

# **The Growing Investment Opportunity in Blockchain**

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THE GROWING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IN BLOCKCHAIN **Discussion Topics** 

- Blockchain Growth & Trends
- Bitcoin/Crypto Update
- Applications of Blockchain in a COVID-19 World
- Blockchain Predictions for the "New Normal"
- BLOK ETF Overview







# Worldwide spending on blockchain solutions 2019: \$2.7bn USD

Share of companies in the consumer products & manufacturing industry currently using blockchain: 29%



The size of the global blockchain market is expected to grow from \$3B in 2020 to \$39.7B by 2025 - a CAGR<sup>1</sup> of 67.3%\*.

This growth will be driven by three main sources:

- venture funding
- enterprise investment in blockchain technology
- rise of blockchain solutions for supply chain management

Geographic expansion into emerging markets

Growth of private blockchains

\*Source: MarketsandMarkets <sup>1</sup>CAGR: Compound Annual Growth Rate Actual results may vary

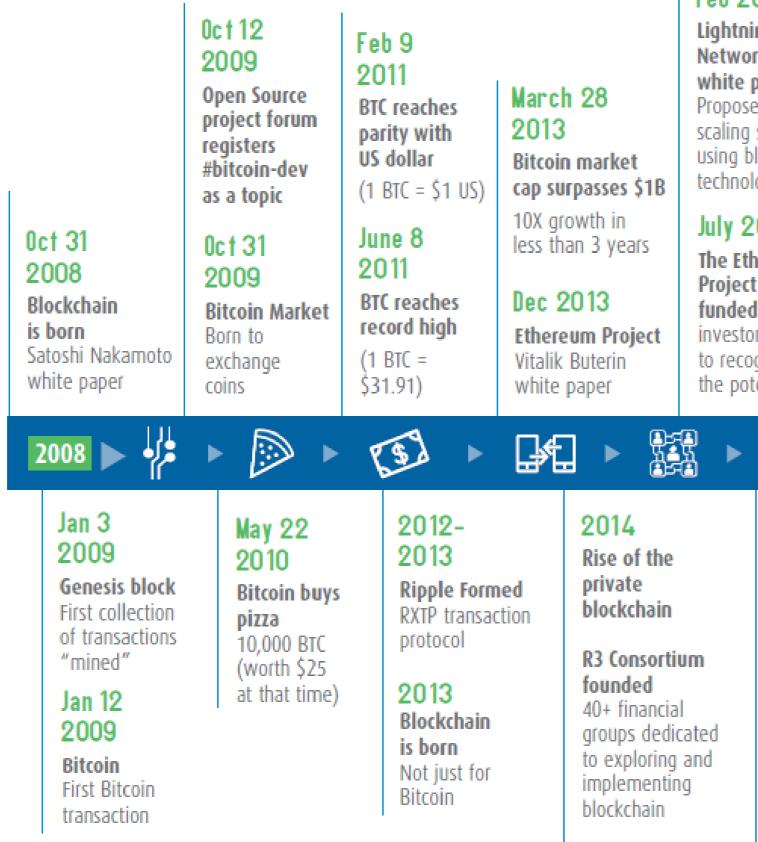




# **Bitcoin: The Original Use-Case for Blockchain**



Crypto is not blockchain, but an application running on the blockchain





#### Feb 2014

Lightning Network white paper Proposes a scaling solution using blockchain technology

#### July 2014

The Ethereum Project crowd investors start to recognize the potential

#### in Blockchain tops \$1 billion 2016-2017 Initial coin offerings (ICOs) raised more than \$2 billion

Wall Street investment

2016

Now more than 250 blockchain ICOs

March 2017

June 2017

The DAO hack

July 2017

Hyperledger

announces

blockchain,

Fabric 1.0

Fabricators

include IBM

and Digital Asset

production-ready

**Enterprise Ethereum** 

Alliance (EEA) formed

#### Aug 2017

**CBOE** applies for Bitcoin futures contracts

Coinbase becomes first pure-play blockchain "unicorn"

#### Dec 2017

**Bitcoin futures** commence trading and the total value of all cryptocurrencies surpasses \$600 billion

Lightening Network goes live with first transactions

#### 2020

Stablecoins gain more prominence; They are designed to minimize volatility, being pegged to a stable asset/basket of assets

