QZEROCAPWeekly Crypto Market Wrap

This Market Wrap was released on a Tuesday due to the Easter holiday break, between 7th April and 10th April.

Week in Review

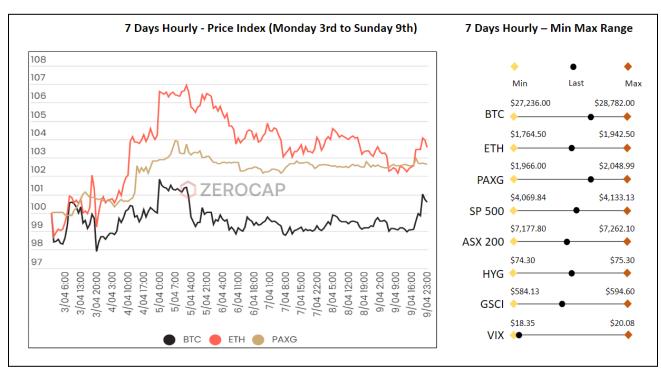
- Ethereum's long-awaited Shanghai Upgrade to go live this Wednesday Take advantage
 of the upgrade with Zerocap's new bespoke structured notes for wholesale investors
 only to potentially benefit from market volatility by harvesting ETH yield opportunities.
- <u>Australia cancels Binance</u>'s financial services license, <u>CEO arrest rumours</u> flood crypto communities on Twitter and shake the market - no evidence provided thus far -Meanwhile, <u>Binance US</u> struggles to find banking partners in the country.
- Brazil's <u>BTC Pactual</u>, LATAM's biggest investment bank, unveils its own USD stablecoin.
- ANZ Bank completes its CBDC use-case for carbon trading Zerocap assisted in testing, market making and custody for the initial ANZ A\$DC stablecoin rollout.
- <u>Texas Senate</u> moves forward with bill removing incentives for local crypto miners.
- Crypto could potentially eliminate up to 97% of remittance fees; Coinbase report.
- MicroStrategy continues to increase its Bitcoin holdings now at 140,000 BTC.
- Elon Musk inexplicably changes <u>Twitter logo</u> to the Dogecoin (DOGE) dog The social media is <u>allegedly blocking</u> interactions with substack, crypto and web3 sources.
- SushiSwap (SUSHI) on-chain approval bug leads to a \$3.3 million exploit.
- Joe Biden states <u>Al tech</u> could be a danger to society, urges companies to address risks.

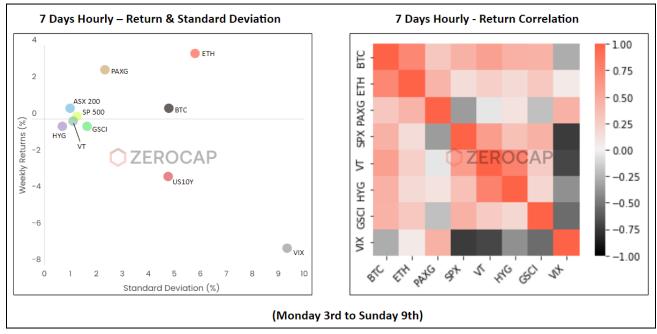
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- US Treasury <u>states</u> North Korea and criminals are using DeFi for money laundering.
- US <u>Job Openings</u> tumble for the first time in two years meanwhile, <u>jobless claims fall</u> but annual revisions believe 2023 claims are higher than reported.



Winners & Losers

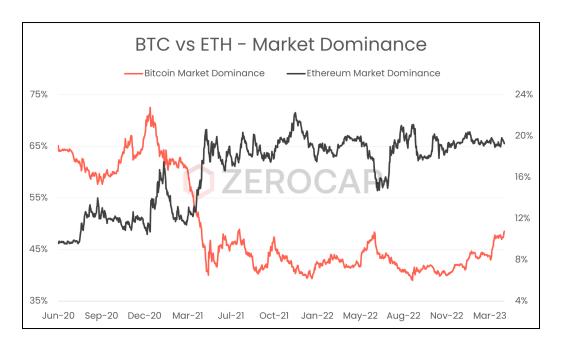




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Market Highlights

• After a relatively quiet and shortened week due to the Easter Holidays, Bitcoin (BTC) has started the new week with a surge of strength, rallying towards the 30,000 level, a threshold not seen since June 2022. BTC's market capitalisation dominance shows that the recent market strength has been primarily led by BTC. This trend could lead to BTC representing over half of the total cryptocurrency market capitalisation for the first time in two years. BTC has maintained its authority during challenging U.S. banking conditions and macroeconomic uncertainty. The possibility of improved market sentiment could further enhance BTC's narrative and market positioning.

