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Blockdaemon Raises \$155 million in Series B Financing Led by SoftBank Vision Fund 2





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- On September 21, 2021, Blockdaemon, a blockchain infrastructure platform, announced that it has raised \$155 million in Series B financing at a valuation of ~\$1.3 billion
 - The round was led by SoftBank Vision Fund 2, with participation from Matrix Capital Management, Sapphire Ventures, and Morgan Creek Digital
 - Additionally, existing investors Boldstart Ventures, Goldman Sachs, Greenspring Associates, CoinFund, Kenetic, Kraken Ventures, Borderless Capital, and Lerer Hippeau increased their investments as part of the round
 - This funding round closely follows the Company's \$28 million
 Series A in June 2021, and brings its total financing to date to just under \$190 million
- Blockdaemon will use the new capital to fund its international expansion by adding talent in Singapore, Japan, the UK, and Germany
 - The Company will also look to make strategic acquisitions to further build out its tech stack
- In the 90 days prior to the Series B announcement, Blockdaemon's growth accelerated rapidly as it more than doubled its operational footprint, increasing its managed node count from 8,000 to 18,000
 - Over the past year, the Company's valuation has increased by 70x, its revenue increased by 20x, and it grew its headcount by 5x
 - The Company also expanded to 70 points of presence globally, and added multiple layers of risk mitigation

Transaction Commentary

"This latest large infusion of capital is another major milestone for Blockdaemon and will ensure that we continue to revitalize existing financial infrastructure around the globe. We are committed to a future of decentralized financial infrastructure and accelerating the ease of integration to bridge traditional banking to the crypto ecosystem. As regulations get further defined, a backer of the caliber of SoftBank and Masa's experience is crucial. We are deeply gratified to have the support and confidence of the financial, tech, and VC titans who made this latest round possible."



Konstantin Richter CEO & Founder

"We believe Blockdaemon is a foundational layer to the blockchain industry, providing a suite of easy-to-use infrastructure products and services to help power the world's top crypto exchanges, custodians, and funds. We are delighted to partner with Konstantin and the Blockdaemon team to support their mission of making access to blockchain easier and more secure for financial institutions."



Nagraj Kashyap Managing Partner



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Konstantin Richter

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Blockdaemon Overview

Company Overview

CEO & Co Foundary



CEO & Co-Founder:	Nonstantin Menter
Headquarters:	Los Angeles, CA

Founded: 2017

- Blockdaemon is an independent blockchain node infrastructure platform that stakes, scales, and deploys nodes with institutionalgrade security and monitoring
- The platform is used by exchanges, custodians, crypto platforms, financial institutions, and developers to connect commercial stakeholders to blockchains
- Blockdaemon powers the blockchain economy by simplifying the process of deploying nodes and creating scalable enterprise blockchain solutions via APIs, high availability clusters, autodecentralization, and auto-healing of nodes

Selected Financing History

Date	Amount (\$ mm)	Selected Investors
09/21/21	\$155	SoftBank Vision Fund, Matrix Capital Management, Sapphire Ventures, Morgan Creek Digital, Boldstart Ventures, Goldman Sachs, Greenspring Associates, CoinFund, Kenetic, Kraken Ventures, Borderless Capital, Lerer Hippeau
06/08/21	28	Greenspring Associates, Goldman Sachs, BlockFi, Uphold
05/12/20	6	CoinShares Ventures, BOLDstart Ventures, Comcast Ventures, Fenbushi Capital, HashKey Digital Asset, Heavybit, Lerer Hippeau, SPiCE VC

Products / Services Overview

Ubiquity API Use Cases



Developers

The platform can be used as a proxy to develop on a single node or launch on multiple continents with reliable monitoring



Exchanges

Removes the need for in-house archive nodes, allowing for economical data queries and automatic infrastructure setup



Analysts

Quickly access an extensible source of data with minimum time investment and little to no customization needed



Explorers

Access the latest block and transaction data across a variety of chains for exploration and discovery all from one source

Marketplace Versatility

Add-ons

Access to additional functionality like Into the Block's top-tier crypto intelligence and statistical models

Custody

Choose from a growing list of custodial services to broaden staking and asset management capabilities

