# REAL-WORLD ASSET (RWA) TOKENIZATION PRIMER

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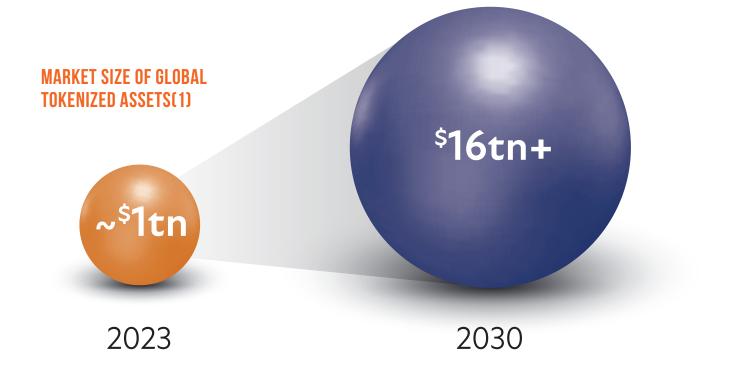
# INTRODUCTION

Real-world asset (RWA) tokenization has gained huge momentum over the past few years and has an estimated market worth trillions of dollars. This surge in popularity can be attributed to the growth of DeFi protocols and the burgeoning interest from financial institutions and governments in bringing financial instruments on-chain.

Through tokenization and blockchain technology, virtual counterparts of physical assets such as property, art, treasuries, and even luxury items like watches and jewelry can be created. This transformative process, known as asset tokenization or digitization, entails converting rights to assets into digital tokens. These tokens can be securely and reliably bought, sold, and traded using blockchain technology, effectively increasing liquidity as well as lowering costs and transaction times across markets.

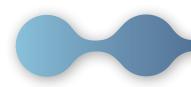
In this primer, we will delve into the mechanics of real-world asset tokenization, exploring its use cases, advantages, and challenges. Additionally, we will provide an overview of the key participants driving innovation and encouraging institutional adoption in this burgeoning asset class.

While Real-World Asset tokenization has yet to fully integrate into financial markets, Boston Consulting Group has predicted that asset tokenization could reach <u>\$16 trillion by 2030</u>. There is no doubt that tokenization is poised to reshape the landscape of traditional investment practices.





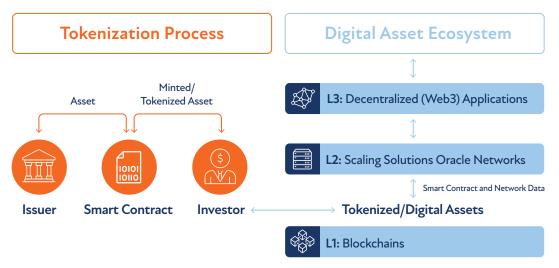
# **HOW DOES RWA TOKENIZATION WORK?**



Through tokenization, real-world assets become digital tokens that symbolize ownership of physical assets, such as gold, or digital entities like protocols. The digitization of these assets introduces an immutable and transparent record on a blockchain, providing a secure means to verify ownership, sales, and transfers. The representation of an asset encompasses the essential and specific properties of an asset, such as measurements, expiration date, underlying price, entitlements, reserves, physical and transfer conditions, rights, and more.

Tokenized assets can take two primary forms: "off-chain", representing ownership of a physical asset, or a native "on-chain" token, solely existing within the digital realm. This distinction allows for a flexible and diverse range of tokenized asset structures.

# **RWA tokenization Infrastructure**



THE TOKENIZATION PROCESS AS IT RELATES TO THE DIGITAL ASSET ECOSYSTEM

#### Source: Bank of America (BofA) Global Research

The tokenization process for real-world assets.

RWA infrastructure refers to the underlying technological and organizational framework that supports the tokenization and management of real-world assets. This infrastructure includes:

# **Blockchain Technology**

The choice of blockchain platform is critical. Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) networks are most commonly used for RWA tokenization because of their versatility and large developer community.

