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### **BTCS Business Model**

Driving **scalable growth** through a diverse range of business lines leveraging and built on top of our core and proven blockchain infrastructure operations.







Cryptocurrency Dashboard and Non-Custodial Staking-as-a-Service Platform Ethereum Block Building

Al Powered Blockchain Analytics (Under Development)\*



Blockchain Infrastructure, our core foundation, has a **predictable revenue stream and earnings** potential. We have a **proven track record** of delivering results.

<sup>\*</sup> ChainQ is currently under development and the Company plans to provide additional information during 2024...



### **BTCS Value Proposition**

Our strategy focuses on driving **scalable growth** of our staking-as-a-service and Ethereum block building operations. Leveraging our expanding blockchain infrastructure and industry experience, we are able to operate and develop cutting edge solutions for rapidly advancing blockchain technologies.



High growth and scalable business model



Nasdaq listed



Dedicated management team with deep industry and capital markets experience



Low public float, no toxic securities

Disruptive industry



#### **BALANCE SHEET**

- \$27.1 m Total Assets
- Debt Free
- 35% Insider Ownership\*\*
- 17 tokens held (71% ETH)

#### **OPERATIONS**

- Revenue \$1.3 m
- Gross Margins 73%

#### **CORPORATE ACTIONS**

- "Bividend" (2022)
- Series V Pref. Stock (2023)

\*\* Insider ownership as of January 19, 2024

<sup>\*</sup> Unaudited as of 12/31/2023



### Blockchain - Crypto Exposure Options

BTCS offers investors the opportunity to gain exposure to crypto markets with a focus on next**generation blockchains** powering Web 3 and the growth of NFTs, DeFi, and the Metaverse.



#### 1. Direct Crypto Ownership



2. VC & Private Investments





1st Generation **Blockchains** 

- Digital Currency (e.g. Bitcoin) serves as digital store of value
- Proof-of-Work ("PoW") Mining

#### **Focus**



**Next-Generation Blockchains** 

#### Overview

- Infrastructure powering
- Web 3. NFTs. DeFi. and the Metaverse
- Proof-of-Stake Staking

#### Proof of work

- Capital Intensive Hardware with no Residual Value
- High Energy Consumption
- Increasingly Centralized



**Business Model** 















25+ **Options** 

#### **Investment Options**

#### **Proof of Stake**

- Highly Scalable, Hardware-Lite
- Higher Transaction Throughput
- Environmentally Friendly (ESG)
- More Decentralized



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Options

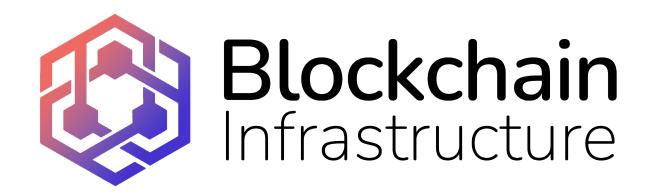














### **BTCS Core Infrastructure**



### PROOF-OF-STAKE

BTCS secures disruptive nextgeneration Proof-of-Stake blockchains that power **DeFi, NFT, and Metaverse ecosystems**.



BTCS operates and maintains validator nodes 24/7 on various networks.



### REVENUE

BTCS **earns revenue** by staking our crypto assets, securing blockchain networks, and participating in network consensus mechanisms by validating transactions.





### **Blockchain Networks Secured by BTCS**

Our current **blockchain infrastructure** operations are comprised of the networks described below. Our expansion strategy involves the evaluation of **high-utility** and **promising blockchains** that can be supported on the **StakeSeeker** platform.

#### **BTCS Blockchains Networks**



#### ETHEREUM

Leading smart contract layer-one decentralized platform.



#### COSMOS

"The internet of blockchains" ecosystem for interoperability.



#### SOLANA

High speed network for dApp development and scalability.



#### **AVALANCHE**

Fast, low cost open-source platform for dApps.



#### **POLKADOT**

Enables multiple networks to operate together seamlessly.



#### **AXIE INFINITY**

NFT based online gaming.



#### **POLYGON**

Building and connecting Ethereum - compatible blockchain networks.



#### **AKASH**

Decentralized cloud computing marketplace.



#### **KUSAMA**

Scalable network for early stage Polkadot deployments.



#### **KAVA**

Lightning-fast network connecting Cosmos and Ethereum.



#### NEAR

Developer and user-friendly dApp platform.



#### **TEZOS**

Self-upgradable, security-focused, and energy-efficient.



