

From Speculation *to Allocation*

How digital assets fit in an institutional portfolio



Three acts, one argument

ACT 1



The Shift

ACT 2



The Barriers

ACT 3



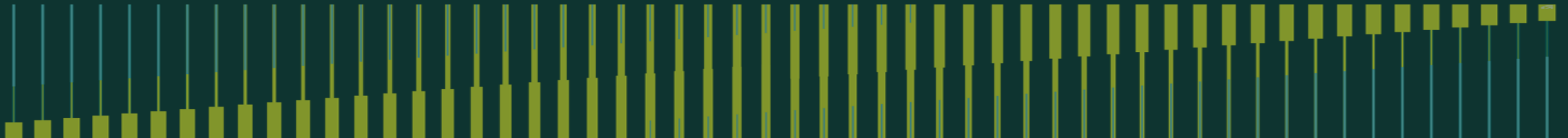
The Construction

ACT 1

The Shift Is Already Here

Five years ago the question was *“is this real?”*

Today it's how much, through what, and with whom.



The rules caught up

EUROPE



MiCA

Live since end-2024

UNITED STATES



GENIUS Act

Signed July 2025

UNITED STATES



CLARITY Act

Before the Senate

The products became investable

Multiple routes into the asset class



Listed equity

Strategy, Coinbase, miners



ETPs

Spot ETFs · BlackRock



Alternative funds

VC · liquid · hedge · FoF

The institutions are already allocating

55%

of hedge funds report digital-asset
exposure in 2025 (AIMA/PwC)

\$150M

Wisconsin SIB in bitcoin ETFs

\$2.5B

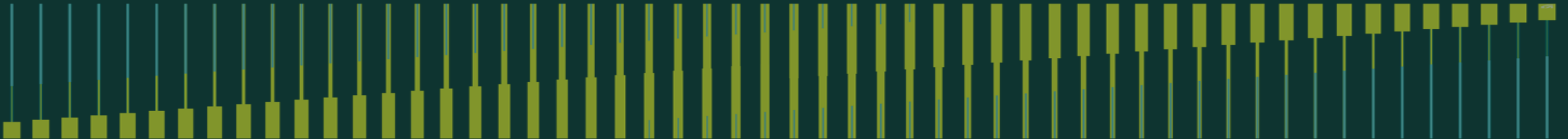
Brevan Howard's digital-assets unit in
early 2025 (FT)

These are not believers. They are allocators — sizing, entering and exiting with discipline.

ACT 2

What Actually Holds Institutions Back

It's not *whether* digital assets belong in a portfolio,
but it's *how* you construct the allocation.



Barrier 1 — the mandate



Volatility

Does this fit my risk budget?



Regulation

Which regime applies?



Infrastructure

Can I hold this safely?

Buy bitcoin and hope it goes up" is not a strategy.

Allocation is a question of

CONSTRUCTION *not* ~~DIRECTION~~

The asset class itself is changing

"Digital assets" no longer means only crypto — stocks, bonds and funds are moving on-chain.



\$34B

tokenised real-world assets (May 2026)



\$2.5B

BlackRock's tokenised fund, BUIDL



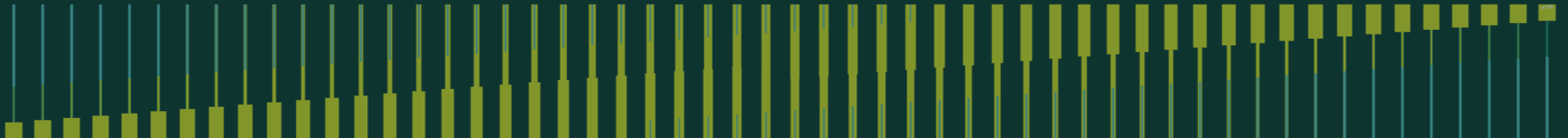
\$8.5B

tokenised money-market funds

ACT 3

How You Construct the Allocation

Three decisions, made in this order — the order matters more than any one of them.



Step 1 — define the role, not the direction

< 2%

typical institutional allocation



Diversification



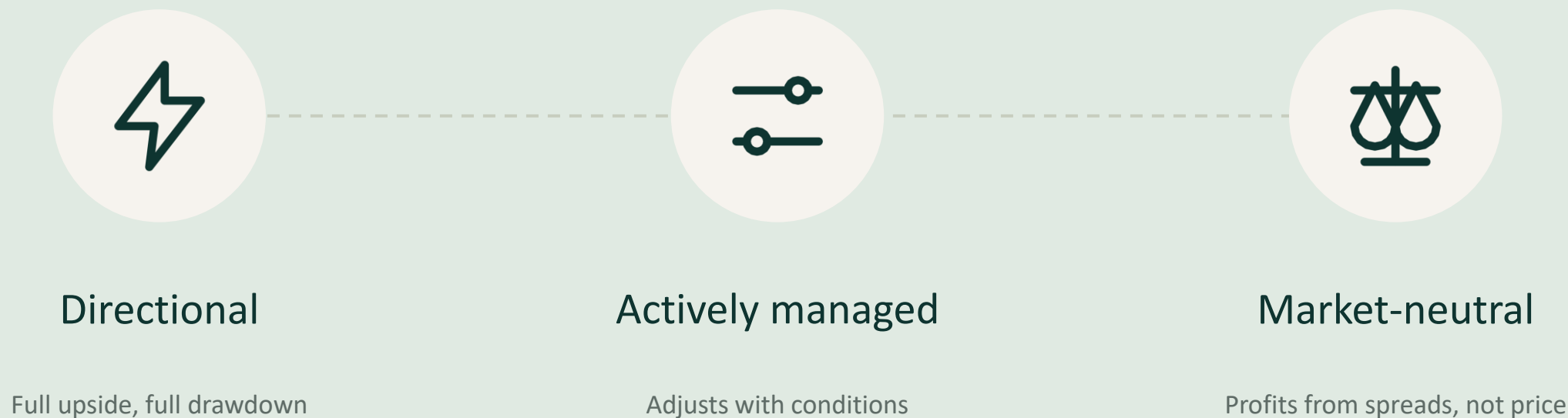
Asymmetric upside



Uncorrelated return

Step 2 — choose the right exposure

Exposure is a spectrum, not a binary choice



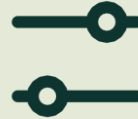
Step 3 — institutional-grade foundations



Institutional custody



Regulated structures



Clear execution



Transparent reporting

Without this, even the best strategy is just exposure to counterparty risk — the real lesson of FTX.

NOT WHETHER — HOW

Construction, not a bet.

1. The market has shifted
2. The mandate sets the terms
3. Allocation is a construction

Thank you.

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