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Mega force in focus: Future of finance

iShares Blockchain and Tech ETF - IBLC

iShares thematic ETFs seek to capture the long-term, transformative mega forces which are big, structural changes that affect investing now - and far in the future. **Future of finance** is one such mega force. A fast-evolving financial architecture is changing how households and companies use cash, borrow, transact and seek returns.

Accessing companies at the forefront of blockchain innovations

The **iShares Blockchain and Tech ETF (IBLC)** aims to provide global exposure to companies involved in the development, innovation and use of blockchain and crypto technologies, leveraging NYSE FactSet's proprietary data and analytics to identify companies involved in blockchain technology opportunities, including:

**Blockchain & crypto
asset mining**

**Blockchain & crypto
asset exchanges**

**Blockchain
technologies**

**Blockchain & crypto
asset hardware**

80%

The percentage of executives who believe that blockchain technology will create new revenue streams in their respective industries.¹

\$5T

By 2030, the value of blockchain technology via the metaverse could reach up to \$5T.²

130

Countries representing 98% of the world's GDP, are exploring putting their nation's sovereign currency on a blockchain.³

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Expense Ratio: 0.47%

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NYSE FactSet Global Blockchain Technologies Index

HOLDINGS

36

INCEPTION DATE

04/27/2022

Source: BlackRock, as of 09/30/23.
Holdings are subject to change.

Past performance does not guarantee future results.

¹ Source: Deloitte, 2021 Global Blockchain Survey, August 2021.

² Source: McKinsey, "Value creation in the metaverse: The real business of the virtual world", June 2022.

³ Source: Atlantic Council, CBDC Tracker, accessed in July 2023.

Stock examples

Coinbase (COIN)



Operates the largest cryptocurrency exchange in the U.S. and has 98 million users in 100+ countries,⁴ facilitating liquidity for popular cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, which has an average daily trading volume that is ~60% more than Apple's.⁵

Block (SQ)



Block, formerly Square, provides a digital payments platform called Cash App to facilitate bitcoin trading. Block is expanding access to crypto assets for its 200M+ users via offerings like automatic paycheck conversion into bitcoin.⁶

IBLC characteristics



- United States **77.8%**
- Canada **10.9%**
- China **4.4%**
- Japan **2.6%**
- Australia **2.0%**
- Germany **0.9%**
- Indonesia **0.6%**
- Other **0.8%**



- Application software **54.5%**
- Financial exchanges and data **14.4%**
- Semiconductors **9.2%**
- Transaction and payment processing services **7.3%**
- IT consulting & other services **6.1%**
- Technology hardware, storage and peripherals **3.8%**
- Asset management and custody banks **1.6%**
- Other **3.3%**

Source: BlackRock, as of 09/30/23. Holdings are subject to change.

⁴ Source: Coinbase, Company Overview, accessed on 12/31/2022.

⁵ Source: Zeus Mining, "Bitcoin's average daily trading volume is nearly 60% higher than Apple's", March 2022.

⁶ Source: CoinDesk, "Block's Cash App Rolls Out Service To Automate Getting Paid in Bitcoin," April 2022.

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Companies that are involved in the development, innovation, and utilization of blockchain and crypto technologies are subject to a number of risks: the technology is new and many of its uses may be untested; intense competition; slow adoption rates and the potential for product obsolescence; volatility and limited liquidity; loss or destruction of key(s) to access accounts or the blockchain; reliance on the internet; cybersecurity risks; and the lack of regulation and the potential for new laws and regulation that may be difficult to predict. In addition, blockchain companies involved in cryptocurrencies may be adversely affected by fluctuations in, and manipulation of, the price of cryptocurrencies. Moreover, the extent to which companies utilize blockchain technology may vary, and it is possible that even widespread adoption of blockchain technology may not result in a material increase in the value of such companies.

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