#### **OASIS**

Privacy-enabled scalable blockchain network for DeFi.



#### MINA

Extremely lightweight blockchain.



#### **EVMOS**

Interoperable blockchain for cross-chain dApp development.





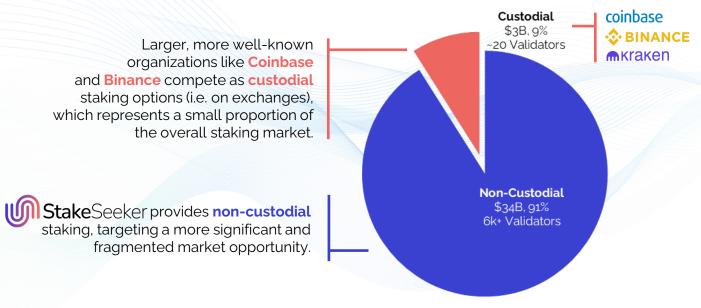


### SaaS Market Opportunity - Fragmented Competition

BTCS expects the Staking-as-a-Service market opportunity to **grow with blockchain network adoption**. We anticipate the market participant structure for the subset of blockchains depicted below to be representative of the much larger PoS market.

#### Total Staked Value

10 BTCS Secured Blockchains (excluding ETH\*)





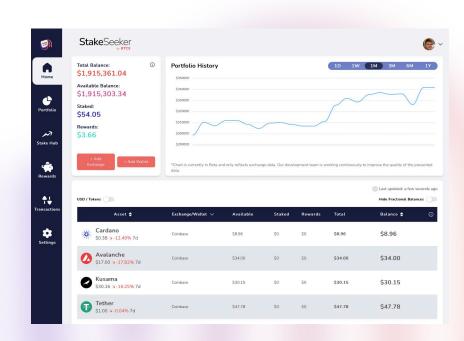
### Scalable Business Model

#### **Staking-as-a-Service**

- BTCS validator nodes (branded under "StakeSeeker") enable us to provide non-custodial staking-as-a-service on various networks.
- As the node operator, we receive a percentage of staking rewards (e.g. a validator fee) earned on delegated assets to our nodes from token holders.
- Revenue increases with the amount of delegated assets, with limited additional costs.\*

#### StakeSeeker Platform

- StakeSeeker enables users to earn crypto rewards by staking through our non-custodial Stake Hub and evaluate their crypto portfolios across exchanges and wallets in a single analytics platform.
- The Platform aims to attract users and delegators, providing a simple means to delegate/stake tokens to our nodes, boosting revenue growth through scale.





## Comparison to a More Widely Known Business Model



airbnl

Property Listed on Airbnb for Rent

Property Rented Rental Fee airbn

Asset Held by Individual

**Decision to Monetize Asset** 

Monetizing Activity

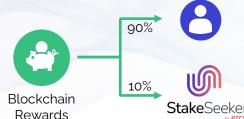
Earnings & Payouts



Stake Seeker

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Transaction Validated



Individual Holds Crypto Tokens Staked to StakeSeeker Nodes

Individual chooses to monetize their assets. Renting physical assets to earn rental income on Airbnb's platform is a similar concept to staking tokens to earn rewards using BTCS's StakeSeeker nodes.

Staked tokens are **delegated** to nodes to validate blockchain transactions and earn rewards.

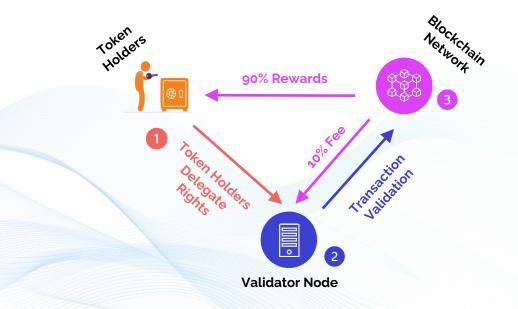
Validator nodes operators earn a **fee** on rewards earned, similar to the **service fee** Airbnb charges for listing properties on its platform.



### Delegated Proof-of-Stake Blockchain Mechanics\*

### What is Staking?

- Staking cryptocurrencies involves supporting the consensus mechanism of a Proof-of-Stake blockchain. The process involves committing crypto assets to support and validate transactions on a blockchain network, earning rewards for successful verification of transactions.
- Delegator's tokens are locked in network-based smart contracts ("Staked") with validator nodes as an incentive to ensure transaction validation adheres to the rules of the blockchain network.
- Rewards are typically earned based on the number of tokens staked to a node selected to validate transactions on a blockchain.



