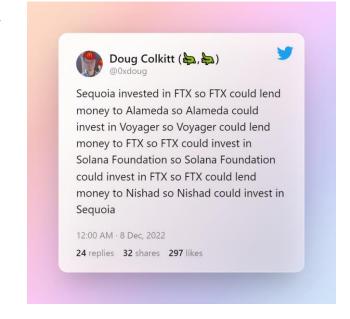
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## Alameda's venture portfolio revealed

- A spreadsheet containing most investments made in Alameda Research's private equity portfolio was revealed, apparently dated early November when SBF was seeking rescue funding amid the FTX run.
- With nearly **500 separate investments totaling near US\$5.3 billion**, Alameda has made single investments as large as US\$551 million to as low as US\$15. The largest investment, made across several rounds, is Genesis Digital Assets at a total of US\$1.15 billion.
- Among the venture investments include Sequoia Capital funds, suggesting a looped fund flow from Sequoia to FTX to Alameda, Voyager, and Solana Foundation, then back to Sequoia.
- Some other **outliers include investments** in betting platforms, fertility clinic, and drone maker.



#### Top 10 Projects in Alameda VC Portfolio by Investment Amount

Project Name	Investment Type	Category	Valuation (Post)	Investment amount	Region	Investment Entity
Genesis Digital Assets (550M, Jan 2022)	Equity	Mining	\$5,500,000,000	\$550,933,788	Cyprus	Alameda Research LLC
Anthropic	Equity	Al		\$499,999,900	US	Clifton Bay Investments LLC (fka Alameda Research Ventures LLC)
Digital Assets DA AG	Acquisition Equity	FTX Europe		\$320,000,000		FTX Trading Ltd
K5	Fund	Fund		\$300,000,000	US	Alameda Research LLC
IEX	Acquisition	Exchange		\$270,000,000		FTX Trading Ltd
Genesis Digital Assets (250M, Feb 2022)	Equity	Mining	\$5,500,000,000	\$250,565,931	Cyprus	Alameda Research LLC
Genesis Digital Assets (250M, Apr 2022)	Equity	Mining	\$5,500,000,000	\$250,565,931	Cyprus	Alameda Research LLC
Modulo Capital (Second Subscription)	Fund			\$250,000,000		Goodman Investments Ltd (fka Alameda Research Investments Ltd)
Modulo Capital	Fund			\$150,000,000		Goodman Investments Ltd (fka Alameda Research Investments Ltd)
Pionic (Toss)	Equity	Digital Banking	\$9,937,000,000	\$113,700,000	Korea	Maclaurin Investments Ltd (fka Alameda Ventures Ltd.)



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# Market Performance



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#### 3. Exchange Flows

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## One-Year Layer-1 Price Recap

#### Performance of Top-Ranking Crypto (One Year)

(7 December 2021 = 100)



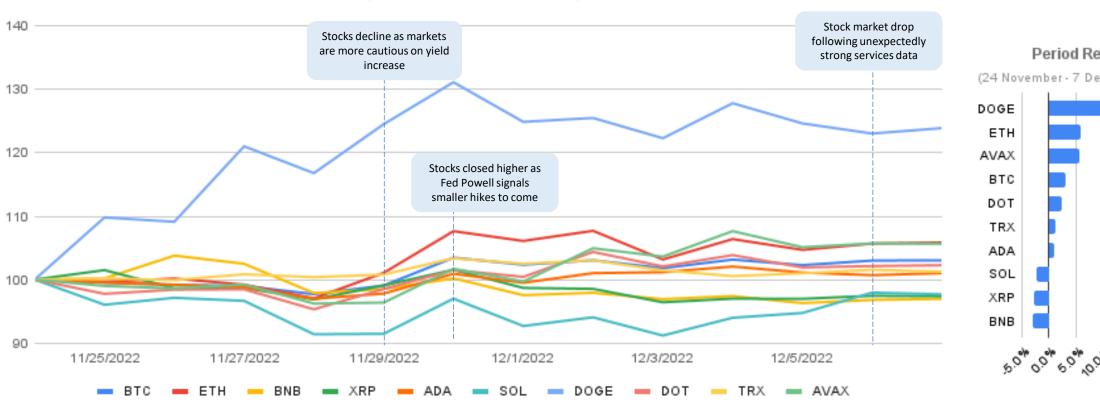


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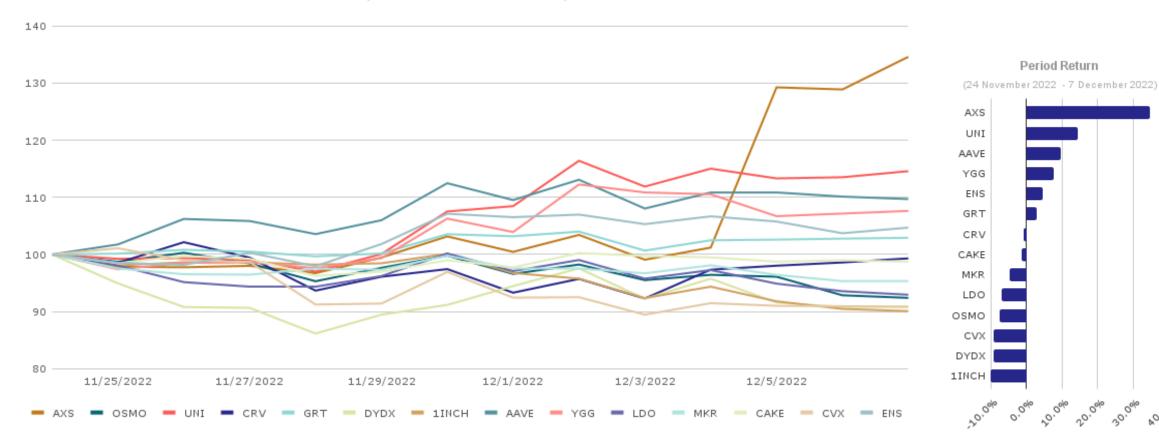


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(24 November - 7 December 2022)





## Valuation – BTC and ETH Market Cap to Active Addresses

Market cap to active addresses (USD)





	ВТС	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 price declines for both.



