



# Your Bitcoins, Safe and Easy

## Solutions for High-Net-Worth Individuals and Institutional Investors

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# How it started...

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**“Bitcoin is a fraud”  
Jamie Dimon, 2017**



**“Warning to  
cryptocurrency  
investors”  
Jay Clayton, 2017**



**“Bitcoin is not a real  
currency”  
Jerome Powell, 2018**

# ...how it's going

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**“Our clients are adults.  
We can give them  
access”  
Jamie Dimon, 2021**



**“No plan to ban  
crypto”  
Gary Gensler, 2021**

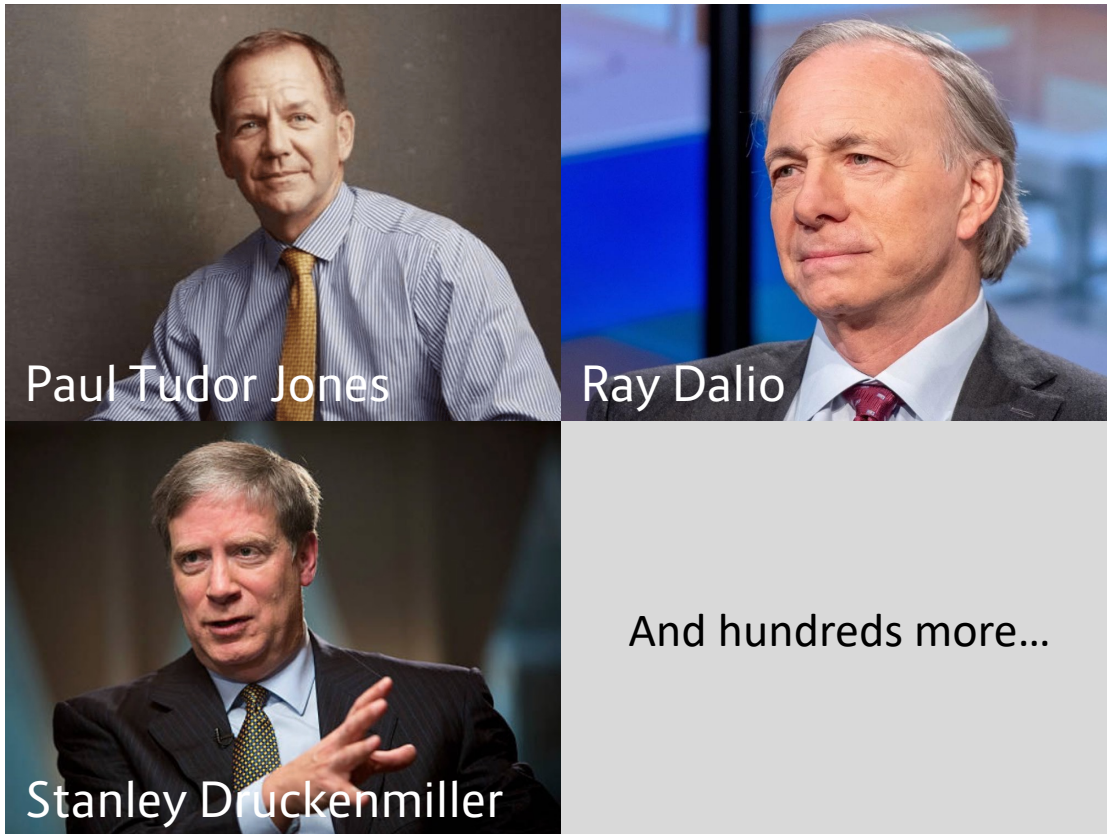


**“Fed had no intention  
to ban or limit the use  
of cryptocurrencies”  
Jerome Powell, 2021**

# Bitcoin is now sought after by the most sophisticated investors



## Affluent and HNW Individuals



## Institutional Investors

Corporate trasuries <b>MicroStrategy</b> Square <b>TESLA</b>	Futures and options CME Group Cboe <b>Bakkt</b>
Tier 1 banks Fidelity INVESTMENTS Goldman Sachs J.P.Morgan	ETF/ETP providers VanEck WISDOMTREE <b>21SHARES</b>



# Challenges for Bitcoin investors



## Simplicity

- Bitcoin exchanging is still a far west: even for educated traditional investors it's **not so easy to tell apart reputable platforms**
- Onboarding and funding **processes are complex and cumbersome**, and trading interfaces not so intuitive
- **Simpler interfaces** (e.g. fast lanes, market buys) are **very expensive**
- Most solutions are **focused on self-service**, while first time **HNW investors seek advisory/assistance**
- Typical **entry ticket of affluent clients is "psychologically significant" but still too small to get OTC desks' attention**

