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DIGITAL ASSETS SUMMIT

The next wave of institutional adoption for crypto and digital assets

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OVERVIEW

The FT Digital Assets Summit is the premier forum for exploring the evolving digital assets landscape, bringing together leaders from crypto and mainstream finance. Over two days of keynotes, panels and networking, discussions covered the tokenisation of real-world assets, digital assets in investment portfolios, and blockchain's integration into traditional finance.



The Financial Times Digital Assets Summit in London was a well-curated event, bringing together a high-quality, diverse mix of institutional investors, regulators, and crypto entrepreneurs. It was a valuable opportunity to understand how digital assets are being connected to the institutional world. The event also provided great insight into the London and broader European crypto landscape—highlighting how it's evolving differently from markets like the U.S. and Asia. - **Steve Lee**, Co-Founder, *Neoclassic Capital*



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HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED



From digital assets and tokenisation in capital markets, to the future of stablecoins and navigating volatility, our Digital Assets Summit covered breadth and depth of the most important issues impacting crypto and digital assets in 2025.

With 80+ speakers across a multi-track, two day event featuring keynotes, panels and debates, it was an action-packed couple of days in the heart of the City of London.



We heard from industry leaders across the crypto and traditional finance space. Speakers included Cynthia Lo Bessette, Head of Fidelity Digital Asset Management at Fidelity Investments, Emma Reynolds, Economic Secretary to the Treasury Sabih Behzad, Head of Digital Assets, Deutsche Bank and Natasha Deloge, Head of Innovation, Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF).



Networking opportunities were also used in force with senior leaders from banks, asset managers, institutional investors, regulators, crypto companies and more. We look forward to seeing progress in the digital assets space in the coming year.



Great speakers and a chance to network to find out real challenges and opportunities for Digital Assets investors, regulators etc. - **David Wahi, FIG, BBVA**



DIGITAL ASSETS SUMMIT IN NUMBERS



15+

Hours of content



38

Countries



80

Speakers &
Moderators



39

Sessions



339

Companies



522

Registrations



341

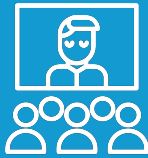
In person Attendees



79%

Total conversion rate

DIGITAL ASSETS SUMMIT IN NUMBERS



73

Unique Live views



259

Joined Brella



247

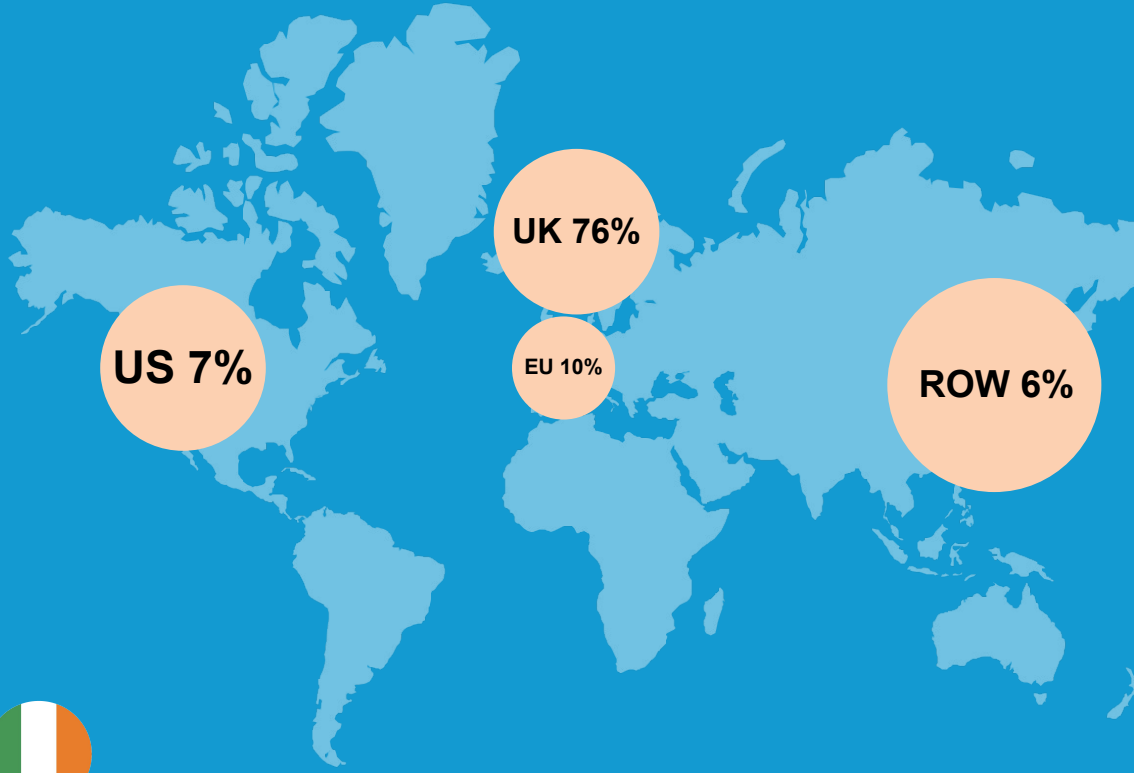
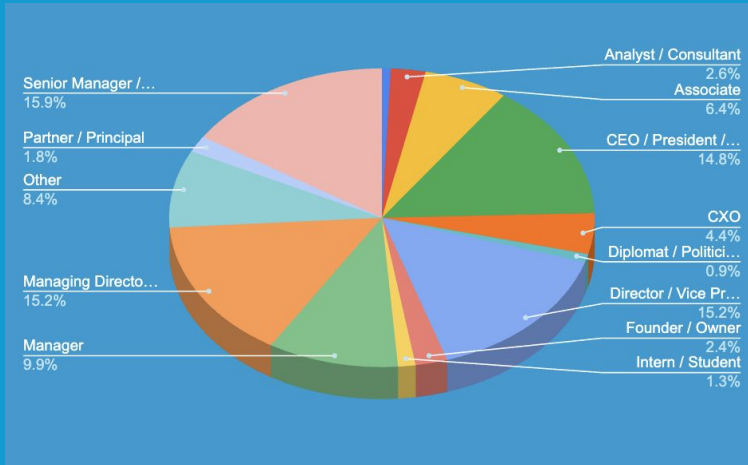
Meetings via Brella



