

## Global Digital Asset-Based Exchange Traded Products AUM Dips 14% in April but Shows 64% Growth YTD

London, UK, May 3, 2024 – Fineqia International Inc. (the "Company" or "Fineqia") (CSE: FNQ) (OTC: FNQQF) (Frankfurt: FNQA), a leading digital asset and fintech investment business, announces that its analysis of global Exchange Traded Products (ETPs) with digital assets as underlying collateral revealed Assets Under Management (AUM) dropped to \$81 billion from \$94.4 billion at the end of March, marking a 14.2% decrease.

In April, the total market value of digital assets decreased by 18.8%, to about \$2.29 trillion from \$2.82 trillion. Even amid the market decline, financial products backed by digital assets maintained a 24.5% premium over the digital assets market, consistent with the trend seen in Q1. **Year-to-date, ETPs holding digital assets rose 63.6% (64 if you don't want decimals) in AUM, while the digital assets market cap increased by 29.2%. This highlights a premium growth for ETPs of approximately 117% in comparison to the relative underlying.** This surge in premium is predominantly attributed to the approval of BTC Spot ETFs in the United States, which commenced trading on Jan. 11, stimulating capital inflows into financial products featuring digital assets as underlying assets throughout Q1.

In April, the price of BTC declined by 13.6% to \$60,150 from \$69,650 at the end of March. Simultaneously, the AUM of ETPs with BTC as their underlying asset experienced a 13.2% decrease, dropping to \$63.2 billion from the \$72.8 billion recorded at the end of March. These figures emphasize a neutral flow throughout April, with the reduction in AUM perfectly reflecting the decline in the underlying asset's price. Year-to-date, ETPs holding BTC have shown a 77.7% increase, while the BTC price has risen by 42.2%. This highlights an 84% growth in premium for financial products with BTC as the underlying asset in 2024.

"Crypto's meteoric rise continues, with ETFs as the fuel propelling investors into the stratosphere," said Fineqia's CEO Bundeep Singh Rangar. "As AUM skyrockets and markets surge, it's not just about growth. It's about rewriting the rules of finance in real-time." (To change)

In April, Ethereum (ETH) saw a 14.9% decline in value, dropping to \$2,985 from the \$3,508 recorded at the end of March. During the same period, the AUM of ETH-denominated ETPs decreased by 16.4%, falling to \$12 billion from the \$14.3 billion recorded at the end of March. Year-to-date, ETPs holding ETH have shown a 26.6% increase, while the ETH price has grown by 31.1%. This emphasizes how the growing expectation among market participants of the SEC rejecting the approval of ETH Spot ETFs in May has led to a decrease in institutional exposure to ETH in favour of BTC.

ETPs representing a diversified basket of cryptocurrencies decreased 9.5% in AUM during April, to \$2.8 billion, from \$3.36 billion recorded at the end of Mar. Year-to-date, AUM of ETPs holding a basket of cryptocurrencies rose 24.2% from \$2.25 billion at the beginning of 2024.

ETPs representing an index of alternative coins decreased by 23.9% in April to \$2.97 billion from \$3.9 billion recorded at the end of March. Year-to-date, the total growth was 33.2% from \$2.23 billion at the end of 2023. Solana (SOL) remains the dominant force in this index, comprising almost half of the alternative coins AUM.

In April, ETPs with SOL as the underlying asset saw a 31.4% decrease in AUM, falling to \$1.29 billion from the \$1.87 billion recorded at the end of March. During the same period, the SOL price dropped by 37.4%, declining to \$127 from the \$203 recorded at the end of March. These statistics highlight that the premium observed in April in the AUM of ETPs holding digital assets as underlying compared to the broader digital assets market value can be mainly attributed to the resilience shown by ETPs holding SOL.

ETPs include Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs). Fineqia Research's AUM calculation factors in the launch or closure of ETPs during any stated period. The number of tracked ETPs stood at 192 as of the end of April.

All references to price are quoted in USD, and the cryptocurrency prices are sourced from CoinMarketCap and CoinGecko.

The ETP and ETF AUM data referenced in this announcement were compiled from reputable sources, including 21Shares AG, Grayscale Investment LLC, VanEck Associates Corp., Morningstar, Inc., and TrackInSight SAS, by Fineqia's dedicated in-house research department.

#### **About Fineqia International Inc.**

Fineqia ([www.fineqia.com](http://www.fineqia.com)) is a digital asset business that builds and targets investments in early and growth stage technology companies that will be part of the next generation of the Internet. It also provides a platform to support and manage the issuance of debt securities in the UK. Publicly listed in Canada (CSE: FNQ) with offices in Vancouver and London, Fineqia's portfolio of investments includes businesses at the forefront of tokenization, blockchain technology, NFTs, AI, and fintech.

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