#### **Smart Contracts**

Smart contracts are self-executing software programs that automate the actions required in an agreement and run when predetermined conditions are met. They play a crucial role in automating and enforcing the rules and agreements associated with RWA tokenization.

# Legal and Regulatory Frameworks

Well-defined legal structures and compliance with regulatory requirements are integral to RWA infrastructure. Legal frameworks must ensure that tokenization adheres to existing laws and regulations.

#### Security and Identification

Secure and reliable identity verification processes are implemented to ensure the legitimacy of participants in the tokenization process. This may include processes like Know-Your-Customer (KYC) and Anti-Money Laundering (AML).

#### **Blockchain Network Data**

Tracking wallets, transfers, mints, balances, and overall activity is critical for users of RWA protocols and investors.

#### Oracles

Oracles provide external data to smart contracts, facilitating the integration of real-world information (such as asset valuations) into blockchain-based systems.

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# Technology and Token Standards

While ERC-20 for fungible assets and ERC-721 for non-fungible assets have been around since the dawn of DeFi, a new set of ERC specifications have been introduced to help with the representation of on-chain financial instruments:

**ERC-3643:** Designed to enable the <u>issuance</u>, <u>management</u>, <u>and transfer</u> of security tokens in compliance with regulations, ERC-3643 ensures secure and compliant transactions for all parties involved in the token exchange." According to <u>digital asset company</u> <u>Tokeny</u>, \$28 billion worth of assets have already been tokenized using this specification.

**ERC-3525:** To solve the drawback of commonly used ERC standards, this specification allows the creation of a "semi-fungible token that has the quantitative features of ERC-20 and qualitative attributes of ERC-721." It has been used so far to issue convertibles/ vouchers online.

**ERC-2222:** This is a "standard interface for distributing payments such as dividends, loan repayments, fee or revenue shares among token holders." This standard was created to handle claims on the future cash flow of tokenized assets like debt positions, loans, derivatives and bonds. For example, Maple Finance uses this standard for the profit re-distribution of USDC from the Maple Treasury.

**ERC-4626:** This specification is "a standard to optimize and unify the technical parameters of yield-bearing vaults. It provides a standard API for tokenized yield-bearing vaults that represent shares of a single underlying ERC-20 token...offering basic functionality for depositing, withdrawing tokens and reading balances." Since its creation in May 2023, over <u>50</u> tokenized vaults have been deployed across EVMcompatible chains.

# **Tokenization Process**

The tokenization process involves four primary steps:



# 1. Identification and Valuation

The first step is to identify the asset(s) that will be tokenized, such as real estate, art, commodities, or even revenue streams

like music publishing rights. Tokenizable assets can be transferred or sold with a set or variable price. To determine prices and worth, assets are appraised or valued.



# 2. Legal Structuring and Compliance

Legal agreements must be established to define the terms of the tokenization, including ownership rights, revenue

sharing, and any other contractual obligations. These agreements can be encoded into self-executing smart contracts, ensuring automated and transparent enforcement of the agreed-upon rules. Compliance with relevant regulations is also crucial, and depending on the jurisdiction and the nature of the asset, there may be specific legal requirements to meet, such as Know Your Customer (KYC) and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) procedures.



# 3. Token and Smart Contract Creation

Smart contracts underlying the digital tokens representing ownership are created on the blockchain.



# 4. Distribution and Trading

The created RWA tokens are distributed to investors or participants who can then trade them on secondary markets

like decentralized exchanges or DeFi platforms. This introduces liquidity to traditionally illiquid assets, allowing for easier transfer of ownership. Ongoing management of the tokenized assets is often facilitated through blockchain-based governance mechanisms, and token holders may participate in decision-making processes through voting mechanisms encoded in smart contracts





# The uses of tokenized real-world assets can be divided into two main categories: fungible tokens and non-fungible tokens (NFTs).

