



LMAX Digital partners with Zodia Custody to provide institutional-grade trading infrastructure and custody solution for CoinShares

London, New York, 17 May 2023 - [Zodia Custody](#), a leading institution-first digital asset custodian by Standard Chartered in association with Northern Trust, and [LMAX Digital](#), the regulated institutional crypto currency exchange operated by LMAX Group, today announce a collaboration to deliver institutional-grade trading infrastructure and custody services for the European leading Alternative Asset Manager specialising in digital assets, [CoinShares](#).

The collaboration between three leading institutional participants in the digital assets ecosystem comes at a time when the separation of exchange execution from custody, clearing and settlement functions is at the forefront of customer demands, as investors look to reduce concentration risk and implement more robust measurements to maintain security of assets.

CoinShares will benefit from a fully segregated custodian solution by leveraging Interchange, the market-leading, off-exchange settlement product from Zodia Custody and connectivity to LMAX Digital, a regulated exchange venue which operates with best-of-breed security, compliance, KYC and anti-money laundering policies and procedures. Zodia's Interchange provides independent effective safeguarding of digital assets whilst reducing the counterparty risk exposure for CoinShares, enabling the firm to retain full control of its assets and complete protection through settlement obligations.

As the pace of tokenisation gathers momentum and digital assets increasingly converge with traditional capital markets, so demand for regulated trading infrastructure and efficient price discovery within the industry grows. LMAX Digital is a leading institutional spot crypto currency exchange and a primary price discovery venue for global market participants.

"CoinShares' DNA promotes enhanced security and transparency through collaboration with regulated market players. This joint effort with Zodia Custody and LMAX Digital is aligned with our long-term strategy. We are committed to shape a reference standard for digital asset management. This underscores the importance of our duty of care for our stakeholders. We are expecting the rest of the industry to follow through." **said Jean-Marie Mognetti, CEO, CoinShares.**

As Europe's premier Alternative Asset Manager specialising in digital assets, the move is part of CoinShares' mission to provide access to a trusted, registered, and best-in-class product suite for all investors. The collaboration to implement Interchange also reinforces CoinShares' advocacy for stronger digital asset regulation, particularly in providing products that adhere to both existing regulations and similar regulatory best practices in traditional financial markets.

"The digital asset market needs to evolve. Investors are demanding greater assurance and rigour across the entire ecosystem. Interchange is our answer to how we can help the market respond to those concerns," **said Julian**



Sawyer, CEO, Zodia Custody. “We have listened to the needs of institutional investors and have delivered a solution that combines digital asset-native technology with bank-level compliance and governance. Our collaboration with LMAX Digital and CoinShares is indicative of how the digital asset ecosystem can mature — namely, through collaboration to develop an infrastructure that is fit for purpose.”

“In the wake of recent industry events, the segregation of crypto market services and effective corporate governance and controls is more important for institutions than ever. By bringing together our regulated exchange infrastructure with the regulated custodial services of Zodia Custody, we are able to offer a robust, institutional-grade solution that benefits clients such as CoinShares, whilst building a better market structure for all participants in the digital assets ecosystem. At LMAX Digital we are determined to remain at the very forefront of innovation and technological development to serve the rapidly evolving needs of our institutional clients,” **added Jenna Wright, Managing Director, LMAX Digital.**

The collaboration with LMAX Digital and CoinShares marks the start of an upcoming period of growth for Zodia Custody’s Interchange product. The digital asset custodian is currently working with several key strategic partners to implement Interchange, as part of a move from institutions and exchanges alike to mature digital asset infrastructure.

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About LMAX Digital

LMAX Digital is a regulated institutional spot crypto currency exchange, run by the LMAX Group, which also operates several leading FCA regulated trading venues for FX, metals and indices. Based on proven, proprietary technology from LMAX Group, LMAX Digital allows global institutions to acquire, trade and hold the most liquid digital assets, Bitcoin, Ethereum, Litecoin, Bitcoin Cash, XRP and Solana, safely and securely. LMAX Digital delivers complete transparency, open access and a level playing field for all crypto currency market participants, within a secure and trusted trading environment. LMAX Digital is regulated by the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission (GFSC) as a DLT provider for execution and custody services. www.lmaxdigital.com

About Zodia Custody

Zodia Custody is the leading institution-first digital asset custodian by Standard Chartered, in association with Northern Trust. It enables institutional investors around the globe to realise the full potential of the digital asset future – simply, safely, and without compromise. Through the combination of leading technology, custody, governance and compliance, Zodia Custody satisfies the complex needs of institutional investors.

The company is AMLD5 compliant and applies the same standards as Standard Chartered relating to AML, FCC, and KYC. It is also FATF Travel Rule-compliant. Zodia Custody Limited is registered in the UK with the FCA as a crypto asset business under the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds Regulations 2017. Zodia Custody (Ireland) Limited is registered with the Central Bank of Ireland as a VASP under Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010 (as amended). Zodia Custody (Ireland) Limited was established in Ireland in August 2021. Zodia Custody Limited is registered with the CSSF in Luxembourg as a Virtual Asset Service



Provider in accordance with article 7-1 (2) of the law dated 12 November 2004 on the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing, as amended.

About CoinShares

CoinShares is the European digital asset manager that delivers a broad range of financial services across investment management, trading and securities to a wide array of clients that includes corporations, financial institutions and individuals. Founded in 2013, the firm is headquartered in Jersey, with offices in France, Stockholm, the UK and the US. CoinShares is regulated in Jersey by the Jersey Financial Services Commission, in France by the Autorité des marchés financiers, in the US by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. CoinShares is publicly listed on the Nasdaq Stockholm under the ticker CS and the OTCQX under the ticker CNSRF.