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A blue-tinted photograph of an astronaut on the moon. The astronaut is in the center, wearing a full space suit and helmet, standing on the lunar surface. In the background, the Earth is visible as a large, curved horizon against the blackness of space. The entire image has a monochromatic blue color scheme.

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AN ASTRONAUT WERE ACTUALLY, NOT SO  
MUCH THE MOON, BUT FLYING IN A  
COMPLETELY NEW MEDIUM.

- NEIL ARMSTRONG



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# UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF CRYPTO MARKETS AND ICOS WITH ONE TOKEN

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## Welcome To Astronaut

Astronaut is a unique crypto investment service which seeks to capitalize on the growth and market adoption of crypto currencies and Initial Coin Offerings (ICOs).

In 2017 alone, over \$1.3 billion has been raised in the ICO market - almost double that of traditional venture capital.

While coin offerings have benefited from the success of Ethereum and other cryptocurrencies, there remains a significant need in the market for a due diligence-backed investment methodology to avoid boom and bust cycles.

Astronaut seeks to establish a streamlined offering, whereby both retail and institutional grade investors can participate in a variety of research-backed tokens and currencies through one simple channel, avoiding the need for their own due diligence and subscription process.

Astronaut has a focus on transparency and analysis, relying on strict criteria which guides the placement of funds within our portfolio. Utilizing our company-owned research team, Picolo Research, we maintain the highest of due diligence standards to ensure we maximise risk-adjusted portfolio returns.

The structure of the offering allows its token holders to benefit from a) capital appreciation of assets under management and b) quarterly dividends as income. Both of these are detailed later in this whitepaper.

Astronaut is backed by an amalgamation of professionals from private equity, venture capital, funds management and technology development.

Our platform is transparent, agile and above all - focused on crystallizing ongoing dividends and capital growth for token holders.

We look forward to generating growth and success for our token holders through our platform.



Founder and CEO

Matthew J Dibb



# THE PROBLEM

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## Cryptocurrencies And Tokens Are Still An Emerging Asset Class

The crypto and token market has exploded faster than anyone could really anticipate. While this has its advantages, it also means that certain aspects of the ecosystem have been unable to keep up with the exponential growth.

As with any new high growth market, token markets have attracted the talented and the entrepreneurial, but also the opportunistic and the fraudulent.

As a result, for every project in the blockchain ecosystem that has seen the value of its tokens appreciate, there are others that have dramatically underperformed.

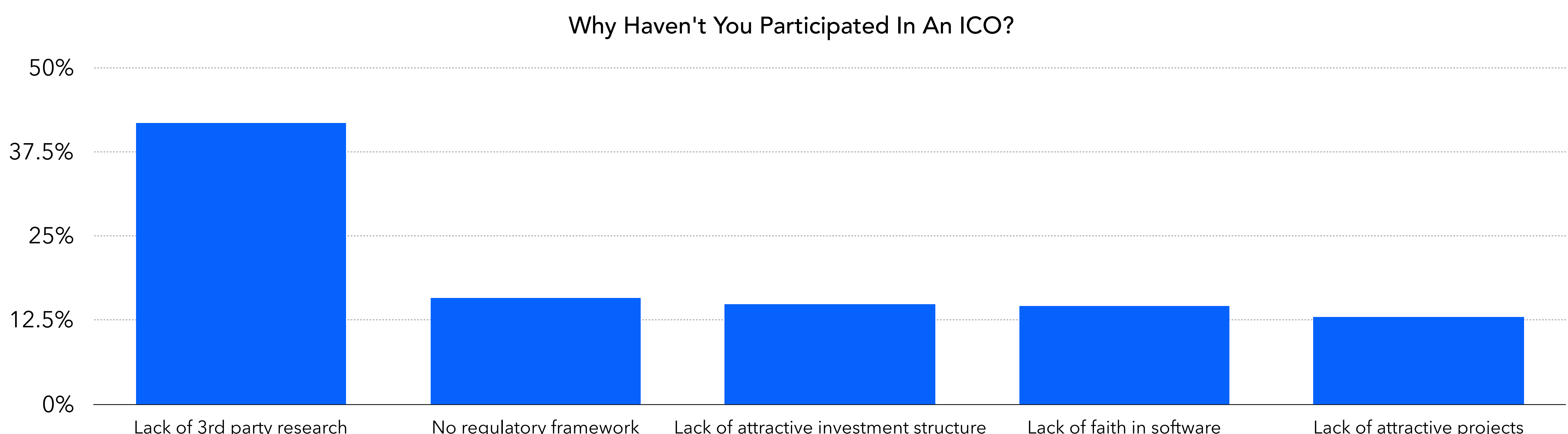
In a survey we conducted amongst our 10,000+ subscribers at Pico Research, we were able to determine the top 3 issues that active investors are facing in the token market:

### The 3 Problems

- 1) **Trust:** Investors are currently facing over 60 coin offerings per month. Filtering and understanding which are trustworthy and credible is no easy feat. There are a limited number of independent research firms and few credible sources of information.
- 2) **Accessibility:** Accessing desired ICOs can at times be difficult. There is often little transparency during token sales and many of the stages are sold out prior to the live offering ever taking place.
- 3) **Efficiency & management:** The process of registering, applying and transacting for ownership in a new ICO is difficult. Prospective investors are facing challenges with gaining access to 'hyped' ICOs and finding the ongoing management and trading of tokens after the initial listing difficult.

These challenges are not surprising in a market which is still in its infancy. It is likely that mainstream adoption of token investment will not evolve until such problems are solved.

In addition to the above, prospective investors who have never deployed capital into the token market share some similarities in their challenges:



## THE SOLUTION

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### A Strategic and Tactical Investment Platform Backed By A Leading Blockchain ICO Research House

Astronaut is a creation based on the feedback of our 10,000+ subscribers at Pico Research, the leading independent research firm of blockchain Initial Coin Offerings.

Astronaut is a token-based service which gives you access to a basket of researched and verified ICOs every month.

Our value proposition and solutions directly address the current market challenges:

### The 3 Solutions

- 1) **Trust:** Astronaut's internal research team (Pico Research) is one of the most trusted providers of ICO due diligence globally. Thousands of investors rely on our research every month to guide them through the token market and recommend verified, secure and high-growth opportunities.
- 2) **Accessibility:** Astronaut's token (ASTRO) provides an unparalleled platform to access qualified and deeply researched token offerings. One ASTRO Token gives you ownership to a basket of analyst-recommended tokens every month.
- 3) **Efficiency & Management:** Astronaut takes on the full process of researching and accessing ICOs, managing risk, and safely exiting positions. This approach saves investors a significant amount of time and money while still allowing them to participate in this nascent market.

### The Token

Astronaut's tokens provides two kinds of returns to its users:

- 1) Token appreciation aligned with the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the fund; and
- 2) Quarterly income distributions based on the investment and exit activity of Astronaut

Astronaut will be the first to establish such a platform in the crypto community, offering efficiency and flexibility, whilst also giving investors the desired exposure to the crypto asset class without any of the ongoing transactional pain points.



## THE 4 PILLARS

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Based on our four pillars approach, Astronaut is aimed at investors who are time conscious or otherwise unable to conduct their own due diligence at the rate required to access high quality pre-sales and ICOs in this extremely fast moving space.

**EXPOSURE TO HIGH  
GRADE ICOS WITH ONE  
TOKEN**



**EXCHANGE  
LIQUIDITY & CAPITAL  
GAIN**



**QUARTERLY  
DIVIDEND  
DISTRIBUTIONS**



**TRANSPARENT AND  
RESEARCH BACKED  
METHODOLOGY**





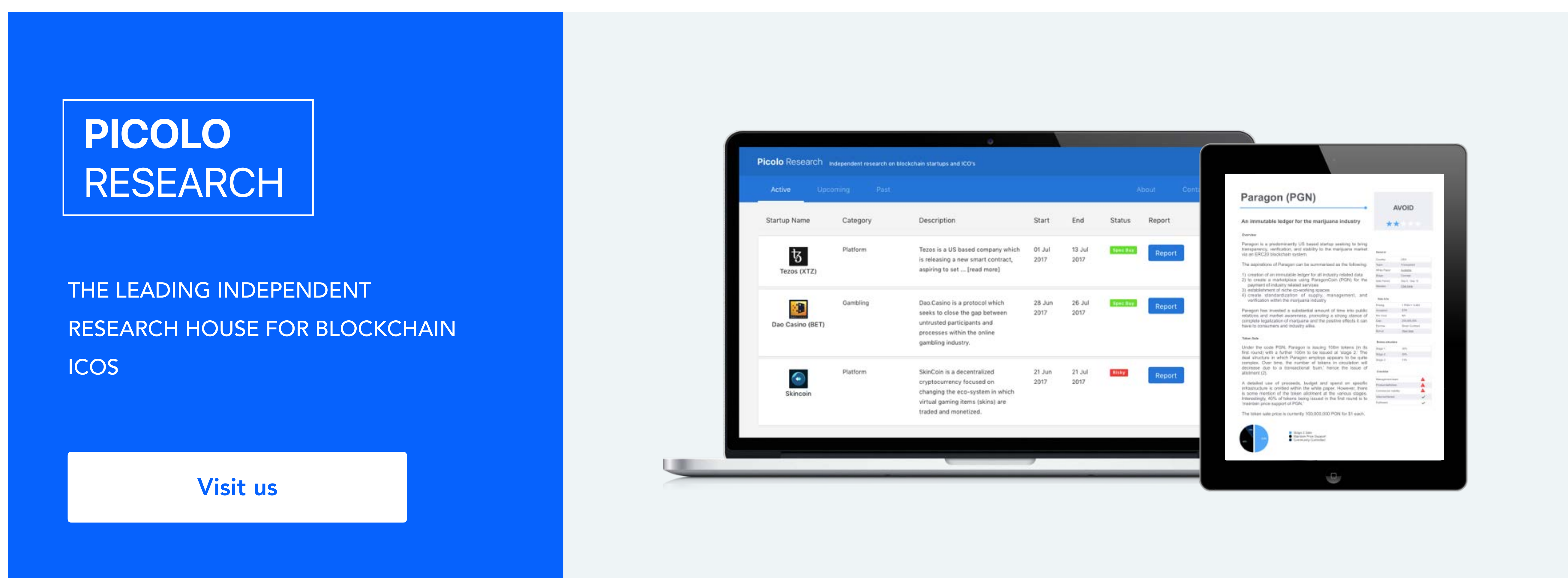
## A Focus On Research And Due Diligence

Astronaut has emerged from an amalgamation of cutting-edge retail and institutional research houses specializing in emerging markets.

Astronaut owns and operates Pico Research, one of the only truly independent research firms with a mandate to provide transparency and credibility in each report. Pico has over 10,000 subscribers and a strong track record of providing timely and accurate assessments of ICO quality.

Astronaut's choice of participation in ICOs will be influenced by its team at Pico Research. The team of analysts provides recommendations relating to investment, liquidity, position sizing and forecasted exit.

The methodology behind our research team is detailed in the latter part of this document, however you can access previous research reports free of charge at [www.picoloresearch.com](http://www.picoloresearch.com).



## The Need for Transparency and Credibility

Our humble beginnings in entering the crypto space were simply to provide the market with a new level of transparency around upcoming listings and active tokens.

In a new ecosystem that has gained significant traction in the past 12 months, the number of fraudulent companies raising capital via ICOs has risen dramatically.

