

# Unravelling the FTX Fallout: Lessons from the collapse

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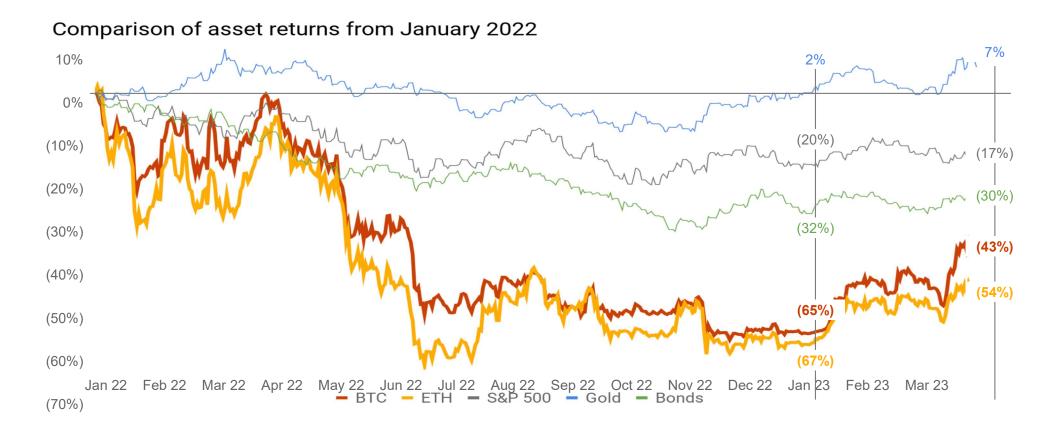


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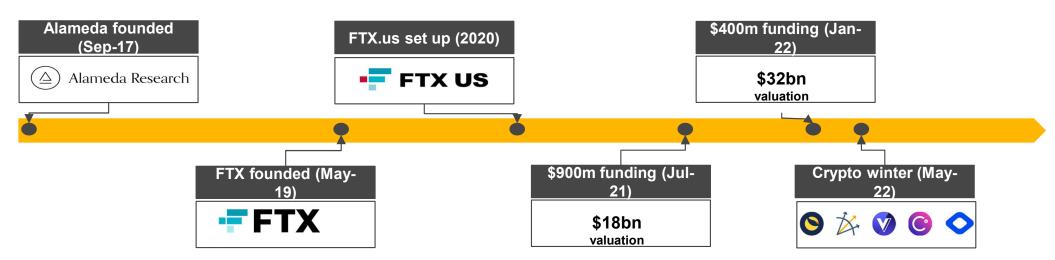
#### Market context: comparison of asset class returns



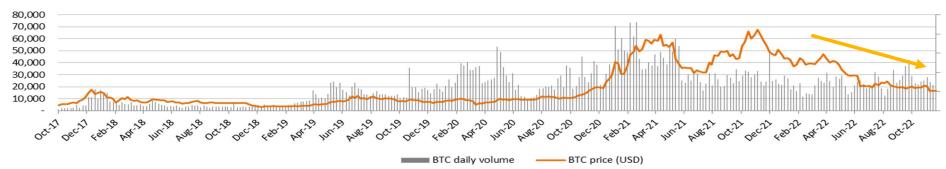
Source: BTC and ETH close prices from CoinMarketCap; S&P 500 close prices from Yahoo Finance; gold close prices and bonds (iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF) prices from Nasdaq

#### The FTX Story

The growth in FTX mirrored the uplift in the market indicated by the price of BTC