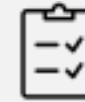
Buying Bitcoins, especially for significant amounts, is still a high friction experience



## Security

- **Bitcoin is a "bearer instrument"** and it can only be spent by using secret (private) keys
- **Losing the secret keys means losing the associated Bitcoins**: no one can recover them
- **Secret keys** are usually stored in "wallets"; however
  - Hot (online) wallets can be **hacked**
  - Cold (offline) wallets can be **lost or stolen**
  - Passwords can be **forgotten**
- **Inheritance** problem: how do heirs acquire the secret keys?
- **Personal safety** problems: coercion, violence, ransom, etc.
- **Traditional cyber security is not a good fit** for Bitcoin storage

Dealing with Bitcoins requires sophisticated technical skills and domain knowledge

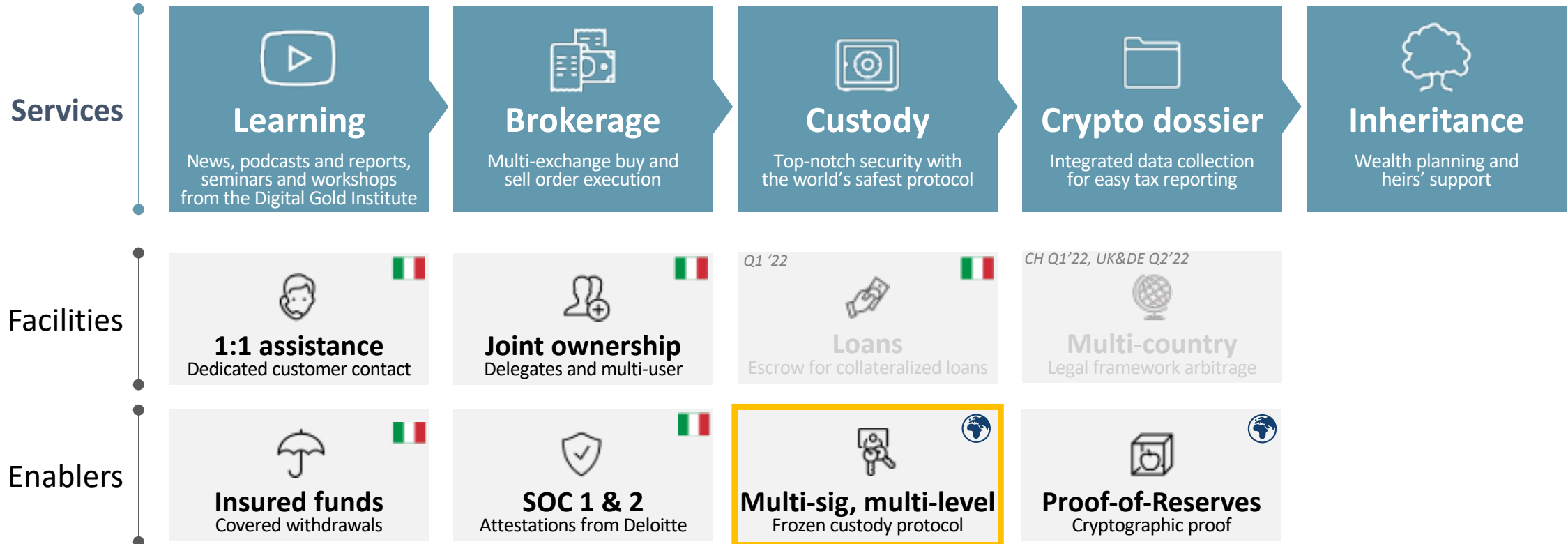


## Compliance

- Many exchanges -even the most reputable- **don't provide an easy and strong audit trail** to prove origin of funds and gains/losses
- **Tax laws are in the making**, and most tax advisors **have little to no experience** in crypto

Complying with the law is often cumbersome and impractical even for best intentioned investors