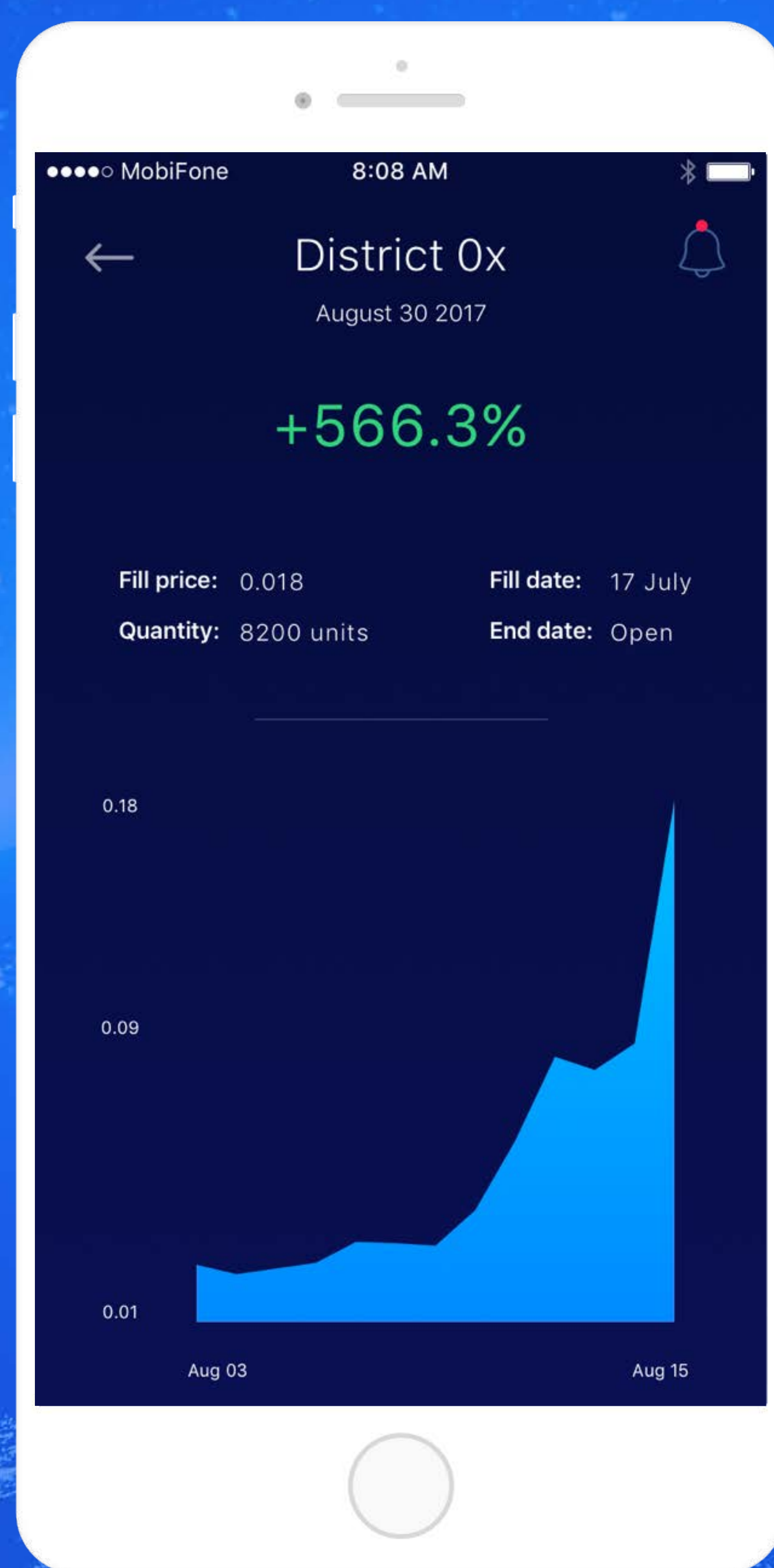
Our view is that organizations such as Pico Research and Astronaut need to be established to critique and question the merits of upcoming ICOs to ensure that the blockchain ecosystem is not tainted by those who are taking advantage of it for personal financial gain.

Our research arm's success in identifying high performing listings and conversely spreading awareness of those who are bordering as fraudulent or not suitable for investment has gained significant traction in the blockchain community.

Astronaut is the evolution of this principal - providing subscribers of the platform with a completely managed service built on experience, trust, and transparency.



Get real-time insights into your Astronaut portfolio, research, and token distribution at **the touch of a button.**





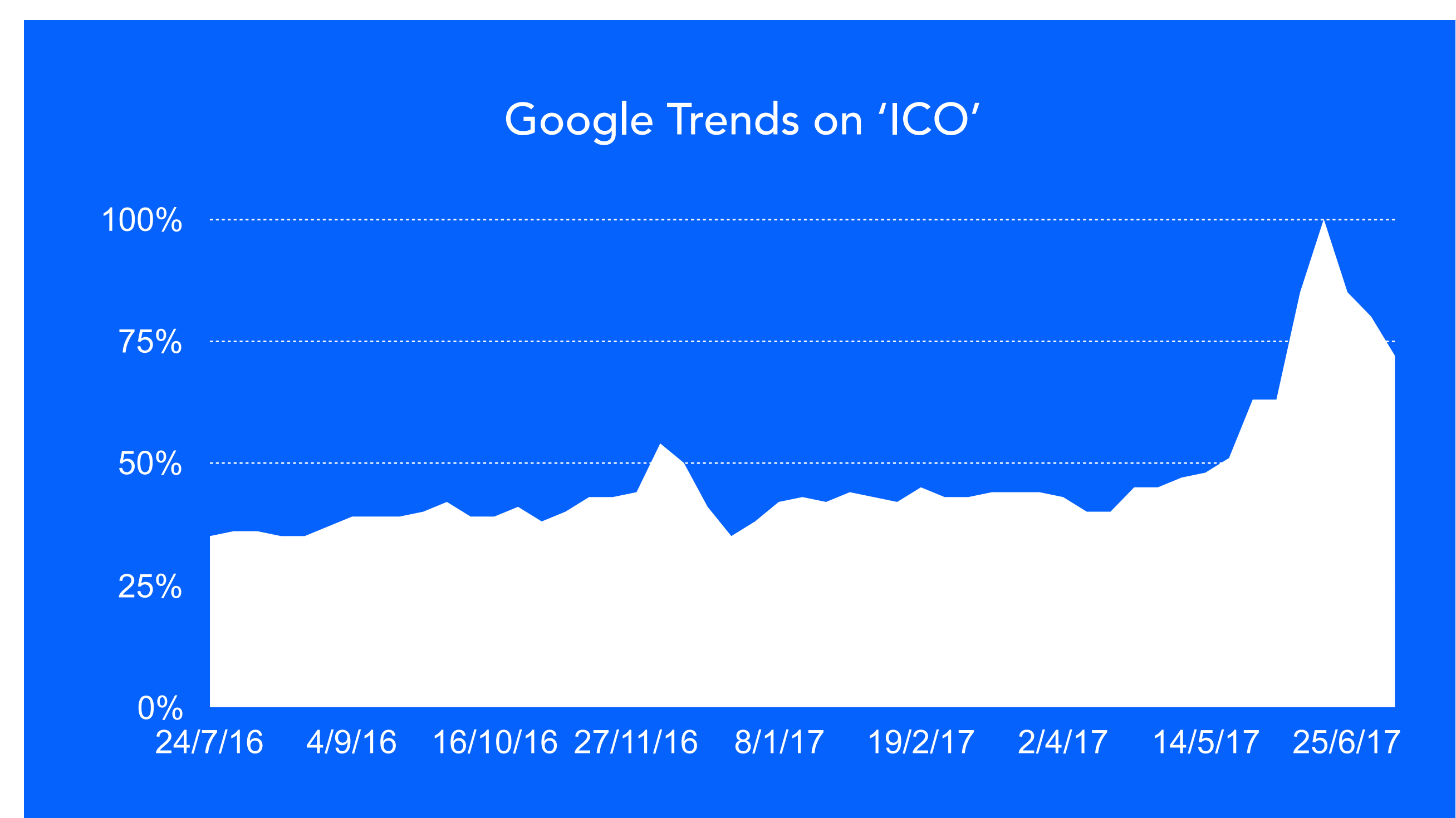
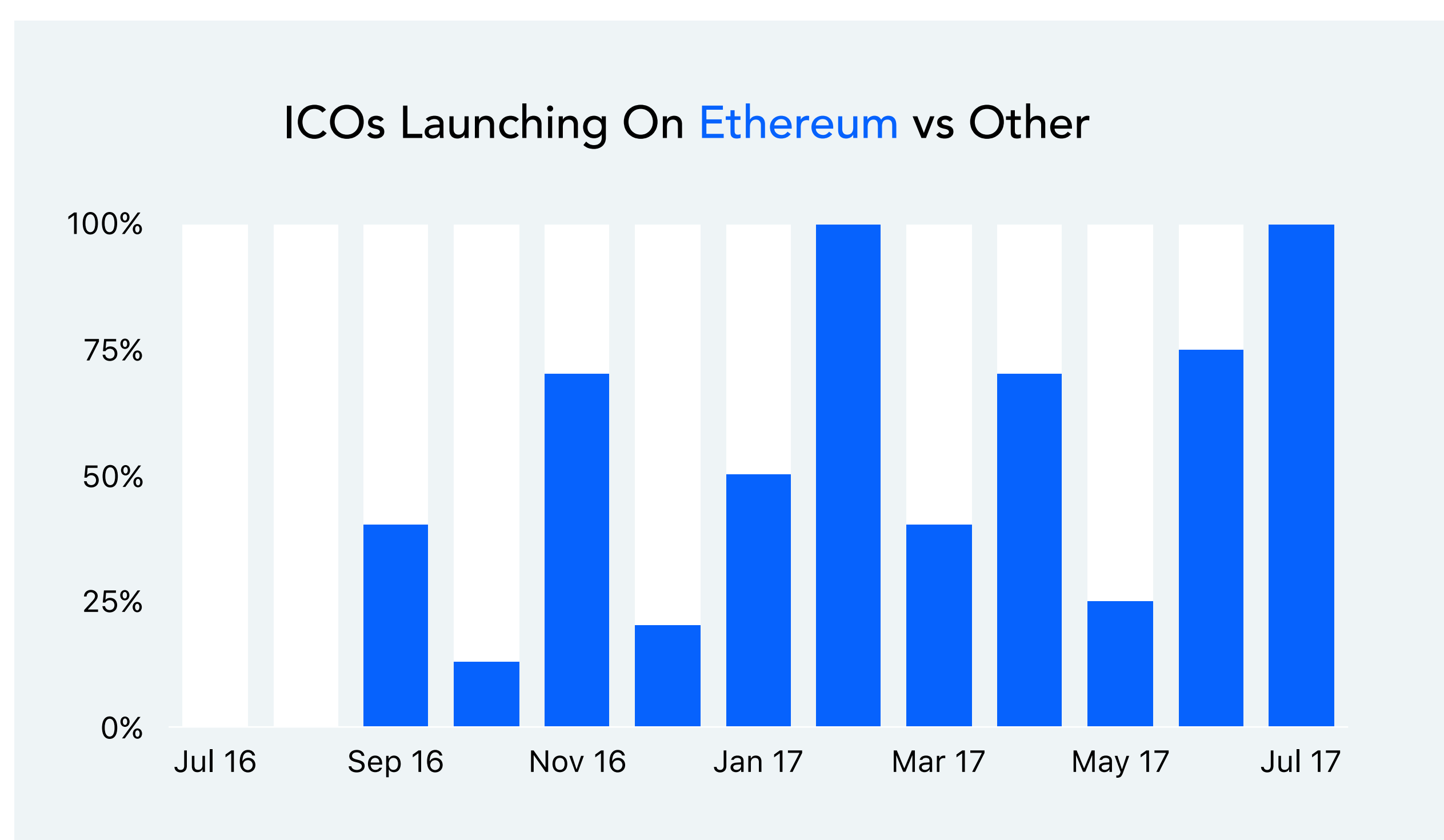
# THE STATE OF THE INITIAL COIN OFFERING MARKET

## Macro Market Conditions

Initial Coin Offerings have attracted significant investment since early 2016. The true catalyst of the recent influx of ICOs was the press exposure surrounding Bancor. Bancor's successful raise of ~\$150m created a market frenzy and interest globally for this new mechanism of funding.

