DROGON WHITEPAPER 1.0

The digital currency of the decentralized economy

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Abstract

In the era of burgeoning blockchain technology, the concept of decentralized economies becomes increasingly pivotal. This whitepaper introduces Drogon, a novel digital currency designed to power such an economy. Set against the backdrop of global socio-economic upheaval, Drogon emerges as a protagonist in a narrative where technological innovation meets narrative foresight. This paper details the creation and implementation of Drogon, focusing on user-centric tokenomics and systematic token burns that are designed not only to stabilize the growth of the currency but to engage and expand the user base at a speed never seen before in the blockchain ecosystem.

The central figure, El Loco, a visionary disrupted by governmental and traditional finance overreach, leverages blockchain's inherent properties—decentralization and transparency—to prevent the injustices he suffered. Drogon is not merely a currency but a movement towards an ultra-democratic economy, manifested through El Loco's resolve to embed integrity and equity into the fabric of financial transactions.

Through a blend of narrative drive and technical rigor, this paper lays out the theoretical underpinnings, design mechanisms, and potential impact of Drogon. It serves as a prelude to a broader discussion on how decentralized technologies can redefine global economic paradigms, ensuring fair play and financial democracy in an interconnected world. The Drogon project, encapsulated within this document, is both a blueprint and a call to action for innovators and dreamers seeking to sculpt the future of economic interaction on a global scale.

Prologue

Once upon a time, El Loco, the son of an immigrant, navigated the challenges of life with determination and ambition. His journey led him to found a tech startup with 2k$, that soared to become a market leader, valued at $100 million. However, his government, through a state owned financial institution - a whale in his company, colluded with scam venture capitalists to perform an old-economy equivalent of a 51% attack. Then in blockchain words, they seized control of the minting authority and governance of the company. They stripped El Loco of his governance rights, to engage in illegal activities, and began minting new tokens to dilute his stake, all while freezing transfers from his wallet through shady maneuver to prevent him from selling unless he agreed to confidentiality.

El Loco reflected : "If the government of a democratic country can scam its honest entrepreneurs, then there is a fundamental flaw in the system.". This realization sparked a deep reflection on the broader economic system, which he found to be disturbingly undemocratic. Driven to share his insights, and his vision for a new model, he began writing a book titled : The Democratic Economy. However, as El Loco delved deeper into his writing, he realized that the confidentiality agreement the state owned financial institution was trying to impose, was not just an attempt to silence his expose of their scam and infringe upon his freedom of speech, but also to hide the undemocratic practices they routinely employed. Resolute in his principles, he declared, "They can strip me of everything, but they can't strip me of my integrity." Despite enduring immense personal and financial loss—ten years of work and his entire fortune—El Loco refused to be silenced. His integrity came at a high price; he was scammed out of 8 digits by his government and he had to reject a 7 digits offer for his silence and his highly diluted shares. Despite the weight of his decision, he remained steadfast in preserving his integrity and fighting for a fairer system.

Following his ordeal, El Loco had a pivotal realization: blockchain technology offered a unique safeguard against the type of centralized control that had devastated him. He understood that on the blockchain, no single authority could unilaterally seize or manipulate his assets. This decentralized nature of blockchain presented an opportunity for him to rebuild his life and fortune without the fear of interference.

Motivated by this insight, El Loco saw blockchain as the ideal platform to start anew, where his investments and efforts could be protected and potentially thrive free from the whims of powerful, corrupt entities. Moreover, the inherent transparency of blockchain technology meant that institutional actions would be visible and traceable by design. Institutions could no longer engage in illegal and unethical behaviors and subsequently protect their reputations by coercing victims into confidentiality agreements—everything on the blockchain was open and accountable, making it much harder for such entities to obscure their actions. This level of transparency ensured a fairer and more equitable playing field for all participants.

El Loco, once a multimillionaire and a prominent entrepreneur, had his fortune wiped out by corrupt entities determined to sabotage his success. These entities not only stripped him of his wealth but also placed barriers to prevent him from rebuilding his financial standing or starting new ventures. This blockade was part of a sustained effort to destroy his reputation and keep him marginalized from the business world.

Faced with these severe constraints, El Loco turned to investing his remaining funds in Solana Memecoins. Despite the volatility associated with Memecoins, El Loco viewed them as a necessary risk, a last-ditch effort to quickly generate returns in a situation where traditional business avenues had been unjustly closed off to him. His move into cryptocurrency represented not just a financial strategy but also a form of resistance against the entities that sought to control and limit his economic independence and freedom of speech.

His decision to invest in these high-risk assets was met with deep concern by his wife, but El Loco believed that what others dismissed as "shitcoins" had stronger economic fundamentals than traditional money. He envisioned a future where Bitcoin would become the primary store of value, and one of these memecoins would emerge as the main means of exchange.

