Hello and welcome!

We appreciate your interest in the **HICKORY Blockchain Ecosystem**.

The Crypto-Blockchain and Exchange Market is quite dynamic, interesting, exciting and can be very lucrative.

Unfortunately the downside can be extremely frustrating too:
Crashing assets, exchanges run by fraudulent owners, enemy takeovers - all can come down within seconds!

Our Challenge:

When we tried to base our Web 3.0 Software- and Hardware-Projects on existing blockchain platforms, we had to realize, that it is very hard to find a consistently stable and reliable Chain Ecosystem, that we could trust to develop on.

We looked at the market and found, that a lot of chains and exchanges:
- were built for the purpose of making a quick profit and then run away with the money.
- base their financial profits on high fees and rip off pricing.
- base their coin ecosystems on market hypes and then dumping.

All of those aspects were not suitable for our Hard- and Software-Development.

For our Web 3.0-Applications:
- we need a technically reliable, trustworthy and secure backend.
- we need a blockchain which is not built for the purpose of making quick profit and then gets dropped and deserted.
- we need a reasonable fee structure (without rip off pricing).
- we don't need artificial hypes which are followed by mass-dumping.

As our core team consists of people with extensive IT-Hardware, -Software and Networking experience and also routine in investing and dealing with cryptos, chains, exchanges, wallets etc. we wanted to join together the best of both worlds:
- the long-term reliability that you are used to, when it comes to network- and server-investments and
- the possibilities and new chances that secure open-source blockchain environments can offer.
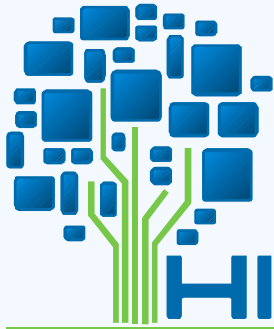
After thorough market research and after noticing more and more instabilities with other chains and exchanges, we looked into the possibility of developing our own blockchain ecosystem.

To raise the level of efficiency we also considered the possibility of using open-source blockchain-platforms, that we could tailor to our needs and still make no compromise in stability and trustworthiness.

Our Solution:

After weighing the pro's and con's we decided to use Cosmos™ SDK and Ignite/Tendermint as the foundation of our own Blockchain Development.

With the help of their products we can now offer the **HICKORY Blockchain** as a **trustworthy**, **secure** and **reliable** platform for our and your development of Web 3.0 Applications for Hard- and Software-Solutions.

As core features from the beginning, the HICKORY Blockchain will include **Decentralized Coin Exchange (DEX)**, **Cross border payments**, **NFT** and **Minting Services**.

Within the years 2023 and 2024 we will add functionality for **Decentralized Finance Tools (DeFi)**, applying **Smart Contracts (Evmos, CosmWasm and Oracle)**, **Digital Signature** and **Identity Services**.

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Those services can be used by our own Hard- and Software-Applications as well as by the normal worldwide users, companies, partners and associates.

Our main goals for development, beyond stability and reliability, have always been a high level of usability and to position our services as the trustworthy alternative to competing products.

Another advantage of our HICKORY Blockchain is, that by connecting our **DEX** and **DeFi** services to the Cosmos™ network and also to other blockchains via IBC we can contribute to **stabilize the Crypto Exchange Market** and make it more robust and less prone for fraudulent rip offs.
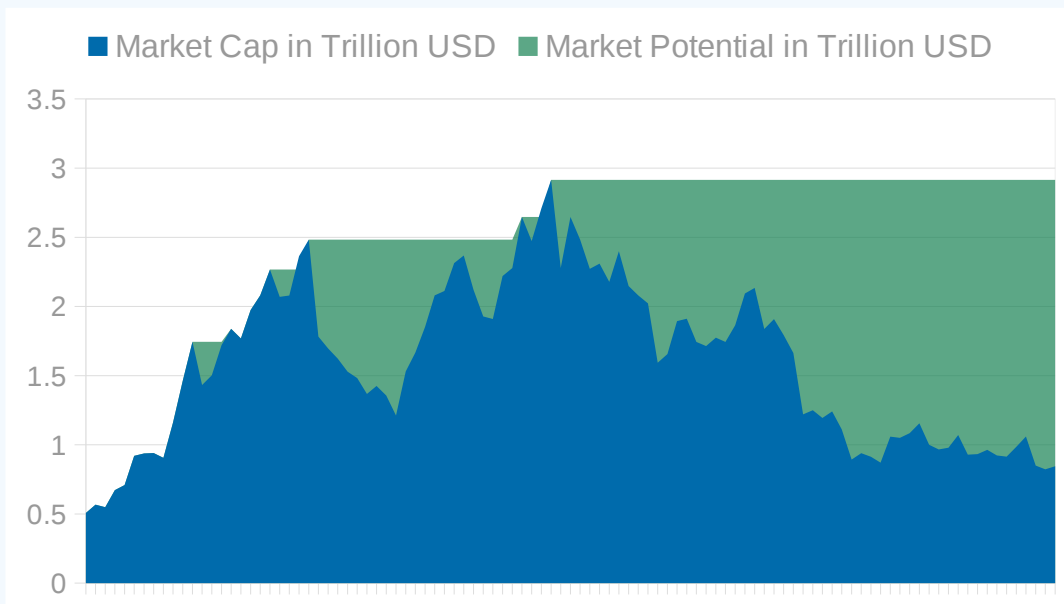
In other words: *by taking part in the DEcentralized Crypto community we can additionally **increase the stability** for those **DEcentralized solutions*** - you can see us as another strong pillar supporting DEcentralized Finance and Web 3.0 - a measure quite necessary when you consider the recent negative developments in the Centralized Exchange Market (CEX).

