

Insights from the Bitvo Trading Desk

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The cryptocurrency market continued to advance last week with most major coins posting positive gains on the week. Bitcoin Cash, which underwent a contentious hard fork over the weekend, was one of the only major cryptocurrencies that did not end the week in the green. It traded down over 10% on the week. The price of Bitcoin was up approximately 3% on the week, at some points trading over US\$16,700, a new 2020 high. The price of Bitcoin has now advanced almost 50% in the past 30 days and is up almost 100% in the past year. Recall that Bitcoin hit its all-time high price in December 2017 at US\$20,000. The total market capitalization of cryptocurrencies globally is now over US\$480B with Bitcoin comprising US\$309B of that total.

(BTC)

CURRENT PRICE

21,844.1517

24 HOUR CHANGE

+1060.1664

(+6.6786%)

Open: 20,783.9853

Close: 21,844.1517

High: 21,956.0838

Low: 20,676.4656

Volume: 776,607,504



Altcoin Headlines

- Decentralized finance (DeFi) users increased by 40% in October, despite many DeFi tokens posting losses on the month. Recall that DeFi tokens outperformed Bitcoin throughout the summer months of 2020 but have since seen a pullback. According to cryptocurrency market data aggregator Dune Analytics, the total number of unique DeFi user addresses increased roughly ten times over the past year. Lending protocol Compound and decentralized exchange (DEX) DydX led the way, increasing their user bases over the past 30 days by 250% and 50%, respectively. Compound's absolute growth of 135,000 new users over the past month exceeded the 110,000 attracted by DEX Uniswap.
- Ripple disclosed that it bought back US\$46 million worth of XRP in the third quarter of 2020, despite already owning nearly half of the digital asset's supply. Ripple indicated that the purchase was made to support "healthy markets" and that it may continue to purchase more in the future.
- **Interested in trading altcoins not offered on Bitvo? Fund your Bitvo account, purchase BTC, ETH or XRP and then transfer it to a platform offering the desired token.**

Other Newsworthy Bits

- The number of active Bitcoin addresses spiked over +29% overnight early last week. Active Bitcoin addresses are now up nearly +30% year to date from 791,000 to 1.026M.
- Bitcoin continues to gain traction with traditional financial investors and corporations. Last week, Bill Miller (prior Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of Legg Mason Capital Management) told CNBC that the risks of Bitcoin going to zero are "lower than they've ever been before" and predicted more institutional interest in the cryptocurrency.
- Additionally, billionaire investor Stanley Druckenmiller told CNBC "Bitcoin could be an asset class that has a lot of attraction as a store of value to both millennials and the new West Coast money."
- According to bitcointreasuries.org, publicly listed companies with the largest Bitcoin portfolios are now Grayscale, CoinShares, MicroStrategy, Galaxy Digital, 3iQ, ETC Group, and Square. Grayscale has ~US\$7.4B under management in the Grayscale Bitcoin Trust, more than 2% of total Bitcoin supply.
- Meanwhile, Central Bank Digital Currencies or CBDCs continue to gain traction with Christine Lagarde, President of the European Central Bank, saying she has a 'hunch' that a digital version of the Euro will launch in the next two to four years. It is widely expected that China will launch its own CBDC earlier than that and last week, Raid Salameh, governor of Lebanon's central bank announced that they are preparing to launch a digital currency in 2021 as an effort to combat the economic and financial crisis the country is facing.

Bitvo Market Recap

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Bitvo's Crypto Technical Analysis Score

Crypto Market	Overall Technical Score	Short Term (0-5 days)	Medium Term (5-20 days)	Long Term (>20 days)
 Bitcoin	45.99 Neutral	38.38 Weak	40.62 Neutral	59.12 Good
 Ether	45.56 Neutral	35.32 Weak	42.54 Neutral	59.12 Good
 XRP	45.04 Neutral	33.85 Poor	42.54 Neutral	59.12 Good
 Bitcoin Cash	41.01 Weak	37.24 Weak	37.31 Weak	48.69 Neutral
 Litecoin	39.83 Weak	33.85 Poor	37.31 Weak	48.69 Neutral
 Dash	46.02 Neutral	39.64 Weak	42.54 Neutral	56.01 Neutral
 Ethereum Classic	34.58 Poor	33.28 Poor	34.77 Poor	35.73 Weak

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