

# iConnections Digital Assets Forum

The Institutional Case for Digital Assets


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## Tuesday May 31, 2022

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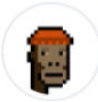
## Wednesday June 1, 2022

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST
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8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	<div>OPENING REMARKS</div> <div>Speaker:<div><div></div><div><b>Ron Biscardi</b> Chief Executive Officer, iConnections</div></div></div>

8:45 AM – 9:30 AM

FIRESIDE WITH PUNK6529 AND GMONEY

Speaker:



**gmoney**  
Futurist. Disruptor. Ape.



**Punk6529**  
NFT Collector, Investor,  
Thought Leader

Moderator:



**Michelle Noyes**  
Managing Director, Head of  
Americas,  
AIMA

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

VC INVESTMENT – SEEKING OUT LONG-TERM VALUE

- In light of recent market volatility, how have the risk parameters changed for VC investors?
- Are valuations still attractive for early-stage versus late-stage VC?
- Where are the most exciting opportunities, at the sub-sector level, for backing early stage companies?

Speaker:



**Eliot Durbin**  
General Partner,  
Boldstart Ventures



**Jalak Jobanputra**  
Founder & Managing  
Partner,  
Future Perfect Ventures

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

OPPORTUNITIES AND BARRIERS TO INVESTING

- Crypto volatility – price driven predominantly by supply/demand rather than underlying fundamentals. Is this likely to remain the preserve of speculators?
- How far along the ‘hype curve’ are we before crypto becomes a truly institutional asset class?
- Could tokenisation of alternative asset funds accelerate the growth – and appeal – of digital assets over the next few years?

Speaker:



**Rabia Iqbal**  
Managing Partner and Co-  
Founder,  
Nural Capital



**John Jonson**  
Head of Capital Formation,  
Pantera Capital



**Chris Matta**  
President of 3iQ Digital  
Assets US,  
3iQ Digital Asset  
Management



**Eric Weiss**  
Founder & Chief Investment  
Officer,  
Blockchain Investment  
Group

Moderator:



**Mike McGlone**  
Senior Commodity Strategist,  
Bloomberg Intelligence

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

EXPLORING THE CRYPTO TAX LANDSCAPE

- Technical tax and accounting issues facing asset managers that trade digital assets
- Current tax and accounting treatment of cryptocurrencies, crypto derivatives and NFTs
- Structuring alternatives and best practices within the digital assets space
- A review of current market practice and possible future transformations

Speaker:



**Sam Lee**  
Managing Director and  
Head of Tax,  
Galaxy Digital



**Lisa Zarlenga**  
Tax partner, Steptoe & Chair,  
ABA Crypto tax force

Moderator:



**Tony Tuths**  
Digital Asset Practice Leader, Tax  
Principal, Alternative Investments,  
KPMG

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

CRYPTO AND BLOCKCHAIN AND HOW THEY FIT IN WITH ESG

- Proof-of-work algos use up significant energy to mine crypto tokens like Bitcoin – what improvements are being made to make crypto funds more environmentally friendly?
- What are investors asking for from managers, in respect to ESG criteria?
- Importance of global initiatives, such as the Crypto Impact & Sustainability Accelerator (CISA) established by the World Economic Forum in collaboration with CoinDesk

Speaker:



**Osho Jha**  
Co-Founder & Chief Data  
Scientist, Arbol Inc.,  
Founding Partner,  
dClimate



**Chris Perkins**  
Managing Partner and  
President,  
Coinfund



**Staci Warden**  
Chief Executive Officer and  
board member,  
Algorand Foundation

Moderator:



**Sarah Kopit**  
Editor-in-Chief,  
The Block

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

LUNCH

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

MKT CALL RECORDING WITH GUY ADAMI, DAN NATHAN AND GUESTS

Speaker:



**Guy Adami**  
Co-Founder,  
RiskReversal



**Dan Nathan**  
Founder and Principal,  
RiskReversal Advisors

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

RISK AND VALUATION METHODOLOGIES

- Market manipulation and its impact on valuation
- Best practices and emerging trends for valuing digital assets
- Collateral management considerations for active trading
- Managing counterparty risk in a digital asset framework

Speaker:



**Lauren Abendschein**  
Head of US Institutional Sales,  
Coinbase



**Alex Botte**  
Head of Client and Portfolio Solutions,  
Runa Digital Assets



**Jack McDonald**  
CEO,  
PolySign



**Michelle Perry**  
Head of Operational Due Diligence,  
Galaxy Vision Hill

Moderator:



**Steven D'Mello**  
Partner,  
Albourne Partners

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

REGULATION AND ACCESS TO PRODUCTS

- What are regulators' current views on cryptocurrencies and their classification as securities?
- How are regulators thinking about digital asset classifications...securities, currencies, commodities, other?
- How inevitable is it that crypto exchanges will be forced to register as broker/dealers?

