

# Crypto progress in 2018 in the wake of a market slump and FUD

## 2018

### January

1/17: [BitConnect, accused of running a Ponzi scheme, shuts down](#)

1/31: [Coincheck hack](#): Largest reported exchange hack by \$ loss

### February

2/6: [Chairmen of the SEC and CFTC](#) speak before Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

2/26: [Circle acquires crypto exchange Poloniex for \\$400m](#)

### March

3/15: [Lightning Network Beta goes live](#), pushing for largescale [adoption](#)

### April

### May

5/15: Goldman-backed [Circle](#) [raises \\$110m](#) in a round led by Bitmain

5/31: [Tron main net launch](#)

### June

6/25: Additional dry powder enters the fray, including the [a16z's \\$300m crypto fund](#)

6/15: Ethereum competitor [EOS launches](#) their main net after closing a [\\$4bn ICO](#)

### July

7/10: [Augur, the decentralized prediction market, goes live](#)

7/30: The [Block](#) launches! And crypto media gets a monumental shakeup

### August

8/14: [Square's Cash app](#) strengthens its crypto support

### September

9/4: [Casa Lightning node launches](#), providing the easiest way to use the lightning network

9/6: Brokerage firm [Robinhood gatecrashes crypto](#) with the launch of its own trading platform

9/17: [Tezos main net goes live](#)

9/26: [Bitmain](#) files for IPO, making it the first crypto mining company to try to go public

### October

10/1: [Gemini obtains insurance](#) for cryptoassets, giving users their first hedge against hackers

10/1: [Ripple xRapid](#) live

10/10: [ICE announces Bakkt](#) to offer a physically delivered bitcoin future

10/3: [ErisX backed by TD Ameritrade, DRW, Virtu Financial, Susquehanna, DCG, etc.](#)

10/15: [Fidelity launches institutional brokerage and custody](#) business for crypto  
Institutional update looks a bit... less distance

10/12: [Nasdaq reportedly exploring a platform](#) to issue tokenized [security](#). The market (and former employee Frank Chaparro) gets very excited

10/23: Coinbase gets licensed to [operate as a qualified custodian](#)

10/18: A custody solution looks promising in BitGo, which reaches 75+ cryptoasset clients and [gets backing from Goldman and Galaxy Digital](#)

10/29: Crypto M&A activity heats up as Belgian firm completes an [all-cash acquisition of Bitstamp](#)

10/30: Goldman, comes out of its crypto closet, and [begins to onboard clients for its bitcoin derivatives product](#)

10/31: [Coinbase](#) revenues grow amid bear market, and announces listing of 20 more tokens

10/31: [Harbor and BitGo partner](#)

### November

11/1: [Binance](#) raises funds and makes its first fiat [crypto Exchange in Uganda](#) and 40,000 users sign up in one week

11/13: [1 million ETH locked](#) in MakerDAO contracts

11/17: [Bitcoin Cash hard fork](#)

11/21: Crypto advisory firm [Silvergate](#) files for IPO

11/26: Ohio state [announces](#) that it will accept business taxes in Bitcoin

### December

12/17: Peter Thiel-backed crypto broker, [Tagomi, launches](#)

12/20: [Facebook reportedly developing stablecoin](#)

## 2019

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■ Crypto Project and Firm Developments

■ Projects, Products and Services

■ Fundraising, IPOs and M&A

■ Regulation

■ Hacks and scams