, variable insurance portfolios, sub-advisory, ETFs and limited partnerships.

VanEck Digital Assets Capabilities



AUM as of 12/31/23	\$914M*
Strategies Offered Globally	19
Vehicle Availability	U.S ETFs UCITS ETFs US Private Funds ETNs (Europe)
Dedicated Portfolio Managers and Analysts	7
Business Strategy, Product Management and Trading Support	10

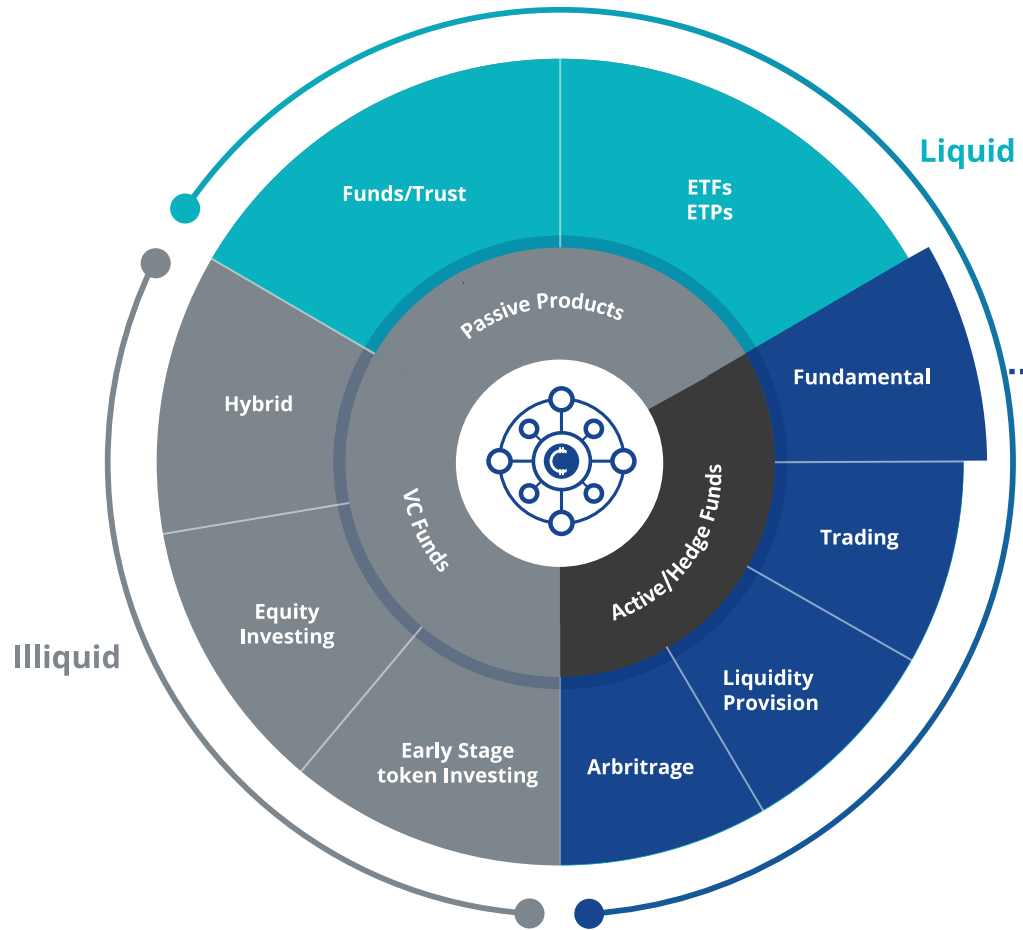


*Includes assets for the VanEck New Finance Income Fund as of 12/31/2022. Subscriptions and redemptions are suspended until further notice and as such, the fund is illiquid and a current NAV is not available. Source VanEck as of 12/31/2023. Awards received available at <https://www.vanek.com/news-and-insights/media-coverage/awards/>. Strategies offered in ETFs and limited partnerships. The employees mentioned here includes US based VanEck Digital Assets personnel (ex-ETFs).

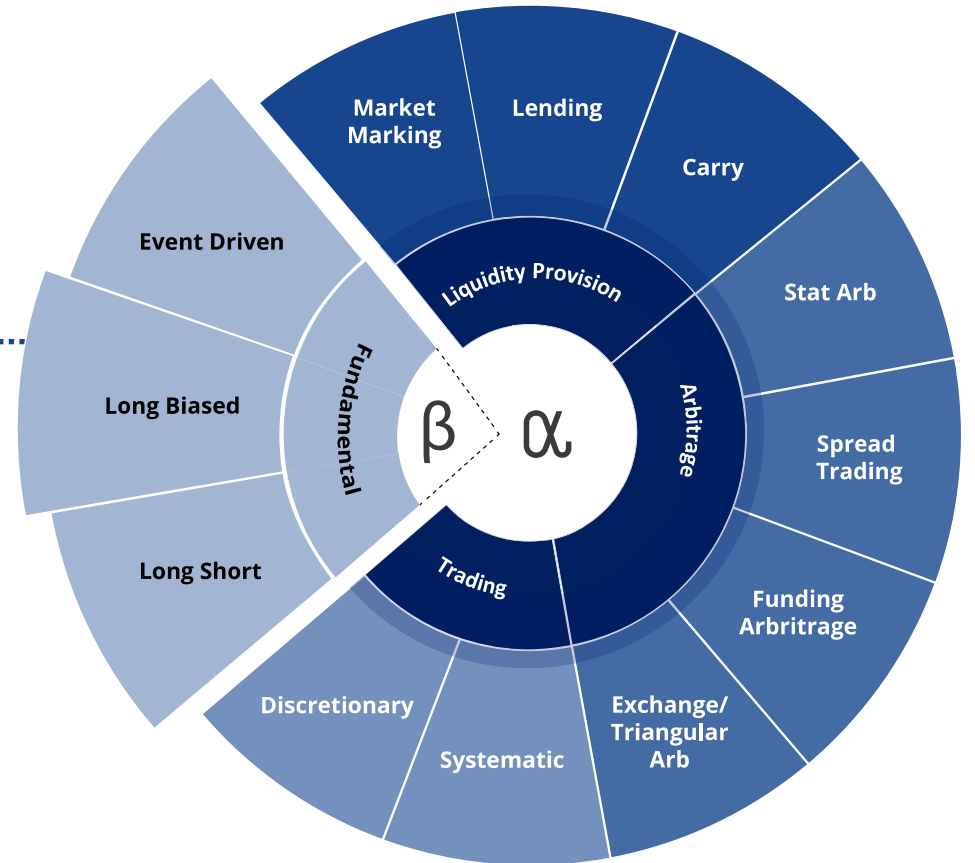
Fund Strategy

Digital Assets Alpha Fund (DAA)

Digital Asset Fund Universe



Liquid Digital Asset Fund Strategy Categories



1

The fund owns digital asset tokens and securities

We expect the market size of digital assets tokens and securities to grow meaningfully over the next decade

2

10-30 assets

The fund will own and actively manage a portfolio of assets that we believe will see the best absolute performance

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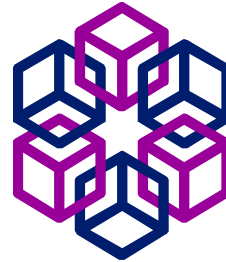
Risk-reward approach

The fund takes a risk-reward based approach to digital assets allocation with the flexibility to adjust for adverse market conditions



Tokens

- Universe of 24,000+ tokens
- Roughly \$1.65T total market cap¹




Digital Assets Alpha Fund

- Thesis-driven
- Cash flow & valuation focus
- Long-directional
- Macro environment dictates positioning



Securities

- Universe of roughly 20 publicly-traded global equities
- Roughly \$97.9B total market cap²



\$1.66 Trillion
Global Digital Asset Market¹



\$239 Trillion
Global Bond and Equity Market²

We anticipate that digital assets will take market share from global bonds and equities in the coming decade

1

We believe that less than 1% of the liquid token projects will generate over 99% of the returns

2

We plan to buy, hold and risk manage a portfolio of these winners

3

Source: ¹Reflects size of digital asset equity market as determined by MarketVector Indexes GmbH as of 12/31/2023 and token market as determined by Coinmarketcap as of 12/31/2023. ²SIFMA most recent data available as of December 2023.