# A “bank-like” bitcoin solution for Affluent Individuals and Institutions



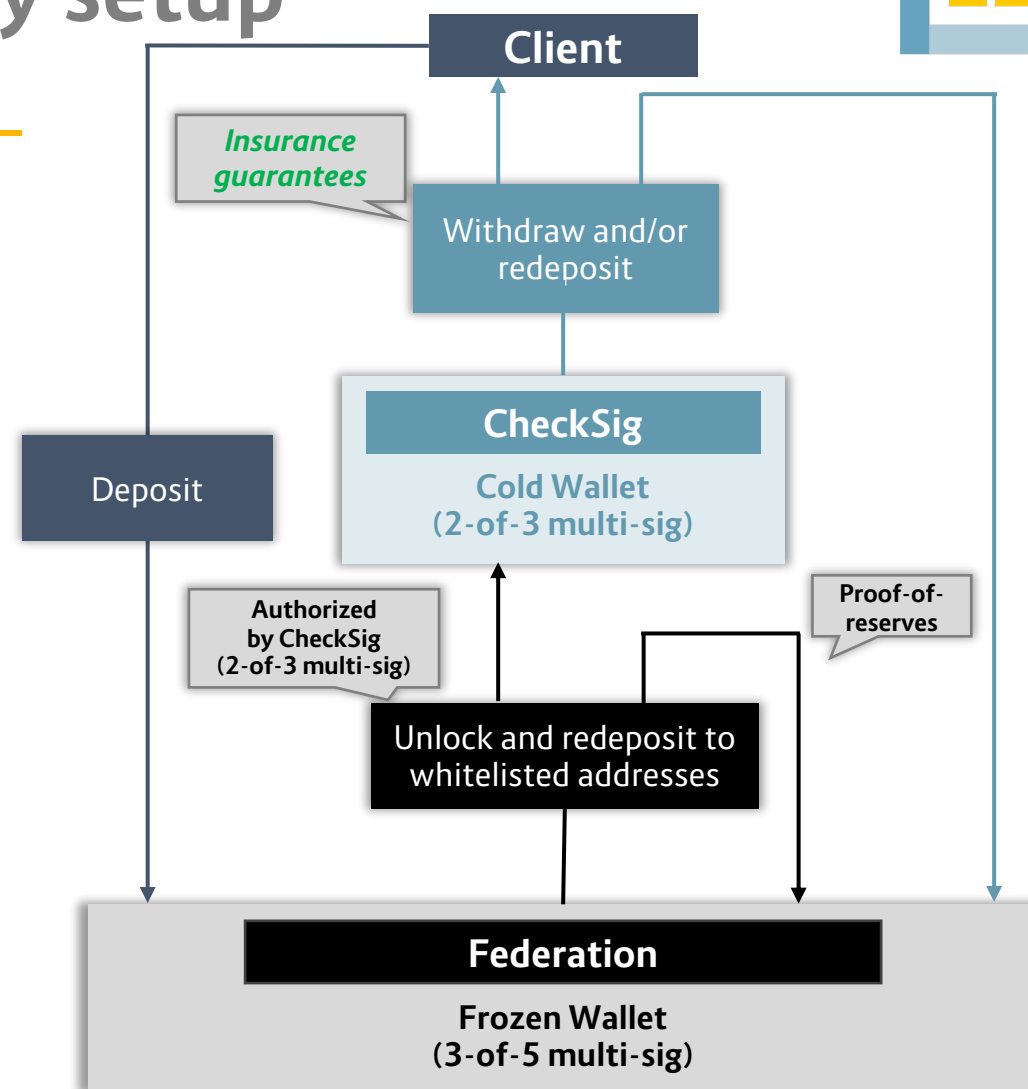


# Multi-sig, multi-level custody setup



Disconnected from the internet as defense from remote hacks, CheckSig custody solution has two levels of storage: the “cold” and “frozen” wallets

- Clients deposit to the frozen level. The frozen level, where all assets are securely stored, is managed by multiple external and independent legal entities, the federation agents. Each entity has a customized (**locked-down**) **hardware security module** (HSM) device that can open the vault (i.e., move coins) only if:
  1. authorized by CheckSig
  2. 3-of-5 legal entities approve it
  3. coins go to the cold wallet and/or back to the frozen one
- The cold storage is empty, but for the amount being withdrawn and covered by insurance guarantees. CheckSig manages the cold wallet. It can move coins only if 2-of-3 CheckSig agents sign the transaction, usually moving coins to:
  - a client, upon a withdrawal request
  - back to the frozen wallet (if, for whatever reason, the withdrawal is cancelled)



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See [checksig.io/custody-protocol](https://checksig.io/custody-protocol)

# Proof of Reserve



## Proof-of-reserves transactions

Finally, check out below our proof-of-reserves transactions and explore them on-chain. The current consolidation address is [bc1qqst9un5sz8576fy2nnqkpm4rpfhoweveqwt8zxgjp02g2mx5q7s2vresu](https://bc1qqst9un5sz8576fy2nnqkpm4rpfhoweveqwt8zxgjp02g2mx5q7s2vresu).

