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Mesh's Acquisition of Bluvo

Overview of Transaction

- On October 13, 2026, leading crypto payments network Mesh announced the acquisition of Bluvo, a developer of exchange connectivity technology
- Founded in 2020, Mesh is building the first global crypto payments network, connecting hundreds of exchanges, wallets and financial services platforms to enable seamless digital asset payments and conversions
  - Through a single integration, businesses can accept crypto from 300+ wallets and exchanges and settle in stablecoins or local currency
- Founded in 2025, Bluvo provides a white-label API for direct integration with centralized exchanges
  - Bluvo co-founders Luca Dalla Chiara and Florian Sabani have joined Mesh as Head of Exchange Partnerships and Senior Staff Software Engineer, respectively

Significance of Transaction

- The acquisition accelerates Mesh's vision of building a global payment network that connects users across any chain, wallet, exchange or currency
- Bluvo strengthens Mesh's exchange connectivity layer, which has connected 300+ exchanges and wallets through a single integration since 2020
- Bluvo's exchange connectivity technology and team further strengthen how users move funds directly from centralized exchanges across the Mesh network
- The transaction also adds a proven founding team focused on reliability at scale, supporting greater uptime and reduced complexity for developers and users across the network

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Mesh
  - FT Partners previously served as financial advisor to Mesh on its $75 million Series C financing in January 2026, its $82 million Series B financing in 2025, and its financing from QuantumLight in 2024
- The transaction underscores FT Partners' deep domain expertise across digital assets, crypto payments and market infrastructure, as well as our strong track record advising clients on strategic, value-creating acquisitions

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FT Partners Previously Served as Financial Advisor to Mesh on Multiple Financing Transactions Since 2024

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Paradigm consensys QUANTUMLIGHT yolo investments
for total amount of
$82,000,000
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2025

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on its financing led by
>I< DRAGONFLY
for a total amount of
$75,000,000
at a valuation of
$1,000,000,000
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2026

"FT Partners has been an important resource for us as we've continued to build Mesh into a trusted infrastructure layer for digital asset payments and connectivity. They've provided clear market context, strong analytical thinking and steady advice across a range of topics, and they've been consistently constructive, with good judgment and a clear point of view.

They're not only deeply knowledgeable in FinTech, Payments and Digital Assets, but also pragmatic – focused on what matters most and consistently helpful in pressure-testing our thinking. We've valued their guidance, and I would strongly recommend FT Partners to any founder or board looking for a trusted strategic advisor."



mesh

Bam Azizi

Co-founder & CEO

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Mesh Overview

Company Overview

mesh

Co-Founder & CEO:	Bam Azizi
Headquarters:	San Francisco, CA
Founded:	2020

- Mesh is building the first global crypto payments network, connecting hundreds of exchanges, wallets, and financial services platforms to enable seamless digital asset payments and conversions
- Mesh streamlines crypto payments by increasing payment conversion and unlocking embedded payments from all major exchanges and wallets with a single integration
- Through its proprietary SmartFunding™ technology, Mesh enables a true "any-to-any" advantage: consumers pay with any asset they hold, from Bitcoin to Solana, while merchants receive instant settlement in their preferred stablecoin or in local currency

Illustrative Customers

PayPal™ Revolut METAMASK

Kalshi kraken SHIFT4

Products and Platform Overview

Payments

Mesh lets customers securely pay from over 300 wallets and exchanges—while businesses receive stablecoins or local currency.

Deposits

Mesh lets users fund accounts using crypto they already hold from 300+ platforms. No manual transfers.

On and Off-Ramps

Seamless crypto-to-fiat and fiat-to-crypto flows, powered by trusted liquidity and local payment rails.

Stablecoin Settlement

The engine behind every Mesh flow, orchestrating the fastest, lowest-cost path for each transaction, globally and in real time.

Payouts

Send payouts worldwide - to customers, employees, or vendors - and settle them in seconds as crypto or local currency, without costly intermediaries.

Verification

Seamless and secure ownership verification of self-hosted wallets and exchange accounts.

Sources: Company website, Company press releases.

