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Executive Summary

Volume, Pairs and Coins

Top exchanges by average 24H volume are Binance (\$1016m) OKEX (\$879m) and HuobiPro (\$527m). Exchanges with the highest number of coins are EtherDelta (2060), Yobit (1178), and Cryptopia (780). Exchanges with the highest number of pairs are Yobit (7007), Cryptopia (4301) and CCEX (2145). Exchanges with the highest 24h volume-to-coins are BTCBOX (\$19.4m), Coinbase (\$14.8m) and Bitstamp (\$12.1m). Average monthly 24H volume for August down since July for most exchanges.

Country Analysis

Crypto-Crypto Only

By legal jurisdiction, crypto-crypto exchanges based in Malta (Binance/OKEX) generate the highest 24h volume (~\$1.96b), followed by those in Seychelles (Huobi Pro/HADAX at \$532m) and Hong Kong (LBank/BitZ at \$398m). The greatest number of exchanges (within highest 24H volume crypto-crypto trading legal jurisdictions) are based in Malta/Hong Kong (3) and Seychelles/UK/Cayman Islands/Singapore (2).

Fiat-Crypto Only

By legal jurisdiction, fiat-crypto exchanges based in South Korea (Bithumb, Coinone, Korbit) generate the highest 24h volume (~\$98m), followed by those in the US (itBit at \$24.2m) and Japan (Coincheck at \$12.9m). The greatest number of exchanges (within highest 24H volume fiat-crypto only trading legal jurisdictions) are based in South Korea (4).

Dual Exchanges (Fiat-Crypto and Crypto-Crypto Pairs)

By legal jurisdiction, dual exchanges based in the US (Coinbase/Kraken/Simex/Poloniex/BitTrex/Gemini) generate the highest 24h volume (\$476m), followed by those in the British Virgin Islands (Bitfinex at \$443m) and Hong Kong (HitBTC at \$243m). The greatest number of exchanges (among highest 24h volume dual pair trading legal jurisdictions) are based in South Korea (4).

Pair Offerings

Crypto-Crypto only exchanges produce the highest 24h volume (~\$4.3b), followed by those that offer both Crypto-Crypto and Fiat-Crypto (\$1.86b) and finally those that offer only Fiat-Crypto Pairs (\$200m). Fiat-Crypto only exchanges constitute the lowest count of total exchanges (19) compared to those that offer only crypto-crypto (45) and dual offerings (63)

Fiat Support and Trading Volume

Over 50 exchanges support USD pairs, followed by 36 supporting EUR pairs and 17 supporting GBP pairs. Out of the total average 24h fiat-crypto exchange volume among all exchanges in August, ~54% is traded into USD, ~21% into JPY and ~14% into KRW.

Major Exchange News in August

Binance acquires Trust Wallet, Coinbase acquires Distributed Systems. Ripple partners with Bittrex, Bitso and Coins.ph. Hacked Bithumb reopens deposits, withdrawals, and account registrations. Binance partners with LCX to offer a Fiat-to-Crypto Exchange in Liechtenstein. BitTrex launching USD markets for XRP and ETC.

Trans-Fee Mining

Average 24H TFM exchange volumes among top players have decreased significantly since July with volumes for players CoinEx (\$352m), Coinbene (\$349m) and FCoin (\$95m) decreasing by 39%, 42% and 78% respectively.

Decentralised Exchanges

Highest 24H Volume DEXs within CryptoCompare for August are WavesDEX (\$1.62m), DDEX (\$445k), and Open Ledger (\$308k). Since July, highest 24H volume movers are Bitsquare (\$65.9k, 353%), TokenStore (\$123k, 335%), and OpenLedger (\$308k, 150%).

Summary of Changes to CCCAGG

What Happened in August?	New exchanges added to Cryptocompare (15):	DEx, Cryptagio, Ironex, Globitex, NLexch, BTCAlpha, CoinFalcon, TDAX, Bitsane, CoinPulse, InstantBitex, CoinJar, Bitinfi, Gneiss, FCCE
	Exchanges shut down (ceased trading completely): (0)	Limited trading activity: Velox
	Exchanges with limited trading activity (1)	
Result of Current Review:	New exchanges to be Included in CCCAGG (2):	DEx, Cryptagio
	Existing exchanges to be included in CCCAGG (0):	None
	Exchanges to be Removed from CCCAGG (0):	None
	New Exchanges Pending Further Data and Review (13):	Globitex, NLexch, BTCAlpha, CoinFalcon, TDAX, Bitsane, CoinPulse, InstantBitex, CoinJar, Bitinfi, Gneiss, FCCE, Ironex
Implementation Date	3 rd September 2018	

General CCCAGG Inclusion/Exclusion Methodology

This review is conducted on a monthly basis in order to maintain a minimum exchange standard among constituent CCCAGG exchanges. Given the growing number of cryptocurrency exchanges, as well as those that shut down due to regulation, bankruptcy and so on, it is necessary to evaluate whether prices and volumes are representative of the market so that investors and fund managers using the CCCAGG indices can be assured that they receive the most accurate information for their purposes.

We are not in the business of policing cryptocurrency exchanges, but simply set a guideline based on how the majority of cryptocurrency exchanges operate. These majority figures are used as a standard with which to assess whether a cryptocurrency exchange is operating in line with most of its industry. Having said this, the industry is constantly evolving and often times one cryptocurrency exchange might not reflect the patterns demonstrated by the majority, for reasons that might related to innovation, an alternative business model etc. In these cases, CryptoCompare attempts to use our best judgement with preference towards a hands-off approach so that industry developments are accurately reflected. Over time, our guiding standards with which to assess cryptocurrency exchanges will also develop in line with the industry to produce the most representative group of CCCAGG exchanges.

Data Processing Procedure

Cryptocompare currently assesses exchanges on the basis of 24-hour volume and pricing data. Every exchange within the CCC database is assessed in this review, with additional exchanges being added or excluded on a monthly basis for a variety of reasons. The 24-hour volume and price of every live trading pair from every exchange is recorded. Each pair volume is compared to the total market volume for that specific pairing and assigned a market share ranking. Pricing for each pair is compared to that of the CCCAGG pair, and a percentage price difference is calculated. Finally, a volume weighted % price difference per pairing is calculated to produce a figure for how close the overall exchange pricing differences are to that of the CCCAGG.

% Price Difference vs CCCAGG

As a general guideline, CryptoCompare assumes that exchanges with an overall percentage pricing difference of under 10% is within acceptable boundaries. The reasons for pricing differences across exchanges may be related to a number of factors that include exchange fees, jurisdiction, tax considerations among a series of other factors. It is however, the first indicator of acceptability within the CCCAGG exchange list.

Assessment Period

For new exchanges added to the platform, CryptoCompare assigns a period of time in which to gather data on the exchange before adding it directly to the CCCAGG calculations. Up to the next monthly exchange review, as long as there is adequate positive volume and pricing

data the exchange will be assessed in the same way as all the existing exchanges and added to the CCCAGG if guidelines are met.

Dead Exchanges

Frequently, exchanges will stop trading for a variety of reasons that include bankruptcy, hackings, regulatory reasons and so on. Contingent upon sufficient market data being provided (usually one month), if an exchange has minimal to no trading volume it will be excluded from the CCCAGG and will be assigned an inactive status.

Market Share for Specific Pairs

There are many cases in which significant pricing differences occur relative to the CCCAGG for a number of pairs that only trade on very few exchanges. The reason for this often points to a lack of liquidity for specific pairs or perhaps a decentralized exchange. If this is the case, then there is usually an exception to the 10% pricing guideline vs. CCCAGG pricing. Providing that a specific pair on an exchange represents at least 20% of the market volume or ranks at least 3rd for market share, and prices are within a reasonable boundary, this pair would be deemed acceptable. In addition, for certain pairs that are unique to only a handful of exchanges, pricing will vary considerably the lower the liquidity of the pair in question. In this case, more flexibility is given to pricing differences on low liquidity pairs.