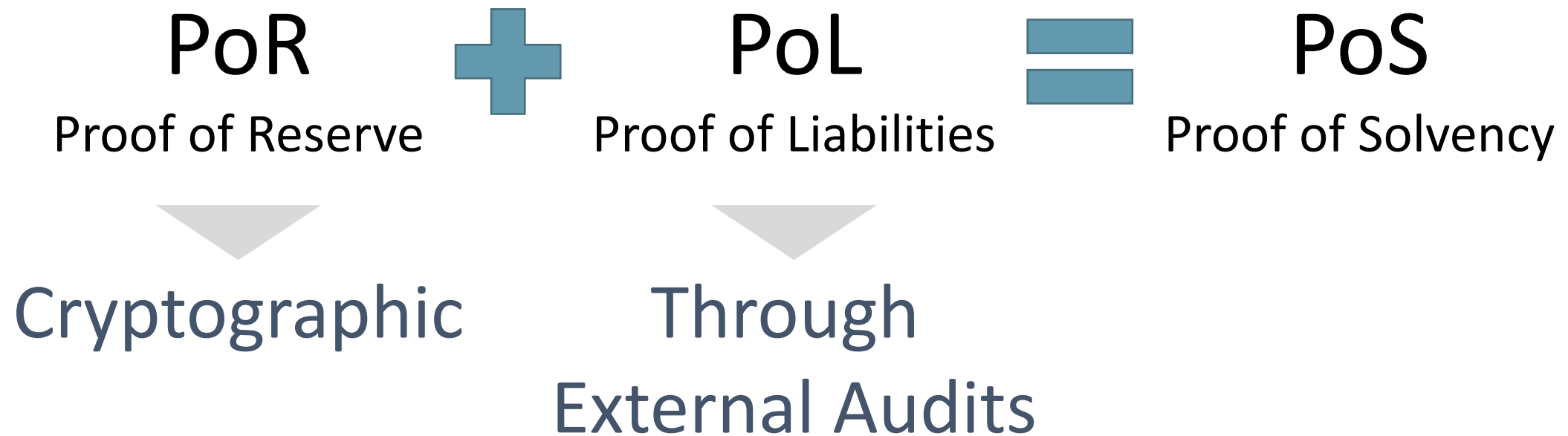
Transaction	Block	Deposits	Fee	Withdrawals	Asset Under Custody
<a href="#">Oct 29, 2021</a>	<a href="#">707296</a>	90.43568346	0.00018396	6.65512106	281.47372438
<a href="#">Sep 30, 2021</a>	<a href="#">702884</a>	11.65154583	0.00016460	6.80705070	197.69334594
<a href="#">Sep 1, 2021</a>	<a href="#">698527</a>	13.90389341	0.00007370	0.00000000	192.84901541
<a href="#">Aug 2, 2021</a>	<a href="#">693809</a>	4.97480450	0.00016214	0.00000000	178.94519570
<a href="#">Jul 2, 2021</a>	<a href="#">689351</a>	32.06748252	0.00051181	0.00000000	173.97055334
<a href="#">Jun 2, 2021</a>	<a href="#">685857</a>	8.95164489	0.00027216	0.00000000	141.90358263
<a href="#">May 1, 2021</a>	<a href="#">681372</a>	7.24822810	0.00030954	0.00000000	132.95220990
<a href="#">Apr 1, 2021</a>	<a href="#">677275</a>	21.21598524	0.00057939	1.00000000	125.70429134
<a href="#">Mar 1, 2021</a>	<a href="#">672666</a>	22.78825901	0.00051181	0.00000000	105.48888549
<a href="#">Feb 2, 2021</a>	<a href="#">668707</a>	0.00000000	0.00004851	0.00000000	82.70113829

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# Provably Solvent

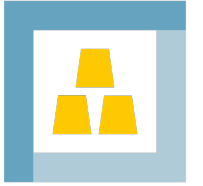
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# CheckSig

## a new standard for transparent bitcoin custody

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- members pool all of their crypto-technology patents together to form a **shared patent library**



Thank you!

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