# **Fungible Tokens**

Fungible tokens, usually used for transactions, are interchangeable and are powered by Ethereum token standards like ERC-20. For example, cryptocurrencies like BTC and ETH are fungible tokens - one Bitcoin is indistinguishable from another Bitcoin and has the same value. Examples include:

# Stablecoins

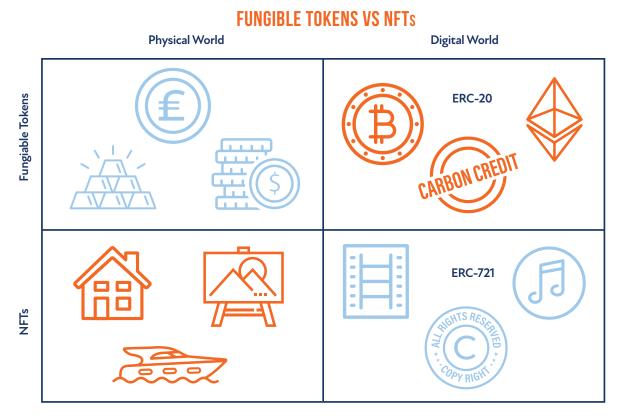
Stablecoins are a commonly used form of RWA. <u>Fiat-backed stablecoins</u> such as USDC or USDT are backed by the value of a currency such as the US dollar or treasuries in a reserve or liquid collateral. Stablecoins are valuable for cross-border transactions and efficient trading and settlements.

# Commodities

Commodities like gold, silver, or oil are frequently tokenized and represented on the blockchain. Tokens like PAX Gold (PAXG) and Tether Gold (AUT) and platforms like Rush Gold leverage blockchain technology for users while collateralizing each token with real commodities. In 2023, Bank of America reported that the tokenized gold market has already captured over <u>\$1 billion in investment</u>. Tokenization allows for a secure and transparent way to invest in fractions of commodities while hedging against inflation.

# **Treasuries and Bonds**

Tokenizing treasury securities like government bonds can generate yield with few risks, diversify portfolios, and hedge against the depegging risks of stablecoins. According to data compiled by <u>CoinDesk</u>, the market capitalization of tokenized money market funds was nearing \$500 million in 2023.



Source: Tokenized Markets Using Blockchain Technology: Exploring Recent Developments and Opportunities



# Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs)

NFTs are smart contracts powered by Ethereum token standard ERC-721 that represent unique assets that are not readily interchangeable with other tokens. Morgan Stanley has explored projects related to tokenizing real estate, art, and private equity investments, and has said that "Non-fungible tokens are disrupting the traditional art market, creating new communities of collectors and giving artists more access to their fans and buyers." Examples of RWA NFTs include:

#### Art and Collectibles

Art is perhaps the most discussed form of NFTs. Traditional artworks like paintings and sculptures or digital artwork can be transformed into tokens on a blockchain, each serving as a digital certificate of authenticity and ownership. With RWA and blockchain technology, traditional artworks are transformed into digital tokens, creating a transparent and accessible ecosystem for art ownership and investments. By tokenizing art, artists can monetize their work and bring liquidity and investors to the market.

# **Real Estate**

Traditionally, real estate investments involve large funds, intermediaries like brokers and lawyers, and transactions that can take weeks. When real estate is tokenized, investors can buy, sell, and transfer fractional ownership of properties across the world instantaneously.

# Intellectual Property (IP) and Royalties

Copyright NFTs within the RWA framework leverage blockchain technology to tokenize and trade ownership of music publishing rights, patents, and other forms of intellectual property. The transparent and immutable nature of blockchains ensures a clear and traceable record of ownership for royalties and allows for automated payments to ensure fair compensation to creators.

# Luxury Assets

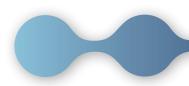
High-value luxury items, like yachts, vintage cars, or rare jewelry, can be tokenized, allowing investors to own a share of these assets. Tokenization enhances liquidity and provides an avenue for diversification in luxury asset portfolios

"THE NEXT GENERATION FOR MARKETS, THE NEXT GENERATION FOR SECURITIES, WILL BE TOKENIZATION OF SECURITIES."