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Bluvo Overview

Company Overview

Bluvo

CEO:	Luca Dalla Chiara
Headquarters:	New York, NY
Founded:	2025

- Bluvo is a developer of exchange connectivity technology providing a white-label API that lets applications integrate directly with centralized exchanges
- Users can securely link exchange accounts via OAuth2 or QR code with multi-factor authentication and move funds from centralized exchanges to wallets and DeFi protocols without leaving the host app
- Founded by second-time founders Luca Dalla Chiara and Florian Sabani, Bluvo is backed by Alliance and Hadron and graduated from Alliance's ALL16 cohort in March 2026

>50k
Annual Transactions

>99.999%
Platform Uptime

>$60 mm
Annual Volume Processed

Products and Platform Overview

CEX Deposits and Withdrawals

One-click transfers from centralized exchange accounts to wallets and DeFi protocols, including balance retrieval, real-time withdrawal quotes, in-flow 2FA handling and status tracking via webhooks

Secure Exchange Connectivity

White-label OAuth2 and QR code account linking across major exchanges, including Coinbase, Binance, OKX and Bybit with TOTP, SMS, Passkey and YubiKey support and no API keys exposed client-side

Developer SDKs and Infrastructure

TypeScript and React SDKs with a customizable white-label withdrawal widget, backed by AES-256 encryption, tenant-isolated databases and 30+ regional endpoints

Selected Leadership



Luca Dalla Chiara
CEO
Co-Founder



Florian Sabani
Co-Founder

Sources: Company website, Company press releases.

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Transaction Commentary



Bam Azizi

CEO of Mesh

"The next era of finance is one where a user's money moves wherever it needs to go without them ever thinking about which chain, exchange, wallet, or currency it started in. Mesh has spent six years building the network that makes that possible, and we intend to be the standard the world moves on. When we saw what Flo and Luca had built on their own, it was obvious they saw the same future we do. We'd rather have them building it with us than in parallel."



Luca Dalla Chiara

Co-Founder of Bluvo

"Joining Mesh simply made sense. We'd spent years working the exchange side of this problem on our own and knew how much bigger the opportunity was than any one integration. Mesh already has the reach to solve it at scale, and joining forces means we get there together, faster."

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SoftBank TIGERGLOBAL
for a total amount of
$1,250,000,000
at a valuation of
~$33,000,000,000
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for total consideration of
$115,000,000
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$2,500,000,000+
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on its financing from
Fidelity
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a16zcrypto
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ADIA APOLLO Hanwha HSBC
RIBBIT SMASHCAPITAL SoFi
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PAVEBANK
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Accel
with participation from
tether. QUONA WINTERMUTE HELIOS
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Stablecoins Webinar
The Fabric of a New Global Payments Infrastructure



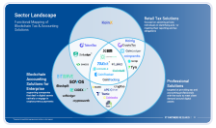




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Digital Assets Ecosystem







Unlocking Data in the Digital Assets Ecosystem



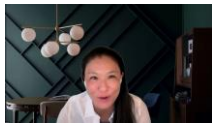




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FT Partners Served as Financial Advisor to Deribit on its ~$4.3 billion Sale to Coinbase

Overview of Transaction

- On May 8, 2025, Coinbase announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Deribit for a total consideration of $700 million in cash and 11 million shares of Coinbase Class A common stock
  - The transaction closed on August 14, 2025; based on Coinbase's share price at closing, the total consideration amounted to approximately $4.3 billion
- Founded in 2016, Deribit is the world's leading crypto options and futures exchange, providing institutional-grade infrastructure for derivatives trading across Bitcoin, Ethereum, and other major tokens
  - Deribit is a market leader amongst institutional players and market makers, having consistently held strong market share globally in Bitcoin options and being widely recognized for its deep liquidity, superior risk management tools, and robust margin engine
  - In 2024, Deribit processed more than $1.1 trillion in notional volume, with record open interest and increasing participation from hedge funds, asset managers, and proprietary trading firms
- Founded in 2012 and publicly listed on Nasdaq, Coinbase is the largest publicly traded Crypto platform in the world, serving more than 100 million users across 100+ countries
  - Coinbase has been investing heavily in institutional services, and the acquisition of Deribit enables a transformational leap into global crypto derivatives
  - Moreover, the Company engages actively with regulators to promote compliant and transparent crypto innovation

Significance of Transaction

- This strategic acquisition makes Coinbase the global leader in crypto derivatives by open interest and options volume, with Deribit's robust options platform complementing Coinbase's rapidly growing US futures and international perpetual futures businesses
- This transaction is the largest strategic M&A deal ever in the Digital Assets space, and comes shortly after several other large transactions in the space including Hidden Road's $1.25 billion sale to Ripple in April, on which FT Partners also served as financial advisor

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive financial and strategic advisor to Deribit
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' extensive expertise in the Digital Assets space and its successful track record advising innovative FinTech companies globally