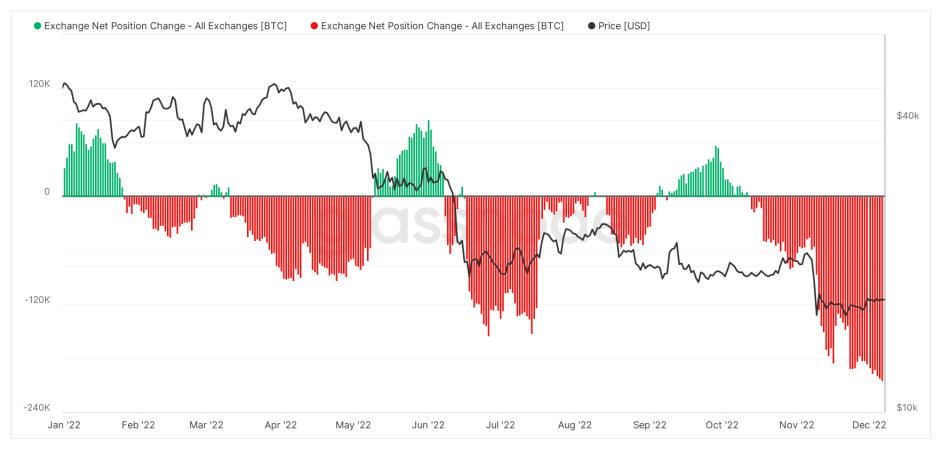
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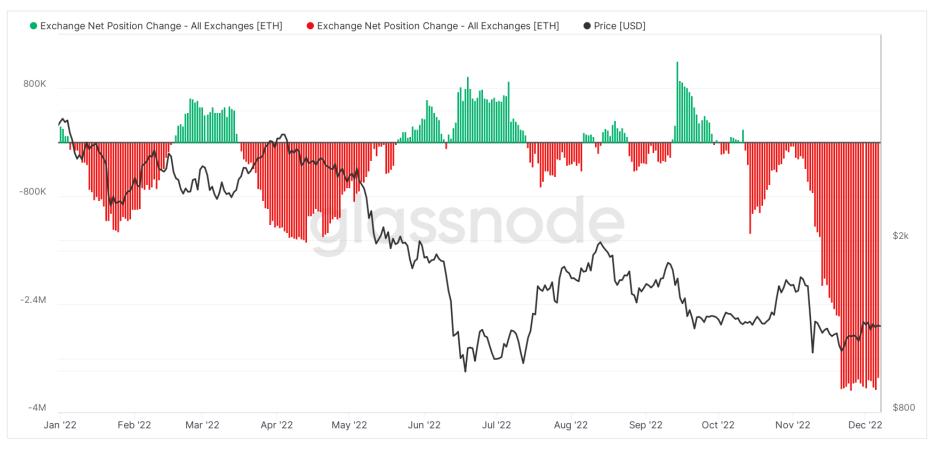
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# Layer-1 Blockchains



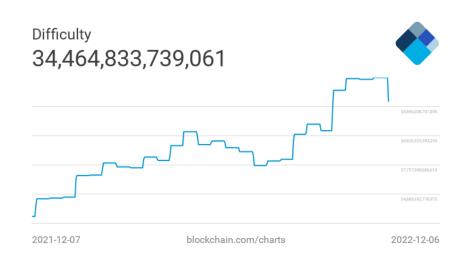
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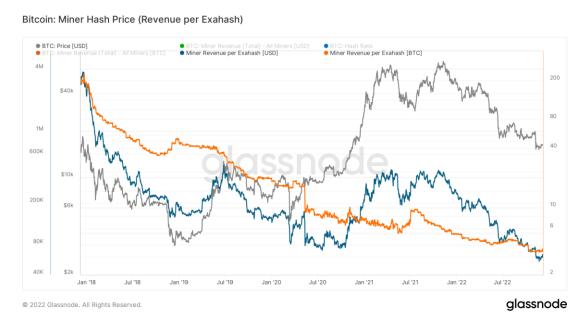
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## **Bitcoin** – Mining difficulty drops the most since July 2021

- Bitcoin mining difficulty has dropped 7.3% on Dec 6, the largest decline since July 2021 when miners in China dropped out following the country's ban.
- The difficulty adjustment comes just after the prior adjustment increase two weeks ago that saw mining difficulty reach an all-time high.
- Meanwhile, miner hash price, which estimates daily miner incomes relative to contribution to network hash power, was relatively steady for the month, ending slightly higher than Nov 22's all-time low of US\$54.2k per exahash per day.
- In addition, the fall in hash rate is likely due to the increasing electricity prices forcing miners to turn off some mining rigs, according to Bitcoin mining analyst Jaran Mellerud.