Five Key Investible Themes

DAA is focused on deploying capital across 5 key investable themes

1

Core Infrastructure

- Crypto's core infrastructure of blockchains, bridges and oracles will be the connective tissue between millions of developers and billions of users
- These include the **base layers upon which the other 4 themes below will be built** – including Ethereum, Layer 2 networks (e.g. Optimism), and next-gen multi-threaded networks (e.g. Solana)

2

DeFi Building Blocks

- Core DeFi primitives have emerged over the last few years that have become the **building blocks of the on-chain economy (and all those that will build on top)**
- Winners have started to emerge within each of the key building blocks – including decentralized exchanges (e.g. Uniswap), liquid staking platforms (e.g. Lido), and more

3

Upgrading TradFi Rails

- TradFi is huge and immensely profitable, but it's also often inefficient (and runs on decades-old financial infrastructure)
- Building the familiar TradFi experience on top of crypto rails represents an opportunity to **upgrade the financial system – faster settlement, cheaper execution, better user & developer experience, etc.**

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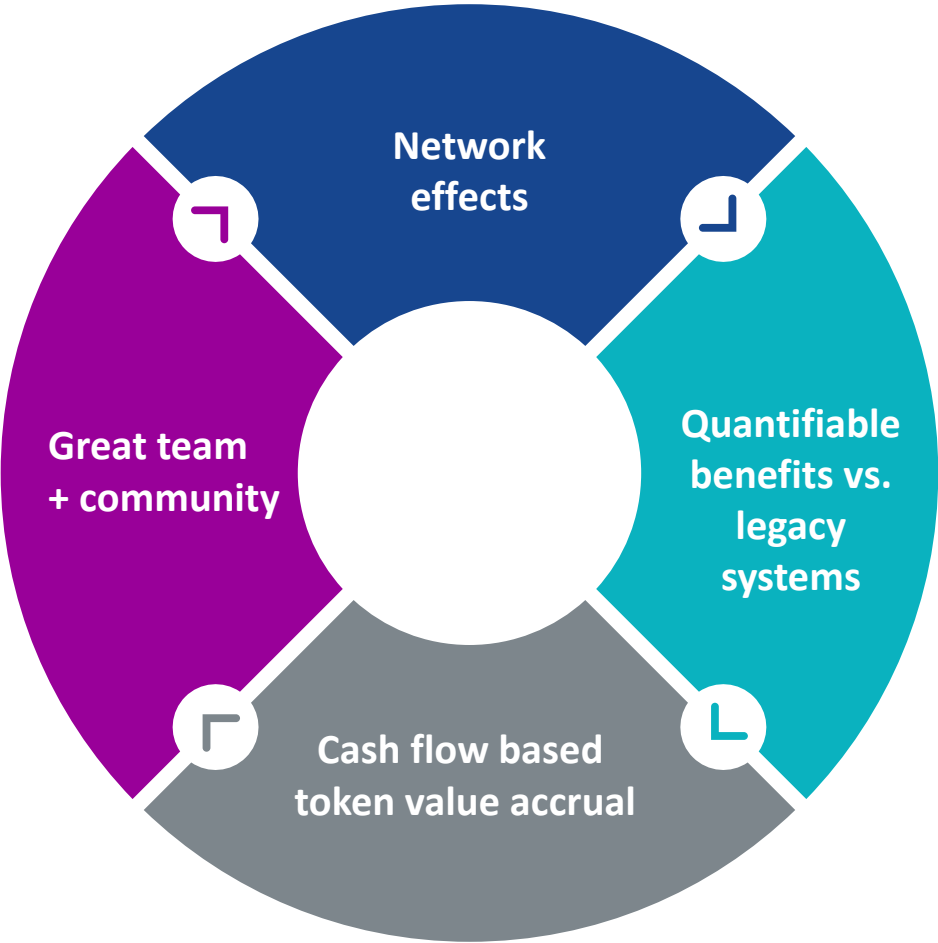
Web3 & The Creator Economy

- Web3 represents a new paradigm in user interaction with the web
- We have a **new internet layer on which users can transact, own, create, and earn** – all in an open and composable manner, which unlocks a world of new possibilities outside of the walled gardens of the big tech giants

5

Decentralized Physical Infra (DePIN)

- Decentralized networks and crypto token incentives have created a **new way to bootstrap and maintain physical networks** – and compete against incumbent networks
- Opportunities include wireless networks (e.g. Helium), mapping and road analytics (e.g. Hivemapper), and more



Core Principle:
The token is not the product, it's the accelerant for a great product

Previously Disclosed Holdings



ETH



SOL



LDO



RNDR



FIL



BLUR



OP



UNI



COIN



HNT



AAVE



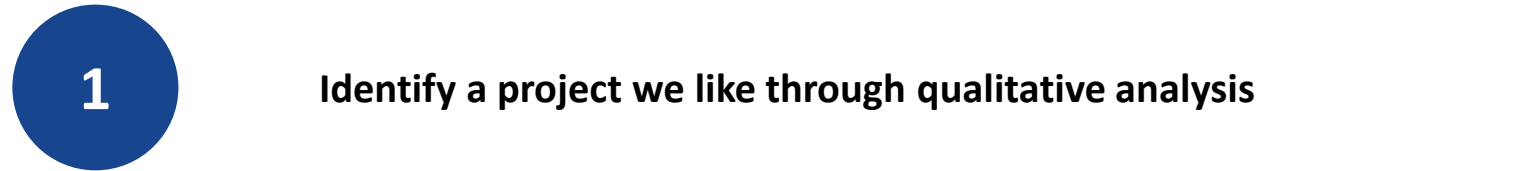
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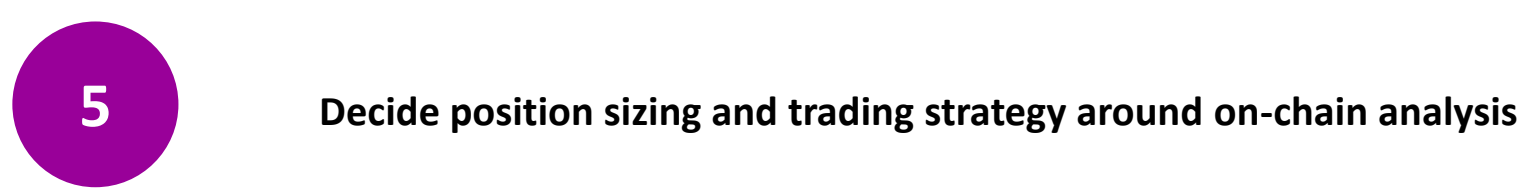
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1 Identify a project we like through qualitative analysis
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2 Identify key KPI's that drive token/security value
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3 Make assumptions and forecast those KPI's to build a DCF model
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4 Determine bear/base/bull case valuation
- 

5 Decide position sizing and trading strategy around on-chain analysis

80-100%

of net long exposure but could skew as low as 35-50% depending on market conditions

10%

of NAV individual position size limit to minimize concentration risk*

5%

of circulating token supply limit on position level liquidity

Quantifiable downside hedging via selling to go into cash or options

Source: VanEck

*Limit does not apply to Bitcoin, Ethereum & Equity/Convertible Debt positions. The portfolio manager and investment team generally seeks to follow this investment limit but may pursue investment opportunities in excess of this 10% position limit in their sole discretion. Additionally, amounts are measured at the time of investment.

