

Definitions and Caveats:

Overall Rating. A comprehensive, balanced overview of all factors, based on a complex algorithm — not an average of the component grades. When making choices, investors should focus primarily on this overall rating. Caveat: Although based exclusively on a disciplined, objective review of hard data, in the final analysis, each rating represents our opinion — not a guarantee of future outcomes.

Investment Risk/Reward

This section is based mostly on price action, reflecting the behavior of investors and speculators in the marketplace.

Risk. Shows the downside potential investors should be aware of, reflecting price volatility and magnitude of recent declines. At top of scale, “Excellent” = relatively minor risk. At bottom of scale, “Very Weak” = major risk.

Reward. Indicates profit potential based mostly on price momentum and recent returns to investors. Our studies indicate it’s a strong tool for short-term trading, especially in trending markets. Caveat: In a choppy, sideways environment, if investors rush to buy a particular crypto, this indicator may rise disproportionately. So be sure to focus on the overall Weiss Rating which counterbalances for any unusual situations.

Investment Risk/Reward Grade. Provides a snapshot of the risk and reward combined. A strong tool for short-term trading, especially in trending markets.

Technology/Adoption

This section has very little to do with investors or speculators and everything to do with achievements by the team behind each cryptocurrency.

Technology. Reflects the capabilities of the computer code. Factors include level of anonymity, sophistication of monetary policy, governance capabilities, ability or flexibility to improve code, energy efficiency, scaling solutions, interoperability with other blockchains, and more.

Adoption (formerly called “fundamentals”). Measures actual performance in the world. Factors include transaction speed and scalability, market penetration, network security, decentralization of block production, network capacity, developer participation, public acceptance, and more.

Technology/Adoption Grade. Combines technology and adoption into a single letter grade. A strong tool for long-term investing.

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