

## Blockchain & Digital Assets Newsletter *05.19.2025 - 05.25.2025*

## Story 1: Industry News Kraken Tokenizes US Stocks

- Kraken launched a tokenized equities platform, enabling users to trade fractional US stock shares through blockchain.
- The initiative bridges TradFi and crypto markets, offering 24/7 trading capabilities and expanded investment opportunities.
- Kraken is pioneering tokenized securities, targeting both experienced crypto users and traditional investors seeking new options.

# Story 2: Congress News House; Clarity to Digital Assets Intro

- Rep Tom Emmer reintroduced legislation designed to provide much-needed regulatory clarity for the digital assets ecosystem.
- The bill proposes clear operational guidelines for cryptocurrency businesses, potentially reducing regulatory uncertainty.
- This effort represents ongoing congressional attempts to balance consumer protection and foster continued innovation in digital assets.

# Story 3: State News Texas BTC Reserve Bill Progress

- Texas advances legislation to establish a strategic Bitcoin reserve, marking significant progress in state-level crypto adoption.
- The bill's advancement demonstrates growing institutional acceptance of Bitcoin as a legitimate store of value and economic hedge.
- TX is positioning itself as a crypto-friendly state, potentially influencing other states to consider similar strategic reserve policies.

## Story 4: International News XRP Ledger's 1st MiCA Euro-Stablecoin

- XRP Ledger launches its first MiCA-compliant euro stablecoin, meeting the European Union's comprehensive regulatory requirements.
- This represents the first major stablecoin implementation under EU's new crypto regulation framework, setting a precedent.
- The launch demonstrates XRP Ledger's regulatory compliance commitment while expanding utility & adoption in Euro markets.

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