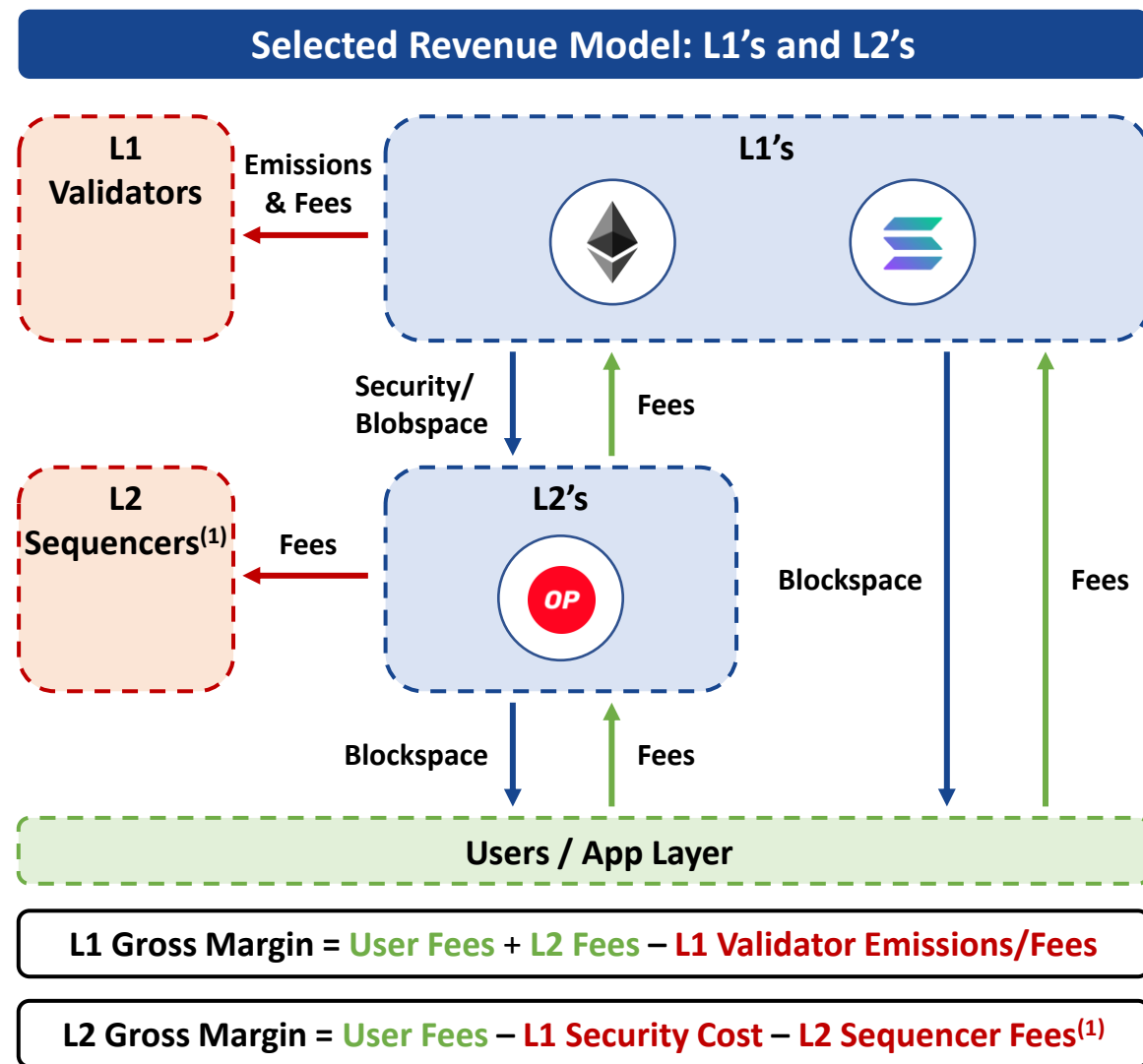
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Thesis Overview

1 Core Infrastructure: Thesis Overview

The connective tissue between millions of developers and billions of users

- Infrastructure is the **core investable theme that enables all other themes** on the app layer to exist. It's the foundational layer that will enable billions of users to move onchain and transact seamlessly
- This category includes:
 - L1 blockchains
 - L2 scaling solutions
 - Bridging solutions
 - Oracle networks
- Revenue models for L1 and L2 chains are well-understood – and in some cases (e.g. Ethereum) are already quite profitable
 - Note that, while L1 validators emissions/fees can be seen as an expense from the perspective of the native token (e.g. \$ETH & \$SOL), that is flipped and becomes neutral and/or net positive if staking that token
- Revenue models for bridges and oracles are more in flux – with some of the largest players (e.g. Chainlink) struggling to monetize at this early stage