#### October 2020

Square, PayPal, and JPMorgan Chase all supporting cryptocurrency payments



#### 2015

Wall Street starts to embrace blockchain NASDAO commits to Blockchain trials

\$30 Million financing round for Chain Visa, Capital One and Fiserv involved

Hyperledger Project launched by Linux Foundation

#### 2018

Spike in speculation leads to a "Bitcoin bubble" which bursts early in 2018

June 2019 Facebook announces it is developing

#### its own cryptocurrency, called Libra

#### December 2019

**Goldman Sachs names** Bitcoin 2019's top-performing asset

#### October 2020 (cont.) Square announces \$50 million and MicroStrategy \$ 425 million investment in cryptocurrency

SEC says it is open to idea of tokenized ETF

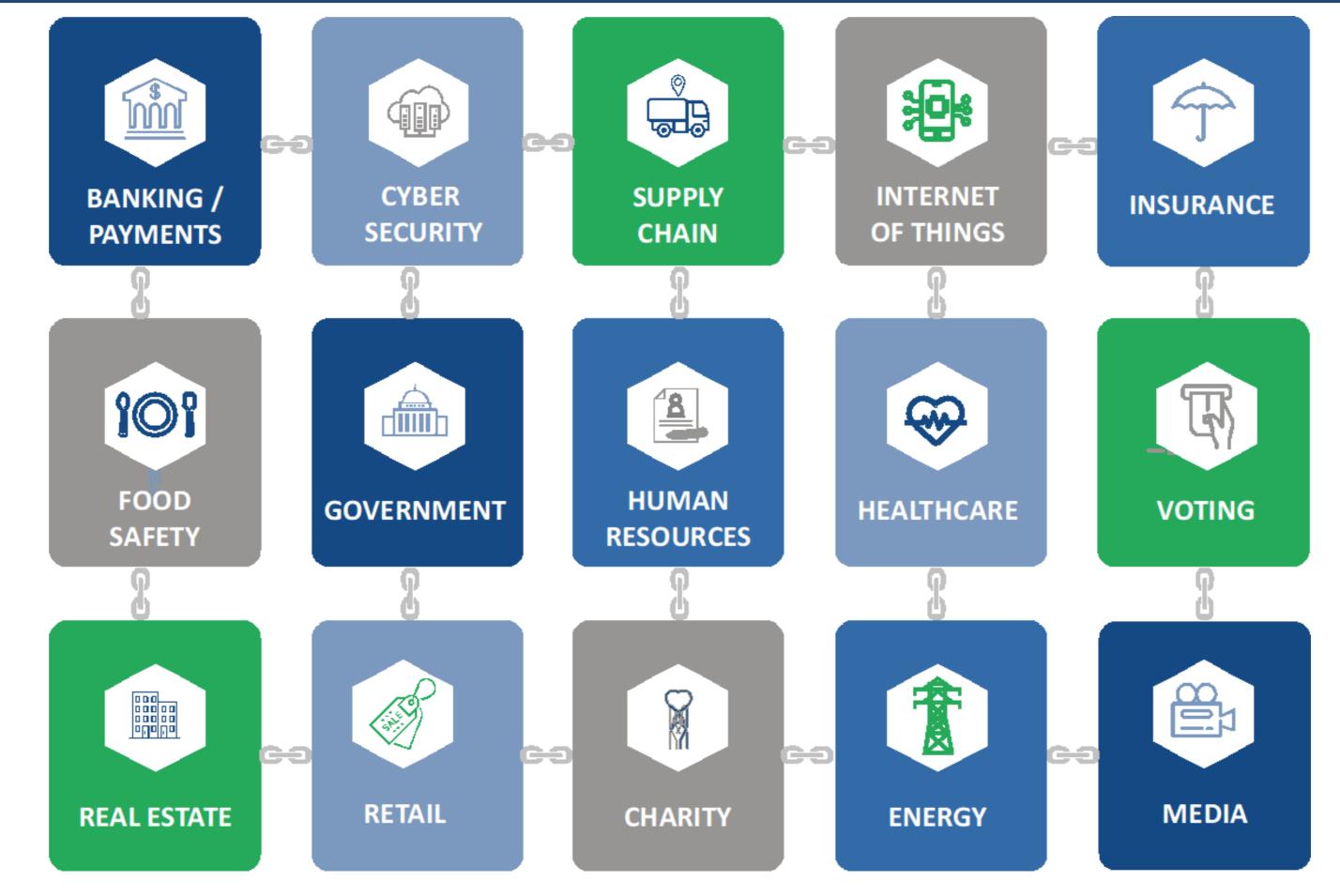




# The Applications for Blockchain Technology Continue to Grow

## **Top Industries to Benefit from Transparent Distributed Ledger Technology**

- Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) and Stablecoins
- Digital Identity
- Supply Chain
- Healthcare and the Life Sciences
- Food Safety
- Voting
- Charitable Donation
- Real Estate



