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Galaxy Releases Inaugural Sustainability Report

Galaxy spearheads initiatives aimed at creating a more equitable, inclusive, and environmentally responsible crypto market

NEW YORK, October 11, 2022 - [Galaxy Digital Holdings Ltd.](#) (TSX: GLXY) ("Galaxy" or "the Company"), a financial services and investment management innovator in the digital asset, cryptocurrency, and blockchain technology sectors, today announced the release of its [inaugural Sustainability Report](#) ("the Report"), providing a detailed overview of the Company's strategy to address key environmental, social, and governance (ESG) objectives.

Galaxy's Sustainability Report, one of the first to be issued by a publicly traded crypto firm, details the Company's sustainable vision for the future of digital assets and the commitments it has made toward building more equitable and inclusive communities.

"As a leader in the digital asset space, we have a responsibility to our employees, clients, shareholders, communities, and the broader industry to make sustainability and corporate responsibility the core of our business strategy," said Mike Novogratz, Founder and CEO of Galaxy. "We hope our commitment to sustainability, equitability, and inclusivity will inspire our peers to advance the industry in a manner consistent with ESG principles."

The Report is available on the [sustainability section of Galaxy's website](#) and has been prepared with reference to the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) principles, the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) standards, and details the Company's alignment with the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Report illustrates the Company's strategy to address various sustainability initiatives since the initial launch of [Galaxy's Sustainability Program and Strategy](#) in early 2022, focusing on the Company's achievements across three key tenets:

Transparent Governance

- Established our Sustainability Program with Board-level oversight, led by an ESG Steering Committee comprised of senior executives across business lines and key functions responsible for the execution and continuous improvement of the Company's ESG initiatives.
- Completed first ESG materiality assessment to identify and prioritize focus areas, shape Program strategy, and ensure reporting addresses ESG issues of greatest importance.

- Hired [Neal Katyal](#)—former Acting Solicitor General of the U.S. and current Partner at Hogan Lovells—as a Senior Advisor and Chair of the Advisory Board to work with the Company on crafting a robust policy engagement strategy.

Social Progress

- Developed a comprehensive DEI strategy led by our [Chief Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Culture Officer](#), Veronica Baird, a founding member of Galaxy.
- Established a robust [Diversity Policy](#) to ensure diverse hiring, development, advancement, and retention.
- Launched free publicly available educational resources covering the major foundational concepts of digital assets, including the [Galaxy Brains podcast](#), the Bitcoin Mining Summer Education Series, [Cryptocademy](#), and [Into the Metaverse](#).

Environmental Stewardship

- Engaged a third-party consultant to conduct Galaxy's first greenhouse gas (GHG) assessment covering Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions.
- [Galaxy Mining made a public dedication to manage our carbon footprint and increase the use of sustainable energy, maintaining a long-term goal to utilize an over 80% sustainable mix for all mining operations](#). This long-term goal will indirectly help decarbonize Galaxy's Scope 2 GHG emissions.
- Increased proportional renewable energy use and operational efficiency across the Company's global offices.

Operating at the forefront of a nascent asset class and industry, Galaxy recognizes the need for equitable and inclusive education and is committed to properly onboarding the next generation of crypto users. Through the aforementioned sustainability initiatives, Galaxy is committed to ensuring ESG is a strategic consideration as the Company and the industry experience rapid growth.

For more information on Galaxy's sustainability program, please visit <https://www.galaxy.com/2021-sustainability-report>.

About Galaxy

Galaxy (TSX: GLXY) is a digital asset and blockchain leader providing institutions, startups, and qualified individuals access to the crypto economy. Our full suite of financial services is custom-made for a digitally native ecosystem, spanning multiple synergistic business lines: Trading, Asset Management, Investment Banking, Mining, and Ventures.

Galaxy's CEO and Founder Michael Novogratz leads a team of crypto enthusiasts and institutional veterans working together on a mission to engineer a new economic paradigm. The Company is headquartered in New York City, with offices in Chicago, New Jersey, London, Amsterdam, Hong Kong, Tokyo, and the Cayman Islands (reg. office).

Additional information about Galaxy's businesses and products is available on www.galaxy.com

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The TSX has neither approved nor disapproved the contents of this press release.

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