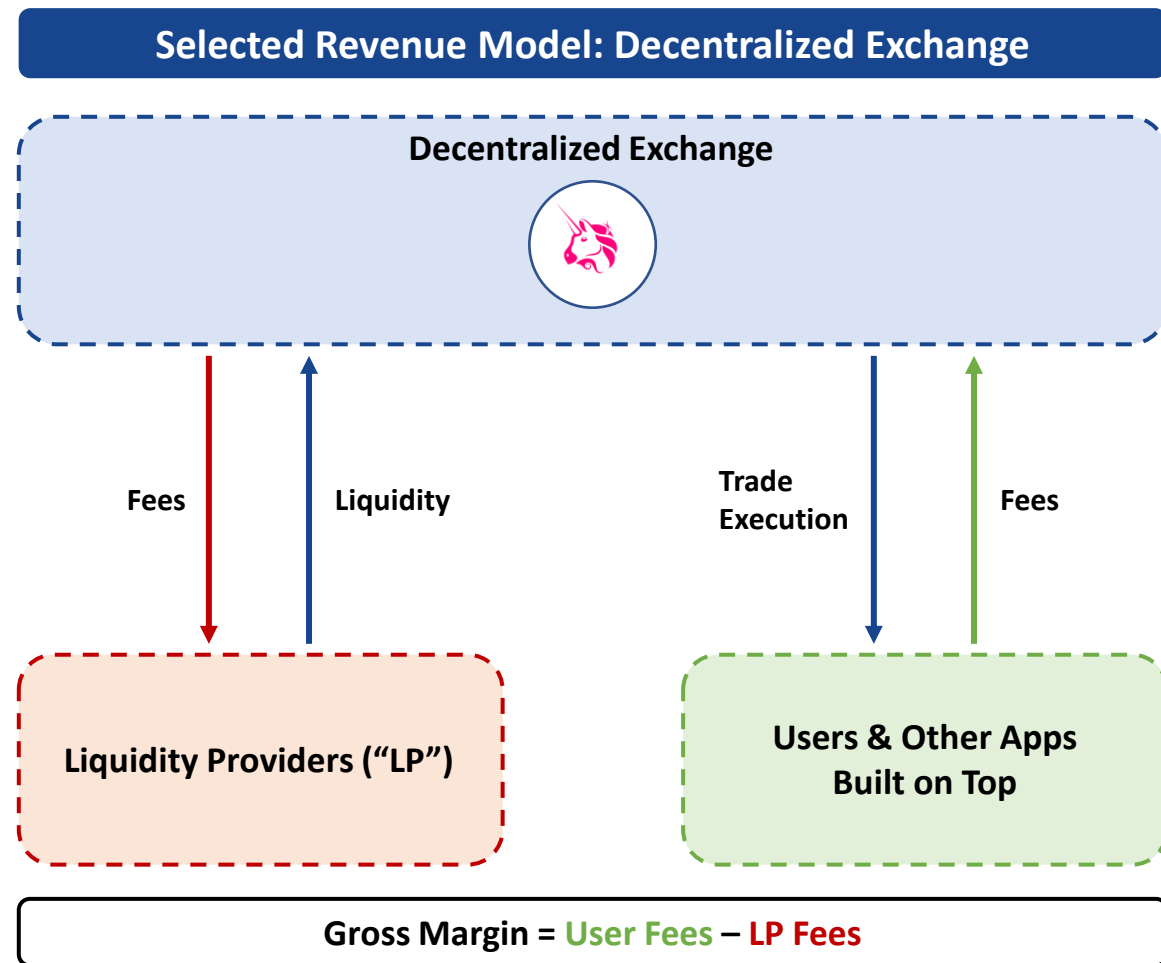
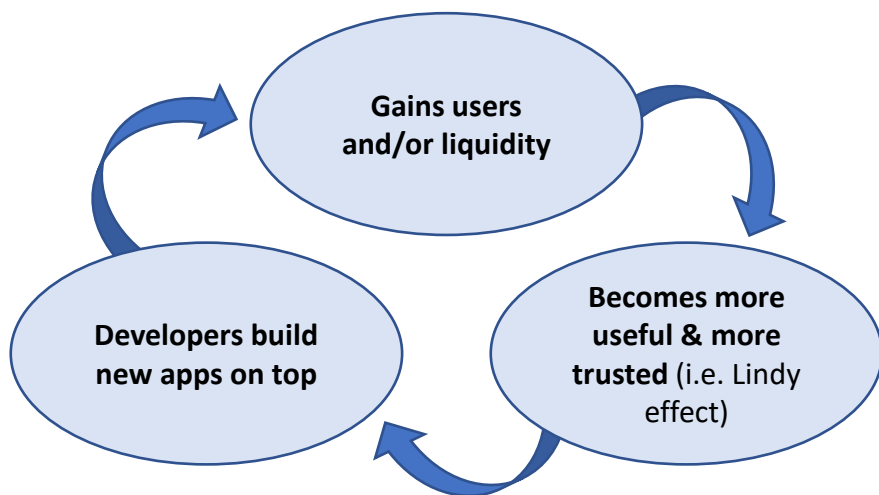


(1) Assumes that sequencers will eventually retain a portion of fees (once L2 chains have decentralized sequencers). Not a recommendation to buy or sell any of the names mentioned herein.
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2 DeFi Building Blocks: Thesis Overview

The core primitives forming the foundation of the on-chain economy

- Core DeFi primitives have been built over the last few years across several categories (liquid staking, decentralized exchanges, etc), and strong moats have already started to emerge
- The power of these core DeFi building blocks is derived from their **composability and openness** – as more and more developers build on top, their network effects compound
- This leads to a **self-reinforcing and ever-widening moat** for the most widely adopted DeFi building blocks:



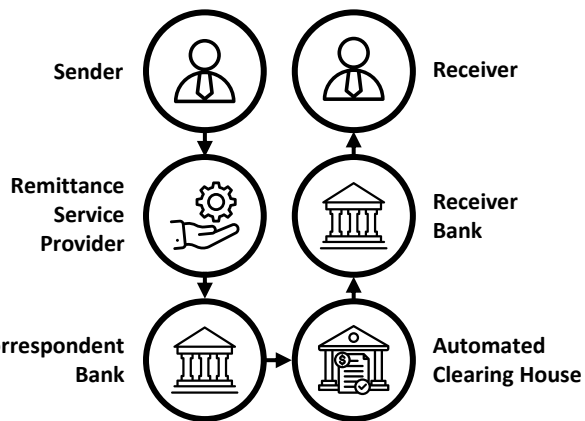
3 Upgrading TradFi Rails: Thesis Overview

Moving profitable TradFi markets onto more efficient crypto rails

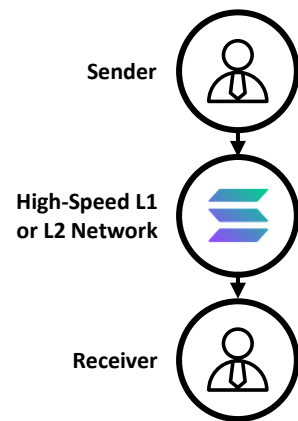
- TradFi markets are large and profitable – but much of it also slow and terribly inefficient due to decades-old legacy infrastructure
- We think that **crypto upstarts can ultimately have a right to win vs. the large financial incumbents**, by re-building on crypto rails with a value proposition of faster settlement times, cheaper execution, better user & developer experiences, and more

