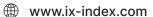




Providing Real-time Digital Asset and Innovative Indexes

IX Asia Indexes, provides real-time digital asset indexes built upon robust infrastructure which are disseminated 24×7 globally. Since the launch of the first crypto benchmark index ("IXCI") in Hong Kong in December 2018, the ixCrypto Index Series has since expanded into 28 indexes, including single cryptocurrency, spot price, portfolio, and industry-focused indexes.







### **About Us**



IX Asia Indexes is the award-winning index arm of IX Capital International Limited, providing real-time digital asset and innovative indexes, disseminated 24×7 globally and built on robust infrastructure. As a key participant of Cyberport Hong Kong, and supporter of the University of Hong Kong ("HKU") Internship and Career mentorship program, IX Capital International launched the first Hong Kong cryptocurrency index - ixCrypto Index together with its mentees from HKU in 2018 with growing subscription. The ixCrypto index series has expanded



into 28 indexes with 3 benchmark indexes, 6 portfolio index, 2 Digital Asset Industry Series and 17 spot price (fixing) indexes over the years.

To ensure the professionality and impartiality of the index methodologies and operations, IX Capital International has established its index advisory committee in July 2020 with representation from different industries, including fund management, exchanges, brokerage, financial blockchain experts, crypto service providers, etc. The committee will meet quarterly a year to discuss matters relating to the IX Asia Indexes, including to review and to comment the data sources, methodologies, and operations of IX Asia Indexes, to provide guidance to the future development of new IX Asia Indexes and to handle other issues and decisions on an as-needed basis.



### **Benckmarking**

IXCI constituents consistently cover over 80% of market cap and trading volume to provide each popular cryptos a fair market price.



### Tradable

Indexes are disseminated at every 5 seconds interval and available on world major information vendor platforms and banks.



### Fixing

Every constituent price of ixCrypto indexes is calculated from average of 10 selected exchanges, with exchanges review quarterly.

## **Our Story and Missions**

Back in 2017 and 2018, the cryptocurrency market suffered a huge fluctuation. During 2017, the market was quite bullish: the Bitcoin price surged to \$20,000, then it suddenly plunged to about \$6000 in January 2018. Huge losses were caused by this, which made our founder, Irene Wong, start thinking about the solution to properly build the market, providing a suitable regulatory environment to the crypto and digital assets.

The ultimate solution was to build an ecosystem for the whole digital asset area, focusing on an index of the crypto market first. This index is able to diversify the risk of price changes in single coins, protecting the investors from huge and unpredictable losses. Over the years, we have followed this trend by trying to bring more transparency to the market, and by learning the evolution of the blockchain and digital assets. Our commitment is to ensure that the digital assets markets function in an open and orderly manner in the same way as the traditional capital markets, enabling all participants to price and transfer risks across all traded asset classes.

## **Our History**

### December 2018

Launch of ixCrypto Index (IXCI)

### May 2020

Launch of 1-hour interval of IXCI

### **July 2020**

Establishment of the IX Asia Index Advisory Committee

### **November 2020**

Dissemination of index via NASDAQ Dissemination of IXCI upgraded to 15-second intervals

### March 2021

Dissemination of index via Google, Yahoo Finance, Bloomberg and Reuters Launch of ixBitcoin Index (IXBI) and ixEthereum Index (IXEI)

### October 2021

Launch of API enabling real-time index subscription

### March 2022

Launch of 11 ixCrypto Spot Price Indexes Establishment of the IX Asia Tokenization Advisory Committee

### **April 2022**

Dissemination of IXCI upgraded to 5-second intervals

### May 2022

Complete Statement of Compliance with IOSCO Principles

### **June 2022**

Dissemination of all IX Crypto Indexes to 24×7 availability

### August 2022

Launch of ixCrypto Portfolio Index series (6 indexes)

### September 2022

Launch of IX Digital Asset Industry Classification System ("DAICS®")

### **March 2023**

Launch of ixCrypto Infrastructure Index (IXFI)

### **April 2023**

Launch of ixCrypto Stable Coin Index (IXSCI)

### May 2023

Obtained Type 4 (advising on securities) license from SFC

### December 2023

Passed ISO27001 audit





### ixCrypto Benchmark Indexes

Index Name	Code	Launch Date	Index Description
ixCrypto Index	IXCI	12 Dec 2018	Free-float adjusted market cap weighted index aiming to gauge performance of world crypto market
ixBitcoin Index	IXBI	12 Apr 2021	Single constituent index aiming to track performance of Bitcoin for benchmark purposes
ixEthereum Index	IXEI	12 Apr 2021	Single constituent index aiming to track performance of Ethereum for benchmark purposes
ixCrypto Stablecoin Index	IXSCI	3 Mar 2023	Composed of stablecoins excluded in IXCI and fall under the definition of DAICS

### ixCrypto Portfolio Index

The indexes below are constructed with the constituents selected within IXCI

Index Name	Code	Launch Date	Index Description
ixCrypto 5 EW Index	IXEW5	5 Aug 2022	The six portfolio indexes utilize market capitalization as a methodology for constituent selection, ensuring comprehensive coverage of the cryptocurrency market
ixCypto 5 SR Index	IXSR5	5 Aug 2022	and tracking the prices of top cryptocurrencies on an hourly basis. The inclusion of an equal weight (EW) method reduces concentration risk by limiting exposure to large-cap cryptocurrencies, while the square root
ixCrypto 10 EW Index	IXEW10	5 Aug 2022	(SR) method provides an alternative approach to market-cap based index calculations, increasing exposure to small-cap cryptocurrencies
ixCrypto 10 SR Index	IXSR10	5 Aug 2022	Each of these indexes are free-floated adjusted indexes, seeking to track the performance of a subset of cryptocurrencies. The ixCrypto Portfolio Index series
ixCrypto Altcoin 10 EW Index	IXAEW10	5 Aug 2022	seeks to track the performance of the top 5 or 10 cryptocurrencies by using market capitalization (ixCrypto Altcoin series excludes Bitcoin)
ixCrypto Altcoin 10 SR Index	IXASR10	5 Aug 2022	

### ixCrypto Industry Indexes

The indexes below are constructed accordingly to industry classification of DAICS

Index Name	Code	Launch Date	Index Description
ixCrypto Infrastructure Index	IXFI	28 Mar 2023	Free-float adjusted market capitalization weighted index seeking to track the performance of the top infrastructure industry cryptocurrencies. IXFI fall under the definition of DAICS

### ixCrypto Spot Price Indexes

In this series, we offer spot prices that directly reflect the prices of individual cryptocurrencies for mark to market purpose. There are over 300 exchanges in the world carrying real time crypto prices, IXCI ensures fairness by providing each spot price index with 5 -second- interval prices from an average of 10 exchanges. New spot price indexes are added when it consistently listed on the top rankings by market capitalisation and trading volume. Indexes included in this series are as follows:

ixBitcoin SP Index	ixBinance Coin SP Index	ixBitcoin Cash SP Index	ixShiba Inu SP Index
ixEthereum SP Index	ixDogecoin SP Index	ixLitecoin SP Index	ixTron SP Index
ixCardano SP Index	ixSolana SP Index	ixAvalanche SP Index	ixUSD Coin SP Index
ixRipple SP Index	ixPolkadot SP Index	ixPolygon SP Index	ixTether SP Index
ixChainlink SP Index			