The emergence of token offerings backed by Ethereum (ERC20) has been an undeniable catalyst for currency and token demand. Since the 400+% increase in ETH, the market has been seeking diversification strategies and a repeat of performance through other token classes.

This demand is increasing rapidly. In April of 2017, over US\$101m was raised through token issuance. In June, this number was exceeded by 100% on just one ICO (Tezos \$200+m).



## Outlook On The Market

Between companies seeking pre-sales and actively launched ICOs, Pico Research estimates over ten new startups per day are seeking funding via the issuance of tokens.

Whilst we acknowledge that volatility of Ethereum and Bitcoin can underpin and cause supply & demand imbalances for coin offerings, we forecast that funding rounds and participation amongst speculative investors will remain consistent.

Both retail and institutional investors who have had previous exposure to Bitcoin or Ethereum are, in most cases, reinvesting their holdings as opposed to switching back into fiat currency.

Our expectation is that this liquidity factor within the crypto ecosystem will continue to support the ICO market, particularly as exchanges such as Bittrex and Poloniex become more transparent and innovative with their infrastructure.

## Private Funding vs. ICO

When identifying upcoming listings for ICO, over 72% of the companies are raising funding for the purpose of research and development vs. expansion capital.

This tells us that the venture capital market and even the Seed stage market is beginning to overlap with token offerings, where white papers and information at hand are at 'concept' stage with minimal market research or sweat equity put in.



These types of companies are becoming commonplace on the ICO register and are not to deter investors in any way. However, a certain level of due diligence is required to ensure that funds injected are being appropriately allocated to the project in question.

The largest differentiator which separates the opportunistic from the successful is the relevance of the token in the market, and whether or not any commercial and practical value can be extracted. Companies who have failed fundraising in the private market are leaning towards ICOs to fill the gap - which can at times be a red flag for the average prospective investor.

### Liquidity Factors

As the trading of crypto currencies is still quite young (relatively speaking), certain tokens and coins are susceptible to significant swings and volatility.

ICOs that are raising substantial sums of money in excess of \$50m are in some instances hedging risk to conserve funds raised for future operating costs. The conversion of ETH in some of the larger raisings to fiat currency such as USD has caused various swings and large selling blocks from the period of June - Jul 2017.

The market should be aware that these are natural occurrences and will gradually smooth out as liquidity and trading volume continues to rise.

The other contributing factor is the retail usage of margin and leverage to trade. Some exchanges are offering leveraged facilities so retail investors can take the extra exposure. Large movements in the market that negatively affect these positions cause 'forced sells' and liquidation, even when the owner of the currency does not intend to exit.

### Concluding Market Outlook

The remainder of 2017 will consist of volatility, however with the significant interest in the market and a movement of traditional institutional investors to diversify in crypto, our forecast is that there is an unprecedented opportunity to capitalize on select Initial Coin Offerings that present a commercially viable and sustainable roadmap that will lead to success.

You Can Learn More About Our Analysis Of The  
Market And Methodology Towards ICO  
Investment In Our Free Ebook By Pico Research

[Download](#)





# INVESTMENT METHODOLOGY & MANDATE

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## Investment Methodology Of Astronaut

Astronaut takes a methodical approach to investment utilizing its experience within the private equity markets and small-cap (pink sheets) sectors.

With our experience in analysing concept stage and pre-revenue startups, the team bases their research analysis off several fundamental and technical factors such as:

- Management and team track record
- Structure of the token
- Capital spent to date
- Anticipated capital to be raised
- Use of proceeds raised
- Current intellectual property
- History of development
- History of commercialization
- Commercial viability of the project
- Professionalism and credibility of the organization
- Market demand and anticipated liquidity
- Company structures and incorporation

In the following pages, you will find case studies as to how the team put practice into reality. You can also view this methodology in action by visiting [www.picoloresearch.com](http://www.picoloresearch.com).

## Our Mandate

The mandate of investment for Astronaut is focused on emerging blockchain companies that have a focus on and clear path towards generating value for token holders

While this can be a broad spectrum, we are specifically focused on those which will have a liquidity event in the near future so as to avoid being locked up in private equity long term.

Such examples of investment include:

- ✓ Active listed cryptocurrencies with sufficient liquidity
- ✓ Pre-ICO companies with a high probability of listing
- ✓ Active ICO companies that are currently raising
- ✓ Private companies that are seeking ICO within 6 months
- ✓ Private companies that are likely to be a target for M&A

The above examples are all focused on investments that are about to enter or 'nearing' a liquidity event in which profits for the platform can be crystallized as opposed to taking a long term private equity position.

Our analysts utilize a number of algorithms and API feeds to screen and shortlist all upcoming ICOs. From this point forward, our shortlist is examined, researched and calculated using a scoring system developed internally.



## Liquidity And Successful Funding Requirements

Astronaut's focus is to take accumulated exposure in assets that are deemed as liquid or have a high certainty of a liquidity event within six months from the time of investment. The liquidity factor allows Astronaut to crystallize profits on a consistent basis rather than the traditional private equity and venture capital method where the average payout is 4-6 years during incubation and acceleration.

In light of this requirement, Astronaut ensures that each investment at the ICO or pre-ICO stage has a significant likelihood to successfully raise the remainder of funds required to support their operational strategy moving forward.

We strategically wait for signals within the funding period that would suggest a probability of 75+% of complete funding success of their projects.

**ASTRONAUT'S MANDATE IS NOT FOCUSED ON LONG TERM PRIVATE EQUITY OR VENTURE FUNDING. ASTRONAUT SEEKS TO ONLY DEPLOY CAPITAL IN ASSETS THAT ARE NEARING A LIQUIDITY EVENT**



The rationale behind this methodology is that 'under-funded' companies in the ICO market with no minimum cap will not have enough capital to commercialize their project. This creates a significant risk to speculative investors.

## Management Team Interview & Due Diligence

From time to time, when Astronaut feels that there are aspects of an investment that raise questions or require clarity, we may personally contact the management team for a due diligence interview. This process is standard within PE investment and venture capital, and we believe it is equally if not more important for evaluating companies in the cryptocurrency space.

## Transparency Of Investment Process

Astronaut seeks to be as transparent as possible about prospective investments. In light of this, we are launching a portfolio tracker application through which we will provide live updates on new transactions and make the underlying research by Pico available to Astronaut investors.

You can view more about the Astronaut Portfolio Tracker in the latter pages.

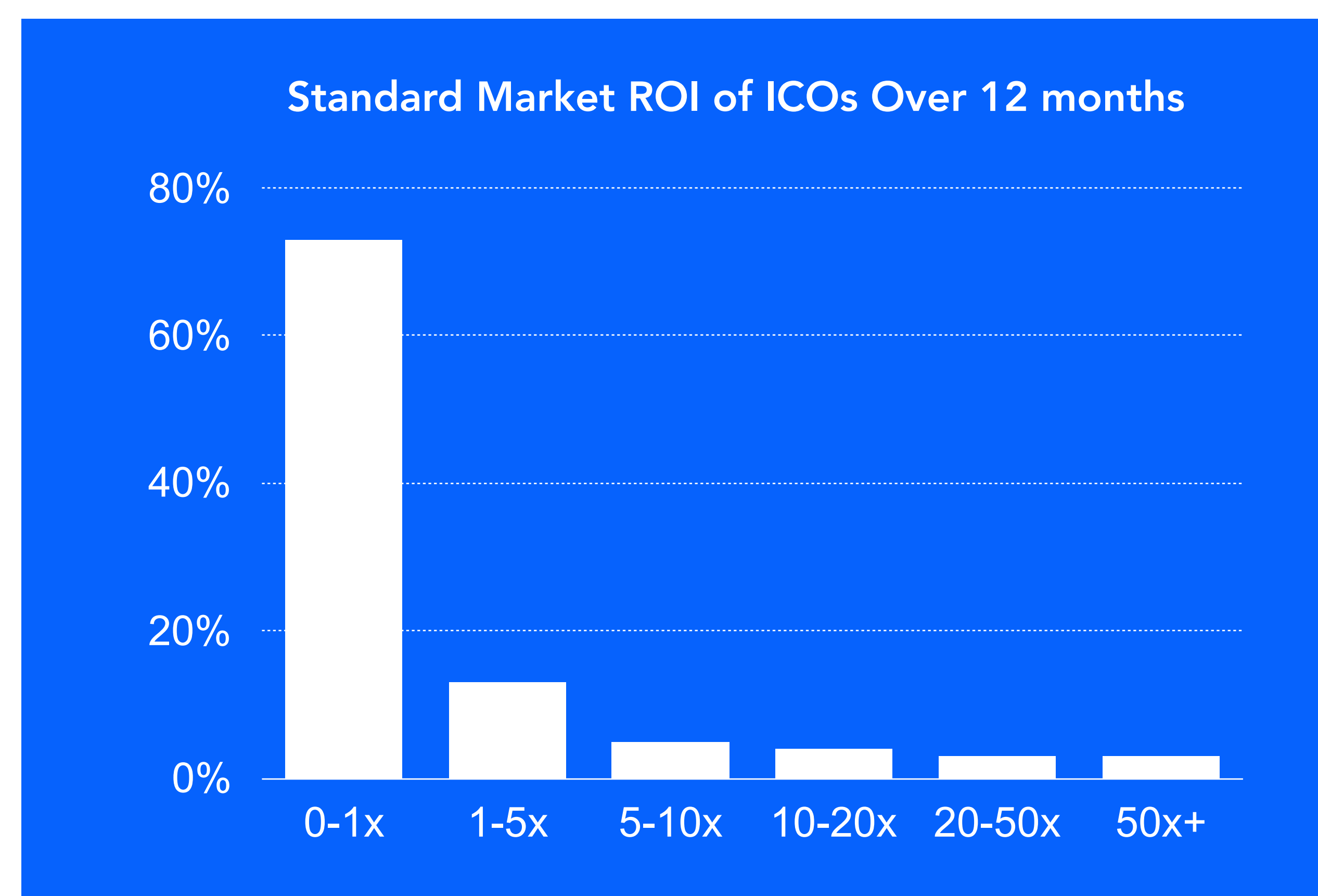
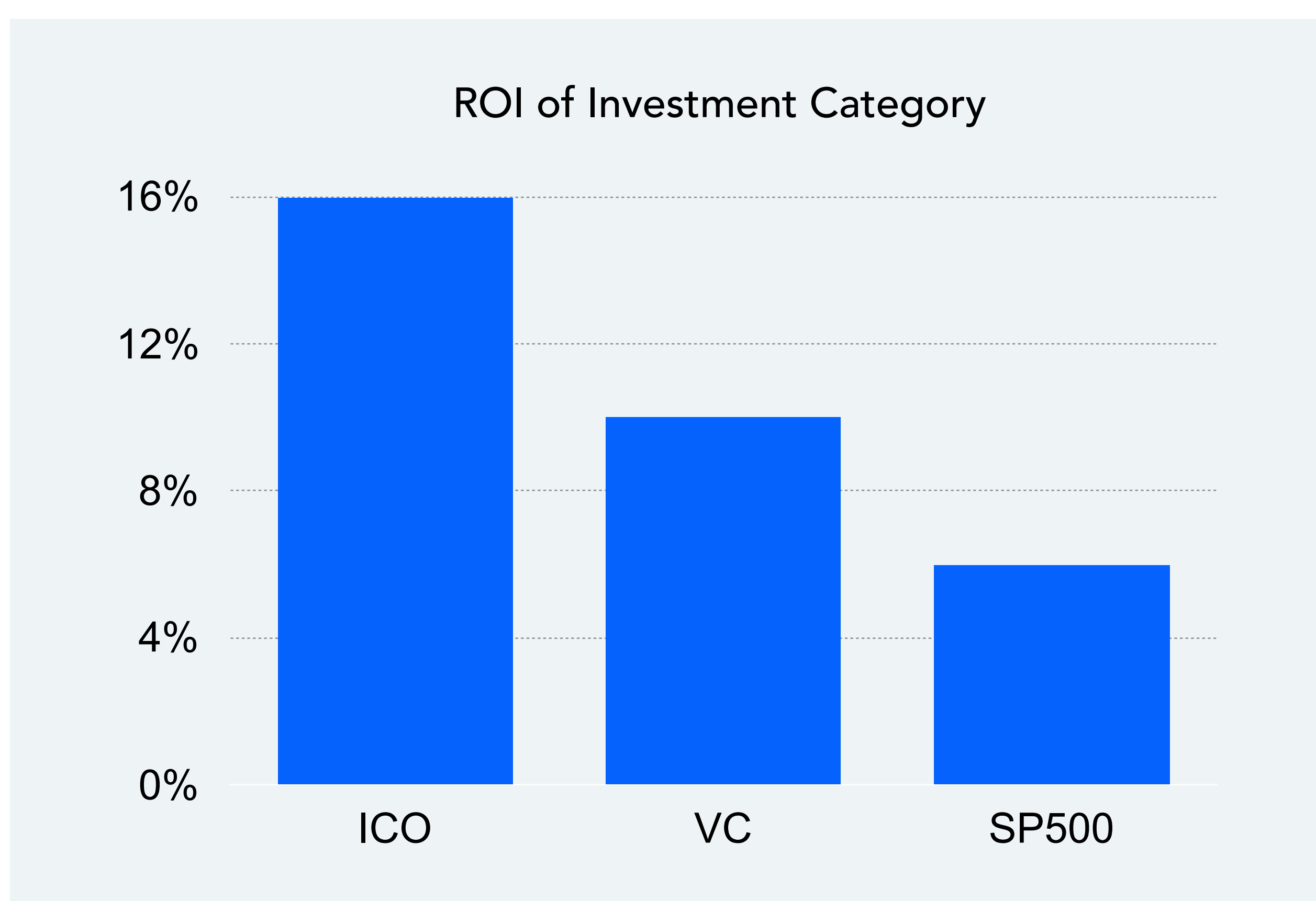