Speaker:



**Georgia Quinn**  
General Counsel,  
Anchorage Digital



**Matt Taber**  
Partner,  
Harneys

Moderator:



**Karl Cole-Frieman**  
Co-Managing Partner,  
Cole-Frieman & Mallon

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

PERSPECTIVES ON DIGITAL ALPHA GENERATION

- What trends are you seeing and monitoring in the cryptocurrency space, as you seek to generate alpha in your respective strategies?
- Exchange-traded crypto investing versus VC investing – what are the pros and cons in the current environment?
- What risk/return characteristics should investors expect when buying your funds? And what is the single most important piece of advice you would offer a prospective investor?

Speaker:



**Roy Niederhoffer**  
President,  
R. G. Niederhoffer Capital Management



**Jeffrey Park**  
Active Portfolio Manager,  
Bitwise Asset Management



**Christopher Rhine**  
Portfolio Manager,  
Galaxy Digital



**Jason Zins**  
Partner,  
SkyBridge Capital

Moderator:



**John D'Agostino**  
Senior Advisor: Strategy,  
Coinbase

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

## EXPLORING CRYPTO'S EMERGING ROLE IN GEOPOLITICS

- What are the panel's views on how Ukraine has utilized digital currencies? Have you been surprised?
- What future controls and restrictions might governments seek to impose on digital asset platforms and exchanges?
- Who could have imagined crypto's rise to prominence in a geopolitical context five years ago...which begs the question, what could we be talking about in the next five years? Has crypto crossed the geopolitical rubicon?

Speaker:



**Rachel Anderika**  
Chief Risk Officer,  
Anchorage Digital Bank



**Mike Castiglione**  
Director of Regulatory  
Affairs, Digital Assets,  
Eventus



**Robert Greene**  
VP & Chief of Staff,  
Patomak Global Partners



**James Koutoulas**  
CEO,  
Typhon Capital  
Management

Moderator:



**Robert Baldwin**  
Head of Policy,  
Association for Digital Assets  
Markets

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

## ASSESSING THE NFT HYPE CURVE

- Trading in NFTs reached \$25 billion in 2021 according to Reuters – how big a marketplace could this become in the next few years?
- How will Web3 and the metaverse shape the commercial aspect of NFTs as a viable asset class, especially as global brands like Nike and Visa become active?
- What are you most excited about, and most concerned about, as you assess this marketplace today?

Speaker:



**Avery Akkineni**  
President,  
VaynerNFT



**Jeff Bandman**  
COO and Chief Legal  
Officer,  
6529 Holdings



**Erik LaPaglia**  
NFT Evangelist, web3  
Investor/Advisor, Co-  
Founder,  
Miami NFT



**Jessica Raybeck**  
Head of Institutional  
Relationship Management,  
BlockFi

Moderator:



**Sergio Silva**  
Sales Director,  
Fireblocks

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4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

DEFI GROWTH OUTLOOK

- After a record year in 2021, with 240 VC deals completed, is the DeFi growth trend here to stay or will it be a flash in the pan?
- What are the primary growth drivers behind the rise in deal flow and what investment themes or areas of DeFi should investors be paying attention to?
- How do investment returns in DeFi compare to other areas of VC investing – what should investors be aiming for?

Speaker:



**Michael Bucella**  
General Partner,  
BlockTower Capital



**Lorien Gabel**  
CEO & Cofounder,  
Figment



**Tongtong Gong**  
Co-founder and COO,  
Amberdata



**Marissa Kim**  
General Partner,  
Abra Capital Management

Moderator:



**Nicole Valentine**  
FinTech Director,  
Milken Institute

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

THE POWER OF WEB3 AND METAVERSE: PREDICTING THE FUTURE OF MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT

Speaker:



**Falon Fatemi**  
CEO & Co-Founder,  
Fireside



**Jon Vlassopoulos**  
Managing Partner and  
Founder,  
A-Force Ventures

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

RAISING ASSETS: PERSPECTIVES FROM ALLOCATORS AND MANAGERS

- Crypto assets grew 3.5 times to \$2.6 trillion – what is the fundraising assessment for the first six months of 2022?
- Where are allocators focusing their attention in 2022, in terms of fund manager profile and strategy type?
- How might the emergence of crypto-asset exchange traded funds (ETFs) such as the ProShares Bitcoin futures ETF, influence fundraising....will passive begin to overtake active, in terms of market share?

Speaker:



**Sebastian Corrochano**  
Strategy and Business  
Development,  
Galaxy Digital



**Joe Marena**  
Head of Digital Assets  
Investing,  
Cambridge Associates



**Gayan Wijesinha**  
Principal, Senior Research  
Analyst and member of the  
Investment Committee,  
Investcorp-Tages

Moderator:



**Shelley Rosensweig**  
Partner, Investment Management  
and Private Equity Practice Groups,  
Haynes and Boone

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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**Ocean Terrace**

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DINNER

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ONE ON ONE MEETINGS

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