- Token Holders
  ("Delegators") delegate
  their tokens to a Validator
  Node, but maintain their
  private keys (i.e. money),
  hence non-custodial.
- 2 Validator Node actively participates in the consensus mechanism and validates transactions.
- Blockchain Network
  Rewards are distributed by
  the network to Token
  Holders and Fees for
  providing technical
  infrastructure are sent to
  Validator Node operators.





StakeSeeker is BTCS's proprietary **cryptocurrency dashboard**, offering users a consolidated view of their crypto portfolio across various exchanges and wallets. It also provides innovative **portfolio analytics** and a non-custodial way to **earn staking rewards** on crypto assets.



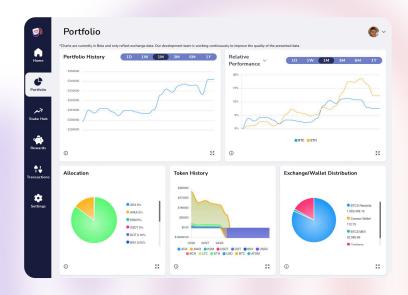
Link exchanges and wallets where your crypto is held to evaluate and monitor your consolidated crypto portfolio in a central dashboard.



Analyze your crypto performance with a suite of data analytic and reporting tools, including trading history and rewards tracking.



Delegate your crypto to StakeSeeker validators to participate in networks and earn rewards.





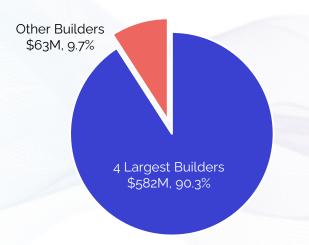




### Market Opportunity - Ethereum Block Builders

The Ethereum block-building market represents a critical component of validator reward distribution. The current builder market is dominated by a small number of network participants.

#### Market Concentration(1)



Current builder market ripe for a new **compliant** entrant to gain market share.

#### Market poised for growth primarily through:

- 1) Price appreciation
- 2) Increasing transactions on the network (utility)

Estimated Annual MEV Payments Distributed to All Validators \$645 m<sup>(2)</sup>

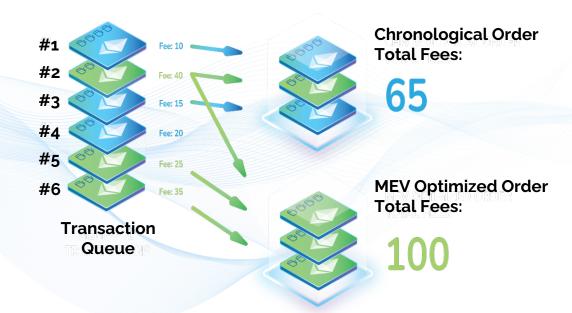
Total Ethereum blocks built using a builder 92%(3)



#### What is Builder+?

- Builder+ is our newly developed Ethereum block builder, which utilizes advanced algorithms to meticulously construct optimized blocks for on-chain validation designed to maximize revenue (MEV).
- Builders monitor the Ethereum transaction queue (mempool) for pending transactions and reorder them strategically to create an "optimized block" that contains transactions with the highest fees.
- Builders pay a fee to increase their block's chances of selection by a validator and earn the transaction fees associated with the transactions in the selected block.

#### Chronological Order vs. MEV Optimized Block





### How builders add value to Ethereum's blockchain



#### **Increase Validator Incentives**

Builders boost validator incentives by simplifying the process of capturing MEV rewards associated with proposed blocks, making participation in the network more lucrative and competitive.



#### **Enhances Decentralization**

Builders promote decentralization by reducing the technical barriers for validators to maximize rewards, ensuring a broader and more diverse set of participants in the network, and reducing risks of censorship by separating the builder and proposer roles.



#### **Improves Network Capabilities**

Builders enhance the network's efficiency by optimizing block construction and transaction order, which may result in increased transaction throughput, alleviated network congestion, and improved overall performance.



#### **Promotes Innovation**

Builders are poised to foster innovation within the Ethereum ecosystem by expanding the MEV marketplace and streamlining MEV strategies. This empowers developers to focus on creating value-added applications and services, cultivating a culture of innovation throughout the network.