A Clear Value Proposition

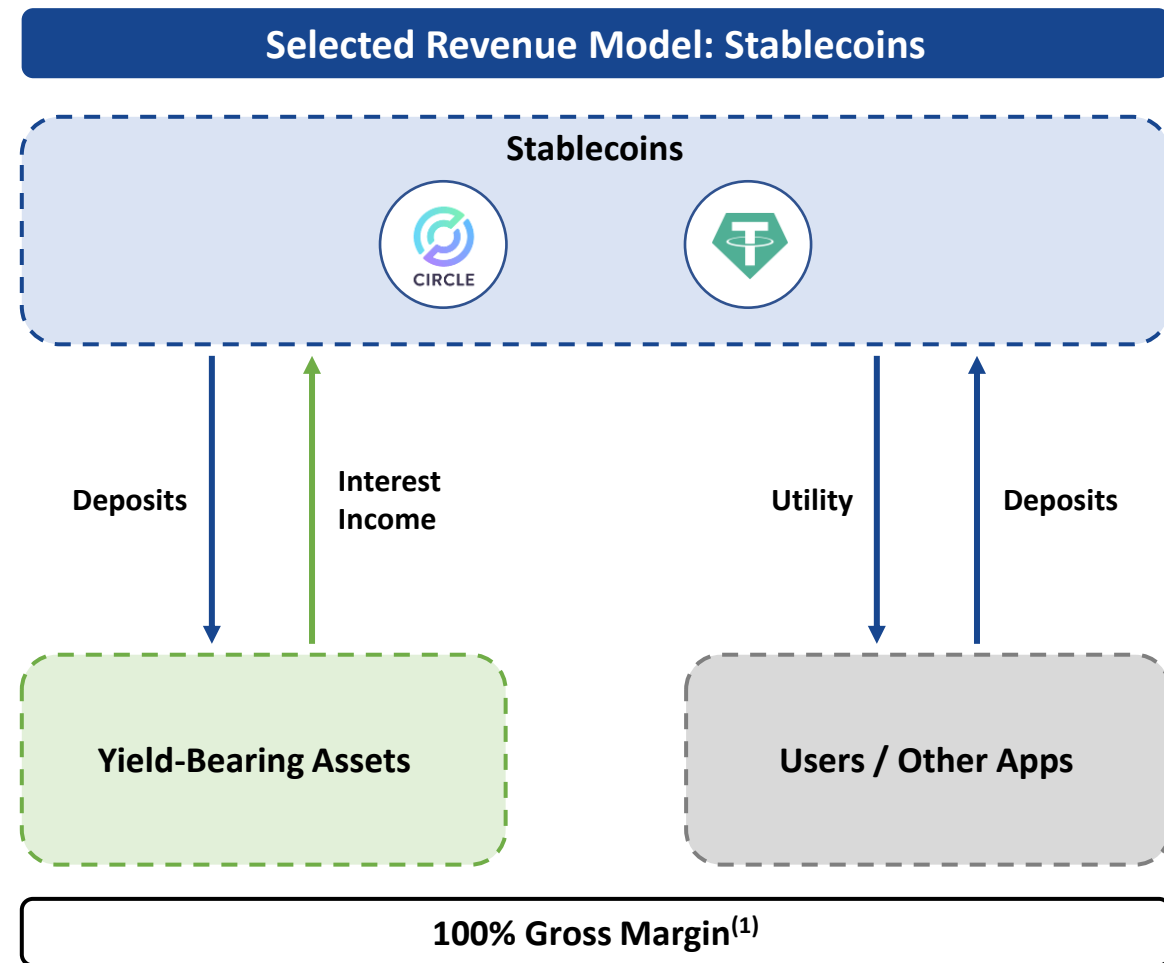
Moving \$1 Through ACH:
~\$0.30 & 1-3 Days



Moving \$1 Onchain:
<\$0.01 & Seconds



Selected Revenue Model: Stablecoins

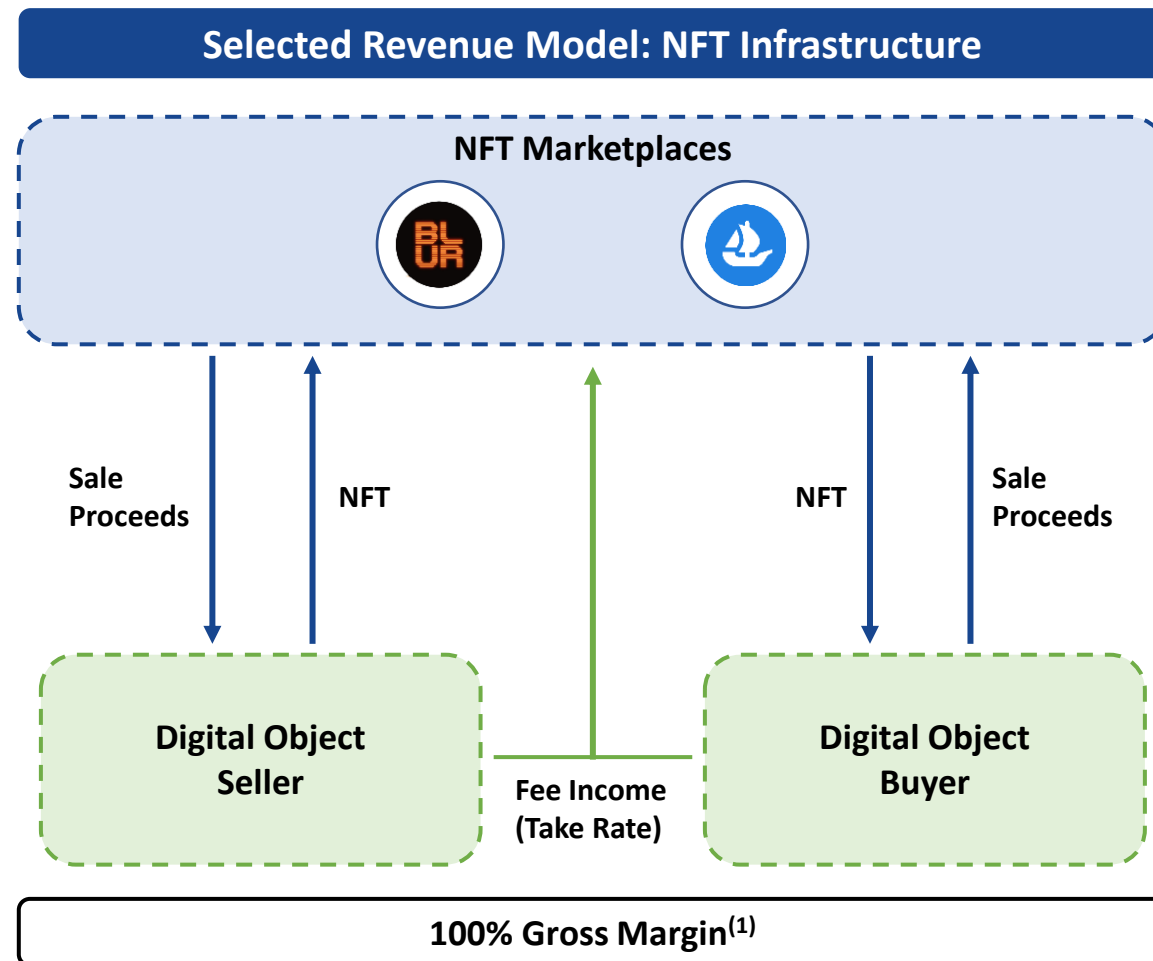
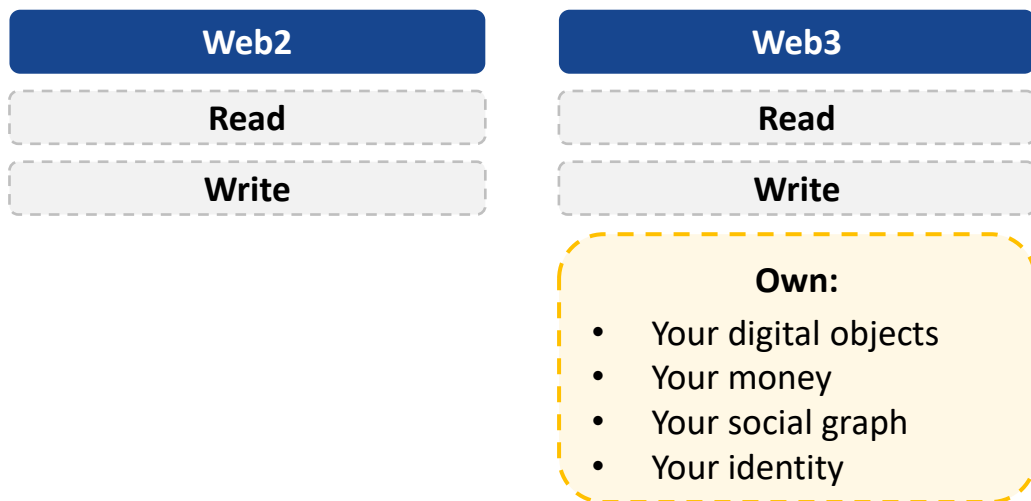