- BlackRock CEO Larry Fink



# **BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF TOKENIZATION**



# Advantages

Tokenizing real-world assets creates opportunities for both asset managers and investors by offering cost savings, expediting transaction processes, and creating a more equitable market.

# **Efficient Transactions**

Transactions across traditional markets require multiple approval processes and usually have a 72hour settlement time. Using blockchain technology to prove ownership and pay for investments allows assets to be traded and settled instantaneously at any hour of any day, since protocols are not limited by working or market hours.

# **Greater Liquidity**

Fractional ownership also contributes to providing more liquidity to traditionally illiquid assets. By tokenizing an asset into fungible tokens, ownership is now available to a wider audience of investors with fewer funds and financial primitives can be settled at a much faster pace.

# **Lowered Costs**

A more efficient investment system also lowers costs across the investment process. Cutting out the costs of middlemen like lawyers, banks, and brokers enables the seller and buyer to trade directly and pay minimal gas fees to transfer the asset. The Financial Times has estimated that using blockchain driven market infrastructures for the buying and selling of funds may save asset managers up to \$2.7 billion a year.

# **Transparent Environment**

In addition to simplifying ownership, automating endto-end functions using blockchain technology gives investors a single source of truth. Transacting and recording events on-chain allows participants access to information not available in traditional financial markets. The transparency gained by using the immutable ledger of blockchain technology protects against fraud and promotes investors' trust with accountability. It also reduces overall systemic risks and errors and enables the development of better financial models, which leads to a better framework for understanding the risks inherent to these new financial markets.

# **New Financial Products**

By leveraging smart contracts and other new technologies, DeFi protocols are creating new financial instruments that were not possible in traditional markets. Innovative financial primitives with different incentive mechanisms are being created, tested, and validated at a faster pace than was previously possible.

"Tokenized stocks and bonds can improve liquidity and inclusivity, thereby increasing market participation and transparency, and in turn reducing risk"



# Challenges

While the potential for tokenized real-world assets is immense, there are a few challenges to implementing them in financial systems.

# **Regulatory Obstacles**

Regulations differ by jurisdiction and location and are both intricate and constantly changing. Tokenized projects must avoid legal concerns and ensure compliance with local laws. Certain tokenized asset classes like luxury cars or watches may avoid this obstacle.

# Asset Security

Security and volatility are concerns surrounding all of digital assets, and the token economy is no exception. Digital assets are prone to hacking, and secure and reliable custody of assets is crucial to stop attacks, fraud, or improper use.

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# **DECENTRALIZED FINANCE: RWA PROTOCOLS**

# Many decentralized finance (DeFi) protocols are applying the theoretical frameworks of tokenization to real-world use cases, allowing retail users and institutions alike to leverage tokenization technology.

While popular DeFi lending protocols like MakerDAO allow users to collateralize crypto assets to borrow stablecoins, some protocols are taking RWA to the next level across verticals like private credit, government debt, collectibles, and real estate.

#### **Maple Finance:**

Decentralized credit and treasury market <u>Maple Finance</u> has brought real-world debt assets owned by credit solution providers on-chain, as well as launched cash management pools that allow users to buy US Treasuries.

#### **Mountain Protocol:**

Using a native token USDM, <u>Mountain Protocol</u> brings short-term US government debt and treasuries on-chain so that stablecoin holders are the natural owners of the "risk-free rate".

#### **Ondo Finance:**

Tailored to crypto market makers, investors can use Ondo's U.S. Dollar Yield (USDY) stablecoin or access BlackRock's iShares short-term treasury bond ETF (OUSG). According to VanEck, this tokenized bond had approximately <u>\$140 million in transactions by</u> September of 2023.

#### 4k.com:

With a tokenized inventory of watches, fashion, and other high-end collectibles, decentralized protocol <u>4k.com</u> insures the real-world asset, stores it in a warehouse, and issues a token for it.

