

# **Special Risks of Digital Assets**

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# I. Introduction

AMINA, Bank, AG, ("AMINA"), may, provide, a, range, of, services, to, its, clients, (the, "Clients"), that relate, to, digital, assets, registered, on, a, blockchain, or another, digital, distributed, ledger, or, based, on, similar, technology, (collectively, "Digital\_Assets"), including in particular, trading, tokenization, and custody, services.

Issuing trading transacting investing and holding positions in Digital Assets entails special risks to the Client that are in addition to the types of risks associated with traditional assets, including technological, operational, market and systemic risks as well as legal, regulatory and tax risks that may differ from and/or

apply in addition to those exist ingexisting in relation to traditional assets including any traditional financial instruments or national and supranational currencies. In a worst-case, scenario, the realization of such risks may result in a total loss of the Client's investment and potentially additional losses in excess of the original investment, depending on the type of Digital Asset and the specifics of the Client's investment activity and exposure.

No one should invest funds in Digital Assets which they are not in a position to lose entirely. Whether the Digital Asset market moves up or down, or whether it loses all or substantial value cannot be foreseen. Price volatility for Digital Assets can be more pronounced than for some traditional assets with extreme price fluctuations possible. Such price volatility in the market can lead to significant losses in a short period. Due to the relatively unregulated nature of Digital Assets (see Legal and regulatory risks below) prices can be influenced by market manipulation, adding unpredictability for investors.

 $\underline{\textbf{Holders}, traders or any participant to the market must be cautious when holding, trading or participating in Digital Assets.}$ 

### II. Scope of this document

This document (the "Digital Asset Risk Disclosure") provides information on certain special risks associated with Digital Assets as may be relevant to the Client from time to time in connection with its business relationship with AMINA.

This Digital Asset Risk Disclosure does not constitute nor purport to constitute exhaustive disclosure of all relevant risks or other relevant aspects in connection with Digital Assets or transactions in such assets, and may not serve, under any circumstances, as a substitute for professional advice by competent subject matter, experts. In particular, because the decentralised protocols that serve as underlying technology of Digital Assets are still at an early stage of development and might be subject to fundamental changes in the future, the risks outlined herein, as well as the likelihood of their realisation, may evolve or change over, time and new risks may arise, AMINA is entitled, but not obliged, toshall update this Digital Asset Risk Disclosure to take into account new developments, in particular technological, legal, regulatory, or market, developments in an appropriate timing as determined in its sole discretion.

Unless otherwise explicitly noted in this Digital Asset Risk Disclosure, the risks described herein are outside the sphere of influence of AMINA. Other than in specific, individual cases, e.g., where AMINA itself, acts, as issuer, or, sponsor, of a Digital Asset subject to separate documentation and risk disclosure, AMINA has no influence on the issuance or, continued existence nor, on the functionality, convertibility, or, transferability, of, any Digital Asset, including with respect to any underlying assets.

This Digital Asset Risk Disclosure supplements and forms part of the contractual arrangements governing the relationship between AMINA and the Client and must be read in conjunction with the AMINA's general terms and conditions of AMINA (the "Grown Regulations") and, as applicable, Staking Terms and Conditions and Protocol Level Staking Risk Disclosure, each as available under the Legal Notices section of the AMINA website and any other, general or special terms of AMINA, as applicable, AMINA reserves the right to adjust and amend this Digital Asset Risk Disclosure at any time and to communicate such changes to the Client as it deems most practical, including in accordance with Article 9 of the GTC. (Use of communications channels: delivery of communications).

# III. Further relevant matters outside the scope of this document

This Digital Asset Risk Disclosure is separate from and in addition to the disclosure of risk factors by issuers, distributors counterparties or other persons and financial services providers involved in the issuance distribution, trading and other transactions relating to Digital Assets, as may, in particular, be contained in prospectuses, key, information, documents, white papers, fact sheets and other information sheets and which describe in more detail the risks associated with a particular Digital Asset or reterous of Digital Asset

The Client is required to study any such additional documents, where available, prior to investing, trading or transacting in any Digital Asset and shall take into account the risk factors disclosed therein in its decision-making process, in addition to the risks described in this Digital Asset Risk Disclosure,

Furthermore, this Digital Asset Risk Disclosure does not discuss any matters of taxation or other legal matters in any jurisdiction relating to investments and transactions in Digital Assets. The Client is advised to retain appropriate counsel in respect of legal and tax matters.

