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Editor's Letter



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Our bullish view will be invalidated if the price turns down from the current levels and breaks below the trendline of the wedge. Such a move will be a huge negative and can drag the price to \$5,600.

Lastly please check out the advancement's happening in the crypto currency world.

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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, crypto traders welcome to this week's 125th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly. The overall Cryptocurrency Market Cap stands at \$208 Billion. We have seen a \$26 Billion increase in the Market Cap since last week. Bitcoin price is currently around \$7291 from \$6453 last week and has increased by 12.99% and Ether price is now at \$170 from \$133 last week and has increased by 27.82%. The current market cap for bitcoin is \$134 Billion, and for Altcoins, the current market cap is \$74 Billion.

The coronavirus pandemic will force central banks to shift to digital payments as the World Health Organization has warned that the virus can spread through banknotes. Even the credit card terminals and PIN pads can be a source of transmission. Deutsche Bank macro strategist Marion Laboure said: "A once-in-a-century pathogen demands once-in-a-century solutions. An obvious place to start is to accelerate the inevitable shift toward [digital cash]."

Several nations have locked down large cities, and in some cases, the whole nation, to control the spread of the virus. This has brought the economy to a standstill. In the US alone, in two weeks, about 10 million people have filed for unemployment insurance. In order to support the economy, many central banks have announced huge stimulus measures.

The author of international bestseller 'Rich Dad, Poor Dad', Robert Kiyosaki, has said that all the money printing will reduce the value of US dollars. Hence, he advises people to "save gold — god's money or Bitcoin — people's money." It is not only Kiyosaki who is bullish on gold and Bitcoin. Even Max Keiser of Keiser Report has predicted that the billionaires will stockpile gold but after all the gold has been bought, they would look for the only alternative to gold, that is Bitcoin.





















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Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Dominance)

Bitcoin	64.48%
Ethereum	9.05%
XRP	4.18%
Tether	3.07%
Bitcoin Cash	2.27%
Bitcoin SV	1.68%
Litecoin	1.42%
EOS	1.22%
Binance Coin	1.12%
Tezos	0.66%
Others	10.86%

TOP 10 COINS

Top 10 Coins by Total Market Capitalisation

#	Name	Market Cap	Price	Volume (24h)	Circulating Supply	Change (24h)	Price Graph (7d)
1	 Bitcoin	\$134,146,290,143	\$7,326.44	\$47,185,988,450	18,309,875 BTC	4.47%	
2	 Ethereum	\$18,981,953,834	\$171.91	\$23,425,343,574	110,415,666 ETH	15.19%	
3	 XRP	\$8,732,991,514	\$0.198572	\$2,837,662,321	43,978,966,311 XRP *	7.90%	
4	 Tether	\$6,355,128,428	\$0.999072	\$63,531,905,691	6,361,032,509 USDT *	-0.05%	
5	 Bitcoin Cash	\$4,727,212,779	\$257.30	\$4,591,946,265	18,372,450 BCH	7.52%	
6	 Bitcoin SV	\$3,495,671,446	\$190.29	\$3,054,099,550	18,369,852 BSV	5.95%	
7	 Litecoin	\$2,963,528,207	\$45.98	\$4,370,144,281	64,453,565 LTC	10.08%	
8	 EOS	\$2,542,479,824	\$2.76	\$4,746,449,428	921,579,183 EOS *	12.99%	
9	 Binance Coin	\$2,353,775,828	\$15.13	\$509,846,258	155,536,713 BNB *	7.68%	
10	 Tezos	\$1,388,210,236	\$1.97	\$202,494,610	705,020,740 XTZ *	14.38%	













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Top 10 Coins by Percentage Gain (Past 7 Days)

#	Name	Symbol	Volume (24h)	Price	% 7d
1	 Zynecoin	ZYN	\$21,821,725	\$4.65	281.47%
2	 MarcoPolo Protocol	MAP	\$111,721	\$0.056258	211.22%
3	 eosDAC	EOSDAC	\$55,765	\$0.008492	208.84%
4	 CyberVein	CVT	\$2,218,104	\$0.028863	191.42%
5	 IZEROIUM	IZER	\$2,174,611	\$0.085237	152.09%
6	 BitBay	BAY	\$52,811	\$0.219390	135.38%
7	 Kcash	KCASH	\$4,771,474	\$0.009148	128.81%
8	 Sumokoin	SUMO	\$119,423	\$0.085274	128.47%
9	 Eterbase Coin	XBASE	\$79,399	\$0.001417	126.19%
10	 DEXA COIN	DEXA	\$54,866	\$0.000004	122.92%

Top 10 Coins added to Exchanges with the Highest Market Capitalisation (Past 30 Days)

Name	Symbol	Added	Market Cap	Price	Circulating Supply	Volume (24h)	% 24h
 Homeros	HMR	20 days ago	\$60,995,691	\$0.370819	164,488,955 *	\$1,409,387	3.06%
 Hive	HIVE	12 days ago	\$35,110,395	\$0.116998	300,095,175 *	\$440,281	-15.15%
 Bonorum	BONO	22 days ago	\$7,510,049	\$30.80	243,794 *	\$376,724	5.64%
 Bloomzed Token	BZT	29 days ago	\$3,770,615	\$0.188531	20,000,000 *	\$50,351	4.30%
 Cryptobuyer	XPT	5 days ago	\$637,878	\$0.012168	52,422,249 *	\$53,801	-2.83%
 MorCrypto Coin	MOR	26 days ago	\$251,317	\$0.013048	19,260,438 *	\$39,187	14.26%
 3x Short EOS Token	EOSBEAR	1 day ago	\$?	\$12.91	? *	\$?	?%
 3x Long EOS Token	EOSBULL	1 day ago	\$?	\$7.18	? *	\$?	?%
 3x Short XRP Token	XRPBEAR	1 day ago	\$?	\$333.20	? *	\$?	?%
 3x Long XRP Token	XRPBULL	1 day ago	\$?	\$13.37	? *	\$?	?%

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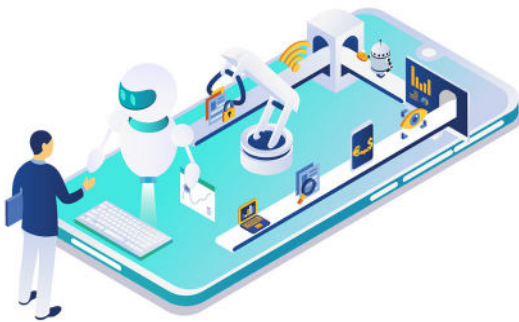
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BITCOIN - BTC/USD



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ETHEREUM - ETH/USD

COINBASE:ETHUSD, 1D 169.44 ▼ -2.06 (-1.2%) O:171.56 H:176.82 L:167.40 C:169.44



Ether broke out of an ascending triangle pattern on April 6, which is a huge positive. This bullish setup has a target objective of \$210. Currently, the bulls are facing selling close to the 50-day SMA. Above this level, the downtrend line might again act as a resistance.

We anticipate a few days of consolidation close to the downtrend line. However, if the bulls can scale the price above the downtrend line, it will indicate an end of the downtrend. Above the downtrend line, a move to \$250 and above it to \$290 is also possible in the medium-term.

The 20-day EMA has started to turn up gradually and the RSI has jumped into the positive zone, which suggests that the bulls have the upper hand.

Our bullish view will be invalidated if the price turns down from the current levels and plunges below the breakout level of \$150. Such a move will indicate that the current breakout was a bull trap. However, we give this a low probability of occurring.

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RIPPLE - XRP/USD



XRP has been trading inside a rising wedge pattern for the past few days. Currently, the bulls are attempting to push the price above the resistance line of the wedge. If successful, it will be a positive sign.

Above the wedge, the bulls might face a minor resistance at \$0.21629. If this level is crossed, the altcoin is likely to pick up momentum and move up to \$0.25 and above it to \$0.30.

The 20-day EMA has flattened out and the RSI has risen into the positive zone, which suggests that the selling pressure has reduced.

Our bullish view will be negated if the bears defend the resistance line of the wedge aggressively and sink the price below the wedge. If that happens, a fall to \$0.145 is possible.



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BITCOIN CASH - BCH/USD



Bitcoin Cash has broken out of the downtrend line and the 20-day EMA. This suggests that the downtrend is over. The bulls are attempting to start a new uptrend; however, they are likely to face stiff resistance at the 50-day SMA at \$269 and above it at \$300.

If the price turns down from the overhead resistance levels, a few days of range-bound action is likely. The critical support to watch on the downside is \$200. A break below this support will be the first sign of weakness.

Below \$200, the next support to watch out for is \$160. However, we give it a low probability of falling to these levels.

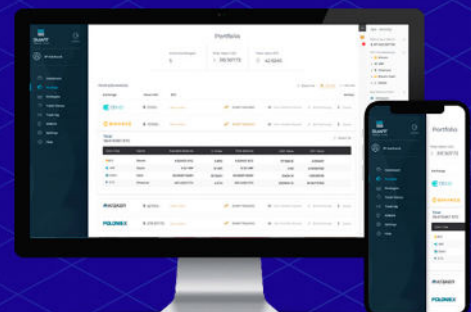
On the upside, after the bulls push the price above \$300, a move to \$400 and above it to \$500 is possible in the medium-term.

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Bitcoin SV has been trading above the 20-day EMA for the past five days. The 20-day EMA has flattened out and the RSI is just above the midpoint, which suggests that the bears are losing their grip. However, the bears are unlikely to give up without putting up a fight. They will defend the 50-day SMA aggressively. If the price turns down from the current levels and breaks below the 20-day EMA, it will indicate that the current breakout of \$185.87 was a bull trap. Below the 20-day EMA, the altcoin can sink to the strong support at \$146.96.

Conversely, if the bulls do not give up much ground from the current levels, it increases the possibility of a break above the 50-day SMA. Above this level, a move to \$268.842 and above it to \$319.94 is likely.

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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

Japan designs blockchain-powered digital court for digital age



A team of researchers in Japan have designed a blockchain-powered digital court that would make settlement of disputes concerning legal agreements cheaper, faster, and more effective announced an official press release on Monday.