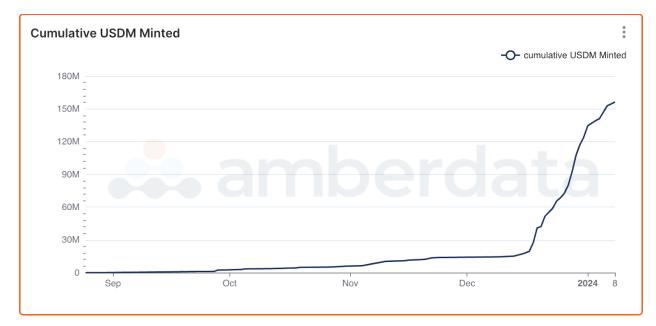
## Kettle.Fi:

This protocol is a <u>peer-to-peer loan market</u> for RWAs such as diamonds, wines, and other luxury items, giving users a unique financing option for their assets.

#### Fabrica:

With the first parcel of real land minted and sold on Fabrica in 2018, this <u>real-estate tokenization protocol</u> brings the buying and selling of land and properties onchain by minting an NFT out of the property.

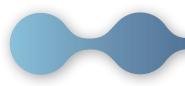
Overall, while tokenized collectibles and luxury items are becoming more and more popular, investments in government-backed vehicles like treasury bonds are also gaining traction. Tokenizing government treasuries is low risk and highly liquid, and in the future may provide stability by diversifying stablecoin collateral and mediating some of the operational and custodial risks of DAOs when using more volatile assets like stablecoins and tokens as reserves.



Cumulative amount of Mountain Protocol's native token USDM minted as of Jan 2024.



# WHO IS IN? FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INVESTING In RWA TOKENIZATION



# "72% of global finance professionals expect to explore tokenization as a means of driving innovation by 2026" - 2023 survey by Ripple

Large banks and other institutions have started tokenizing financial products they already trade, such as gold, stocks, and commodities. Per a joint survey by BNY Mellon and research and advisory firm Celent, 91% of institutional investors are interested in putting money into tokenized assets, with 97% agreeing that RWA tokenization stands to revolutionize the realm of asset management. With financial markets excited about the process of tokenization, different initiatives and proof of concepts are being conducted around the world, especially related to bonds and Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs).

Noteworthy initiatives have surfaced in jurisdictions like Switzerland and Singapore, where regulatory clarity and support for pilot programs have fostered an environment conducive to RWA tokenization. Here are some examples of how TradFi is leveraging RWA tokenization:

# European Investment Bank (EIB):

Issued its first digital bond on the public Ethereum network

# Franklin Templeton:

Launched Franklin OnChain U.S. Government Money Fund, which is the first U.S. registered mutual fund to offer tokenized treasury bills and money market funds

# KKR:

With Securitize, tokenized a healthcare fund on Avalanche and lowered the minimum investment thresholds.

# J.P. Morgan:

Onyx Digital Assets network enables the tokenization of deposits for settlements of assets such as US Treasurys and money-market products.

Here is a timeline of recent announcements:

# November 2022: the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)

conducted a "live cross-currency transaction" involving Singapore's DBS Bank, J.P. Morgan, and Japan's SBI Digital Asset Holdings. A simulated exercise was performed involving the buying and selling of tokenized government bonds, and tokenized JPY and SGD deposits were also successfully conducted.

# February 2023:

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (the HKSAR Government) <u>announced a successful</u> <u>offering of HK\$800 million of tokenized green bonds</u>. This is the first tokenized green bond issued by a government. The Tokenized Green Bond was priced at 4.05% and was distributed by a four-bank syndicate, two of which also acted as investor custodians. The Central Moneymarkets Unit (CMU) of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) was the clearing and settlement system for the bond and leveraged Goldman Sachs' tokenization platform.

# February 2023:

Siemens became one of <u>the first companies in Germany to</u> <u>issue a digital bond</u>, under Germany's Electronic Securities Act. Worth \$60 million, it had a maturity of one year and was underpinned by a public blockchain. Issuing the bond on a blockchain offers benefits such as removing the need for paper-based global certificates or central clearing and allowing the direct sale of bonds to investors without needing a bank to function as an intermediary.