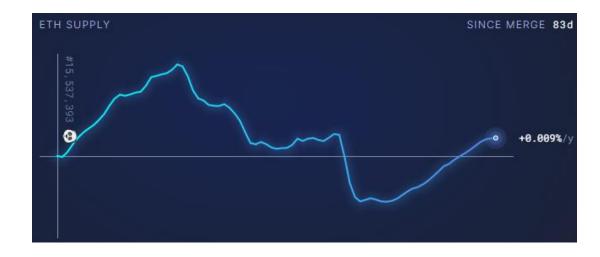


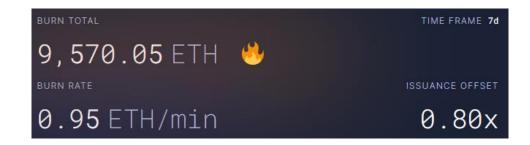




## **Ethereum** – Ethereum turns inflationary as usage slows

- Ethereum has returned to being inflationary, roughly a month after becoming deflationary amid market volatility related to the FTX collapse.
- The **annualized growth rate has risen to 0.1%** based on the last 7 days.
- When FTX first collapsed, Ethereum turned deflationary due to rise in network usage as demand surged to move currencies out of centralized exchanges to decentralized exchanges or self-custody wallets.
- Ethereum's inflation rate depends on the amount burned based on network usage (EIP-1559). With such transactions being complete, and investors possibly holding a wait-and-see attitude, network usage has faded.







### News & Headlines

#### Binance Adds Another US\$1bn to Recovery Fund

After forming and committing US\$1 billion to an industry recovery fund following FTX's collapse, Binance CEO "CZ" announced that it allocated another US\$1 billion to the industry recovery initiative. Prominent crypto companies like Jump Crypto and Aptos Labs have also joined the recovery initiative. [CoinDesk]

#### **BlockFi Files for Bankruptcy**

Crypto lender BlockFi filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as the FTX collapse have finally spread to the company. BlockFi received a line of credit from FTX earlier this year as the firm faced a rocky year. BlockFi earlier announced that it would suspend withdrawals as it had a number of assets deposited on FTX. [CoinDesk]

#### **Binance Acquires Licensed Exchange in Japan**

Binance has entered Japan by acquiring the Sakura Exchange BitCoin (SEBC), which is licensed by the Financial Services Agency. The acquisition marks Binance's first crypto license in East Asia. The acquisition follows that it would no longer accept new users to Binance.com, thus directing new local users to SEBC. [The Block]

#### Binance in Talks to Acquire Indonesia's Tokocrypto

Binance is in discussions to acquire Indonesian crypto exchange Tokocrypto, according to reports. Tokocrypto will likely see layoffs after the acquisition, the sources said. [Tech in Asia]

#### **FTX Japan Plants to Restart Customer Withdrawals**

FTX's Japan subsidiary is planning to restart withdrawals after the plan to return deposits was approved by its parent. FTX Japan withdrawals were halted on orders of local financial regulators when FTX filed for bankruptcy, and FTX Japan has since confirmed that Japanese customers' funds would not be part of FTX Japan's estate under Japanese law. [CoinDesk]

#### **Telegram Plans Noncustodial Wallet and Decentralized Exchange**

Telegram founder Pavel Durov said that it will be building a set of decentralized tools, including noncustodial wallet and decentralized exchanges, in response to the recent FTX collapse that was due to power in the "hands of a few to abuse their power." [CoinTelegraph]

#### **Stripe Enables Fiat to Crypto On-ramp**

Global payments giant Stripe is launching a fiat to crypto onramp, allowing customers to buy crypto through a widget directly embedded on DeFi platforms. Stripe will handle tasks related to KYC, payments, fraud and compliance. The product is in expansion to Stripe's current on-ramp services with Magic Eden, Niftys, and Orca. [Blockworks]

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# Stablecoins



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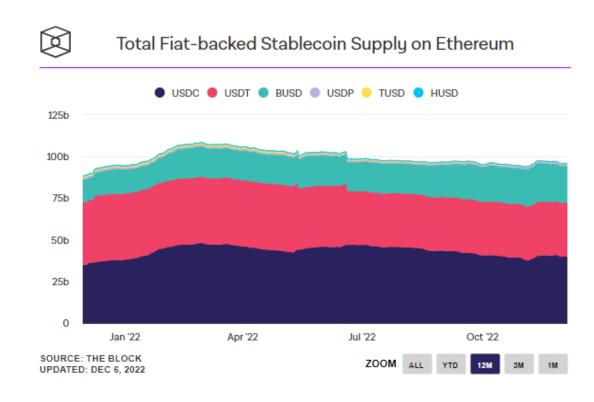
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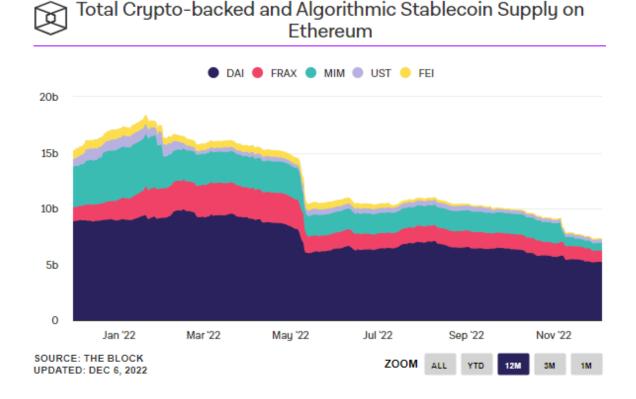
## Centralized Stablecoin Updates – Circle terminates SPAC merger deal

- In the past two weeks:
  - Total stablecoin supply on Ethereum decreased to US\$102.9b (-1.5%) and centralized stablecoin supply decreased to US\$95.6b (-1.3%
  - USDC declined 1.1% to 39.8b; USDT was unchanged.
- Circle USDC issuer Circle has officially terminated its proposed SPAC merger deal. The deal was last valued at US\$9 billion in Feb 2022 (re-valued from July 2021's US\$4.5 billion).
- Circle reiterated that it was profitable in 3Q22 though did not directly state why the deal was mutually called off; though crypto winter and FTX collapsed has caused downward revisions of crypto company valuations.
- Circle was earlier affected by Genesis' financial troubles as it had a partnership providing USDC yield and lending services.
  - Circle tweeted that Genesis is a counterparty to Circle Yield. As of Nov 16, 2022, Circle Yield customers had total loans outstanding of US\$2.6 million and were protected by strong collateral agreements.