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4 Web3 & the Creator Economy: Thesis Overview

Adding an open and composable layer to the web2 internet & unlocking frictionless new experiences

- **Web2 is a walled garden experience** that is set up to maximally benefit the incumbents – at the detriment of the end user:
 - “Digital ownership” means a database entry on a company’s servers – which can be revoked whenever
 - Creators are beholden to platforms rather than to fans
 - Middlemen determine how & with whom you transact
- We believe web3 is a fundamental upgrade to web2, adding a **new layer of interoperable ownership that will unlock a new wave of killer apps**



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5 DePIN: Thesis Overview

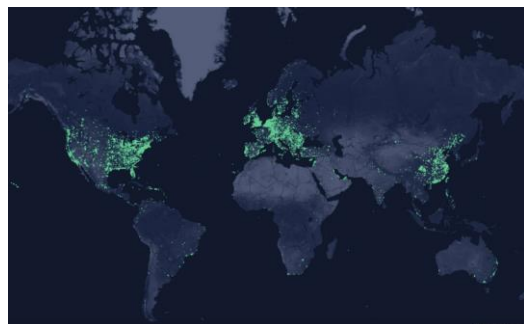
DePIN is a new paradigm in bootstrapping and maintaining physical networks – and competing against incumbent networks

- A greenfield deployment of a physical infrastructure network is a massive endeavor – thereby entrenching incumbents and disincentivizing competition
- The advent of DePIN provides a new set of tools to tackle this problem:
 - **Crypto tokens as an incentive mechanism** – allowing anyone around the world to contribute to the network (and acquire a stake in it)
 - **Crypto networks as a payment and social coordination layer** – solving supply and demand dynamics in a trust-minimized and low-overhead way

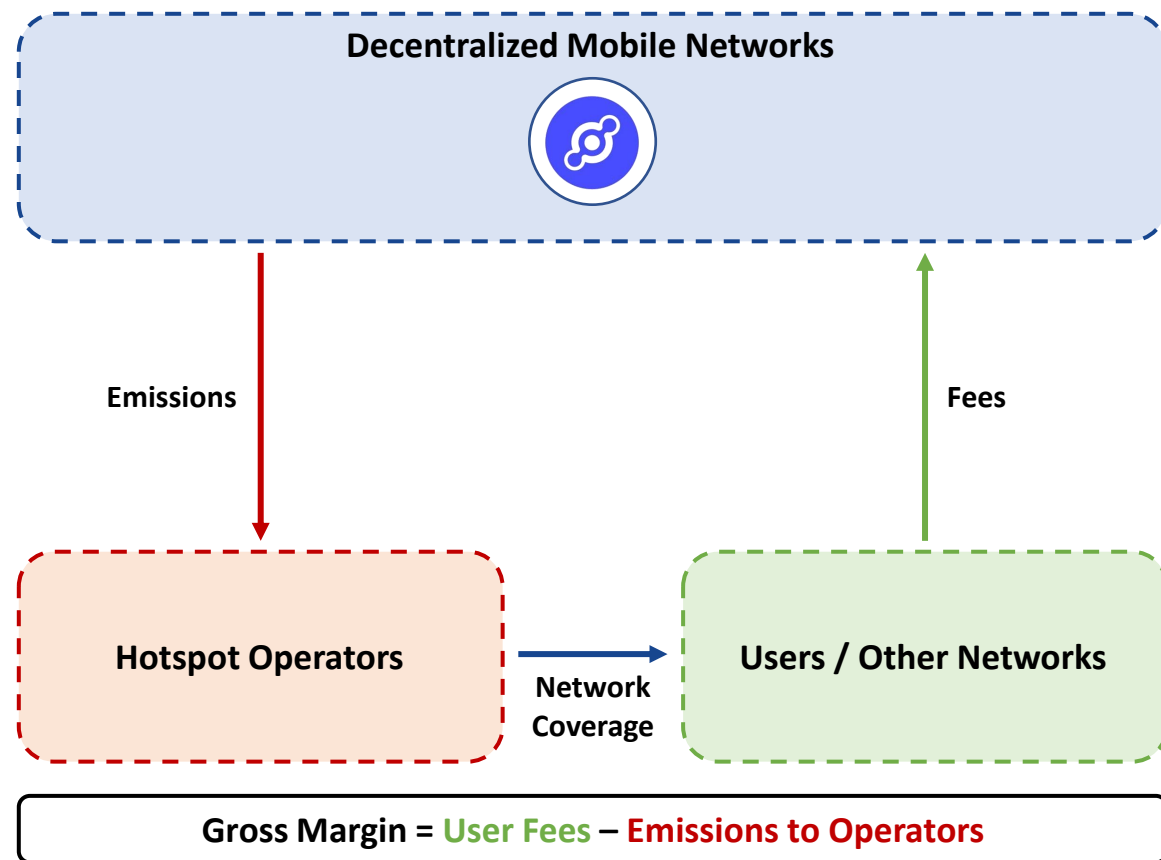
Case Study: Helium

World's Largest
Contiguous Wireless
Network

~400k Active
Hotspots



Selected Revenue Model: Decentralized Mobile Networks



Performance & Fund Terms

Fund Terms



Objective	The Fund Seeks to Provide capital appreciation
General Partner	VanEck Digital Assets GP, LLC
Investment Manager	Van Eck Absolute Return Advisers Corp.
Structure	Master-feeder structure with Cayman master fund and US and offshore (Cayman) feeders
Management Fee	2.00%
Performance Fee	20.00% Subject to non-resetting high watermarks
Minimum Subscription	Initial subscription amount: \$1,000,000 additional amount: \$250,000
Investor Qualification	Qualified Purchaser
Subscriptions	Monthly
Redemptions	Quarterly (with 30 days' notice)
Gate	Fund-Level Gate
Tax Status	Pass-through Entity with K-1s

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Monthly Performance



DAA Historical MTD Performance as of 12/31/2023

	2022		2023	
	DAA-Gross	DAA-Net*	DAA-Gross	DAA-Net*
January	--	--	48.47	44.00
February	--	--	6.82	5.47
March	--	--	1.49	1.10
April	--	--	1.52	1.12
May	--	--	-6.11	-5.24
June	-16.88	-16.91	-2.54	-2.24
July	48.73	42.86	1.98	1.30
August	-11.23	-9.46	-16.43	-13.71
September	-6.84	-5.70	-1.57	-1.73
October	7.15	5.59	19.96	16.13
November	-16.57	-15.34	51.08	42.16
December	-13.04	-13.18	34.15	29.69

June 2022 performance reflects 6/24/2022 - 6/30/2022. Inception date of the VanEck Digital Assets Alpha Fund is June 24, 2022

