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Unstable coin: USDC depegs after revealing exposure to collapsed Silicon Valley Bank



- **USDC**, the second-largest stablecoin with ~US\$42 billion market cap, **depegged from US\$1 after the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank**. It fell to as low as ~0.86 but **averaged between 0.92-0.95** over the weekend.
- On 10 March 2023 (Friday), US regulators shut down Silicon Valley Bank after it failed to raise new capital amid a run on the crypto and startup- friendly bank.
- Circle, the issuer of USDC, announced later that it had **US\$3.3 billion in cash that remained at Silicon Valley Bank**, representing ~8% of **USDC's reserve**.
- On 12 March 2023 (Sunday) evening, US regulators announced it would fully protect all depositors of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank (which was closed by regulators prior to the announcement). USDC has since returned to peg after markets opened on Monday.
- Between 10-15 March, **USDC supply dropped from US\$43.2b to US\$37.2b**, a 14% decline. It is likely to continue to drop as people swaps/cashes out USDC for other stablecoins or fiat after loss of confidence.

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 - BTC and ETH outperformed as users swapped from USDC/stablecoins, and supported by the US bank crisis
 - Other tokens underperformed as market participants shifted focus to the dominant BTC and ETH
- **Protocol Price Recap** (2 March – 15 March 2023)
 - Most protocol price tokens declined sharply during stablecoin depeg but most pared losses quickly after peg recovered and crypto prices outperformed as a whole

2. Valuation

- Market Cap to Active Addresses – ETH's price rally driven more by multiple expansion than network usage

3. Exchange Flows

- Bitcoin - spike in inflow as Bitcoin price soars, users move to trade
- Ethereum - outflows spiked amid USDC depeg as users moved to accumulate and take advantage of arbitrage opportunities

One-Year Layer-1 Price Recap

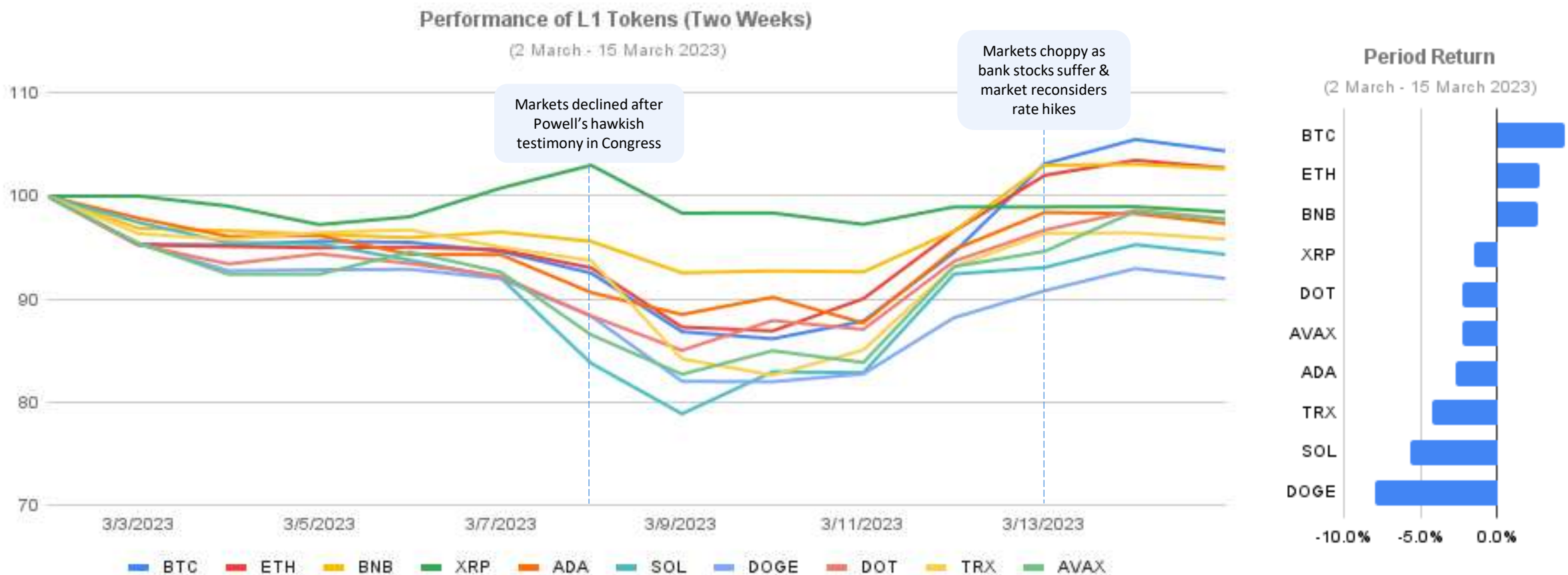
Performance of Top-Ranking Crypto (One Year)

(15 March 2022 = 100)



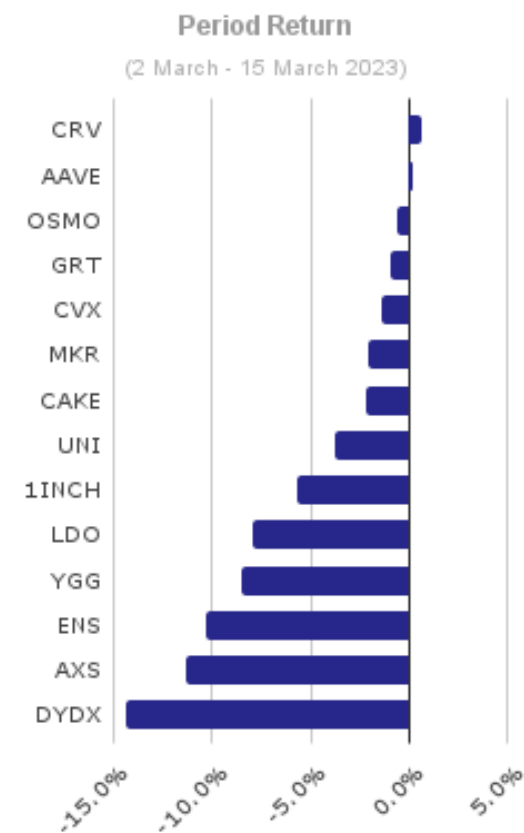
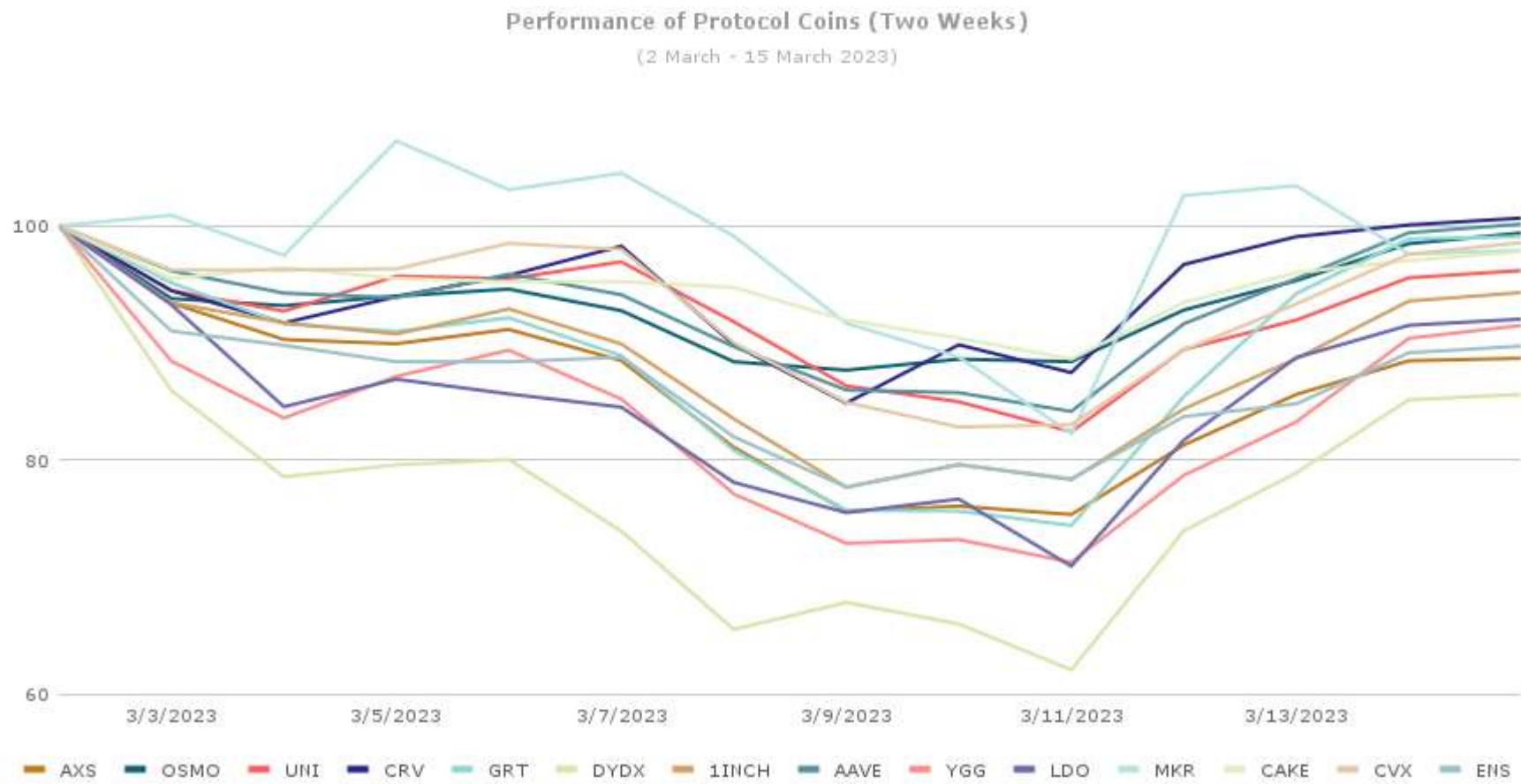
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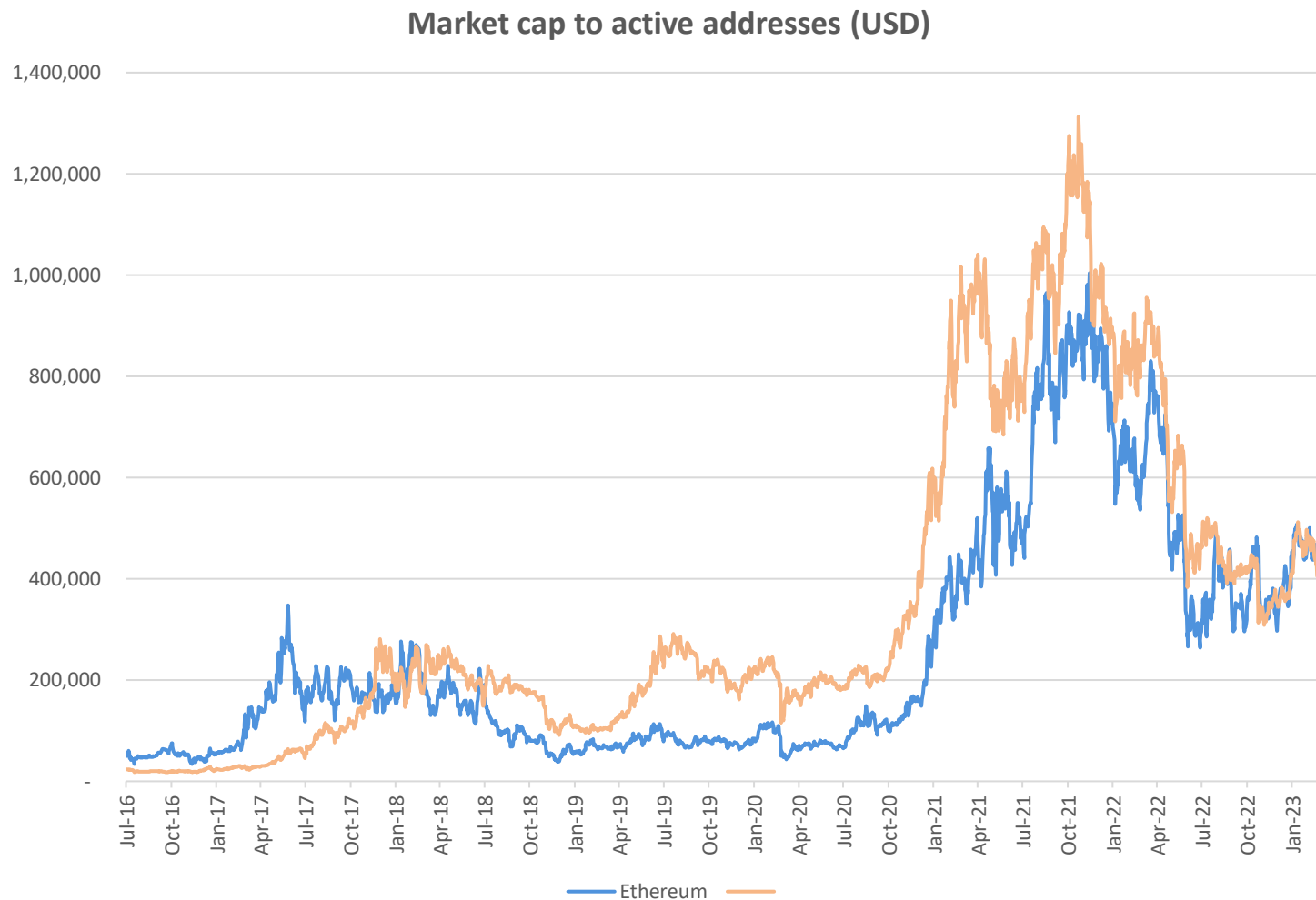