# FORECAST PERFORMANCE & RETURN METRICS

## Overview Of Performance And Market Valuation Metrics

Based on Astronaut's market analysis and the trading activity of Initial Coin Offerings over a period of three years, it is evident that token investment (predominantly at initial offer) generates returns significantly higher than that of Venture Capital and the S&P500 benchmark.

Even utilizing a diversified token investment approach (and taking into account a substantial amount of tokens that do not appreciate), CAGR is roughly 16%, compared to 10% and 6% for VCs and the equities market respectively.



It should be noted with the preceding that this takes into account a large amount of failures or stagnant ICOs that have achieved a 0-1x market return.

## Utilizing Research And Analysis To Enhance Market Returns

While market returns are significant for some ICOs, it is evident that selection and filtering of high-conviction investments makes a material difference in the average investor return when trading in a diversified manner.

To date, over 10% of ICOs have a return which is greater than 10x of the initial investment. Almost 6% will achieve a return multiple of 20-50x.

Such return multiples when averaged out across several hundred tokens present an unparalleled opportunity to capitalize on future growth and appreciation of upcoming ICOs.

Through its proprietary scanning, filtering, and analysis process provided by Picolo Research, Astronaut seeks to maintain a 30% success rate in securing those investments which provide a 5+x return.

As an example of our target fund performance for the initial quarter, we provide some of the conservative metrics used to calculate net ROI for the fund below.



# ASTRONAUT QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE

## An Analysis Of Astronauts Previous Performance

Over the last quarter, Astronaut has completed public due diligence reports on twelve new Initial Coin Offerings which have satisfied its filtering and market-scanning process. Out of the twelve ICO due diligence reports, four of them have been disregarded as 'Avoid' based on further analysis.

The remaining eight companies have been recommended and invested into at varying levels of exposure as outlines within each report.

List Of Astronaut Investments And Due Diligence Reports

Company	Icon	Date	Code	Advice	Status	Due Diligence
True Flip		28 Jun	TFL	Spec Buy	Awaiting Listing	<a href="#">View report here</a>
Skin Coin		21 Jun	SKIN	Avoid	Awaiting Listing	<a href="#">View report here</a>
Dao.Casino		28 Jun	BET	Spec Buy	Awaiting Listing	<a href="#">View report here</a>
Tezos		01 Jul	XTZ	Spec Buy	Awaiting Listing	<a href="#">View report here</a>
InsureX		11 Jul	IXT	Avoid	Listed	<a href="#">View report here</a>
Giga Watt		02 Jun	WTT	Spec Buy	Awaiting Listing	<a href="#">View report here</a>
Dent		12 Jul	DENT	Avoid	Awaiting Listing	<a href="#">View report here</a>
District 0x		18 Jul	DNT	Spec Buy	Listed	<a href="#">View report here</a>
Everex		24 Jul	EVX	Spec Buy	Awaiting Listing	<a href="#">View report here</a>
Rex MLS		31 July	REX	Avoid	Awaiting Listing	<a href="#">View report here</a>
0x Project		15 Aug	ZRX	Buy	Listed	<a href="#">View report here</a>
Enigma		01 Sep	ENG	Spec Buy	Ongoing	<a href="#">View report here</a>

## Active Listings Vs Secondary Markets

When an ICO completes and raises funds, it can take anywhere between 1 week and 12 months for it to be available on a primary exchange such as Bittrex and Poloniex. Our mandate is to focus the majority of our efforts in identifying those opportunities that are due to list within a period of 3 months.



In addition to primary exchanges, there are also secondary markets, referred to as IOU organisations that are trading a derivative of the token which has not yet listed. Such exchanges include HITBTC and EtherDelta. For the purpose of analysing performance, we have chosen not to take these 'pre-stage' listings into consideration due to a lack of real market data.



## Performance Of Listed Investments And Realised Returns

Of the eight investments that we have deployed capital in over the last quarter, two of them have listed on major exchanges and are available for public trading. The remaining six are all scheduled to commence trading in the coming months, however they are also currently listed on secondary markets and available to trade over-the-counter (OTC).

Performance Of Astronaut Listed Investments In Last Quarter - Aug 31

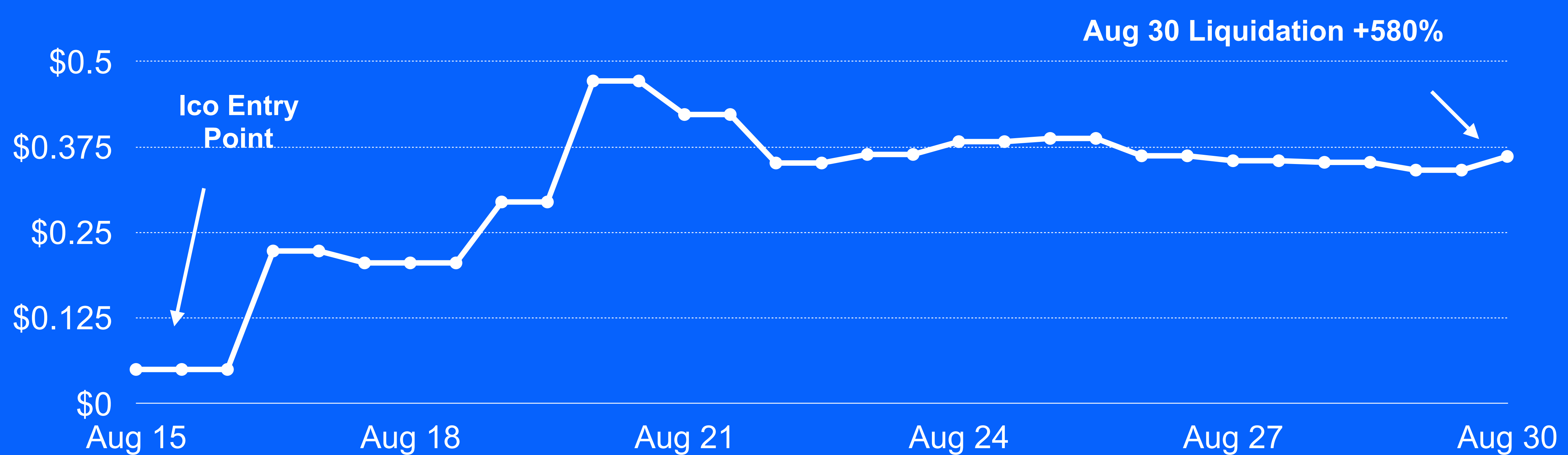
Company	Icon	Date	Code	Advice	Entry	Price Today	% Return
District 0x		18 Jul	DNT	Spec Buy	\$0.018	\$0.12	<b>+566%</b>
0x Project		15 Aug	ZRX	Buy	\$0.05	\$0.34	<b>+580%</b>

### 0X Project (Zrx)



0x is a protocol aimed at allowing for the decentralized exchange of ERC20 tokens between users using Ethereum smart contracts. Decentralized exchanges are a core piece of the Ethereum ecosystem and will be required for a variety of already funded projects to complete their roadmaps. Our analysis found it difficult to place any significant weaknesses on the company.

[View the research report here](#)

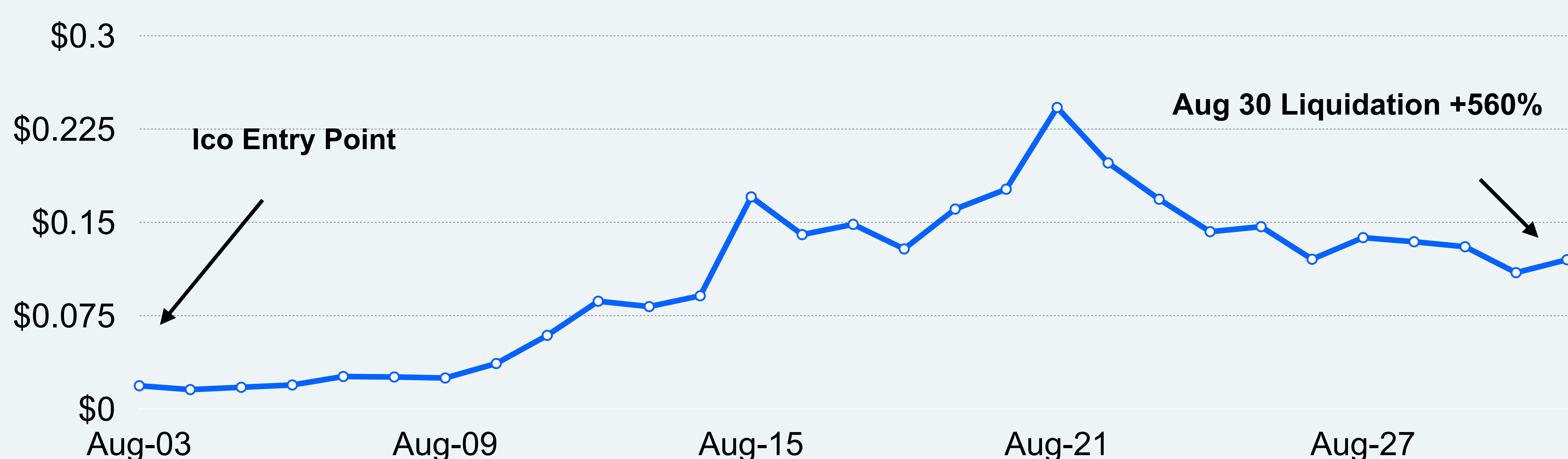


### District 0X (Dnt)



The district0x Network is a collective of decentralized marketplaces and communities (districts) powered by Ethereum, Aragon, and IPFS. Our analysis was extremely bullish on the token in light of the development work to date, management team and commercial roadmap.