Given the blockchain technology's potential to ensure that the information is stored across multiple computers in such a way that it cannot be tampered with, later on, it presents immense opportunities to impact several areas of life. While it has found its most effective use-cases in the field of finance and retail so far, some researchers have gone a step further in finding some most unconventional uses for it.

Last year in January, it was reported that Aragon court launched a decentralized online court in a move to address barriers concerning national and international jurisdictions when settling disputes.

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Coronavirus Encourages CBDC Developments: Deutsche Bank Strategist



The ongoing coronavirus pandemic accelerates central bank digital currency (CBDC) developments, according to Deutsche Bank macro strategist Marion Laboure.

In a tweet from April 3, Deutsche Bank cites Laboure's claim that the risk of cash spreading the coronavirus further will motivate authorities to consider digital alternatives.

CBDCs: a necessary response to the coronavirus

As Cointelegraph reported in mid-February, China started a quarantine of its used banknotes in an attempt to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Research published in 2008 showed that the influenza virus was able to survive on banknotes up to 17 days.

Laboure claims that governments increasingly view cash handling as a potential infection risk factor. This will likely become an additional reason to push for digital currencies. Another Deutsche Bank tweet quotes her as saying:

"A once-in-a-century pathogen demands once-in-a-century solutions. An obvious place to start is to accelerate the inevitable shift toward [digital cash]."

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Gemini is adding support for Brave browser's BAT token



Crypto exchange Gemini is adding support for Brave browser's BAT token later this month.

Announcing the news on Monday, Gemini said users will be able to deposit BAT into their accounts beginning on April 24. Trading support for the token would be added "soon" thereafter.

Once listed, BAT would be the sixth digital asset available for trading on Gemini, joining bitcoin (BTC), ether (ETH), bitcoin cash (BCH), litecoin (LTC) and Zcash.

"We will be offering USD, BTC, and ETH trading pairs for BAT on both our continuous order book and our automated block trading system," said Gemini.

A representative later told The Block in an email: "At Gemini, we're always looking at interesting crypto products that move the industry forward. The Basic Attention Token (BAT) has a proven market and its novel usage suggests that demand will continue to grow as the ecosystem evolves."

Notably, users will have to create a new Ethereum deposit address for depositing BAT tokens as existing Gemini Ethereum addresses are not supported, per the announcement.

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Nestle blockchain powers traceability in Zoegas coffee supply chain



Nestle blockchain solutions now cover sub-brand Zoegas coffee. Swiss brand Nestle is planning to employ IBM Food Trust Blockchain solution, to enable traceability in its Zoegas coffee brand. Nestle blockchain integration with the Zoegas coffee supply chain will help improve traceability and bring transparency in day-to-day operations.

The Swiss food and drinks multinational firm are known for its robust global supply chain operations. Recently, the company announced that it is collaborating with IBM Food Trust, a distributed ledger technology platform, in order to enhance the supply chain efficiency. Now, the same technology will be deployed for enhancing the performance of the Zoegas coffee brand supply chain. This is Nestle's latest step in embracing blockchain in its routine operations.

Nestle blockchain expands to cover Zoegas coffee brand

Zoegas coffee brand is Nestle's premium product in Sweden offering roast and ground and whole beans coffee. The latest 'Summer 2020' range features a premium Arabica coffee beans blend that comes from Colombia, Rwanda, and Brazil. The Nestle blockchain solution will work to ensure that the journey of coffee beans is tracked and authenticated accurately. To achieve this goal, the brand has joined hands with 'The Rainforest Alliance.'

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Yahoo's 'Top Crypto Bets' Are Crushing the S&P 500 Amid Global Economic Uncertainty



Although the global economic outlook remains dire, new numbers show that companies linked to the cryptocurrency industry are far outperforming the S&P 500.

Yahoo Finance is tracking top companies and stocks that have exposure to cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin (BTC) and Ethereum.

According to the latest figures, publicly-traded crypto-connected companies with a market cap of \$1 billion or higher significantly outperformed the S&P 500 in March, as panic over the coronavirus outbreak triggered a massive global selloff in equities.

The 14 companies in Yahoo's "Top Crypto Bets" include Microsoft, Visa, Square, Goldman Sachs, Overstock, NVIDIA and PayPal. As a whole, these companies sustained a 35.62% 1-month return in March, faring far better than the S&P 500 index, which sustained a 12.51% loss over the same period.

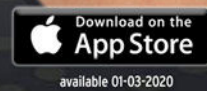
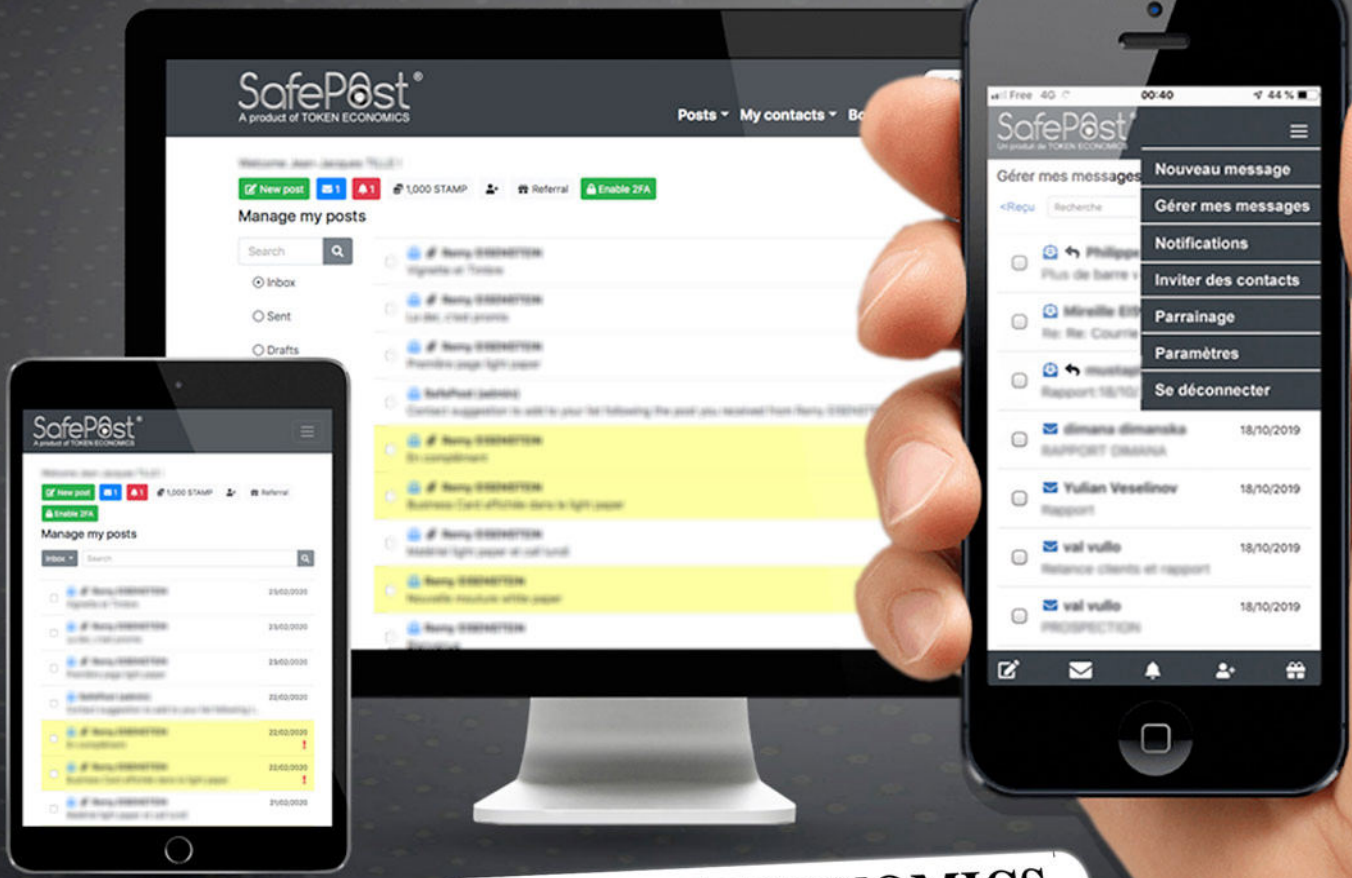
Despite the stronger performance of cryptocurrencies in comparison to equities, the current economic downturn also dealt a painful blow to Bitcoin, Ethereum, XRP, Bitcoin Cash and the entire marketplace with more than \$93 billion in capitalization wiped out on March 12th.

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Binance CEO: Once QE Money Starts Flowing, BTC's Price Will Go Up 'Very Dramatically'



The leading cryptocurrency exchange Binance recently acquired the crypto data site CoinMarketCap for \$400 million which according to Binance CEO, Changpeng Zhao, is based on a long-term vision.

CZ has maintained that the site will continue to work independently and provide access to crypto data and be the “landing page of crypto.”

CMC hasn't been expanding super aggressively because of their small team and growing organically, he believes,

“it is one of the most valuable platforms in the industry and I think we'll grow another 10x, 100x.”