Decentralized Stablecoin Updates – MakerDAO community rejects US\$500 million CoinShares proposal



#### MakerDAO rejects CoinShares proposal

- The MakerDAO community has voted (72% against) to reject a proposal to invest up to 500 million USDC in bonds with CoinShares.
- CoinShares, a crypto investment firm, proposed to actively manage 100-500 million USDC for a target yield matching the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (~3.8%).
- In November, the community agreed to allocate US\$1.6 billion to Coinbase Prime for 1.5% annual yield, and US\$500 million to a consortium for a 4.5-6% expected annual yield.



# DeFi



## DeFi Summary (24 November – 7 December 2022)

#### 1. TVL by Chain

- TVL on most protocols recover slightly as price volatility eases following FTX crash
- Arbitrum TVL gained 7.4% to US\$1.02b, marked by increases in all large protocols including GMX, Uniswap, Sushi, Curve, and Aave.
- Avalanche TVL gained 6.7% to US\$875m, though still a considerable decline compared to ~US\$1.3b in early November.

#### 2. TVL by Protocol

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#### 3. DeFi Revenue

- DeFi protocols including Uniswap, Aave and Pancakeswap decline in fees received despite TVL gain; activity has lessened over the week
- **4. DeFi Valuation** Uniswap and Curve relatively overvalued based on P/TVL and P/Revenue respectively

#### 5. Top DEX Pools

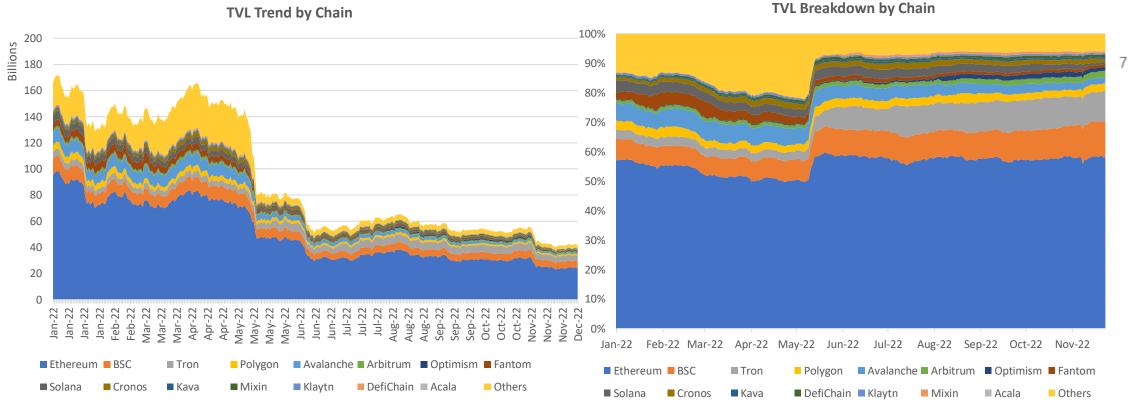
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**TVL Overview by Chain** – TVL on most protocols recover slightly as price volatility eases following FTX crash



7 Dec 2022 Ethereum 57.56% BSC 12.29% Tron 10.61% Polygon 2.55% Arbitrum 2.43% Avalanche 2.09% Optimism 1.29% Fantom 1.11% Cronos 1.04% Solana 0.7% Others 8.26%

Total TVL recovered slightly following FTX's collapse, gaining 1.2% to US\$41.9b. During the period, notable winners/losers were:

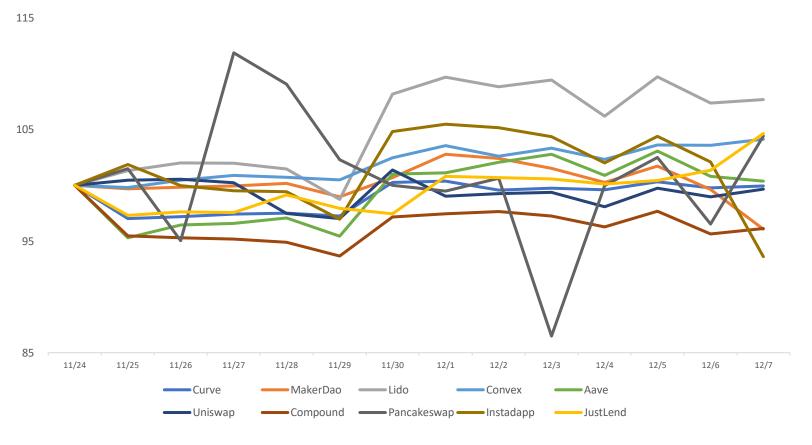
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### TVL Overview by Protocols

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	24 Nov TVL	7 Dec TVL	Period
Procotol	(USD m)	(USD m)	Change
MakerDAO	6,605	6,346	-3.9%
Uniswap	3,510	3,498	-0.4%
Pancake	2,787	2,910	4.4%
Compound	1,545	1,486	-3.9%
Instadapp	1,627	1,523	-6.4%
Lido	5,722	6,161	7.7%
Uniswap	2,967	3,090	4.1%
Curve	3,687	3,684	-0.1%
Convex	2,967	3,090	4.1%
Aave	3,793	3,807	0.4%
JustLend	2,813	2,943	4.6%