# IV. What are Digital Assets?

Digital Assets are an evolving, non-uniform asset class characterized by, the use of distributed ledger, technology. ("DLT") or, similar, technology. More specifically, Digital Assets are dematerialized assets constituted and existing as entries on a public, permissioned or private blockchain or other digital, distributed ledger only. The relevant distributed ledgers, themselves, and any data stored therein, including without limitation, the Digital Assets as such or any references, thereto, are, unless explicitly, specified otherwise in relevant documentation, not operated nor, controlled by AMINA and therefore outside of the sphere of influence of

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In particular, Digital Assets, may, constitute, native, units of value that do not include or, represent, any, claim against, an issuer, or, another, third, partys, Where such units are intended, or, used, for, payment, purposes, and, do, not, qualify, as, nor, represent, securities, or, other, financial instruments, they, are sometimes referred to as payment tokens or (pure) crypto currencies ("Crypto Currencies").

Other types of Digital Assets may (i) constitute, or represent any form of traditional non-traditional or exotic financial instruments including shares, bonds, fund units, structured products or derivatives (sometimes referred to as asset tokens), (ii) grant a right of use to a digital service, platform or infrastructure (sometimes referred to as utility, tokens, or (iii) constitute a hybrid form of any of the aforementioned types of Digital Assets, including Crypto Currencies (sometimes referred to as hybrid tokens), Depending on their, specific structure, and depending on the rules of various jurisdictions, Digital Assets, may irrespective of the terminology used by an issuer or other involved parties, qualify, as securities (in such case sometimes referred to as security tokens) or other forms of financial instruments, with the associated legal and regulatory consequences, in particular if they are suitable for investment purposes.

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# Digital Asset Glossary

|                                       | meaning and description  |
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| Technical Term                        | Meaning and description  |
|                                       |  |
| Airdrop / Airgrab                     | Adistribution of Crypto Currency of other Digital Asset units to a defined scope of digital ledges addresses, usually without any compensation of other form of remuneration due by the unit recipients, often for promotion or similar purposes.  |
| DLT                                   | $Distributed \ Ledge \ \ Technology, referring to technology, enabling the implementation of databases distributed on different nodes, or, computer, devices in a distributed on the database of the databases of$ |
| network each of which m               | ay individually participates in the network խ replicating and saving a copy of the ledges or parts of it.  |
| Node                                  | A computer, that participates in a DLT_Network_  |
| Miner/Minter                          | Refers to a device, or, person, that operates the device, performing an act of creating valid blocks.  |
|                                       | Some protocols require demonstrating proof of work (done by "Miners") while other consensus mechanisms require the staking of the assets (done by "Miners"). In addition to the Miners and Minters, there are other consensus mechanisms which require different devices or persons, such as for example "Validators" in by minime fault tolerant mechanisms.  |
|                                       | in byzantine fault tolerant mechanisms. In this Digital Asset Risk Disclosure, proof of work and proof of stake blockchains are considered simultaneously and references to "Minters", "Miners", "Validators", "mining" or other similar terms shall be read as incorporating similar functions and processes (as relevant) to any blockchain.   |
| Blockchain                            | Aspecific form of database on DLT, that employs a chain of blocks to reach consensus on the distributed ledger (DL).   |
| Consensus                             | In the context of DLT, consensus refers to the process (algorithm of mechanism) used to bring the distributed database to a synchronized state at a particular   |
| time, or block.                       |  |
| Hard fork                             | Aconsensus affecting protocol change to which the participants that did not adopt the change will not be able to continue validating and verifying transactions.   |
| Soft fork                             | A consensus affecting protocol change to which the participants that did not adopt the change will still be able to participate in validating and verifying  |
| transactions.                         |  |
| 51% attack                            | A_51% attack, is a potential attack, on a blockchain network, where a single entity, og organization is able to control a high percentage of the hash rate, potentially, causing a network disruption. In such a scenario, the attacker, would have enough mining power to intentionally exclude og modify the ordering of transactions. Such attacker, could potentially also reverse transactions, putting it in a position to double-spend the same unit of a Digital Asset, A successful majority, attack, would further allow the attacker to prevent some orgal/paransactions from being confirmed (transaction denial of service) or to prevent some orgal/other, mining, resulting in what is known as mining monopoly (censorship attack).  |
| Collision attack /<br>Birthday attack | Collision_Attack_on a cryptographic hash_tries_to_find_two inputs producing_the same hash_value, i.e. a hash collision_this_trype of cryptographic attack_exploits_this_mathematics_behing_the_birthday_problem_in_probability_theory_and_depend_son_this_highe_billelihood_or_collisions_found_petameen_random_attack_attempts_and a_fixed_depend_ered permutations_toot_attack_could be used to modify   |
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Ousting Attack