Current CryptoCompare Policy Towards Zero-Fee and TFM Exchanges

Zero-fee exchanges as well as transaction-fee mining exchanges present a problem when it comes to assessing whether trading volume as well as pricing is legitimate due to the well-known criticisms of exchanges engaged in these practices. When it comes to zero-fee exchanges, traders are able to trade freely without fees regardless of how many trades are made; hence, volumes might become inflated. In a similar fashion transaction fee mining exchanges rebate 100% of transaction fees in the form of their own exchange tokens. This might give traders an incentive to trade more to receive more tokens which often have valuable features such as voting rights on the platform or a dividend. Both of the above can effectively lead to wash trading. Nonetheless, regardless of the incentives or risks to those trading on the platform, it is not up to CryptoCompare or within our means at present to judge whether trading volume is legitimate or not. For this reason, transaction-fee mining volume is included within the CCCAGG in the current policy, but excluded from the average price calculation, as these exchanges pose the risk of runaway or market crash. This policy will be reviewed and improved for the next exchange review when more in-depth analysis has been conducted.

Futures Trading

Despite the significant volumes witnessed for bitcoin futures trading on platforms such as BitflyerFX and BitMex, these volumes represent futures trading volume, and not spot trading volumes. For this reason, they are excluded from CCCAGG calculations.

Summary of Volumes, Coins and Pairs

Table 1 – Top 15 Exchanges Ranked by 24H Volume in USD

RANK	EXCHANGE	24HVOLUME(USD)	COINS	PAIRS
1	Binance	1,016,105,221	156	395
2	OKEX	879,499,045	172	511
3	HuobiPro	527,069,490	114	260
4	Bitfinex	415,161,679	70	196
5	CoinEx	354,673,395	37	79
6	CoinBene	351,785,864	130	155
7	LBank	244,825,046	74	106
8	ZB	243,473,635	43	129
9	HitBTC	243,147,469	426	885
10	Upbit	189,756,221	134	261
11	BitZ	152,993,362	139	212
12	Bibox	151,413,814	82	189
13	Coinbase	133,664,463	9	16
14	Kraken	116,427,989	25	74
15	Quoine	110,118,390	20	58

Table 2 – Top 15 Exchanges Ranked by Number of Pairs

RANK	EXCHANGE	24HVOLUME(USD)	COINS	PAIRS
1	Yobit	31,608,432	1178	7008
2	Cryptopia	3,104,984	780	4301
3	CCEX	186,121	629	2145
4	EtherDelta	246,574	2061	2061
5	HitBTC	243,147,469	426	885
6	TradeSatoshi	125,002	200	818
7	BitTrex	45,140,835	511	631
8	LiveCoin	15,233,013	251	593
9	WavesDEX	1,369,734	164	592
10	OKEX	879,499,045	172	511
11	Kucoin	10,362,739	181	419
12	Binance	1,016,105,221	156	395
13	Gateio	33,413,122	170	354
14	Zecoex	824,252	119	332
15	Tidex	2,520,798	118	268

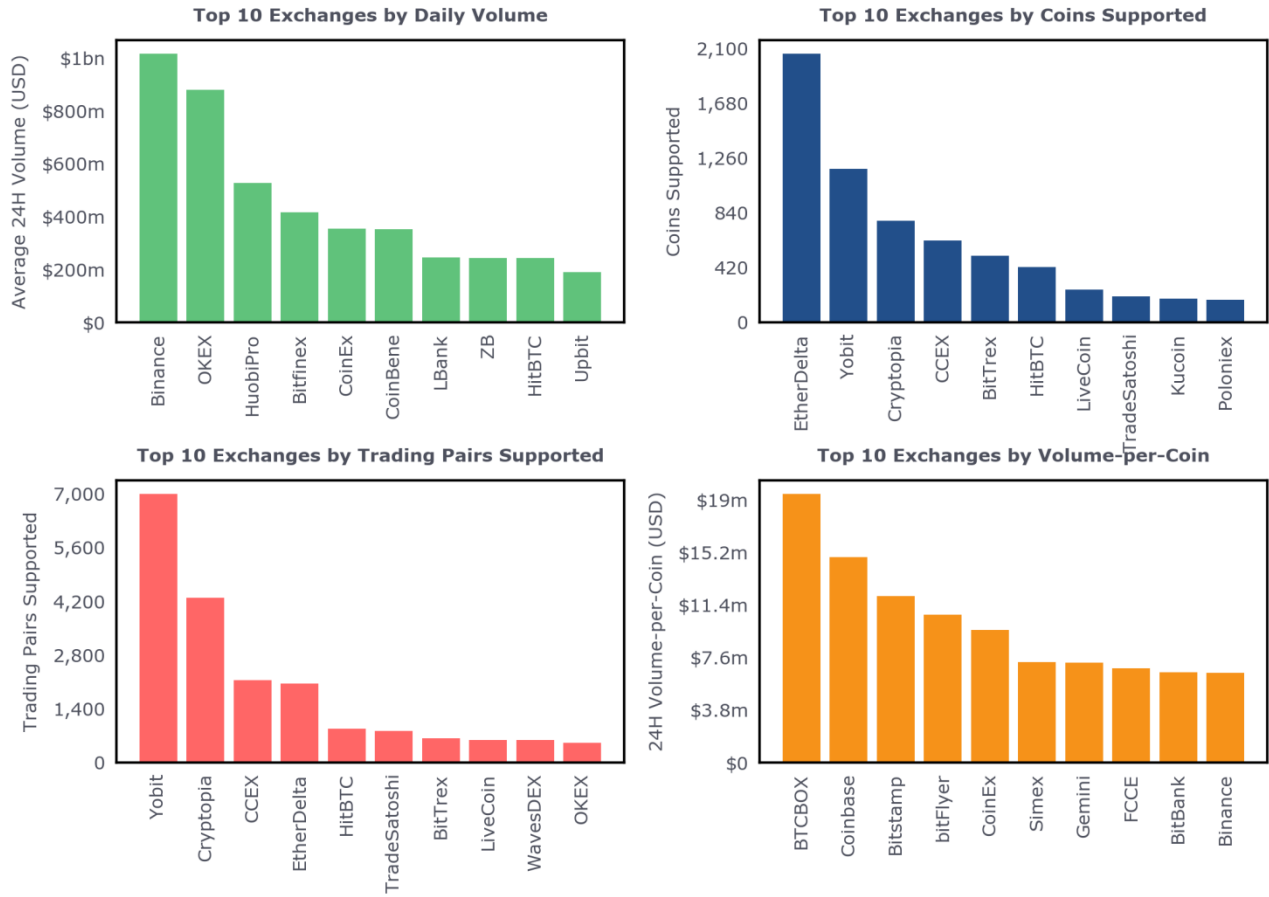
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7	LiveCoin	15,233,013	251	593
8	TradeSatoshi	125,002	200	818
9	Kucoin	10,362,739	181	419
10	Poloniex	35,325,234	173	214
11	OKEX	879,499,045	172	511
12	Gateio	33,413,122	170	354
13	WavesDEX	1,369,734	164	592
14	Binance	1,016,105,221	156	395
15	TokenStore	122,503	155	154

Table 4 - Top 15 Exchanges Ranked by 24H Volume/Number of Coins

RANK	EXCHANGE	24HVOLUME(USD)	COINS	PAIRS	24HVOLUME/COINS
1	BTCBOX	38,892,390	2	1	19,446,195
2	Coinbase	133,664,463	9	16	14,851,607
3	Bitstamp	84,364,209	7	15	12,052,030
4	bitFlyer	53,413,972	5	4	10,682,794
5	CoinEx	354,673,395	37	79	9,585,767
6	Simex	80,073,673	11	13	7,279,425
7	Gemini	28,932,554	4	6	7,233,138
8	FCCE	27,286,571	4	5	6,821,643
9	BitBank	45,724,649	7	8	6,532,093
10	Binance	1,016,105,221	156	395	6,513,495
11	Coincheck	12,339,088	2	1	6,169,544
12	Bitfinex	415,161,679	70	196	5,930,881
13	ZB	243,473,635	43	129	5,662,178
14	FCoin	95,320,596	17	17	5,607,094
15	Bithumb	77,239,292	14	13	5,517,092