763

1-1 chat messages

WHO MAKES UP THE DIGITAL ASSETS SUMMIT COMMUNITY?



TOP 5 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED





THE HEADLINERS



Emma Reynolds

Economic Secretary to the Treasury
UK Government



Anthony Scaramucci

Founder
SkyBridge Capital



Cynthia Lo Bessette

Head of Fidelity Digital Asset Management
Fidelity Investments



Diana Biggs

Partner
1kx



Tim Draper

Founder
Draper Associates



Sasha Mills

Executive Director, Financial Market
Infrastructure
Bank of England



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Chief Innovation Officer
SWIFT



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Lord Holmes of Richmond MBE
UK Parliament



Andrés Fondevila

Global Product & Digital Assets
BBVA



Fred Gregaard

CEO
Cardano Foundation

THE HEADLINERS



Helen Boyd
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Financial Conduct Authority



Arnab Sen
CEO
GFO-X



Laura Navaratnam
UK Policy Lead
Crypto Council for Innovation



Naseem Naqvi
President
The British Blockchain Association



Thomas Restout
Group CEO
B2C2



Arthur Breitman
Co-founder
Tezos



Simon O'Brien
Executive Director - Markets
Financial Services Regulatory Authority



Daniela Barbosa
Executive Director
LF Decentralized Trust



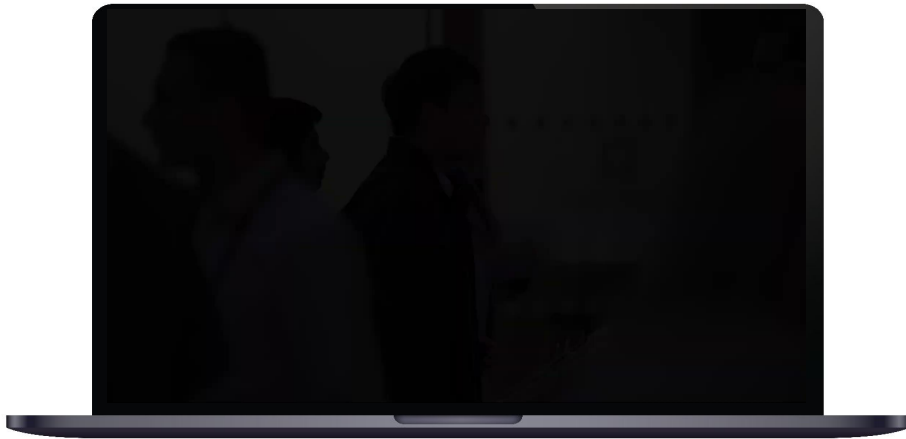
Roger Bayston
Head of Digital Assets
Franklin Templeton



