

### Introduction

This presentation has been created by 2 professionals from the Corporate Finance/M&A (Mergers & Acquisitions) industry. We both started working in the financial industry around 4 years ago, after gaining our degrees in Business administration/corporate finance. During our work we analyzed countless companies as potential targets for M&A activities (Buy and Sell side) and now apply our skills in the world of cryptocurrencies.

Just like you, we both started out with practically no knowledge about the cryptocurrencies and the underlying blockchain technology. However we quickly realized the huge potential this new technology offers and consequently started to dive deeper into Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies (often referred to as altcoins) as a potential investment opportunity.

We found, that although the internet has all the information one needs to get more familiar with the different coins, there seems to a be lack of a general bundled-up introduction paper for the different currencies incl. some key data. We set out to first draft such a presentation for our self, with what we think are some of the most interesting investment opportunities.

After some discussion, we decided to further expand the paper, so that in also features the cryptocurrencies with the highest market capitalization. Finally we decided on 18 different coins, for which we did general research about the underlying business model, the pros and cons, as well as some of our own calculations regarding correlations and volatility figures. You will find a summarizing slide for each of the coins, as well as a slide containing information about the teams behind the currencies on the next pages.

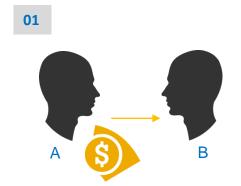
We hope that you the reader can profit from this presentation and get a general understanding of some of the most interesting coins in the cryptoverse and maybe take part in what we think represents the next financial revolution.

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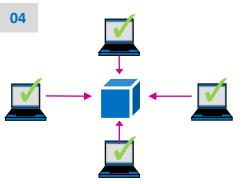
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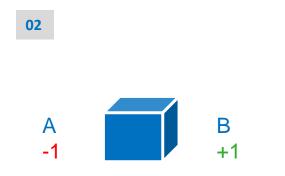
## What is a Blockchain?



A wants to send money to B.



The network approves the transaction.

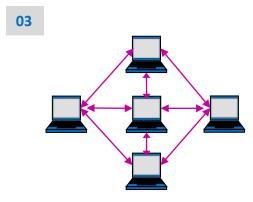


The transaction is represented online as information within a ,block'.

existing blockchain, in a way that is

permanent, unalterable and transparent.





The requested transaction is then broadcasted to a Peer-to-Peer network of computers (called "nodes") for validation.



The money moves from A to B.

## Bitcoin (BTC)

## **Executive Summary**



#### **Facts**

#### Description

Bitcoin is a digital currency: a distributed, worldwide, decentralized digital money. Compared to traditional currencies such as dollars or euros, the cryptocurrency is issued and managed without any central authority. It can thus not be influenced by banks and also be send globally in a matter of minutes

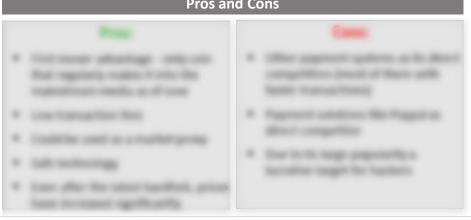
#### Pot. Clients/Beneficiaries

Global users of payment systems, Investors

#### Team

Invented by Satoshi Nakamoto (real identity unclear). Former P2P pioneers among developers. Wladimir van der Laan (Lead Core developer), Gavin Andresen (former Lead developer), Llew Claasen (Bitcoin Foundation).

<b>Pros</b>	and	Cons
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Key Figures								
Date:	30. April	31. May	30. June	31. July	31. Aug			
Prices 2017	\$1,348	\$2,286	\$2,480	\$2,875	\$4,703			
Market Cap	#Coins	Max #Coins	Founders Share	Volatility YTD	Volatility 1M			
\$ 75.3bn								
Inflation 5 Correlation Correlation years with BTC with ETH			<ul> <li>Current Rank in terms of Market Cap: #1</li> <li>Exchanges: All</li> </ul>					
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### **News / Current Events**

- 08/23/2017: Segwit has been activated on the bitcoin blockchain
- **08/08/2017:** Bitcoin network locked in the decision to implement Segwit
- 08/01/2017: Hardfork of Bitcoin with a new cryptocurrency called Bitcoin Cash as a result
- 07/22/2017: BIP91 (SegWit Segregated Witness) Signaling started. 900\$ growth in value since 16th of July. SegWit activation should begin starting the 24th of July
- Q2/2017: Bitcoin is declared as legal payment system in Japan and corresponding legal frameworks have been created. Already 260,000 dealers accept Bitcoin and advertise even on TV (Bic Camera). Capital gains from Bitcoin are tax free in Japan

# **Bitcoin (BTC)**

# **Team (Top Executives)**



CoinGecko Developer-Score: 98%



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