



## FTSE Russell launch first multi asset digital asset index series

FTSE Russell, a leading global index provider, today announces the launch of its first multi asset, market cap index series covering the investable digital asset market. The newly launched FTSE Global Digital Asset Index Series, built in association with the experts at Digital Asset Research (DAR), covers eight indices from large to micro cap, and is the second FTSE Russell index series based on FTSE DAR Reference Price data.

The indices monitor 24/7 data and hundreds of exchanges to define the investable universe, segmented by circulating weight. The FTSE Global Digital Asset Index Series market cap range includes:

- FTSE Digital Asset Index (Large, Mid) [FDALM]
- FTSE Digital Asset All Cap Index (Large, Mid, Small) [FDAAC]
- FTSE Digital Asset Total Cap Index (Large, Mid, Small, Micro) [FDATC]
- FTSE Digital Asset Large Cap Index [FDALC]
- FTSE Digital Asset Mid Cap Index [FDAMC]
- FTSE Digital Asset SMID Cap Index [FDASMC]
- FTSE Digital Asset Small Cap Index [FDASC]
- FTSE Digital Asset Micro Cap Index [FDAMIC]

**Arne Staal, CEO at FTSE Russell, a London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) business, said:**

“We are pleased with the progress the FTSE Global Digital Asset Index Series launch represents for our digital asset capability, as transparency in this asset class becomes more important than ever. FTSE Russell has taken a measured approach to this frontier investment space and has built a rigorous and transparent framework, underpinned by robust governance and comprehensive data to meet investor needs, both where they are now and as they prepare for change in this market.”

The FTSE Global Digital Asset Index Series was developed to provide the data infrastructure and governance to serve client investment and analysis needs. In the digital asset market, unlike more established markets, price sourcing is more difficult, making our asset and exchange vetting the cornerstone of all FTSE Russell digital asset indices. FTSE Russell’s price construction and continued monitoring play a critical role in the FTSE Global Digital Assets Index Series methodology, providing the mechanism for rigorous asset and exchange inclusion controls in line with the requirements of the

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UK and EU Benchmark Regulation. It all starts with vetting exchanges that contribute to our pricing data. The process sets standards across 21 criteria<sup>1</sup> to assess the multiple factors – technical, operational, regulatory, security, transactional, custodial, and more – that impact institutional quality. This is followed by further vetting of individual assets, and finally filtering in real time. The price and index methodology work in tandem to maintain accurate, responsive, and reliable benchmark data for a wide range of index use cases.

More information:

[FTSE Digital Asset Indices – Spotlight page](#)

[FTSE Global Digital Asset Index Series – Methodology](#)

[FTSE Global Digital Asset Index Series – Product center \(Factsheets\)](#)

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## Notes to editors:

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# FTSE DAR digital exchange vetting

## Market Status Classification Criteria

CRITERIA	WATCHLIST	PARTICIPATING
<b>Regulatory Criteria</b>		
Capital Controls: Domicile of Exchange does not restrict capital trading to foreign or international investors	•	•
Exchanges must be managed by companies with easily available and verified biographical information on its leadership team	•	•
Regulatory Compliance: the Exchange operates within the laws of its domiciled country and does not knowingly violate any local or international regulations applicable to it based on its location, or the location of its permitted users and has obtained the relevant licensing and registrations		•
Differentiation of Users Based on Geolocation: restricts trading to users in specific jurisdictions		•
Obtained the relevant licensing and registrations for the jurisdiction(s) in which the Exchange maintains an office, is headquartered, or is otherwise registered to do business		•
Exchange has complied with regulatory authorities for requests for information		•
<b>Governance and Institutional Criteria</b>		
Must maintain a minimum daily reported volume of \$5M USD each day over the previous six months	•	•
"Know Your Customer" (KYC) and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) controls require, at a minimum, that a user verify their name, phone number and bank account prior to using the platform including FTSE and DAR's ability to audit the policies		•
Information Sharing: Provide upon request by FTSE and DAR information around unusual or suspicious market activity		•
Sanctions Lists: an Exchange is reviewed against third-party sanctions lists		•
Fees: An Exchange must have a publicly listed fee schedule which is uniformly practiced and demonstrates that the Exchange operation as a centralized, for-profit business		•

CRITERIA	WATCHLIST	PARTICIPATING
<b>Governance and Institutional Criteria Continued</b>		
Accessible Support Team: Provide open support communication channels to its users		•
Criminal or Regulatory Misconduct: No founded accusations of misconduct or criminal charges against the Exchange and the Exchange has complied with regulatory authorities for requests of information		•
<b>Technical Criteria</b>		
Centralized Spot Exchange, centralized organization that facilitates spot delivery transactions of underlying assets	•	•
Required Data: Trade data is available and allows for continuous delivery of trade prices and trading volume data, including data fields which detail the asset pair, price, volume and accurate timestamp for each trade	•	•
No Meaningful Security Lapses: No meaningful security lapse or breach in the last 12 months which resulted in the loss of client or Exchange funds exceeding 1% of its total holdings		•
No Known Deficiencies in Operational Security: focusing on mitigating potential attack vectors and operational risks.		•
Have no significant downtime, defined as more than 24 cumulative hours in a quarter		•
<b>Data Science Criteria</b>		
Trading needs to follow natural buy and sell patterns	•	•
Trading occurs at natural and expected lot levels	•	•
• Price follows natural patterns that track with the market	•	•
• Volume follows natural patterns that track with the market	•	•
• Order book shows active and competitive behavior	Pass any two of three criteria over previous two quarters	Pass any two of three criteria over previous two quarters

Exchanges are eligible as a digital asset pricing source for the FTSE DAR Reference Price files if they qualify as either Watchlist or Participating. Only Participating exchanges can be used for the regulated benchmarks. Watchlist exchanges need to meet criteria relating to domicile capital rules, minimum daily reported volume and availability of trading data and data science tests.

Participating exchanges need to meet all the Watchlist criteria, as well as additional criteria relating to regulation, governance and technical performance.

Please refer to the Guide to the Vetting of Digital Assets and Digital Asset Exchanges in association with Digital Asset Research available at [ftserussell.com/digitalasset](https://ftserussell.com/digitalasset).

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**About FTSE Russell and Digital Asset Research**

FTSE Russell is a global index leader that provides innovative benchmarking, analytics and data solutions for investors worldwide. FTSE Russell calculates thousands of indexes that measure and benchmark markets and asset classes in more than 70 countries, covering 98% of the investable market globally.

FTSE Russell index expertise and products are used extensively by institutional and retail investors globally. Approximately \$17.9 trillion is currently benchmarked to FTSE Russell indexes. For over 30 years, leading asset owners, asset managers, ETF providers and investment banks have chosen FTSE Russell indexes to benchmark their investment performance and create ETFs, structured products and index-based derivatives.

A core set of universal principles guides FTSE Russell index design and management: a transparent rules-based methodology is informed by independent committees of leading market participants. FTSE Russell is focused on applying the highest industry standards in index design and governance and embraces the IOSCO Principles. FTSE Russell is also focused on index innovation and customer partnerships as it seeks to enhance the breadth, depth and reach of its offering.

Digital Asset Research (DAR) is a provider of crypto market data, research, and analysis to professional investors. In its partnership with FTSE Russell, DAR acts as an asset specialist, providing digital asset data as well as research on token projects and technologies. Since 2018, FTSE Russell and DAR have worked to align digital asset data with traditional investment infrastructure.

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