Figure 1 - Summary of Top Exchanges by 24H Volumes, Coins, Pairs and Volume/Coins Ratio



Volume Analysis

Figure 2 – Proportion of Historical 24h Volume Among Top Exchanges for August 2018

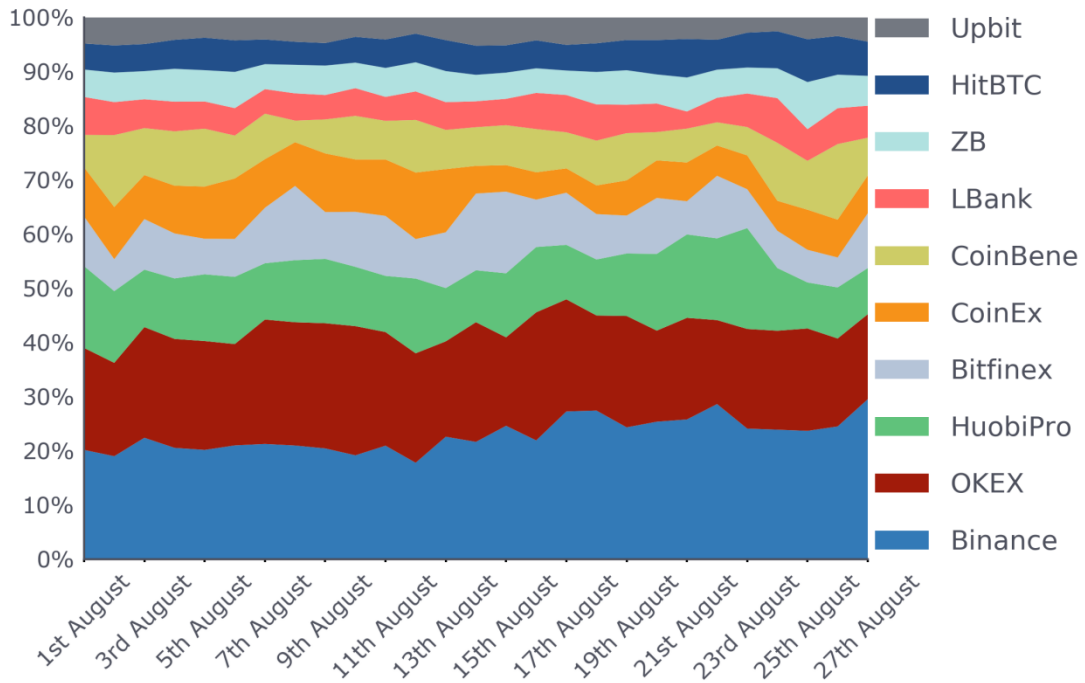
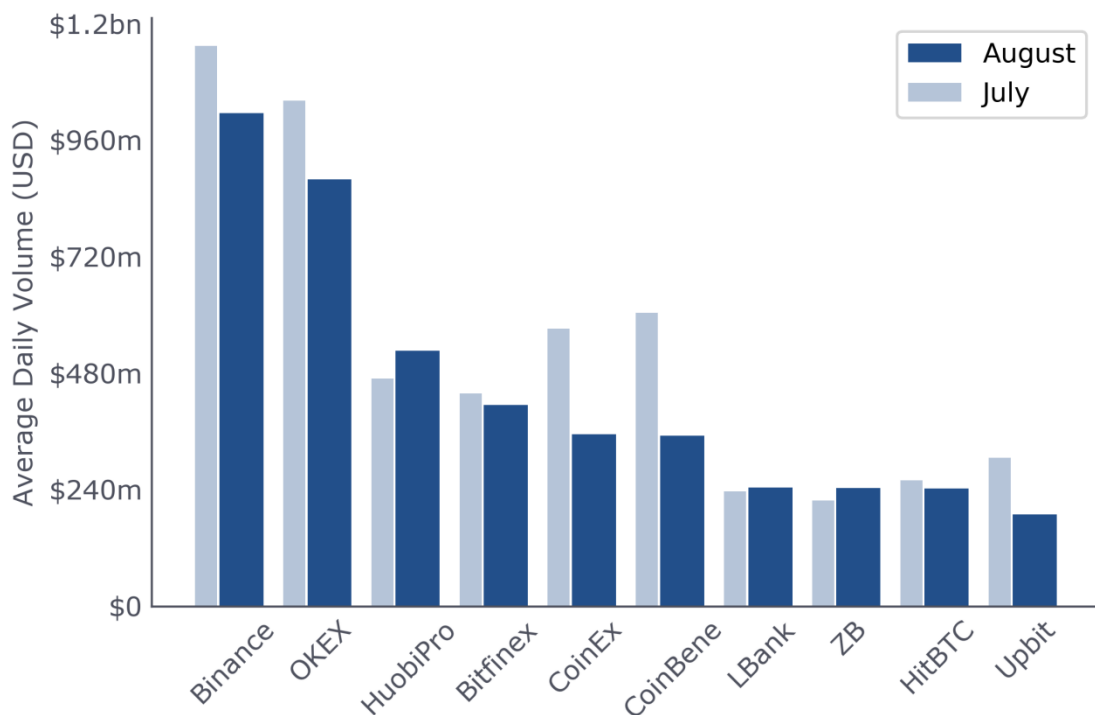


Figure 3 – Average 24H Trading Volume Among the Top 10 Exchanges – August vs July



Country Analysis

Figure 4 –Top 10 Exchange Legal Jurisdictions by Average 24H Volume Across all Major Exchanges