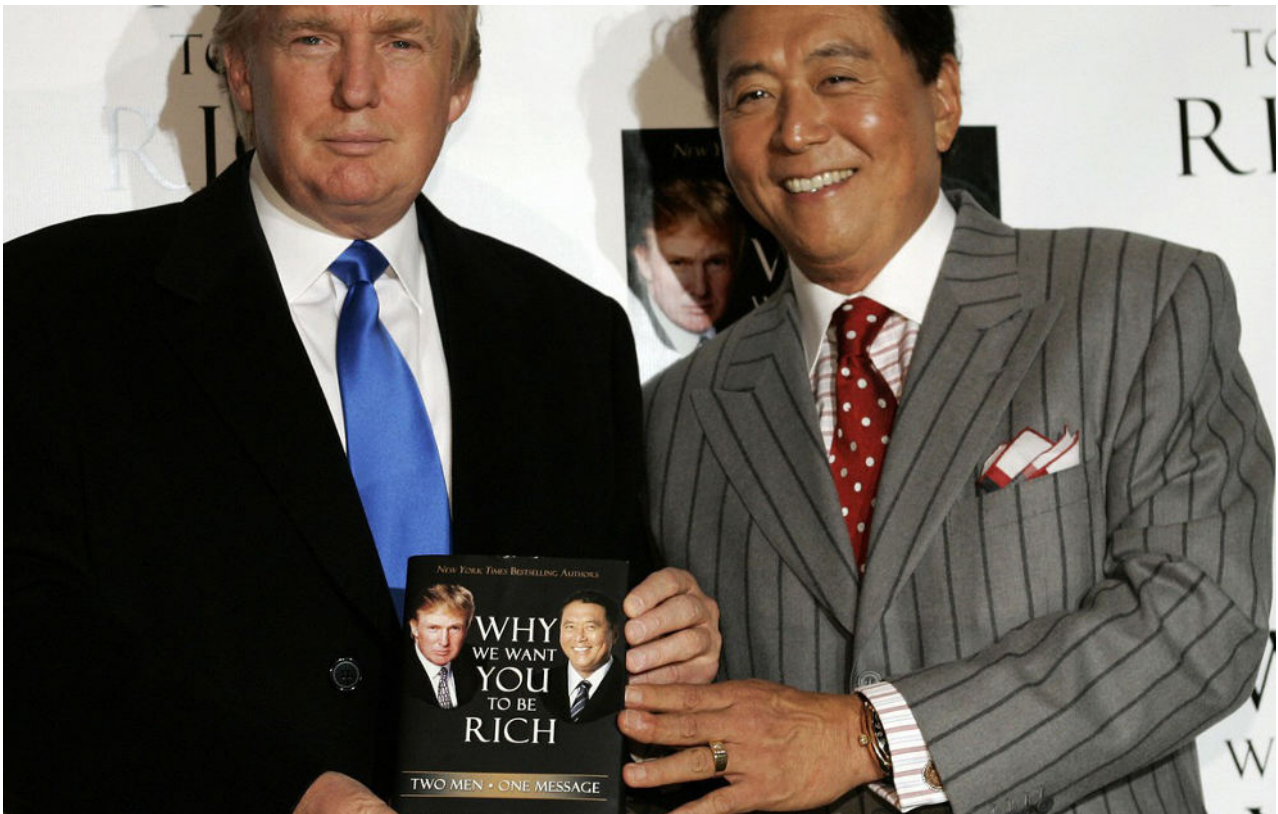
CZ also announced the launch of a mining pool and shared that the goal is to build both POW for Bitcoin and POS for most other coins.

Volatility brings “phenomenal” numbers to exchange

In his interview with Anthony Pompliano on his podcast, CZ shared light on the finances and how despite the coronavirus induced fear triggering the market sell-off, they are having a good time, especially recently.

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Rich Dad, Poor Dad' Robert Kiyosaki: Don't save your money! Spend it on the 'best buy for future security



What should you do with your stimulus check?

Robert Kiyosaki, the best-selling author of “Rich Dad, Poor Dad,” offered this bit of advice to his 1.3 million followers on Twitter TWTR, +7.96% for when that cash finally arrives:

Yes, instead of stashing away your check, Kiyosaki says load up on bitcoin BTCUSD, 0.705% , gold GC00, 0.496% and silver SI00, 3.303% in the face of the dying dollar DXY, -0.560% .

This has been a theme on Kiyosaki’s social channels for awhile and has taken on an added urgency as the coronavirus pandemic continues to weigh heavily on the stock market:

Gold’s been a relatively great place to be over the past three months, having rallied more than 5% as the Dow DJIA, +7.73% plunged into bear-market territory. Silver and bitcoin, not so much, with both posting double-digit percentage declines over that same period of time.

Kiyosaki has been pushing silver, which he hails as the “best buy,” for a while now. Earlier this year, he told Kitco News he won’t stop buying silver until it tops \$40 an ounce — it currently sits below \$15. “Silver is the most undervalued, lowest-risk, best investment of all asset classes,” he said.

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Bitcoin Scam on YouTube Masquerades as Coinbase CEO AMA



A popular YouTube channel has been hijacked and is currently live-streaming a purported ask-me-anything (AMA) with Coinbase CEO Brian Armstrong.

However, the stream, which appears to have been running for 12 hours at press time on April 6, is a scam, encouraging users to send Bitcoin (BTC) payments, with the promise of a non-existent 5,000 BTC giveaway.

Classic crypto scam gets a fresh coat of paint

The YouTube scam follows a similar format to the well-known Twitter con, whereby a spoof account will be set up to mimic a well-known crypto or celebrity figure. Said figure has a large amount of Bitcoin or Ether (ETH) to give away, and by sending some of your own cryptocurrency to a given address, victims are promised between two and ten times the amount in return.

On this occasion, somebody has managed to hack into an already established YouTube channel, TopTenz, which boasts 1.63 million subscribers. The channel has been rebranded as “CoinbasePRO English.”

The channel has been live-streaming the AMA using old, looped footage of Brian Armstrong answering viewers’ questions.

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China Will ‘Undoubtedly’ Pursue Digital Yuan, Central Bank Says



China's central bank has sent one of its strongest signals yet of a commitment to creating a digital version of the yuan.

“The People’s Bank of China (PBoC) will undoubtedly further its research and development of the national digital currency with enhanced top-down design,” the bank said in an April 4 notice.

The notice is a summary of the 2020 National Currency Gold Silver and Security Work Video and Telephone Conference, convened on Friday by Yifei Fan, the central bank’s vice governor. One of the annual meeting’s goals was to lay out top priorities for the bank in this coming year.

While this was at least the third time a digitized yuan, or Digital Currency Electronic Payment (DCEP), was mentioned in the annual meeting, the unequivocal language used indicates a firmer stance on the project than before.

At the 2018 meeting, the bank said it would pursue the project “at a steady pace.” Last year, it said it would “accelerate” the process with a closer look at trends in cryptocurrency space at home and abroad and more strict supervision over online financing in 2019.

While the initiative is a few years old, it may have added impetus from coronavirus-related concerns about physical banknotes. At a Feb. 15 press conference, the central bank said it would disinfect and store cash for seven to 14 days before it takes it in, and put 600 billion yuan of new cash in circulation.

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Blockchain Firms Team Up on Private Coronavirus Testing App



Genobank, a blockchain project seeking to offer consumers ownership and control over their DNA data, is preparing to launch an app on EOS-based blockchain platform Telos to assist people in accessing anonymous coronavirus testing.

According to a recent announcement from the Telos Foundation, the app will also allow users to share that information with healthcare organizations.

The open-source app, Agerona, stores the test data on the Telos blockchain, with Genobank to introduce a token that enables information sharing. The app is expected to launch this month.

Privacy concerns could hinder health efforts

Some authorities have expressed concern that undocumented workers and individuals living in a country without permission could avoid treatment or diagnosis over worries that they would be arrested or deported.

Agerona will facilitate purchases from partner test suppliers. Users can scan a unique barcode on each test to associate the results with an anonymous account on Telos controlled by the user.

Test kits can then be sent to a partner lab for analysis, with results anonymously uploaded to the Telos blockchain. If provided, the data will include the user's country and postcode to track the spread of the coronavirus.

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HOW SAFE IS YOUR CRYPTO – COLD STORAGE A REVOLUTION IS HERE!



Hi Crypto Network,

Cold storage methods and hardware wallets are widely heralded as the pinnacle in security for storage of digital assets like Bitcoin. By definition, cold storage is a “method of storing private keys in a secure offline environment”.

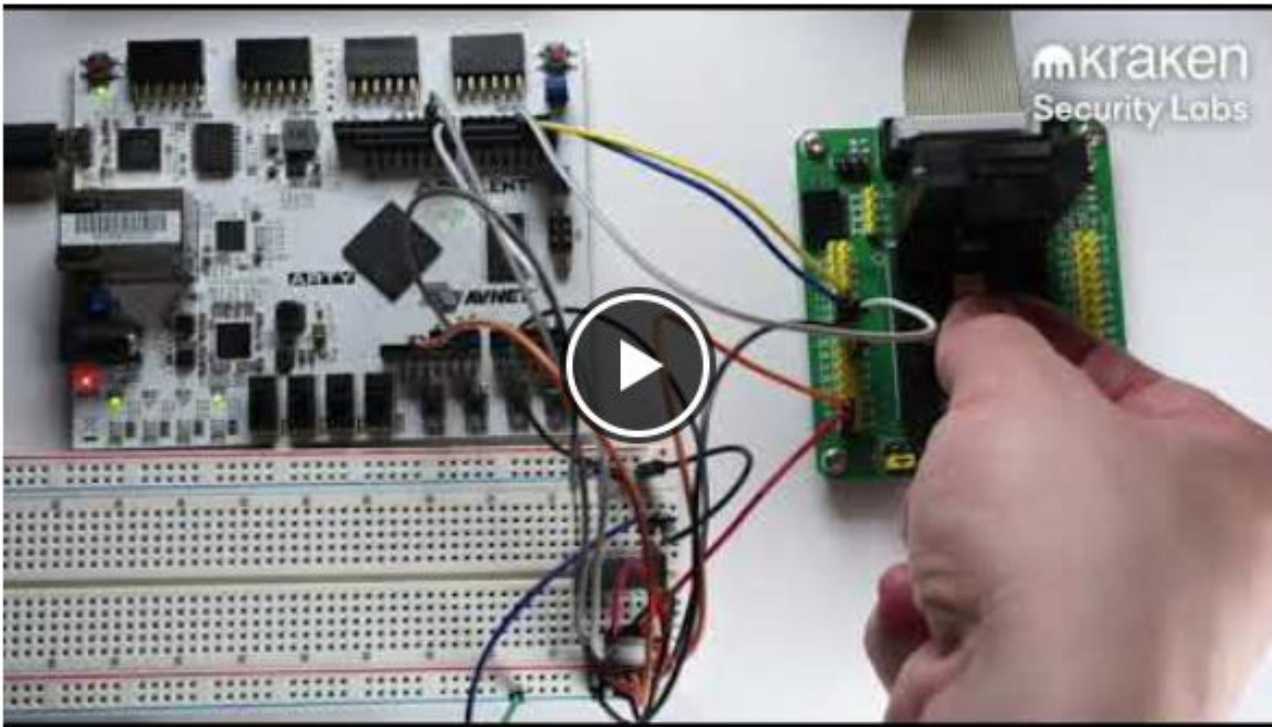
The first hardware wallet appeared on the market in 2012 at a time when hacking has reached epidemic proportions as the only options were software wallets used on computers or smartphones.

