



## Blockchain and ICO's

Despite some negative press in respect of crypto-currencies and the reluctance of banks to actually “bank” fiat currency corporate accounts related to crypto-currency, the Banks have invested heavily in the Blockchain Technology (“Blockcahin”). Blockchain has, as yet, not been hacked or been broken down, thus enhancing its credentials.

Love it or hate, the biggest companies in the world just can't ignore Blockchain any longer. The distributed ledger technology that first let owners of the bitcoin cryptocurrency exchange value without a bank has forced its way into the research and development halls of the ten largest companies in the world. Based on the Forbes' Global 2000 list of the largest public companies in the world corporations as diverse as the largest in the world, the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, investing giant Berkshire Hathaway, and computer giant Apple, Mearsk are all in various stages of exploring and implementing the Blockchain technology.

### The Benefits of Blockchain

Blockchain gives an opportunity to radically transform the way we do things by providing a standard architecture to address different business and organisational problems.

With Blockchain you can address the following digital challenges:

1. **Transparency** - in a distributed ledger every transaction is recorded publicly. Public verifiability allows anyone to verify correct system working;
2. **Integrity** - when everything is archived and authorised in a decentralized way the system ensures that data is carried out and processed in a reliable and transparent manner;
3. **Immutability** - a third-party cannot make any changes to the system;
4. **Security** - with no central point to be exploited the system is protected against hacking attacks and fraud;
5. **Reduced transactions costs** - Blockchain allows peer-to-peer and business-to-business transactions to be completed without the need for a third party, which is often a bank;
6. **Customer centricity** - transparent solutions allow streamline and automate communication with customers, enabling also higher trust level; and
7. **Innovation** - completely new business models may lead to substantial competitive advantages.

## **Why the Isle of Man?**

The Isle of Man has long been synonymous with innovation and adaptability. Sometime being small allows nimbleness and being able to take advantage of where larger government and regulatory bodies are slow and cumbersome. The Isle of Man has a proven track record of the implementation of new and attractive ways of getting things done in a more efficient fashion. Examples include;

- The IOM Shipping Registry;
- The IOM Aviation Registry;
- E-commerce and e-gaming;
- Space and satellite industry; and the
- IOM Fishing industry; and
- The IOM TT Races to name but a few.

The Island was one of the first to adopt the highest levels of AML/KYC and financial regulation, whilst others continued in their old manner for many years. This investment and continued compliance has provided a great landscape of opportunity for entrepreneurs globally. Often without a lot of noise!!!

## **Our Solution**

At Döhle we are able to provide a suitable structure often an Isle of Man Foundation sitting above and Isle of Man company.

We are able to monitor the transactions and comply fully with AML/KYC requirements as well as allow for a fully regulated environment within which the planned ICO can sit. Combined with the appropriate legal advice from specialised advocates this provides investors with a huge degree of confidence, which in itself adds to the success of the ICO.

This investment and ability to collaborate and share with specific advisers provides for a highly successful opportunity for companies wishing to undertake a serious ICO. Combining this in a tax efficient and well recognised jurisdiction provides further advantages for many Global operating businesses and new tech start-ups.

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