Networks

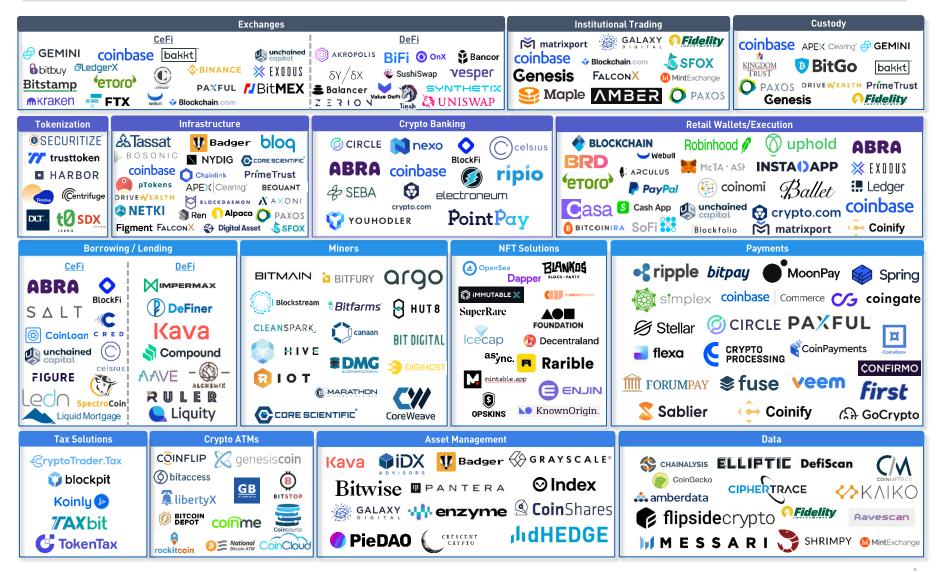
Interact with an expansive list of blockchains and decentralized network providers to diversify access to crypto assets

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FT Partners' Crypto Economy Company Landscape



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Circle's \$25 million Financing



Say's \$140 million Sale to Robinhood



Trumid's \$200 million Financing



Forge's \$2 billion SPAC Merger



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FT Partners Advises Abra on its Series C Financing

Overview of Transaction

- On September 15, 2021, Abra announced it has raised \$55 million in Series C financing led by IGNIA and Blockchain Capital with participation from new investors Kingsway Capital and Tiga Investments
- Additional participation in the round came from existing investors including Amex Ventures, Arbor Ventures, Lerer Hippeau, and Kenetic Advisors
- Founded by Bill Barhydt in 2014, Abra is the leading wealth management platform in the crypto space, allowing hundreds of thousands of users to earn yield on crypto assets, trade over 100 virtual currencies, and borrow against crypto holdings
 - Abra has processed over \$1 billion in crypto-backed loans and paid millions of dollars in interest to retail and institutional clients
 - Abra Earn offers users to earn competitive interest rates on crypto assets, including up to 8% interest on stablecoins, compounded daily
 - Abra's cross-border lending platform matches developed market investors with developing market borrowers to capitalize on a massive yield arbitrage opportunity

Significance of Transaction

- The investment will fuel Abra's rapid user base growth and support its continued commitment to expanding the product suite and capabilities
- Abra's Series C financing will allow the company's world-class development team to further expand its product suite for wealth management, trading, and payments, with a focus on offerings for high-net-worth clients and institutions

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive financial and strategic advisor to Abra
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' industry-leading expertise within the burgeoning crypto space, as well as its successful track record of generating highly favorable outcomes for high-growth FinTech companies globally

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on its Series C financing led by





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FT Partners Advises Circle on its \$25 million Financing

Overview of Transaction

- On July 30, 2020, Circle announced it has raised \$25 million in financing from
 Digital Currency Group as part of a strategic partnership with Genesis aimed at
 enhancing Circle's new suite of products for businesses and developers with
 USDC-based yield and lending services
 - Digital Currency Group is the parent company of Genesis
- Circle is a global FinTech firm that enables businesses of all sizes to harness the power of digital currencies and blockchains for payments, commerce and financial applications
 - Circle is the pioneer of USDC, the fastest growing, regulated digital currency backed by the US Dollar
- In Q2 2020, Circle launched its new suite of Platform Services, providing businesses with a comprehensive suite of products and APIs for integrating and implementing stablecoins for payments, global commerce, and financial applications

Significance of Transaction

- Through the partnership, Circle and Genesis will offer market solutions for businesses and developers who are seeking to generate strong positive yield from their own or customer USDC holdings
- The partnership will also provide access to USDC-based credit for businesses and merchants that are using USDC for treasury operations and business payments
- Circle and Genesis have established a leadership position providing core infrastructure supporting a new global financial system

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive financial advisor to Circle
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' deep domain expertise in the digital asset and and blockchain sectors, as well as its successful track record generating highly favorable outcomes for high-growth FinTech companies globally

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on its financing from

DIGITAL CURRENCY GROUP

for a total amount of

\$25,000,000



FT Partners Advises Forge on its Merger with Motive Capital Corp.