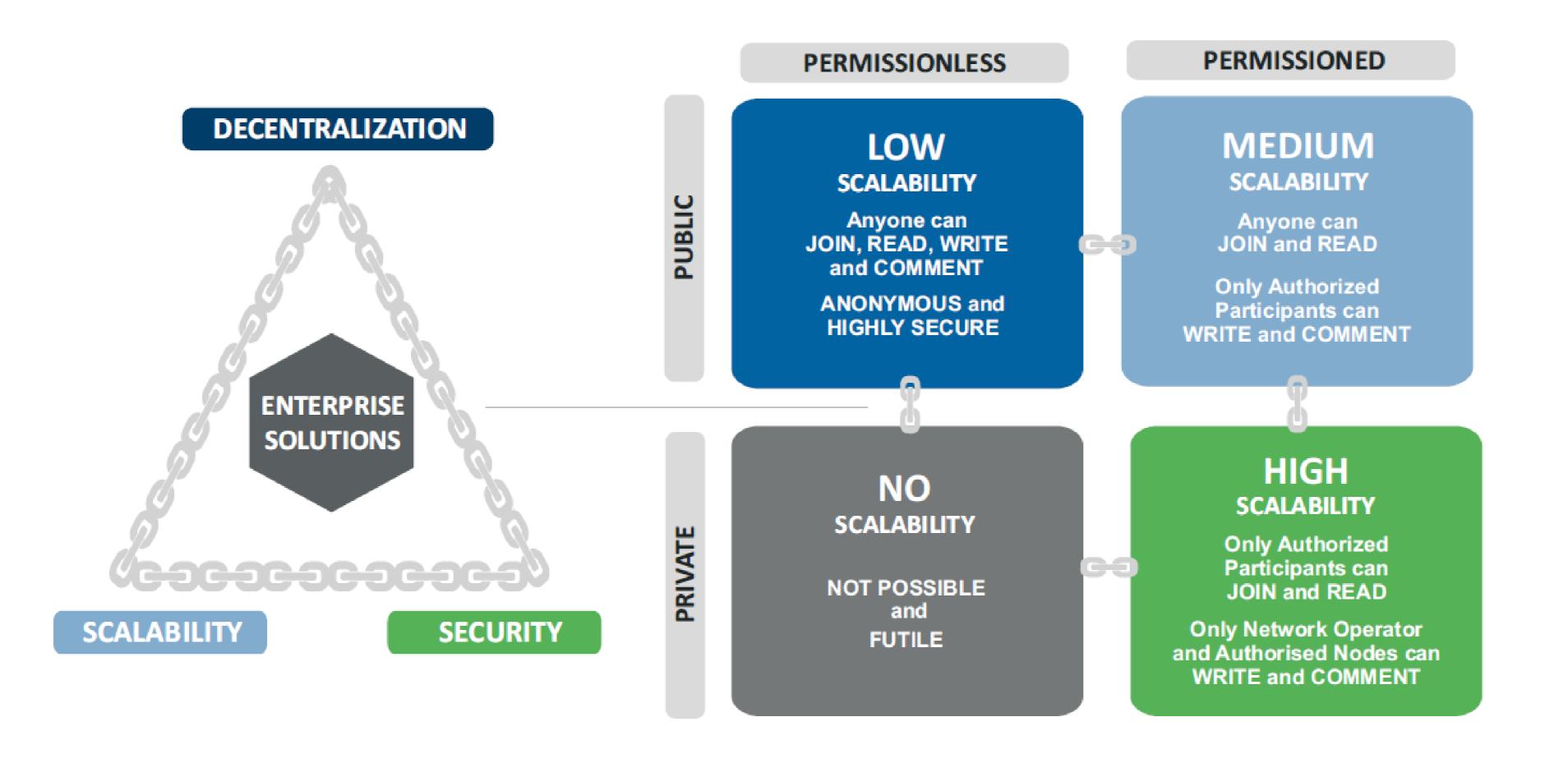


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# The Rapid Innovation of Blockchain