# April 2023:

French Crédit Agricole CIB and Swedish Bank SEB launched a sustainable and open digital bond platform built on blockchain technology. Through this platform, issuers in capital markets were able to issue digital bonds onto a blockchain network, which used a validation protocol, Proof of Climate awaReness, that encourages its participants to minimize their environmental footprint. This initiative was aimed at improving efficiency and enabling real-time data synchronization across participants.

# November 2023:

The Bank of Korea (BOK) rolled out details on a pilot program for a retail central bank digital currency (CBDC), stating that "100,000 selected Korean citizens will join the trial in the fourth quarter of next year" and will be able to buy goods with CBDC tokens. The central bank said that a digital currency could solve issues with existing voucher systems, which are special government grants. The challenges of this pilot program include high transaction fees, complicated and slow processes, limited post-transaction verifications, and concerns over fraudulent claims. The trends are clear: traditional financial institutions, asset managers, and governments are looking to RWA protocols and distributed ledger technology (DLT) to enhance financial markets.



# **CBDC INITIATIVES AROUND THE WORLD**

Source: Atlantic Council

# Case Study: Amberdata Supports the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) in RWA Tokenization Projects

The Monetary Authority of Singapore initiated Project Guardian and Project Orchid to support real-world asset (RWA) tokenization and financial market infrastructure (FMI). These projects experiment with central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) and distributed ledger technology (DLT) for cross-border transactions.

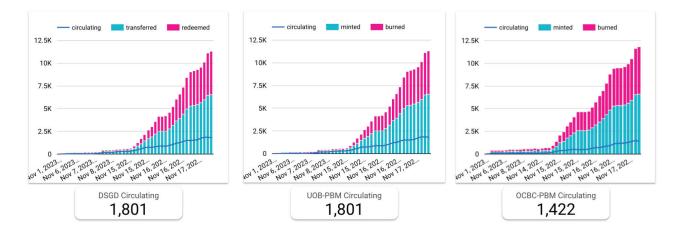
In collaboration with central banks and financial institutions (including Citi, Fidelity, BNY Mellon, Franklin Templeton, J.P. Morgan, and more), Project Guardian aims to catalyze the institutional adoption of digital assets to unlock liquidity, investment opportunities and improve the efficiency of financial markets. The purpose of Project Orchid is to build out foundational technology and infrastructure necessary to power cross-border transactions and retail CBDCs, such as a Digital Singapore Dollar (DSGD). Using distributed ledger technology as infrastructure would allow financial institutions to address longtime challenges and obstacles in cross-border payments and enable tokenized deposits and stablecoins to power interoperable networks.

MAS and Project Orchid needed deep data infrastructure to power prototype interoperable digital asset networks with each other and traditional FMIs. MAS also needed to eliminate fragmentation that would reduce the network benefits and create frictions such as inaccessibility, increased liquidity requirements due to the separation of liquidity pools, and pricing arbitrage.

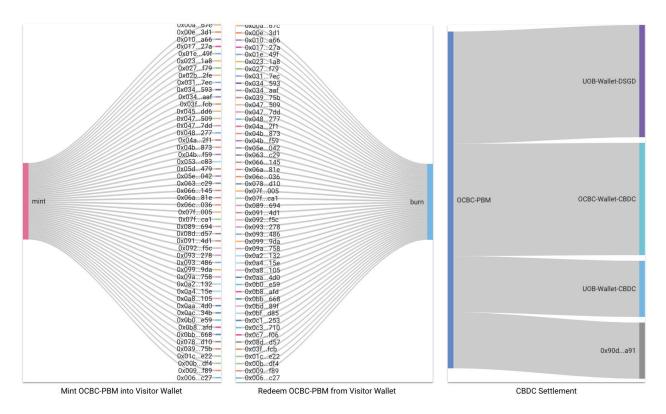
#### Amberdata's Solution

With the most granular blockchain network data in the market, Amberdata can visualize RWA protocols, token activity, and on-chain trends. This allowed Amberdata to provide the data infrastructure and instrumentation

for the blockchain-based FMI supporting MAS. Amberdata showed visualizations of network and asset activity, token velocity, as well as liquidity pool dashboards for Project Guardian and network activity, event streams, and PBM dashboards for Project Orchid.