CAN COMMON HARDWARE WALLETS BE HACKED?

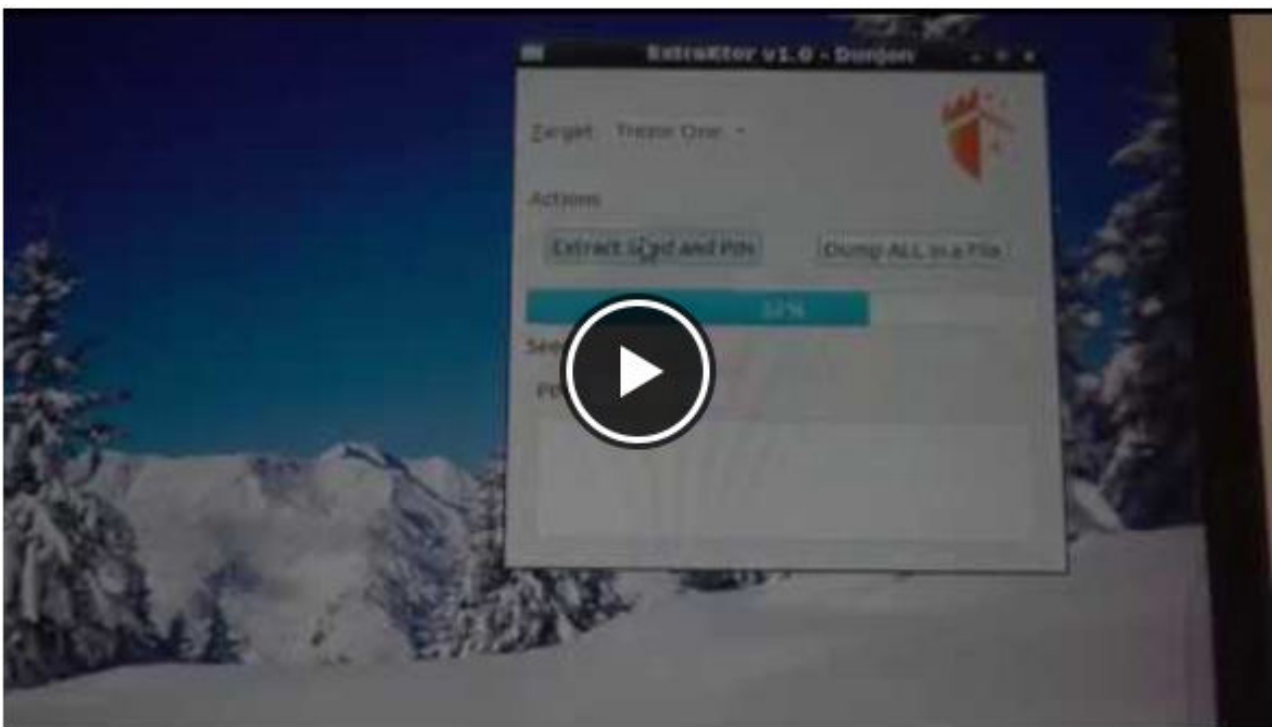
But there is a critical flaw with these devices (like KeepKey, Trezor, or Ledger, and others) in that they were never designed for or intended for physical attacks that include theft, confiscation, seizure, loss, being left behind in an unknown or unsafe environment, or any other situation where someone other than you gains physical access to your device. If this were to happen then extraction of all your funds is trivial as demonstrated over and over again.

Here are just a few recent examples written by others:

Kraken Identifies Critical Flaw in Trezor Hardware Wallets



Unfixable Seed Extraction on Trezor – A practical and reliable attack



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EXTRACTION OF YOUR CRYPTO IN MINUTES IS POSSIBLE

In these examples, extraction was performed in minutes and with tools that cost less than \$100 and can be performed by anyone with basic tech knowledge. If any one of these devices goes to a more powerful attacker with access to a forensic computer lab with sophisticated tools, such as contractors that work for government agencies, then extraction is performed in mere seconds. In white color cases, forensic labs routinely perform data extraction on multi-million dollar secure servers so it is naive to think that a \$100 consumer gadget offers any protection at all from physical seizure.

The above is not being presented to alarm you that your crypto will suddenly disappear. This is to educate the reader on what your cold storage wallet can and cannot do so that users do not live with a false sense of security. Cold storage wallets are not designed and were never intended to protect users from physical attacks. These devices are designed to stop online attacks wherein the attacker does not have physical access to your device.

However, physical protection is important for numerous reasons. First, there is a significant rise in physical seizures of hardware wallets (it is no surprise that the FBI is currently the world's largest holder of Bitcoin with over 144,000 BTC on hand when last reported) and it is expected that physical attacks will only increase in frequency in the near future as cryptocurrency adoption grows.

The second reason is that Bitcoin was always intended to be an unseizable/ unconfiscatable asset. The very reason that gold got demonetized is because it is so easy to confiscate. All cold storage wallet technologies today offer no greater protection from seizure than leaving bars of gold in a safe.

One other major glaring flaw that is almost never discussed, is that cold storage wallets require a back-up of the 24 word seed either written on paper or etched into a steel plate and hidden. This a very serious security problem because anyone who finds the 24 words will have instant access to all your funds. And the reason this is not often discussed is simply because security labs are only focused on device security as this their only area of interest.

For a security lab, there is nothing to test or discover about the obvious fact that these 24 words will cause total loss if found.

As such, there are two serious attack vectors (among others) for all cold storage devices that would lead to total loss

1) someone gaining physical access to device itself

2) someone gaining physical access to the 24 word seed. The 24 word seed is particularly dangerous because anyone, without any technical skill at all, can take all your funds by finding your 24 words.

WHICH IS THE SAFEST BITCOIN WALLET THAT I CAN USE?

Until now, the Platinum Crypto Academy always recommended the use of cold storage hardware wallets because it has been the best available option. But now, we are extremely excited to report that a new technology is available that solves the biggest challenges in hardware wallets. This technology offers absolute protection in all circumstances and the security of which does not decay over time regardless of new forensic methods that are rapidly evolving. Everything changed when we came across the new Bitfi.2 hardware wallet and performed a significant amount of due diligence on this technology.



WHY THE BITFI CRYPTO HARDWARE WALLET IS DIFFERENT

At first glance, it may look like just another hardware wallet. But this is a revolutionary technology that is unlike anything else that exists today, regardless of cost. This patent- pending wallet takes an elegant and brilliant approach to a problem that affects all cold st methods.

It is not a storage device, it does not, like other hardware wallets store your private keys on a device. Instead the Bitfi.2 is a computing device that calculates your private keys at time of transaction based on a user created salt & secret phrase. Based on measurements with forensic tools, the private key that is calculated by the device exists so briefly that it cannot even be detected (much less than 1 second). This means that before you even put the device back down after using it, there is no private key.

The simplest analogy to understand how it works is as follows. If you take a calculator and enter 5 x 6 (input) the output is always 30. If you take any other calculator in the world and enter this input, the output again will always be 30. In the case of Bitfi, your input is your user created salt & secret phrase and your output is always the private key for whichever currency you are using. The device calculates your private keys (lets say for Ethereum), signs the transaction, the private key instantly disappears (it is also never transmitted by the device since the blockchain never needs your actual private key, it only needs approval signed with that key), and approval is transmitted to blockchain to release your funds.

Therefore consider this simple thought experiment – how can one possibly improve upon the security of a device that does not have any private keys on it to steal? No matter how secure you make something, if it is holding data this data can and will be extracted. You can even have a multi-million dollar underground bunker with military grade servers and this is still susceptible to attack and extraction: <https://qz.com/1103310/photos-the-secret-swiss-mountain-bunker-where-millionaires-stash-their-bitcoins/>

This makes us smile, because despite all that effort and expense, the simple Bitfi device completely replaces and surpasses the security of this military bunker. A device with absolutely no data cannot have data extracted, even if someone spends 1000 years trying. Any other conclusion defies common sense.

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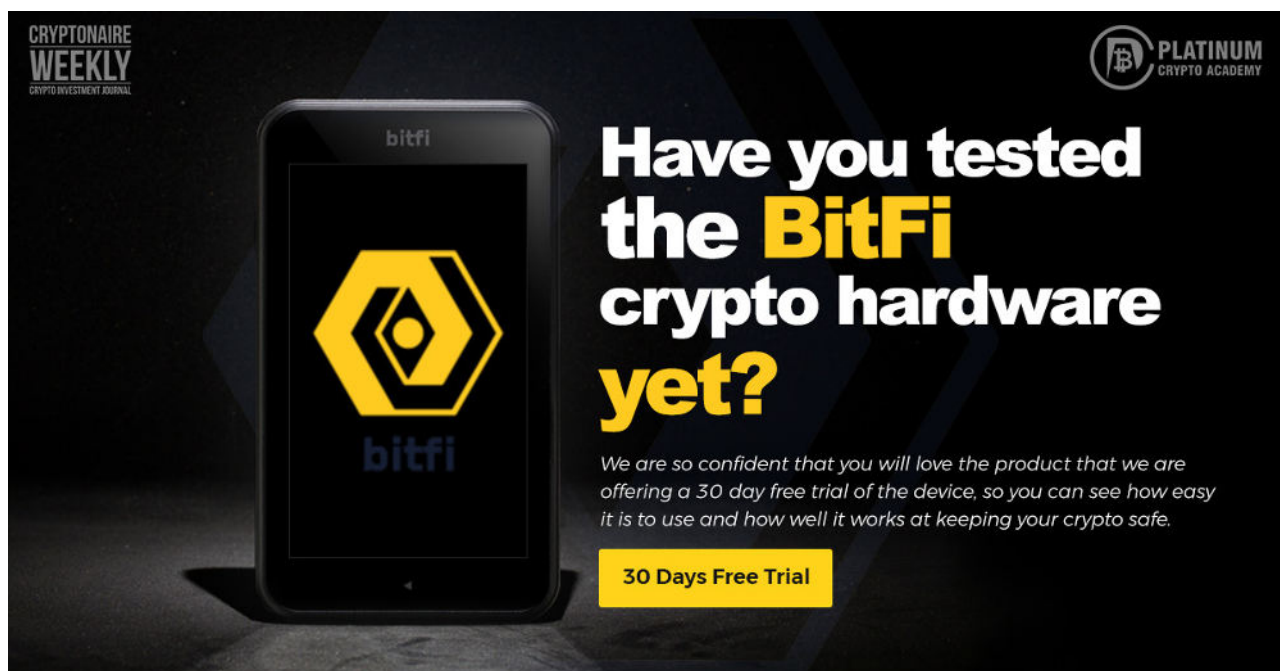
Another important factor is that this scrutiny does not decay with time. For example, if some company offered a \$10,000 cold storage wallet with the most advanced encryption ever created, this encryption is only advanced today. But forensic tools rapidly evolve along with all other technologies. If you leave this hypothetical wallet on a shelf or in a safe, in a few years it will be as easy to extract private keys from this device as it is from a \$150 device today. But it will always be impossible to extract private keys from a device that doesn't have them, even if left unattended forever.