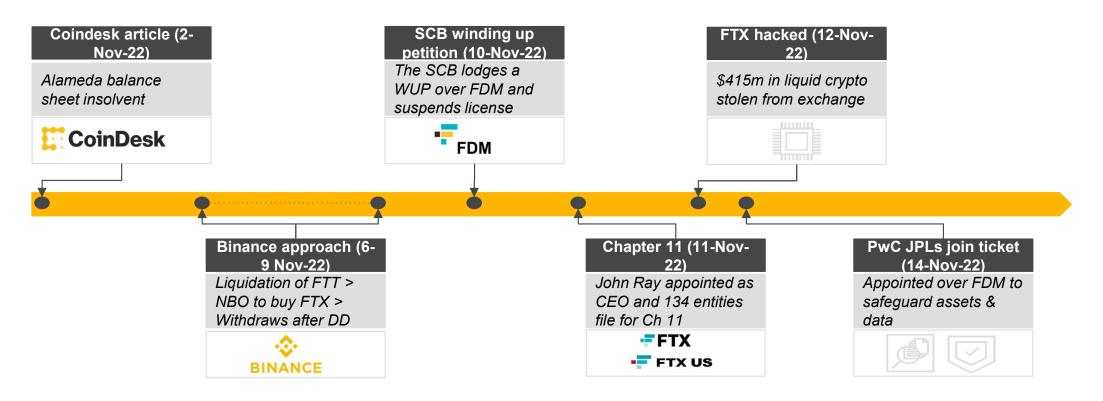
#### BTC price / volume



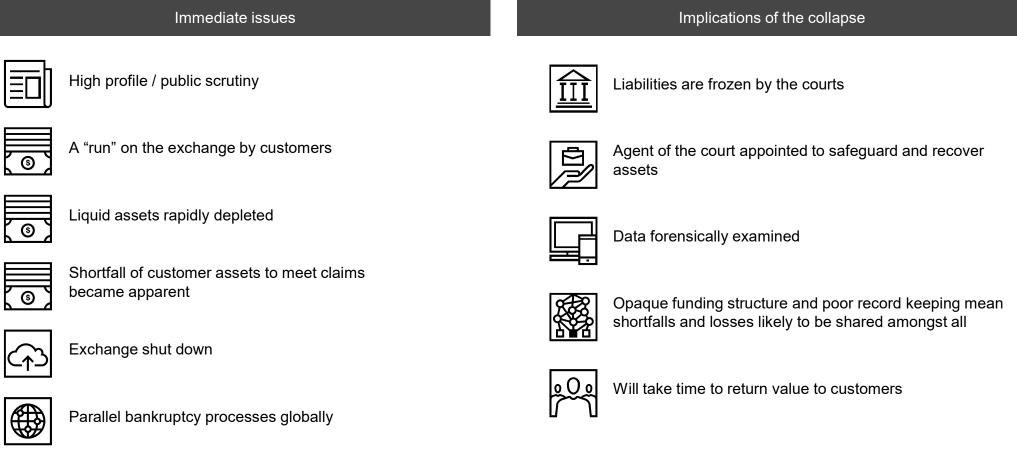
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## Key events leading to the collapse of FTX

From a leaked balance sheet, it took less than 10 days to collapse



### What happened when FTX collapsed?



### Commercial lessons that we can learn from the collapse

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Robust Governance and Controls are necessary

For crypto firms



A constant view of the balance sheet position and cash flow position is critical to monitoring solvency



Legal entity parameters must be clearly defined with intragroup funding clearly documented

Customer asset handling policy needs to be clear and adhered to

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It is critical to understand the custodial arrangements of your assets



Consider the regulatory rules the counterparty is subject to

For customers

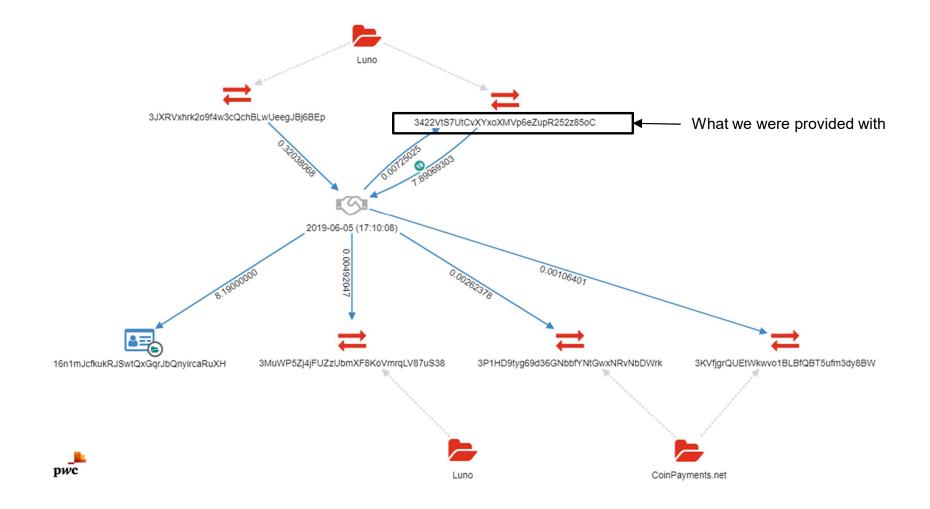


Parallel bankruptcy processes globally

### Lessons for using crypto and crypto exchanges

Crypto Exchanges	General Considerations
Operational treatment of customer's assets (crypto & fiat)	Custody of Assets
Ownership	Sanctions / Taint
Types of assets held (and complexities)	Quantification & Valuation
Liquidation considerations	Tracing & Recovery

Lessons for using crypto and crypto exchanges





# Any questions?

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