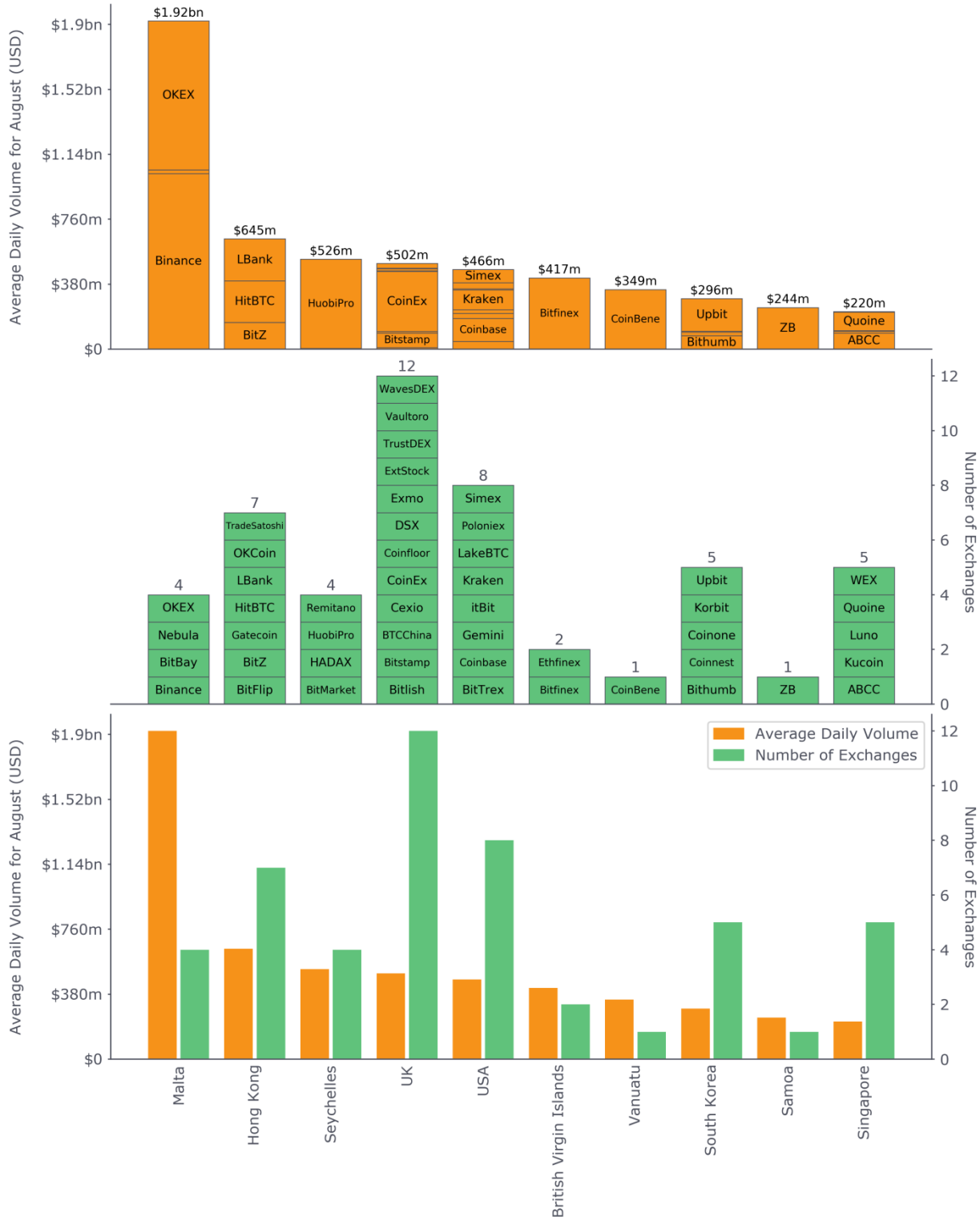


Figure 5 – Top 10 Exchange Legal Jurisdictions by Average 24H Volume Across Crypto-Crypto Exchanges

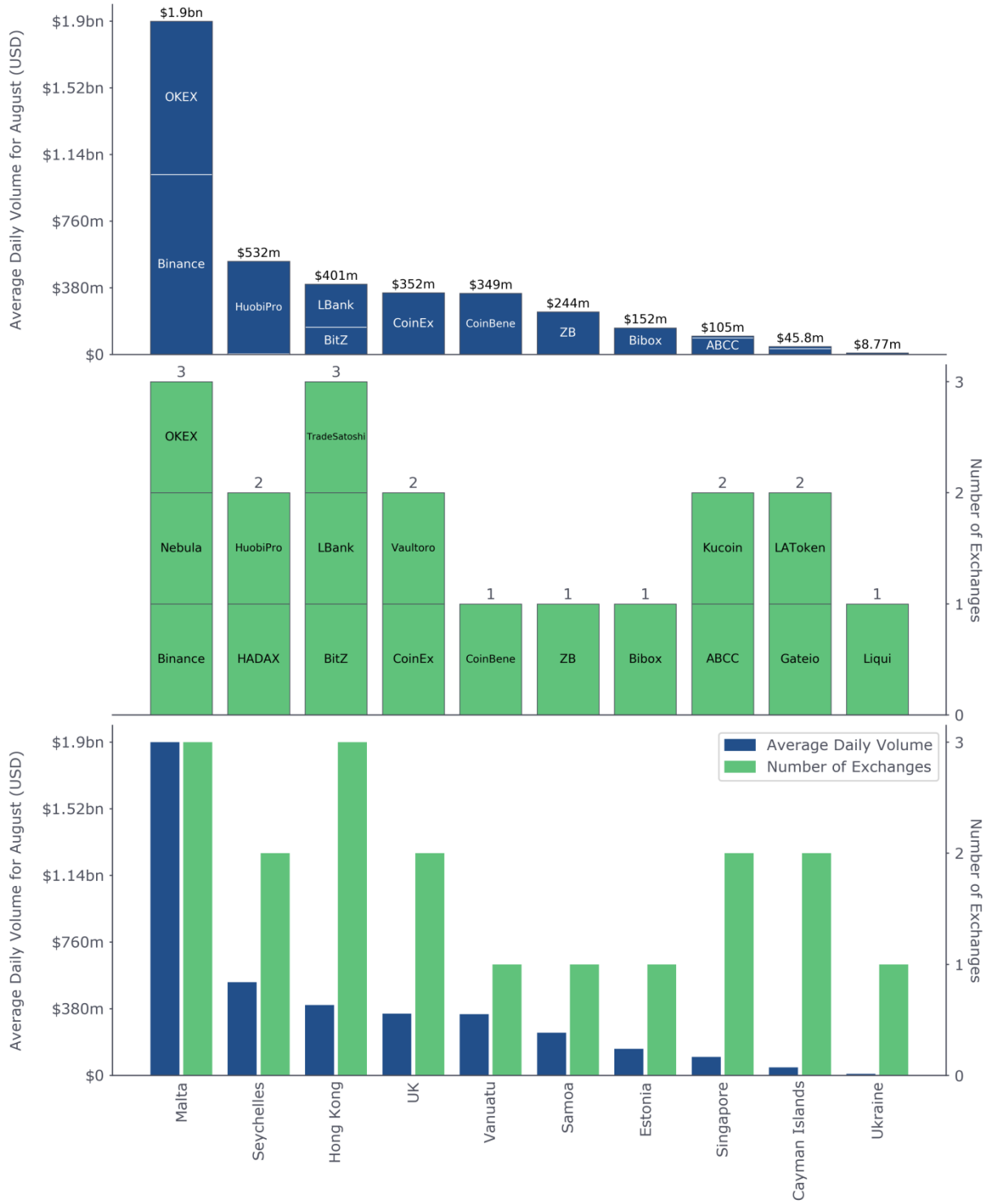


Figure 6 – Top 10 Exchange Legal Jurisdictions by Average 24H Volume Across Fiat-Crypto Exchanges

