

# IBIT: BITCOIN ACCESS MADE EASY

**iShares**  
by BlackRock

Access bitcoin through the convenience of an exchange-traded product

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## iShares Bitcoin Trust ETF

**IBIT**

**Sponsor fee:** 0.25%, waived to 0.12% for 12 months up to \$5bn in assets.<sup>3</sup>

**Inception Date:** 1/5/2024

**Investment objective:** The Trust seeks to reflect generally the performance of the price of bitcoin.

**Reference benchmark:** CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate – New York Variant (BRRNY)

**Bitcoin custodian:** Coinbase

**IBIT** is an exchange-traded product that directly invests in bitcoin, offering investors exposure to the digital asset without the challenges of holding it directly.

## Why IBIT for bitcoin?

### 1. Access

IBIT enables investors to access bitcoin through the convenience of an exchange-traded product, helping remove the operational, tax, and custody complexities of holding bitcoin directly.

### 2. Liquidity

IBIT has been the most traded bitcoin exchange-traded product since launch, providing investors with potentially lower transaction costs.<sup>1</sup>

### 3. Integrated technology

IBIT is managed by the world's largest asset manager and leverages a multi-year technology integration developed with Coinbase Prime, the world's largest institutional digital asset custodian.<sup>2</sup>

## Investment themes around bitcoin

### Global monetary alternative

A scarce, decentralized, global monetary alternative that may benefit from increasing global disorder, and declining trust in institutions and government-issued fiat currencies.

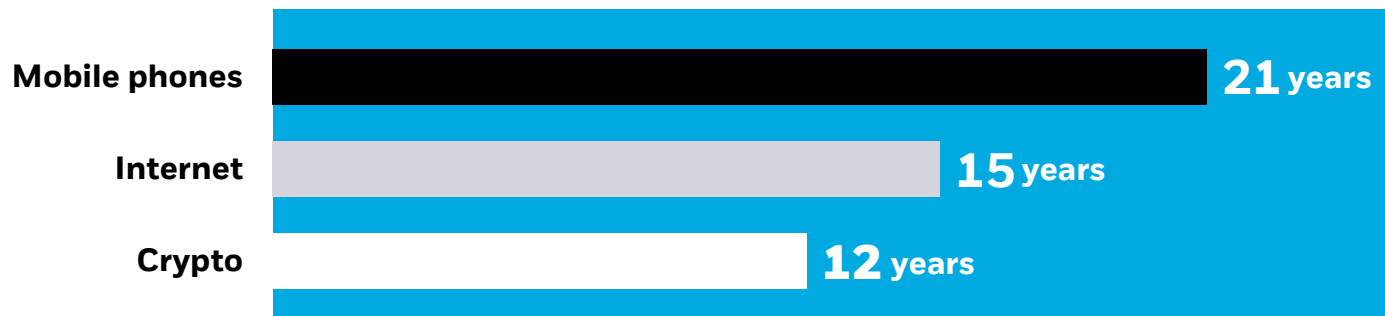
### Blockchain adoption

As the world's predominant cryptoasset,<sup>4</sup> bitcoin can be viewed as a general bet on increasing blockchain and digital asset adoption.