Overview of Transaction

- On September 13, 2021, Forge announced its merger with Motive Capital Corp.
- Upon completion of the transaction, the combined company is expected to
 have a pro forma fully diluted equity value of approximately \$2.0 billion (1)
 - Expected gross proceeds are \$532.5 million, prior to the payment of transaction expenses and up to \$100 million of cash consideration
 - The combination is further supported by a \$50 million commitment under Motive Partners' Forward Purchase Agreement and a \$68.5 million PIPE anchored by ION Group's \$50 million commitment and contributions from Temasek and Adit Ventures
- Forge's digital platform streamlines liquidity for hundreds of unicorn issuers and thousands of institutional and retail investors from around the world
 - Leveraging its robust technology, operations and trust infrastructure,
 Forge delivers a suite of services that includes trading, custody, data and company solutions
- Since inception, Forge has completed more than \$10 billion in transactions in more than 400 private companies

Significance of Transaction

- The confidence demonstrated by Motive Capital Corp, and other investors is a testament to Forge's business model, management and market opportunity
- Motive Partners intends to be a long-term strategic partner to Forge, accelerating growth and innovation in a market with substantial tailwinds

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as strategic and financial advisor to Forge
- FT Partners previously advised Forge on its \$150 million financing in May 2021, its merger with SharesPost in May 2020, its acquisition of IRA Services in October 2019, and its \$70 million Series B financing in July 2018
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' deep domain expertise within Capital Markets Tech, as well as its successful track record generating highly favorable outcomes for high-growth FinTech companies globally

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MOTIVE CAPITAL CORP

(NYSE: MOTV)

for total consideration of

\$2,000,000,000



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FT Partners Advises Revolut on its \$800 million Series E Financing

Overview of Transaction

- On July 15, 2021, Revolut announced that it has raised \$800 million in financing from Softbank and Tiger Global, valuing the business at ~\$33 billion
- SoftBank and Tiger Global join existing investors including Balderton Capital, DST, Ribbit Capital, TCV and TSG Consumer Partners
- Revolut is building the world's first truly global financial superapp to help people get more from their money
 - In 2015, Revolut launched in the UK offering money transfer and exchange; Today, more than 16 million customers around the world use dozens of Revolut's innovative products to make more than 150 million transactions a month

Significance of Transaction

- The investment will enable the Company to further its growth plans, in particular
 its ongoing product innovation aimed at meeting customers' everyday financial
 needs and aspirations, from quick and easy global transfers, to managing
 everything from savings to insurance to democratizing wealth and trading
- It will also support the expansion of Revolut's offering to US customers and its entry to India and other international markets
- Revolut is now the most valuable financial superapp and the 4th most valuable private FinTech company globally

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive financial and strategic advisor to Revolut
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' deep expertise in the Consumer FinTech and Banking Tech space, as well as our successful track record generating highly favorable outcomes for high-growth, unicorn FinTech companies globally

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Revolut

on its Series E financing led by



for a total amount of

\$800,000,000

at a valuation of

~\$33,000,000,000



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FT Partners Advises Say Technologies on its \$140 million Sale to Robinhood

Overview of Transaction

- On August 10, 2021, Robinhood (NASDAQ:HOOD) announced it had agreed to acquire Say Technologies for approximately \$140 million
- Say is a mission-driven company that has built an innovative communication platform making it easier for investors to exercise their ownership rights
 - Say's proxy processing technology helps broker-dealers give their customers seamless access to their vote, and its Q&A platform lets everyday shareholders participate in events like earnings by asking and upvoting questions
- Robinhood is an online broker that offers commission-free investing in US securities and cryptocurrencies, fractional trading, and cash management
 - Robinhood's mission is to democratize finance and make investing accessible with education and information, fractional shares, IPO access, and more

Significance of Transaction

- As part of Robinhood, Say will be able to further its goal of creating a new ecosystem of ownership and engagement to benefit all investors and companies
- Together the companies will find new ways to expand what it means to be an investor through new products and experiences that democratize shareholder access

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive financial and strategic advisor to Say Technologies
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' deep Wealth & Capital Markets
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 outcomes for leading companies globally

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on its sale to



for approximately

\$140,000,000



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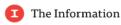
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