## Significance of Indexes

## The Importance of Crypto Indexes

Crypto indexes play a pivotal role in the investing community and the global landscape, offering several key benefits:

- Comprehensive Market Performance Tracking: Crypto indexes provide a standardized benchmark
  for monitoring the overall performance of the cryptocurrency market or specific segments within it.
  This enables investors to assess market trends, identify investment opportunities, and make
  informed decisions.
- Risk Management and Diversification: By using crypto indexes as a basis for portfolio construction, investors can achieve risk diversification. Indexes represent a range of cryptocurrencies, helping to reduce the impact of individual asset volatility and manage risks associated with specific digital currencies.
- Market Transparency and Credibility: Crypto indexes foster market transparency by establishing industry standards, methodologies, and reporting frameworks. This enhances trust and facilitates the development of regulated investment products. Reliable and transparent index data provides investors with valuable insights into market trends, valuations, and historical performance.
- Accessibility and Inclusivity: Crypto indexes pave the way for passive investment products, such
  as exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and index funds. These products allow a wider range of investors
  to gain exposure to the cryptocurrency market without the need for direct ownership or active asset
  management.

In summary, crypto indexes serve as essential tools for investors, offering comprehensive market performance tracking, risk management, market transparency, and accessibility. They contribute to the maturation and mainstream adoption of cryptocurrencies as a legitimate asset class within the global investment landscape.

## Key Roles of our Benchmark Indexes

The ixCrypto Index serves as a benchmark for the cryptocurrency industry, capturing more than 80% of the total market capitalization and including highly liquid coins. It provides investors with a general guideline for the key cryptocurrencies that drive most of the volatility and price movement in the market. For more detailed information, please refer to our dedicated pages on the ixCrypto Index.

Our other indexes within the benchmark series, namely the ixBitcoin Index and ixEthereum Index, offer a comparison of individual crypto performances relative to the overall market. By utilizing the same base date as the ixCrypto Index, these indexes allow for a straightforward evaluation of how individual cryptocurrencies perform in relation to the broader market. As of late December 2023, the ixCrypto Index ranges between 7,000 and 8,000, indicating the overall market performance. Meanwhile, the ixBitcoin Index ranges between 9,000 and 11,000, and the ixEthereum Index ranges between 17,000 and 20,000. Based on these levels, it can be observed that holding Ethereum would have resulted in better performance compared to holding the entire market or Bitcoin alone, as it demonstrates higher index levels.



## ixCrypto Index (IXCI)

ixCrypto Index ("IXCI") is the first Hong Kong launched benchmark indicative crypto index which aims to reflect the performance of the cryptocurrency market. It is denominated in USD with a base value of 1000 and a base date on 3 December 2018. IXCI is designed to be simple to understand while providing a good representation of the crypto market. It aims to cover the top 80% of the cumulative free-floating market capitalization in the crypto universe; The acceptable rank of volume under the Volume Buffer Rule varies in accordance to the number of existing constituents, which is at least 2.5 times the number of existing constituents, rounded up in increment of 25. In March 2021, IX Capital International launched the ixBitcoin Index ("IXBI") and ixEthereum Index ("IXEI"), making IXCI a complete index series.

IXCI is reviewed on a quarterly basis, and the methodology for review is summarized below:

### Performance of IXCI Since Inception

Period: 03/12/2018 - 31/3/2024



- SEC pushed back the decision of Bitwise Bitcoin ETF to at least Q2 in 2019
- The well-anticipated Bitcoin halving event took place in May of 2020
- Bitcoin reaches all-time high of over \$63k, with anticipation of Coinbase IPO
- 7 US Bitcoin ETF launched, accompanied by Taproot upgrade (first in 4 years)
- 9 FTX collapses and declares bankruptcy due to leverage and solvency concerns
- Court Upholds Ripple's Partial Victory Over SEC

- Q3 2019 witnessed the largest reduction in total cryptocurrency scams in 2 years
- Increased adoption and interest in crypto as Covid-19 pandemic causes job losses
- 6 Chinese crackdown on crypto and Tesla's crypto payment reversal caused crash
- UST loses its \$1 peg, and the Terra Luna ecosystem ceases operations
- The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank represents the largest bank failure since the financial crisis of 2008.
- SEC has given the green light to the spot bitcoin exchange-traded funds

## IXCI Methodology

## **IXCI** Methodology

To upkeep the standards of the ixCrypto Index Series, quarterly index reviews are conducted to evaluate and update the constituents within the ixCrypto Index Series, along with the data sources where cryptocurrency prices are taken from. The quarterly index reviews are standardized according to the IXCI Methodology, where definitions of cryptocurrencies, criteria for constituents, and special rules are included.

## **Constituents Eligibility**

### Universe

- 1.1. A cryptocurrency is included in the universe if it fulfils both the following eligibility criteria.
- (a) The cryptocurrency must fit the definition of a cryptocurrency [ A Cryptocurrency is a digital asset designed to work as a medium of exchange that uses cryptography to secure its transactions, to control the creation of additional units, and to verify the transfer of assets. ]; and
- (b) The cryptocurrency must be traded publicly, and have active tradable markets listed on at least two Exchanges for the entire period since the previous index review.

### **Eligible Cryptocurrencies**

1.2. A cryptocurrency is eligible for constituent selection if it meets the market capitalization ranking and the liquidity screening selection as follows:

### **Market Capitalization Ranking**

1.3. The cryptocurrency should be among the top n% free float adjusted market capitalization ("adjusted MC") where n represents the total percentage after including the last eligible cryptocurrency and such percentage is targeted to achieve 80%.

### Liquidity screening

- 1.4. The cryptocurrency should rank within an acceptable range in accordance with the Volume Buffer Rule in terms of 90-day average trading volume. The acceptable range under the Volume Buffer Rule varies in accordance to the number of existing constituents, which is at least 2.5 times the number of existing constituents, rounded up in increment of 25.
- 1.5. If the cryptocurrency in top N in terms of adjusted MC cannot meet the liquidity requirement, it will be kicked off and replaced by the next one or more eligible cryptocurrencies until the total coverage exceed 80%.

### **Principles of Final Selection**

1.6. Cryptocurrencies meeting all of the above eligibility requirements will be considered for inclusion in the IXCI.

## IXCI Methodology

1.7. The final selection will be decided by IX Asia Indexes after the above criteria have been taken into consideration.

### **Number of Constituents**

1.8. The number of constituents is a variable. It is subject to change after quarterly review when the above conditions are met.

### Conflict of Interest Rule (Effective Oct 2nd, 2020)

1.9. To keep the index neutral and fair, the constituents of the ixCrypto Index will exclude the coins managed/ operated by any organizations that would have conflict of interest with ixCrypto Index, its index Administrator, IX Asia Indexes and its related organizations.

## **Index Review and Constituent Changes**

### **Regular Quarterly Review**

- 2.1. IX Asia Indexes undertakes regular quarterly reviews of IXCI constituents with data cut-off dates the last day of March, June, September and December each year. The review day will be every weekday of March, June, September, and December each year in HKT.
- 2.2. A quarterly review is normally completed within three weeks after the end of each calendar quarter.
- 2.3. In each review, there may or may not be constituent additions or deletions. Eligible candidates will be selected as constituents of the ixCrypto according to rules below.

