

## **Bitcoin Group SE: Cryptocurrencies in Germany more popular than shares – and Bitcoin.de is marketplace number one**

- **Nearly every tenth German has cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoins**
- **In terms of ownership, cryptocurrencies are more popular than equities**
- **Bitcoin.de is the most frequently used marketplace in Germany**

Herford, 06 June 2019 - Bitcoin Group SE (ISIN DE000A1TNV91) continues to successfully pursue its expansion path. As a representative study of the Blockchain Research Lab (BRL), an independent research institute in the field of blockchain technology, shows, Bitcoin.de is in the favor of the Germans by far in first place. Already more than 62% of the German cryptomoney users trust Germany's only regulated marketplace.

At the same time, more and more people in Germany are recognizing the potential of digital currencies. More than 18% of the respondents stated that they either currently own cryptocurrencies (9.2%) or have traded in the past (9.1%). 58% of respondents from these two groups have even mined coins themselves.

Cryptocurrencies are becoming more and more popular and are apparently also taking on a steadily increasing value in terms of their significance for financial investments. With 9.2% the cryptocurrency possession ratio in Germany is even higher than that of share ownership. According to information from the Deutsches Aktieninstitut (DAI), this will amount to 7.1% in 2018 for direct investments in individual stocks. Overall, it should be noted that the population of potential cryptocurrency owners in the study is smaller, since they are persons of full age with an Internet connection, whereas the DAI includes all German citizens aged 14 and over in its analysis.

"The study shows that cryptocurrencies have long since arrived in the middle of society. This is not surprising, as they have numerous advantages such as inflation protection, counterfeit protection and a decentralised structure. We are certain that the spread will continue to increase once savings products such as exchange-traded index funds (ETFs) or bonds in cryptocurrencies are issued. We not only want to profit from this development, but at the same time, we also want to drive it forward. For this we have in the current financial year 2019 still some plans, like the installation of the first Bitcoin cash automats in Germany or the Launch of the Bitcoin.de App", says Marco Bodewein, Managing Director of the Bitcoin Group SE.

### **About Bitcoin Group SE:**

Bitcoin Group SE is a holding company focusing on innovative and disruptive business models and technologies in the areas of Cryptocurrency and Blockchain. Bitcoin Group SE holds 100% of the shares in Bitcoin Deutschland AG, which operates Germany's only regulated marketplace for the digital currency Bitcoin, Bitcoin Cash, Bitcoin Gold and Ethereum under Bitcoin.de and 50% of the shares in Sineus Financial Services GmbH, a financial services provider supervised by BaFin.

Bitcoin Group SE is listed on the Primary Market of Dusseldorf Stock Exchange and on all other German stock exchanges (ticker symbol: ADE, ISIN: DE000A1TNV91, GSIN: A1TNV9). More information on Bitcoin Group SE can be found at [www.bitcoingroup.com](http://www.bitcoingroup.com).

**About Bitcoin.de:** Bitcoin.de is the only licensed Bitcoin marketplace in Germany and Europe's largest Bitcoin marketplace with more than 800,000 customers. After more than 7.5 years of operation, Bitcoin.de has the reputation of being one of the most secure Bitcoin marketplaces in the world. Since users do not transfer euros to a trust account but pay conveniently from their bank account, the euros used for trading are even deposit-backed. The cryptocurrencies managed by Bitcoin.de, on the other hand, are held 98% in secure cold wallets. Bitcoin.de is the first and only Bitcoin trading platform worldwide to have its customer credit balances audited once a year by a publicly appointed German auditing company (last audit as of 25 September 2018, next audit planned for September 2019). The unique integration with a bank account of the Fidor Bank via express trading allows trading to be carried out as quickly as on a stock exchange. In addition to Bitcoin, on Bitcoin.de Ether (ETH), Bitcoin Cash (BCH), Bitcoin Gold (BCG) and Bitcoin Satoshi Vision (BSV) can be traded against Euro.

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