



Dear Investors,

In January, we witnessed a historic milestone both for OSL and the global digital asset landscape. OSL proudly completed its strategic BGX deal, fortifying its position as a leading digital asset platform. Upon completion, we have officially rebranded from BC Technology Group to OSL Group. Simultaneously, on the global stage, the SEC's approval of the Bitcoin (BTC) spot Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) marked a pivotal moment, providing mainstream investors with unprecedented access to the digital market. Together, these achievements signify a transformative era for OSL and the digital asset industry at large, promising exciting opportunities and growth on the horizon.

### **BGX Investment Deal Completion**

I am delighted to announce the [successful completion](#) of our strategic investment deal with BGX, a prominent player in the digital asset industry. This milestone marks a pivotal moment in our journey to expand and strengthen OSL's position as a leading digital asset platform in Hong Kong and beyond. By joining forces with BGX, we aim to further enhance the quality of our services, provide even greater liquidity, and offer innovative solutions to our clients.

I am also proud to announce the [appointment](#) of Patrick Pan as CEO. With this appointment, OSL looks to the future with renewed vision and determination. Patrick draws on extensive experience from his senior leadership roles at prominent companies across diverse industries spanning global digital assets platforms, China's largest online real estate platform, cybersecurity, and e-commerce, bringing valuable expertise to OSL.

### **SEC Approval of BTC Spot ETF**

As mentioned above, January witnessed the [U.S. SEC approve the first Bitcoin \(BTC\) spot Exchange-Traded Fund \(ETF\)](#). This regulatory milestone represents a significant step forward for the digital asset industry, providing mainstream investors with easier access to the crypto market.

The approval of the BTC spot ETF is a testament to the increasing recognition and acceptance of digital assets as a legitimate asset class. OSL welcomes this development as it aligns with our mission to facilitate the responsible and compliant integration of digital assets into the global financial landscape. We will closely monitor the ETF's performance and explore opportunities to offer related services to our clients.

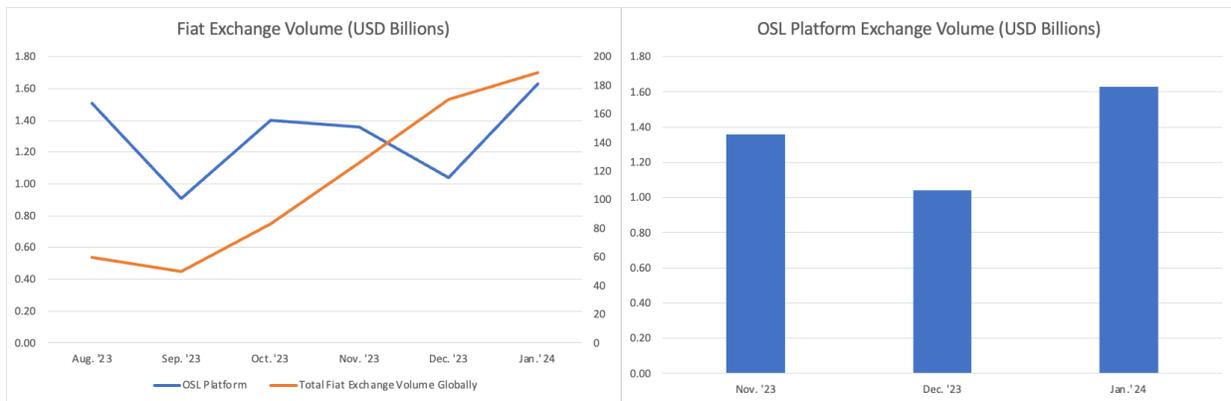


Furthermore, in a significant development for the Hong Kong digital asset market, the Hong Kong arm of the Harvest Fund management, a major Chinese asset manager and [STO partner of OSL](#), has filed the [first application](#) for a BTC spot ETF with the SFC. This move comes after Hong Kong regulators announced in December 2023 that they were ready to consider applications for spot digital asset ETFs.

The application by Harvest is part of a broader trend in Hong Kong, which is positioning itself as a leading hub for digital asset financial products. Other entities, including Venture Smart Financial Holdings, have also expressed [interest](#) in filing spot Bitcoin ETF applications.

In conclusion, January has indeed been an unprecedented month for OSL and a historic moment for the digital asset space worldwide. OSL continues to make strides in the digital asset arena, both through strategic partnerships and regulatory advancements. We remain committed to providing you with the best-in-class digital asset solutions and navigating the evolving regulatory landscape.

Prior months of trading volume for OSL\* can be viewed below:



## Business updates

On 26 January, OSL announced the enhancement of its digital asset custody insurance policy. This is led by long-term partner Canopus - a global specialty (re)insurer and leading Lloyd's of London Syndicate. The 2-year digital asset custody insurance policy includes an increased policy limit and broader coverage, providing OSL and its clients with even greater security and peace of mind for its digital assets.