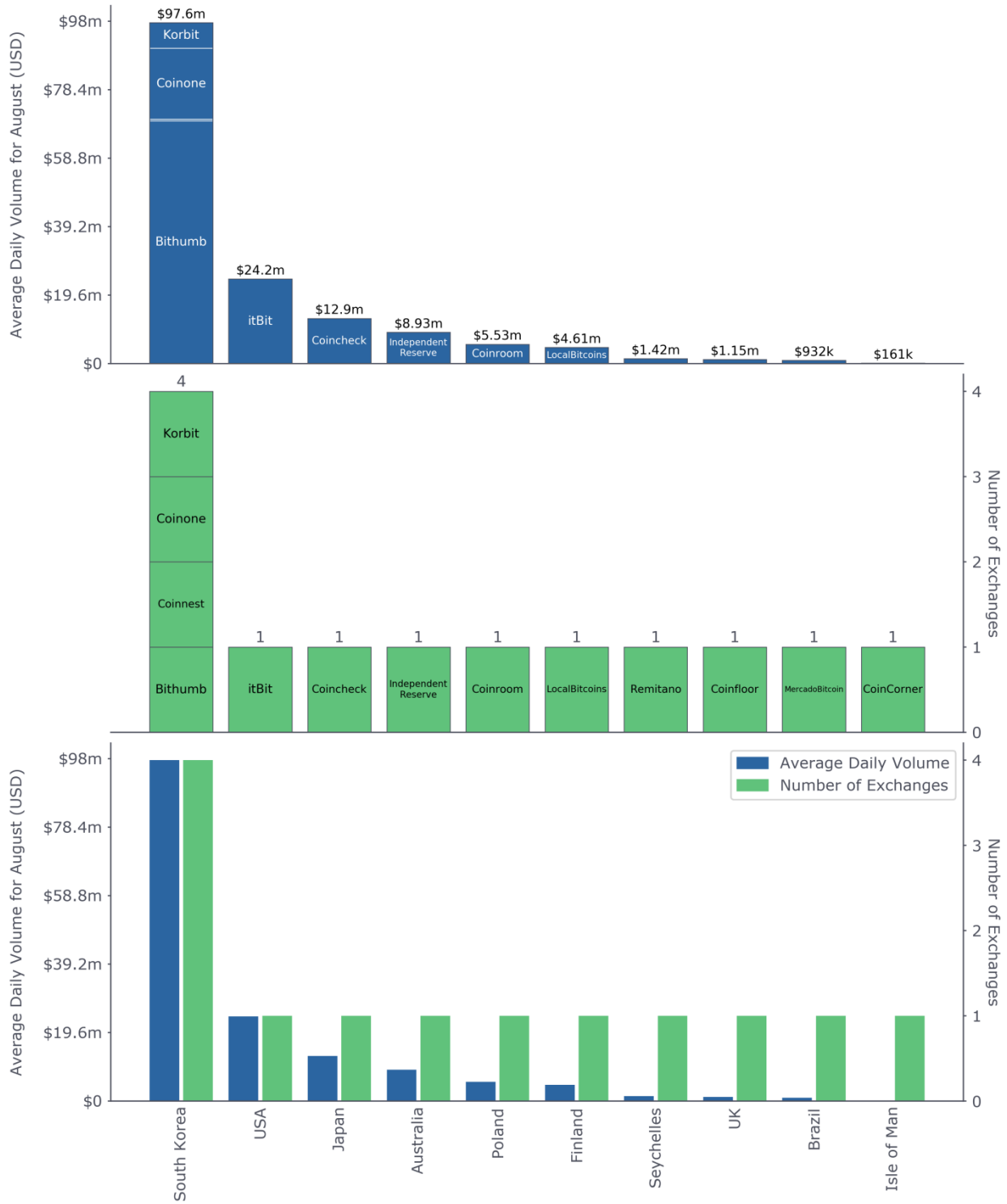
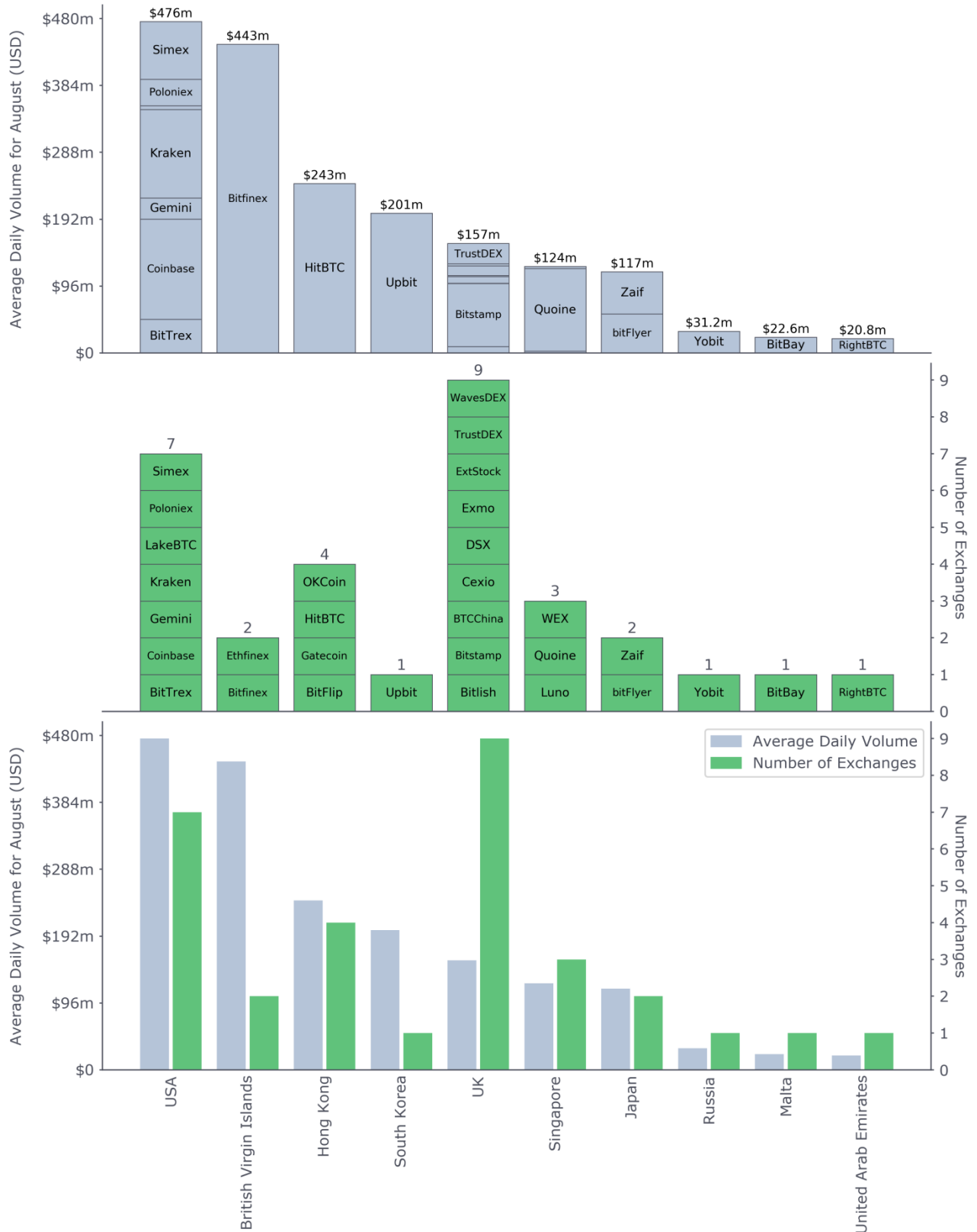


Figure 7 – Top 10 Exchange Legal Jurisdictions by Average 24H Volume Across Dual Exchanges



Pair Offering Analysis

Figure 8 – Pair Offering Monthly Average 24H Volume (USD) vs Exchange Count

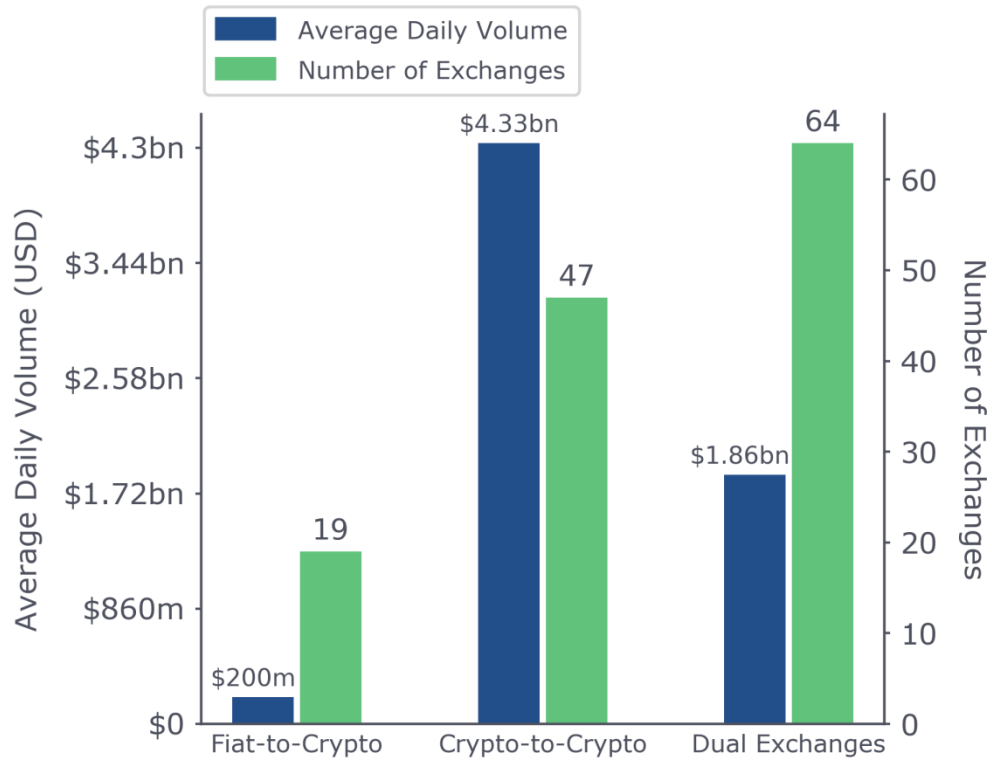


Table 5 - Fiat-Crypto Exchanges by Average 24H Volume (USD)