[View the research report here](#)





## RESEARCH & ANALYSIS (PICOLO RESEARCH)

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### Integrating Top-Tier Blockchain Due Diligence With Funds Management

One of Astronaut's major unique value propositions is the ownership of Picolo Research, the leading research house and ratings agency for initial coin offerings world wide.

Picolo Research provides institutional grade research reports and analysis relating to upcoming and active ICOs for over 10,000 investors. Our reports have been featured in publications worldwide and are known for their transparency and independency. Picolo Research does not accept remuneration or compensation for the preparation of any research.

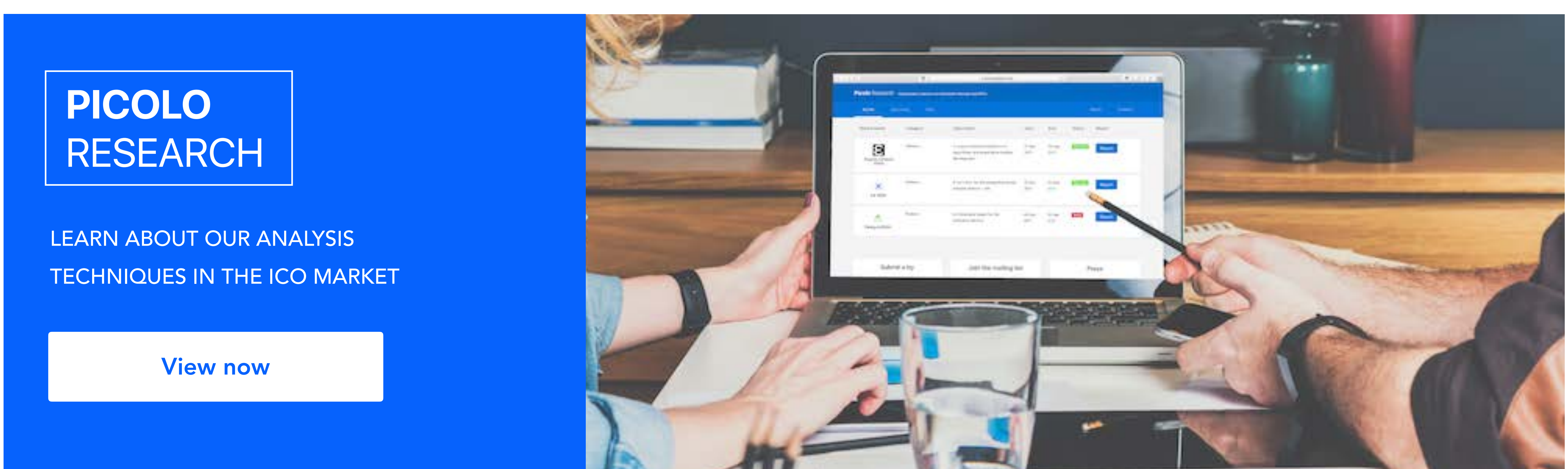
### Picolo Research Investment Methodology

The investment methodology employed by Picolo is derived from its experience in venture capital, initial public offerings and pink sheets analysis.

Our team takes a methodical approach to analysis, focusing on the entire spectrum of company listing including commercial viability, management audits, deal structure, technical due diligence and roadmap commercialisation.

While we can write extensively about our internal process, the best form of discovery and verification is to refer to our existing track record which has been made publicly available.

In addition to this, Picolo Research published a short eBook recently which was a high level overview for retail investors seeking to learn more about analysis of ICOs.



### Picolo Research (Post Token Sale)


Following the completion of the Astronaut token sale, Picolo Research will work exclusively for the benefit of Astronaut and its token holders.

The research and analysis produced by Picolo will be the direct influence over the transactional process of investment.

Picolo Research will, from time to time, publish its research openly for the public (non-token holders) in a delayed manner to continue to create transparency of offerings in the blockchain ecosystem.

Subscribers to Astronaut will receive the research in real-time, advising them of the trade and investment structure that we will be completing on their behalf.





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- JOHN GLENN



# CAPITAL ALLOCATION AND DEPLOYMENT

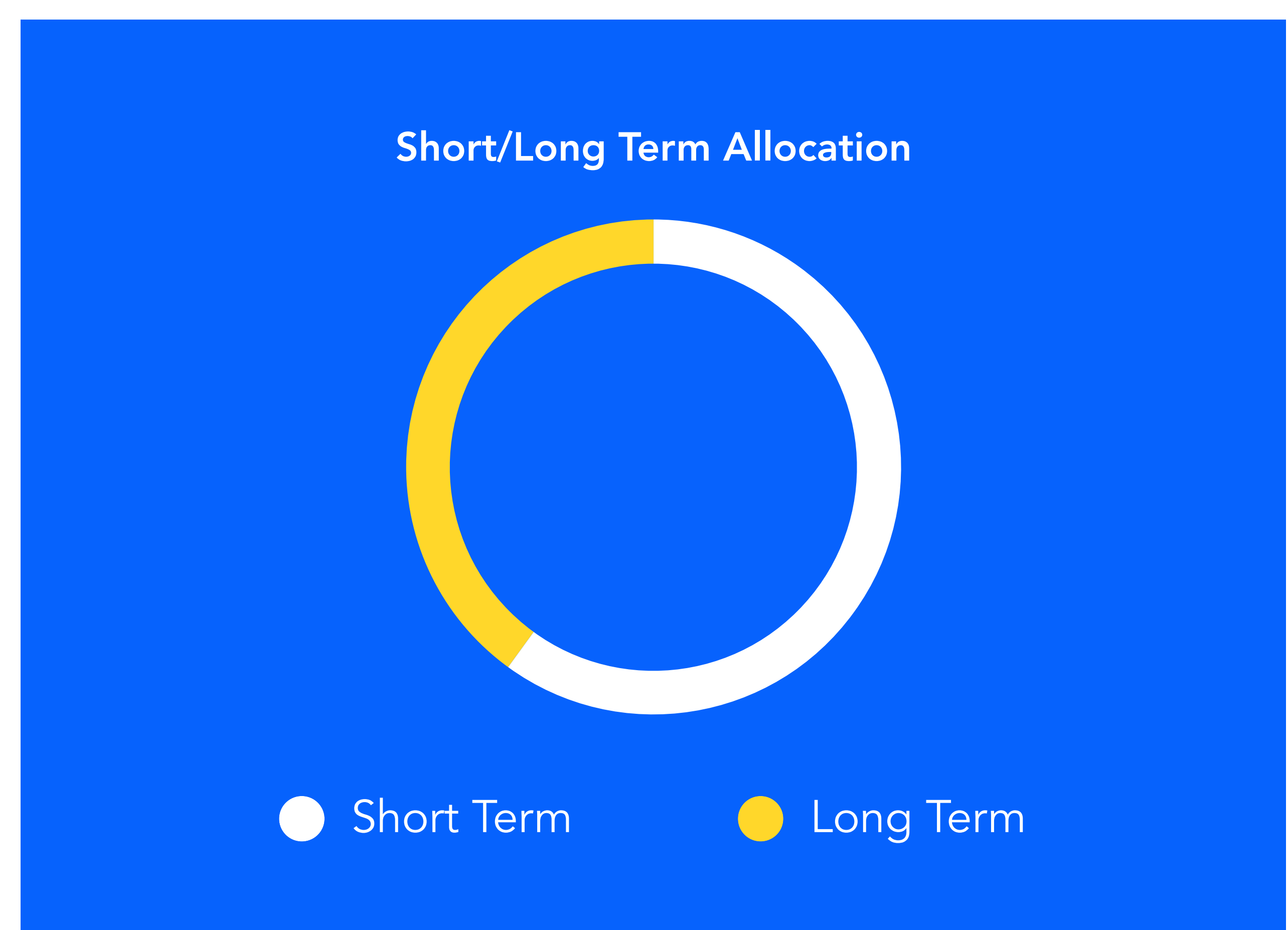
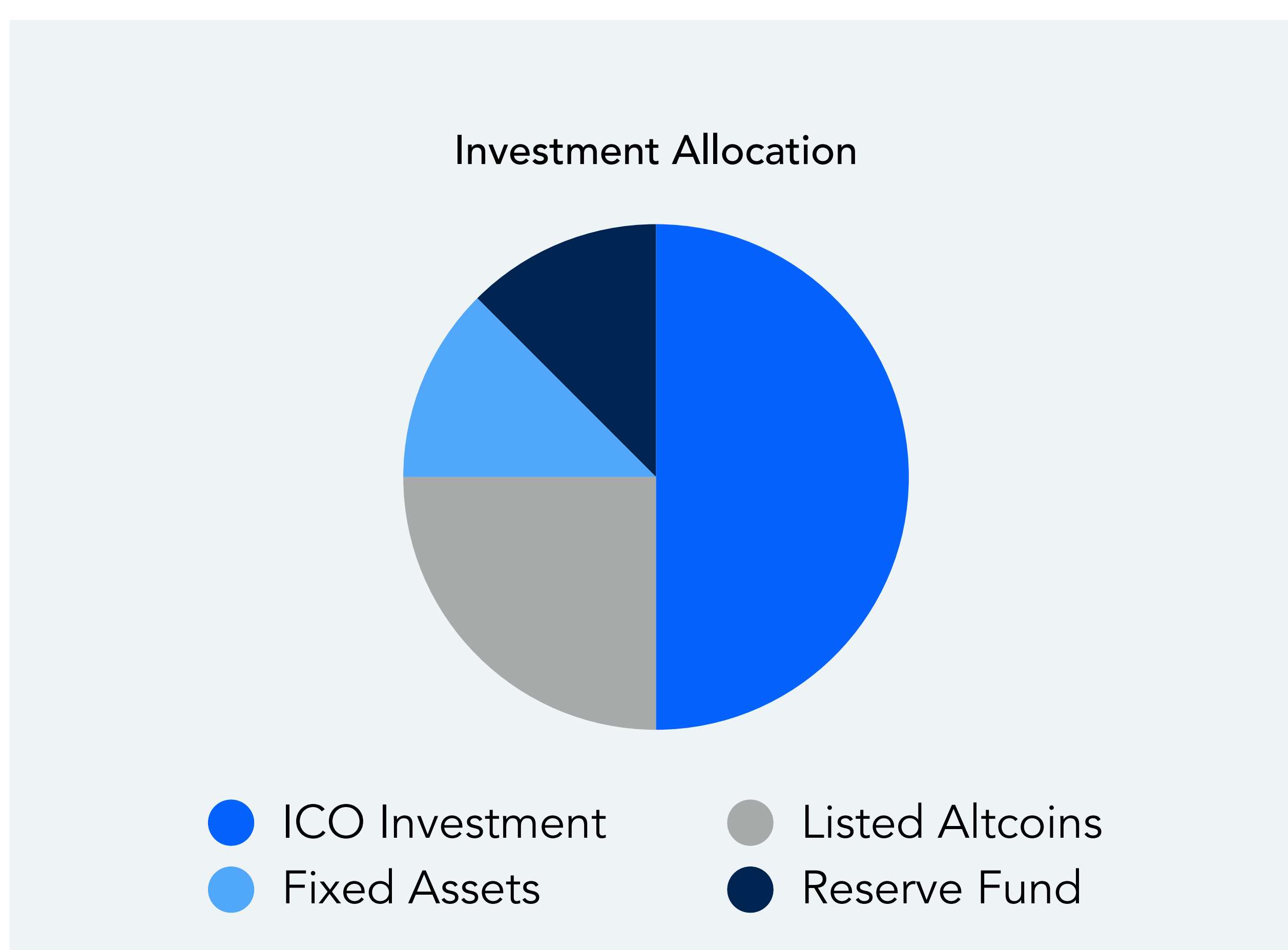
## A Diversified Investment Allocation Focused On Growth

Astronaut employs a diversified strategy across new token offerings, existing altcoins, liquid cryptocurrencies and fiat.

