Tokenization

A technology to disrupt the financial industry?



Tokenization – The disruption of the financial industry?

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• 2013: Bitcoin-Mining

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- 2014: Editor at BTC-ECHO
- 2017: ICO Analyst (Initial Coin Offerings)
- 2018: Fundraising through the Blockchain



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• 2019: Publishing "Assets on Blockchain"

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The role of banks



- Providing people the possibility to exchange value and money
- Providing *trust* between people
- Providing security and safety

What if we could do all of that without a bank?

Yes, there is a technology capable of doing that.

The Blockchain.



A Blockchain is a trust layer

How money transfers work

Bank Wire



The transaction is performed through a **bank as an** *Intermediary*.

How money transfers work

A Bitcoin Transaction



A transaction is performed through a **decentralized network.**

Disintermediation

\rightarrow The bank is removed as an intermediary

People can securely send value over a <u>trusted</u>, but <u>decentralized</u>, network.

Web 3.0

The first time in history, people can transfer money from person to person (P2P) over the internet (without an intermediary like a bank).



Tokenization

Digitizing any (financial) asset

Tokens

• Tokens are a digital unit that is stored on a Blockchain



Tokenizing assets



Creating a token as a digital representation of ownership of a specific asset.



These assets can be transferred on a

Blockchain without another intermediary.

Implications of tokenizing an asset





Technically, there is no need for Central securities depositories (CSD) since the tokens are stored on a Blockchain*.



The issuance of financial products can be automized and the intermediation is focused on the software (e.g. an issuance platform)

* Legal requirements might still make it necessary



Security Token Offerings as an alterative to Initial Public Offerings



IPO vs. STO: Facts and Figures

	IPO	STO
Costs	6-12%	5-10%
Time	Europe: 3-4 months US: 6-9 months	6-12 months
Infrastructure	Mature and established ecosystem Stock exchanges existing since centuries	Technology in it's early days Secondary markets just evolving
Efficiency	Less uncertainty, infrastructure already setup. But: Many stakeholders and hence expensive process	Innovative technology, more dynamic. But: higher automation and hence: lower costs

Benefits of Security Token Offerings and Tokenization



Wie relevant ist die Tokenisierung?

EINE VIERTELMILLIARDE EURO Bafin genehmigt Security Token für Immobilien-Portfolio

Börse Stuttgart und Axel Springer Verlag planen Handelsplatz für Kryptogeld

Mit dem Axel Springer Verlag will die Börse Stuttgart einen Kryptogeld-Handelsplatz gründen – und darüber auch Tokens aus Initial Coin Offerings handeln.

1) https://www.dasinvestment.com/eine-viertelmilliarde-euro-bafin-genehmigt-security-token-fuer-immobilien-portfolio/ (26.07.2019)

2) https://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/Boerse-Stuttgart-und-Axel-Springer-Verlag-planen-Handelsplatz-fuer-Kryptogeld-4353822.html (28.03.2019)

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"Banking is necessary. Banks are not."

- Bill Gates



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