<sup>1</sup>. Based on 20-day average trading volumes and 20-day average bid-ask spreads across all ten U.S. spot bitcoin ETPs, since the commencement of trading on January 11, 2024 through July 24, 2024. Liquidity, characterized by strong trading volume and narrow bid-ask spreads, may potentially lower costs for investors by helping to improve price discovery, reduce transaction costs, and increase market stability. Source: Bloomberg, as of July 24, 2024. <sup>2</sup>. BlackRock is the world's largest asset manager by AUM, managing \$10.5T as of March 31, 2024. Coinbase Prime is a full-service prime broker of Coinbase, Inc. which is an affiliate of the iShares Bitcoin Trust ETF with \$1.71B in institutional assets under custody as of March 31, 2024. <sup>3</sup>. BlackRock will waive a portion of the Sponsor's Fee for the first 12 months commencing on January 11, 2024, so that the fee will be 0.12% of the net asset value of the Trust for the first \$5.0 billion of the Trust's assets. If the fund exceeds \$5.0 billion of the Trust's assets prior to the end of the 12-month period, the Sponsor's Fee charged on assets over \$5.0 billion will be 0.25%. All investors will incur the same Sponsor's Fee which is the weighted average of those fee rates. After the 12-month waiver period is over, the Sponsor's Fee will be 0.25%. <sup>4</sup>. Bitcoin predominance based on its market cap of \$1.2 trillion, which accounts for greater than 50% of the total market cap of all cryptoassets excluding stablecoins (Source: The Tie, CoinGecko, and BlackRock calculations., as of April 30, 2024). Many investors believe that increased adoption of blockchain technology and cryptoassets will lead to further adoption and trading of bitcoin as it is the predominant and most widely adopted cryptoasset in the digital asset ecosystem.

# The pace of digital asset adoption exceeds other breakthrough technologies

Time needed to achieve over 300 million users



Source: Boston Consulting Group (“What does the future hold for crypto exchanges”) and United Nations, as of Jul. 2022. Crypto users measured by analyzing on-chain data from bitcoin, ethereum, and other blockchains and assuming all on-chain users own some crypto.

## Bitcoin has been the top performing major asset class in many years and the lowest in others

### Bitcoin performance compared with other select major asset classes<sup>5</sup>

Returns for 2013–2024 YTD, %

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD	Cumulative Return	Annualized Return
BTC 5,428%	SPX 15%	BTC 36%	BTC 120%	BTC 1,375%	AGG 0.3%	BTC 95%	BTC 305%	BTC 60%	CMT 20%	BTC 157%	BTC 41%	BTC 450,720%	BTC 132%
SPX 29%	AGG 6%	SPX 1%	HY 18%	EM 35%	HY -2%	SPX 31%	Gold 24%	SPX 31%	Gold 1%	SPX 27%	Gold 11%	SPX 326%	SPX 13%
HY 7%	HY 2%	AGG 0.3%	EM 15%	SPX 21%	Gold -3%	EM 21%	SPX 17%	CMT 30%	HY -11%	HY 13%	CMT 8%	HY 69%	HY 5%
AGG -2%	EM 1%	HY -4%	CMT 14%	Gold 12%	SPX -5%	Gold 18%	EM 14%	HY 5%	AGG -12%	Gold 12%	SPX 7%	EM 40%	EM 3%
EM -3%	Gold -3%	Gold -11%	SPX 14%	HY 7%	CMT -9%	HY 14%	AGG 7%	EM -0.4%	EM -18%	EM 9%	EM 4%	Gold 36%	Gold 3%
CMT -9%	CMT -18%	EM -14%	Gold 7%	CMT 6%	EM -15%	CMT 10%	HY 7%	AGG -1%	SPX -19%	AGG 5%	HY 1%	AGG 14%	AGG 1%
Gold -29%	BTC -58%	CMT -25%	AGG 3%	AGG 4%	BTC -74%	AGG 9%	CMT -3%	Gold -6%	BTC -64%	CMT -2%	AGG -3%	CMT 4%	CMT 0.4%

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5. Asset classes shown include major liquid asset classes available to U.S. investors. Bitcoin returns calculated using Bloomberg Bitcoin Spot Price. SPX is represented by the S&P 500 Index (TR). EM is represented by the Dow Jones Emerging Markets Index (TR). AGG is represented by Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (TR). HY is represented by Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index (TR). Gold returns calculated using the spot exchange rate of gold against the U.S. dollar index. CMT is represented by Dow Jones Commodity Index (TR). Source: Bloomberg and BlackRock calculations, as of April 30, 2024.

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