## DeFi Total Revenue - DeFi Protocols

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

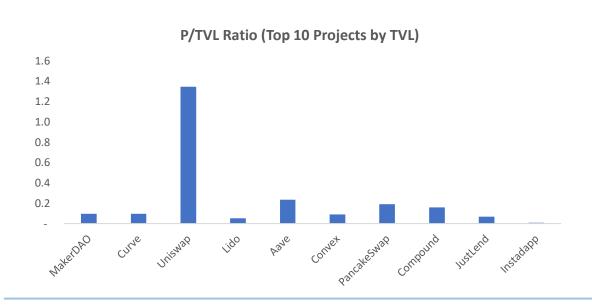


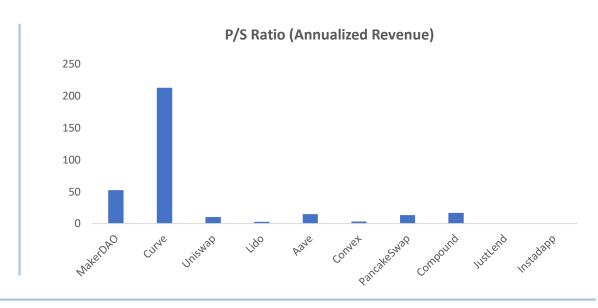
Project	venue (US\$)	evenue d (US\$)	Revenue 180d (US\$)		7d Change	30d Change
Uniswap	\$ 6.2m	\$ 49.8m	\$	292.1m	-10.9%	40.8%
Lido Finance	\$ 6.0m	\$ 32.4m	\$	155.6m	-8.0%	2.7%
OpenSea	\$ 7.9m	\$ 27.1m	\$	258.3m	47.2%	-25.6%
PancakeSwap	\$ 3.0m	\$ 18.8m	\$	100.8m	-5.4%	18.9%
GMX	\$ 2.6m	\$ 16.5m	\$	59.1m	-24.7%	103.5%
Convex Finance	\$ 2.7m	\$ 10.8m	\$	98.2m	4.4%	-24.6%
Flashbots	\$ 1.1m	\$ 8.7m	\$	23.8m	-35.5%	-8.6%
dYdX	\$ 1.0m	\$ 6.6m	\$	39.0m	3.0%	46.4%
Aave	\$ 1.0m	\$ 5.6m	\$	57.7m	-39.9%	-9.8%
Venus	\$ 1.4m	\$ 5.2m	\$	11.8m	-51.1%	160.5%
Lyra	\$ 0.6m	\$ 4.2m	\$	14.5m	-15.7%	43.7%
LooksRare	\$ 0.6m	\$ 2.5m	\$	25.1m	1.0%	-25.4%
SushiSwap	\$ 0.3m	\$ 2.5m	\$	19.9m	0.1%	33.6%
Maple Finance	\$ 0.1m	\$ 2.2m	\$	19.4m	-54.3%	-3.4%
Balancer	\$ 0.3m	\$ 2.0m	\$	13.0m	-40.3%	18.0%
QuickSwap	\$ 0.3m	\$ 1.9m	\$	11.1m	11.0%	24.4%
Compound	\$ 0.3m	\$ 1.8m	\$	11.4m	-7.2%	3.1%
Osmosis	\$ 0.2m	\$ 1.7m	\$	20.4m	-34.2%	-23.3%
ENS	\$ 0.3m	\$ 1.3m	\$	25.8m	11.3%	-36.7%
Synthetix	\$ 0.2m	\$ 1.2m	\$	10.0m	-19.3%	55.0%

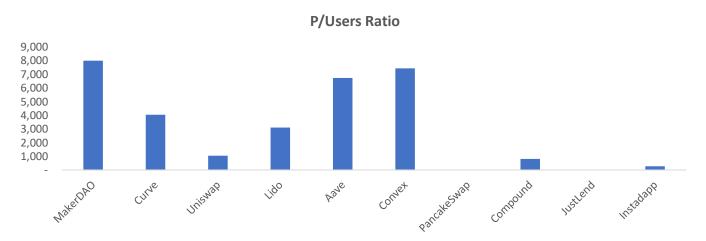
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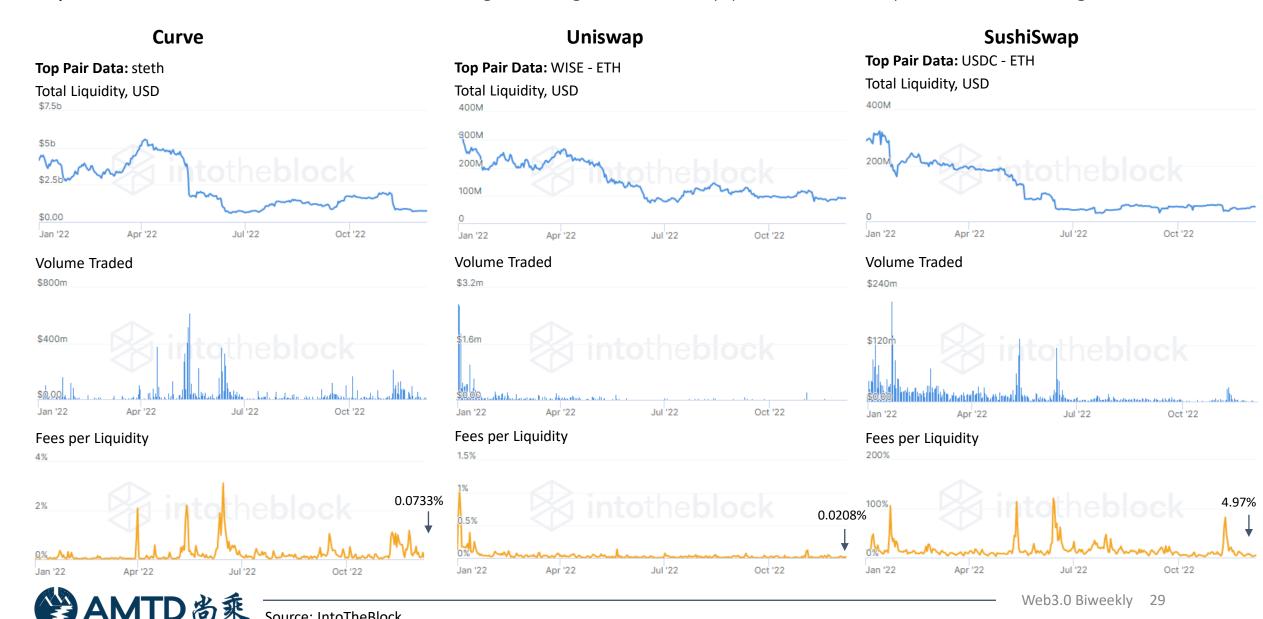