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Valuation – BTC and ETH Market Cap to Active Addresses

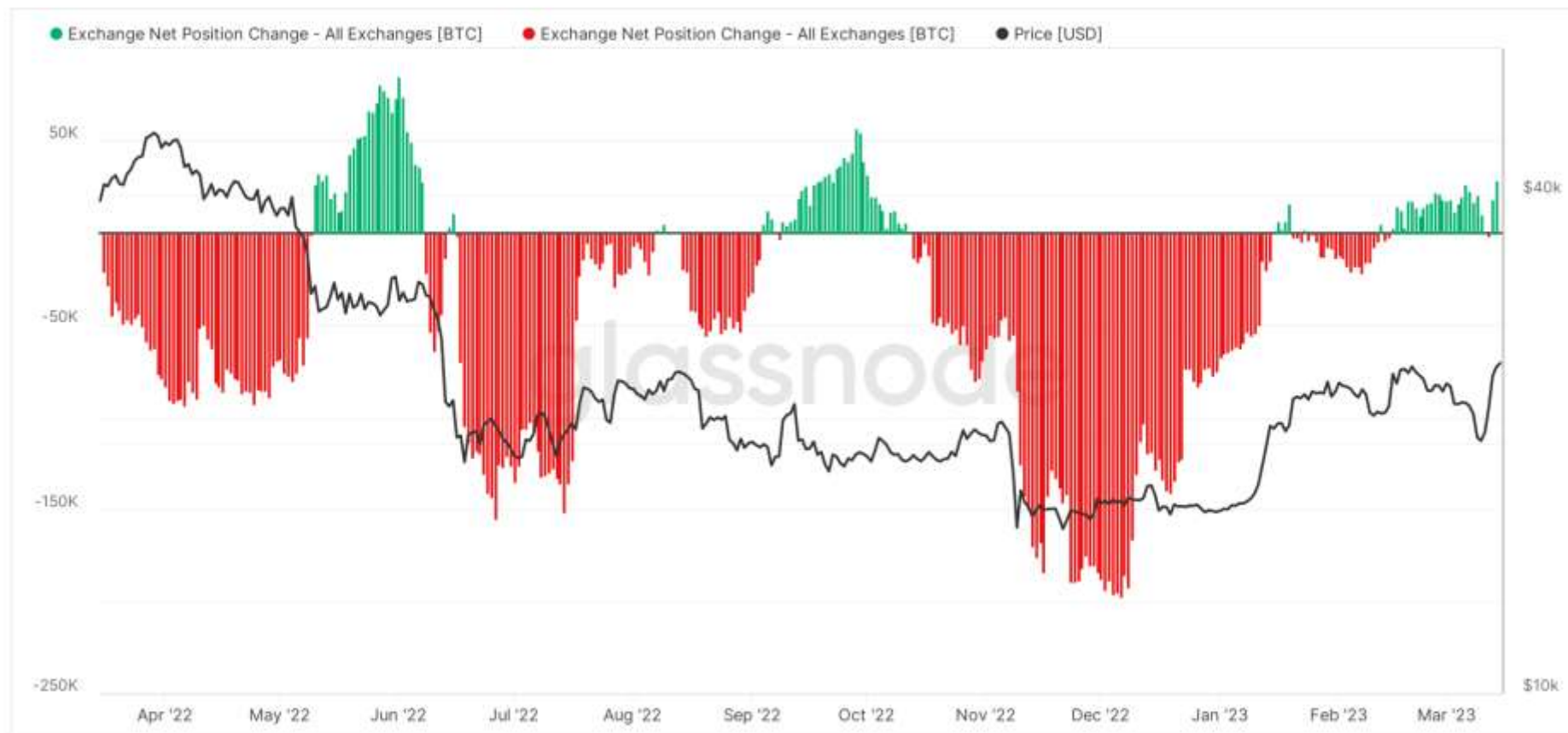


	BTC	ETH
Valuation Multiple		
2017-2018 Run	2.2x	7.1x
2020-2022 Run	5.6x	13.4x
Network Usage		
2017-2018 Run	1.3x	7.0x
2020-2022 Run	1.5x	2.8x

- Ethereum's price rally (30x+) in the 2020-2022 cycle was driven more by valuation multiple expansion (13x) than network activity increase (3x).
- The market cap to active address for ETH overtook BTC amid a brief active address spike for BTC and the recent price rally for the new year.