# **PROJECT ORCHID - OCBC - PURPOSE-BOUND MONEY**





# **PROJECT ORCHID - EVENT STREAM**

	Contract	Total Events 🔻
1.	OCBC-PBM	2,580
2.	UOB-PBM	2,416
3.	UOB-DSGD	912
4.	CBDC	28
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	Caller	Total Events 🔻
1.	OCBC-Wallet-CBDC	2,399
2.	UOB-Wallet-DSGD	1,373
3.	0x1a4355d9e665b2fa1e10	40
4.	0x9bcb7e9bc08c0bff0b2c6	22
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7.	Nov 17, 2023, 5:15:00 AM	0xf897a7081a795056c4b38a8f38839cecab6e0233	UOB-PBM	safe Transfer From (0xf897a7081a795056c4b38a8f38839cecab6e0233, 0xe4019f
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Projects surrounding RWA are essential to increase institutional adoption of digital assets, and comprehensive data infrastructure and actionable insights into private blockchain-based FMIs are crucial for banks and institutions like MAS.

# AMBERDATA'S DIGITAL ASSET DATA INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RWA TOKENIZATION

In the rapidly evolving landscape of real-world asset (RWA) tokenization, selecting the right partner for a data and infrastructure solution is critical. Amberdata stands as the leading provider of blockchain network and decentralized finance (DeFi) data, uniquely positioned to support institutions venturing into the vast RWA landscape.

Blockchain data is necessary for the structure of RWA tokenization and the digitization of financial instruments and processes. Amberdata offers comprehensive on-chain data, providing insights into on-chain transactions, balances, and token movements across any protocol on a supported chain. We collect every event for every single contract on all the blockchains that matter and allow access to any new protocol data as soon as it goes live. Amberdata enables institutions to track and analyze market trends, liquidity flows, holders, transaction volumes, and protocol growth within the RWA landscape. Just as with Project Orchid and Project Guardian for the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), Amberdata has the unique ability to rapidly connect to and derive insights from private blockchains. Amberdata continues to support banks, hedge funds, governments, and other financial institutions leveraging or merely exploring blockchain technology and tokenized financial instruments.

As the RWA landscape continues to evolve, access to accurate and up-to-date information has become paramount for investors, asset managers, regulators, and other stakeholders. Amberdata's RWA coverage bridges the gap between traditional and decentralized financial systems, providing insights into market trends, risk management strategies, and regulatory compliance.

# CONCLUSION

RWA tokenization is poised to drive greater efficiency, accessibility, and transparency across global financial markets, and its growth can be largely attributed to the rise of DeFi protocols and increasing interest from financial institutions and governments. As we have explored in this primer, the digitization of traditional assets through blockchain technology is revolutionizing how we perceive, access, and interact with financial systems and currency.

From real estate to art, commodities, and intellectual property, RWA tokenization is unlocking previously inaccessible markets, democratizing investment opportunities, and fostering greater liquidity and efficiency. This paradigm shift is not only reshaping traditional investment practices but also paving the way for innovative financial products and services that were once unimaginable.

Amberdata is pioneering efforts to provide market participants with the tools they need to navigate the complexities of RWA tokenization. While RWA tokenization has yet to be fully integrated into financial markets, market cap and utilization projections suggest significant growth potential and indicate that a profound shift in traditional investment practices is underway. As we look ahead, the continued integration of digital asset data into RWA infrastructure will be essential for driving sustainable growth, mitigating risks, and unlocking the full potential of tokenized assets.

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