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## Top DEX Pool Trends

		Curve						Uniswap						SushiS	wap		
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#	Pool	Liquidity	Volume	Fees	ROL	#	Pair/Pool	Liquidity	Volume	Fees	ROL	#	Pair/Pool	Liquidity	Volume	Fees	ROL
1 🖨	steth	\$731.67m	\$5.16m	\$1.42k	0.07%	1	WISE - ETH	\$89.77m	\$16.92k	\$50.75	0.02%	1	USDC - ETH	\$52.82m	\$2.42m	\$7.26k	5.02%
2	3pool	\$663.11m	\$71.35m	\$4.17k	0.23%	2	USDC - ETH	\$86.37m	\$2.79m	\$8.37k	3.54%	2	ILV - ETH	\$48.44m	\$753.47k	\$2.26k	1.70%
3	frax	\$481.85m	\$1.2m	\$236.19	0.11%	3	DAI - USDC	\$32.99m	\$15.26k	\$45.78	0.05%	3	ETH - USDT	\$19.52m	\$662.45k	\$1.99k	3.72%
4	tricrypto2	\$154.55m	\$10.27m	\$2.64k	0.62%	4	ETH - USDT	\$30.19m	\$1.37m	\$4.12k	4.99%	4	WBTC - ETH	\$14.92m	\$55.86k	\$167.57	0.41%
5	mim	\$106.92m	\$282.44k	\$151.80	0.17%	5	FNK - USDT	\$29.76m	\$3.99	\$0.01	0.00%	5	SUSHI - ETH	\$11.61m	\$2.47m	\$7.41k	23.309
6	alusd	\$72.57m	\$307.98k	\$412.90	0.26%	6	FXS - FRAX	\$15.09m	\$416.02k	\$1.25k	3.02%	6	YFI - ETH	\$8.81m	\$376.19k	\$1.13k	4.68%
7	susd	\$60.39m	\$1.6m	\$474.04	0.29%	7	MC - ETH	\$14.2m	\$377.72k	\$1.13k	2.91%	7	LDO - ETH	\$7.32m	\$145.76k	\$437.28	2.18%
8	lusd	\$55.01m	\$31.89k	\$10.94	0.22%	8	DAI - ETH	\$13.1m	\$611.37k	\$1.83k	5.11%	8	DAI - ETH	\$6.69m	\$3.88m	\$11.65k	63.54
9	compound	\$43.77m	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	9	ELON - ETH	\$11.31m	\$371.81k	\$1.12k	3.60%	9	SYN - ETH	\$6.69m	\$192.46k	\$577.39	3.15%
10	tusd	\$32.2m	\$693.50	\$241.98	0.38%	10	USDC - USDT	\$10.79m	\$130.86k	\$392.58	1.33%	10	PUNK - ETH	\$6.58m	\$35.04k	\$105.11	0.58%
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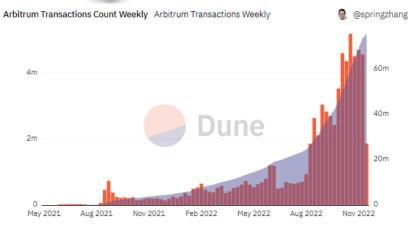
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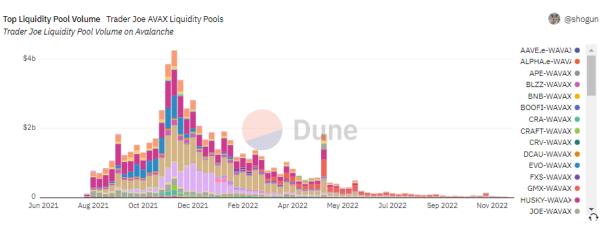
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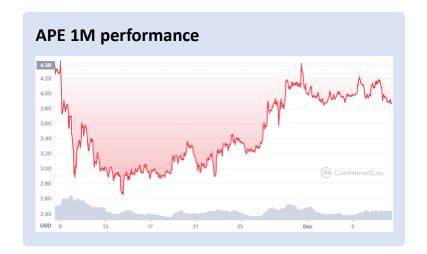


- Trader Joe, the largest DEX on Avalanche, is going multi-chain by expanding into the Ethereum ecosystem by deploying on Arbitrum One.
- A first for Trader Joe, the expansion to a separate network will see the mainnet launch in early 2023. However, the native JOE token, lending platform Banker Joe, and other suite of DeFi products will not be part of the launch.
- The move comes as Avalanche declining TVL over the past year. It began 2022 with US\$10 billion in TVL and dipped below US\$1 billion in early November. Avalanche TVL currently stands at ~US\$850 million.
- On the other hand, Ethereum scaling solution Arbitrum's TVL has been rather steady despite recent market turmoil, holding near US\$1 billion since September. Weekly transaction count on Arbitrum has risen over 600% since August.