RANK	EXCHANGE	24H VOLUME (USD)	PAIRS	FIATS OFFERED (LAST 7 DAY AVERAGE)
1	Bithumb	77,239,292	13	KRW (100%)
2	BTCBOX	38,892,390	1	JPY (100%)
3	itBit	22,054,349	3	USD (97.0%), EUR (2.93%), SGD (<0.01%)
4	Coinone	19,177,229	17	KRW (100%)
5	Coincheck	12,339,088	1	JPY (100%)
6	IndependentReserve	8,874,681	15	AUD (85.3%), NZD (7.43%), USD (7.21%)
7	Korbit	6,850,177	4	KRW (100%)
8	Coinroom	5,839,071	32	PLN (26.1%), EUR (26.1%), USD (26.0%), GBP (21.7%)
9	LocalBitcoins	4,531,778	121	USD (19.6%), CNY (15.6%), NGN (14.9%), GBP (9.7%) and 117 others
10	Remitano	1,383,213	33	VND (65.0%), NGN (17.4%), MYR (15.5%), ZAR (0.8%) and 15 others

Table 6 - Dual Exchanges by Average 24H Volume (USD) – Last 7 Days

RANK	EXCHANGE	24H VOLUME (USD)	PAIRS	FIATS OFFERED (LAST 7 DAY AVERAGE)
1	Bitfinex	415,161,679	196	USD (95.0%), EUR (3.93%), JPY (0.65%), GBP (0.27%)
2	HitBTC	243,147,469	885	USD (0.15%)
3	Upbit	189,756,221	261	KRW (58.6%)
4	Coinbase	133,664,463	16	USD (88.2%), EUR (10.2%), GBP (1.48%)
5	Kraken	116,427,989	74	EUR (50.4%), USD (47.9%), CAD (0.51%), JPY (0.03%), GBP (0.02%)
6	Quoine	110,118,390	58	JPY (92.5%), USD (5.6%), AUD (1.0%), SGD (0.8%) and 4 others
7	Bitstamp	84,364,209	15	USD (79.5%), EUR (20.4%)
8	Simex	80,073,673	13	USD (94.5%)
9	Zaif	57,327,494	143	JPY (99.9%)
10	bitFlyer	53,413,972	4	JPY (98.1%), USD (1.82%)

Table 7 - Crypto-Crypto Only Exchanges by Average 24H Volume (USD) – Last 7 Days

RANK	EXCHANGE	24H VOLUME (USD)	PAIRS
1	Binance	1,016,105,221	395
2	OKEX	879,499,045	511
3	HuobiPro	527,069,490	260
4	CoinEx	354,673,395	79
5	CoinBene	351,785,864	155
6	LBank	244,825,046	106
7	ZB	243,473,635	129
8	BitZ	152,993,362	212
9	Bibox	151,413,814	189
10	BigONE	97,829,850	110