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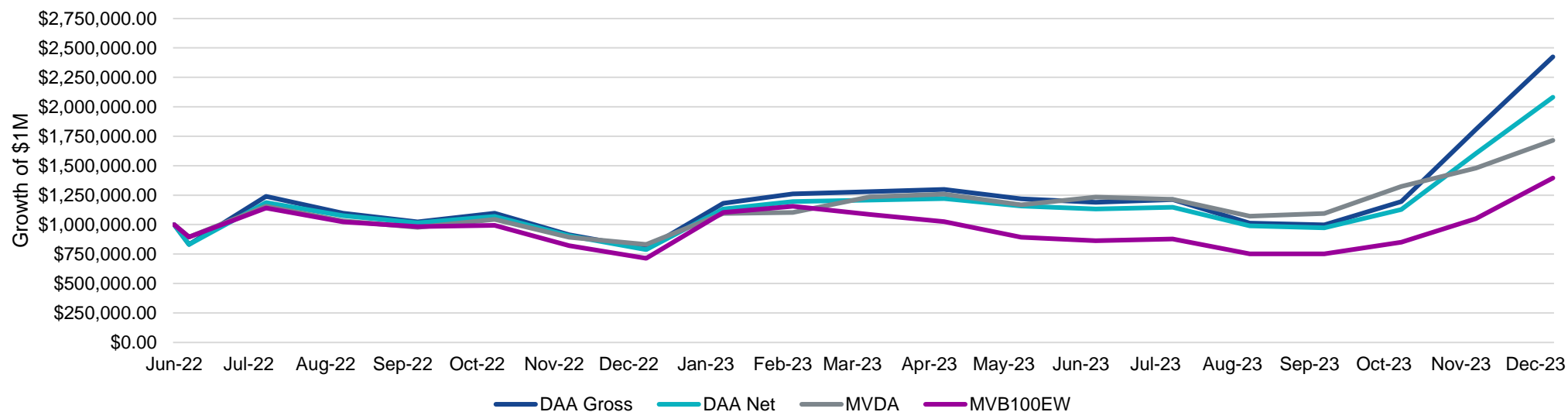
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Performance



Cumulative Growth of \$1,000,000 Since DAA Inception as of 12/31/2023



Performance History (%) as of 12/31/2023	YTD	1YR	LIFE (Cumulative) 6/24/2022	LIFE (Annualized) 6/24/2022
Digital Assets Alpha Fund - Gross	204.95	204.95	142.37	79.00
Digital Assets Alpha Fund – Net*	164.54	164.54	108.08	61.91
MarketVector Digital Asset Broad 100 Equal Weight Index (MVB100EW)	95.68	95.68	39.53	24.49
MarketVector Digital Assets 100 Index (MVDA)	106.47	106.47	71.60	42.64

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Appendix & Disclosures

Case Study: Lido (\$LDO)

Lido offers a pivotal service and has built a dominant, defensible business franchise that accrues value to its token

Description:

- Lido simplifies the experience of staking validator nodes for proof of stake blockchains
- Connects professional validator operators with users who want to earn yield
- Enables capital efficiency by supplying users with a liquid staking token (LST)

Investment Thesis:

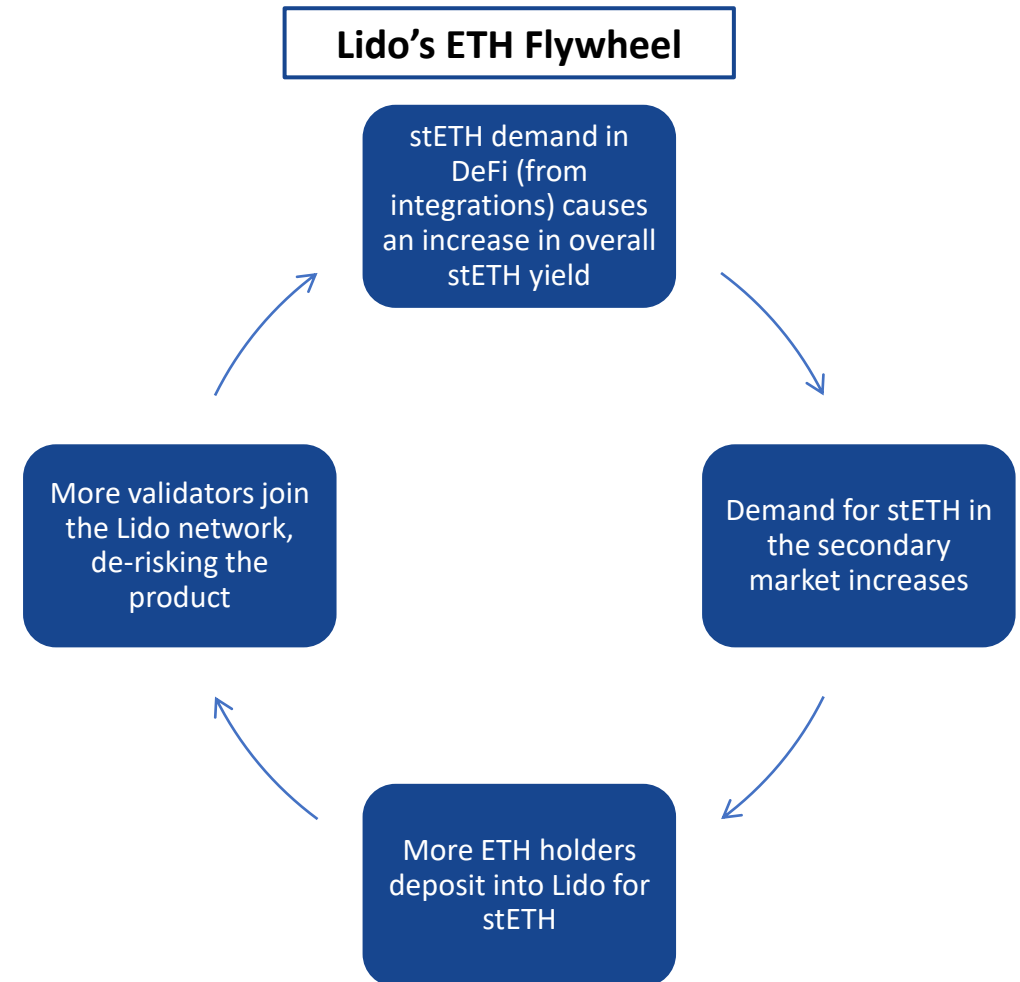
- First mover advantage in a “winner take most” market
- Dominant market share, ~85%, on the ETH LSTs
- Key integrations in DeFi and deep liquidity for its LST that is growing
- Recurring revenue in a sticky business model with a growing TAM

Token Value Accrual:

- Lido token (LDO) collects a 5% commission on emitted rewards to staked tokens

Bull Case Price (2030): \$104

Upside From 12/31/2023 Price: 39x



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Case Study: Render Network (\$RNDR)

RNDR offers a decentralized alternative to cloud computing services that have become prohibitively expensive

Description:

- RNDR is a decentralized network that utilizes computer resources from around the world to facilitate various computational tasks, offering distributed computing power.