Adusting attack refers to a malicious activity where an attacked breaks the privacy of holders of a Digital Asset by sending very small amounts of coins to their addresses. The activity performed on these addresses is tracked down by the attacked and used in an attempt to identify the person of company behind an address.

# V. Risks of financial instruments embodied in or serving as underlying of Digital Assets

Where Digital Assets constitute, embody, incorporate, reference or represent securities or other forms of financial instruments, as a general matter, the risks applicable to such securities or other financial instruments, as a general matter, the risks applicable to such securities or other financial instruments, as these risks apply generally and are not specific to Digital Assets, they are not further described herein.

The risks associated with trading in securities and other financial instruments are described, and disclosed to the Client separately in particular, on the basis of the brochure of the Swiss Bankers Association regarding Special-Risks involved in Securities-Trading Financial Instruments as well as in other documents, oral and written information provided to the Client in the course of the business relationship with AMINA.

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### VI. Risks specific or relevant to Digital Assets

### Technology risks

Risks of Digital Assets stemming from or relating to the specific use of technology may include, without limitation:

- Risk of Digital Assets existing on a distributed ledger only; Unless explicitly specified otherwise, the distributed ledgers by which, and on which Digital Assets exist are outside of the sphere of influence of AMINA, Digital Assets can be exposed to events, specific to the relevant distributed ledger, such a hard or, soft forks in a blockchain which may inter alia lead to the creation of new or competing Digital Assets, adversely, affect the functionality, convertibility, or transferability, or result in a full or partial loss of units or reduction (including reduction to zero) of value of the Client's Digital Assets.
- Risk of irreversibility, of transactions/faulty, instructions: Base layer transactions on a blockchain or other, distributed ledger, are irreversible, and final and, the history of transactions is computationally, impractical to modify, (i.e., would, require more, computing, power, than is reasonably expected to be available to any one person or group at any, time), As a consequence, if, the Client initiates or requests, a transfer, of Digital, Assets, using an incorrect, digital, ledger, address, it will, be impossible to identify, the recipient and reverse the defective transaction. This risk also applies if, the Client attempts to transfer Digital, Assets to, AMINA using an incorrect digital ledger address.
- Risk of delayed execution: The execution of transactions in Digital Assets on a blockchain or other distributed ledger is subject to verification and other processes involving multiple third—party actors/nodes using evolving technology. This may result in significant waiting periods and delays during which the Client may be precluded from disposing everof the relevant Digital Assets while their value may fluctuate significantly, or which may otherwise result in loss or damages.
- Risk of security weaknesses within the underlying code or technology. There is a risk that developers or other third parties may voluntarily or involuntarily introduce weaknesses or errors into the underlying code or technology of a Digital Asset, which may be exploited in various types of attacks. Successful attacks (or the perception of a technological weakness) might adversely, affect the functionality, convertibility, or transferability or result in a full or partial loss of units or reduction (including reduction to zero) of value of the Client's Digital Assets.