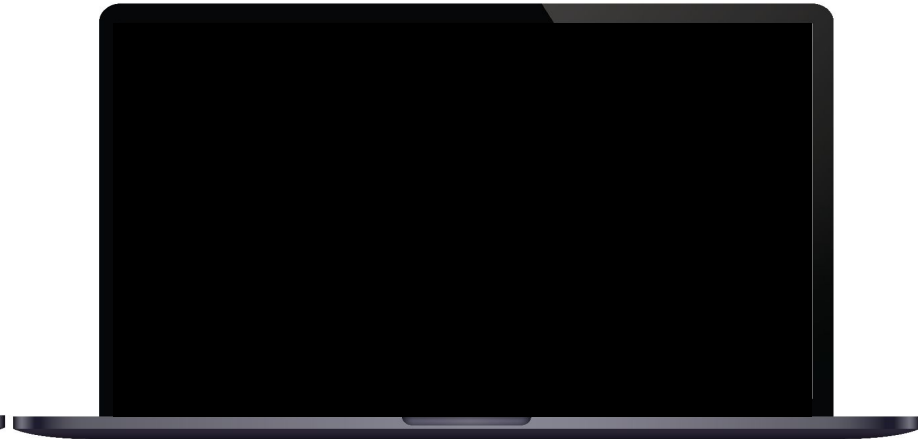
Marcus Robinson
Head of CDSClear & Head of DigitalAssetClear
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STOPPING SCROLLERS

Day one highlight video

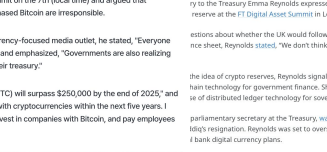
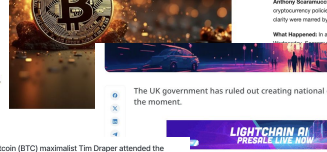
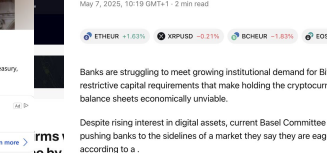
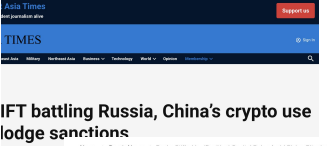
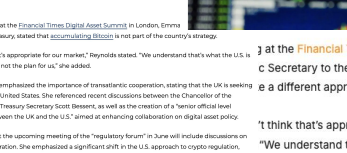
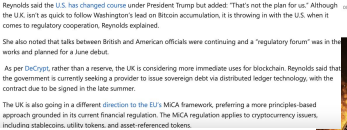
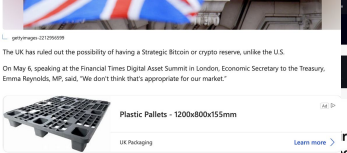
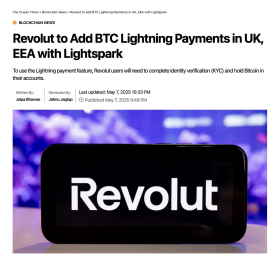
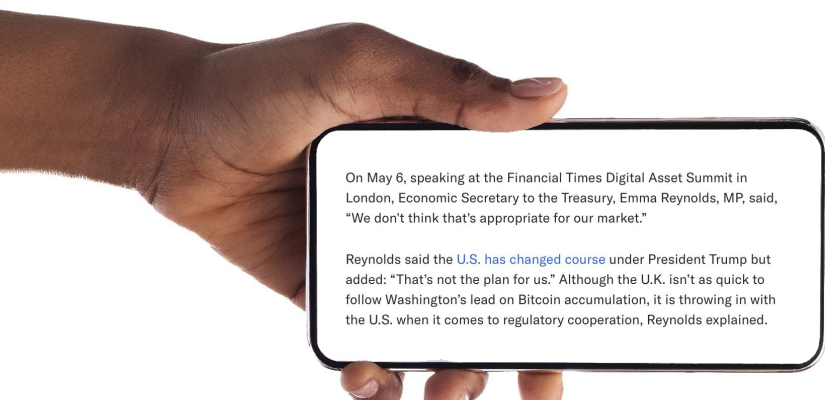