#### For enterprise use-cases, a permissioned and private network is usually the best fit.





### **Bitcoin/Cryptocurrency Update**



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- Every four years the mining reward for Bitcoin is halved.
- Billionaire portfolio managers Paul Tudor Jones, Bill Miller, and Stanley Druckenmiller all have embraced Bitcoin as an asset class
- CEOs like Michael Saylor (MicroStrategy) and Jack Dorsey (Square) have used their Treasury to buy Bitcoin
- Institutions and Endowments are increasing their allocations to Bitcoin (e.g. Stone Ridge)
- Endowments like Yale, Harvard, MIT, Stamford, Dartmouth, and UNC are targeting investments in crypto (as well as venture capital in blockchain)

\*Source: YCharts



### Cryptocurrency as an Asset Class

Bitcoin was up 85.30% in 2019, and is up 169.70% YTD 2020 (as of 12/14/20)



# Some Progress by U.S. institutions in the digital dollar race

- USD backing.
- Naysayer JP Morgan has done an about-face.
  - employees
  - They also set up their own JPM stable coin and made a strategic investment in ConsenSys.
- Regulatory hurdles related to the connectivity of cryptocurrency "pipes" have been with the Digital Dollar project).



Facebook Libra abandoned plans for a multi-currency backing: now focusing exclusively in

• The firm has set up its own cryptocurrency business called Onyx with more than 100

advanced by partnerships (i.e. former CFTC chairman Christopher Giancarlo and Accenture



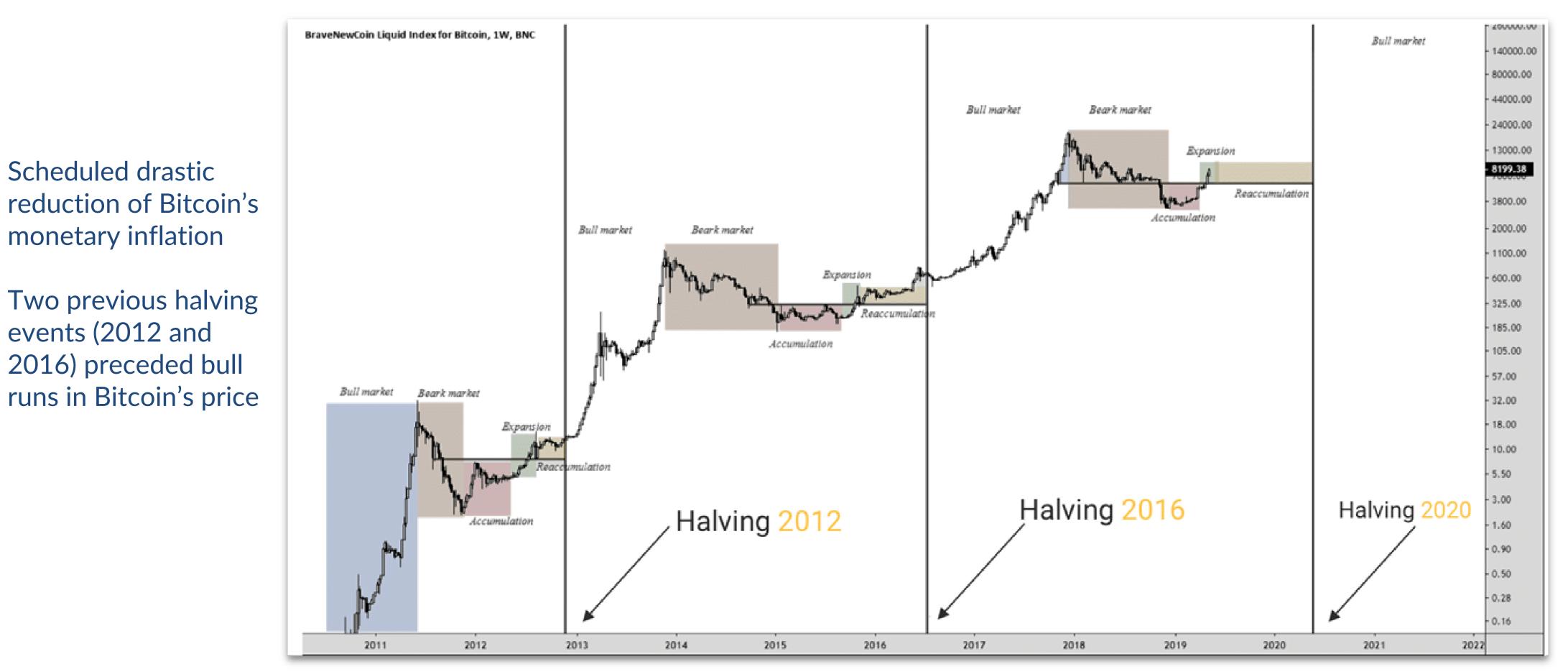


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# Bitcoin "halving" event on May 12, 2020



BraveNewCoin Liquid Index for Bitcoin Source: tradingview.com Past performance does not guarantee future results.