Although this strategy means an allocation across four separate segments in the market, it is explicitly geared towards achieving exponential growth and income.

- 50% of the allocation is reserved for pre, active and post ICO investment where capital gain is generally at its most significant stage.
- 25% of the allocation is reserved for holding of existing highly liquid altcoins and/or cryptocurrencies such as Ethereum or Bitcoin.
- 25% is reserved for capital requirements and liquidity during times of market volatility in the form of a Reserve Fund and fixed fiat assets.

While the mandate allows the vast majority of funding to be used for ICOs, it will at most times transition between ICO and active Altcoin as the tokens get listed across various exchanges.



## Position Sizing And Deployment Of Capital

Astronaut is focused on two components of investment: capital growth and income. With this in mind, our investment strategists have developed an allocation which provides a 60/40 split of short term, liquidity focused token offerings vs longer term altcoin investment for fundamental-driven capital gain.

Trade Size/Frequency Criteria

Metric	Expected
Fund size	~\$30,000,000
Number of investments per quarter	8
Average investment value (ICO)	USD\$450,000
Period of hold (short term)	1 month - 6 months
Period of hold (long term)	1+ year



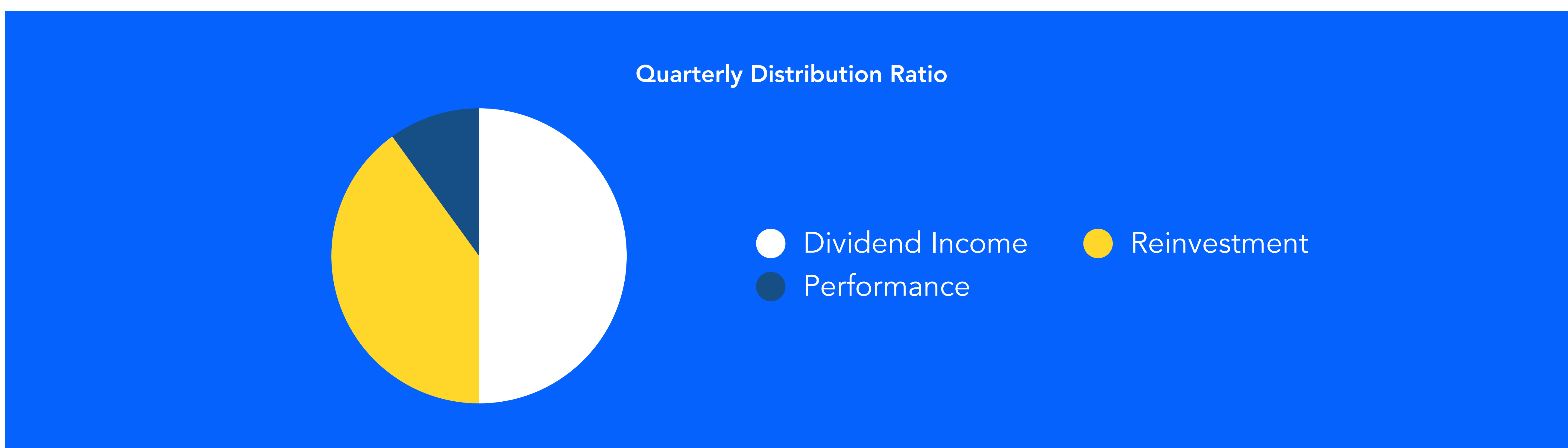
# DIVIDENDS AND EXCHANGE LIQUIDITY

## Distribution Of Performance Bonus Via Dividend Contract

As part of the Astronaut income strategy, holders of the token are entitled to receive quarterly dividends based on the performance of realised investments over that period.

The breakup of the distribution is as follows:

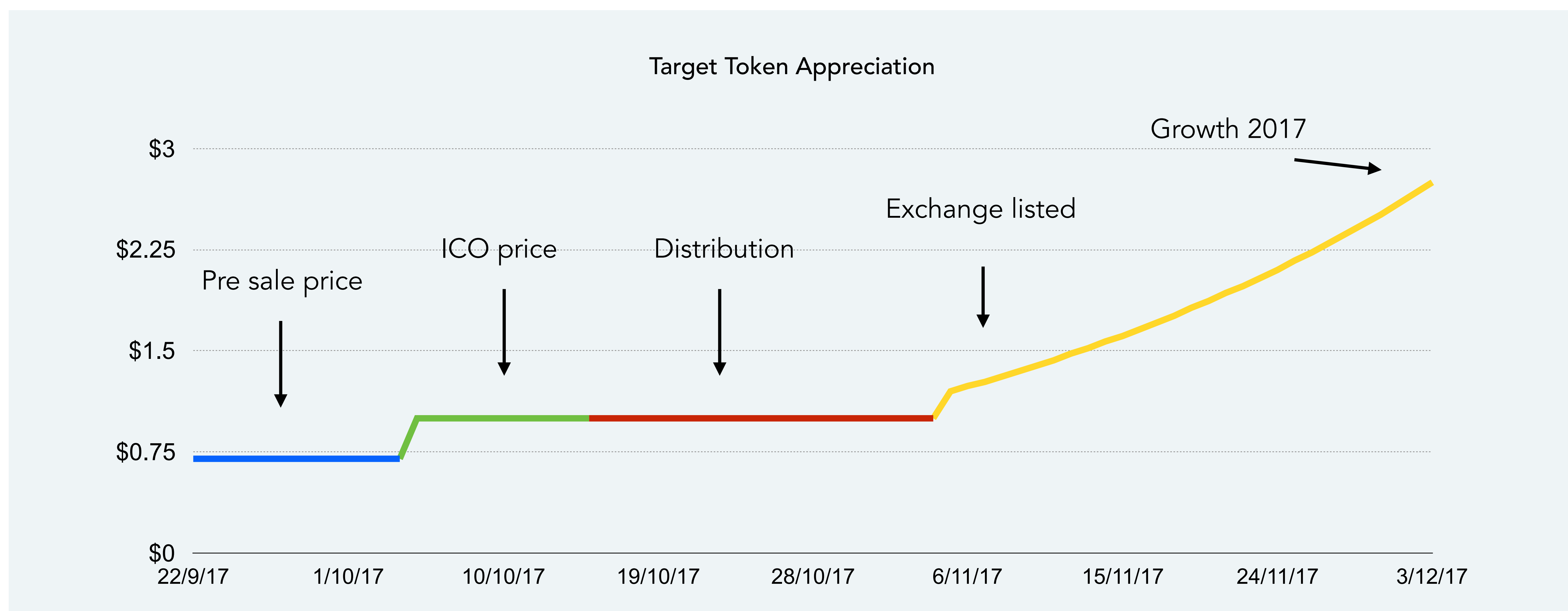
- 50% of 'realised' profits via Astronaut investment activities will be credited back to the token holder in ETH on a quarterly basis
- 40% of the profit will be reinvested into Astronaut, therefore expanding assets under management (AUM) and appreciating the token price of ASTRO
- 10% of the profit each quarter will be used to fund the ongoing operation of Astronaut and its investment activities (legal, auditing, analysis)



## Exchange Tradable Astro Tokens

Astronaut will be issuing ASTRO Tokens (ASTRO) to its token holders after the initial coin offering. Our expectation is that ASTRO will be tradable on the exchange (Poloniex) within six weeks of issue. Investment will begin as soon as the ICO has completed in order to get ahead of the market.

Based on performance of our previous investment efforts, recommendations, market comparisons and outlook in the short term, we anticipate significant growth and appreciation of ASTRO starting November 2017.





# DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

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## Seamless Distribution Of Performance Income

The Astronaut smart contract ensures that token holders are rewarded on a quarterly basis for their ongoing investment in ASTRO. All token holders will be prompted to download the Astronaut Portfolio Tracker so they are notified of the incoming dividend amount and date.

Astronaut will also be launching its own wallet that will be integrated with the Portfolio Tracker. This functionality is expected to launch in January 2018.