Day two highlight video



MAKING HEADLINES

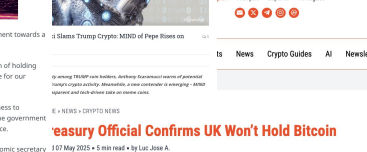
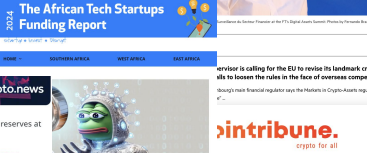
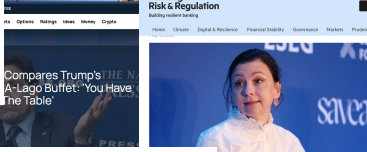
The 2025 FT Digital Assets Summit in London was attended by **20 press** from leading business news outlets including Bloomberg, Reuters and WSJ. So far there has been over **45+ pieces** of coverage in key banking and investment news outlets. Comments from speakers at the event about crypto including from Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Emma Reynolds and former White House Communications Director Anthony Scaramucci generated headlines.



UK City minister confirms government is not planning to emulate US strategic crypto reserve

appropriate for our market'

Secretary to the Treasury Emma Reynolds has confirmed that the UK is going to take on a strategic crypto reserve as the US has proposed. Reynolds said at the FT's Digital Assets Summit today (6 May) Reynolds said "we do go it is appropriate for our market." "We understand that is what the US is going is not the plan for us." Reynolds unveils 'comprehensive' draft regulatory regime sets US President Donald Trump moved to establish a strategic bitcoin US digital asset stockpile, which the president saw as a "strategic advantage"





WHAT DIGITAL ASSETS SUMMIT ATTENDEES SAY



“The event overall has been really nice. It's good to see that there's a blend of native blockchain infrastructure people while also bringing in the new institutional assets manager type focused institutions. Overall, it's promising to see like the blend all in one room and yeah, looking forward to the next one” - **Damien Bonello**, Growth & Business Development Lead, *Simply Staking* (Simply VC Ltd)



Net Promoter Score: 39



“It's my third time here at this FT digital asset summit and what I like about it is that you have here like really high end individuals that you can meet, they are approachable, they're easy to connect with. It's not like a conference where there are thousands of people and it's very hard to find the right people to meet. And that's why I keep coming back here because even in the last few years I have connected to some really good people here. The content is very interesting. I like the content. The content is according to the current market conditions. I like that.” - **Hasham Ullah**, Co-Founder, *Portara*



Having attended the FT Digital Assets events for some years, I have found them to consistently deliver superior content from high quality interviewers and speakers, and with a broad spread of attendees from diverse institutional types. This makes it a must-attend event for me. - **Roland White**, Global Head of Institutional Sales, *LMAX Exchange*



Thought the energy was good a lot of people trying to make things happen and share their experiences which I found valuable. - **Anthony Hirsch**, CEO, *Hirsch International*

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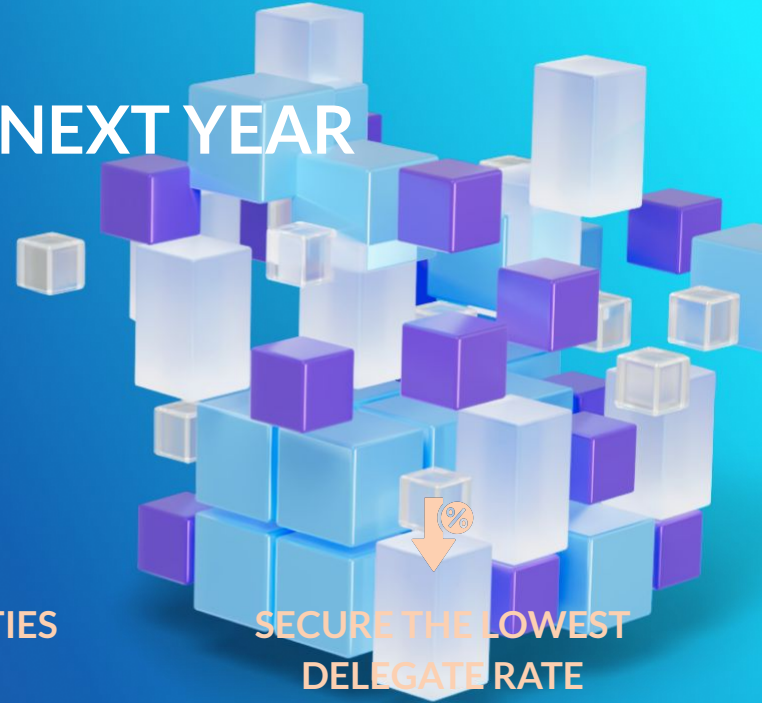
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