Bitcoin – spike in inflow as Bitcoin price soars, users move to trade

Bitcoin: Exchange Net Position Change [BTC] - All Exchanges

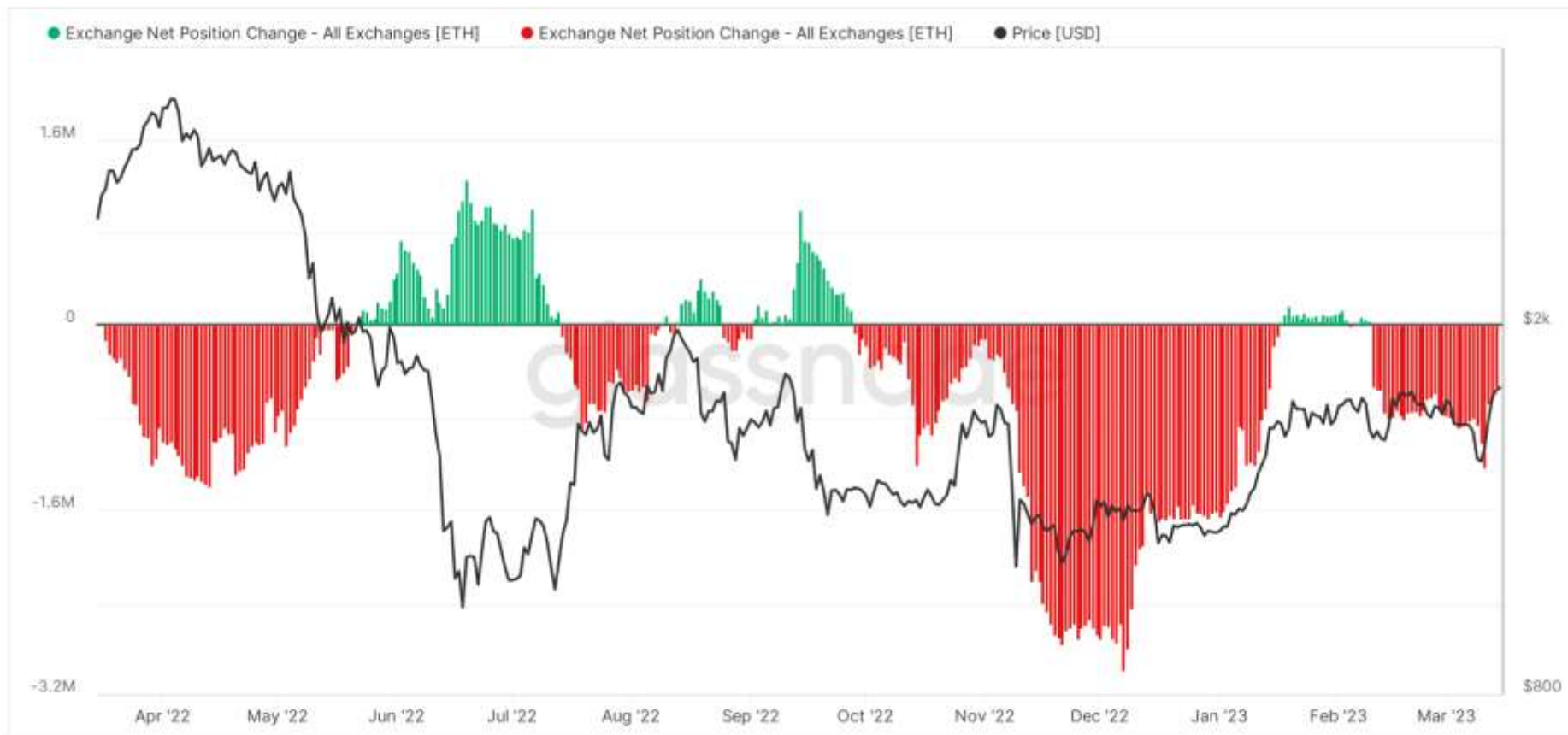


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Ethereum – outflows spiked amid USDC depeg as users moved to accumulate and take advantage of arbitrage opportunities

Ethereum: Exchange Net Position Change [ETH] - All Exchanges



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Blockchains & CeFi

Blockchains & CeFi Summary (2 March – 15 March 2023)

- 1. Bitcoin (2W: 4.4%)/(YTD: 47.4%)**
GBTC discount narrows after ETF hearing
- 2. Ethereum (2W: 2.7%)/(YTD: 41.0%)**
User-friendly account standard ERC-4337 announced
- 3. Binance at a glance**
- 4. Layer 2 Highlights**
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Scroll raises US\$50 million at US\$1.8 billion valuation after entering alpha phase
- 6. News and Headlines**

Bitcoin – GBTC discount narrows after ETF hearing

- Grayscale’s **GBTC discount to NAV fell below 35%** after a seemingly favorable court hearing in relation to Grayscale’s lawsuit against the Securities and Exchange Commission for denying its application to convert its GBTC trust into an ETF.
- The narrowing of the discount was seemingly as a repeg result of skepticism among the appeals court judges about the SEC’s arguments in rejecting Grayscale’s application.
- Aside from Grayscale’s argument that the SEC acted inappropriately in treating Grayscale’s ETF bid, the appeals court judges questioned the SEC’s logic in distinguishing the effects of bitcoin spot and futures market prices.
- Crypto hedge fund North Arrow Digital said that it remains long on GBTC following the case as it remains optimistic on GBTC’s “multiple potential avenues to value realization.”

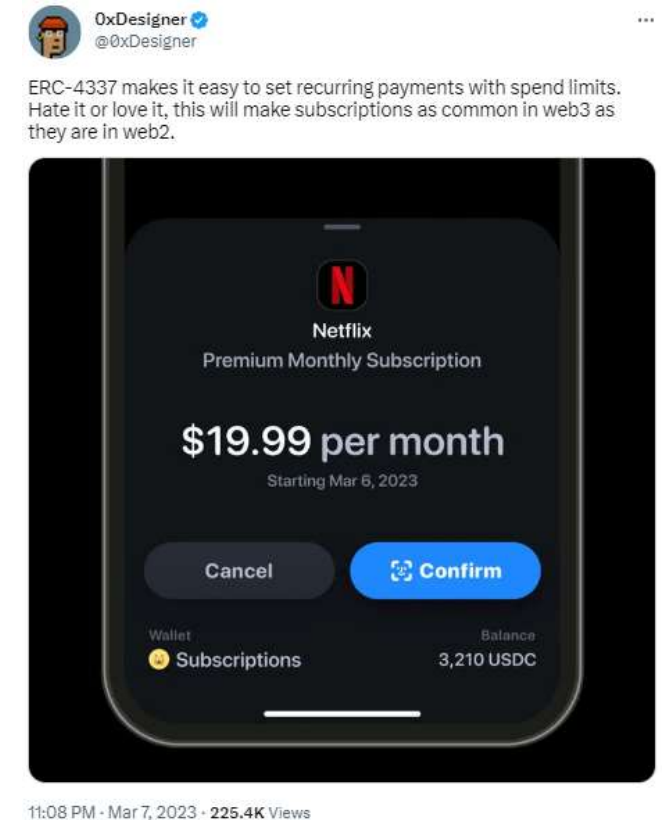


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NRD remains long GBTC, ETHE and ETCG. In our opinion, the discounts represent very strong RR investments given multiple potential avenues to value realization. Think it's likely SEC loses their court case. Yes, they can appeal but they are starting to look really bad and an ETF approval is actually a chance for them to look like they aren't just anti-crypto while also furthering regulation. We have consulted many experts and feel ETF approval this year is a real possibility. Furthermore, even if they don't approve it, our feeling is the moment Gensler is gone an ETF becomes quite likely. If nothing else there is a good chance this happens after the '24 election cycle and we are willing to wait until then if necessary.

Ethereum – User-friendly account standard ERC-4337 announced

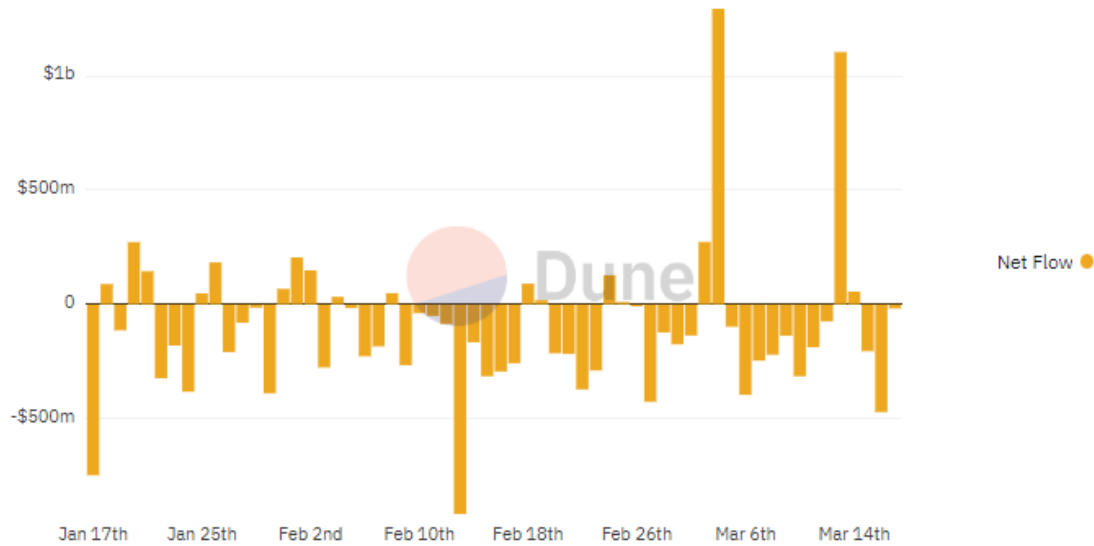
- Ethereum developers announced the ERC-4337 token standard at ETHDenver, enabling **account abstraction**, essentially **doing away with wallet seed phrases** and **complicated wallet onboard processes**.
- The new standard is expected to boost mainstream adoption by making crypto usage more user-friendly.
- Dubbed “smart accounts,” account abstraction allows for the use of two-factor authentication, signing transactions using fingerprint/face scan on phone, setting monthly spending limits, and session keys to play blockchain games without constant transactions.
- In addition, users can recover their accounts through a group of friends, lawyer, or commercial service.
- Since introduction of the concept nine years ago, ERC-4337 is now available on all EVM-compatible networks, such as Polygon, Optimism, Arbitrum, etc.



Binance at a glance

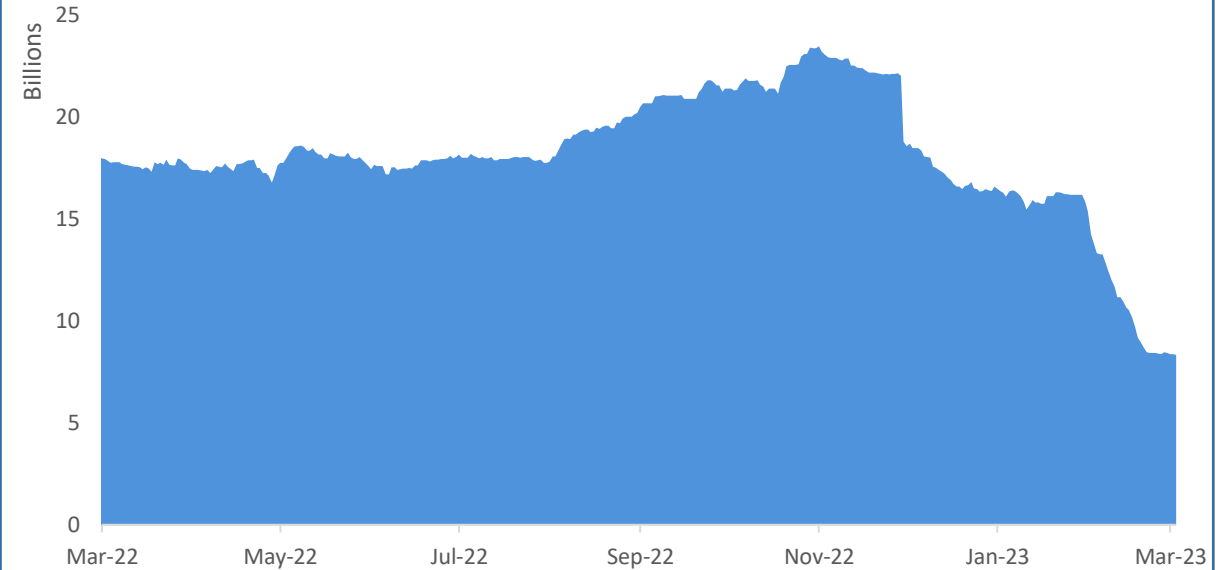
Binance Daily Net Flow | Binance Total Inflow & Outflow

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- Overall, Binance has been seeing more net outflows than inflows on a daily basis.
- While it has seen >US\$1b net flows twice in the past month, one being USDC depeg weekend, outflows are more consistent.

