

Simple Economics of Blockchain

How the Technology behind bitcoin could change the world







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Implementation of blockchain





what is Blockchain



Blockchain: Hype or Opportunity ?





Blockchain: Industry Outlook





Blockchain: Timeline





Blockchain: Financial Industry Overview





"The adoption of foundational technologies typically happens in 4 phases. Each phase is defined by the novelty of the applications and the complexity of the coordination efforts needed to make them workable. Applications low in novelty and complexity gain acceptance first. Applications high in novelty and complexity take decades to evolve but can transform the economy. TCP/IP technology, introduced on ARPAnet in 1972, has already reached the transformation phase, but blockchain applications (in red) are in their early days."!

	SUBSTITUTION	TRANSFORMATION				
AMOUNT OF COMPLEXITY AND COORDINATION LOW HIGH	Retailer gift cards based on bitcoin Amazon online bookstore	Self-executing smart contracts Skype				
	SINGLE USE Bitcoin payments E-mail on ARPAnet	LOCALIZATION Private online ledgers to process financial transactions Internal corporate e-mail networks				
LOW HIGH DEGREE OF NOVELTY						
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Blockchain: Requirements of blockchain for business

Broader participation, lower cost, increased efficiency

Append-only distributed system of record shared across business network





Business terms embedded in transaction database & executed with transactions

Ensuring appropriate visibility; transactions are secure, authenticated & verifiable





Transactions are endorsed by relevant participants



Blockchain: Uses of Blockchain





Blockchain: Potential Applications & Disruptions

Blockchain Potential Applications & Disruption

The blockchain is radically changing the future of transaction based industries









Mechanism of Blockchain: How It works

The distributed ledger is a **permanent**, **secure** tool that makes it easier to create **cost-efficient** business networks **without** requiring a **centralized** point of **control**. With distributed ledgers, virtually **anything of value can be tracked and traded**





*Source: Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) Report: Making sense of bitcoin, cryptocurrency, and blockchain

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Mechanism of Blockchain: How to implement it

*Consortium Blockchain



In a consortium blockchain, the consensus process is controlled by a pre-selected group – a group of corporations, for example. The right to read the blockchain and submit transactions to it may be public or restricted to participants. Consortium blockchains are considered to be "permissioned blockchains" and are best suited for use in business.

Semi-private Blockchain



Semi-private blockchains are run by a single company that grants access to any user who satisfies pre-established criteria. Although not truly decentralized, this type of permissioned blockchain is appealing for business-tobusiness use cases and government applications

Public Blockchain



Anyone can read a public blockchain, send transactions to it, or participate in the consensus process. They are considered to be "permissionless." Every transaction is public, and users can remain anonymous. Bitcoin and Ethereum are prominent examples of public blockchains

* The most common type is the consortium blockchain, R3 is basically a consortium of over 40 institutions that are committed to discover and implement blockchain technology. This part will be covered later on a couple of slides.



Mechanism of Blockchain: Consortium Types









Mechanism of Blockchain: Consortium Theme

The R3 consortium is the world's largest alliance committed to delivering the next generation of financial infrastructure based on distributed ledger technology (DLT)

With the potential rewards available, no company can afford to be without an DLT strategy... R3 can provide that strategy

R3's Current Projects:



Cash / Payments

Identity/KYC

Trade Finance (Inc. supply chain)

Capital Markets

Liquidity & Securities Services

Insurance





Mechanism of Blockchain: Consortium Service Offering





Mechanism of Blockchain: Consortium Membership Challenges









Financial Industry & Blockchain: Economic Outlook in Egypt

Financial Inclusion

On the Individual



Source: World Bank

On the Economy

- Studies reports estimates informal economy to be around 65-70% of the formal economy. This is equivalent to EGP 1.2 trillion.
- Tax evasion is an end result of financial exclusion. Current tax base in Egypt stand at 12% of GDP while it averages at 28% in emerging countries.
- Slower GDP growth rates as a result of SME's low credit penetration and high unemployment level as a result of low business expansions.
- Leads to societal inequality in opportunity



- 60% of the poorest 40% have a hard time finding access to emergency funds.
- Diminished growth possibilities for SME's as well as individuals due to limited credit access.
- Individuals need microcredit for working capital, investment activities, household consumption, education services, healthcare and consumer durables. Hence, not having access to credit limits transactions in all of the above. This results in lower standard of living
- Reduces Individual's purchasing power



Financial Industry & Blockchain: Economic Outlook in Egypt

Government Assistance Programs: Ration Cards

The Problem of Incorrect Targeting

- The Egyptian Government is paying almost EGP 38.4 bn on food subsidies alone this fiscal year.
- There is an absence of an accurate database that identifies who should receive subsidies.
- This incorrect targeting creates a huge costly leakage. More importantly, increases economic inequality.
- According to the World Bank, the government could save up to 73% of the cost of food subsidies if they successfully eliminated leakages in the system.
- If the government was able to restructure their subsidy system they would have what experts refer to as a "triple win". These are fiscal savings, reaching most vulnerable and improved nutrition.



