

BlackRock's IBIT Debuts on Nasdaq

New York – January 11, 2024 - BlackRock's spot bitcoin ETF, the iShares Bitcoin Trust (IBIT), begins trading today on Nasdaq. IBIT seeks to track the performance of the price of bitcoin and carries a 0.25% sponsor fee with a one-year waiver reducing the fee to 0.12% on the first \$5B assets under management (AUM)¹.

"The launch of the iShares Bitcoin ETF advances ETF innovation and expands access to bitcoin for investors," said **Dominik Rohe, Head of Americas iShares ETF and Index Investing business at BlackRock**. "For the first time, investors will be able to incorporate bitcoin in a consistent, convenient, and cost-effective way, alongside other asset classes like stocks and bonds, in their brokerage account."

The iShares Bitcoin Trust ETF is underpinned by the same institutional grade technology and risk management expertise used for iShares' 1,300 ETFs. IBIT is a key milestone in the firm's digital assets initiative exemplifying BlackRock's expertise in ETFs and financial markets innovation.

"Our digital assets journey has been underpinned by our goal to provide clients with high-quality access vehicles in this space. This bitcoin ETF is a natural progression of our efforts over multiple years and builds on the foundational capabilities we've established to date in the digital assets space," said **Robert Mitchnick, Global Head of Digital Assets at BlackRock**.

To date, iShares has helped over 43 million people access the markets². IBIT underscores the firm's commitment to innovation and providing clients access to an expanding world of investments.

To learn more about the iShares Bitcoin Trust visit [iShares.com/ibit](https://www.ishares.com/ibit)

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¹ 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 management fee charged on assets over \$5.0 billion will be 0.25%. All investors will incur the same management fee which is the weighted average of those fee rates. After the 12-month waiver period is over, the management fee will be 0.25%.

² BlackRock, as of September 30, 2023. 43 million figure is an estimate of the number of investors holding iShares ETFs globally using various sources. For the United States, ETF investors calculated using data from Broadridge Financial Solutions, based on a ticker-level analysis of unique, anonymized individual brokerage account numbers that hold at least one iShares ETF and have an account balance greater than \$0, and assumes one account equals one investor which may not reflect potential double counting for households that may have more than one account. For the European Union and the United Kingdom, data is from digital platforms, ExtraETF, Financial Times, AMF, Le Monde, Wisdom Tree, Finanzas, Italian Association of Asset Managers.

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iShares unlocks opportunity across markets to meet the evolving needs of investors. With more than twenty years of experience, a global line-up of 1300+ exchange traded funds (ETFs) and \$3.12 trillion in assets under management as of September 30, 2023, iShares continues to drive progress for the financial industry. iShares funds are powered by the expert portfolio and risk management of BlackRock.

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This information must be accompanied by a current iShares Bitcoin Trust prospectus, which may be obtained by clicking [here](#). Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. An investment in the Trust may be deemed speculative and is not intended as a complete investment program. An investment in Shares should be considered only by persons financially able to maintain their investment and who can bear the risk of total loss associated with an investment in the Trust.

Investing in digital assets, such as bitcoin, involves significant risks due to their extreme price volatility and the potential for loss, theft, or compromise of private keys. The value of the shares is closely tied to acceptance, industry developments, and governance changes, making them susceptible to market sentiment. Digital assets represent a new and rapidly evolving industry, and the value of the Shares depends on the acceptance of bitcoin.

Changes in the governance of a digital asset network may not receive sufficient support from users and miners, which may negatively affect that digital asset network's ability to grow and respond to challenges. Investing in the Trust comes with risks that could impact the Trust's share value, including large-scale sales by major investors, security threats like breaches and hacking, negative sentiment among speculators, and competition from central bank digital currencies and financial initiatives using blockchain technology. A disruption of the internet or a digital asset network, such as the Bitcoin network, would

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