

FOUR POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF LEVERAGING CRYPTO INDEXES FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORS

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The world of [crypto](#) assets can be overwhelming for financial advisors looking to understand and invest in this market. With a variety of different [tokens](#) in the crypto market, it can be difficult to know where to start. Building the capabilities required to research, monitor and stay up to date with the crypto market can take a lot of time and money.

That's where crypto indexes may come in.

Crypto indexes can serve as a helpful information resource for financial advisors in seeking to track an investment methodology in the crypto market.

Financial advisors may find the following as potential benefits of crypto indexes:

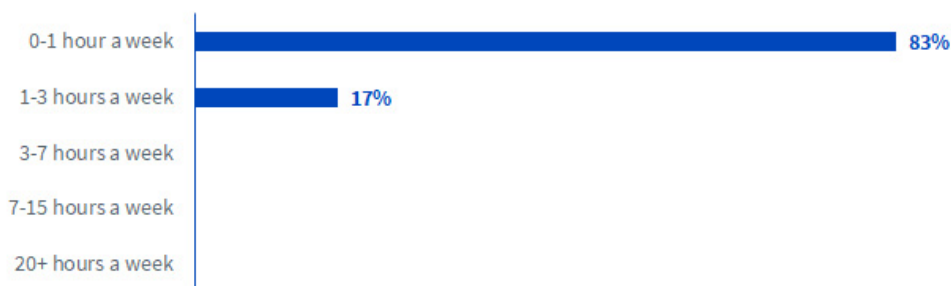
1. Leverage an index provider's information

As a financial advisor or investment professional, how much time and money can you justify spending to build out a [digital assets](#) research team and digital asset capabilities?

In a webinar last year, we polled a large audience of financial advisors and found that most advisors and their firms had their most knowledgeable digital asset person only spending between zero and one hour a week on digital assets.

No one in the audience spent more than three hours a week on digital assets.

How many hours a week does the most knowledgeable Digital Asset person on your team spend researching Digital Assets for work?



Source: WisdomTree Crypto201 presentation, 10/11/22.

When it comes to investing in the crypto market, it's important to educate yourself and leverage a number of sources of information, including information made publicly available by index providers.

2. Potentially reduce risk through less reliance on active investments

Another key benefit of leveraging publicly available information provided through crypto indexes is that it may reduce risk by eliminating the need to make active investments in individual coins or tokens. Instead, you may use the information to implement a passive investing strategy to achieve greater diversification in the crypto sector. Although diversification does not eliminate risk, particularly in a highly volatile and speculative area such as crypto, diversification may help reduce the risk of a single cryptocurrency investment.

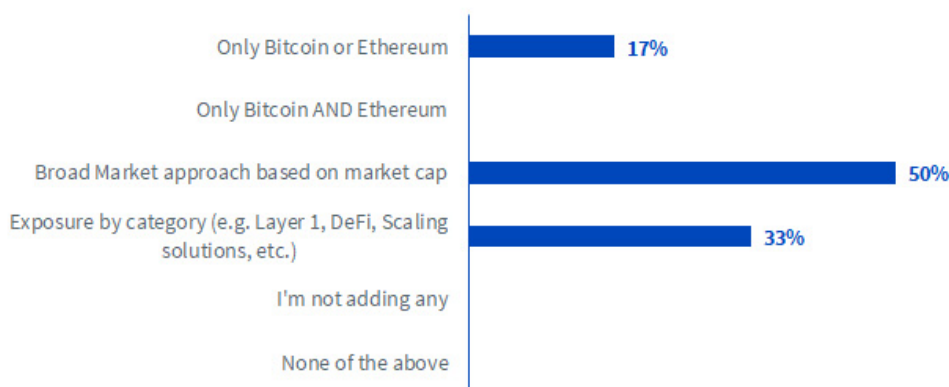
3. Add diversification for the long term

With so many cryptocurrencies widely available and a constantly shifting market, seeking to track a broad-based crypto index, whether based on the entire market or a particular segment of the market, may allow a financial advisor or investment professional to diversify their client's holdings.

Whether a financial advisor or investment professional is interested in the whole market or subcategories such as layer 1 payment networks, layer 1 smart contract networks and [decentralized finance \(DeFi\)](#), they may be able to implement client strategies by leveraging an index that tracks those categories.

By leveraging the information associated with a crypto index and grounded in a methodology, the index can provide a level of information that may help a financial advisor or investment professional to focus on its clients long term goals and objectives.

If you were to add Digital Asset exposure to your client portfolios, how would you do it?



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4. Implementation through technology solutions

To track an index in client portfolios, it's important to consider the efficiency that can potentially be added through a technology solution that integrates with an advisor's tech stack and has a user experience that can work for you, as an advisor, in implementing client trades.

The Onramp Invest platform is one example of a technology solution used by financial advisors who have clients interested in getting exposure to crypto.

Onramp bridges the world of digital assets and traditional finance for financial professionals. Indexes are available through Onramp's marketplace, which an adviser can leverage as an information and education resource in potentially investing for clients in seeking to pursue strategies that meet each client's wealth management goals and objectives.

"One of the biggest things we consistently hear from financial advisors is that they believe in the benefits of digital asset investment, but they don't have the time to properly learn about, allocate to and manage a client's crypto investment that may amount to less than 5% of that client's AUM," stated Eric Ervin, CEO of Onramp Invest.

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Cryptocurrency : a digital or virtual currency that is secured by cryptography, which makes it nearly impossible to counterfeit or double-spend.

Token (cryptocurrency) : A digital unit of value that represents an asset or utility.

Digital asset : Anything that is stored digitally and is uniquely identifiable that organizations can use to realize value.

Decentralized Finance (DeFi) : A system by which financial products become available on a public decentralized blockchain network.