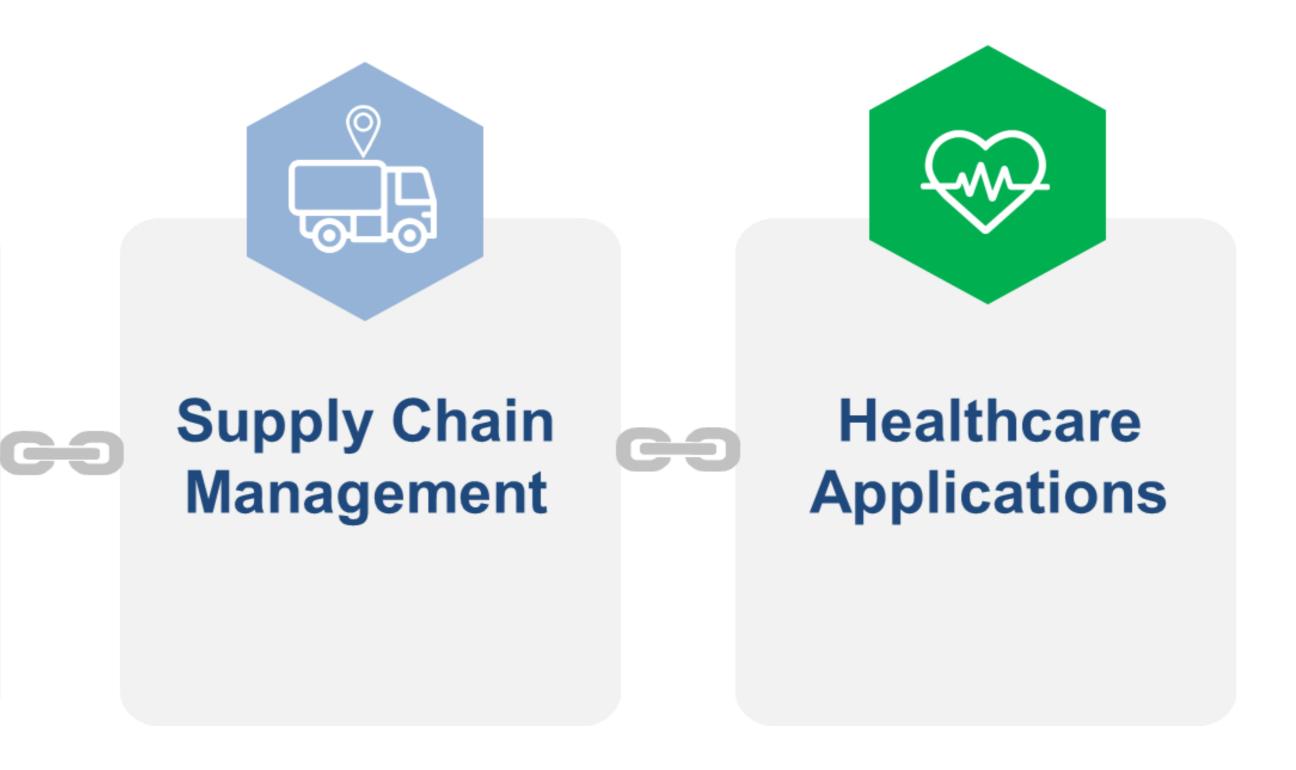


### Important Applications of Blockchain in the COVID-19 World

# **Three Key Markets Poised for Blockchain Disruption**



# Contactless **Payments**











# Contactless Payments

- Move to Cashless Society Early in March, WHO warned that banknotes may spread the virus and recommended "contactless" forms of payment.
- U.S. is Behind in Contactless Payment Visa says 48% of its in-person transactions (excluding the U.S.) are contactless. That includes more than 90% of transactions in Australia and more than 50% in the U.K. and Canada. In the U.S., less than 0.25% of POS transactions were contactless.
- New Need for Fraud Protection Blockchain distributed ledger technology can track assets and payments securely.
- **Growth for Tokenized Mobile Wallets** "Tap and go" wallets like Apple and Google Pay do not even require a PIN! This will spur the growth of more secure, peer-to-peer, contactless payment solutions that use authentication, monitoring, and data encryption.
- "New Normal" of Digital Innovation Cash and checks will be replaced by digital payment systems and new, more secure, digital currencies.