- Risk of exploitable breakthroughs in the field of cryptography, e.g., development of quantum computers. The state-of-the-art in cryptography, including digital encryption, may evolve over time, Advances in code decryption techniques and technical, advances (including with regard to the computing power, required to deploy such techniques), could pose risks to the security, of Digital Assets and, if exploited, may lead to the theft, loss of units or reduction in value (including reduction to zero) of the Client's Digital Assets.
- Decentralised ledger technology ("DLT") / blockchain networks can experience downtime, bugs and/or other technical failures that can impact the proper functioning of the technology/network (e.g. prevention of transactions from being processed or properly recorded) and related Digital Assets can be negatively impacted as a result. DLT and blockchain networks typically rely on consensus protocols which can fail due to bugs, forks or coordinated attacks (see below) that may compromise the security and functionality of the DLT/blockchain. Technical measures may exist to prevent bad actors from operating or penalise them if they try to impact the proper functioning of the DLT or blockchain network, but such risks, if realized, could have a negative impact on the related Digital Assets. Given the operation of DLT, there is typically no intermediary to rely on if transactions go wrong which can increase counterparty risk in peer-to-peer transactions.
- Risks inherent to consensus mechanisms and concentration risk: DLT may be contingent on independent validators or other forms, of consensus formation or validation susceptible to external attacks. PetentialThere are many different forms that such potential attacks include-ex-can take, including as examples, collision/birthday, attacks, 51%, attacks, adusting attacks, and, ensore Digital Assets, lf, successful, such attacks, may e.g., enable, a perpetrator, to take control, of Digital Assets, engage in double, spending of the, same Digital Asset and/or, otherwise abuse, the identity, or, personal data of other users. Furthermore, any such attack may adversely affect the functionality, convertibility or, transferability, or, result in a full or partial loss of units or, reduction (including reduction to zero) of value of the Client's Digital Assets, The risk of a successful attack is elevated, in Digital Assets, based on DLT, architecture, with a, high, degree, of concentration, of unit ownership, or, network functions with a small number of narties.
- If there are changes in the underlying protocols relating to Digital Assets (e.g. hard or soft forks) then the value, functionality or legality of those Digital Assets could be negatively impacted. Equally if the related platform or ecosystem of a Digital Asset fails to grow as expected, it could negatively impact that Digital Asset's market value.

# 2. Legal-and\_regulatory\_and tax\_risks\_

Risks of Digital Assets relating to the legal and regulatory environment may include, without limitation:

- Risk of non-compliance or change of legal and regulatory framework; The legal and regulatory framework governing Digital Assets in and outside of Switzerland is far from settled and continuously evolving. Existing laws and regulations, changes to the legal and regulatory framework or interpretations thereof and related measures by regulators or other governmental authorities may affect the compliant is suance, holding, domestic and international tradability, and transferability, or convertibility of the Client's Digital Assets and may potentially result in a full or partial loss of units or reduction of value (including reduction to zero) thereof. Regulatory authorities can (and have in certain cases) investigate and litigate in respect of Digital Assets or any aspect related to the respective Digital Assets' ecosystem.
- Unlike in traditional finance, Digital Assets don't tend to benefit from protection mechanisms such as deposit insurance or investor compensation schemes. If problems arise in relation to a Digital Asset, investors in such Digital Assets could lose their entire investment with no legal recourse. Due to the limited legal framework related to Digital Assets, investors may face challenges in seeking legal redress should disputes, financial loss or fraud be realised in respect of any investments related to Digital Assets.

