# DIGITAL ASSET FUND

# AN INSTITUTIONAL APPROACH TO DIGITAL ASSET MARKETS

#### September 2021 Newsletter

September has historically been a negative month for the digital asset markets and this year was no different. The major digital assets, bitcoin and ethereum, finished -6.0% and -11.4% respectively in AUD. The month started off strong, with prices and yields rising together. This increasing leverage was flushed out as the asset class proved it was not immune to the negative sentiment triggered by the Evergrande saga in China. Sharp drops in global equity markets were followed by the crypto space with a larger than 20% correction in the price of bitcoin and other leading cryptocurrencies.

In non-trading related news, El Salvador became the first sovereign to adopt bitcoin as legal tender. As of the 7th of September, also known as "Bitcoin day", Salvadorians can pay for goods or services with bitcoin. According to Nayib Bukele, the Salvadoran president, 46% of the population have already downloaded the Chivo bitcoin wallet. By contrast, 70% of Salvadorans do not have bank accounts. The nation-state was the first to buy and hold bitcoin, buying 700 bitcoin through the month.

Please see page 2 for a list of interesting articles we read in September

### Key market observations from the trading desk

Yields continue to climb to levels not seen since May 2021. We'd like to remind investors that despite being market neutral it is possible for DAF to have negative returns in the short term as spreads move against us, greater than the profit from active trading, before they revert to fair value prior to expiration.

#### Performance overview

+2.86%

Digital Opportunities Class

Style: Market-Neutral/Arbitrage

1 month +2.86% 3 months +7.87%

6 months

Since inception +39.40%

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-	-	-	-	+28.16	+0.83	+2.19	+2.62	+2.86				+39.40



Style: Long only Bitcoin Tracker

1 month -5.71 % 3 months +31.93%

6 months

Since inception -19.24%

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-	-	-	-	-37.18	-2.55	+21.69	+14.98	-5.71				-19.24

Performance Chart

#### \$1,500 \$1,394 \$1,355 \$1,400 \$1.321 \$1,292 \$1.282 \$1,300 \$1,200 Performance (VAMI) \$1,100 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$857 \$900 \$745 \$800 \$700 \$628 \$612 \$600 \$500 April/21 May/21 June/21 Digital Oppotunities Class Bitcoin Index Class



**DIGITAL ASSET**FUNDS MANAGEMENT

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#### **Fund Characteristics**

Australian based Investment manager
Australian unit trust
Australian Dollar denominated units
Three separate unit classes

#### **Digital Opportunities Class**

- > Uncorrelated to traditional markets
- > Market neutral approach
- > Absolute return focused

#### **Bitcoin Index Class**

- > Bitcoin tracker
- > Enhanced yield
- > Directional, long only exposure

#### **Digital Index Class**

- > Digital Index tracker
- > Enhanced yield
- > Directional, long only exposure

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## **Fund Administrator and Registry**

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- > Citigroup Gearing up to Trade CME Bitcoin Futures
- > Robinhood doubles down on cryptocurrency with new wallet offering
- > Mastercard makes a big bet on crypto, buying blockchain analytics start-up
- > Twitter rolls out bitcoin tipping for iOS users

Minimum

Applications

Redemptions

Lock up period

> Fidelity Digital Assets finds 90% of surveyed investors find digital assets appealing



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#### **Fund Terms**

Digital Opportunities Class Bitcoin Index Class Digital Index Class AUD 100,000 AUD 100,000 AUD 100,000 Monthly Monthly Monthly Monthly (45 days notice) Monthly Monthly 90 Days None None Management Fee 2% plus GST 2% plus GST 2% plus GST Performance Fee 25% plus GST None None Highwater mark N/A N/A Yes

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