### **Buffer rule**

- 2.4. In order to avoid frequent change of constituents, a 5% buffer zone is set for market capitalization. It means that, in term of adjusted MC, only when the sum of constituents' weights is below 75%, it need reconstitution.
- 2.5. Combining the buffer rule and liquidity requirement together, when the coverage falls below 75% or any existing constituent's 90-day average trading volume drop below the acceptable range specified in 1.4, a reconstitution will be conducted to select the new constituents according to principles stated in 3.2-3.8.

### **Step Capping rule (effective 15th January 2021)**

2.6. In extreme scenarios, Step Capping Rule is applied, changing from the current 40% capping rule on single constituents to a step cap of 40%/30%/20%. Before the change was made, single constituents could represent at most 40% weight in the index. After the change, only the largest weight constituent weighted by market capitalization can represent 40% of the index weight and the second largest constituent can only represent 30% and the remaining constituents with 20% maximum weight.

## IXCI Methodology

- 2.7. The Step Capping Rule will be triggered only when the following two conditions occur simultaneously:
- (a) the market cap gap between the largest constituent and the second largest constituent is too big with the ratio between the two falls below 30%;
- (b) the initial weight of the remaining constituents other than the top two is too small and falls below 9% of the total market cap.

### **Announcement and Effective Date**

- 2.8. Announcement dates of constituent changes will be the second Friday after the cut-off dates of March, June, September and December.
- 2.9. Effective dates of constituent changes will be the third Friday after the cut-off dates of March, June, September and December.
- 2.10. If the first Friday after the cut-off date is a Hong Kong public holiday, the announcement day and effective day will be postponed for one week, i.e. announcement day on the third Friday and effective day on the fourth Friday.

### **Fast entry rule**

- 2.11. At any time, a new crypto will be added if it meets below requirements for 5 consecutive days:
- (a) Daily trading volume ranks top 2.
- (b) Market capitalization is more than 30% weighting of the total market capitalization.
- (c) The fast entry addition will normally be implemented after the close of the 10th trading day.

### **Constituents Enhancement Rule (effective 6th January 2020)**

2.12. The enhancement rule is exercised if there are more than one constituent which fail to meet the market capitalization ranking and liquidity screening, then at least two constituents will be removed and replaced by new constituents according to principles stated in 3.2 - 3.8.



# Constituents' Weights of Popular World Crypto Indexes

Crypto	IXCI	HKVAC	Binance CoinMarketCap Index Series	CCI30	CRIX	Bitwise 10 Crypto Index Fund	NCI
Bitcoin	40.00%	15.00%	10.00%	24.64%	63.71%	67.83%	69.11%
Ethereum	33.16%	15.00%	10.00%	14.24%	21.49	22.81%	28.07%
Tether USDt	-	15.00%	-	-	-	-	-
BNB	-	8.47%	10.00%	5.50%	3.51%	-	-
Solana	6.80%	8.12%	10.00%	5.30%	3.19%	3.17%	-
XRP	2.69%	6.00%	10.00%	4.02%	2.07%	1.84%	-
USDC	-	4.41%	-	-	-	-	-
Dogecoin	2.26%	2.31%	-	2.91%	0.85%	-	-
Cardano	1.81%	3.83%	10.00%	3.43%	1.32%	1.34%	-
Avalanche	1.58%	2.61%	10.00%	2.79%	-	0.87%	-
Toncoin	1.44%	1.38%	-	2.09%	-	-	-
Shiba Inu	1.39%	1.11%	-	1.93%	-	-	-
Polkadot	1.06%	1.90%	10.00%	2.32%	-	0.63%	0.42%
Bitcoin Cash	0.93%	0.90%	-	1.72%	-	-	-
Chainlink	0.88%	1.57%	10.00%	2.39%	0.81%	0.63%	0.77%
TRON	0.85%	1.66%	10.00%	2.50%	0.8%	-	-
Polygon	0.76%	1.65%	-	2.24%	0.56%	0.55%	-
Internet Computer	0.65%	0.77%	-	1.71%	-	-	-
Litecoin	0.60%	0.97%	-	1.73%	-	0.34%	0.55%
Uniswap	0.59%	0.78%	-	1.84%	-	-	0.30
NEAR Protocol	0.58%	0.67%	-	1.43%	-	-	-
Aptos	0.52%	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNUS SED LEO	-	0.65%	-	1.49%	-	-	-
Dai	-	0.95%	-	-	-	-	-
Stacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Filecoin	0.39%	-	-	1.43%	-	-	-
Ethereum Classic	0.38%	0.57%	-	1.46%	-	-	-



Crypto	IXCI	HKVAC	Binance CoinMarketCap Index Series	CCI30	CRIX	Bitwise 10 Crypto Index Fund	NCI
Cosmos	0.38%	0.77%	-	1.49%	-	-	-
Immutable	-	0.54%	-	1.50%	-	-	-
Arbitrum	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.52%
dogwifhat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mantle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Render	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cronos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stellar	0.32%	0.66%	-	1.33%	-	-	0.25%
Hedera	-	-	-	1.40%	-	-	-
ОКВ	-	0.58%	-	1.25%	-	-	-
Optimism	-	0.59%	-	1.37%	-	-	-
The Graph	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pepe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Injective	-	0.56%	-	1.39%	-	-	-
VeChain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bittensor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup>As of 31th March 2024



## Performance of IXCI vs Large Coins

### Return

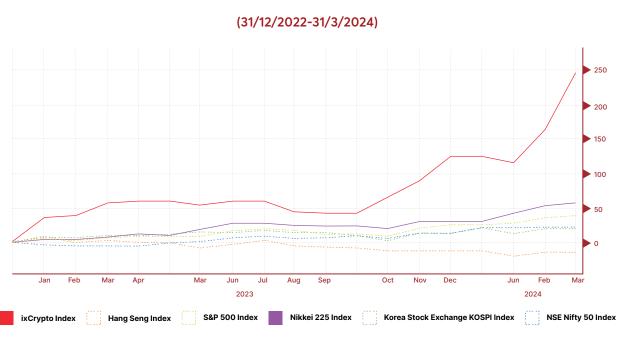
	IXCI	втс	ЕТН	XRP	Cardano	Dogecoin	Solana	TRON	Polygon	Polkadot	Litecoin	Toncoin*	Shiba Inu	Aavalanche*	BNB*
1-month	16.29%	11.78%	11.67%	2.55%	60.14%	8.07%	71.91%	2.39%	24.99%	53.15%	5.57%	-0.34%	26.17%	84.20%	39.30%
3-month	55.11%	56.32%	37.15%	20.65%	136.95%	45.07%	376.02%	19.51%	78.72%	103.89%	10.96%	12.64%	42.54%	326.18%	47.64%
6-month	40.84%	38.32%	18.56%	31.18%	109.78%	35.60%	438.94%	39.08%	44.19%	61.86%	-32.22%	74.86%	38.43%	202.73%	31.95%
1-year	119.49%	154.76%	-141.16%	91.52%	82.65%	82.93%	-83.05%	144.24%	-390.02%	28.24%	-135.36%	922.43%	-613.34%	94.47%	21.20%
2-year	-31.86%	-8.96%	-107.39%	-37.76%	-55.40%	-25.18%	-75.27%	-54.06%	-70.92%	-47.13%	104.88%	-40.20%	195.98%	40.57%	-108.65%
3-year	104.62%	45.36%	-75.50%	210.66%	-79.60%	182.85%	-106.61%	231.85%	-25.27%	1825.32%	-196.92%	1	7858441.47%	1	735.90%