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| Risk of supervisory measures in one or more jurisdictions, Digital Assets, their issuers or other involved parties, financial and other   |       | Formatted  |          |
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| service providers may become subject to regulatory investigations, injunctions or other measures which may potentially result, in a full or partial loss or reduction of value of the Client's Digital Assets, impact the ability to offer Digital Assets to the Client or otherwise affect the   |       | Formatted  |          |
| Client-[or AMINA], Further, such measures may impede, restrict or prohibit the Client from holding or transacting in Digital Assets,  Risk of seizure of Digital Assets. The technology underlying Digital Assets enables thorough forensic investigations that may be able to reach back and cover a period of time and number of transactions that would not be possible with similar effort in the context of traditional assets.  Depending on the individual case, such forensic investigations could cover, a period reaching back to the generation of the relevant Digital Asset. |       | Formatted: List Paragraph, After: 0.77 cm, Lin<br>single, Bulleted + Level: 3 + Aligned at: 1.57 c<br>Indent at: 2.35 cm, Tab stops: 2.35 cm, Left |          |
| As a result, the Client's Digital Assets may be subject to a risk of seizure by courts or governmental-   | III Y | Formatted  |          |
| authorities where they have been previously used for or in connection with criminal activities or may otherwise, be considered "tainted".  Depending on the way the Client invests in or holds Digital Assets (e.g. in specific, segregated storage, arrangements, by investing in a financial  |       | Formatted  | <u> </u> |
| product with one or several Digital Assets as base value, or in a non-segregated, account representing a contractual claim for delivery of a specific amount of a Digital Asset, and/or on the types of trades or, transactions regarding Digital Assets that the Client engages in,  |       | Formatted  | <u></u>  |
| the Client may from time to time hold, be assigned, or receive  in exchange different units in the same Digital Asset, some of which may be subject to an elevated risk of seizure or may be "tainted" to differing.  |       | Formatted  |          |
| degrees, Release of seized Digital Assets may be subject to foreign laws or regulations and the relevant, procedures may result in costs, delays or other adverse effects to the Client.  | 1 1   | Formatted  |          |
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- Risk of legal ineffectiveness of tokenization or transfer of tokenized rights: Where Digital Assets are intended to constitute, embed or represent securities or other, financial instruments, the legal effectiveness of such construct may be subject to differing rules in the potentially relevant jurisdictions, including in particular, the jurisdiction of the issuer, or, the holder, of the relevant Digital Asset. There is a risk that tokenization of the supposedly underlying rights and obligations and/or the transfer of, such rights and obligations by transfer of a Digital Asset may not be legally effective, and that consequently, the Client's Digital Assets may not include the expected rights and obligations, potentially resulting in a full or partial loss of units or reduction of value (including reduction to zero) thereof.
- Classification risk: AMINA may, in its discretion from time to time determine for the purposes of its business, relationship with the Client, whether, it considers a particular Digital Asset a Crypto Currency, or another instrument such as a security, or other, financial instrument, Such classification, interpartes between the Client and AMINA only, AMINA only, the liber of any offering classification, by authorities or other competent, third parties in any jurisdiction at any given point in time, which may result in differing rights and obligations of the Client in respect of its Digital Assets in various jurisdictions over, time, These may include legal and regulatory duties, tax obligations or other requirements, non-compliance with which may result in measures and sanctions including criminal liability, or which may otherwise affect the legal position of the Client or, the value, transferability or convertibility of the relevant Digital Assets.
- Tax treatment of Digital Assets and any gains or losses made on such Digital Assets may vary on a jurisdictional basis. Such tax treatment is likely to be an evolving area where changes can be implemented without notice, potentially creating tax liabilities. Clients are responsible for knowing and understanding how Digital Assets will be addressed taxed under applicable laws.
- Legal and regulatory uncertainty means that the legality of holding or trading Digital Assets is not always clear. Whether and how Digital Assets
  constitute property, or assets, or rights of any kind may also seem unclear. Clients are responsible for knowing and understanding how Digital
  Assets will be addressed and regulated under applicable laws.

