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INVESTMENT UPDATE



Bitcoin ended August below a value of \$9,500



Ethereum was down to below \$170.



Bitcoin could be a safe haven for traders.



Blockchain could reach 5-year compound annual growth rate of 76% between 2018-2023.

CRYPTOCURRENCIES

August delivered another challenging month for cryptocurrencies, following a brief rally where all major coins failed to maintain upward momentum. Bitcoin ended the month below \$9,500 with Ethereum below \$170. Despite the sharp decline, we saw traders and investors still keen to buy and there is a strong belief in the crypto community that prices will regain yearly highs in the coming months and continue to rise within the last quarter of the year.

We continued our cautious approach in August which proved to be prudent, as such we held a significant portion of our portfolio in cash and were able to mitigate the losses that were seen across the board. We recorded a small loss of -4.9% in August which outperformed most crypto portfolios for the month.

We believe that now is the time to be positive, and to position tactics for strong gains across the big 4 cryptos. The summer has come to an end, meaning traders are back at their desks and investors are eyeing low prices as an opportunity to build bigger positions in cryptocurrencies.

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With stock markets delivering substantial volatility over the summer and increasing concerns over global macroeconomic conditions, we believe that more people will place a focus on the crypto market to deliver gains that are not correlated to traditional markets.

Bitcoin could also benefit from an increasing belief amongst many investors that it offers a safe haven in times of stock market contraction, much like gold. ■



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BLOCKCHAIN

August was a remarkably busy month for our blockchain team, with several months of due diligence on a number of projects and businesses reaching completion. After an exhaustive process, there are two deals that we look to complete in the next 8-12 weeks, the largest of which is focused on blockchain for healthcare; an area of particular interest given the need for data security and patient privacy.

Blockchain as a whole is receiving increasingly widespread praise and support, along with interesting data coming from reports around the world. The technology will see a 5-year compound

annual growth rate (CAGR) of 76% between 2018-2023, according to International Data Corp, and to the World Economic Forum, wide-scale adoption will lead to 5% increase in global GDP and 15% increase in trade volume.

Government use of blockchain looks to increase, giving a very positive signal for the future of the technology. US government agencies have spent almost \$10Million on blockchain analysis and the US Department of Energy has given a grant to blockchain firm TFA labs to help secure the national energy grid. ■



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