# Supply Chain Management

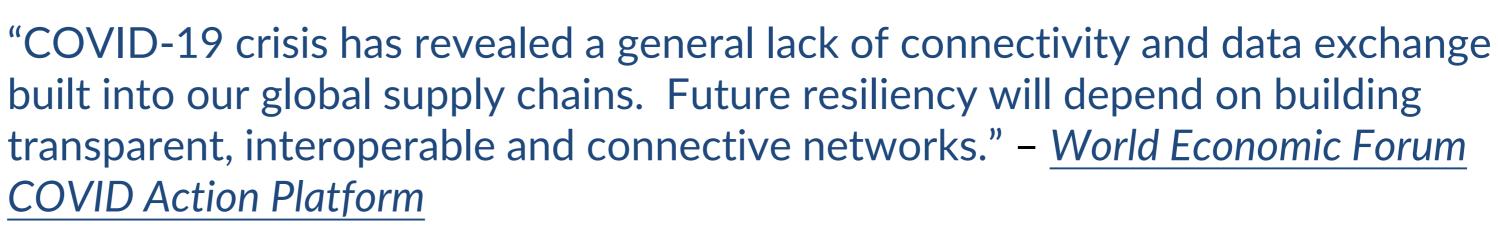
**COVID** Action Platform

"If there were any lingering doubts over the value of blockchain platforms to improve the transparency of businesses that depend on the seamless integration of disparate networks, COVID-19 has all but wiped them away."

"We cannot afford to continue operating in the dark." -Mariam Obaid Al Muhairi, Project Manager at the Dubai Future Foundation

In response to these challenges, the World Economic Forum, in association with its international blockchain community, including C4IR UAE, co-developed the Redesigning Trust: Blockchain Deployment Toolkit, with a supply chain focus.











# Healthcare Applications

### Medical Supply Chain

#### **Testing and Contact Tracing**

data's privacy.

#### Medical Research

- computing power can help.
- against COVID-19.



Blockchain is being leveraged to connect buyers with non-traditional suppliers producing masks and other PPE needed to combat COVID-19

IBM (Hyperledger Fabric) launched its Rapid Supplier Connect solution on April 27<sup>th</sup> which leverages blockchain to help government agencies and healthcare organizations source equipment.

• Due to the inherent transparency of the technology, hospitals could guarantee that all patients' health records were "tamper-proof", while still ensuring the

It takes vast amounts of raw processing power to run protein fold simulations that researchers use to look for vaccines and therapies – distributed

• A series of ongoing efforts across universities, medical academia, the private sector and even private citizens are harnessing distributed systems in the fight





# **Blockchain Predictions for the "New Normal"**



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# We believe:



COVID-19 will expand and accelerate the trend toward a cashless society with digital currency solutions



Worldwide spending on blockchain solutions will increase post the COVID-19 crisis (IDC)



Blockchain will become an important tool in fighting the COVID-19 virus





# How Can Investors Potentially Capitalize on the Increased Adoption of Blockchain?





# **Amplify Transformational Data Sharing ETF (BLOK)**

#### **FUND FACTS**

**Ticker: BLOK** 

Assets: \$362mil (as of 12/31/20)

Index-based or Active? Actively Managed

3-Month Average Daily Volume: 184,400

Gross Expense Ratio: 0.90% - Fee Waiver: 0.20%1

= Net Expense Ratio: 0.70%

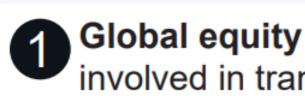
**BLOK** is an actively-managed **ETF** comprised of companies involved in blockchain technology. The ETF also invests indirectly in bitcoin through ownership of another indirect investment vehicle, the **Bitcoin Investment Trust.** 

Number of Holdings: 54

Fund website: **BLOKETF.com** 

Portfolio Manager: Toroso Investments, LLC

#### WHY INVEST IN BLOK?





Active management approach that we believe enables the Fund to remain flexible and identify companies that are best positioned to profit from the developing transformational data sharing technology space.

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to a contractual agreement, the Fund's investment adviser has agreed to waive management fees of 0.20% of average daily net assets until March 1, 2021.