### 3. Market Risks

 $Risks_{a} of Digital Assets_{c} relating_{a} to, the relevant_{markets_{a}} trading_{platforms_{a}} and_{systems_{c}} may, include_{a}, without_{limitation}: \\$ 

- Markets in Digital Assets are evolving. The markets in Digital Assets are evolving and may be subject to elevated volatility and limited transparency and reliability, execution delays or, failures, all of which may potentially result in losses or other adverse effects for the Client.
- Limited regulation; Trading platforms and systems in Digital Assets and their participants may be unregulated or subject to limited regulation and may not provide for the same or similar safeguards as would apply in traditional financial markets, including with respect to market manipulation or insider trading. All of these inherent particularities may potentially result in losses or other adverse effects for the Client.
- Delays in execution or settlement of transactions in Digital Assets: Execution and settlement of transactions in Digital Assets may be dependent on particularities of the relevant distributed ledger or, on the participation of third parties on the relevant network, in particular, on the availability of miners or other processing entities. Delays or, failures to execute, or, settle transactions, may potentially result in losses or other adverse effects for the Client.
- Valuation risk of Crypto Currencies in particular: <u>Most Crypto Currencies are not typically linked to any national or supranational currency or to any asset or commodity traded on a regulated market and may be subject to elevated volatility. Market exchange rates of Crypto <u>Currencies Currency</u> assets may change between issuance of an instruction for sale or purchase and execution.
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# 1. Liquidity Risks

Markets for Digital Assets have varying degrees of liquidity. Low degrees of liquidity may amplify volatility and could hinder the ability to buy,

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sell or trade in large volumes of Digital Assets without affecting the price of those Digital Assets. AMINA cannot guarantee that there will be an active market for Clients to sell, buy, or trade Digital Assets or products derived from them. Furthermore, any market for Digital Assets may abruptly appear and vanish or be influenced by pricing volatility. AMINA makes no representations or warranties about whether a Digital Asset may be used, held or traded at any point now or in the future, if at all.

#### 5. Trading risk

In addition to liquidity risks, values in any Digital Asset market place are volatile and can shift quickly. Participants in any Digital Assets market are warned that they should pay close attention to their position and holdings, and how they may be impacted by sudden and adverse shifts in trading and other market activities.

### . Private key/cybersecurity risk

- Given the technology underpinning Digital Assets and the involvement of private keys, risks can materialise in the storage and security of private keys. If private keys are lost or stolen, associated funds may be irretrievable. AMINA implements a number of security measures to mitigate risks associated with private keys and therefore private key risk for Clients of AMINA is negligible. See AMINA's Custody Regulations (accessible via the Legal Notices of AMINA's website) for further information on AMINA's custody solutions.
- Digital Assets are often targeted by malicious actors (hackers) with the possibility that even secure wallets, third party exchanges and others could be vulnerable to attacks. In addition, phishing/vishing or other fraudulent schemes may be present in the market with a view to stealing Digital Assets.

### Counterparty risk

- Counterparty risks (e.g. third-party exchange risk) can include security breaches (e.g. hacking), risk of contractual breach, and risk of loss. Participants engaging in Digital Assets should be wary of allowing unregulated or not properly vetted third parties to hold their property (including private keys) for any reason. Digital Asset transactions are not reversible. Once Digital Assets are sent to an address, whether intentionally or by a fraudulent or accidental transaction, you accept the risk that you may lose access to, and any claim on, those Digital Assets indefinitely or permanently. Underlying assets are subject to numerous risks, including but not limited to, risks of default, insolvency, inability to collect, and/or liquidity.
- If you delegate your tokens to a validator (i.e. as part of staking), the performance and behaviour of such validator can directly impact the rewards associated with such staked tokens. Poor performance or malicious actions by validators can lead to slashing or reduced rewards.
- Digital Assets are widely considered opaque/not transparent, and often they do not make publicly available nor disclose information that would support or assist investors in making an informed investment decision of investing in them. Investing in Digital Assets is highly risky, and the Client accepts such high risk.
- By trading, transacting, investing and/or holding positions in a Digital Asset, the Client acknowledges and accepts the risks described in this
  Digital Asset Risk Disclosure. Clients that do not understand this Digital Asset Risk Disclosure should retain competent counsel or refrain from
  engaging in activities involving Digital Assets.
- AMINA reserves the right to terminate services in respect of certain Digital Assets at any point in time at its own discretion.