BUSD Market Cap



- BUSD market cap has declined nearly 50% since Binance announced that it would move away from using BUSD as the main trading pair as a result of NYDFS order for issuer Paxos to stop minting new tokens.
- The supply is now US\$8.3b, down from mid-February's US\$16.2b.

Layer 2 Highlight

L2 Activity (TPS)

2022 Mar 14 – 2023 Mar 13

30D 90D 180D **1Y** MAX

38.70 TPS

29.70 TPS

20.70 TPS

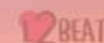
11.70 TPS

2.70 TPS

2023 Mar 13

● L2 avg. TPS: 25.25

■ ETH avg. TPS: 13.58



L2 TVL (USD)

2022 Mar 15 – 2023 Mar 14

7D 30D 90D 180D **1Y** MAX

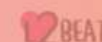
\$7.73B

\$6.66B

\$5.59B

\$4.52B

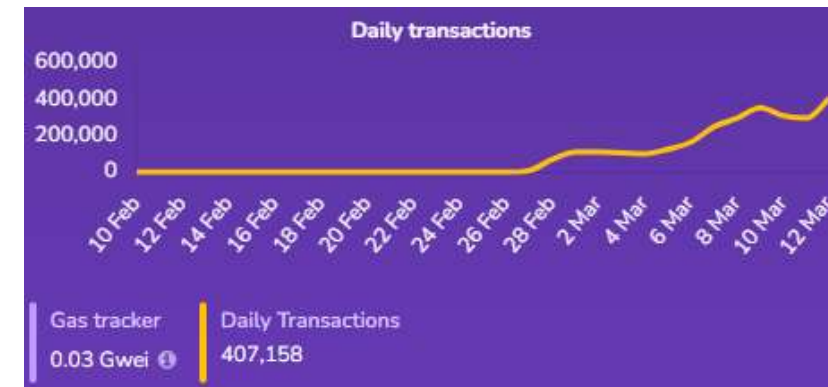
\$3.45B



Layer 2 – Scroll raises US\$50m at US\$1.8b valuation after entering alpha phase

- Zk-rollup Layer 2 network Scroll raised US\$50 million in a new funding round, bringing its total funding to US\$83 million. While valuation was not disclosed, it was reported to be US\$1.8 billion.
- Investors include Polychain Capital, Sequoia China, Bain Capital Crypto, among others.
- Scroll uses its zkEVM to bulk-process transactions and then generates proof that transactions are genuine, which is then relayed back to Ethereum to be approved.
- Scroll launched its zkEVM Layer 2 on the Goerli testnet in late February after a pre-alpha phase. It aims to launch on mainnet in three to four months.
- It reached 16 million transactions during pre-alpha phase (roughly seven months), or ~2.3 million transactions per month on average. By comparison, Optimism and Arbitrum handled 6.8 million and 20.1 million transactions over the past month respectively.

Scroll daily transactions



News & Headlines

Coinbase Introduces Wallet-as-a-Service

Coinbase introduced its WaaS, which allows companies to create and embed customized web3 wallets within their own apps, helping with user onboarding and user experience. The WaaS will not require the setting up of 24-word recovery phrases, while the wallet can also be restored if someone loses their smartphone. Companies like Floor, Moonray, Thirdweb, and Tokenproof have begun integrating Coinbase WaaS into their apps. [[The Block](#)]

Kraken to Launch Bank “Very Soon”

Crypto exchange Kraken is on track to launch its own bank “very soon,” according to Kraken’s chief legal officer. The move comes amid an increasingly challenging regulatory environment in the US, including a recent settlement with the SEC to stop its crypto staking services. In addition, crypto-friendly bank Silvergate recently announced that it would cease operations. [[The Block](#)]

Solana to Focus on Stability in 2023

Solana co-founder Anatoly Yakovenko said that Solana’s focus in 2023 would be on stability – with a third of its core engineers focusing on stability and adversarial testing work. Yakovenko’s announcement comes as Solana is known for suffering repeated outages, most recently an 18-hour outage on February 25, [[The Defiant](#)]

Binance to Buy BUSD 1bn Worth of Crypto

Binance CEO CZ announced that Binance would use the remaining of the US\$1 billion Industry Recovery Initiative funds from BUSD to crypto including BTC, ETH, and BNB. The move is likely to support crypto buying pressure. [[@cz Binance](#)]

OKCoin Pauses USD On-Ramp

Crypto exchange OKCoin, OKX’s US sister exchange, announced that it had temporarily pause USD deposits due to the collapse of Signature Bank, OKCoin’s primary USD bank for deposits. It maintained that all corporate and customer funds are safe, and is looking for alternative banking partners. [[@hfangca](#)]

Mt. Gox Repayment Delayed by a Month

Mt. Gox trustee Nobuaki Kobayashi said that the deadline for creditors to register for repayment will be pushed back by a month – until April 6. Creditors have a choice of lump-sum payment, bank remittance, fund transfer service provider, or through cryptocurrency. The legacy exchange, which went bankrupt in 2014, will see approximately 165,000 BTC distributed to creditors. [[Mt. Gox](#)]

Coinbase Steps into Asset Management Business

Coinbase’s latest move is an entry into the asset management business through its recent acquisition of crypto asset manager One River Digital Asset Management. The firm will be renamed Coinbase Asset Management and will focus on bringing in more institutional capital into crypto. Coinbase invested in One River Digital in its Series A round in 2021. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. [[The Block](#)]

Stablecoins

Stablecoins Summary

1. **Centralized Stablecoins**

USDC depeg brings down a host of other stablecoins alongside

2. **Decentralized Stablecoins**

MakerDAO issues emergency proposal for USDC exposure risk

Centralized Stablecoin Updates

Centralized stablecoin refers to fiat-backed stablecoins across all chains tracked by DefiLlama

In the past two weeks:

- Total stablecoin supply decreased slightly to US\$132.5b (-1.7%) and centralized stablecoin supply decreased to US\$123.2b (-2.2%).
- After USDC depeg, USDC supply decreased 10% to US\$38b while USDT increased 3% to US\$73.5b. BUSD continues its decline with a 18% drop to US\$8.4b.

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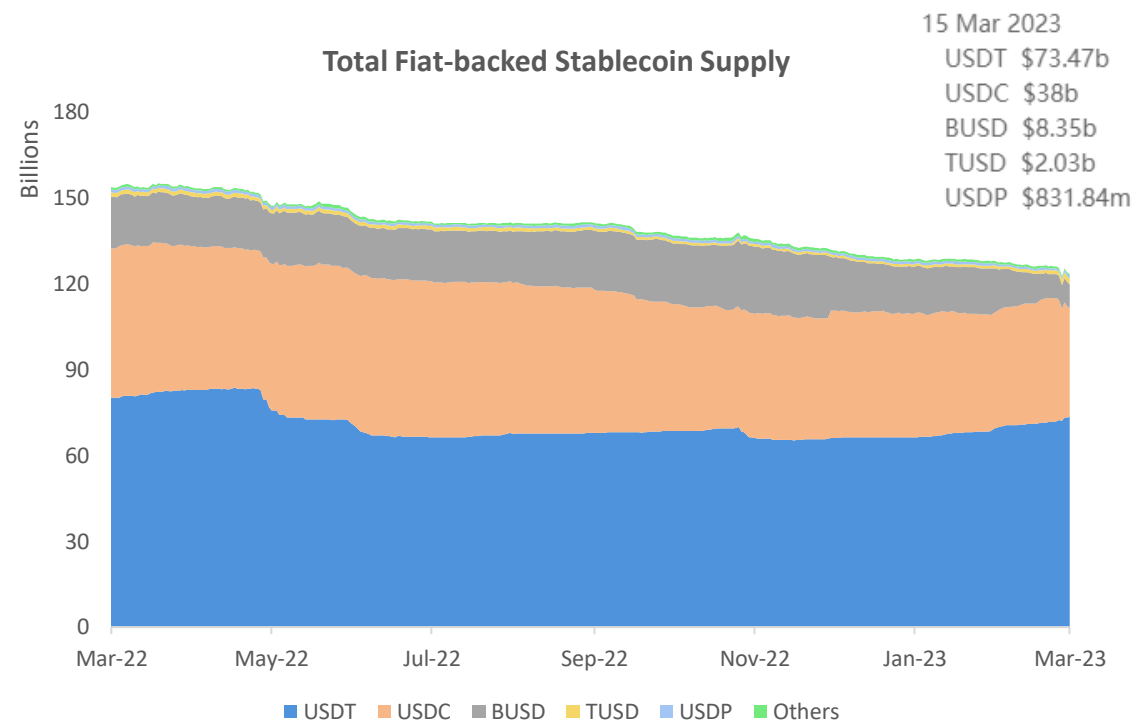
- As USDC depegged over the weekend through its US\$3.3 billion exposure to Silicon Valley Bank, most other stablecoins followed suit.
- The only stablecoin that stayed at \$1.00 was USDT, while BUSD also remained relatively stable at \$0.99.
- Stablecoins that is partly collateralized by USDC logically depegged as well, such as DAI, FRAX, and ALUSD.
- However, market-wide panic spread to other stablecoins that do not use USDC as collateral, such as USDP, USDD, GUSD, and LUSD among others.