<sup>\*</sup>Toncoin was listed on 29/8/2021, and Avalanche was listed on 4/9/2021

## Risks(SD)

	IXCI	втс	ЕТН	XRP	Cardano	Dogecoin	Solana	TRON	Polygon	Polkadot	Litecoin	Toncoin	Shiba Inu	Aavalanche	BNB
1-month	2.15%	2.30%	2.59%	2.18%	5.64%	3.20%	5.71%	1.50%	4.27%	5.44%	2.41%	2.86%	18.57%	5.43%	3.04%
3-month	2.21%	2.29%	2.61%	2.61%	3.97%	3.17%	5.96%	1.95%	3.99%	4.12%	2.23%	3.02%	11.07%	5.48%	2.61%
6-month	2.05%	1.99%	2.22%	6.03%	3.67%	2.92%	4.99%	1.77%	3.61%	3.29%	3.31%	3.50%	8.17%	4.34%	2.21%
1-year	2.31%	2.29%	2.44%	4.88%	3.52%	3.26%	5.18%	2.21%	3.70%	3.35%	3.41%	3.12%	6.26%	4.39%	2.33%
2-year	3.37%	2.86%	3.64%	4.67%	4.21%	4.59%	5.71%	2.96%	5.11%	4.15%	3.99%	4.42%	5.99%	5.11%	3.15%
3-year	4.21%	3.37%	4.40%	6.00%	5.25%	13.29%	6.82%	4.51%	7.44%	5.67%	4.80%	6.91%	177.78%	6.18%	4.11%

## Performance of IXCI comparing with other Asia indexes



Security	Currency	Price Change	Total Return	Difference	Annual Eq
IXCI Index	USD	246.78%	246.78%	259.50%	170.57%
<b>HSI Index</b>	HSI Index HKD		-12.78%	-12.78%	
SPX Index	USD	36.85%	39.58%	52.31%	30.60%
NKY Index	JPY	54.70%	59.09%	71.81%	45.01%
KOSPI Index	KRW	22.81%	25.36%	38.08%	19.83%
NIFTY Index	INR	23.32%	25.46%	38.18%	19.90%

## Historical Constituents' Rankings Change in Portfolio

Rank in IXCI	2022Q2	2022Q3	2022Q4	2023Q1	2023Q2	2023Q3	2023Q4	2024Q1
1	Bitcoin	Bitcoin	Bitcoin	Bitcoin	Bitcoin	Bitcoin	Bitcoin	Bitcoin
2	Ethereum	Ethereum	Ethereum	thereum Ethereum Eth		Ethereum	Ethereum	Ethereum
3	XRP	XRP	XRP	XRP XRP XRP		XRP	XRP	Solana
4	Cardano	Cardano	Cardano	Cardano	Cardano	Cardano	Solana	XRP
5	Solana	Solana	Dogecoin	Dogecoin	Dogecoin	Dogecoin	Cardano	Cardano
6	Avalanche	Dogecoin	Solana	Polygon	Polygon	Solana	Dogecoin	Dogecoin
7	Polkadot	Polkadot	Polygon	Solana	Solana	TRON	TRON	Avalanche
8	Dogecoin	Polygon	Polkadot	Polkadot	Polkadot	Polygon	Avalanche	TRON
9	Polygon	Shiba Inu	Shiba Inu	Litecoin	Litecoin	Polkadot	Chainlink	Polkadot
10	TRON	Avalanche	TRON	Shiba Inu	TRON	Litecoin	Polygon	Chainlink
11	NEAR Protocol	TRON	Litecoin	TRON	Shiba Inu	Toncoin	Polkadot	Polygon

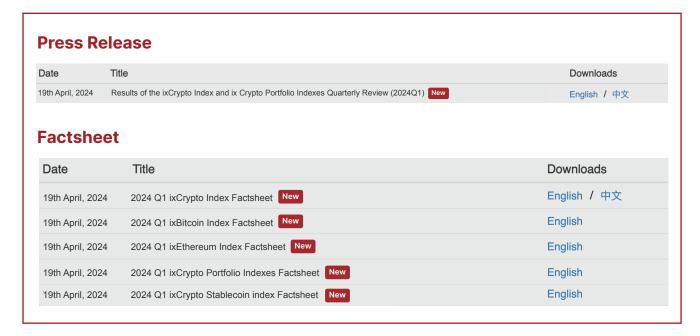
## **Index Review Results**

As defined in the methodology of index review and construction, the 2024 1st Quarter Index Review Results can be found on the following pages.

With every index review, IX Asia Indexes publishes press releases in English and Chinese, along with relevant factsheets for all indexes that have underwent a constituent change or weighting update.

Our every 5 second Bitcoin prices (and all other constituent and index prices) are coming from 10 exchanges' averages. The 10 exchanges are reviewed quarterly with index review.

The 2024Q4 Index Review Results are included in the following sections, where the index review announcement publications are namely:



More details about these publications can be found on our website ix-index.com, or alternatively the factsheets are included in the following pages.

## ixCrypto Index

March 2024

ixCrypto Index ("IXCI") is a free-float adjusted market capitalization weighted index aiming to gauge the performance of the world crypto market.

### **Features:**

- Reflect the performance of the cryptocurrency market
- The selected constituents are targeted to achieve top 80% of the cumulative full market capitalization coverage in the universe as well as within top rankings of the past 90 days volume traded
- The constituent selected is required to be listed in at least 2 exchanges.
- 40% cap with fast entry rule

No. of	Variable/23 currently
Constituents	

Launch Date 12 December 2018

Base Date 3 December 2018

Base Value 1,000

**Currency** US Dollar

**Dissemination** Every 5s for 24×7

(HKT)

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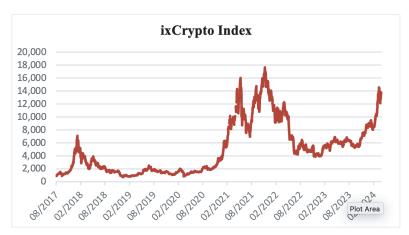
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### Performance (03/12/2018 - 31/03/2023)



Data has been rebased at 1,000. All information for the index prior to its launch date is back-tested, backtested performance reflects hypothetical historical performance. As of 31/12/2023, the free float adjusted market capitalization coverage is 80.65% while the 90-day-average volume coverage is 72.37%.