A REVOLUTIONARY CRYPTO WALLET – KEEP YOUR CRYPTOS SAFE

There are many more brilliant innovations in the Bitfi device and supporting infrastructure that will be covered in future articles that give users absolute security, convenience, and total peace of mind unlike anything else. In the meantime, we urge you to consider getting the Bitfi.2 which is the most important innovation in cryptography since Bitcoin itself.

We consider Bitfi.2 to be such an important tool for all of our followers that we have made arrangements with Bitfi to make it easy for you to try and see for yourself with a \$2 no obligation trial.

This is how confident we are that Bitfi will change your life. The offer is simple. Just pay a \$2 shipping and handling fee and Bitfi will send you the Bitfi.2 to use and give you 30 days to evaluate. If you don't agree that it is the most revolutionary technology in Blockchain today, just use a pre-paid shipping label and drop it in the mail. But if you do love it the way we are certain you will, just keep it and Bitfi will charge you for the cost of the device. We have also secured special pricing for our members with Bitfi, so that if you do keep the device, you will pay a discounted price of \$149 instead of the usual \$199



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Editor's Letter



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Chief Editor



Good morning Platinum Traders,

For the more experienced traders amongst you please find enclosed our charts for the week. There are several supply and demand areas available, however due to the severe volatility seen over recent weeks we would advise to protect your accounts and therefore be mindful of reducing your normal trade sizes at this time. Look for opportunities for BPC trading at the break of decent support and resistance areas. Important trading zones will be refrained until further notice.

Keep a watchful eye on our daily updates for the individual pairs each day on the floor as this information will put you on the right side of the market, both technical and fundamental wise with relevant support / resistance levels quoted on there to plot onto your charts. Once you have your directional bias, then bring your technicals into play, fibs, start buying on dips in bullish moves, whilst selling rallies into any strength on bearish plays.

Looking ahead to this week we are fairly light as regards tier one red flag news events and please bear in mind we have a bank holiday here in the UK with Easter friday.

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THIS WEEK IN THE FOREX MARKETS

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FOREX - U.S. Dollar Rises as COVID-19 Fatalities Drop



Investing.com – The U.S. dollar inched up in Asia on Monday as cities hard hit by the COVID-19 virus reported a decline in fatalities over the weekend.

But Friday's report of a 701,000 reduction in U.S. non-farm payrolls put a damper on investor expectations as the economic damage from pandemic-induced lockdowns becomes apparent.

The U.S. Dollar Index Futures that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies gained 0.12% to 100.795 by 10:40 PM ET (3:40 AM GMT).

The GBP/USD pair gained 0.13% to 1.1656 as Prime Minister Boris Johnson was hospitalized for tests on Sunday.

The USD/JPY pair flattened earlier losses, gaining 0.42% to 108.92 even as Japan is expected to declare a state of emergency by Tuesday.

"When a head of state or government is stricken like this, it will cause concern for holders of sterling and sterling assets," said Masafumi Yamamoto, chief currency strategist at Mizuho Securities, told CNBC.

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A Light Economic Calendar Leaves the Markets in the Hands of COVID-19 and OPEC



It was a quiet start to the day on the economic calendar on Monday, with no material stats to provide direction early on.

A lack of stats left the markets to react to the U.S labor market numbers and the latest COVID-19 figures.

At the time of writing, the total number of coronavirus cases across France, Germany, Italy, and Spain rose by 16,711 to 453,556. In the U.S, the total number of cases increased by 24,774 to 336,131. That took the total number of cases globally to 1,270,916. The increases on Sunday were significantly lower than Saturday, which was positive for riskier assets.

For the Majors

At the time of writing, the Aussie Dollar was up by 0.55% to \$0.6030, with the Kiwi Dollar up by 0.09% to \$0.5883. The Japanese Yen was down by 0.34% to ¥108.92 against the U.S Dollar.

In the equity markets, market reaction to the fewer number of new COVID-19 cases reported on Sunday delivered early support. The ASX200 was up by 2.33%, with the Nikkei up by 2.73%, at the time of writing.

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Forex Today: Markets cheering upbeat European coronavirus news, pound worried about Boris, oil eyed



Here is what you need to know on Monday, April 6:

The market mood is positive, with stocks on the rise and the safe-haven dollar and yen under pressure. Italy and Spain have reported substantial slowdowns in the number of new coronavirus deaths in cases. France's curve is also showing tentative signs of flattening despite the country's broader counting. There is light at the end of the tunnel, and Italy is considering how to exit its lockdown.

European leaders remain at odds about the economic response, with Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez warning that the survival of the EU rests on the answer to the pandemic. The Sentix Investor Confidence for April is set to further decline.

The pound is the exception after Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been hospitalized as his temperature remained high after suffering from the disease for ten days. Foreign secretary Dominic Raab will chair Monday's cabinet meeting. The 55-year PM was reportedly admitted for precautionary reasons, but investors are nervous amid the lack of improvement in his condition. UK mortalities are near 5,000, and Queen Elisabeth made a rare address to the nation.

The US is bracing for the worst week in fighting COVID-19, described by the surgeon general Jerome Adams as the "Pearl Harbor" moment. US cases have topped 300,000, and illness has taken the lives of nearly 10,000 people. President Donald Trump has raised the idea of sending more cash to Americans and announced that the administration is buying hydroxychloroquine. This anti-malaria drug has yet to prove efficient to battle the virus.

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Canadian Dollar, Crude Oil May Fall as Australian Dollar Gains at Open



The Canadian Dollar may fall with crude oil as the Australian Dollar gains at market open. Over the weekend, the OPEC+ virtual meeting (originally planned on Monday) was pushed back to later this week. This followed a row between key producers Saudi Arabia and Russia as they exchanged verbal jabs. The former said that comments by the latter blaming the end of the OPEC+ pact were “fully devoid of truth”.

The dive in crude oil prices – in response to the coronavirus outbreak plummeting global travel – was amplified by a price war initiated by Saudi Arabia and Russia. Last week, the commodity surged in its best 5 days since at least 1983 on hopes of major output cuts to help alleviate a supply glut. Though it is unclear yet if other major oil producers – notably the US – could join in as confusion around output cuts fueled price volatility.

Further complicating matters are threats from President Donald Trump who over the weekend hinted at using tariffs “if needed” to protect the oil industry. Meanwhile weekend futures tracking Wall Street – courtesy of IG - were pointing higher into Monday’s Asia Pacific session. That could precede a cautiously optimistic tone at the onset of the new week, perhaps boding well for the growth-oriented Australian Dollar.

On Sunday New York State – the epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak in the United States – reported its first drop in coronavirus deaths. Meanwhile across the Atlantic Ocean, Italy and France reported ebbing fatalities from the virus which fueled case stabilization bets. Gains in equities may also help alleviate weakness in sentiment-linked crude oil. Follow-through is however uncertain given the fluid nature of COVID-19.

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Asia-Pacific Currencies Pressured by Demand for Highly Liquid U.S. Dollar



The rout in the financial markets and near-certain global recession caused by the coronavirus pandemic, fueled a run on demand for the highly liquid U.S. Dollar.

After a one-week reprieve, the U.S. Dollar came roaring back against the Japanese Yen, Australian Dollar and New Zealand Dollars last week. The catalyst behind the rally was demand for safe assets on a worsening global economic outlook.

Once again, the rout in the financial markets and near-certain global recession caused by the coronavirus pandemic, fueled a run on demand for the highly liquid U.S. Dollar. According to Reuters, that blew up the cost to borrow dollars in funding markets, with three-month FX swap spreads rising to 2008 financial-crisis levels last month.

But those spreads have snapped back after the Federal Reserve's effort to improve dollar liquidity by making it easier for other central banks to swap their currencies for dollars, pushing speculators to cut their bets in favor of the dollar last week.

So basically last week's rally by the U.S. Dollar was fueled by a combination of fresh central bank buying and speculator short-covering.

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KEY ANALYSIS OF MAJOR PAIRS

EUR/USD

Eurozone inflation remains low. German CPI slowed to 0.1% in March, down from 0.4% a month earlier. The all-eurozone indicator showed that inflation dropped to 0.7% in March, down sharply from 1.2% in February. German retail sales climbed to 1.2% in February, crushing the estimate of 0.1%. This was up from 0.9% in January. German and eurozone manufacturing activity slowed in March. The German indicator fell from 48.0 to 45.4, while the all-eurozone gauge slowed from 49.2 to 44.5 points. Services PMIs plunged in March, pointing to deep contraction. The German indicator fell from 52.5 to 31.7, while the all-eurozone indicator slowed from 52.6 to 26.4 points. All four PMIs missed their forecasts. In the U.S. employment numbers were dismal, as the COVID-19 virus has paralyzed much of the U.S. economy. Jobless claims soared to 6.6 million, more than double to 3.2 million a week earlier. Nonfarm payrolls fell by 701 thousand, much worse than the estimate of -100 thousand. The unemployment rate shot up to 4.4% up from 3.5 percent. The estimate stood at 3.8 percent. On the manufacturing front, ISM Manufacturing PMI slowed to 49.1 down from 50.1 a month earlier. A reading below the 50-level indicates contraction. Still, the reading easily beat the estimate of 44.9 points.