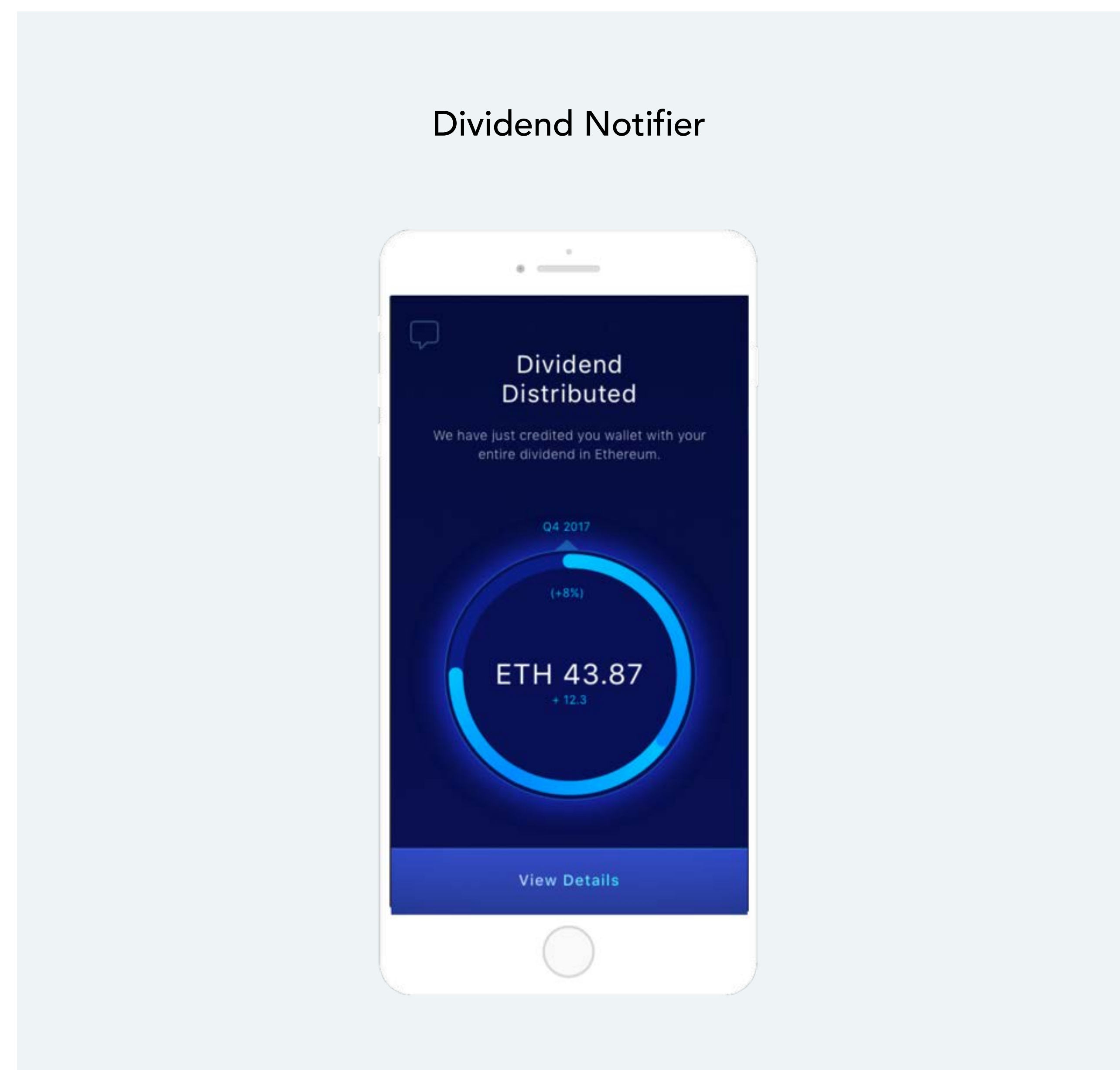
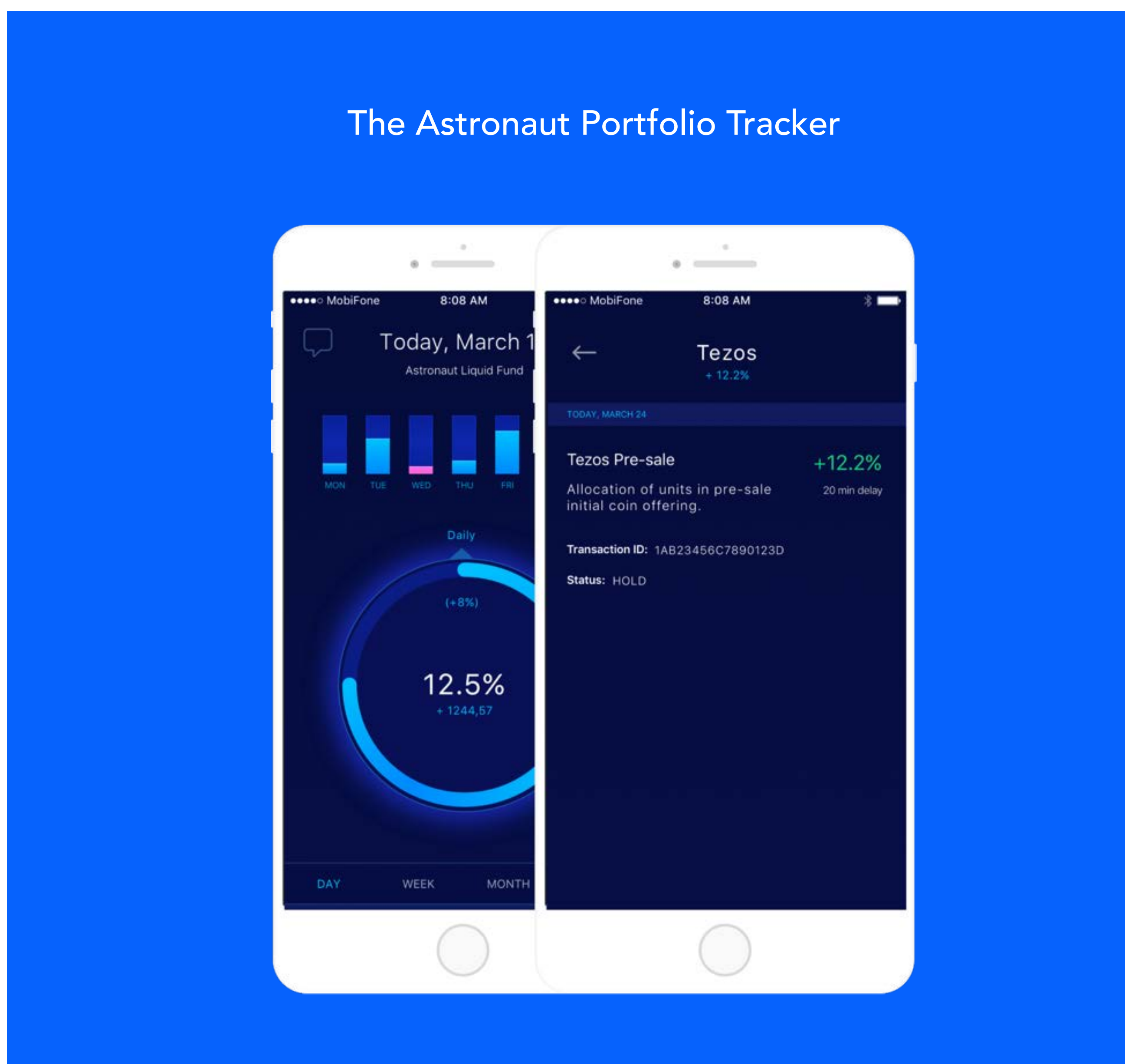
# ASTRONAUT PORTFOLIO TRACKER

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## Arming Our Investors With Knowledge And Updates On Demand

Astronaut is developing an intuitive and detailed portfolio tracking system, allowing investors to quickly gain transparency of the Assets Under Management (AUM), transactions and dividend periods at the push of a button.

The application will be the knowledge base for investors seeking to gain an understanding of potential investment decisions that Astronaut will be making.



## Upcoming Dividend Notifier

The application alerts investors of the details regarding quarterly dividend distribution including the amount, yield, highest/lowest performers and the expected date of receipt.

## Daily And Weekly AUM Balancing

While the Astro Tokens will be traded publicly, the Astronaut Portfolio Tracker will calculate AUM on a periodic basis to determine the true underlying value of each Astro token. While there may be a small pricing disparity due to outside factors (either higher or lower in the public market), this AUM calculation will give a true indication of token value.

## Research And Analysis

The application allows investors to access the underlying research and investment methodology that was used in the process of each transaction. This research is conducted by our internal team at Pico Research. Investors will be notified each time there is a new report, commentary or analysis uploaded on the application.

## Transaction Notifier

When Astronaut places a new transaction, alerts are sent to the investor through the Portfolio Tracker. This will also detail the exposure that is set as a (%) of the overall AUM.

## Public Token Pricing

A live feed of the Astro Token public price will be available via data feeds from the exchanges (Bittrex and Poloniex). This will show market history and bid/offer spread.



# AUDITING AND SECURITY

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## Setting A New Standard Of Open Auditing And Transparency

Astronaut is focused on providing our token holders with the right tools and platforms to evaluate transactions, portfolio performance, liquidity levels and dividends on demand. We believe trust can only come in the form of complete transparency in the decentralised ecosystem.

In light of this, Astronaut is implementing several new standards to ensure that safety, security and accuracy is always paramount to our operations.

## Exchange Selection Which Satisfies Proof Of Solvency

Astronaut is committed to only using exchanges that can satisfy the Proof of Solvency test (PoS) . This ensures specific liquidity and reserve fund requirements that give piece of mind to investors and institutions dealing with exchange platforms. To date, there is a select number of exchanges on our approved list such as Kraken and Poloniex.

## Open API For Viewing And Account Auditing

Astronaut will establish viewer access APIs to provide the highest degree of transparency regarding fund allocation, holdings and current investments.

Holders of the token will have access to a real-time view of every investment, in every exchange on demand.

## Fiat Account Transparency

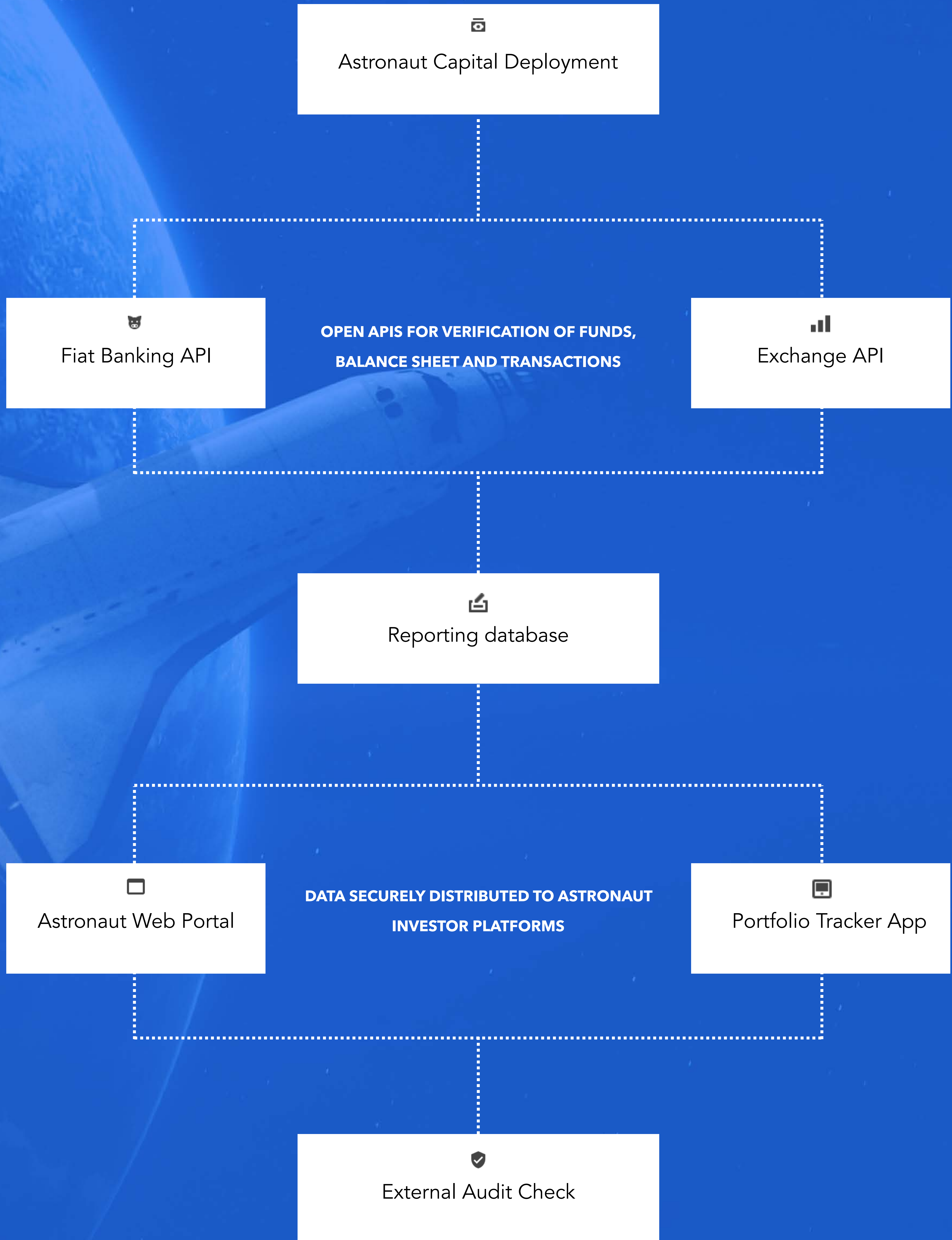
As a certain portion of funds remain in fiat for liquidity reserves, Astronaut will be implementing a viewer access portal linked direct to the bank API for on-demand access to fiat balances and incoming/outgoing transactions.