### **Index Performance**

Index	Index	%Change								
	Level	1 - Mth	3 - Mth	6 - Mth	1 - Yr	YTD				
IXCI	13,589.37	12.16%	54.99%	140.42%	119.43%	55.44%				

### Index Statistics (3-Month)

Index		Index	Level		
illuex	Prev. Close	High	Low	Close	Range
IXCI	8,767.69	14,575.92	8,058.78	13,589.37	6,517.14

### **Index Volatility**

la dese		Annu	alized Risk*		
Index	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year
IXCI 20.22% 3		30.70%	35.19%	45.21%	120.88%

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### Constituents of IXCI (As of 31/03/2024)

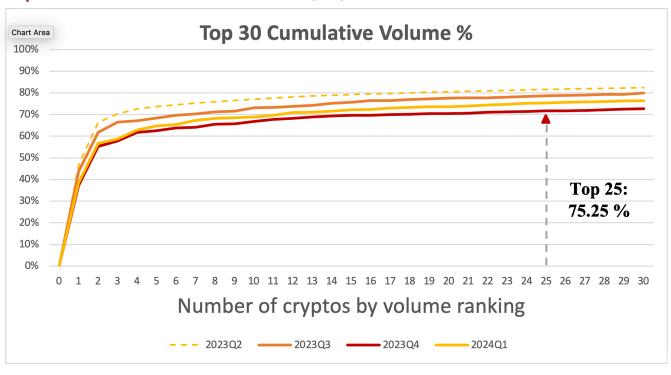
No.	Crypto	90	)-day-avg-Market Cap	Cumulative Market Coverage Before Cap	Weighting (%) After 40% Cap
1	Bitcoin	\$	1,048,001,688,171.09	51.63%	40.00%
2	Ethereum	\$	349,874,454,279.15	68.87%	33.16%
3	Solana	\$	53,922,083,376.88	71.52%	6.80%
4	XRP	\$	31,439,424,901.76	73.07%	2.69%
5	Cardano	\$	21,103,089,968.85	74.11%	1.81%
6	Dogecoin	\$	15,950,355,896.35	74.90%	2.26%
7	Avalanche	\$	15,360,082,911.04	75.65%	1.58%
8	TRON	\$	10,747,596,442.74	76.18%	0.85%
9	Polkadot	\$	10,694,938,928.96	76.71%	1.06%
10	Chainlink	\$	10,285,084,683.66	77.22%	0.88%
11	Shiba Inu	\$	9,574,289,847.66	77.69%	1.39%
12	Toncoin	\$	9,448,286,151.96	78.15%	1.44%
13	Polygon	\$	9,107,478,778.05	78.60%	0.76%
14	Bitcoin Cash	\$	6,268,633,961.19	78.91%	0.93%
15	Internet Computer	\$	6,065,134,554.94	79.21%	0.65%
16	Litecoin	\$	5,677,014,902.98	79.49%	0.60%
17	Uniswap	\$	5,398,266,965.51	79.76%	0.59%
18	NEAR Protocol	\$	4,485,444,822.77	79.98%	0.58%
19	Cosmos	\$	4,182,640,725.98	80.18%	0.38%
20	Ethereum Classic	\$	4,061,957,401.62	80.38%	0.38%
21	Aptos	\$	3,985,147,596.30	80.58%	0.52%
22	Filecoin	\$	3,697,725,618.30	80.76%	0.39%
23	Stellar	\$	3,507,924,858.12	80.94%	0.32%



### ixCrypto Index Series Statistics Comparison (03/12/2018 - 31/3/2024)

lu dav	Performance			Standard Deviation (Monthly Return)			Reward-to-Risk Ratio		
Index	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	Since Inception (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	Since Inception (%)	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception
IXCI	119.43	35.77	1258.94	45.21	120.88	173.37	2.64	0.3	7.26
IXBI	148.18	18.28	1583.34	50.95	117.85	171.17	2.91	0.16	9.25
IXEI	95.17	89.64	2907.75	44.94	139.54	209.81	2.12	0.64	13.86

### Top 30 Cumulative Volume%\* (As of 31/03/2024)



<sup>\*</sup>All coins including BNB, excluding stablecoins

### ixBitcoin Index

March 2024

ixBitcoin Index ("IXBI") is a single constituent index aiming to track the performance of Bitcoin for benchmark purpose. "IXBI" uses the same base date (3 December 2018) and base index level of 1000 as ixCrypto Index, and together with the ixEthereum Index ("IXEI"), it provides easy comparison of the three indexes.

### **Features:**

- A single constituent index
- Track the performance of Bitcoin
- Same base day and base level as ixCrypto Index
- For benchmark purpose
- Provides easy comparison of three indexes: IXCI, IXBI and IXEI
- Data from multiple top exchanges

**Launch Date** 12 April 2021

**Base Date** 3 December 2018

**Base Value** 1,000

Currency **US Dollar** 

**Dissemination** Every 5s for 24×7

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Vendor Codes Nasdaq "IXBI"

Bloomberg "IXCBI"

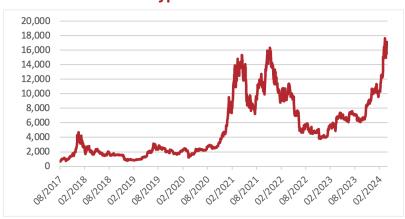
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### Performance (03/12/2018 - 31/3/2024) ixCrypto Bitcoin Index



Data has been rebased at 1,000. All information for the index prior to its launch date is back-tested, back-tested performance reflects hypothetical historical performance

### **Index Performance**

Ι.	Index	Index Level	% Change						
			1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	YTD		
	IXBI	16,833.37	11.65%	65.06%	159.11%	148.18%	64.79%		

### Index Statistics (3-Month)

Index	Index Level								
Index	Prev. Close	High	Low	Close	Range				
IXBI	10,198.30	17,627.84	9,553.91	16,833.37	8,073.93				

### Index Volatility

laston		Sta			
Index	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year
IXBI	23.96%	33.32%	39.70%	50.95%	117.79%

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## ixEthereum Index

March 2024

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### **Features:**

- A single constituent index
- Track the performance of Ethereum
- Same base day and base level as ixCrypto Index
- For benchmark purpose
- Provides easy comparison of three indexes: IXCI, IXBI and IXEI
- Data from multiple top exchanges

Launch Date 12 April 2021

Base Date 3 December 2018

Base Value 1,000

**Currency** US Dollar

**Dissemination** Every 5s for 24×7

Vendor Codes Nasdaq "IXEI"

Bloomberg "IXCEI"

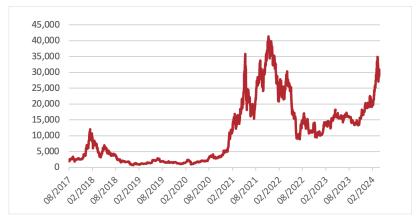
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# Performance (03/12/2018 - 31/3/2024) ixCrypto Ethereum Index



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### **Index Performance**

lu day.	laster Level	% Change						
Index	Index Level	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	YTD		
IXEI	30,077.54	3.48%	52.70%	110.03%	95.17%	53.45%		

### **Index Statistics (3-Month)**

Index	Index Level								
index	Prev. Close	High	Low	Close	Range				
<b>IXEI</b> 19,697.15		34,910.09	19,017.01	30,077.54	15,893.08				

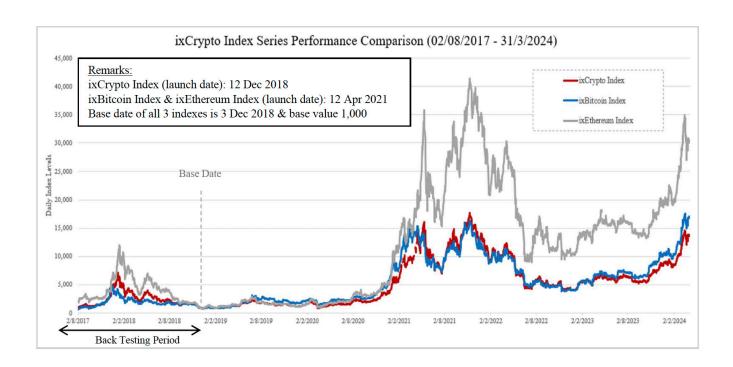
### **Index Volatility**

Indov		Standard Deviation						
Index	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year			
IXEI	28.90%	34.07%	37.94%	44.94%	139.54%			

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### ixCrypto Index Series Statistics Comparison (03/12/2018 - 31/3/2024)

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### **Index Dissemination**

Real time indexes are disseminated every 5-second interval for 24×7.