EUR/USD Longer Term view

APRIL 6th, 1.0810 – Euro's recovery from 1.0640 low peaked at mathematical resistance and no clear sign (C-Wave) Downtrend from 1.1490 completed yet

EUR/USD DAILY UPDATE

Euro today has resistance at 1.0865/1.0890 & risks another decline below 1.0800/1.0775 toward the 1.0700 level

EUR/USD

GBP/USD

The UK's current account deficit narrowed significantly to 5.6 billion pounds in Q4, down from 15.9 billion in Q3. This reading beat the estimate of -7.0 billion. Final GDP came in at 0.0%, confirming the initial reading. The Manufacturing PMI slowed to 47.8 in March, pointing to contraction. This was down from 51.7, and missed the forecast of 47.1 points. The Services PMI plunged to 34.5, down from 53.2 points. The reading was close to the estimate of 34.7 and indicates deep contraction in the services sector. In the U.S. employment numbers were dismal, as the COVID-19 virus has paralyzed much of the U.S. economy. Jobless claims soared to 6.6 million, more than double to 3.2 million a week earlier. Nonfarm payrolls fell by 701 thousand, much worse than the estimate of -100 thousand. The unemployment rate shot up to 4.4% up from 3.5 percent. The estimate stood at 3.8 percent. On the manufacturing front, ISM Manufacturing PMI slowed to 49.1 down from 50.1 a month earlier. A reading below the 50-level indicates contraction. Still, the reading easily beat the estimate of 44.9 points.



GBP/USD Longer Term view

APRIL 1st, 1.2405 – Sterling's recovery from the 1.1405 March low persists and this will probably extend toward the low 1.2700's

GBP/USD DAILY UPDATE

Sterling's corrective reaction persists and resistance now about 1.2300, risking test of mid 1.2100's, 1.2085 max. before exhaustion

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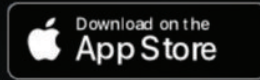
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Date	Time	Currency	Impact
Mon, Apr 6	2:30pm	CAD	BOC Business Outlook Survey
Tue, Apr 7	4:30pm	AUD	Cash Rate
		AUD	RBA Rate Statement
Wed, Apr 8	Tentative	ALL	OPEC Meetings
Thu, Apr 9	11:30am	EUR	ECB Monetary Policy Meeting Accounts
	12:30pm	CAD	Employment Change
		USD	Unemployment Claims
Fri, Apr 10	12:30pm	USD	CPI m/m
		USD	Core CPI m/m

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Currency	Last Friday -2 Weeks Date	Last Friday -1 Week Date	Last Friday's Date
GBP(USD)	1.310	1.308 ↓	1.304 ↓
AUS(USD)	0.697	0.692 ↓	0.689 ↓
CAD(USD)	0.77	0.766 ↓	0.765 ↓
EUR(USD)	1.122	1.117 ↓	1.113 ↓



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CORONAVIRUS IMPACT ON THE FOREX MARKETS



Corona virus and it's effect on Forex Markets Update III

- The United Kingdom has been placed on Lockdown, effective immediately and enforced by police departments nationwide. The lockdown is expected to last for a minimum of 3 weeks, with restrictions on travel beyond shopping for essentials, daily exercise, and work that cannot be completed from home.
- The United States Federal Reserve has adopted 'open-ended quantitative easing' in an attempt to safeguard US debt, and provide investors with a much-needed safety cushion. While the immediate effect is pulling the dollar down, the hope is that in the long-term it will successfully keep the dollar healthy.
- Italy, having been the European country hit hardest by the Coronavirus epidemic, has shown the starting signs of recovery as the number of new cases drops for the second consecutive day. The German government has signed off on a €750 billion economic package to combat the epidemic, and has stated its willingness to rescue Italy.

The Impact of Coronavirus on the Forex Markets Update II

Multiple Economies around the world are taking a hit and risk-off returns as the market crash intensify on the back of the alarming rate of the spread of Coronavirus.

The yen gets stronger in a fresh flight to safety; the Australian dollar hit a 17 year low at a 17-year low of \$0.59215, and the Kiwi hit an 11 year low at \$0.5850 cents.

Markets are taking a severe hit to liquidate almost everything for cash holding, which is inevitably driving the value of the dollar up.

Forex Trader should learn to trend trade in markets like these and also keep an eye out on the holdings of your [forex broker!](#)

As always Platinum Analyst will be trading through this market with their skills of institutional trading, if you need any advice just send us an email and we will be more than willing to help!

What is Coronavirus – Why Would It Impact the Forex Market

Coronavirus is a zoonotic type of virus, transmitted from animals to humans. It is transmitted amongst humans through coughing sneezing, or even shaking hands. The virus can live for several hours on many types of surfaces, including clothes. To get infected, it's sufficient once on your fingers, to simply touch your mouth, nose or eyes. The good news is that washing your hands with soap greatly reduces the risk of any infection.

This pandemic sees many governments placing people in forced quarantine. Starting with China, but also countries in the west like Italy. Where public events have been cancelled and schools are closed, and whole regions are isolated in parts of northern Italy.

China has cordoned off the whole province of Hubei, where the virus started. Companies like Apple, Tesla, Samsung and Microsoft all have factories in China, which have been shut down. These events may cause a deceleration in GDP, or even recession, as travel and the capability to work is hindered.

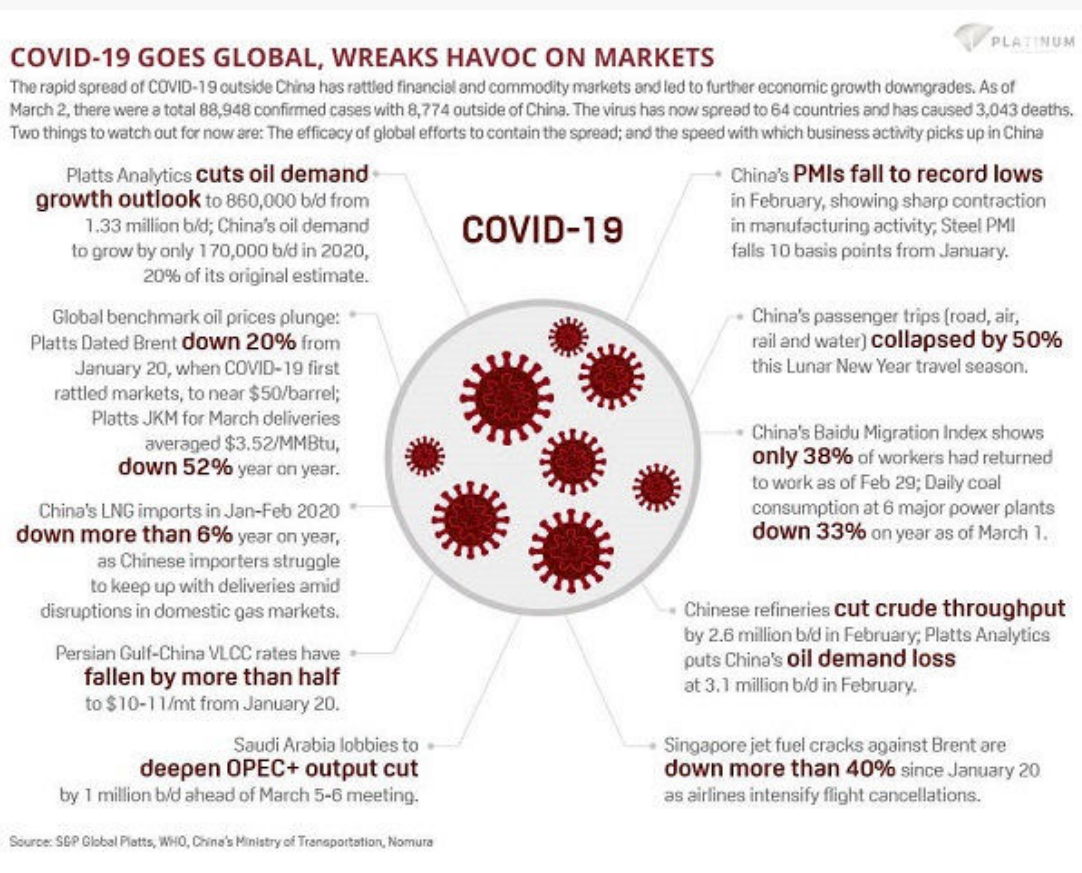
A decelerating economy would weaken that country's currency, however, a global crisis with most major economies effected may see the effect on the Forex market muted. The Coronavirus impact on the forex market could affect certain currencies greatly and others may see very little increase in volatility. [Trading strategies](#) may need to be re-thought to take into account the negative affect on the economy of a currency. Infection count of the Coronavirus may affect how to trade forex. A currency whose country keeps getting headline news with increasingly higher infection counts may see an increase in volatility. Not handy, when you have just decided to [learn to trade Forex](#). But then, they say there's nothing like jumping in the deep end. Jokes apart, it is important to remain calm. Take a step back. Do some research and have a better idea of what exactly is happening.

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Governments and the media love fear, they latter sensationalize it to sell their news better, the former may use it to keep us in line. This isn't anything new it's always been around. The difference today is that they are constantly in our faces with it. Internet and social media have joined the traditional means of TV, radio and paper to constantly drive home the message. However, the internet is a double-sided sword, and it can be a very useful tool to research facts.

The [World Health Organization](#) estimates that as many as 650,000 people die of common flu each year. This is quite a remarkable number. Certainly, we haven't even gotten anywhere close. True, it has only been a few months since the first cases in China, and various contention plans may be helping. But this flu, although more contagious and slightly deadlier, may simply fizzle away as the weather gets warmer like any of the common influenzas each year.

For sure Coronavirus is having a big mediatic effect. It's on every news outlet, TV, radio, and internet. Governments are already making contingency plans to prop up the economy as they fear economic activity may be disrupted. Most of these plans will involve, either or both, more government spending, tax cuts, or interest rate cuts. The FED already cut its interest rate by 0.50%, in part due to worries of the ongoing effect.