### Why is BTCS Launching Builder+?



By operating our own builder with Builder+, we bolsters our Ethereum blockchain infrastructure strategy by diversifying operations, reducing reliance on third-parties, and ensuring compliance.

Builder+ is poised to unlock scalable revenue opportunities by positioning itself strategically to capture market share.



### **Key Service Providers**



Transfer Agent



Legal Counsel



Auditor

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# **Appendix**



### Management & Board

### Management



Charles Allen
Chief Executive
Officer &
Chairman of the
Board



Michal Handerhan Chief Operating Officer & Director



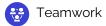
Michael Prevoznik Chief Financial Officer



Manish
Paranjape
Chief Technology
Officer

#### **Core Values**











Diversity
and Inclusion

#### **Independent Directors**



Charlie Lee Director



Melanie Pump Director



### **Blockchains Explained**

A blockchain ledger is a **distributed ledger** maintained by a network of computer nodes that verify and validate transactions.

#### Traditional vs. Blockchain Systems

Distributed ledgers allow for ownership of assets to be recorded through a **publicly shared registry**, eliminating the need for **central authorities** to certify ownership and clear transactions.



Trust/consensus entrusted to **third- party intermediaries** (such as banks).



Trust / consensus is built into the Blockchain network and secured by cryptography.

#### **How Blockchains Work**



Transaction (payment, contract, record etc.) is broadcasted to peer-to-peer network of computers, also referred to as nodes or validators.



The network of validators uses a consensus algorithm to validate the transaction.



Once validated, the transaction is combined with other transactions to **create a new block** of data to be added to the ledger.

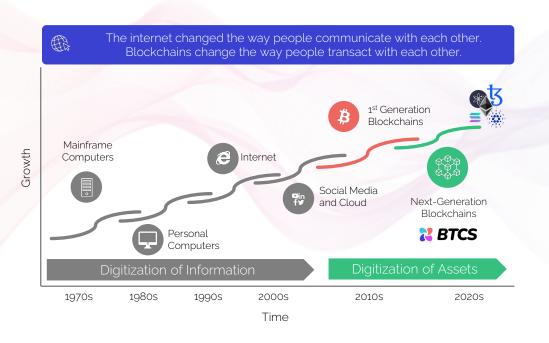


The new block is permanently added to the existing and unalterable blockchain ledger.



### Blockchains Ushering in a New Era of Technology

The computer and internet age ushered in the **digitization** and **proliferation of information** on a global scale. Blockchains are ushering in an age of **asset digitization** and **transfer** without the need for trusted intermediaries (banks, exchanges, etc.)



#### **Next-Generation Blockchains**

- Proof-of-Stake ("PoS") consensus
- ESG friendly
- Infrastructure powering:
  - Web 3 Next evolution of internet
  - DeFi Decentralized finance
  - NFTs Smart contracts/non fungible/ unique tokens
  - Metaverse Virtual extension of world





### Next-Generation PoS Opportunity & Relative Comparison

Blockchains (3) \$167B(1)

Web 3 and transaction-based industries built on next-generation blockchain technologies represent a multi-trillion market opportunity.

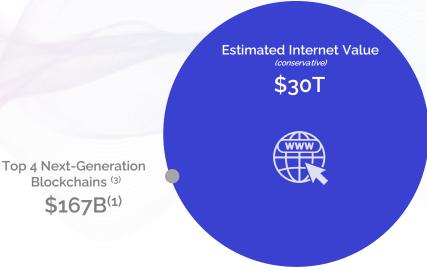
#### 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Blockchains

Bitcoin and gold are storers of value.

# **Gold Reserves** \$11.8T<sup>(2)</sup> Bitcoin \$318B<sup>(1)</sup>

#### **Next-Generation PoS Blockchains**

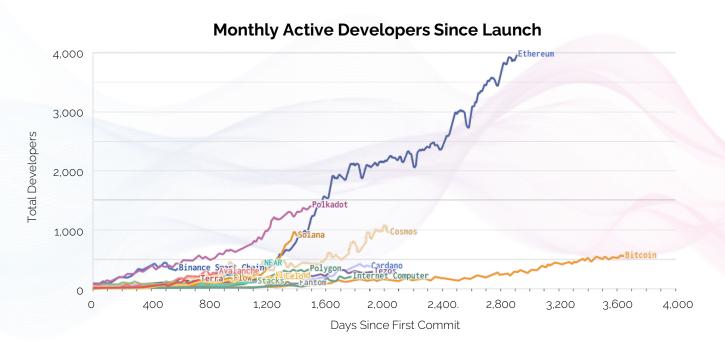
The internet's future can be transformed by nextgeneration blockchains that serve as the backbone of crypto assets and ownership in Web 3.