## In the news

- 26 January 2024 - OSL is pleased to announce the enhancement of its [digital asset custody insurance policy](#). This enhancement is led by our long-term partner, Canopus, a global specialty (re)insurer, and a leading Lloyd's of London Syndicate. The 2-year digital asset custody insurance policy includes an increased policy limit and broader coverage, providing even greater security and peace of mind for digital assets, both for OSL and its clients.
- 22 January 2024 - Insights regarding the potential issuance of Hong Kong's first spot crypto exchange-traded funds have been shared by Gary Tiu, Executive Director and Head of Regulatory Affairs of OSL. While applications for virtual asset spot ETFs are currently under review by the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC), it is anticipated that these ETFs could be issued by the middle of this year. This insight has been featured in media outlets including [HKEJ](#) and [The Block](#).
- 22 January 2024 - An interview with OSL CEO, Patrick Pan, has been conducted by [The Cointelegraph](#) to discuss the strategic focus for the upcoming year. In 2023, significant progress was made in regulatory compliance, laying a strong foundation for the future. As 2024 is entered, the commitment to innovation and compliance, along with expansion strategies, will continue to drive OSL in the flourishing digital assets realm. The insights have been featured in [SafetyDetectives](#).
- 16 January 2024 - Gratitude is extended to Merkle 3s Compliance+ and Hong Kong Investor Relations Association (HKIRA) for hosting the "[Web3 Opportunities and Challenges](#)" event and extending a warm invitation to our CFO, Davin Wu, to join the esteemed panellists. As the future of compliant digital asset development is looked forward to with optimism, OSL is thrilled to be part of shaping Hong Kong's future.
- 12 January 2024 - OSL Group is excited to announce a global expansion strategy for 2024. With a commitment to excellence and strong relationships with esteemed financial institutions, OSL is well-positioned to set the gold standard for regulated digital assets platforms, offering unparalleled services from institutional clients to individual investors. This exciting news has been featured in [Fintech News Hong Kong](#), [HKEJ](#), and other local media.
- 12 January 2024 - Gratitude is expressed to [RTHK](#) for inviting our CFO, Davin Wu, to share insights on the future of Bitcoin ETFs in Hong Kong. This approval signals a positive future, paving the way for broader adoption and innovation in the financial landscape.
- 12 January 2024 - Thanks to [Sing Tao Daily](#) for featuring Gary Tiu, our Executive Director & Head of Regulatory Affairs, in an insightful interview. The recent SEC approval of spot Bitcoin ETFs could significantly impact the global digital asset

market. Hong Kong is gearing up for this transformation, and we're excited to witness it together.

- 10 January 2024 – I authored an insightful piece titled “[Revolutionising Your Portfolio: The Impact of a Spot Bitcoin ETF Approval](#)”. The authorisation of a spot Bitcoin Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) by U.S. authorities marks a ground-breaking advancement in the world of digital assets. This development carries significant implications that could reshape the landscape of digital currency investment and its integration into the broader financial framework.
- 10 January 2024 - Gratitude is extended to the [Hong Kong Investment Funds Association](#) for hosting a fireside chat featuring Gary Tiu, our Executive Director & Head of Regulatory Affairs, discussing the Hong Kong Tokenized Fund case study. The bright future of Digital Asset and Digital Finance in Hong Kong is eagerly anticipated.
- 1 January 2024 - Gary Tiu, Executive Director and Head of Regulatory Affairs of OSL has recently spoken with [TVB News](#) about the previous market incidents that have tested investor confidence, highlighting the importance of education and rational investment. In 2024, a commitment to fostering responsible regulation and a brighter future for digital finance will be upheld by OSL.

### **Additional digital asset market developments**

- SEC approves bitcoin-spot ETFs in milestone for digital assets - [link](#)
- Hong Kong firm targets Spot Bitcoin ETF launch in first quarter - [link](#)
- SEC delays decision timeline for BlackRock and Fidelity’s proposed spot Ethereum ETF to March - [link](#)
- German Police seize \$2.1B worth of Bitcoin in piracy sting - [link](#)
- Terraform Labs files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in Delaware - [link](#)
- FTX Estate Sold Majority of Bankrupt Exchange’s Grayscale Bitcoin Trust Shares - [link](#)
- BlackRock’s Bitcoin ETF hits \$1B AUM in one week - [link](#)
- Tether’s market share grew by 21 points in 2023, now captures two-thirds of stablecoin supply - [link](#)
- Bitcoin hash rate tumbles as halving approaches - [link](#)
- Moody’s says adoption of tokenized funds signals 'untapped market potential' - [link](#)
- EU banking watchdog extends AML measures to cover crypto firms - [link](#)
- Singapore bill would expand control over crypto financial products - [link](#)
- Stablecoin firm Circle confidentially files for US IPO - [link](#)
- Shanghai explainer on taxation of digital currency transaction drives speculation on potential easing of China’s crypto ban - [link](#)



As always, the team at OSL are available to discuss January's updates.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Dave Chapman  
Co-Founder and Board Advisor  
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\* Total platform volume data are an estimated aggregate total of all trading activities on the OSL platforms over the stated period. Such data are unaudited, based on various assumptions and methodologies that are subject to change, and may be subject to subsequent adjustments and corrections which we may later publish. Source: TheBlockCrypto as of 1 February, 2024