Real time indexes include ixCrypto Index ("IXCI"), ixBitcoin Index ("IXBI"), ixEthereum Index ("IXEI") as well as the 11 newly launched IX Crypto Spot Price Index Series.

For IXCI, IXBI and IXEI, the indexes are also available through Nasdaq Global Index Data Service (GIDS) with the tickers "IXCI", "IXBI" and "IXEI", with dissemination interval kept at 15-second unchanged.

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## ixCrypto Stablecoin Index Factsheet

## ixCrypto Stablecoin Index

2024 Q1

ixCrypto Stablecoin Index ("IXSCI") is a free-float adjusted market capitalization weighted index free-float that seeks to track the performance of the top stablecoin cryptocurrencies following DAICS® in the world crypto markets by market capitalization.

### **Features:**

- Top payment industry cryptocurrencies by market capitalization in the world
- Apply market capitalization weighting method
- The constituent selected is required to be listed in at least 2 exchanges
- constituents IXSCI cryptocurrencies who are eligible to be selected in IXCI but excluded because they are classified as stable coin under DAICS®.
- Weighting of the constituents selected within DAICS® is 11.42%

No. of Constituents Variable/3 currently

**Launch Date** 6 April 2023

**Base Date** 7 March 2023

**Base Value** 1,000

**US Dollar** Currency

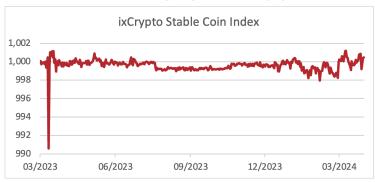
**Dissemination** Hourly, 24×7

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### Performance (01/03/2023 - 31/3/2024)



The IXSCI data has been rebased at 1000 as of 7 March 2023. All information for the index prior to its launch date is back-tested, back-tested performance reflects hypothetical historical performance.

### **Index Performance**

Index	Index Level	% Change					
muex	ilidex Level	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	YTD	
IXSCI	1000.47	0.22%	0.06%	0.13%	0.08%	0.12%	

### **Index Statistics (3-Month)**

Indov	Index Level						
Index	Prev. Close	High	Low	Close	Range		
IXSCI	999.91	1001.14	997.95	1000.47	3.19		

### **Index Volatility**

Index	Standard Deviation						
Index	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year		
IXSCI	2.89	3.19	3.19	46.43%	126.25%		

<sup>\*</sup>Range is defined as difference between the maximum value and minimum value.

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## Constituents of IXSCI effective 1st May 2024 (As of 31/3/2024 review result)

Crypto	90-day-avg-Market Cap	Pre-adjusted Weighting (%)	Weighting (%) after 40% Cap
Tether USDT	\$ 98,057,424,592.98	73.44%	40.00%
USDC	\$ 28,053,479,546.60	22.80%	40.00%
Dai	\$ 5,347,919,100.31	3.76%	20.00%



## ixCrypto Portfolio Indexes

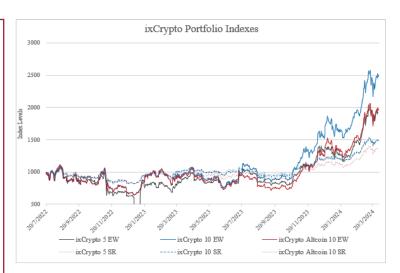
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ixCrypto Portfolio Indexes consist of ixCrypto Altcoin 10 SR Index ("IXASR10"), ixCrypto Altcoin EW Index ("IXAEW10"),ixCrypto 10 SR Index ("IXSR10"), ixCrypto 10 EW Index ("IXEW10"), ixCrypto 5 SR Index ("IXSR5"), and ixCrypto 5 EW Index ("IXEW5"). Each of these indexes are free-floated adjusted indexes, seeking to track the performance of a subset of cryptocurrencies. The ixCrypto Altcoin series seeks to track the performance of the top 10 cryptocurrencies (excluding Bitcoin) by using market capitalization. Whereas the ixCrypto 5/10 series seeks to track the performance of the top 5/10 cryptocurrencies by using market capitalization.

### **Features:**

- Top coins by market capitalization in the world excluding stablecoins
- Top coins by market capitalization within the ixCrypto Index
- Equal weighting method (IXAEW10, IXEW10, IXEW5) and square root weighting method (IXASR10, IXSR10, IXSR5) prevents the distribution of the index to be heavyweight towards a single cryptocurrency
- Constituents selected are required to be listed in at least 2 exchanges

**Launch Date** 5 August 2022 **Base Date** 20 July 2022 **Base Value** 1,000 Currency **US Dollar Dissemination** Hourly, 24×7 Website ix-index.com E-mail enquiry@ix-index.com LinkedIn IX Asia Indexes



### **Index Performance**

	IXEW5	IXSR5	IXEW10	IXSR10	IXAEW10	IXASR10
No. of Constituents	5	5	10	10	10	10
Current Level	1,923.14	1,486.89	2,476.71	1,489.53	1,957.89	1,356.35
1 - Month return	17.52%	6.32%	16.97%	6.69%	17.37%	7.33%
3 - Month return	43.21%	23.71%	41.43%	22.53%	36.20%	18.35%
6 - Month return	129.00%	51.83%	171.69%	56.25%	155.05%	50.58%
1 - Year return	118.23%	45.70%	158.70%	46.39%	109.71%	38.75%
YTD return	44.16%	23.88%	41.98%	22.67%	36.91%	18.67%

The six portfolio indexes utilize market capitalization as a methodology for constituent selection, ensuring comprehensive coverage of the cryptocurrency market and tracking the prices of top cryptocurrencies on an hourly basis. The inclusion of an equal weight (EW) method reduces concentration risk by limiting exposure to large-cap cryptocurrencies, while the square root (SR) method provides an alternative approach to market-cap based index calculations, increasing exposure to small-cap cryptocurrencies.

