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ETHEREUM



Ethereum introduced the world to 'smart contracts', which are self-executing code that enables agreements, transactions, and entire applications to run without intermediaries.¹

This development turned Ethereum into the foundation for a new digital economy. Developers have used Ethereum to build everything from decentralised finance protocols, stablecoins, NFTs, gaming, and tokenised real-world assets. These applications inherit the benefits of blockchain technology (transparency, neutrality, and decentralisation), while opening the door to entirely new business models. Ethereum has become the dominant² go-to settlement layer for the digital economy.

At the centre of it all is Ether (ETH), the network's native token. ETH is required to pay for every transaction across each and every application on Ethereum, meaning that as adoption of the ecosystem grows, demand for ETH also grows. Ethereum's Proof of Stake mechanism enables ETH holders to stake their tokens to help validate transactions and secure the network³. Our ETP does this automatically, earning a staking yield of 2-4% annually⁴, and the earnings are accumulated back into the ETP for enhanced performance.

INVESTMENT CASE OF ETHEREUM

A blockchain with utility

A common criticism of blockchain technology is that it has no utility. This is simply wrong. Ethereum has over eight million users each month⁵ who interact with the over 5,000 applications⁶ built on the network, by the 9,000 active developers⁷ who are building each month. This has turned Ethereum into a system that has generated over \$4 billion in revenue since 2022⁸.

Engine of the Web3 economy

Ethereum remains one of the leading smart contract networks, securing the largest share of assets and activity in Web3⁹. Smart contracts enable anyone to build and run decentralised applications without intermediaries. These applications power a wide range of use cases, from decentralised finance and stablecoins to tokenised assets and onchain games.

Institutional innovation

Institutions have now started to move onchain, experimenting with stablecoins for settlement, trialling tokenised funds¹⁰, and considering ETH itself as a strategic reserve asset¹¹. This sees Ethereum's story move beyond developers and crypto-native users, and opens the door to the next wave of adoption. Names like BlackRock, Franklin Templeton, and JPMorgan are leading these deployments.

Investing in Ethereum is not without risk

Scaling challenges, which can lead to high transaction costs and network congestion during peak demand, remain a risk to Ethereum's growth. While Ethereum has become more scalable over recent years, strong competition has now entered the smart contract space, most notably Solana which offers superior speed and lower fees. Users could still lose all of the money that they invest, and are not eligible for Financial Services Compensation Scheme) or Financial Ombudsman Service protection.

21SHARES ETHEREUM ETP

100% physically backed by Ether (ETH), the second-largest cryptoasset by market cap, the 21shares Ethereum Core Staking ETP (ETHC) tracks ETH's performance while capturing staking yields that are reinvested into the ETP for enhanced performance. ETHC investors gain exposure to ETH through the market's most cost-efficient ETP, featuring management fees as low as 0.10%

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21shares Ethereum Core Staking ETP

NAME	21shares Ethereum Core Staking ETP
TICKER	ETHC
ISIN	CH1209763130
EXCHANGES	SIX Swiss Exchange, Deutsche Boerse Xetra, Euronext Amsterdam, Euronext Paris, London Stock Exchange, NASDAQ OMX
CURRENCIES	CHF, EUR, GBP, USD, SEK
INCEPTION DATE	20 September 2022
ISSUER	21Shares AG
FEE	0.10%

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NAME	21shares Ethereum Staking ETP
TICKER	AETH
ISIN	CH0454664027
EXCHANGES	SIX Swiss Exchange, Boerse Duesseldorf, Boerse Stuttgart, BX Swiss, Deutsche Boerse Xetra, Euronext Amsterdam, Euronext Paris, Gettex, London Stock Exchange, NASDAQ OMX, Wiener Boerse
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