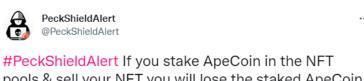


## Noteworthy DeFi Protocols – ApeStake.io goes live for ApeCoin staking





- ApeStake.io, the official staking protocol for ApeCoin as established by the ApeDAO, launched with nearly US\$90 million staked so far.
- The protocol allows holders in the Ape ecosystem to stake their assets in different staking pools, including \$APE, BAYC, MAYC, or BAKC.
- Stakers will start earning rewards in \$APE, where 96.2 million \$APE (~US\$380 million) has been allocated for staking rewards.
- The protocol received early backlash in the Ape community because users in the US and Canada will not be able to access ApeStake.io due to the regulatory environment.
- ApeStake.io also highlighted the fact that if someone sells a BAYC NFT while it is being staked, the staked \$APE will go alongside it. However, unsuspecting sellers have already fallen victim to this.



pools & sell your NFT you will lose the staked ApeCoin Exploiter/Arbitrageur 0x8237 borrowed 82 SETH from dydx

bought BAYC #6762 & got the staked 6.4k ApeCoin & swapped them for ~20 **\$ETH** sold BAYC #6762 for ~68 **\$ETH** & repaid 82 ETH





# NFT & Metaverse



## NFT & Metaverse Summary

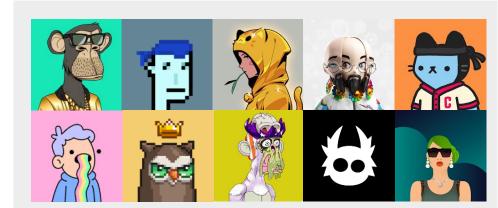
- **1. NFT Dashboard** BAYC floor price recovers slightly from earlier dip, CloneX price crashes following FUD on Cryptokicks release
- 2. NFT volume retraces following earlier spike
- 3. RTFKT faces backlash on poor launch execution of Cryptokicks
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## NFT Dashboard

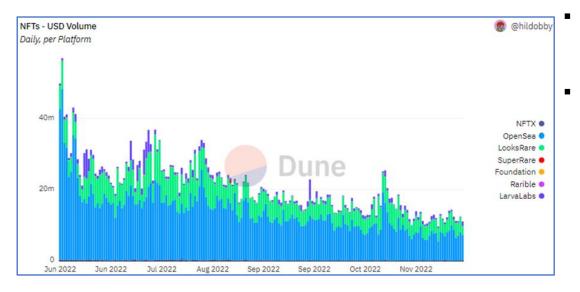
Project	Floor Price	14D	YTD
"Blue Chip" Projects			
Bored Ape Yacht Club	66.5Ξ	10.8%	4.6%
CryptoPunks	64.0Ξ	1.6%	-1.0%
Tier-A Projects			
Azuki	11.5Ξ	18.1%	228.6%
Clone X	6.2Ξ	-24.8%	55.4%
Cool Cats	1.8Ξ	-12.3%	-86.5%
Doodles	6.9Ξ	2.0%	4.5%
Moonbirds	8.7Ξ	23.0%	-31.3%
Mutant Ape Yacht Club	14.0Ξ	29.6%	20.0%
Otherdeeds	1.2Ξ	3.7%	-82.6%
World of Women	1.8Ξ	18.1%	-10.5%

Top Sales of the Week*	Price	Top Collections of the Week* (by volume)	Volume (USD)
BAYC #8436	\$351.6k	CryptoPunks	\$4.3m
CryptoPunk #4181	\$187.2k	Bored Ape Yacht Club	\$4.2m
BAYC #276	\$180.6k	Art Blocks	\$4.0m
Azuki #9143	\$172.2k	Gods Unchained	\$3.6m
Dreadfulz #164	\$170.6k	Mutant Ape Yacht Club	\$3.3m
CryptoPunk #593	\$167.0k	y00ts	\$2.6m
CryptoPunk #9285	\$138.5k	Otherdeed	\$2.3m
CryptoPunk #7386	\$136.8k	CloneX	\$2.3m
BAYC #4252	\$135.8k	Azuki	\$2.1m
CryptoPunk #3138	\$116.5k	DeGods	\$2.0m





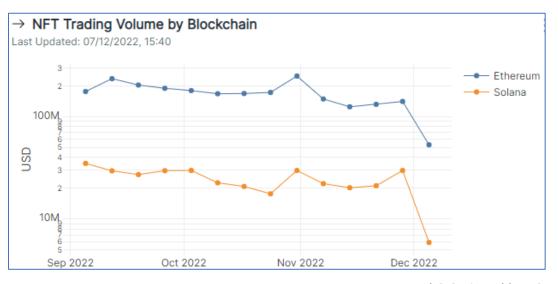
## NFT volume retraces following earlier spike



Marketplace	Average Price per Trade*
OpenSea (all)	US\$78.9
MagicEden	US\$88.4

**NFT volume is slightly lower from two weeks ago.** Users are likely on the sidelines currently (risk-off appetite) as the crypto winter extends into the end of 2022.

- Following OpenSea's footsteps, Magic Eden released the Open Creator Protocol, code for creators to enforce royalties on new NFT collections.
  - With the new code, creators will have the ability to ban marketplaces that have not enforced royalties on their collections. The protocol also features dynamic royalties, freeze authority, transferability rules, etc.
  - The move has earned praise from the Solana NFT community





Note: \*7 days

## RTFKT faces backlash on poor launch execution of Cryptokicks









- Nike's RTFKT launched its Cryptokicks iRL sneakers, a native web3 smart sneaker featuring auto-lacing, lighting, haptic feedback, gesture control, walk detection, app connectivity, wireless charging, and AI/ML algorithms. It will also introduce move-to-earn later.
- The sneakers are limited to 19,000 units with four colorways (i.e., rarities).
- Despite the launch of such a technology-packed sneaker, the announcement was poorly received by the community since the product can only be shipped to the US, leaving out many non-US holders.
- CloneX prices dropped from ~7.3ETH to ~5.9ETH (~19% drop) as a result.
- RTFKT quickly returned to the community with a new plan a "Hubbed NFT" that gives buyers more time to figure out a US shipping address. It will also airdrop a new MNLTH X to holders following a lackluster reveal experience.