## External Auditing

In addition to providing complete open viewing access of all accounting and investment activity, Astronaut will employ external auditors to ensure absolute certainty and transparency in its practices, particularly regarding quarterly income distribution to token holders.



# Auditing flow





# TOKEN ALLOCATION AND USE OF PROCEEDS

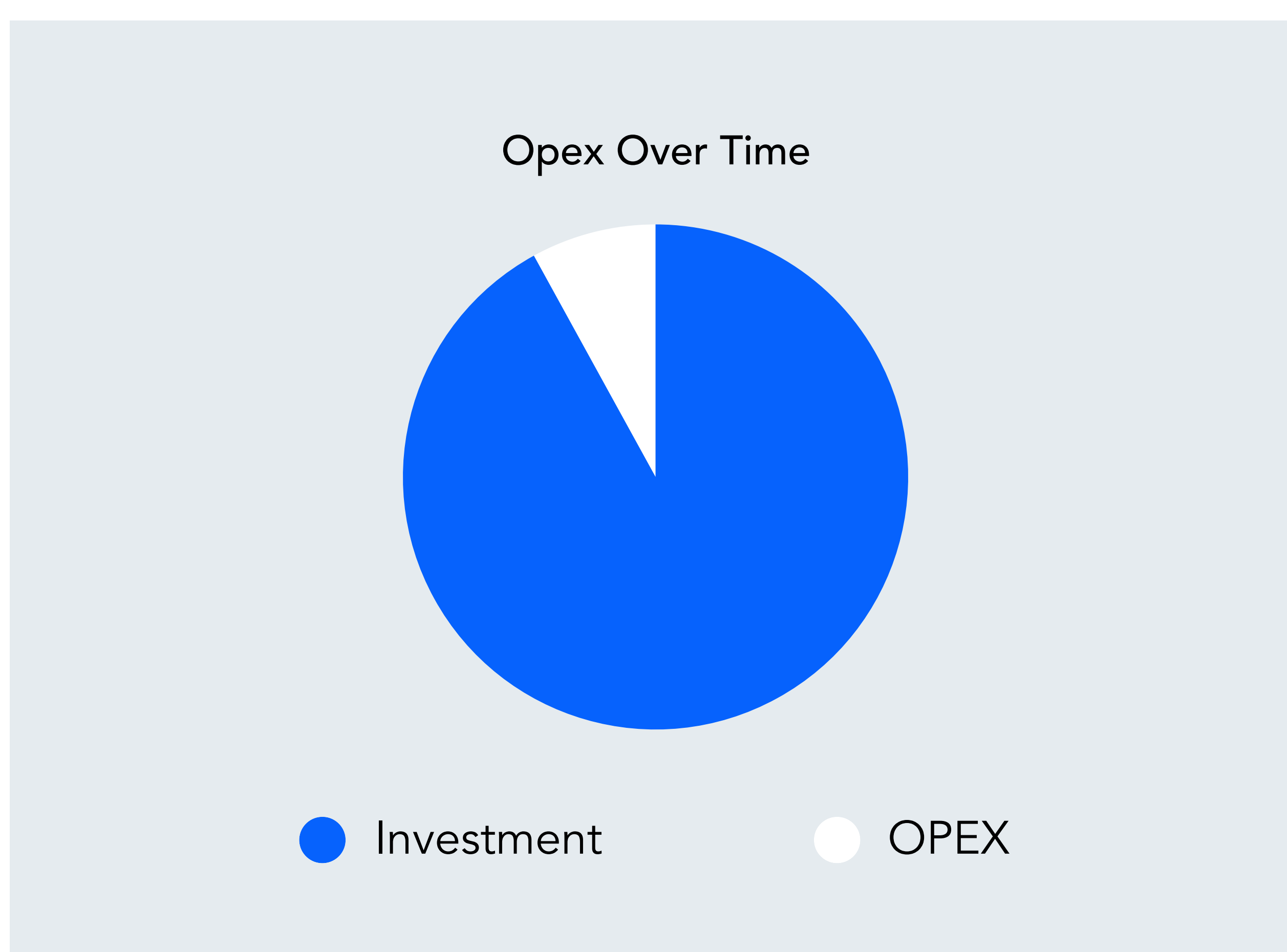
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## Token Sale Of ASTRO And Allocation

Astronaut believes that the power of the tokens lies with their holders, which will continue to provide the demand, support and liquidity within the ecosystem. In light of this, all tokens, bar a small percentage, will be offered to the market, with the remainder used as an incentive for the Investment Committee (IC) who are actively researching and executing the opportunities.

There will be 30,000,000 tokens issued as a one-off. After this time, there will be no more tokens issued.

- **88%** of tokens will be released to the market for crowd sale
- **11%** of tokens will be held by the management team and its investment committee (IC) as performance incentives (subject to vesting)
- **1%** will be paid to advisors and developers on completion of the ICO



## Leftover Tokens Will Be Burned

Any tokens that are not sold through the crowd sale or allocated as per above will be burned. In this instance, ICO investors will receive a lower entry price proportional to the amount of tokens remaining.

## Vesting Periods

The management team is subject to a staged vesting period starting at 12 months, and decreasing by 15% every quarter. The investment committee (IC) is subject to a staged vesting period starting at 6 months, and decreasing by 25% every quarter.

## Operating Costs And Development Of Portfolio Infrastructure

As Astronaut is a close-ended fund structure, it will be subject to certain operating costs for the life of the token. In light of this, there will be a small allocation of funds to be used over time to pay for operating expenses, investment analysts and the completion of its Astronaut Portfolio Tracker apps and auditing tools.

- **92%** of funds will be deployed strictly into investment to achieve token holder income and capital growth
- **8%** of funds will be utilised for ongoing operating costs (auditing, legal, terminals) including the completion of our portfolio tools for token holders. This portion from the initial sale is budgeted to last for the life of the token.
- **\*2%** additional management fee will apply per annum for the ongoing administration of the Astronaut platform (this will only come into effect after the initial 12 months to assist with any extra operating costs)



# TOKEN SALE & TIMELINE

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Astronaut is utilizing a whitelist process which stages pre-sale offerings and bonus rounds to provide investors with enhanced and discounted ownership for early-stage contribution.

The initial bonus round has been offered to long time users of the Picolo Research platform and will further expand to the general public prior to the ICO.

The dates listed below are subject to change based on token demand at each stage of the sale.

Anticipated Timeline (Subject To Change Based On Token Demand)

## STAGE 1 PRE SALE (30%)

Pre sale subscribers to ASTRO will receive a 30% discount on tokens. A maximum of 3,000,000 tokens will be available for pre sale

SEP  
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## STAGE 2 BONUS (20%)

When the official token sale opens, subscribers will be entitled to a 20% discount for a maximum of 7,000,000 tokens

## STAGE 4 - FINAL

At stage 4, the remaining 6,400,000 tokens will be available for purchase at \$1 per ASTRO. Following this, the token sale will close

## STAGE 3 BONUS (10%)

At the commencement of stage 3 subscribers will be entitled to a 10% discount for a maximum of 10,000,000 tokens

## EXCHANGE LISTING

We anticipate ASTRO to be tradable within six weeks of the completion of the token sale

## ASTRONAUT APP

Release of the Astronaut portfolio tracker

## FIRST DIVIDEND

Token holders receive their first dividend for 2017



# THE TEAM

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## A Diversified Team With An Extensive Track Record In Capital Markets And Blockchain Development

Astronaut consists of a specialized and hand picked team who have significant experience across a magnitude of different market sectors. Our management team and investment committee come from a unique blend of private equity management, venture capital, equities markets advisory and emerging market analysis.

This experience has made Astronaut what it is today - a unique platform focused on providing the best of cryptocurrency opportunities to its token holders. Astronaut has also strategically separated duties of its key personnel, creating both a management team and an investment committee (IC) similar to that of a traditional investment fund.

### Management Team And Investment Committee



#### Matthew Dobb - Founder (Pilot & Commander)

Matthew is a capital markets and technology professional with a track record across investment banking, venture capital, venture development and equities market research.

He is the director of Wise-owl, a small cap analysis firm specialising in emerging companies (pink sheets) as well as the owner of Pico Research, a new ratings agency and research firm of Initial Coin Offerings and active cryptocurrencies.

Matthew has had a number of successful exits including the takeover of Incipient IT, a venture development firm focused on disruptive B2C and B2B technology.

Since 2014, Matthew has been active in the blockchain marketplace both on a personal level and in various consulting positions for investment.



#### Simon Heikkila - Research & Operations (Mission Specialist)

Simon Heikkila is a seasoned operations and product specialist focused on research and development of consumer and enterprise grade applications. For the past five years, Simon has actively been involved in the development and launch of several fin-tech related SaaS platforms focused on SME and enterprise level organisations.

Simon comes from an academic and research driven background, and has diverse experience in creating streamlined operational processes to increase efficiency of product development teams.

Astronaut will be utilising Simon's experience in operational analysis and completion of due diligence for prospective investments, as well as overseeing the ongoing development of our investor portfolio platforms.



#### Michael Gord - Blockchain Developer & Analyst (Flight Engineer)

Michael is the founder and CEO of MLG Blockchain, a development and consultancy firm specialising in blockchain solutions. Michael has assisted a range of clients from startups to Fortune 500 companies in developing their blockchain strategy. Michael is also on the Board of Directors of Bitcoin & Blockchain Alliance Canada as well as the Board of Advisors of the Blockchain Education Network. Michael has been a technical writer for Bitcoin Magazine since 2014.

Michael provides significant value to Astronaut through our research and analysis efforts in identifying potential investments on behalf of token holders.





### Scott Moore - Blockchain Research (Flight Engineer)

Scott Moore is a data scientist with 4+ years of experience in fintech related investment analysis. Scott has been actively involved in the blockchain ecosystem since 2015 as an investor, advisor, and co-founder of projects including VEX, a DAO management ecosystem, and GitToken. Scott is also the founder of Finnovate, a fintech software consultancy.

Scott has been an integral part of Astronaut’s internal research team, Picolo Research, and will continue to benefit Astronaut by providing detailed due diligence of upcoming investment opportunities relating to Initial Coin Offerings.



### Roman Volkov - Technical Analyst (Flight Engineer)

Roman is a senior developer with 8+ years of experience in development of enterprise grade systems. Roman has worked on behalf of several Fortune 500 companies across the US, UK, Europe and Asia. Roman brings a strong track record to Astronaut having previously worked in development of complex data systems, algorithms and security. Roman is utilised as a technical due diligence officer to analyse prospective investments intellectual property and market application.

His development experience has also assisted in creation of the Astronaut Portfolio Tracker and token holder platforms.



### Jon Myers - Growth Hacker & Designer (International Mission Specialist)

Jon is a renowned designer, marketer and growth hacker, having started and exited several companies in his 20+ years of experience in technology innovation. His previous experience is predominantly fintech, utilised as the lead consultant for various banking applications in the USA and SE Asia.

Jon was also the designer and product manager of CoinSimple, a bitcoin ecommerce and wallet solution. He plays an integral part in development and design of the Astronaut infrastructure, technology and ongoing operations.

## Key Operational Partners



### Ambisafe


Ambisafe provide the technical infrastructure and assistance in developing the ERC20 contract that Astronaut utilises. The team play an integral role in the development of our core technology including the dividend component of ETH distribution. Ambisafe will also be assisting in an advisory capacity for the token sale of ASTRO.



### MLG Blockchain

MLG Blockchain provide development and consulting services in addition to detailed technical due diligence. MLG will be assisting Astronaut in a research and advisory capacity.





**DON'T TELL ME THE SKY'S  
THE LIMIT WHEN THERE  
ARE FOOTPRINTS ON THE  
MOON.**

- PAUL BRANDT



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