Logical Consequences of Coronavirus Impact on Forex Markets

To determine the consequences on Forex markets of global pandemics, such as the case of Coronavirus, we can look at the impact on stock markets. Stock markets are an excellent gauge of economic activity. Forex markets, in the long run, follow the developments in each countries' economy. So, looking at the effects of previous pandemics on the stock market allows us to venture as to how much the Forex market will be affected.

Pandemic	Month End	S&P 6 Month % Change	S&P 12 Month % Change	MSCI 6 Month % Change
SARS	Apr-03	14.59	20.76	21.51
Avian Flu	Jun-06	11.66	18.36	10.05
Swine Flu	Apr-09	18.72	35.96	39.96
Cholera	Nov-10	13.95	5.63	13.61
MERS	May-13	10.74	17.96	8.58
EBOLA	Mar-14	5.34	10.44	4.37
Measles/Rubeola	Dec-14	0.2	-0.73	2.29
Zika	Jan-16	12.03	17.45	-0.57

The table above looks at the US stock market and the world-wide index compiled by Morgan Stanley. The US economy is the world's largest if that market is affected there will necessarily be repercussions throughout the globe.

What we see from the above table is that there was a little negative impact on global economies. Statistically speaking it probably looks like there is a positive correlation between pandemics and positive performance of the stock market. The coronavirus impact on Forex markets may be different. This time governments in certain countries are beginning to take action to try and stop the spread of the epidemic. In some countries imposing quarantines individually or even on whole towns. Stock markets are certainly reacting differently this time round also. Most major stock markets have taken a hit since news of Coronavirus hit the headlines.

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How Much Has Coronavirus Impacted Forex Market

Let's take a look at the coronavirus impact on Forex markets. We can have a look at the impact on the stock markets since the outbreak of the virus in various western countries. I'm going to Take February 3rd as the starting point to look at stock market performance. On that day [CNN reported](#) that there had been 426 deaths and more than 20,000 contagions world-wide.

The table below shows the effect of Coronavirus headline news once it hit the market.

Week	S&P Weekly % change	MSCI Weekly % change
17-Feb-20	-1.35	-1.18
24-Feb-20	-11.62	-10.89
2-Mar-20	-0.84	0.38

Looking at a daily chart of the UK stock market we see a similar pattern. The FTSE 100 was in a sideways trend, with a certain bullish tendency over the previous months, back to August 2019. The lateral price movement was mainly due to the uncertainty created with Brexit. However, the stock market was holding its ground. That is until 24th February when the FTSE tanked. Shares are possibly perceived as the riskiest asset by investors. So, they usually get hit very hard. The FTSE 100 has dropped 20.8% from its high on 24th February. You could say a market rout in all effect, and as the pandemic spreads we probably haven't seen the full extent of the Coronavirus impact on the Forex market.



The Coronavirus impact on the Forex markets is inevitable given the strain being taken on all major stock markets. Stock markets are in turmoil because of the possibility this pandemic will restrict economic activity in a great way. This is plausible, as we are seeing restriction of movement to and from large geographical areas, major mass events shut down. And we are not talking only about China.

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Emotional Decision Making a Consequence of Coronavirus Impact on Forex Market

Fear is always a big driving factor in market price action. It also dictates more general social behaviour too. In Italy, whole supermarkets saw their shelves emptied in a single day. This was before any lockdowns were even mentioned but at the beginning of the spread of Coronavirus. Even now, with hindsight that behaviour seems extremely unnecessary, as supplies are open and regular.

So, it's reasonable to think that fear also drives masses in the Forex market to take the same action in their trading strategies. This fear has shown a certain pattern. Investors don't like risk, in general, or rather they want to hold assets that don't have too much of a bumpy ride. Also, add that in times of danger or threats investors will typically favour less risky assets. We have already seen UK short term gilts drive into negative yields. This happens as investors dump risky assets such as stocks to buy low-risk government bonds.

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We don't actually have a financial crisis, however, the fear that this may occur is driving the market right now. Investors are acting in accordance with the fact that a financial and economical crisis is just around the corner. So, as market players get emotional and everyone heads for the exit door certain markets will get hit harder than others. Trading strategies tend to align in times of crisis and that includes Forex markets. Everyone knows where the perceived danger is, and they also know where the perceived safety is.

But which currencies show the Coronavirus impact on Forex markets? Let's have a look at the Japanese yen. We have seen a rush on this currency over the past days. The yen is considered a haven currency when compared to the US dollar. This might seem surprising but whenever there has been a global crisis the yen has usually appreciated. If the US dollar is considered risky and the yen is considered simply less risky, then USDJPY will simply go south to reflect investor and market preference.



In the chart above we can see the extent of the Coronavirus impact on the Forex market. The chart shows how the yen has appreciated over the past 12 trading days. From a high of 112.22 on 20th February, then an almost vertical slide to a low of 101.18 on 9th March. This has happened as Coronavirus contagion and death toll counts have risen globally. That's a 9.8% drop in the value of the dollar in just 12 days. There, of course, is the double effect of the FED interest rate cut on 3rd March, but there is a good amount of fear that pushed the yen so high in such a short amount of time.

Looking at the previous months leading up to the dollar rout, we see a steady upward trend for USDJPY. The Japanese economy hasn't been developing very well at all for various years now. The most recent data showed GDP shrunk by 7% for the quarter. While the US economy has been racing forward, it seemed a logical rally for this pair. Until the Coronavirus showed up and investors scattered for safety, forgetting all the fundamentals.

If we look at the EURUSD we can see a similar Coronavirus impact on the Forex market. In the chart below we can see how EURUSD touched a low of 1.0778 on 20th February, to then reverse rapidly higher over the following 12 days to reach a recent high on 9th March at 1.1495. That's a 6.2% Increase. Exceptionally remarkable when the ECB recently cut rates into deeper negative territory and the Euro currency was in a constant slow decline since mid-January. Again, the FED interest rate cut would have helped this rally, but the Coronavirus added extra fuel.



However, the Coronavirus impact on the Forex market will not always be negative for the US dollar. As we mentioned before. Investors prefer a less risky asset to a riskier one. So, with each currency pair, a comparison should be made. If we look at the Coronavirus impact on the forex markets in emerging markets, we will see that the dollar benefits from the current Coronavirus pandemic.

Let's take the Mexican peso as an example. The peso had been strengthening since August 2019. True, it was going through a bumpy ride but it was appreciating in value against the US dollar. Here also, the currency pair hit a turning point on 17th February, where USDMXN reached a recent low of 18.52. It has since then shot up to a recent high of 22.05. That's an increase of 19.1%, even in emerging markets that's a big number. Here the fear factor is more evident. If the US dollar rout against the yen and euro were fundamental then there may be some fallout, maybe less, against almost all currencies. Yet against the peso, where the dollar had been losing ground it suddenly shoots up.

In this case, the Mexican peso is a riskier asset than the US dollar, so investors dump the peso and buy US dollars. Here the FED interest rate cut should have helped the peso strengthen against its northern neighbour. Yet that was not the case, not even close. As news has been reaching the headlines of more contagions, more deaths, and of possible global economic recession, investors have exited any market which is perceived as risky. The end result, the peso took a whacking over the last 12 days, while it had previously been gaining ground against the US dollar.



The spotlight is back on shorting the financial markets with some experts suggesting the only safe currency is the dollar. In these times, knowing how to trade the eurodollar could be quite profitable as this represents 43% of the dollar index. We have seen several flash crashes and its times like this in March 2020 where rapidly spreading coronavirus in Europe has all the bears interested in short selling the indices such as ftse 100 and Dax 30. When in doubt stay, is what we have learned from almost 18 years of trading the financial markets. If you would like to learn how to take advantage of these trading opportunities or need help on your current forex trading strategies, please let us know and fill out the consultation form below. As many of you know oil has collapsed almost 30% in one single day if you would like to learn how to trade commodities [click here](#).

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FOREX TRADING ARTICLE

GET TO KNOW THE TOP FINANCIAL MARKETS FOR TRADING IN 2020



As the new decade comes rolling in, it is important that you have your finger on the pulse of the top financial markets for trading. Expert investment strategy groups suggest that, for 2020, it's going to be extremely advantageous to focus on stocks with high projected earnings growth.

There are a number of market-shaking events that shaped the past decade, and 2020 is set to become even more remarkable for the financial markets. This is due to the fact that there are currently so many impactful events across the Globe. These include things such as Brexit in the UK, which will also affect Europe and of course the US presidential election, both currently making waves in the financial markets.

Whether you are planning to venture into a new career, going full-time into trading, or are planning on something a little more passive, it is essential that you get to know the top financial markets for trading in the coming year. If you are an [advanced trader](#) or just a [beginner trader](#) and you are not quite sure where to start, don't panic just yet! We have crafted this quick crash-course to set you on the right path to trading. Here are our **top Financial markets you should be trading in 2020.**

The Current financial markets in 2020.

In a nutshell, a **financial market** is a market in which buyers and sellers have the platform to trade foreign exchange, commodities, financial securities, among many other freely exchangeable items. The prices in the financial markets are determined by market forces, and this is where trading happens on both a national and global level.

It is the main job of traders to buy and sell securities in the market in order to gain potential profit, all while doing their best to minimise risk. The common trend among seasoned traders is that they focus on a single financial market, and it can be quite unlikely that traders tend to dabble in varying ones. Having a solid understanding of a particular financial market and staying up to date with the latest impactful news can be quite demanding, this is why traders tend to specialise. Especially traders who are just starting out or are looking for a passive return on their investment.

However, even if you decide to put all your attention in just one financial market, it's still of great benefit if you have an overview of all the financial markets that are available for trading. This is because they all function in a sort of web that can impact one another. Awareness is key and knowing about and understanding all the markets will give you an extra advantage. Thus, we will then give you a bird's eye view of all the most important financial markets out there, and what their global roles are.

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How are financial markets different?

The most important term here is “market” because the financial market functions pretty much the same way. Markets are where goods and products are sold and bought, but the difference lies in what is being exchanged; In financial markets, you would see the act of buying, holding, and selling of financial securities, instruments, and products instead of food, clothing, or any other tangible product or service.

