



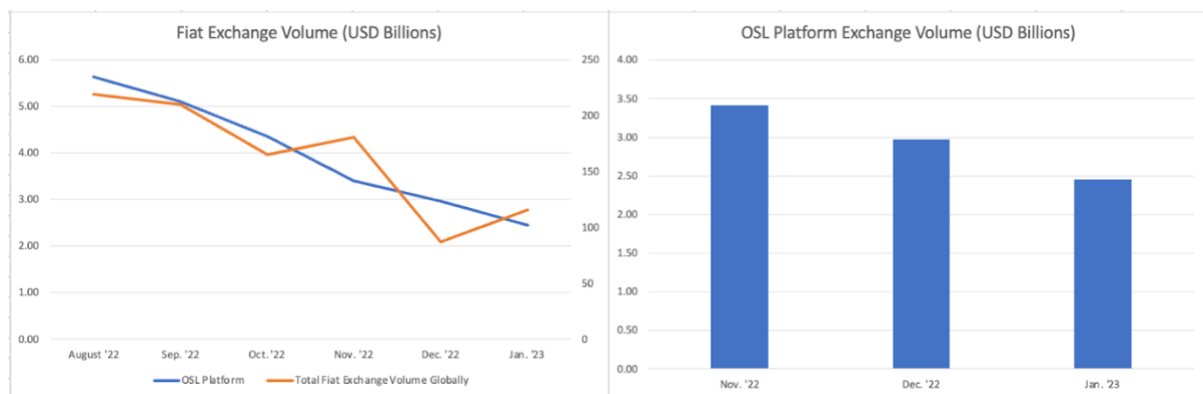
Dear Investors:

Kung Hei Fat Choi! As we welcome in the Year of the Rabbit, we thank you for your continued support and trust in our company. The Lunar New Year is a time of new beginnings and we look forward to another year of growth and success.

The digital asset market has had a promising start in January 2023. [This is the best performing start to the year for Bitcoin since 2013](#), with significant growth in the value of many digital assets. Bitcoin's price reached over USD 23,000 for the first time since August 2022, and [was up 40% in January](#). Ethereum, and other top performing cryptocurrencies have seen remarkable gains and the overall market capitalization eclipsed \$1 trillion USD again. While we are still far away from the digital asset's all-time highs, [it is a cause for optimism among investors](#).

From a macroeconomic perspective, the Federal Reserve has maintained its low interest rate policy and inflation has remained low and stable in January 2023. [Crypto investors are rejoicing over slowing inflation in the hope that the Fed may cut interest rates in 2023, which would take some of the pressure off risk assets](#).

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



## Business updates

In January, OSL continued to build its platform technologies and expand its service offerings.

## In the news

OSL executives and BC Group senior leadership appeared in well-known media and market events in January:

- 6 Jan 2023 - OSL Executive Director Gary Tiu was featured in the [Hong Kong Economic Journal \(Jan 2023 edition\)](#), detailing why #regulation would benefit the digital asset market in the long run.



- 9 Jan 2023 - Gary also shared his insights on regulating digital asset platforms and the Web3 community, at [the POWER23 Hong Kong Web3 Forum](#), in a roundtable discussing product design challenges for licensed digital asset firms.
- 13 Jan 2023 - I participated in a live, in-person AMA (Ask-Me-Anything) session at the ["Into the #Web3 Future" forum, an event designed for the HK youth to better understand the web3 space.](#)

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

- It's Bitcoin's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday! [On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January, 2009, Satoshi Nakamoto ignited the Genesis Block that started the chain.](#)
- [Sam Bankman-Fried has pleaded not guilty to the charges of cheating investors out of billions of dollars.](#) A trial date has been set for October 2, 2023, where SBF is facing eight criminal counts, and faces a maximum of 115 years in prison.
- [Sony and Manchester City are building a metaverse experience that will let fans participate in activities at a virtual version of the team's Etihad Stadium with their own custom avatars.](#)
- [Vitalik Buterin has proposed a system of "stealth addresses" to enhance transactional privacy on Ethereum.](#) The system would allow users to generate cryptographically obfuscated public addresses to receive funds privately.
- [Indonesia plans to launch a national cryptocurrency exchange in 2023 before it shifts regulatory powers over such assets to the Financial Services Authority, from a commodities agency.](#)
- A member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong has [proposed to issue a CBDC in the form of a stablecoin](#) backed by the government
- U.S. Congress' "first ever" subcommittee on digital assets has been created as part of the House Financial Services Committee. ["We want to create a regulatory legal framework for digital assets ... that makes America a leader from an innovation point of view but also protects consumers and investors," explained Congressman French Hill, who will lead the digital asset subcommittee.](#)
- [DCG's crypto-lending subsidiary Genesis files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.](#)
- [Web3 developer activity spiked in Q4 2022 despite market volatility.](#)

As always, the team at BC Technology Group and OSL are available to discuss January's updates or answer any questions.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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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 2023