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FT Partners Served as Financial Advisor to Siris Capital on Equiniti's $4.2 billion Sale to Bullish

Overview of Transaction

- On May 5, 2026, Bullish (NYSE:BLSH), the institutional-grade digital asset platform, today announced it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Equiniti, a leading global transfer agent and provider of mission-critical shareholder services, valued at $4.2 billion
- Consideration to be paid in newly issued Bullish ordinary shares (priced off Bullish's 30-day undisturbed VWAP immediately prior to announcement); Equiniti shareholders will receive board representation rights based on post-closing ownership levels, with shares subject to customary lock-up and orderly disposition provisions
- The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2027, subject to regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions

Significance of Transaction

- The acquisition brings together Bullish's blockchain-native offering: token design, issuance, operation and compliance; distribution through regulated markets globally; liquidity provisioning; and visibility through CoinDesk's media, data, and research
- Equiniti brings what every listed company in most major markets is required to have: a regulated transfer agent; as the system of record for nearly 3,000 of the world's leading public companies, Equiniti processes approximately $500 billion in annual payments and supports over 20 million verified shareholders
- The combination creates the global transfer agent for tokenized securities and aims to position Bullish to lead the shift toward blockchain-native capital markets infrastructure

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as strategic and financial advisor to Siris Capital
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' deep domain expertise across market infrastructure and digital assets, as well as its successful track record generating highly favorable outcomes for leading companies around the world
  - FT Partners served as financial advisor on three of the five largest strategic M&A transactions in the Digital Assets space



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FT Partners Served as Financial Advisor to Hidden Road on its $1.25 Billion Sale to Ripple

Overview of Transaction

- On April 8, 2025, Ripple Labs Inc. announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Hidden Road for a total consideration of $1.25 billion
- Hidden Road is a global credit network for institutions which provides technology-driven prime brokerage, clearing and financing enabling seamless access to traditional and digital markets
  - Hidden Road's technology forward approach and real-time risk management drives a lower cost of capital and increased capital efficiency, improving the overall client experience
  - Hidden Road is differentiated through its breadth of services across asset classes including FX, Digital Assets, Cleared Derivatives, OTC Derivatives & Synthetics, and Fixed Income Repo
- Founded in 2012, Ripple specializes in blockchain-based payment solutions, with its main product, RippleNet, connecting banks and payment providers for fast and low-cost cross-border transactions using its digital currency, XRP
  - Ripple differentiates itself from other blockchain-based systems by working closely with financial institutions, regulatory bodies, and other stakeholders to ensure compliance with existing financial regulations
  - Furthermore, the Company actively contributes to the development of the broader digital currency ecosystem

Significance of Transaction

- This transaction is a logical next step in Ripple's strategic focus on strengthening Ripple's financial services ecosystem, and its ability to offer more sophisticated and comprehensive tools for institutional clients
- The transaction also marks a milestone in Hidden Road's mission to bring its technology and quant-driven capabilities to a broader client base and to continue to address new market opportunities
- "With new resources, licenses, and added risk capital, this deal will unlock significant growth in Hidden Road's business, allowing us to increase capacity to our customer base, expand into new products, and service more markets and asset classes" – ***Marc Asch, Hidden Road CEO***

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as financial and strategic advisor to Hidden Road
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' deep expertise in the digital assets industry, as well as its extensive track record advising innovative FinTech companies globally

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FT Partners Served as Financial Advisor to OpenZeppelin on its Sale to S&P Global

Overview of Transaction

- S&P Global (NYSE: SPGI) has entered an agreement to acquire OpenZeppelin, the security standard for onchain finance
- Since 2015, OpenZeppelin has set the security standards and secured the infrastructure onchain finance is built on: $37 trillion in value transferred through OpenZeppelin Contracts, more than 900 security engagements, and 10,000+ vulnerabilities surfaced before production
- S&P Global (NYSE: SPGI) enables businesses, governments, and individuals with trusted data, expertise and technology to make decisions with conviction. S&P is advancing Essential Intelligence through world-leading benchmarks, data, and insights that customers need in order to plan confidently, act decisively and thrive in a rapidly changing global landscape

Significance of Transaction

- The agreement brings together the security foundation of onchain finance and one of the most trusted names in global capital markets, just as onchain finance grows from an emerging market into core financial infrastructure
- The transaction marks a further step in S&P Global's expansion into digital assets by furthering S&P Global's digital assets risk assessment and ecosystem development capabilities
- S&P Global's trusted brand, deep institutional relationships and global distribution provide OpenZeppelin with a powerful platform from which to distribute its gold standard blockchain security offering and accelerate its reach into traditional finance

FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as the exclusive financial and strategic advisor to OpenZeppelin in this transaction
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' deep domain expertise across digital assets and onchain finance

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FT Partners Served as Financial Advisor to Digital Asset on its $355 million Financing

Overview of Transaction

- On June 11, 2026, Digital Asset ("DA"), the creator of the Canton Network, announced it has raised a $355 million Series F financing led by Andreessen Horowitz's crypto fund ("a16z crypto")
- The funding will support Digital Asset's next phase of growth as more institutions bring assets, applications and regulated workflows onto Canton
  - Digital Asset has designed the Canton Network to address one of the central barriers to blockchain adoption in financial markets: enabling institutions to use shared infrastructure while preserving the privacy, compliance, control and interoperability required in regulated finance
  - The invested capital will be used to expand offerings across the Canton ecosystem, deepen engagement with developers and financial institutions and support continued network growth
- The transaction is expected to close in July 2026, subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals

Significance of Transaction

- The Series F cements Digital Asset as critical infrastructure for institutional tokenization, providing the Company with the resources to support accelerating institutional adoption and expand use cases where shared, privacy-enabled infrastructure can reduce friction and improve capital efficiency – including tokenization, collateral mobility, settlement, payments and other regulated financial workflows
- a16z crypto brings strategic value to Digital Asset and the Canton Network via its extensive institutional network, deep crypto-native expertise and proven track record of scaling transformative technology companies

FT Partners' Role

- Financial Technology Partners (FT Partners) served as the exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Digital Asset
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' deep domain expertise across digital assets, as well as its successful track record generating highly favorable outcomes for leading companies around the world



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FT Partners Served as Financial Advisor to Gauntlet on its $125 million Financing

Overview of Transaction

- On July 9, 2026, Gauntlet, a leading company in capital and risk management for onchain markets, announced it has raised $125 million in a Series C round led by SBI Holdings
- Gauntlet is the leading model provider and premier vault curator in DeFi, leveraging proprietary crypto-economic research and analysis to build risk-optimized strategies across tokens, protocols and chains
- Founded in 1999, SBI Holdings is one of Japan's largest financial conglomerates spanning banking, securities, insurance and asset management and has emerged as a leader in digital assets and DeFi adoption within the country

Significance of Transaction

- This investment reflects SBI's long-term vision of seamlessly integrating traditional financial services with next-generation digital infrastructure
- Gauntlet's advanced risk management technology will be integrated into SBI's network and contribute to the development of the global onchain ecosystem
- "With the backing of SBI… we now have the ideal environment to apply the fruits of the research and development we have cultivated over many years to the onchain transition of institutional investors worldwide" – *Tarun Chitra, Gauntlet Co-Founder & CEO*

FT Partners' Role

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FT Partners' Client Testimonials

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"The team at FT Partners **played an integral role in advising us on significant rounds of financing which have positioned us for our next phase of growth and innovation.** Their expert guidance and technical support during the process was invaluable."

Guy Goldstein, Co-Founder & CEO



Truebill

"From the time we began having external conversations right up to the moment we signed a definitive deal, FT Partners were invaluable partners. They brought **not only strategic advice but also worked tirelessly helping execute all the way to closing**. I can't imagine trying to navigate this process without them."

Haroon Mokhtarzada, Co-Founder & CEO



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"Wherever a board or a management team has steered away from hiring FT Partners it always seems to end up in tears. Here's to you and everything you do."

Nigel Morris, Managing Partner



brigit

"FT Partners was a great teammate throughout this transaction. **Their deep industry knowledge, strategic insight, and attention to detail were pivotal in navigating the complexities of the process and achieving a successful outcome.** FT Partners felt like an extension to our internal finance team and their dedication to understanding our vision and delivering tailored solutions was invaluable. I would highly recommend them to any founder / CEO."

Zuben Mathews, Co-Founder & CEO



IDverse

"FT Partners were simply immense. **Their reputation as the leading investment bank in the FinTech space understates the leadership and direction provided by Steve McLaughlin, and doesn't do justice to the magnificent, unwavering effort, skill, expertise & support provided by the FT team.** Their tireless guidance and resilience was core to us achieving a successful outcome in this complex deal process. On top of that, their camaraderie and patience provided a steadying influence throughout."

John Myers, Co-Founder & CEO



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Srinivas Njay, Founder & CEO



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