It is a common misconception among beginners that there is only one financial market but, the truth is that they have grown exponentially over the years! Here are some of the most common kind of financial markets:

- Derivatives markets
- Foreign Exchange market / FX
- Capital markets
- Commodity markets
- Cryptocurrency markets
- Money markets
- Insurance market
- Mortgage market

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How are financial markets different?

Financial markets are incredibly essential to the economy because they offer these six functions:

- Efficiency
- Risk sharing
- Price determination
- Liquidity
- Information about the flow of funds
- Liquidity

These financial markets are what keep the gears moving with regard to the flow and movement of funds within global markets and the overall economic system. They have had a consistent role all throughout history, with the dawn of technology introducing even more ways for international markets to become intertwined. Thus, these connections are what helped financial markets grow into what they are now.

Best Financial Markets for Trading in 2020

If you are still unsure of which financial market you should be delving in, then let us help you out with this guide. We have compiled the best financial markets to trade in for 2020! All you have to do is read on and find out which fits best for you, your lifestyle, and the budget that you have.

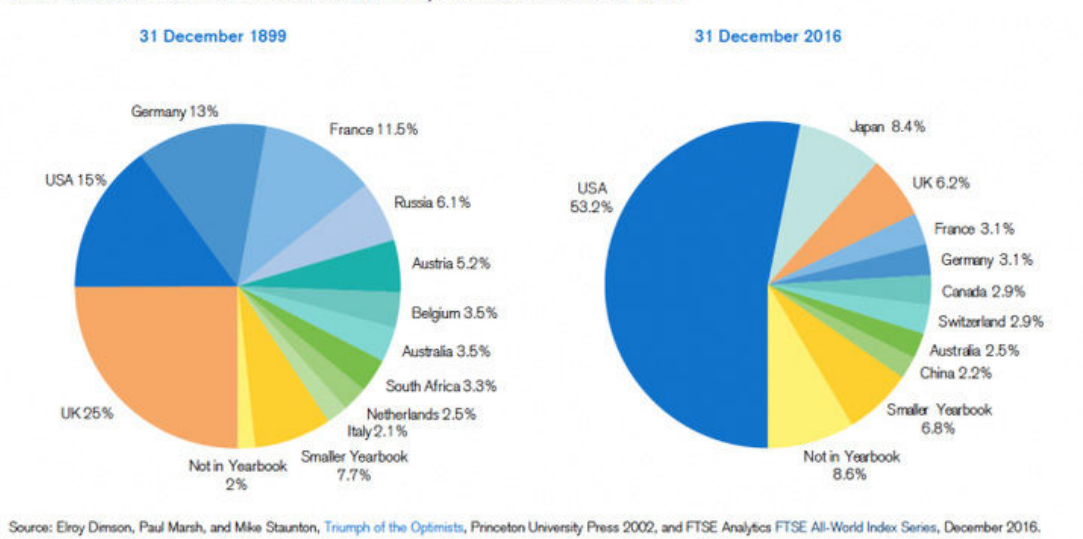
1. Stock Market

The stock market is unarguably more prominent in certain countries, but it is certainly a pillar in the economy of most countries. The stock market is a type of financial market in which financing revolves around the buying, issuance, and selling of shares of stock.

If you are looking for long-term investments, then the stock market may be the perfect choice for you. The US stock market has grown incredibly over the past decade and is predicted to become even bigger this 2020.

Within the last 100 years, the US has achieved market dominance, consolidated their exchanges, and a secular sector rotation has occurred. This graph from Yahoo Finance shows the contrast between the world's stock markets in 1899, and 2016.

Chart 1: Relative sizes of world stock markets, end-1899 versus end-2016



Stock Market: Best for Medium to long investments.

2. Forex Market

The forex market has demonstrated an impressive growth from \$5 billion in 1977 to over \$5 trillion in 2017. Big numbers! This steady increase has been thanks to price volatility, advanced computers, more trading tools and access to information, and even the advancement of technology. Think about personal computers and how easy people now have access to these markets online. The barrier to entry is much smaller and the potential of becoming a forex trader is much more accessible. You can also join our [Forex trading course](#) to assist with your journey.

If you are seeking to trade in a market that is leaning towards short and medium-term trading times, then the forex market may be the one you are looking for. There are tons of classes, crash courses, and resources available online for you to kickstart your trading journey!

Forex Market: Best for shorter-term trading & new traders

3. Bond Market or the Real Estate Market

In terms of bond markets, these are where financing is derived through the issuance, buying, and selling of bonds. It is considered a capital market since it can also give financing for long-term investments, but it is not limited to just that! It is possible to buy or invest in bonds that have maturities of less than a year. These are usually considered to be sold in money markets.

On the other hand, the real estate market is one where financing is provided through the buy and sell acts of properties. Out of all the examples we have on this list, the real estate market is a prime example of a capital market since the properties are held for multiple years, and are illiquid.

Bond Market: Best for long term investments.

4. Derivatives Market

The derivatives market is a type of financial market for instruments such as underlying assets and financial derivatives. There are four types of participants in the derivatives market, namely: hedgers, margin traders, arbitrageurs, and speculators. There are also for main types of derivatives contracts, which are futures, forwards, swaps, and options.

Speculators take on the task of using instruments to hedge against risk or to take on that risk presented to make a potential profit.

Derivatives Market: More experienced traders.

5. Cryptocurrency Markets

This is one of the newest types of financial markets, but it has certainly made an impact on traders all over the world. Bitcoins and other forms of Altcoins even took center stage in many news outlets in the past decade, due to the strong surge of price volatility that caused a surge attracting many newbie traders. **Bitcoin, in fact, gained 8.9 million percent** over the last decade, a staggering increase making it the best investment of the last ten years.

The path that cryptocurrency markets will take is still quite uncertain, and it is all up to 2020 and the coming years to determine just how it can shape financial markets in general. We advise that you should do your research before getting into cryptocurrency, as it is an extremely young and volatile market and presents a high risk, high reward approach to trading.

Cryptocurrency Market: High volatility best for big returns but much riskier.

There are many types of financial markets around, and it is all about finding the one that will fit your preferences and your budget. However, there is one thing that cannot be denied among all of them: financial markets play a lead role in the success and strength of an economy,

Final tips for trading financial markets in 2020

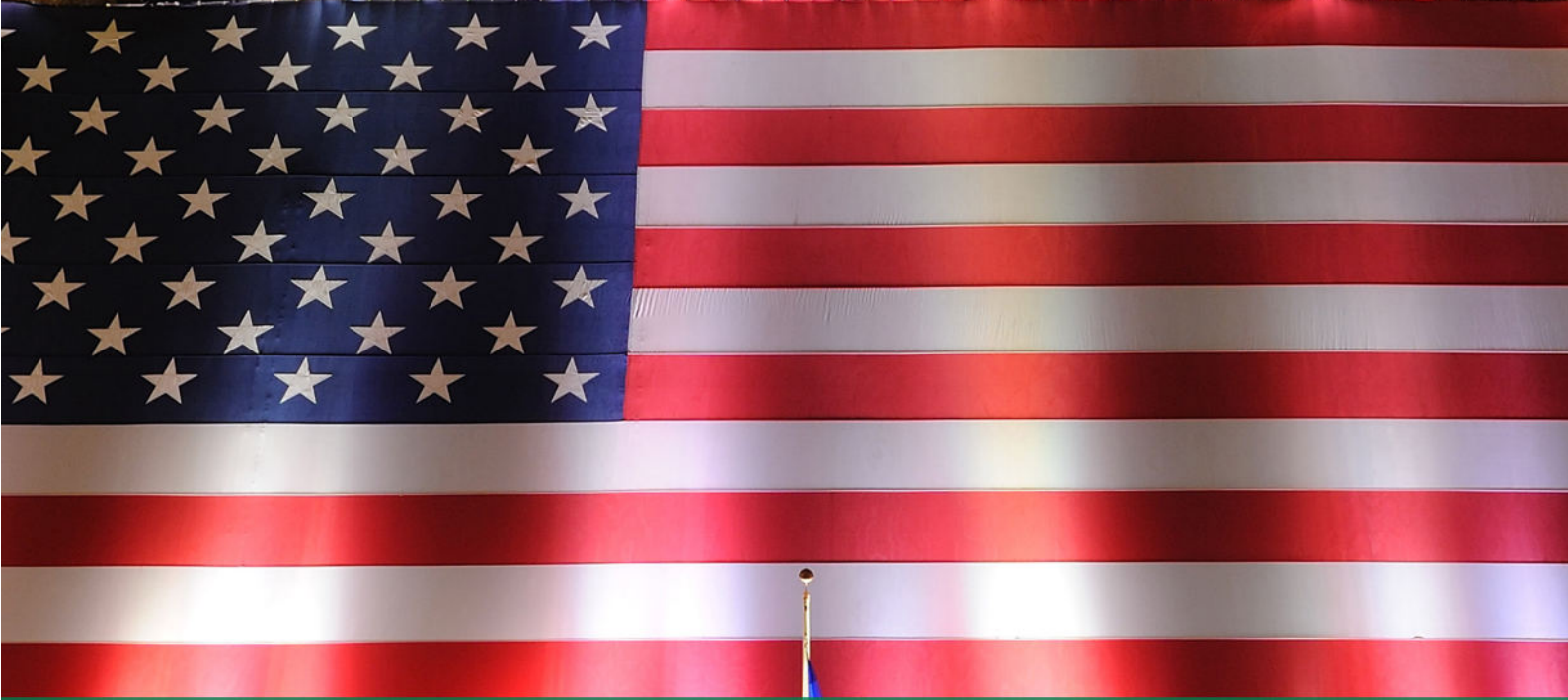
Before jumping headfirst into investing in a certain financial market, be sure that you have a solid understanding of it and if it meets your criteria. While you cannot know for sure the next movements in the economy, it is important that you have an accurate view of the potential risks and rewards that are attached to every move you make. After all, it is your money that you're putting forth, so it is best that you make wise and well-calculated decisions.

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In short, there are a number of markets available, but not all are equal. Obviously, you have the major pairs and the minor pairs, the exotics, and the commodities, but this isn't what we mean when we talk about the markets not being equal.

There are a few key markets within each of these collectives that stand above the rest, and identifying them can be difficult even for a seasoned trader.

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