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#### **Uniswap Launches NFT Trading with Airdrop**

Uniswap has launched its NFT aggregator tool on its platform, allowing users to trade NFTs across major marketplaces including OpenSea, X2Y2, LooksRare, Foundation, etc. Uniswap celebrated the launch with a US\$5 million airdrop to prior users of Genie, the aggregator it acquired in June. [CoinDesk]

#### Porsche Reveals Plans for 911 NFT Collection

Porsche has announced its first NFT collection as part of its web3 strategy, featuring 7,500 customized artwork of the Porsche 911 created by Patrick Vogel. Users can create their own rarity based on 150,000 different custom themes and variations. [Porsche]

#### **Animoca Brands Invests in Music Metaverse Gaming Platform**

Animoca Brands has taken a majority stake in Pixelynx, a music metaverse gaming platform. It currently operates in five countries and is building an ecosystem that blurs the lines between music, gaming, web3 and physical and digital worlds. Musicians deadmau5 and Richie Hawtin are among one of Pixelynx's founders. [CoinTelegraph]



Aave has acquired social metaverse company Sonar, a mobilefirst metaverse where users can build worlds and interact using NFTs. Upon acquisition, the Sonar team will be integrated into Lens Protocol. [@AaveAave]

**Ledger Launches New Wallet Designed by iPod Designer** Ledger announced the release of Ledger Stax, a new hardware wallet with a large curved E Ink display that is more user friendly and can display users' artwork when the device is not in use. Ledger worked with Tony Fadell, the designer of the original iPod, on the Stax. [nft now]

**Coinbase Wallet on iOS No Longer Supports NFT Transfers** Coinbase announced that its Coinbase Wallet app on iOS will no longer support NFT transactions due to Apple's strict policies on NFTs. Coinbase stated that Apple wants to take a 30% fee on any gas fees paid on NFT transfers, which is not possible as fees are not received by Coinbase.

[@CoinbaseWallet]

#### **NFTs from FTX Turn Blank**

FTX-hosted NFTs now show a blank canvas; instead, the metadata now points to a restructuring website for FTX's bankruptcy proceedings. The NFTs highlights the downside of using web2 APIs instead of newer solutions, such as on-chain imagery. [CoinTelegraph]



# Policy and Regulatory



## Policy & Regulatory Updates

- The Texas State Securities Board scheduled an administrative hearing, calling Sam Bankman-Fried to answer claims from a Texas regulator that FTX US offered unregistered securities products through its yield service.
- The Bahamas Attorney General said that there is an ongoing criminal investigation into FTX, and the "very complex investigation" is joined by the Securities Commission of the Bahamas, the Bahamas Financial Intelligence Unit and the police's Financial Crimes Unit.
- South Korean authorities have issued arrest warrants for people related to Terraform labs, including co-founder Daniel Shin, engineers, and investors of the firm. The South Korean prosecutors suspect that Shin possessed pre=issued Terra tokens, profiting US\$105 million during the bull market, without public knowledge.
- The US Trustee Program part of the Department of Justice that oversees bankruptcy courts called for an independent probe into the collapse of FTX, saying that a neutral party should investigate the exchange on the grounds of fraud, dishonesty, incompetence, misconduct, and mismanagement.
- A new bill set to be proposed by the European Commission will require crypto service providers to report EU clients' transactions to national tax authorities within the region, which is designed to curb crypto tax evasion. The bill could cover stablecoins, derivatives, and NFTs as well.
- In light of recent crypto events, US CFTC Chairman asked lawmakers for wider authority to directly oversee spot cash market exchanges. He noted that his agency couldn't have prevented the FTX collapse since it was not regulated by the CFTC.
- Brazil's Chamber of Deputies have approved a crypto regulation bill following the Senate's approval in April this year. The bill establishes a new crime of fraud involving virtual assets and also stipulates the creation of a virtual service provider license.
- In a bid to push for a cashless society, the Central Bank of Nigeria issued a directive to limit the withdrawal of US\$225 per week from ATMs so as to increase the use of the eNaira - Nigeria's CBDC.



# Notable Tweets



### Opening withdrawals for Bahamians...



### FTX perks



### Apple blocked Coinbase Wallet app because...



### Caroline spotted in New York!



### Coinbase's Brian Armstrong:



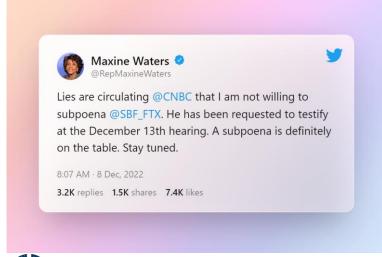
### Kraken founder chimes in



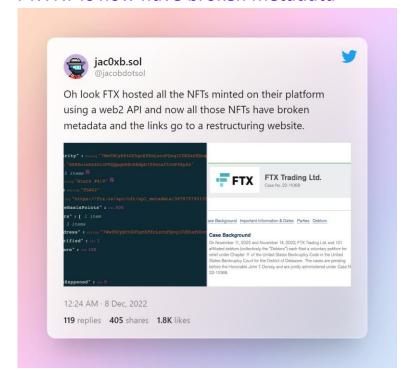
#### SBF is one of the greatest fraudsters



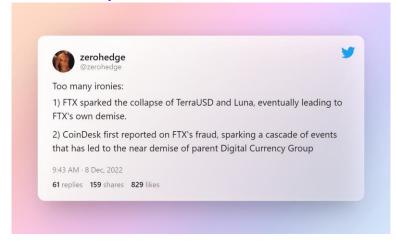
#### Stay tuned for an SBF subpoena



#### FTX NFTs now have broken metadata



#### Oh the irony...





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