Investment Thesis:

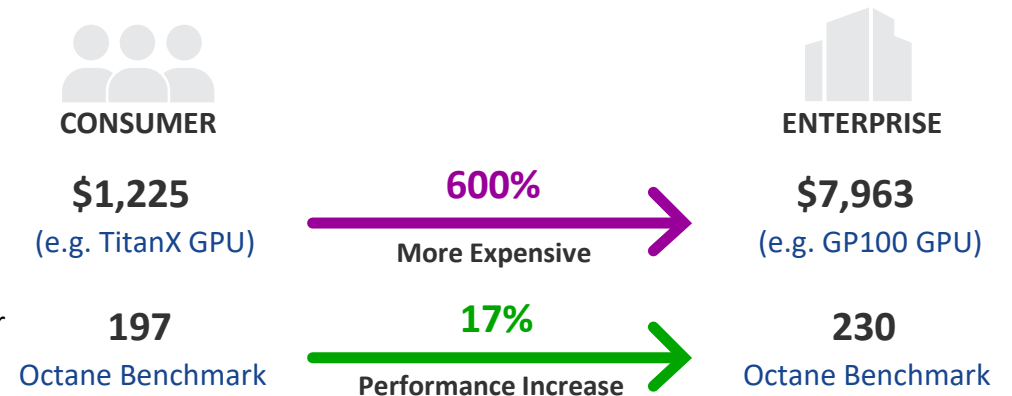
- Computing power has become costly in the current market. However, by connecting your personal computer to the network, you can achieve comparable results at a lower cost. While AWS charges \$2 per hour, RNDR offers the same services at a more affordable rate of \$0.50 per hour.
- Tasks such as High-Quality 3D Rendering, Animation, and CGI Production need lots compute power.
- Rendering Market expected to \$40 Billion by 2030. If Render Network is able to provide 1% share of Cloud Computing, it would capture \$400 Million in tokens burned.

Token Value Accrual:

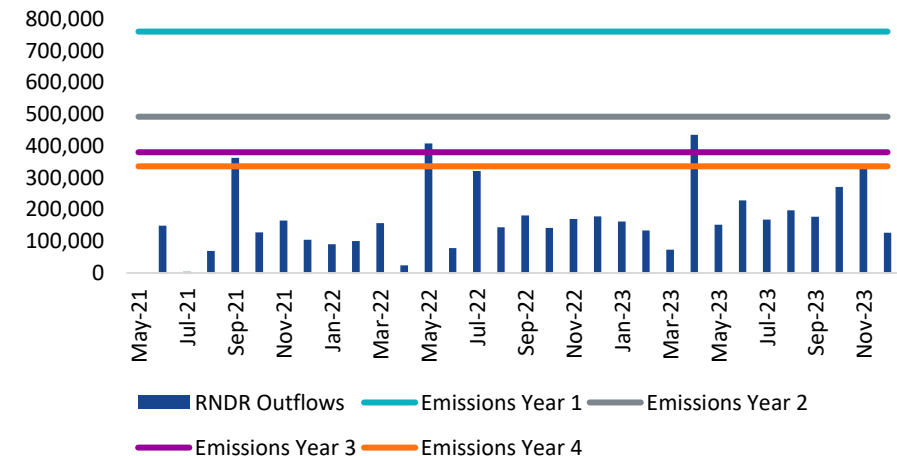
- Burn and Mint Model (BME): For every Computational Task the consumer pays with RNDR tokens, which will be burned from the circulating supply. Supply of Computer Power is paid by new token issuance which decreases over time.
- Eventually, expect burned tokens to exceed minting. Deflationary supply creates scarcity of RNDR while more demand for computing power will drive up buying pressure.

Expected Price (2030): \$47

Upside from 12/31/23 Price: 10x



Monthly RNDR Paid to Nodes
Tokens that will be burned after Burn and Mint model will start



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Index Definitions



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MarketVector Digital Assets 100 Index (MVDA) is a market cap-weighted index which tracks the performance of the 100 largest digital assets. The index serves as benchmark and universe for the other MarketVector Digital Assets Indexes.

Coin Definitions



Bitcoin (BTC) is a decentralized digital currency, without a central bank or single administrator, that can be sent from user to user on the peer-to-peer bitcoin network without the need for intermediaries.

Ethereum (ETH) is a decentralized, open-source blockchain with smart contract functionality. Ether is the native cryptocurrency of the platform. Amongst cryptocurrencies, Ether is second only to Bitcoin in market capitalization.

USD Coin (USDC) is fiat-collateralized stablecoin that offers the advantages of transacting with blockchain-based assets while mitigating price risk.

Euro Coin (EUROC) is issued by Circle under the same full-reserve model as USD Coin (USDC), 100% backed by euros held in euro-denominated banking accounts.

Filecoin (FIL) is a decentralized data storage network built by Protocol Labs that allows users to sell their excess storage on an open platform.

Lido (LDO) is a liquid staking solution for Ethereum and other proof of stake chains. This allows users to stake their tokens without having to lock assets or maintain staking infrastructure.

Render (RNDR) is an ERC-20 compatible utility token used to pay for animation, motion graphics and VFX rendering on the distributed RNDR Network,

Filecoin (FIL) is a decentralized data storage network built by Protocol Labs that allows users to sell their excess storage on an open platform.

Blur (BLUR) is an NFT marketplace with the goal of building a fair and community-driven platform for NFT traders and collectors.

Uniswap (UNI) is a decentralized exchange built on Ethereum that utilizes an automated market making system rather than a traditional order-book.

Ethereum Name Service (ENS) is a distributed and open-source naming system that maps human-readable names to machine-readable identifiers like cryptocurrency addresses, metadata and content hashes.

Chainlink (LINK) is a decentralized oracle network. It aims to serve as a middleware between smart contracts on smart contracting platforms and external data sources, allowing smart contracts to securely access off-chain data feeds.

Coin Definitions

Aave (AAVE) is an open-source and non-custodial protocol to earn interest on deposits and borrow assets with a variable or stable interest rate.

Cosmos (ATOM) is a network of sovereign blockchains that communicate via IBC, an interoperability protocol modeled after TCP/IP, for secure data and value transfer.

The Graph (GRT) is a protocol for indexing and querying data from blockchains, starting with Ethereum.

Solana (SOL) is a public blockchain platform. It is open-source and decentralized, with consensus achieved using proof of stake and proof of history. Its internal cryptocurrency is SOL.

dYdX (DYDX) is a decentralized exchange built on the Ethereum network delivering key financial instruments to users such as perpetuals, margin and spot trading, as well as lending and borrowing.

Hivemapper (HONEY) is a decentralized global mapping network that rewards its contributors for collecting high-volume 4K street-level imagery with dashcams through a Drive-to-Earn model.

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The Fund's investment objective is to provide capital appreciation through investing primarily in digital assets such as cryptocurrencies, protocols, digital currencies, cryptocommodities, digital currency networks, digital coins, altcoins, cryptocurrency platforms, decentralized application tokens and protocol tokens, app coins, blockchain-based assets, cryptoassets and other cryptofinance and digital assets and instruments that are based on or related to blockchain, distributed ledger, directed acyclic graph or similar technologies that currently exist or may exist in the future (collectively, "Digital Assets").

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The Investment Manager utilizes a risk-based approach to Digital Asset allocation with the aim of providing the flexibility to adjust in adverse market conditions. The Investment Manager seeks to invest the Fund's assets in approximately 5 to 30 Digital Assets with high future potential value relative to such Digital Assets' current valuations and generally with market capitalizations in excess of \$100 million. The Investment Manager will seek to analyze Digital Assets based on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, use case, future adoption, existing partner firms and future partner prospects. The Fund also intends to seek additional yield through staking solutions and Digital Asset lending, including through decentralized finance ("DeFi") protocols. The Fund may also invest in public and private securities issued by Digital Asset companies (collectively, "Blockchain Companies" and such investments, "Blockchain Company Investments").

With the goal of limiting potential losses associated with adverse market conditions, excessively high valuations and drawdowns, the Investment Manager will adjust the Fund's Digital Asset allocation, which will generally range from 70% to 90% of the Fund's assets. The Fund's remaining assets will generally be used to generate yield.

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