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MESSARI LAUNCHES A DISCLOSURES REGISTRY WITH 12 INITIAL PARTNERS

Messari, the leading provider of contextualized data and research tools for the cryptoasset industry, launched its open-source disclosures registry today. They are joined by a diverse, reputable group of 12 initial partner projects committed to transparency and self-regulation.

Messari's registry aims to become a single source of truth for basic cryptoasset information. Participating projects are voluntarily disclosing basic information regarding their token design, supply details, technology audits, official communication channels, and relevant team members, investors, and advisors. These profiles can then be freely accessed industry-wide, providing a reliable, standardized resource to industry participants that is nonexistent today. Such basic data standards can facilitate diligence processes for crypto service providers like exchanges and wallets, retail and professional investors, and regulators alike.

The company's goal is to drive common standards for investor protection and industry self-governance that can cross borders. With the launch of the Messari registry, token projects will finally have a common platform that helps them better communicate material updates with both their existing communities and external stakeholders in a single, standardized interface. Messari validates project data and provides free access to disclosures via an open API that allows third-party services to rally around one universal cryptoasset disclosures library.

"We are thrilled to have such a dynamic, global group of projects joining our disclosures registry," said Messari CEO, Ryan Selkis. "These teams understand the importance of transparency to their specific communities as well as to the broader global cryptoasset ecosystem. The crypto economy will only reach its full potential when users believe they are participating in fair, safe and efficient markets, and these projects share our vision that the information they provide should remain freely accessible to all market participants, rather than locked behind the paywall of any single data provider."

The initial registry cohort contains a diverse mix of projects that vary in size, end market applications, geography, and trading history:

- Aurora (IDEX)
- Aion
- Blockstack
- Civic

- Decent
- District0x
- Mainframe
- Melonport
- Metronome
- Ocean Protocol
- Tierion
- Zilliqa

Messari plans to distribute registry data freely to a number of crypto service providers who have expressed interest in using this data for their own token diligence and end user resources. At launch, Messari will be the sole validator of registry data, but is inviting third-parties to join us in our efforts. We are accepting a limited number of early invitations for validators. If you are an investment fund, custodian, advisory firm, auditor, or anyone else who would be interested in learning more about joining as please email validators@messari.io.

Projects interested in participating in the Messari registry can visit <u>messari.io/registry</u> or email <u>registry@messari.io</u> for more information.

About Messari

Messari's mission is to promote transparency and smarter decision making in the crypto economy. The company provides curated insights, markets data, and research tools that help investors, regulators, and the general public make sense of this revolutionary new asset class. The Messari registry is the first open disclosures platform that allows cryptoasset projects to quickly and reliably communicate standardized updates to their communities and third-party data services through a single interface.

Thoughts from our Launch Partners:

Alex Wearn, CEO @ Aurora (IDEX)

"Following our core tenet of transparency, IDEX is excited to both support and participate in the Messari Registry. We will leverage their open-source library to not only provide more clarity into our own project's tokens, but also to educate our customers with consistent and reliable information on other registered tokens within the IDEX exchange itself. We believe that enforcing transparency standards among token projects and making this information accessible will be critical in mitigating the opaque and inconsistent practices we are seeing with digital assets today."

Michael Lapinski, CTO @ Decent

"Messari is Decent's vehicle for signaling to the world that we are a good actor in the space and believe in accountability and transparency. In the future, all serious projects will participate and the first cohort is proof of that."

Mick Hagen, CEO/Founder @ Mainframe

"We're thrilled to be part of Messari's founding cohort and applaud the work they are doing to bring greater trust and transparency to the crypto space. Mainframe has gone to great lengths to ensure our entire Token Generation process has been compliant and above board, and we are excited to showcase this in a bigger way using the Messari platform."

Jenna Zenk, CTO @ Melonport

"We are thrilled to be part of the first Messari cohort as it is important for us that community members have access to high-quality, transparent and verified information about the Melon project. This becomes even more relevant once Melonport winds down and hands over the Melon project to the Melon Council; Messari will stand as a reliable information source for the Melon community."

Xinshu Dong, CEO @ Zilliqa

"Blockchain was created with openness and transparency, which are key to Zilliqa's core values. Messari's open and decentralized registry will help to drive greater transparency across the industry, and we are thrilled to be able to partner with them to help make this a reality."