Source: Ministry of Finance, (fiscal year 2016)



Financial Industry & Blockchain: Economic Outlook in Egypt

International and Domestic Remittances in Egypt



Source: Immigration and Remittance Factbook

Egypt become the top remittance receiver in the MENA region, with remittances of more than three times the revenue from the Suez Canal

Domestic Remittances Received*



79% of the money send to family and friends domestically is done through through people. This presents both a challenge and opportunity for mobile money.

*Denotes the percentage of respondents who report personally receiving any money in the past 12 months from a relative or friend living in a different area of their country



Financial Industry & Blockchain: Financial System Participation

Egypt's population that holds accounts at financial institutions is far less than lower middle countries. Sluggish domestic credit growth with an average of -7% during the past 9 years









Financial Industry & Blockchain: Egypt Outlook

The Digital Banking in Egypt: Potential for Future Growth



Source: McKinsey and Company



Financial Industry & Blockchain: Credit Analysis

Limited Access to Credit

Even though the poorest population have higher difficulty in accessing funds, yet it remains high across all levels of income



Access	to	Emergency	Funds
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Likelihood to Access Emergency Funds	Poorest 40%	Richest 60%
Not at All Possible	60%	33%
Not Very Possible	10%	9%
Somewhat Possible	25%	38%
Very Possible	5%	20%
Source: World Bank		

- 33% of the Egypt's poorest 40% borrowed money in the past year (against 28.8% for the richest 60%).
 This shows that there is higher appetite for credit for the lower income population
- The Poorest 40% have very limited access to credit
- An enormous opportunity for financial institutions to increase their pie of total domestic credit by finding the right tools to target the base of the pyramid

Source: World Bank







Application # 1 Trade Finance & Blockchain



Trade Finance & Blockchain: Trade Finance Today

- The financial and IT system that support trade process are manual intensive that injects significant costs, risks, frictions in the trade process.
- These disconnected , inefficient systems places limits on business models that lead to bad customer experience, and restrictions on facilitating corporate trade processes.
- These trade data are trapped in silos that makes it hard to verify.
- Regular technology makes client integration very slow, costly, and complex
- This creates major fraud, compliance, and audit risks as trading parties has no access to this critical trade data
- Thus, an inefficient distribution channel among financial institutions are managed.





Trade Finance & Blockchain: Marco Polo Business Model





Trade Finance & Blockchain: Marco Polo Objectives





Application # 2 KYC & Blockchain



KYC & Blockchain: Challenges

These key challenges are faced by CIB in complying with KYC requirements for its customers:





KYC & Blockchain: KYC & AML Importance

- SYC is intended to reduce the risk of money laundering and/or terrorist financing.
- The indicators and methods for due diligence are different which has lead to confusion in the market for KYC requirements and AML regulations.
- In light of the increased regulatory requirement on AML/KYC matters, some financial institutions are currently reviewing their KYC programs

That's why it is important that a new innovative KYC process should be currently implemented in CIB

<u>Reason #1</u> Better Customer Due Diligence

Global systems (Ex: FATCA) are currently imposing customer identification and validation rules that go well beyond what is currently generally required for AML/KYC purposes. These operations

- can easily help in reviewing and validating customer data
- identify tax evasion and fraud cases.

Reason #2 Process and technology coordination

- By implementing blockchain technology, all information collected as part of account opening can be made accessible to review accounts and validate documentation and other regulatory purposes.
- CIB can collaborate with regulatory authorities (ex: Tax authority) to better implement *the AML/KYC function. This* can typically be achieved by obtaining data from the account opening function and communicating it with other authorities for complying with regulations.
- *Review and validation is a significant change from current practices that will require a review of operating models, data privacy rules and customer onboarding processes.*



KYC & Blockchain: Suggested Solution for Implementation



- Automatic system where customers are allowed to enter their data and its validation documents
- Customers can share data with permissioned counterparties
- Data sources are validated by authoritative parties

Specific system for trade finance can be implemented in collaboration with other networks

- CIB can be a part of the suggested trade finance platform supported by DLT (R3 consortium)
- Reduce risk through transparency and better access to data
- Be more connected with many banks and technology companies for better trade finance solution
- Achieve better client relationship through providing automated and smart services.

Intensive training course for users and developers

- Learn overall architecture, key areas, and components of system
- Ability to understand security, network design, and other required aspects of architecture
- Understand flow of information among parties and how nodes can play an effective role in designing networks



Risk Reduction

Audit and compliance

Achieve higher transparency and better tracking of transactions

Collaboration and integration

Communicate with big network and exchange best practices through a fast growing network

New Revenue streams

Access to new clients and markets in a cost-effective way



KYC & Blochchain: Benefits for CIB Customers





