

Oxford Metrica announces the launch of OM International Block Holdings (OMIBH) a cryptocurrency service firm. OMIBH will provide a suite of services to qualified investors, institutions, and exchanges with an interest in cryptocurrencies. The increasing popularity in cryptocurrencies as reflected in the large volumes of trading has attracted an increasing interest in the phenomenon from investors, institutions, regulators and not least central banks. The excitement among investors is met with scepticism in equal measure from regulators and central banks. There is little doubt that cryptocurrencies are here to stay; however the industry faces many challenges. In order to survive there is likely to be a reduction in the number of cryptocurrencies which number more than a thousand and there inevitably will be an increased concentration in the exchange sector. Two major challenges facing investors in cryptocurrencies are the cyber security risk and safe custody. Due to the anonymous nature of the decentralised authentication of the blockchain system, hacking of exchanges and stealing codes is untraceable. Stolen coins are not recoverable. OMIBH has made key investments in the cryptocurrency infrastructure through the leading banking and custody provider and cyber security specialists. Oxford Metrica is launching IBH a Swiss based entity to provide an institutional quality solution to cryptocurrency trading. The full suite of services; OMCI™, the cryptocurrency fund, OMBT™, the block trading application and the cyber-security service will combine to provide a complete trading platform. In addition OMIBH will provide consulting services to investors and cryptocurrency exchanges. Despite the risks associated with cryptocurrencies OM is investing in the underlying block-chain infrastructure.

The launch of OMCI™ an index to manage risk

Oxford Metrica will be unveiling for the first time the world launch of the Oxford Metrica Cryptocurrency Index (OMCI $^{\text{TM}}$). The Index will be based on the major crypto coins and it will allow investors to have a summary measure of performance across the universe of cryptocurrencies and ex-

"PEOPLE WHO BUY BITCOIN ARE STUPID" JAMIE DIMON CEO, JP MORGAN changes. In addition several major crypto and fiat currency pairings will be covered. The new index will be an invaluable tool for risk management by investors in cryptocurrencies. The index will provide a reliable benchmark for evaluating various cryptocurrency trading srategies. The index has been developed at OM LAB the Oxford Metrica research engine. The OMCITM will in the future be available for investment as a fund. There are several benefits to investing in cryptocurrencies *via* a fund. Firstly, it provides risk diversification across crypto and fiat currencies. Secondly, the fund is better able to manage cyber security risks than the individual investor as wallet management would be managed in aggregate with the attendant economies of scale. Finally, the fund will be able to trade larger blocks across multiple exchanges and pass these reduced costs on to the investors. Custody services will be more cost effective.

Cryptocurrency block trading application OMBT™

The cryptocurrency market is valued at over two hundred billion dollars with daily trading volumes approaching eleven billion dollars. Institutional investors in the cryptocurrency market require the ability to execute large orders, which is currently limited due

to the existence of so many cryptocurrency exchanges with limited liquidity resulting in an overall fragmentation of the market. The block trading sys-

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tem has high speed API access to multiple crypto exchanges which provides a detailed view of the cryptocurrency markets. The block execution algorithm executes orders taking into account statistical short term price patterns, significantly lowering overall transaction costs. The application delivers lower transaction costs, faster execution times and extended trading hours.

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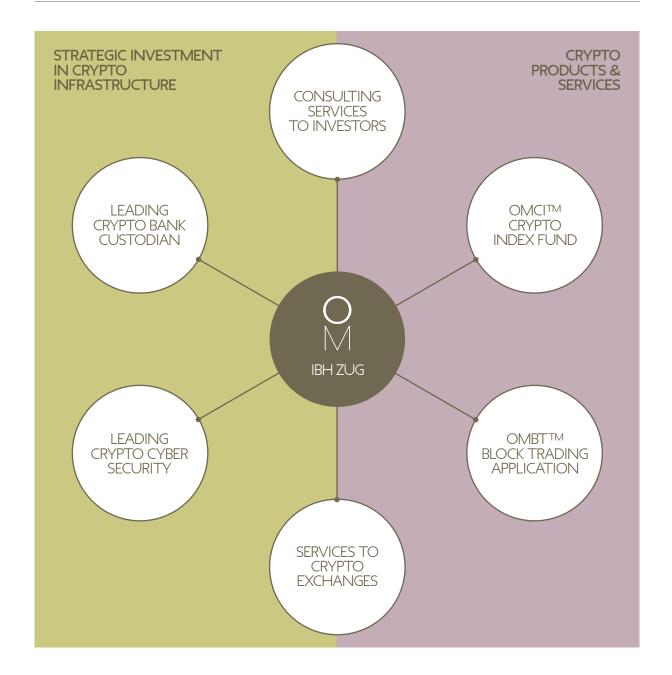
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THE OMIBH ECOSYSTEM





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Dr Rory Knight, is Chairman of Oxford Metrica and a member of the Board of the Templeton Foundations. He was formerly Dean of Templeton, Oxford University's business college. Prior to that Dr Knight was the vize-direktor at the Schweizerische Nationalbank (SNB) the Swiss central bank.

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