## Active Development Leading Indicator of Future Value\*

The **significant increase** in both total developers and code commits on the Ethereum blockchain indicates its dominance and value proposition.

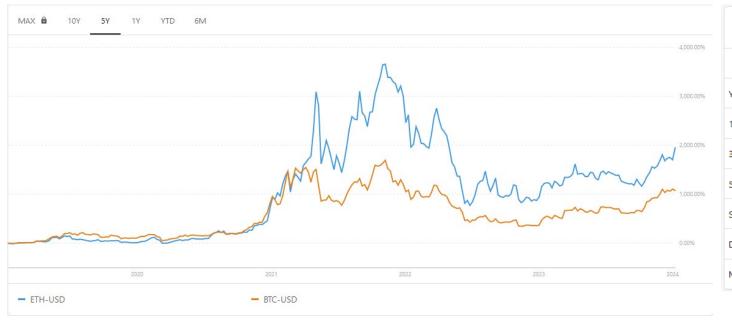


A **Commit** is an update to the code of a blockchain that is pushed to GitHub a public code repository. It's an indication of the level of software development.

Days Since First Commit is representative of when a blockchain was launched.



### Ethereum vs Bitcoin Performance



Key characteristics		
	BTC-USD	ETH-USD
YTD Return	1.39%	10.65%
1Y Return	127.10%	78.04%
3Y Return (Ann)	5.47%	22.48%
5Y Return (Ann)	41.09%	52.93%
Sharpe Ratio	1.33	0.72
Daily Std Dev	37.76%	40.15%
Max Drawdown	-93.07%	-93.97%



### Importance of Custody in Today's Environment

It is more crucial than ever to **educate** the public on the importance of taking control of their crypto assets through self-custody. Non-custodial staking offers a **secure and rewarding** solution for managing and growing your crypto assets with full control of your private keys.



#### Safeguarding

The safeguarding of customer funds continues to be a hot topic in the news. In light of the recent collapses of crypto lending platforms and exchanges, including FTX, the phrase "Not your keys, not your crypto", has been more widely circulated. This phrase refers to the inherent risk of keeping crypto on exchanges that hold the private keys to your crypto assets.



### **Self-Custody**

Non-custodial staking encourages holders of crypto to maintain control of their assets by moving them offexchange and into more secure digital wallets, where crypto holders can control the security of their private keys instead of trusting unregulated third-parties.



#### Non-Custodial Staking

considered **non-custodial staking**, as you retain control of your private keys



### Differentiating Non-Custodial Staking Model

Staking through BTCS's **StakeSeeker** platform is **non-custodial**, which differs from staking and earn programs offered by centralized crypto exchanges that have faced recent regulatory scrutiny.



#### **Custodial Staking**

- Crypto exchanges create wallets for accounts set up on exchange
- Custodian has control over crypto assets (i.e. private keys) held in customer exchange accounts
- Users do not maintain (or control) private keys
- "Staked" assets are pooled with others by custodian (common enterprise)
- Actions of exchanges as controller of customer assets and pool operator result in expectation of profits from their efforts
- Exchanges determine the annual percentage return ("APR"), frequency they distribute rewards and have right to change at their discretion
- Typically, higher transaction fees

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#### **Non-Custodial Staking**

- Crypto holders purchase tokens on exchanges and transfer off-exchange to digital wallets
- Users maintain control of private keys and direct staking activities from their wallets
- Users control safeguarding of their assets
- Validators do not take control of assets, so cannot pull them
- Operation of validator nodes is ministerial in nature and does not result in expectation of profits from efforts of others
- Each blockchain determines the reward frequency, unbonding periods, as well as APR and distributes rewards directly to the delegator
- Lower transaction fees













StakeSeeker's **AutoStake** feature enables delegators for certain networks to grant permission to a validator the responsibility to re-stake rewards on their behalf through security permissions of digital wallet.

By enabling AutoStake, rewards are compounded by being **automatically re-staked** up to twice a day back into the network at no cost to delegator.

AutoStake can be enabled for select networks supported by StakeSeeker with a few simple steps:

- 1. Connect to Keplr Wallet browser extension
- 2. Delegate to StakeSeeker node
- 3. Enable AutoStake through wallet permissions

#### **Current AutoStake Enabled Networks**







