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## Safe and efficient digital asset custody boosts competitiveness

GFT and Metaco partner for highly customisable, secure and efficient institutional digital asset custody and tokenisation solutions

**Stuttgart, 6 June, 2023** – Assets of all kinds are becoming fully or partially digital, with approximately [five to ten percent of all assets expected to be represented on distributed ledgers by 2030](#) – be it non-fungible tokens (NFTs), digital currencies, digital securities or tokenised supply chain items. Companies now have access to a **cost-effective and seamless path** towards highly customisable, enterprise-secure, and efficient **digital asset custody and tokenisation solutions**.

The reason: In a new partnership, **Metaco** and **GFT** are joining forces to **combine Metaco's** highly secure, configurable and versatile **core platform for institutional digital asset management, Harmonize™** with **GFT's** award-winning smart contract, **DLT network development and integration services**. Together the two companies provide **integrated digital asset solutions** that are suitable **for all kinds of companies** operating across regulated and non-regulated industries, including financial services institutions, retailers, and manufacturing companies. They can **now embed digital assets into their operations**, such as corporate treasuries. Not only that: they can **design customised offerings** in the digital asset space while still **retaining full control** over assets and processes.

“No business, no matter in what industry, will be successful in the long run if it doesn't leverage the potential of distributed ledger technology,” says David Creer, Global DLT, Crypto and E-money Lead at GFT. “But there still are challenges – among them making sure that custody solutions are a perfect fit for any given use case, that wallet management and associated systems are safe, and keeping costs down. We aim to change that.”

### Safe, cost-effective and fully customisable

The integrated solutions from GFT and Metaco are extremely **cost-effective** because Metaco Harmonize™ is a highly specialised and modular platform which can be configured to offer **tailored digital asset custody and tokenization services**, fit for each institution's target operating model. Its asset-agnostic nature ensures that many **different digital asset classes are supported in an extremely secure way**, thanks to Metaco's multi-layered security architecture model, underpinned by a highly parameterizable governance framework which eliminates single points of compromise. GFT's many years of experience working on DLT and crypto projects, meanwhile, make sure **implementation is smooth and swift**.

Companies gain:

- The **safest crypto custody deployment** in the market
- Expert **24/7 support** based on enterprise grade SLAs
- Increased **customer satisfaction**

- **Faster systems integration** of crypto custody software
- **Technical and functional analysis of DLT projects** that can be implemented end-to-end in the way that fits the business
- **Security by design** approach to digital asset deployments

“This partnership makes it easy for companies to unlock the benefits of the token economy and build business models on top of robust and secure digital asset custody and smart contract management services,” commented Seamus Donoghue, Chief Growth Officer at Metaco.

The joint offering from Metaco and GFT is designed to **help companies get started** on their digital asset journey, enhance their offering and boost their competitiveness. The offering is designed for any type of company in any stage of development; from crypto focused startups, to existing digital asset custodians or incumbent banks and corporates.

GFT and Metaco have already successfully cooperated for several clients including Togg, VP Bank and other regulated financial service institutions.

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#### About Metaco

Founded in 2015 in Switzerland, Metaco is an enterprise technology company whose mission is to enable financial and non-financial institutions to securely build their digital asset operations. The company's core product, Harmonize™, is a mission-critical orchestration platform for digital assets. From asset-agnostic custody and trading to tokenization, staking and smart contract management, the platform seamlessly connects institutions to the broad universe of decentralized finance (DeFi) and decentralized applications (Web3 Dapps). Metaco has established itself as the institutional standard for digital asset infrastructure, trusted by the world's largest global custodians, banks, regulated exchanges, and corporates. Its software and technology solutions enable institutions to store, trade, issue and manage any type of digital asset — such as crypto and digital currencies, digital securities, and non-fungible tokens (NFTs) – with the highest possible security and agility.

Metaco is part of Ripple, the leader in enterprise blockchain and crypto solutions.

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## About GFT – Shaping the future of digital business

GFT is a digital transformation pioneer that develops sustainable solutions based on new technologies including artificial intelligence and blockchain/DLT. Services range from core system modernisation and migration to open cloud platforms, as well as the introduction of carbon conscious coding.

GFT's strengths include deep technical expertise, strong partnerships and comprehensive market insights. The company uses them to design digital transformation for clients from the finance and insurance sectors as well as the manufacturing industry. Through the intelligent use of technology it adds value and increases productivity for clients. GFT experts create and implement scalable software applications that make access to innovative business models safe and easy.

With locations in more than 15 markets around the globe, GFT ensures proximity to its clients. The company draws on over 35 years of experience and a team of over 10,000 determined experts. GFT provides them with career opportunities in the most innovative areas of software engineering. The GFT Technologies SE share is listed in the SDAX index of the German Stock Exchange (ticker: GFT-XE).

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