#### Inception: 1/17/18

**Global equity portfolio** of professionally-selected companies involved in transformational data sharing technology.

**2** Convenience and transparency of the ETF structure.





# **BLOK Portfolio Management Process**

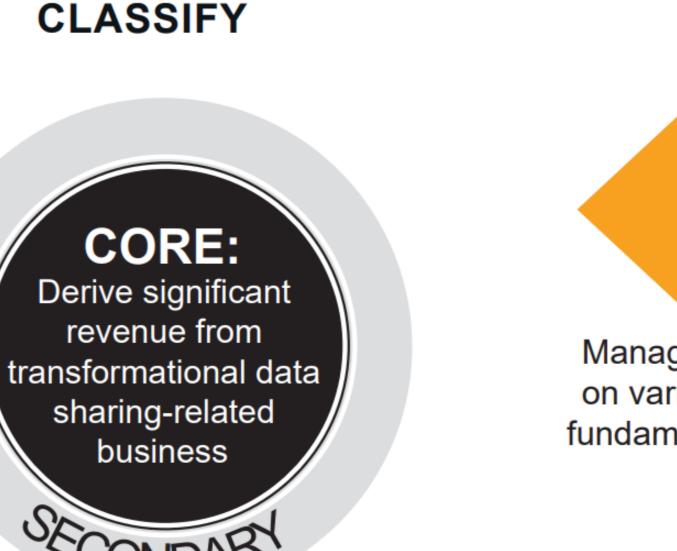
#### **IDENTIFY**

#### **PUBLICLY-TRADED COMPANIES THAT ARE:**

- actively engaged in research & development and/or implementation;
- **2** profiting from the demand for transformational data sharing applications;
- partnering with or investing in 3 companies;
- 4 acting as a member of multiple transformational data sharing consortiums.

Directly invests or partners in transformational data sharing companies





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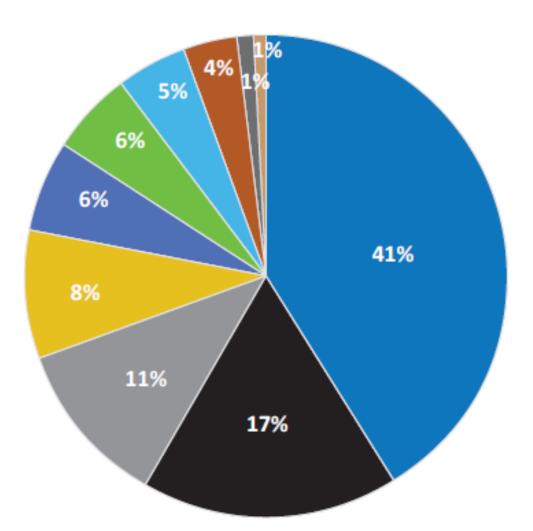
Managers adjust portfolio based on variables including: company fundamentals, valuation and news





# **BLOK Portfolio Composition**

#### INDUSTRY ALLOCATION AS OF 12/31/2020

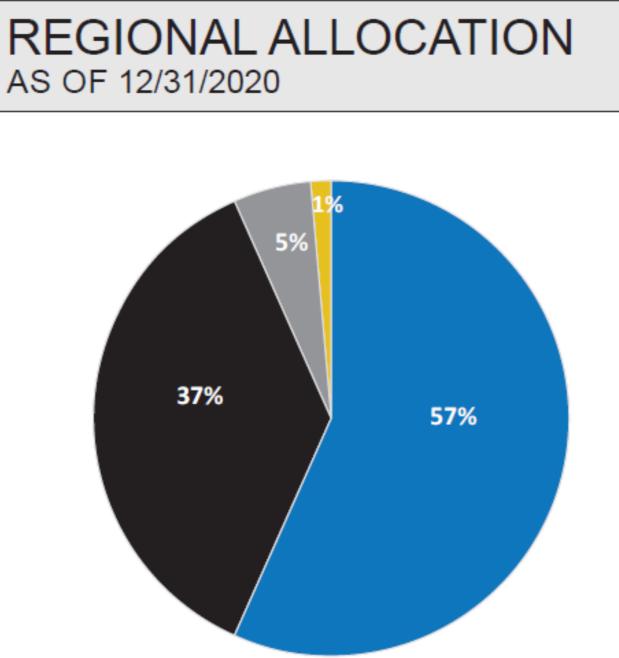


5% 37%

AS OF 12/31/2020

North America Asia Pacific Western Europe Africa / Middle East

Software & Services **Diversified Financials** Media & Entertainment Retailing Banks Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment Technology Hardware & Equipment Not Classified Telecommunication Services Commercial & Professional Services



GLXY CN	Galaxy Digital Holdings Ltd	
PYPL	PayPal Holdings Inc.	
MARA	Marathon Patent Group	
HIVE CN	Hive Blockchain Technologies	
9449 JP	GMO Internet Inc.	
ICE	Intercontinental Exchange	

Digital Garage Inc.