Byzantine General @ByzGeneral · Mar 11

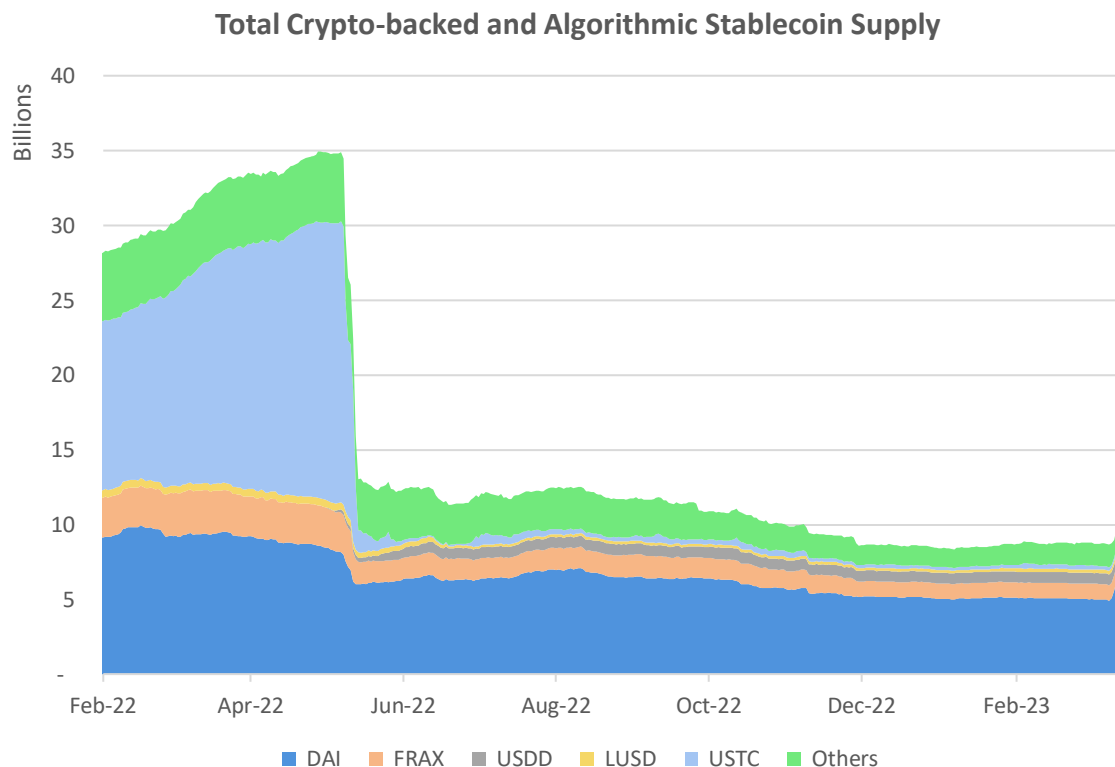
So every single "stable"coin except for tether is dumping now.

That's very cool. I love this industry, not taking a tremendous toll on my mental health at all 🍷🍷



Decentralized Stablecoin Updates

Decentralized stablecoin refers to crypto-backed and algo stablecoins across all chains tracked by DefiLlama



In the past two weeks:

- Total decentralized stablecoin supply increased to US\$9.2b (+4.8%), boosted by USDC's depeg and market's desire to shift to a decentralized stablecoin.
- DAI dominance increased from ~57% to 65% as users shifted away from smaller to larger coins.

Meanwhile, decentralized stablecoin supply as a percentage of total stablecoin supply has maintained relatively stable at 6-7% for the last few months.

MakerDAO's emergency proposal for USDC exposure risk

- Amid the depegging of USDC, MakerDAO's Risk Core Unit team issued an emergency proposal to adjust several protocol parameter changes to limit Maker's exposure and maintaining enough liquidity.
- DAI was backed by US\$3.1 billion USDC when the proposal was submitted.
- Despite issuing the proposal, governance processes meant that it was executed 48 hours later. DAI repegged following USDC's footsteps after US regulators said it would backstop SVB.

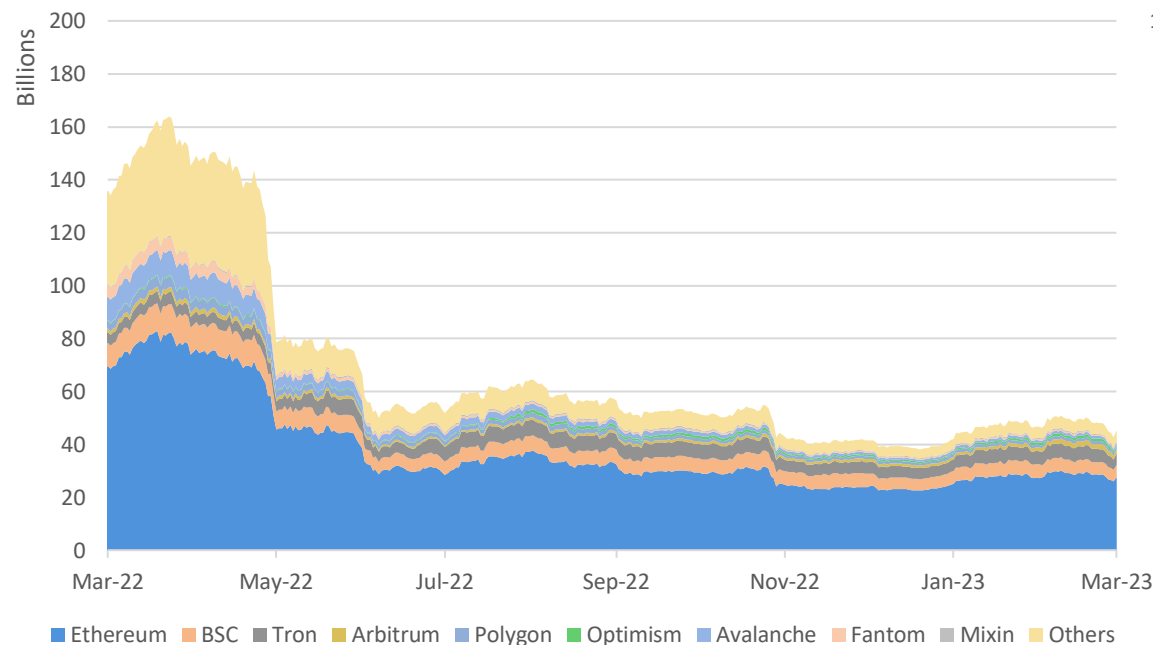
DeFi Updates

DeFi Summary (2 March – 15 March 2023)

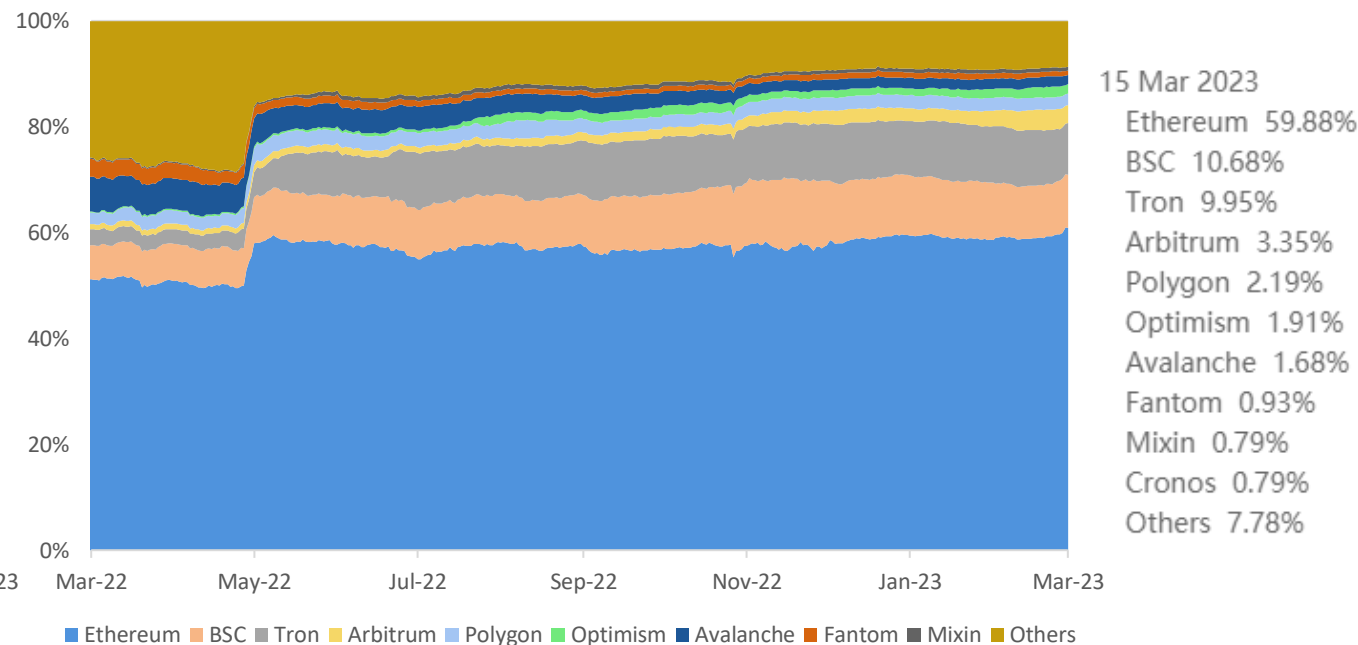
1. **TVL by Chain**
 - Stablecoin depegging leads to TVL decline on all major chains
2. **TVL by Protocol**
 - MakerDAO outperforms, Curve & Convex underperforms in relation to USDC depeg event
3. **DeFi Revenue**
 - Weekly trend of most protocols decline, notable increases are OpenSea and Blur.
4. **DeFi Valuation** - Uniswap and MakerDAO relatively overvalued based on P/TVL and P/Revenue respectively
5. **Noteworthy DeFi Protocols**
 - **Euler Finance** exploited for US\$197 million
 - **Instadapp** launches Avocado blockchain wallet

TVL Overview by Chain – Stablecoin depegging leads to TVL decline on all major chains

