Worldwide Digital Asset-Based Exchange Traded Products AUM Surges 55% in Feb Reaching All Time High AUM

London, UK, March 6, 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 a 55% growth in total Assets Under Management (AUM) in Feb, to $80.5 billion from $52.0 billion recorded at the beginning of the month.

The total AUM of ETPs with digital assets as their underlying assets have achieved a new record high, exceeding the previous peak reached at the close of 2021, which stood at $58.5 billion. This marks a rise of 37.6% compared to the previous AUM peak.

During Feb, the market value of crypto assets increased 37%, to about $2.37 trillion from $1.73 trillion. This reflects a 49% increase in ETP investment inflows and growth relative to crypto asset valuations in the last month. The premium is largely credited to the approval of BTC Spot ETFs in the United States, which began trading on January 11, resulting in heightened capital inflows into cryptocurrency ETPs.

The ten BTC Spot ETFs, featuring issuers such as Blackrock, 21Shares, Grayscale, and others, have witnessed a total net inflow of $7.4 billion since their inception. Leading the pack in terms of AUM is still the Grayscale Bitcoin ETF (GBTC), boasting approximately $26.5 billion in AUM. However, it's important to note that GBTC was previously trading as a Trust before being converted into an ETF. At the time of conversion, GBTC held over 600,000 BTC and experienced $8.9 billion in outflows since its launch.

The outflow from GBTC was significantly offset by the net inflow observed by the other nine ETFs newly launched in January. Leading the race is Blackrock Bitcoin ETF (IBIT), which recently surpassed $10 billion in AUM and currently stands at $10.3 billion, with $8.0 billion in net inflows and $2.3 billion attributed to price appreciation. Notably, IBIT is the fastest ETF ever to reach $10 billion, accomplishing this milestone in less than two months, equivalent to thirty-five trading days, with an average daily AUM increase of almost $300 million.

In comparison, the first Gold ETF launched in the US, SPDR Gold Shares (GLD), which began trading in November 2004, took more than two years to reach $10 billion in AUM. This highlights the significant influence of BTC Spot ETFs in connecting traditional finance investors with the digital assets market.

"The institutional race is on. Issuers' phones are ringing 24/7 as investors are thirsty of satoshi", said Fineqia CEO Bundeep Singh Rangar. "The high demand for ETFs is flooding the market with increased liquidity and ETFs are quickly drying up the available BTC supply on the market".

In February, the price of BTC increased by 41.4%, rising to $61,250 from $43,300 at the end of Jan. During the same time, the AUM of ETPs with BTC as the underlying asset saw a 59.5% increase, to $60.6 billion from $38.0 billion recorded at the end of Jan. ETPs with BTC as their underlying asset currently account for approximately 4.9% of the total BTC supply, with the ten recently launched BTC Spot ETFs holding 3.9% of the supply, equivalent to $48.2 billion. These statistics underscore the significant impact of the recent BTC Spot ETFs launch in the recent market uptrend.

During February, Ethereum (ETH) rose 46.9% in value to $3,473 from $2,365 recorded at the end of January. In the same period, ETH-denominated ETPs AUM increased 46% to $14.0 billion from $9.6 billion on Jan. 31.
It's important to note that seven issuers have submitted applications for an ETH Spot ETF, with the SEC recently delaying decisions on filings by Blackrock and Fidelity. The SEC will be required to make a final decision before the end of May, as three of the seven filings have a final deadline in the last week of May.

ETPs representing a diversified basket of cryptocurrencies increased 41.4% in AUM during February, to $3.01 billion, from $2.17 billion recorded at the end of Jan.
ETPs representing an index of alternative coins increased by 27.1% in January to $2.83 billion from $2.22 billion recorded at the beginning of the year. Solana (SOL) remains the dominant force in this index, comprising nearly half of the alternative coins AUM. ETPs with SOL as the underlying asset experienced a 25.3% increase in AUM, to $1.26 billion from $1.01 billion recorded at the end of Jan.

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 180 as of the end of February.

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.

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