Silvergate Capital Corp

**TOP 10 HOLDINGS** 

COMPANY

Square Inc.

MicroStrategy Inc.

AS OF 12/31/2020

TICKER

SI

SQ

MSTR

4819 JP

Holdings and allocations are subject to change at any time and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any security.





% WEIGHT

5.18%

4.38%

4.36%

4.18%

3.77%

3.52%

3.20%

3.17%

3.10%

3.04%

# **BLOK Performance – 2020**



Source: YCharts. For Illustrative purposes only. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investors cannot directly invest in an index. Standardized performance for the Fund can be found on Slide 20.

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold or redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Shares of any ETF are bought and sold at market price (not NAV), may trade at a discount or premium to NAV and are not individually redeemed from the Fund. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. The Fund's gross expense ratio is 0.90%, and Net Expense Ratio of 0.70%. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit the Fund's website at AmplifyETFs.com/BLOK.

The Amplify Transformational Data Sharing ETF (BLOK) investment objective and strategy differs substantially from the S&P 500 Total Return Index, which is used for comparison purposes as a widely recognized measure of U.S. stock market performance. While the returns of BLOK have exhibited positive (but varying) correlation to the index over time, BLOK may invest in different securities and in different proportions than in the S&P 500 Total Return index.

The Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Total Return Index is a market-capitalization-weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies by market value, and assumes distributions are reinvested back into the index. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.



# **BLOK Performance – Month- and Quarter-End**

			CUMULA	TIVE (%)	ANNUALIZED (%)			
	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	6 Mo.	YTD	Since Inception (1/17/18)	1 Yr.	Since Inception (1/17/18)	
Month end as of December 31st, 2020								
Fund NAV	17.10%	45.12%	75.15%	88.18%	83.16%	88.18%	22.72%	
Closing Price	17.68%	45.40%	76.60%	90.07%	84.13%	90.07%	22.94%	
Quarter end as of December 31st, 2020								
Fund NAV	17.10%	45.12%	75.15%	88.18%	83.16%	88.18%	22.72%	
Closing Price	17.68%	45.40%	76.60%	90.07%	84.13%	90.07%	22.94%	

Source: US Bancorp Fund Services. The starting price for the Since Inception cumulative return is \$25.00

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#### DISCLOSURES

#### Carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risk factors, charges and expenses before investing. This and additional information can be found in the Fund's prospectus, which may be obtained by calling 855-267-3837 or visiting AmplifyETFs.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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The Fund will invest at least 80% of the Fund's net assets in equity securities of companies actively involved in the development and utilization of blockchain technologies. Such investments may be subject to the following risks: the technology is new and many of its uses may be untested; theft, loss or destruction; competing platforms and technologies; cybersecurity incidents; developmental risk; lack of liquid markets; possible manipulation of blockchain-based assets; lack of regulation; third party product defects or vulnerabilities; reliance on the Internet; and line of business risk. The investable universe may include companies that partner with or invest in other companies that are engaged in transformational data sharing or companies that participate in blockchain industry consortiums. The Fund will invest in the securities of foreign companies. Securities issued by foreign companies present risks beyond those of securities of U.S. issuers.

The Fund may have exposure to cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin indirectly through investment funds, including through an investment in the Bitcoin Investment Trust ("GBTC"), a privately offered, openend investment vehicle. Even when held indirectly, investment vehicles like GBTC may be affected by the high volatility associated with cryptocurrency exposure. Holding a privately offered investment vehicle in its portfolio may cause the Fund to trade at a premium or discount to NAV. Many significant aspects of the U.S. federal income tax treatment of investments in cryptocurrencies are uncertain and such investments, even indirectly, may produce non-qualifying income for purposes of the favorable U.S. federal income tax treatment generally accorded to regulated investment companies.

Amplify Investments LLC is the Investment Adviser to the Fund, and Toroso Investments, LLC is the Investment Sub-Adviser.

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