Further on we plan to enter **strategic partnerships** with other players in the DEcentralized Crypto Community for the increase of multi-lateral stability and defense rigidity against general hacking or malicious market dumping strategies.

We fully support the idea of multiple decentralized entities instead of one monopolistic market leader that might be run with fraudulent background.

Quick Market Figures:

Since the highest peak in November 2021 there is a total market potential of approx. 3 Trillion USD in the Crypto-Coin-Market, which means the unused market cap potential as of 28. November 2022 is about 2 Trillion USD.
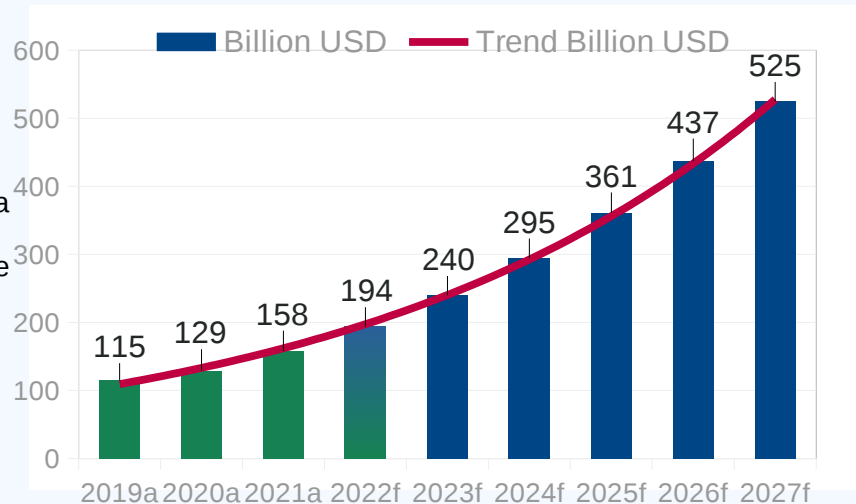

Source: coinmarketcap.com – crypto market capitalization from 28.11.2020 until the 28.11.2022.

As our hard- and software-development will include IoT-products we also want to take a short look at the worldwide IoT market development potential:

IoT Analytics Research 2022 saw a 22% global market growth in 2021 and predicts a further 22% average growth of the annual IoT-market until 2027.

Read the full article here: https://iot-analytics.com/iot-market-size/

Our Core Team:

Andras Kerepeczki, Austria:
Specialist for Crypto Investment, Hardware Developer, Creative- and Marketing-Mastermind, Blockchain Developer, Front- and Backend, HTML, CSS, GO, Ignite, Solidity. *Apple Fan* ;D

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Specialist for Server, Network, Security, Hard- and Software-Support, Web-Development, Graphic-Design, Blockchain Developer, Front- and Backend, HTML, PHP, MySQL, JS, C++, GO, Ignite, Browser PlugIns. *Linux Fan* ;D

From October 2023 on we will be expanding our team with more Blockchain Developers and Marketing Specialists.

Details about our Coin:

For crowdfunding and fueling the HICKORY Blockchain Ecosystem we will be introducing the HIC-coin to the market in Q3-Q4 2023.

Details about our Coin:
Specification:	Hickory Coin
Max. circulating supply:	100,000,000
Coin Symbol:	HIC

The HIC-coin will be available for **PreSale** and **Early Investors** are invited to take part in the **Validator-PreSale!** Contact us to be notified for our upcoming PreSale dates: https://www.hickoryblockchain.com/contact.html.

Links:
The official **HICKORY Website**: www.hickoryblockchain.com
PreSale links will also be offered to **Early Investors** after contacting us under:
https://www.hickoryblockchain.com/contact.html

Software details:

The Hickory Blockchain is based on the Cosmos™ SDK, which is an open-source Blockchain SDK that is based on the Tendermint (now Ignite) BFT Consensus Engine and runs with Proof-of-Stake technology. For further information visit: https://docs.cosmos.network/main

Ignite now also offers tools to manage and quickly adapt the Blockchain structure for future needs. For further information visit: https://docs.ignite.com/

Another important feature is the integrated connectivity to other Blockchains, which can be implemented by using the IBC protocol. For further information visit: https://tutorials.cosmos.network/academy/3-ibc/1-what-is-ibc.html

The Hickory Blockchain will be running on our private test-network from September 2023 and the production chain will be started and available for public use in Q3-Q4 2023.

The first available services will be Decentralized Exchange, Cross-Border Payments, NFT, Minting and Staking.

For further public release in 2023 and 2024 we are preparing the following features: Decentralized Finance and Smart Contracts (Evmos, CosmWasm and Oracle).

Meanwhile we will also prepare the finalization of our initial hardware product that will make use of the then released HICKORY Blockchain.