Figure 9 - Top Exchanges by Pair Offering and 24H Volume (USD) Summary

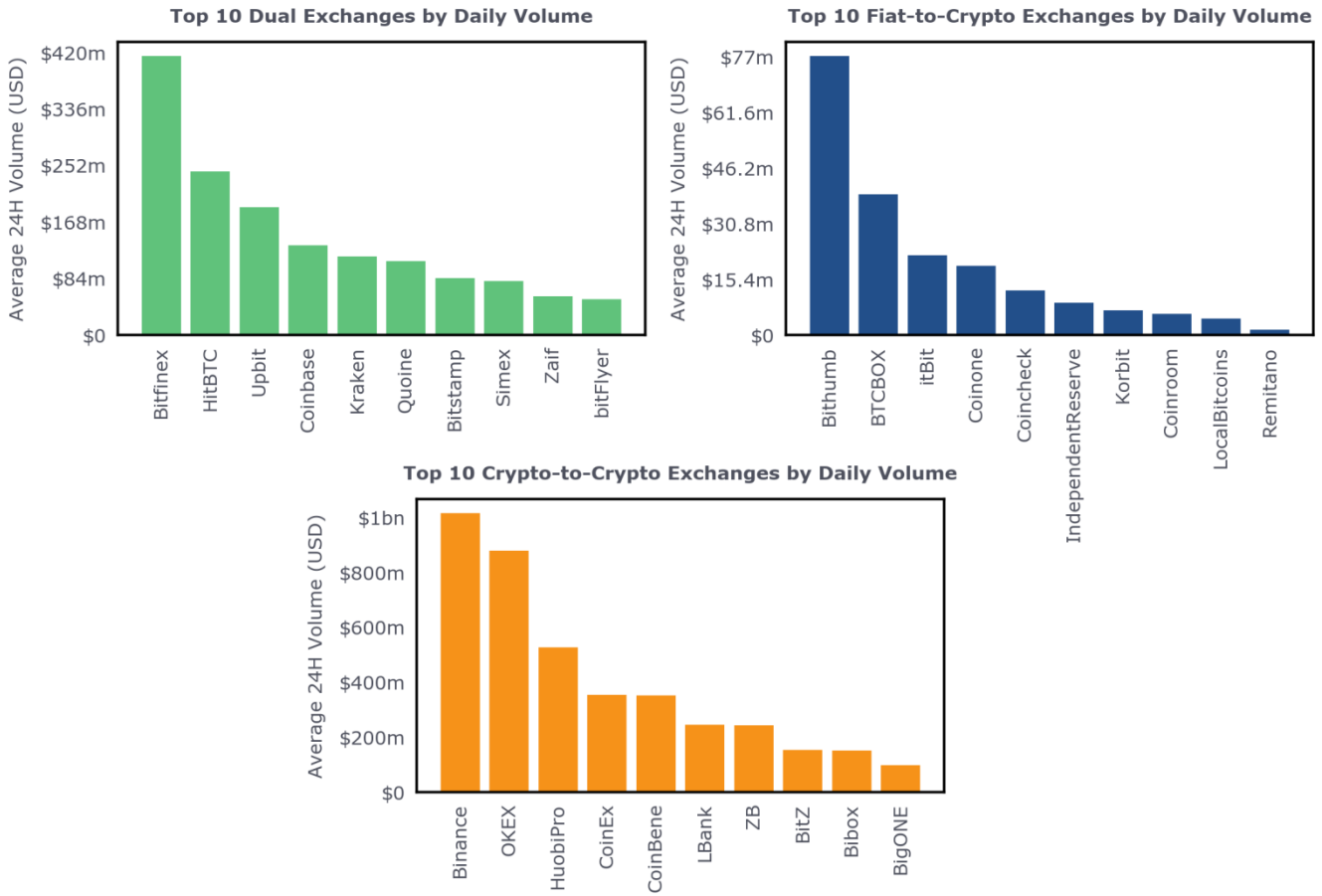


Figure 10 - Fiats Support by Number of Exchanges

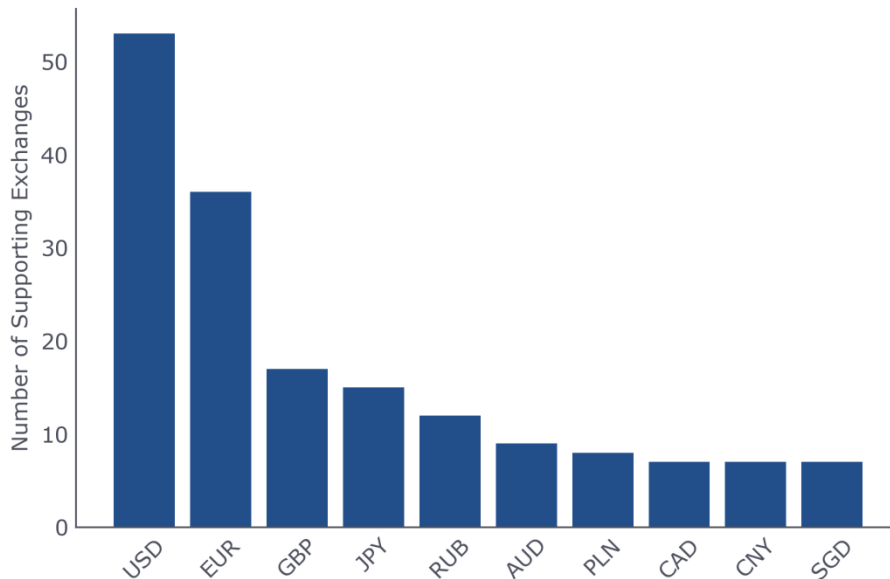
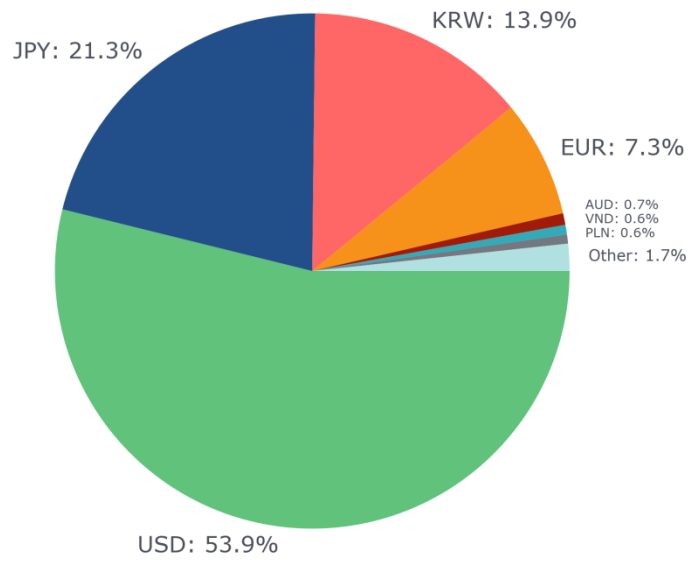
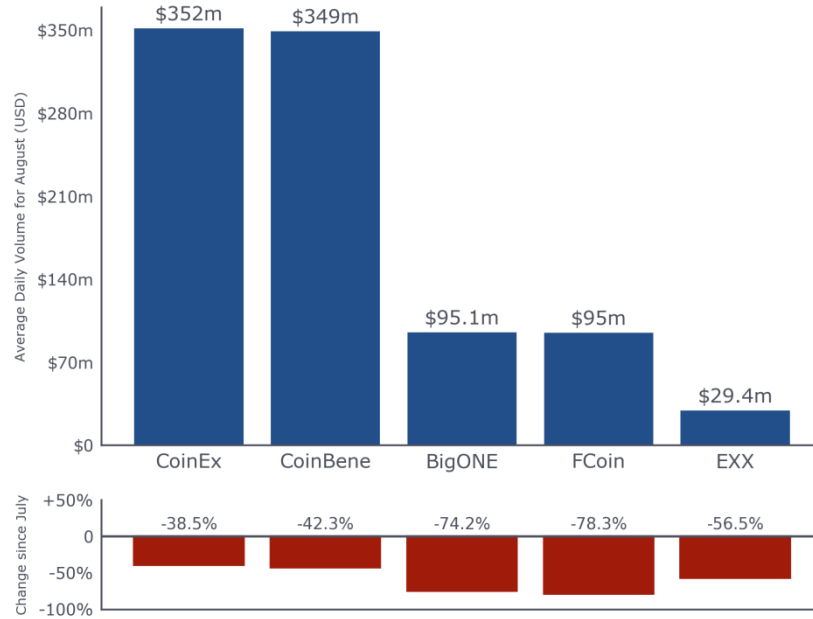