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## ixCrypto Portfolio Factsheet

### **Index Statistics (3-months)**

	IXEW5	IXSR5	IXEW10	IXSR10	IXAEW10	IXASR10
Prev. Close	1,342.88	1,201.92	1,751.24	1,215.62	1,437.48	1,146.02
High	2,006.68	1531.38	2,572.42	1,530.91	2,062.43	1,401.88
Low	1,173.38	1,150.88	1,530.55	1,157.25	1,229.78	1,073.11
Close	1,923.14	1486.89	2,476.71	1,489.53	1,957.89	1,356.35
Range	833.31	380.5	1,041.87	373.66	832.65	328.77

### Index Volatility\*

	IXEW5	IXSR5	IXEW10	IXSR10	IXAEW10	IXASR10
1-month	8.31%	7.78%	8.38%	6.92%	6.34%	4.53%
3-month	25.94%	12.96%	30.20%	12.73%	30.68%	12.52%
6-month	31.19%	15.27%	36.04%	15.24%	36.46%	14.90%
1-year	48.74%	20.41%	58.83%	21.20%	54.28%	22.17%

<sup>\*</sup> Volatility is defined as standard deviation based on monthly index level.

### **Constituents**

Cryptocurrencies	IXEW5	IXSR5	IXEW10	IXSR10	IXAEW10	IXASR10
Bitcoin	20.00%	47.78%	10.00%	37.93%	-	-
Ethereum	20.00%	26.49%	10.00%	21.03%	10.00%	31.69%
XRP	20.00%	12.00%	10.00%	9.53%	10.00%	14.35%
Solana	20.00%	7.55%	10.00%	5.99%	10.00%	9.03%
Cardano	20.00%	6.18%	10.00%	4.91%	10.00%	7.39%
Dogecoin	-	-	10.00%	5.49%	10.00%	8.27%
TRON	-	-	10.00%	4.58%	10.00%	6.91%
Avalanche	-	-	10.00%	3.36%	10.00%	5.06%
Chainlink	-	-	10.00%	3.76%	10.00%	5.67%
Polygon	-	-	10.00%	3.42%	10.00%	5.15%
Polkadot	-	-	-	-	10.00%	6.48%

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## IX Digital Asset Industry Classification System ("DAICS®")

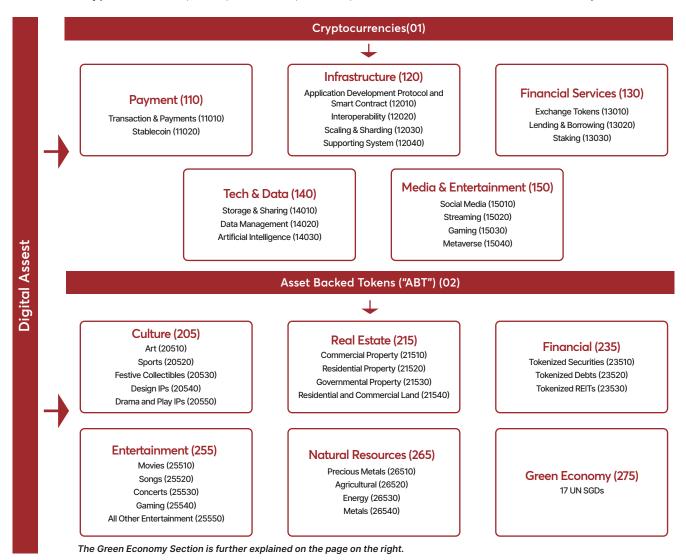
The IX Digital Asset Industry Classification System (DAICS®) has been launched to provide a transparent and standardized classification scheme for digital assets. DAICS® serves as a tool for asset allocation, portfolio analysis, and product development in the digital assets market. It complements IX Capital International's development of competitive digital asset indexes and products based on a robust global standard.

DAICS® covers cryptocurrencies and asset-backed tokens (ABT) and undergoes semi-annual reviews in June and December. For both cryptocurrencies and asset-backed tokens, it employs a three-tier system that categorizes them into different industries.

Initially, DAICS® includes the top 50 cryptocurrencies based on market capitalization, which already represent over 80% of the market share in terms of size and volume. The classification work for asset-backed tokens will be added in the next stage, once a sufficient number of popular tokens are available in the market. The current ABT classifications are designed to cater to foreseeable industry demand. As the market matures and more cryptocurrencies with strong use cases emerge, the Classification System may expand to encompass additional cryptocurrencies, ABTs, industries, sectors, and subsectors.



**View Digital Asset Industry Definition** 



## Classification of Cryptocurrencies with DAICS®

### **Ethereum (ETH)**

Is ETH a cryptocurrency or an asset backed token?

Cryptocurrency (01)

Is ETH a payment, infrastructure, financial service, tech & data, or media & entertainment token?

Infrastructure (0120)

Definition: Bedrock blockchain that facilitates the operation of other decentralized applications.



Is ETH a token for Application Development Protocol and Smart Contract, Interoperability, Scaling & Sharding, Supporting System?

Application Development Protocol and Smart Contract (012010)

Definition: Layer-1 blockchain network that facilitates DApp creation and smart contract execution and smart contract

Hence, ETH, along with ADA, SOL, TRX, AVAX, etc., are classified as application development protocol and smart contract tokens, with a classification ID of 012010

## **Green Economy Under DAICS®**

In line with the global effort to achieve net-zero emissions and the United Nations' 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) by 2030 and 2050, IX Asia Indexes anticipates that more tokenization will align with the SDGs. The vision is to promote ESG and sustainability beyond environmental impact, encompassing sustainable growth, good governance, social impact, and community engagement. In line with this, DAICS® introduces a

## DEVELOPMENT GOALS



































"green" labelling system for cryptocurrencies that prioritize sustainability through energy-efficient

Green coin

IMX<sup>G</sup> ALGO<sup>G</sup>

ETH<sup>G</sup> NEAR<sup>G</sup>

ADA<sup>G</sup> HBAR<sup>G</sup>

The above is an extraction of 2Q 2023 half yearly DAICS® Review on selected green coins

protocols or active efforts to minimize environmental damage. The token name will be denoted by a green "G". Under the ABT category, a "Green Economy" asset type is introduced for tokens representing projects aligned with the United Nations' 17 sustainable development goals. For more information please refer to our half yearly DAICS® review. Additionally, a study is underway to create an index representing the Asia Pacific Green Economy.

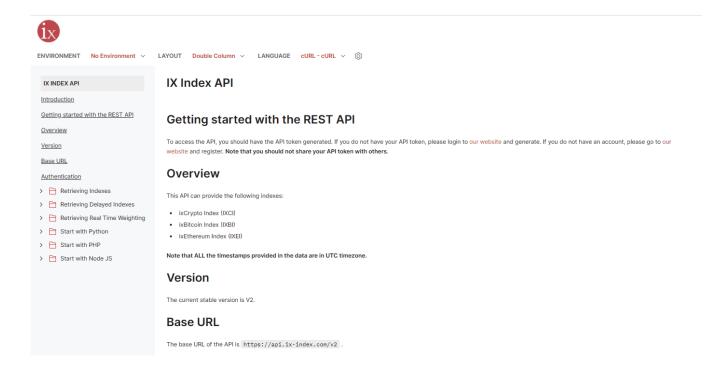
## API

### **API**

To enhance the accessibility of our indexes, we have developed an in-house API. This API enables individuals to easily access the index values for IXCI, IXBI, IXEI, IXSCI, and other indexes in the ixCrypto Spot Price Index series.

We are pleased to offer free public access to our delayed index APIs. For those seeking real-time index values, a subscription to our API service is required to obtain an API token. This ensures timely and up-to-date information for users.

