

WHY ONCHAIN FINANCE IS INEVITABLE



An industry brief on the next generation of capital markets infrastructure

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THE FUTURE OF FINANCE IS ON

The world's largest financial institutions are quickly realizing the opportunity for blockchain technology to redefine capital markets. Forward-thinking banks and financial services companies are already moving operations onchain to unlock deep liquidity for previously illiquid assets, reduce costs via automated workflows, and develop higher-integrity markets.

This industry brief provides an overview of the opportunities driving these institutions onchain, along with key technical considerations to successfully capitalize on this massive economic shift.





TOKENIZED ASSETS

A multi-hundred-trillion dollar opportunity for early adopters

\$867T

Size of traditional markets poised for disruption by tokenization

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM (2021)



Of institutional investors agree that "tokenization will revolutionize asset management"



BNY MELLON AND CELENT (2022)



Expected growth rate of tokenization in private markets by 2030



CITI (2023)

"The tokenization of asset classes offers the prospect of driving efficiencies in capital markets, shortening value chains, and improving cost and access for investors."

BlackRock

BLACKROCK (2023)



WHY TOKENIZATION?



Integrity Verifiable onchain transactions reduce counterparty risk



Utility

Reduced costs via automated workflows and shared databases



Near-instant asset movement across

interoperable trading environments



Increased auditability around previously opaque processes

Tokenization of Illiquid Assets To Be 10% Of Global GDP by 2030





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SMART CONTRACTS, SMARTER MARKETS

Automate financial market workflows

24/7/365

Payment windows to move cash and securities



Of senior decision-makers are looking to accelerate turnaround times for processes by adopting digital assets **T+0**

Securities settlement time achievable with blockchain technology



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<u>DTCC (2022)</u>	



"The holy grail would be to achieve full automation throughout the stack with tokenization using blockchain technology."



ACCENTURE (2021)

Streamline Industry Processes







SEAMLESS INTEROPERABILITY FOR GLOBAL LIQUIDITY

Cross-chain communication powering a broader financial ecosystem

72%

Of global institutional investors indicated a preference for working with an integrated provider for all digital asset needs



The number of blockchains that have been built, with varying technical attributes to support specific uses



J.P. MORGAN AND CELENT (2022)



GOLDMAN SACHS (2021)



Of institutional investors want access to staking pools for enhanced yield on crypto assets



"The industry needs standards and interoperability. Different financial market infrastructures (FMIs) and

consortiums are working on the same problem in parallel, but with no clear interoperability or standardization. This leads to silos in initiatives today. As DLT adoption gains critical mass, there will be more drive to standardization and interoperability."



CITI (2023)



Who's adopting onchain finance?

The world's largest banks and financial institutions are exploring blockchain technology for creating more efficient, reliable, and accessible markets. Additionally, there are 7,200+ decentralized finance (DeFi) applications across hundreds of blockchains.

How can we unlock siloed liquidity?

Onchain markets are inherently isolated, meaning that hundreds of trillions of dollars worth of tokenized assets are fragmented across disconnected digital islands. To unlock a broader financial ecosystem, the industry needs an interoperability solution that enables liquidity to seamlessly and securely flow across onchain markets.

What's the standard?

The Cross-Chain Interoperability Protocol (CCIP) establishes a standard that allows for universal connection between any public and private blockchain network. CCIP, which is underpinned by Chainlink, can be configured to seamlessly connect existing backend systems to any blockchain to help institutions securely interact with onchain markets.

Why Chainlink?

Chainlink is the industry-standard Web3 services platform and has enabled triliions of dollars in transaction volume. CCIP is powered by Chainlink's market-leading oracle infrastructure and uses a state-of-the-art and defense-in-depth architecture to provide institutions and their clients with end-to-end security.

Who's working with Chainlink?

Already the industry standard in Web3, Chainlink is now working with the world's largest financial institutions and infrastructures. Swift, the bank messaging network connecting 11K banks, collaborated with Chainlink and 12+ institutions—including Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ), BNP Paribas, BNY Mellon, Citi, Clearstream, Euroclear, Lloyds Banking Group, and SIX Digital Exchange (SDX)—to successfully demonstrate the potential of tokenization. DTCC, the world's largest securities settlement system, processing \$2+ quadrillion annually, is also working with Chainlink to bring capital markets onchain. ANZ, a leading Australian bank with \$1T+ AUM, utilized Chainlink CCIP to explore cross-chain, cross-currency,

and cross-border tokenized asset settlement.

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