TVL Trend by Chain



TVL Breakdown by Chain



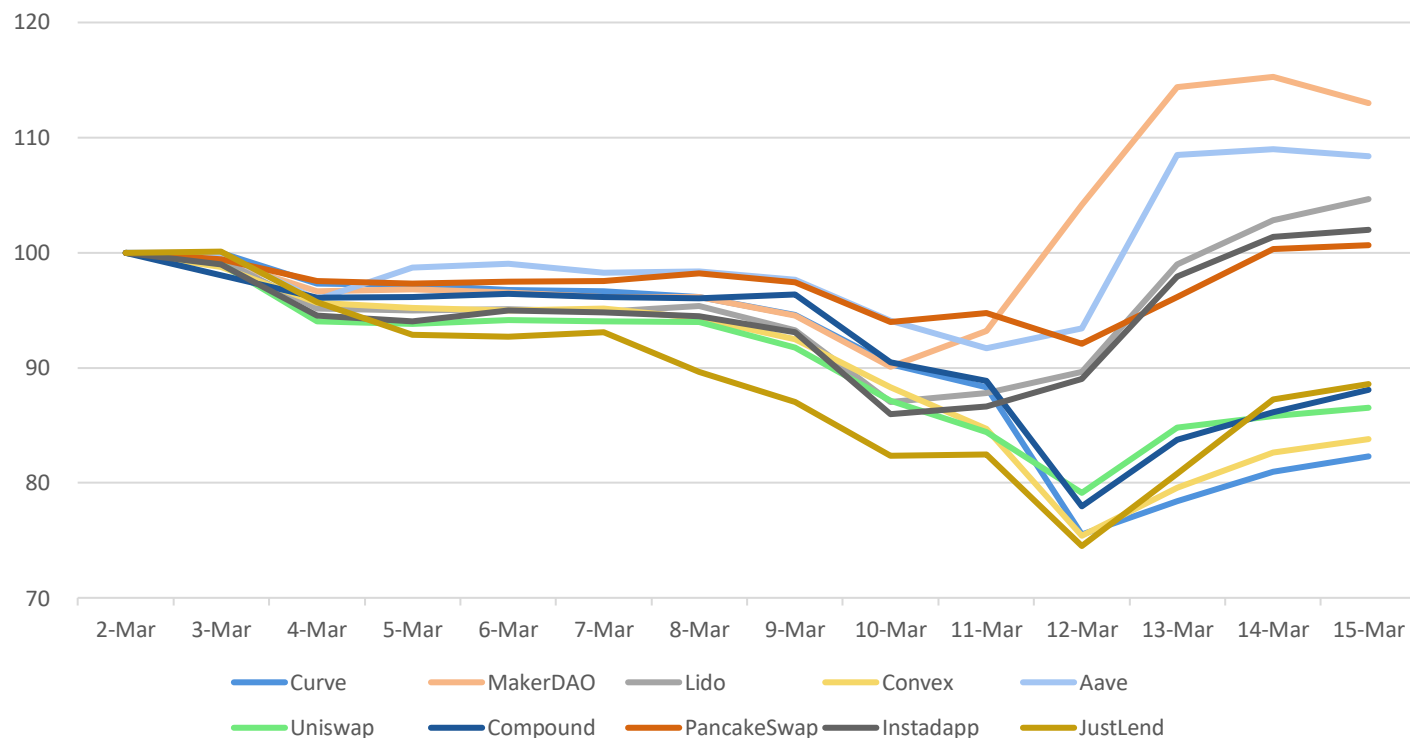
Total TVL declined 12.8% to US\$39.1b as DeFi users de-risked from positions amid stablecoin depegging. During the period, notable winners/losers were:

- Arbitrum TVL declined 21.2% to US\$1.5b, dragged down by declines in derivative exchange GMX and Curve – likely affected by the draining of pools in relation to USDC's depeg.
- Optimism TVL declined 16.4% to US\$827m, brought down by Velodrome dex and Curve.

TVL Overview by Protocols

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TVL of Top DeFi Protocols in Terms of TVL
(2 March 2023 = 100)

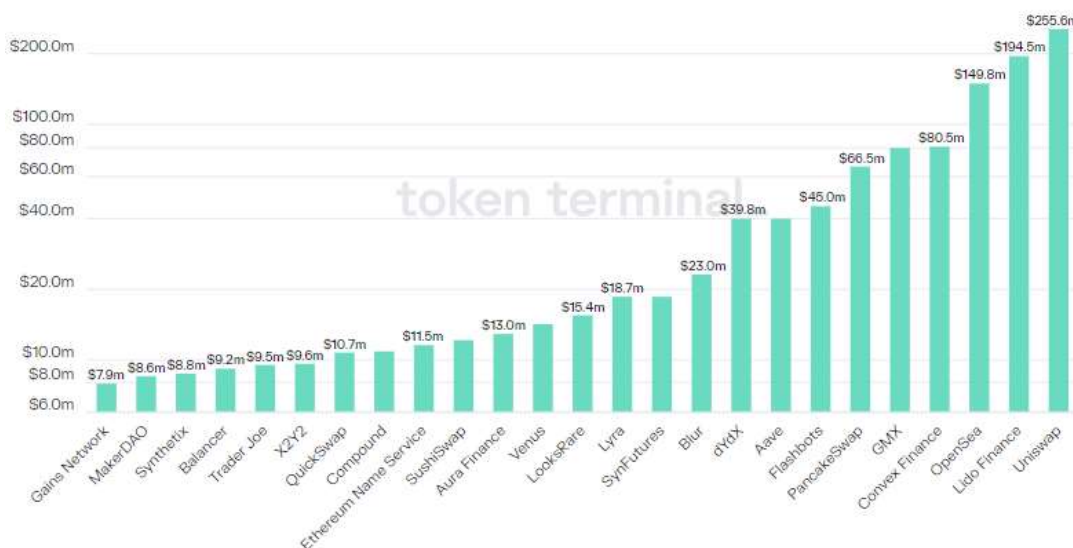


Proccotol	2 Mar 23 TVL (USD)	15 Mar 23 TVL (USD)	Period Change
MakerDAO	7,270	8,214	13.0%
Uniswap	4,187	3,622	-13.5%
PancakeSwap	2,393	2,408	0.6%
Compound	1,959	1,725	-11.9%
Instadapp	2,026	2,066	2.0%
Lido	9,621	10,065	4.6%
Uniswap	4,187	3,622	-13.5%
Curve	5,132	4,225	-17.7%
Convex	4,235	3,550	-16.2%
Aave	4,788	5,189	8.4%
JustLend	3,494	3,095	-11.4%

DeFi Total Revenue - DeFi Protocols

- Blur overtakes OpenSea for 30-day revenue as the dominant NFT exchange after OpenSea cuts fees & royalties as it faces tough competition.
- Dexes like Uniswap and GMX see spike in revenue as DeFi activity boosted by stablecoins depegging over the weekend.

Top dapps based on daily cumulative fees in the past 180 days.

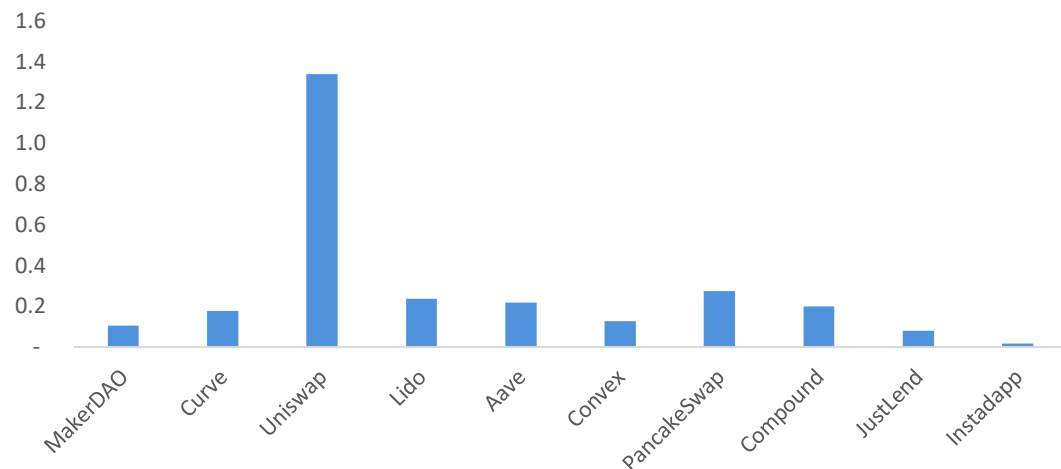


Project	Revenue 7d (US\$)	Revenue 30d (US\$)	Revenue 180d (US\$)	7d Trend	30d Trend
Uniswap	\$ 21.9m	\$ 64.7m	\$ 255.6m	117.6%	23.4%
Lido Finance	\$ 12.5m	\$ 41.9m	\$ 194.5m	40.4%	15.7%
Blur	\$ 2.8m	\$ 16.7m	\$ 23.0m	-47.5%	421.4%
GMX	\$ 6.4m	\$ 16.7m	\$ 80.0m	256.7%	-4.3%
OpenSea	\$ 2.3m	\$ 16.2m	\$ 149.8m	-8.1%	-51.7%
Convex Finance	\$ 3.0m	\$ 14.5m	\$ 80.5m	-5.4%	-13.8%
PancakeSwap	\$ 2.7m	\$ 10.5m	\$ 66.5m	30.3%	9.6%
dYdX	\$ 2.7m	\$ 8.9m	\$ 39.8m	51.7%	-6.2%
Aave	\$ 3.8m	\$ 8.5m	\$ 40.1m	169.9%	45.2%
Flashbots	\$ 2.8m	\$ 7.8m	\$ 45.0m	107.5%	1.0%
Manifold.xyz	\$ 0.3m	\$ 6.0m	\$ 44.7m	-60.8%	-75.4%
Level Finance	\$ 0.9m	\$ 3.7m	\$ 4.4m	34.4%	407.2%
Euler	\$ 2.2m	\$ 2.8m	\$ 7.2m	1203.8%	343.6%
Sushiswap	\$ 0.7m	\$ 2.8m	\$ 12.1m	41.1%	5.1%
Lyra	\$ 1.5m	\$ 2.7m	\$ 18.7m	227.1%	16.2%
Trader Joe	\$ 0.8m	\$ 2.7m	\$ 9.5m	113.7%	19.0%
Venus	\$ 0.7m	\$ 2.6m	\$ 14.3m	33.9%	31.0%
Aura Finance	\$ 0.6m	\$ 2.5m	\$ 13.0m	-0.5%	-3.7%
MakerDAO	\$ 0.9m	\$ 2.5m	\$ 8.6m	162.2%	49.6%
Zora	\$ 0.4m	\$ 2.4m	\$ 4.3m	-6.2%	149.4%

