

# Certificate in Digital Assets Strategies and Risks

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Certificate in Digital Assets Strategies and Risks is designed to provide individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to design strategies and manage risks to include digital assets within their portfolios. The programme covers various topics such as an overview of the digital asset ecosystem, and investment & portfolio strategies while managing risk associated with this asset class.

The primary purpose of this certification is to provide professionals in the finance, investment, legal and blockchain industries with the skills and knowledge required to succeed in this field. Additionally, it can be useful for individuals looking to invest in digital assets for their personal portfolios. At the end of the programme, participants will be able to:

- **Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding** of the digital asset ecosystem, including the underlying technology, market trends, and potential risks and opportunities associated with investing in digital assets
- **Develop a discerning perspective** across asset classes guided by long-term orientation, while navigating through market cycles and investment paradigms
- **Develop the skills and knowledge** to manage investment and portfolio risks associated with digital assets, including risk assessment, diversification strategies, and regulatory compliance requirements in Singapore and other jurisdictions
- **Maintain awareness of trends and developments** and make recommendations to improve risk management processes
- **Apply the principles of investment and risk management** to construct and manage digital asset portfolios, utilising analytical tools and techniques to evaluate investment opportunities and make informed investment decisions that align with individual or institutional investment goals

## Who should attend

- Private banking and wealth management professionals
- Compliance professionals
- Asset management and investment professionals
- Family office advisors and consultants

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## Topics Covered

### Introduction and Overview of Blockchain and Digital Asset

1. The use of blockchain technology
2. Overview of Crypto Ecosystem
3. Regulations, Risks and Volatility of Cryptocurrencies
  - Singapore regulations, Securities and Futures Act

### Cryptocurrencies: Bitcoin (BTC), Ethereum (ETH) and Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT)

- Key information, characteristics, how they work, price history

### Decentralised Finance (DeFi)

### Investment Approaches and Key Considerations

- OTCs, ETFs, Futures, Options

## Meet Your Faculty



**Jason Toussaint**  
Director,  
DeFi Consulting  
Group

Jason has more than 20 years of experience in the asset management and ETF industry, and since 2015 in the digital assets industry.

As CEO of Kryptoin, he is developing cryptocurrency ETFs and numerous blockchain projects, including BTC Proxy, a Bitcoin bridge to the Ethereum blockchain. Jason is co-founder of DeFi Consulting Group and has been training and advising family offices and their advisors on digital assets since 2020.

He was previously CEO of World Gold Trust Services, Sponsor of the SPDR Gold Shares (GLD), where he led the growth in assets to more than US\$78 billion. He was also Managing Director and Global Head of Investment at the World Gold Council. In the ETF industry since 1999 and having launched over 18 equity index ETFs, he previously held senior investment roles at New York Private Bank, Northern Trust, Morgan Stanley, and JP Morgan, and has lived in Hong Kong and London.



**Dimitri Vardakas**  
Director,  
DeFi Consulting Group

Dimitri is an entrepreneur with over 20 years of experience in the consulting and technology industries with professional experience in the US, Europe, the Middle-East and Asia. Active in the digital assets industry since 2017.

As co-founder of DeFi Consulting Group, the digital assets consulting firm, he has been supporting institutional investors and advisors such as private banks, law firms, audit and accounting specialists.

Dimitri is also co-founder of NAOS International, the Executive Search & Advisory firm, supporting finTech and blockchain companies as well as family offices and VCs, acting as a connector for the past decade.

He has previously co-founded and grown Tech companies across various countries including France, Singapore and the US. He was also Business Unit Director at Altran, the management & technology consulting firm. Dimitri has lived in the US, France, Monaco and is currently based in Singapore.



**Nizam Ismail**  
Founder & CEO  
Ethikom Consultancy

Nizam is a highly experienced and accomplished CEO and Founder of Ethikom Consultancy, a compliance-focused consultancy based in Singapore and has over 27 years of experience in financial services regulatory compliance and litigation. He has worked in very senior roles at organisations such as RHTLaw Taylor Wessing LLP, Morgan Stanley, Lehman Brothers Singapore, Nomura Singapore and Citigroup (Corporate and Investment Bank).

Nizam has also worked as a regulator at the Monetary Authority of Singapore, where he was Deputy Director and Head of the Market Conduct Policy Division. Having graduated from the NUS Law School in 1991 on a Public Service Commission Local Merit Scholarship, Nizam started his legal career as Deputy Public Prosecutor/State Counsel at the Commercial Affairs Department.

## Guest Speakers

**Simon Nursey**, Head of Derivatives, QCP Capital (Pioneer in digital assets in Singapore)  
Adjunct lecturer at National University of Singapore teaching 'Applied Trading' at the Risk Management

**HB Lim**, CEO APAC, BitGo  
Former Director of Supervision at the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) at Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM), Abu Dhabi's International Financial Centre

**Zann Kwan**, Managing Partner, Revo - Raffles Family Office  
Co-Founder of Bitcoin Exchange Pte Ltd