A brief overview of our coverage of our API is shown below:



### **Real-time Indexes**

- Available indexes:
- Benchmark indexes: IXCI, IXBI, IXEI, IXSCI
- Spot Price Indexes: All Spot Prices
- Industry Indexes: IXFI
- Portfolio Indexes: IXEW5, IXSR5, IXEW10, IXSR10, IXAEW10, IXASR10

### **Delayed Indexes**

- Available indexes:
- Benchmark indexes: IXCI, IXBI, IXEI, IXSCI
- Spot Price Indexes: All Spot Prices

### **Additional Information**

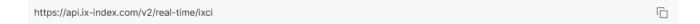
The weighting of individual constituents within IXCI are also available via our API. This provides investors with the most up to date information regarding the constituents that make up the benchmark index.



## **Documentation for IX Index API**

To assist users in using IX Index API, we have created a documentation educating users on accessing our API. The documentation includes the API endpoint, different GET functions, result descriptions, example curl requests and relevant JSON outputs. Furthermore, the documentation has a dedicated segment on accessing the API with Python, PHP, and Node JS.

### GET Retrieve Latest ixCrypto Index (IXCI)



### Result

Properties	Туре	Example	Description
id	int	391120	The unique index of the data.
tick_num	int	1297	The index count of the day.
value	float	10484.37488011227	The index value of the time.
net_change	float	499.22921864082	The net change between the index value of the time and the index value of the closing.
net_change_direction	string	"+"	The sign of the net change between the index value of the time and the index value of the closing.
net_change_percent	float	4.99971894	The net change percentage between the index value of the time and the index value of the closing.
created_at	string	"2021-06-15 06:24:00"	The created time of the data. (UTC Time)
updated_at	string	"2021-06-15 06:24:00"	The last modified time of the data. (UTC Time)
created_timestamp	integer	1623738240	The created UNIX timestamp of the data. (UTC Time)
updated_timestamp	integer	1623738240	The last modified UNIX timestamp of the data. (UTC Time)



## **Important Crypto News in 2024 Q1**

# 11/1 the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has given the green light to the spot bitcoin exchange-traded funds (ETFs)

the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has given the green light to the spot bitcoin exchange-traded funds (ETFs). Cryptocurrency enthusiasts anticipate this decision will attract a wave of fresh retail and institutional investors to the market. The SEC has approved 11 ETFs for listing, sponsored by a diverse range of entities, including well-established names like Fidelity and Invesco, as well as digitally inclined newcomers such as Grayscale and Ark Invest.

### 24/1 Crypto fund manager HashKey Capital and FTSE Russell, a subsidiary of London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG), have unveiled a suite of indices tracking cryptocurrencies.

Crypto fund manager HashKey Capital and FTSE Russell, a subsidiary of London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG), have unveiled a suite of indices tracking cryptocurrencies. One of the key offerings is the FTSE Custom Digital Asset Top 20 Index, tracking the top 20 crypto assets based on market capitalization. This index accurately reflects over 90% of the overall performance of the digital asset market.

# 11/2 OKX introduces cryptocurrency exchange services in Argentina, marking its expansion into the country as part of its strategic focus on the Latin American market

OKX introduces cryptocurrency exchange services in Argentina, marking its expansion into the country as part of its strategic focus on the Latin American market. This expansion follows its entry into Brazil in late 2023. Argentine users will now have access to OKX's crypto exchange platform, a self-custody wallet, and the capability to trade nonfungible tokens (NFTs), as announced by OKX.

### 21/2 Hong Kong Mulls OTC Crypto Trading and Stablecoin Regulation

Hong Kong Mulls OTC Crypto Trading and Stablecoin Regulation. The Hong Kong government has expressed its readiness to push for licensing bills on stablecoin issuance and over-the-counter (OTC) crypto trading "as soon as practicable."

### 21/2 Nigeria Moves to Block Access to Crypto Trading Platforms

Nigeria ordered telecommunications companies and other internet service providers in the West African nation to block access to cryptocurrency trading platforms. In June 2023, Nigeria's Securities and Exchange Commission said Binance was operating in the country illegally. It was a significant change in tone from the announcement in late 2022 that Nigerian authorities were discussing how to partner with the crypto exchange to establish a "digital economic zone" that would focus on blockchain technology.

## **Important Crypto News in 2024 Q1**

# 24/1 Cryptocurrency exchange Gemini will return at least \$1.1 billion to customers of its defunct lending program and pay a fine of \$37 million for unsafe and unsound practices as part of a settlement with the New York Department of Financial Services (NYDFS)

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### 4/3 Ex-Binance Executives Set Up New Crypto Exchange.

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### 11/3 UK regulator to allow crypto-related securities

The UK's financial regulator will allow some bitcoin-linked securities to be listed on the stock market, in a softening of its tough stance on digital assets as investors around the world snap up funds investing directly in cryptocurrencies.

Issuers can apply to list notes that are linked to the bitcoin and ethereum coins on the London Stock Exchange from April. ETNs are debt securities that track an underlying asset but are traded and settled through a central market entity like a stock exchange and securities depository.



## **New Crypto Regulations Worldwide**



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The changing landscape of the European AML framework, involving increased scrutiny of suspicious transactions and increased powers to Financial Intelligence Units ("FIUs")

On 17 January 2024, the European Council and European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on parts of the European anti-money laundering package. The changing landscape of the European AML framework, involving increased scrutiny of suspicious transactions and increased powers to Financial Intelligence Units ("FIUs"), is likely to affect directly the risk exposure of the non-financial sector. For organisations such as crypto-asset service providers, professional football clubs and traders of luxury cars, aircraft and yachts, it is time to prepare for the increased regulatory burden expected to result from these developments. For others, it is time to revisit their risk exposure and establish compliance systems and controls to address the growing risks.



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## **New Crypto Regulations Worldwide**



### China Doubles Down on Crypto Mining Restrictions

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### Crypto Crime Could Mean Jail for Life in South Korea

Crypto Crime Could Mean Jail for Life in South Korea. The rules take effect on July 19 2023 and cover market manipulation, illegal trading and other violations leading to criminal punishment or fines, depending on the severity.

In the case of criminal punishment, a fixed-term imprisonment of more than one year or a fine equivalent to three to five times the amount of unjust enrichment is possible. If proceeds from crime exceed 5 billion won (\$3.8 million), the perpetrators can face a life sentence.



### Upbit Singapore Granted MPI License for Institutional Crypto Services

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The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) has officially granted Upbit Singapore a Major Payment Institution (MPI) license, marking an important step for the company in its commitment to the country's crypto regulations.



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## **Company Awards**



# FINTECH AWARDS 2020

### HK Fintech Award by ETnet 2020 in Wealth Investment and Management

Outstanding Cross-Boarder Digital Asset Management Solution



### HK Fintech Impetus Award 2020 by Metroradio and KPMG

**Basic Technology- Trading Platform** 

2021



### HK Fintech Award by ETnet 2021 in Wealth Investment and Management

**Outstanding Crypto Index Platform** 

2022



### **Hong Kong Fintech Impetus Awards 2022**

Startup of the Year

Basic Technology (Big Data)

2023



### **Hong Kong Fintech Impetus Awards 2023**

Basic Technology (Big Data)



### **Asia Pacific Enterprise Achievement Award 2024**

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