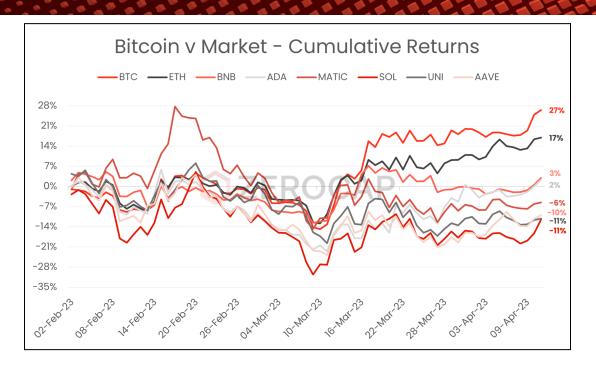


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• While BTC has outperformed ETH since the beginning of February and throughout March, it's worth noting that ETH's performance has been relatively healthy compared to the broader market. Specifically, ETH has returned +17% since February, while BNB, ADA, MATIC, and SOL have returned 3%, 2%, -6%, and -10% respectively during the same period. Additionally, some DeFi assets like UNI and AAVE have suffered further, returning -11% each.

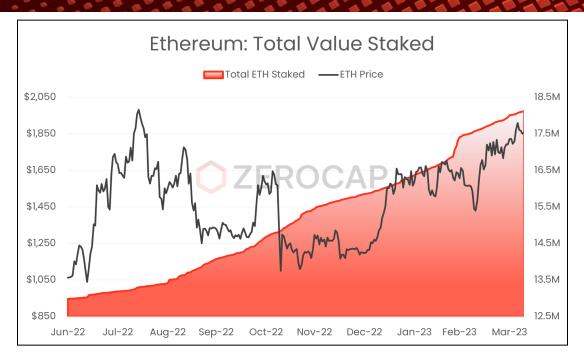


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• Although BTC remains the clear leader, ETH's overall outperformance could be attributed to the highly anticipated Shanghai Upgrade scheduled for April 12th. This upgrade, which will enable staked ETH withdrawals, represents an important milestone in ETH's roadmap and is expected to shift market dynamics with increased capital availability. Notably, the total value of ETH staked has been steadily increasing as we approach the Shanghai Upgrade. The inability to withdraw from the beacon chain has been a hindrance for those wanting to participate in ETH's ecosystem, and even so, this metric has continued to rise. Furthermore, if the staking participation rate continues its current trajectory, we can expect staking yields to decrease as the rate approaches its steady state.



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• The persistent outperformance of Bitcoin has resulted in higher IVs throughout the term structure. Early trading on Tuesday represented a strong move as we saw dealer exposure of market makers' short gamma over the weekend contributing toward relative strength to 30,000. The term structure is mirrored across both BTC and ETH, as we observe kinks in both curves, in anticipation of the CPI print on Wednesday and the Shanghai fork on Apr-12. In the later year expiries, we still see a strong skew with 25d calls being priced higher than puts, reflecting the positive trading environment we've seen in the past months.

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Bitcoin - ATM Volatility 61% 60% 59% 58% 57% 56% 55% 54% 5APR23 14APR23 7APR23 21APR23 28APR23 26MAY23 30JUN23

Data source: Deribit

• The market is bracing for increased volatility with the upcoming release of March CPI figures which is the primary focus for risk assets this week. The market is currently pricing in an MoM drop from 0.4% to 0.2%. Despite the positive sentiment amongst forecasters, S&P 500 e-mini futures short interest has reached the highest level since 2011 indicating there is still plenty of bearish sentiment in the market. Assuming an in-line or better figure, it is expected that there will be a sizable unwind in this positioning, further fueling price gains across risk markets. Should inflation prove sticky, we could see momentum stall, adding further fuel to the ongoing stressors of the economy.

What to Watch

- US Core CPI, FOMC minutes and Canada's monetary policy report, on Wednesday.
- Ethereum's long-awaited Shanghai Upgrade, on Thursday morning AEST.
- UK's monthly GDP and US Core PPI, on Thursday.
- US retail sales and inflation expectations, on Friday.

Zerocap's Shanghai Fork Structured Notes

Ethereum's Shanghai Fork is a key developmental upgrade for Ethereum (ETH), slated for April 12. It marks one of the biggest developments for the ETH network, enabling stakers and validators to withdraw assets from the Beacon Chain - some of which has been locked for 2 years. This event is driving a lot of speculation and volatility expectations from market participants.

In response to this event, we are pleased to announce we have developed a series of bespoke structured notes to enable wholesale investors and stakers of ETH to potentially benefit by harvesting yield opportunities in the ETH market.

We have launched three tailored strategies for wholesale investors - ETH Discount Notes, ETH Principal Protected Notes and ETH Yield Entry Notes.

* This offer is for wholesale clients only.

Research Lab

• Arbitrum (ARB) Deep Dive: Infrastructure, Ecosystem and Competitors:

Get the full details of the highly anticipated Arbitrum network in this Research Lab piece by Beau Chaseling. Here we cover what Arbitrum is, the newly-released ARB token, the technology, growing ecosystem and how the network compares to its competitors.

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Bitcoin	Ethereum	Gold	Equities	High Yield Corporate Bonds	Commoditi es	Treasury Yields
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