# 8. Cross-border risks

- Given the global marketplace for Digital Assets, cross-border risks may apply. This could be the case where regulatory frameworks and laws differ between countries, where such countries are relevant to an investor or Digital Asset (e.g., buyer or seller of Digital Assets being in different jurisdictions). As individual countries increase focus and scrutiny on the Digital Asset space, some countries may ban or restrict the use or trading of Digital Assets, creating cross-border legal issues.
- Digital Assets are often scrutinised for their potential use in illicit activities. Whilst anti-money laundering and certain 'know your customer' checks may be involved in relation to Digital Assets, increased regulatory scrutiny in country and cross-border in relation to such risks, could affect the availability or liquidity of certain types of Digital Assets and could expose investors to compliance risks. Reputational considerations may also be relevant for investors in this respect.

# 9. ESG risks

Traditional 'proof of work' protocols applicable to some Digital Assets can incur a significant energy consumption and raise environmental risks as a result. Such risks may raise ethical considerations for investors or may impact the long-term viability of related Digital Assets. Reputational considerations may also be relevant for investors in such cases.



#### 10. Centralization risk

While based on DLT\_ Digital Assets may be subject to centralization effects, e.g., due to concentration of ownership of issued/pre-mined units with the issuer, another, single, party, or, a, small, number, of related or, unrelated parties, or, due to concentration of, network functions, such as, node operation or, transaction validation, with a single party, or, a small, number, of related or, unrelated parties. This may cause Digital Assets to display characteristics of, centrally, issued instruments, and/or, may result in potentially detrimental effects for, parties other, than those participating in or, having any effect on the concentration of ownership or network functions.

#### 11. Foundation-related and reputational risks

- The stability and integrity of a Digital Asset can be significantly impacted by the governance, transparency, and operations of the foundation or entity supporting it. Key risks include centralization and governance risks, regulatory and legal exposure, financial sustainability, key person risk, security and operational risks and conflicts of interest. If foundations or organizations that support a particular Digital Asset have overly opaque governance structures this can lead to instability, mismanagement, or loss of stakeholder confidence.
- Digital Asset foundations may be subject to changing regulatory requirements, taxation policies, or legal actions in their jurisdiction. Uncertainty
  around compliance, enforcement actions, or shifting government policies can negatively affect the related Digital Assets' viability and adoption.
   If a foundation relies on treasury funds, token reserves, or external funding to support ongoing development and ecosystem growth, poor
  treasury management, misallocation of funds, or financial mismanagement can lead to insolvency, affecting the related Digital Assets' long-term
- If the success of a foundation is tied to a small group of key individuals, such as founders or core developers, their departure, misconduct, or inability to execute the foundation's vision could severely impact the project and the Digital Assets' broader adoption. Weak operational controls, lack of cybersecurity measures, or internal fraud within the foundation can also lead to fund losses, governance failures, or reputational damage in the same way that any foundations engaging in activities that create conflicts of interest, such as favouring certain stakeholders, unfair token distributions, or engaging in self-serving financial activities, undermining trust in the project could also damage the perception and value of the related Digital Asset.
- Such failures in any foundation backing a Digital Asset could result in reduced market confidence, price volatility, regulatory scrutiny, or even the
  collapse of the Digital Asset ecosystem dependent on the foundation.

By, trading, transacting, investing and holding positions in Digital Assets, the Client acknowledges and accepts the risks described in this Digital Asset Risk Disclosure Clients that do not understand this Digital Asset Risk Disclosure should retain competent counsel or refrain from engaging in activities involving Digital Assets.

AMINA is not responsible for any loss or damage resulting from the realization of risks specific to Digital Assets that are outside the sphere of influence of AMINA or that cannot be attributed to any noncompliance by AMINA with its duties of care pursuant to the GTC, the Custody Regulations and any other general or special terms of AMINA, as applicable. Further, AMINA is under, no obligation to inform the Client of the realization or possibility of realization of any of the risks described above or any other risks relating to Digital Assets.

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