Figure 11 - Proportion of Fiat-Crypto Trading by Fiat Currency



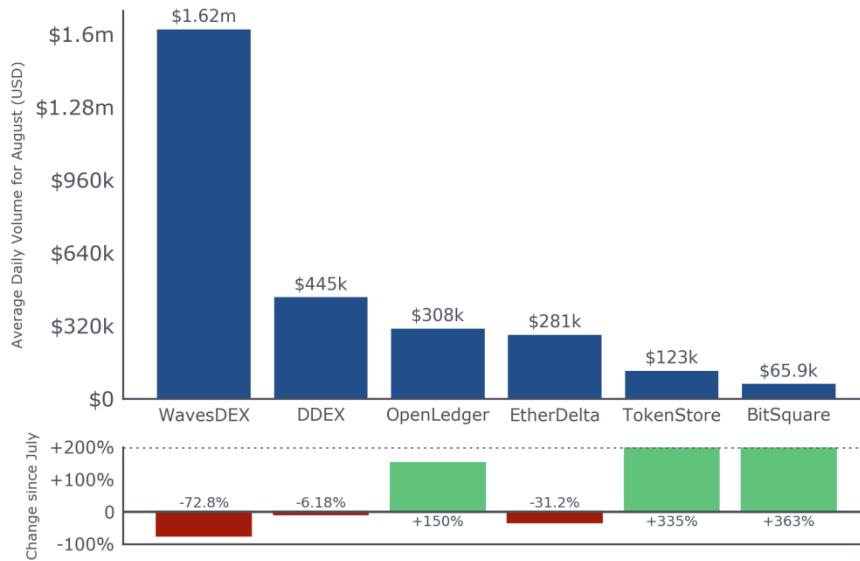
Transaction-Fee Mining Exchanges

Figure 12 – Average 24H Trans-Fee Mining Volume and Change Since Previous Month



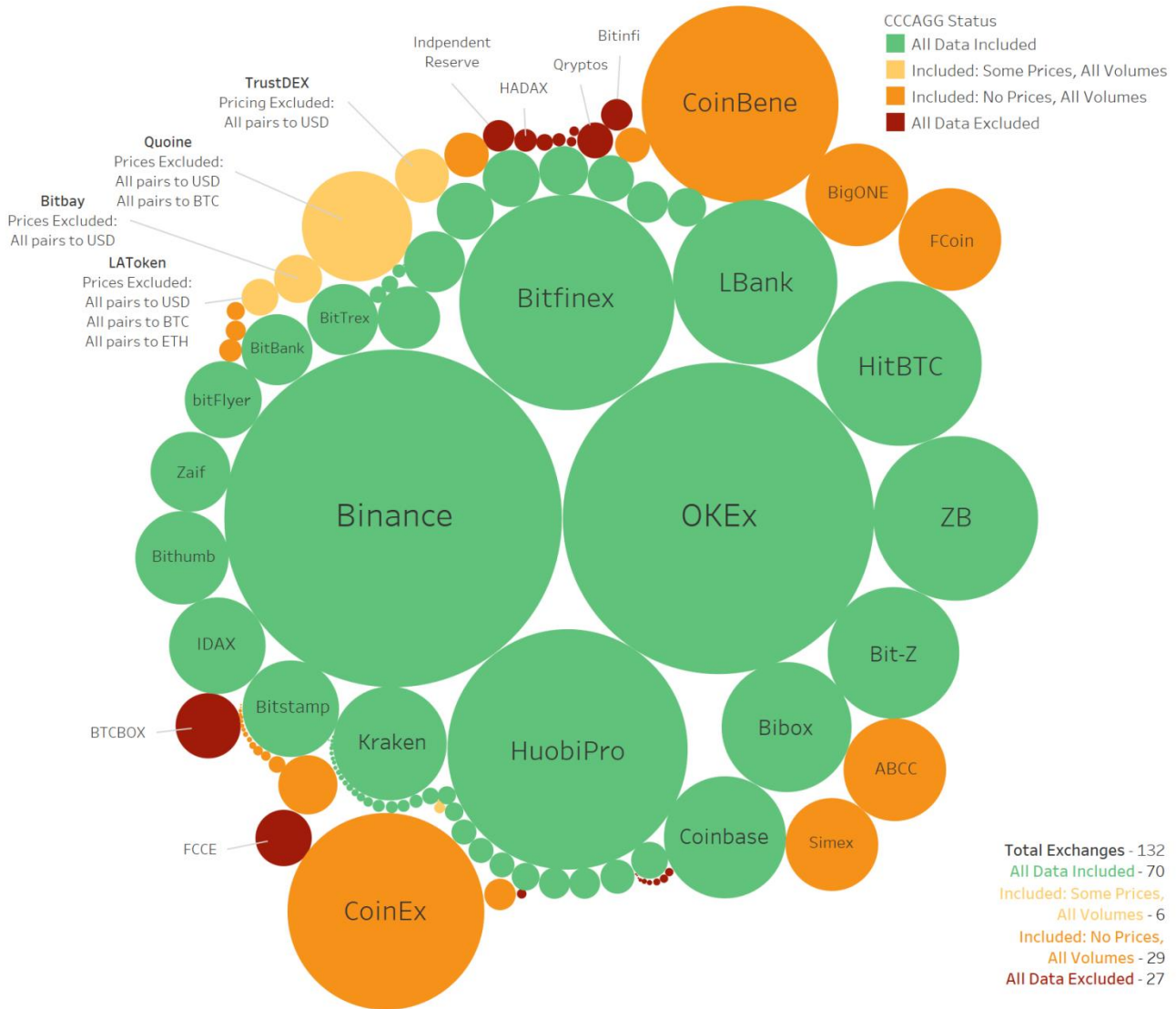
Decentralized Exchanges

Figure 13 – Average 24H DEX Volume and Change Since Previous Month



Current CCCAGG Exchange Ecosystem

Figure 14 – Current CCCAGG Constituent Exchanges, Sized by 24H Volume



CCCAGG Exchange Pricing Analysis

Table 8 – Existing Exchanges by Highest Volume Weighted % Price Difference vs CCCAGG

RANK	EXCHANGE	ABSOLUTE % DIFFERENCE	PRICE CURRENTLY EXCLUDED FROM CCCAGG?	PRICING EXCLUSION RESULT	VOLUME CURRENTLY EXCLUDED FROM CCCAGG?	VOLUME EXCLUSION RESULT
1	WEX	79%	YES	NO CHANGE	NO	NO CHANGE
2	TokenStore	39%	YES	NO CHANGE	NO	NO CHANGE
3	Ore	38%	YES	NO CHANGE	NO	NO CHANGE
4	BitFlip	28%	YES	NO CHANGE	NO	NO CHANGE
5	Qryptos	20%	YES	NO CHANGE	NO	NO CHANGE
6	Nexchange	17%	YES	NO CHANGE	NO	NO CHANGE
7	CryptoCarbon	16%	NO	FURTHER REVIEW	NO	NO CHANGE
8	BigONE	10%	YES	NO CHANGE	NO	NO CHANGE
9	CoinCorner	10%	YES	NO CHANGE	NO	NO CHANGE

Table 9 - Further Review of Existing Exchanges Considered for Exclusion

EXCHANGE	ABSOLUTE % DIFFERENCE	Notes	PRICE CURRENTLY EXCLUDED FROM CCCAGG?	PRICING EXCLUSION RESULT	VOLUME CURRENTLY EXCLUDED FROM CCCAGG?	VOLUME EXCLUSION RESULT
CRYPTOCARBON	16%	Low Volume Exchange, Price difference due to illiquidity of one pair BTC_ETH.	NO	NO CHANGE, REMAIN INCLUDED	NO	NO CHANGE

Table 10 - Initial Assessment of New Exchanges Recently Added to CryptoCompare in August

EXCHANGE	ABSOLUTE % PRICE DIFFERENCE	24H VOLUME (USD)	DATE ADDED (AUGUST)	CURRENTLY WITHIN 10% BOUNDARY?	ACTION
DEX	0.65%	321,720	2	YES	Further Review
CRYPTAGIO	4.55%	74,967	2	YES	Further Review
IRONEX	0.48%	246,477	2	YES	Further Review
GLOBITEX	0.04%	11,549	14	YES	Pending Further Data
NLEXCH	0.23%	12	14	YES	Pending Further Data
BTCALPHA	1.26%	4,735,823	16	YES	Pending Further Data
COINFALCON	0.78%	193,710	16	YES	Pending Further Data
TDAX	0.89%	1,863,651	16	YES	Pending Further Data
FCCE	0.05%	38,314,735	16	YES	Pending Further Data
BITSANE	0.02%	747,590	22	YES	Pending Further Data
COINPULSE	N/A	321	22	N/A	Pending Further Data
INSTANTBITEX	0.01%	3,778,824	22	YES	Pending Further Data
COINJAR	0.81%	448,278	22	YES	Pending Further Data
BITINFI	0.04%	59,530,189	27	YES	Pending Further Data
GNEISS	21.90%	177	27	NO	Pending Further Data

Table 11 - New Exchanges for Further Review

EXCHANGE	ABSOLUTE % PRICE DIFFERENCE	24H VOLUME (USD)	Notes	CURRENTLY WITHIN 10% BOUNDARY?	ACTION
DEX	0.65%	321,720	Most pairs represent at least the third highest 24H volume for specific pairs or 100% market share. Those with smaller market shares are either illiquid or in line with market prices	YES	INCLUDE IN CCCAGG
CRYPTAGIO	4.55%	74,967	Pairs with positive volume in line with market prices or within the 10% price boundary	YES	INCLUDE IN CCCAGG
IRONEX	0.48%	246,477	High volatility for ETH_BTC, ADA_BTC, XRP_BTC, DASH_BTC relative to market.	YES	EXCLUDE FROM CCCAGG – PENDING FURTHER REVIEW

Changes to CCCAGG Exchange List Following Review

Exchange Pricing Additions to CCCAGG from Existing Exchanges (0)

No new additions from existing exchanges

Exchange Additions to CCCAGG from New Exchanges Added in August (2)

DeX, Cryptagio

Exchange Exclusions from Current CCCAGG (0)

No new exclusions from existing exchanges

Existing Exchanges with Limited Trading Activity (1)

Velox

New Exchanges Pending Further Data and Review (13):

Globitex, NLexch, BTCAlpha, CoinFalcon, TDAX, Bitsane, CoinPulse, InstantBitex, CoinJar, Bitinfi, Gneiss, FCCE, Ironex

August 2018 Exchange News

EXCHANGE	STORY	ARTICLE LINK	DATE
Bithumb	Bithumb to Reopen Account Registrations After Renewing Contract with Nonghyup Bank	CryptoGlobe	29 Aug
HuobiPro	Crypto Exchange Huobi Announces Five Partnerships to Further Its Expansion Efforts	CryptoGlobe	18 Aug
Binance	Binance Partners with LCX to Offer a Fiat-to-Crypto Exchange in Blockchain-Friendly Liechtenstein	CryptoGlobe	17 Aug
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