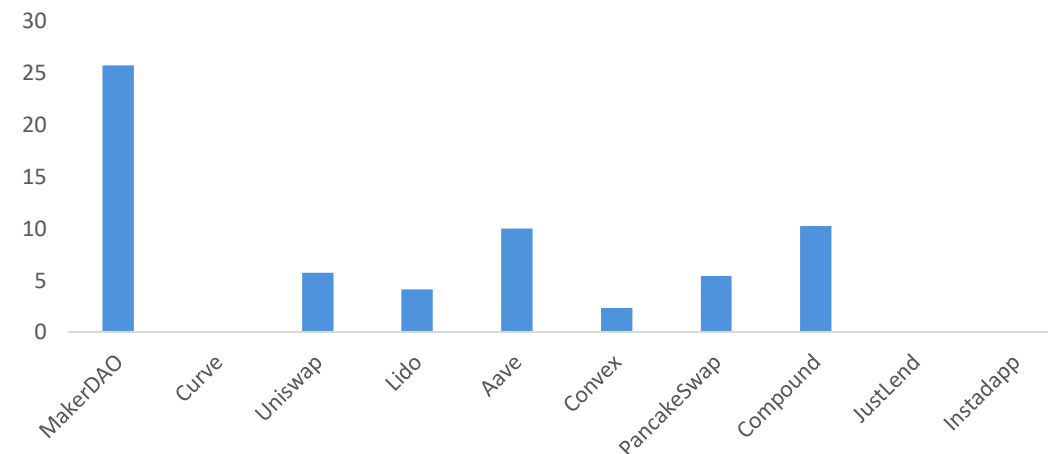
Note: As of 15 March 2022

DeFi Valuation

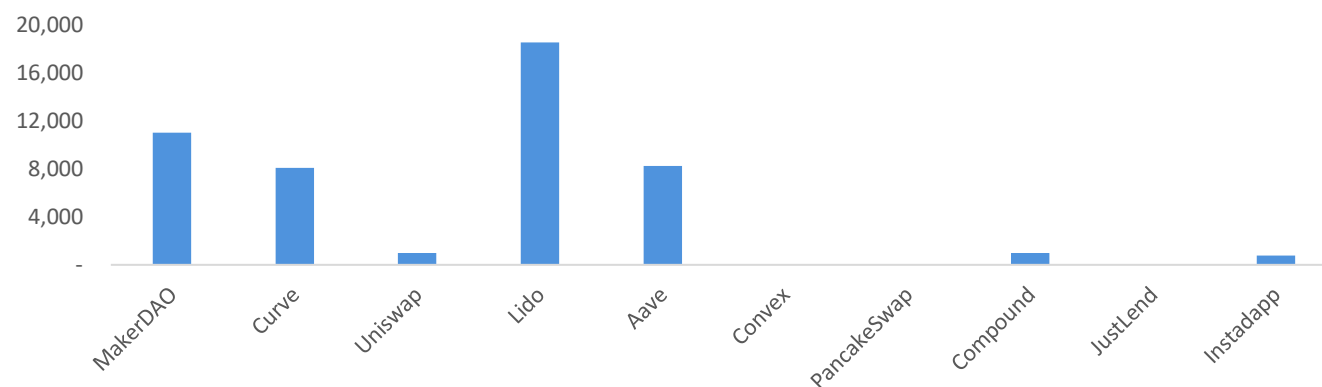
P/TVL Ratio (Top 10 Projects by TVL)



P/S Ratio (Annualized Revenue)



P/Users Ratio



Note: As of 15 March 2023. Protocols with a ratio of 0 means insufficient data.

Source: TokenTerminal, Dune Analytics, CoinMarketCap

Noteworthy DeFi Protocols – Euler Finance exploited for US\$197 million

EUL 1M performance



- DeFi lending protocol Euler Finance was hacked in a flash loan attack that drained nearly US\$200 million assets.
- According to blockchain analytics firm PeckShield, the hack was made possible due to a flawed logic in one of Euler's smart contracts, where its donation code does not appropriately check for health factor when executing and liquidation code fails to ensure the correct conversion rate.
- The attacker was thus able to liquidate themselves, repay the flash loan, and make a profit. The flash loan hack was conducted just once per pool.
- Efforts by the Euler team to reached out to the hacker through on-chain messaging has been unfruitful, and it has since launched a US\$1 million reward for people to provide information that leads to the attacker's arrest.
- Euler Finance have placed high priority on security, as evident from its nine smart contract audits with leading security firms. In particular, DeFi audit marketplace Sherlock was part of Euler's EIP-14 audit in July 2022, which introduced the vulnerable `donateToReserves()` function, though it was not caught.

Assets	Number	Loss in USD	Price of asset
DAI	8,877,507.35	8,761,212.00	0.9869
WBTC	849.14	\$18,519,069.78	\$21,809.31
stETH	73,821.46	\$116,725,471	\$1,581
USDC	34,413,863.42	\$33,859,800.22	\$0.98
stETH	3,897.50	\$6,226,536.04	\$1,597.57
stETH	8,099.30	\$12,889,232.21	\$1,591.40
		196,981,321.25	

Noteworthy DeFi Protocols – Instadapp launches Avocado blockchain wallet

INST 1M performance



- DeFi management platform Instadapp has launched the Avocado wallet, which aims to continue its goal to simplify DeFi by tackling “broken” web3 UX.
- Currently, most DeFi transactions are done through MetaMask, where users have to juggle multiple networks, keep track of RPCs, deal with different native gas tokens, etc.
- Avocado introduces account abstraction, which enables users to execute transactions on different networks while being connected to just the Avocado network.
- USDC is used for all gas paid through Avocado, so there is no need to manage multiple native gas tokens. There will be a 20% fee on top of gas fees, with half going to dapps that integrate with Avocado and half going to the Instadapp DAO.
- At the moment, Avocado supports Ethereum mainnet, Polygon, Arbitrum, Optimism, BSC, Avalanche, and Gnosis.



NFT & Metaverse

NFT & Metaverse Summary

1. **NFT Dashboard**

CryptoPunks floor price overtakes Bored Ape Yacht Club after wrapped version launches on other marketplaces

2. **NFT trading volume declines amid volatile crypto prices, Blur farmers still strong**

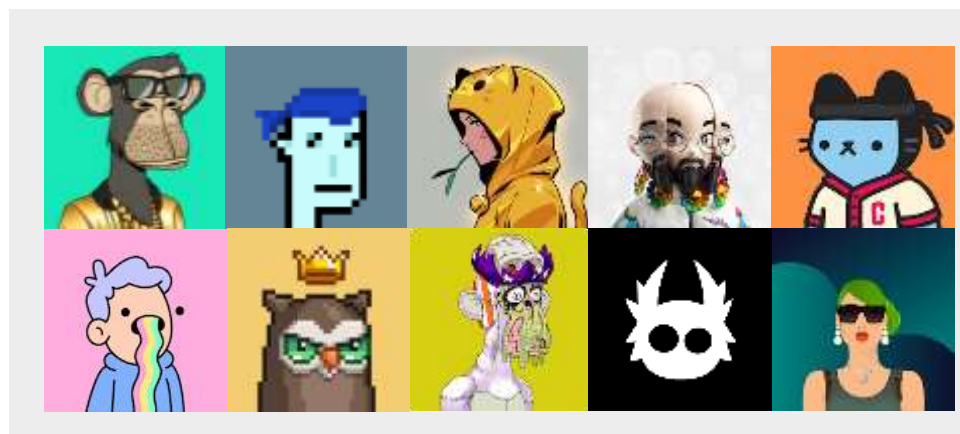
3. **NFT blue chips Clone X and Doodles face community FUD**

4. **News and Headlines**

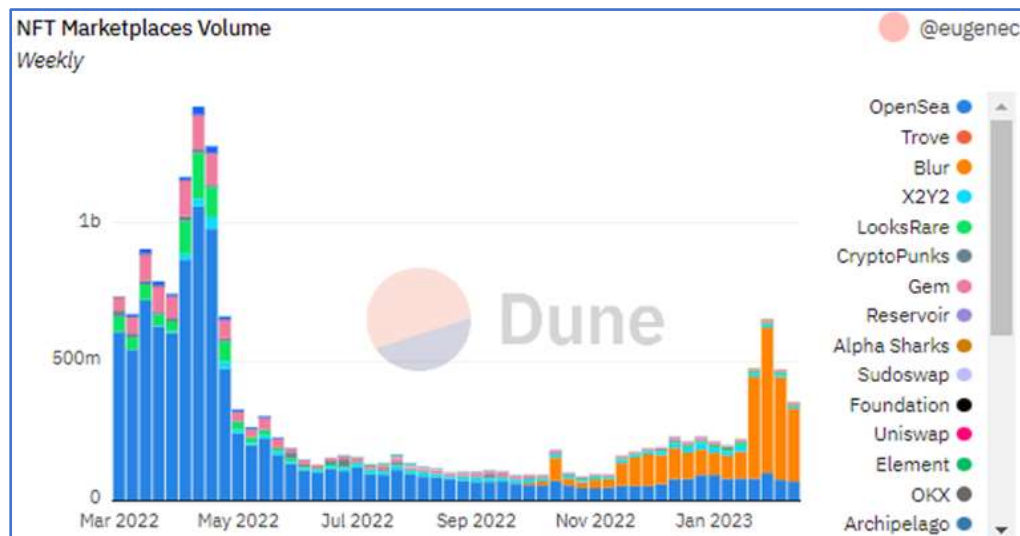
NFT Dashboard

Project	Floor Price	14D	YTD
"Blue Chip" Projects			
Bored Ape Yacht Club	65.3Ξ	2.0%	-6.1%
CryptoPunks	67.0Ξ	-8.2%	2.4%
Tier-A Projects			
Azuki	14.4Ξ	-3.3%	23.0%
Clone X	3.9Ξ	-17.1%	-31.9%
Cool Cats	1.7Ξ	-24.1%	-33.1%
Doodles	4.2Ξ	-22.9%	-36.9%
Moonbirds	4.4Ξ	-34.9%	-38.9%
Mutant Ape Yacht Club	14.1Ξ	-6.9%	-11.2%
Otherdeeds	1.8Ξ	-2.9%	37.5%
World of Women	1.5Ξ	-18.0%	-12.6%

Top Sales of the Week*	Price	Top Collections of the Week* (by volume)	Volume (USD)
Fidenza #971	\$545.4k	CryptoPunks	\$30.1m
Azuki #3153	\$337.2k	Mutant Ape Yacht Club	\$25.3m
CryptoPunk #7167	\$199.4k	Moonbirds	\$22.0m
CryptoBirb #1107	\$194.3k	Bored Ape Yacht Club	\$19.8m
BAYC #550	\$174.5k	Azuki	\$18.1m
BAYC #5446	\$167.2k	Gitcoin Presents	\$17.3m
CryptoPunk #8460	\$152.5k	Otherdeed	\$17.2m
Axie Land	\$150.5k	Clone X	\$11.9m
BAYC #5239	\$142.2k	MG Land	\$9.8m
CryptoPunk #8068	\$140.6k	Doodles	\$7.9m

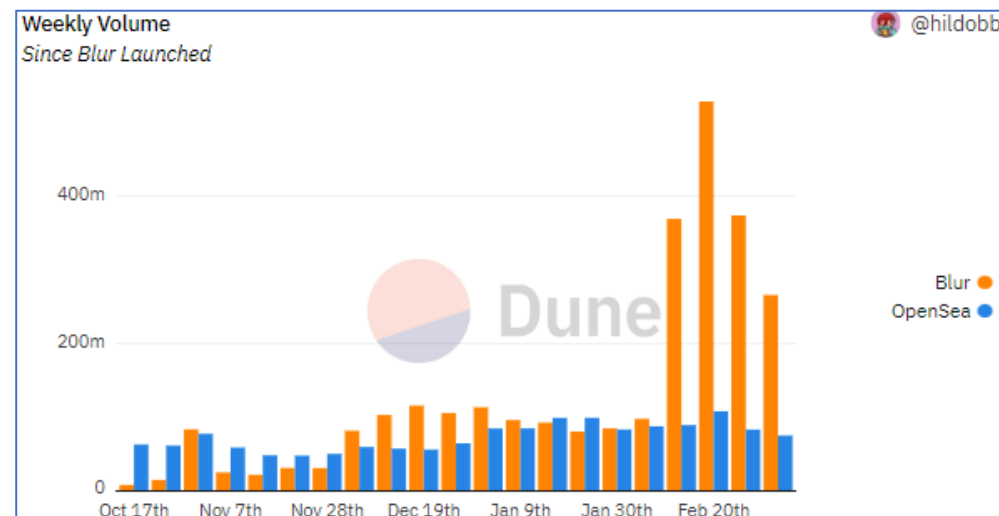


NFT trading volume declines amid volatile crypto prices, Blur farmers still strong



- Overall NFT trading volume has declined from ~US\$640m peak after Blur's airdrop under the current volatile and choppy price movement in the wider crypto market.
- During periods of high volatility, NFT floor prices in general decline and activity wanes as users instead take a wait-and-see approach.
- Blur farming remains strong with over US\$260 million in volume, users are still very much in the game with regards to farming Blur points for season 2 airdrop.

Marketplace	Average Price per Trade*
OpenSea (all)	US\$105.5
Blur	US\$1,250



NFT blue chips Clone X and Doodles face community FUD

- NFT projects have been seeing a lot of FUD lately, and it notable blue chip collections Clone X and Doodles have been seeing some of the most FUD from holders and non-holders as well.
- RTFKT, the team behind Clone X, saw a swath of unhappy community members lately after it revealed its physical forge items – puffer jackets, vests, and Murakami hat.
- Many have ridiculed the hat (and other items) to be completely different from what was advertised – different colors, designs, and material used.
- Clone X floor prices have dropped 31% this year, from 5.7E to 3.9E. It peaked at 19.2E in May 2022.



NFTboi
@nftboi_

Replying to @doodles

You're joking right ?

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KingDiamond.eth
@_DiamondHandz

Very disappointed tbh — cant believe I'm saying this after being a holder from the start but part of me wishes I sold the peak, smh



Well-known whale Grail.eth is unhappy with his purchase.

- Doodles holders are unhappy too, after an announcement saying holders will get an airdrop of gold socks after collecting all twelve types of socks by March.
- Doodles have seen continuous FUD lately after the team was accused of having little to no community interaction, though these socks, which could later be equipped to avatars, are the latest FUD.
- Floor prices on Doodles dropped 40% this year, and 83% from its May 2022 peak.

News & Headlines

Meta Steps Away from NFTs

Meta, parent company of Facebook and Instagram, announced that it would be winding down its work with NFTs on the two major social networks. It will end the ability to mint and sell NFTs on Instagram as well as to share and display NFTs on Instagram and Facebook. The company will aim at focus on operating efficiency after two rounds of layoffs. [[The Verge](#)]

Amazon to Launch NFT Marketplace Soon

According to reports, Amazon is planning to launch an NFT marketplace as early as April, though it will only support purchases made by credit and debit cards instead of crypto, with no intentions of adding crypto wallet support yet. The reports said that Amazon would tie NFTs to physical goods that can be delivered to shoppers. [[The Defiant](#)]

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ENS Reveals Subdomain Feature

Ethereum Name Service revealed plans to release a new feature which will convert existing ENS domains into ERC-1155 tokens. The new name wrapper contract will then allow holders to create subdomains, which can then be linked to different personal wallets or lent out to other users. [[The Defiant](#)]

Illuvium Launches Collectible Card Game

Web3 game developer Illuvium released a new collectible card game called *Illuvium: Beyond*, its fourth game. Players earn points by completing objectives using character cards in the form of NFTs. The game, like other Illuvium games, are available on web3 gaming Layer 2 network ImmutableX. [[The Defiant](#)]

Policy and Regulatory

Policy & Regulatory Updates

- The New York Attorney General called Ether a security during a lawsuit against crypto exchange KuCoin, which alleged that KuCoin was acting as an unregistered securities broker-dealer and falsely representing itself as an exchange. The NYAG emphasized that “ETH, just like LUNA and UST, is a speculative asset” that relies on third parties to derive profit. [[The Defiant](#)]
- Following the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, the US Federal Deposit Insurance Corp is looking for interested banks to acquire them by this week. With the deal, the FDIC has explicitly stated that the buyer of Signature Bank must agree to give up the bank’s crypto business, according to reports. [[Reuters](#)]
- An official from the US SEC said that they believe Binance’s US arm, Binance.US, is operating an unregistered securities exchange in the US. In addition, SEC staff believe that Voyager Digital’s VGX tokens violated federal securities law. The statements were made at a bankruptcy hearing to determine if Binance.US should be allowed to acquire bankrupt exchange Voyager. [[CoinDesk](#)]
- The US Justice Department is reportedly investigating the collapse of failed algo-stablecoin UST and the company behind it, Terraform Labs. Sources said that the FBI and the SDNY have interviewed former members of Terraform Labs. [[WSJ](#)]
- Singapore police is beginning an investigation into Terraform Labs, the company behind failed stablecoin UST, according to reports. Terraform Labs co-founder Do Kwon is currently wanted by authorities in his home country South Korea, and has been on the run since UST’s collapse. While he once was in Singapore, it is reported that he left for Dubai and then Serbia. Singaporean police have confirmed that Do Kwon isn’t in the city-state. [[CoinDesk](#)]
- HSBC and Nationwide Building Society have imposed new restrictions on cryptocurrency transactions in the UK, citing the Financial Conduct Authority’s note of the high risks associated with purchasing cryptocurrency. HSBC will no longer allow cryptocurrency purchases using its credit cards. [[Bitcoin.com](#)]

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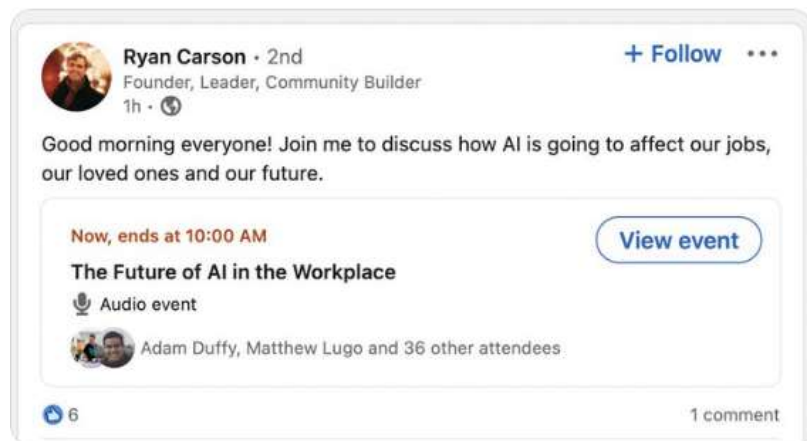
Regulators sending a message



Where did Ryan Carson go?



web2 -> web3 -> ai



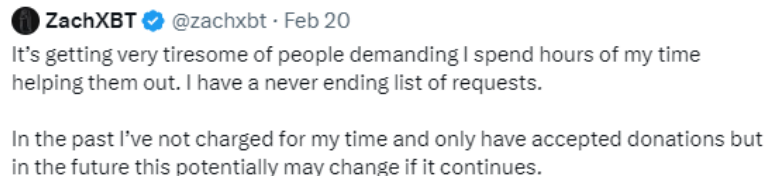
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Beloved detective calls it quits



I sincerely meant this and as a result will be officially ending community requests for research moving forward.

It has been a nice ride the past 22+ months and I've been more than generous with my time. Some of you forget I am a volunteer.



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In response to sudden drop in HT token



The operation of @HuobiGlobal exchange is #SAFE, the wallets are SAFE, and the backend is SAFE. The recent market fluctuations and the leveraged liquidations were caused by few users triggering a cascade of forced liquidations in the spot and HT contract markets.

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CMC advocates for KYC – CT is unhappy



Without #KYC, there's a chance #crypto might become a safe haven for criminals. 🤖

Hence, the introduction of KYC provides investors with a safer environment to invest their money.



Not sweating



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