However, as it often turned out, his wife was right. Despite El Loco's vision being crystal clear and conceptually sound, the reality of the cryptocurrency market proved harsh. El Loco lost nearly all the money he had left due to scammers and jeets.

El Loco got very hungry « We work with a trustless technology, why do I still get fooled by people ? ».

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1. Introduction

Blockchain technology has inaugurated an era of unparalleled decentralization, setting the stage for the world to adopt an ultra-democratic global economic system. As we encounter a period marked by global conflict—a historical catalyst for shifts in world order—our era distinguishes itself through a military Nash equilibrium among superpowers, maintained by nuclear deterrence, that should ultimately lead to a de-escalation of the conflicts. After these challenging times, new forms of global collaboration will emerge. Initially, we may see a temporary shift towards bi-polar or tri-polar world configurations, which will very quickly reveal their limitations due to the existing extensive global interconnections and interdependencies. This realization will reinforce the need for a new model of global collaboration, paving the way for more integrated and cooperative international relations.

Looking ahead over the next 50 years, the adoption of blockchain technology is expected to bring about significant transformations, establishing a new, universal economic system on a global scale. Drogon is positioned to be a leader in this revolution, aimed at becoming the cornerstone currency of the decentralized economy. This white paper represents the beginning of our endeavor: to attract a substantial user base and foster high levels of engagement within the Drogon ecosystem. This initial effort is crucial as it lays the groundwork for the future implementation of an innovative economic structure, heralding a new age of worldwide economic interconnectedness and cooperative efforts.

The story of Drogon begins with its creator, El Loco, a visionary entrepreneur whose personal adversities and societal challenges inspire the creation of this novel digital currency. Stripped of his assets and marginalized by a collusion of state and corporate powers, El Loco's journey illuminates the vulnerabilities within traditional financial systems. His experiences represent just a small grain of sand amid a global economic context that highlights the urgent need for a resilient and transparent financial infrastructure. This situation has motivated him to harness blockchain technology to create a system where no individual or entity holds unchecked economic power.

Drogon is meticulously engineered to flourish within the evolving economic landscape, incorporating advanced, deflationary tokenomics and an automated burn calendar. This strategic design is aimed at two core objectives: firstly, to significantly boost user acquisition by enhancing token scarcity and, as an indirect result, to amplify its market value through increased usage. The narrative of El Loco, central to Drogon's philosophy, weaves together visionary ideals with practical applications of the currency. This introduction not only highlights the motivations behind Drogon but also sets the stage for detailed discussions on its capacity to transform economic interactions on a global scale. The initial step focuses on attracting a robust user base, followed by expanding their engagement and usage, thereby establishing a precedent for how decentralized technologies can drive growth and value in tandem.

This whitepaper not only details the technical mechanisms underpinning Drogon but also contextualizes its development within broader economic and technological trends. It positions Drogon as both a product and a proponent of a movement towards decentralized, democratic financial systems that promise greater equity and transparency.

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2. Background and Related work

a. Evolution of blockchain technology

Blockchain technology, initially conceived as the underlying framework for digital currencies such as Bitcoin, has rapidly evolved beyond its original purpose. Today, it stands as a cornerstone for modern technological innovations, extending its reach into industries ranging from finance to supply chain management to digital identity verification. The decentralized nature of blockchain provides a robust platform for developing solutions that require high levels of trust and transparency. Key advancements in this field contributes to a broader understanding of how decentralized technologies can reshape societal structures.

b. Historical precedents and lessons

Historically, centralized financial systems have often manifested inefficiencies and injustices, highlighted by the 2008 global financial crisis and periods of severe inflation and monetary expansion. These incidents have underscored the fundamental weaknesses in centralized financial systems and paved the way for blockchain as a transparent and equitable alternative. By offering a decentralized framework, blockchain presents a robust solution to combat the manipulation and opacity seen in traditional systems.

c. Current economic climate : hyperinflation

Currently, the global economy is grappling with severe inflation, triggered by the post-1971 detachment from the gold standard and exacerbated by responses to the 2008 financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. The extensive money printing by central banks has led to a significant increase in the monetary base. Traditional inflation metrics often miss the broader impact of this inflation, especially in asset prices. These economic conditions have catalyzed public awareness and criticism of the systemic flaws in traditional economic frameworks, thereby promoting interest in alternative models with coins like Drogon which offer deflationary mechanisms and fixed supplies, presenting a viable alternative to inflation-prone fiat systems.

d. The future black swan event of Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC)

The rise of Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) could potentially disrupt the current economic paradigm. As governments explore CBDCs in response to the proliferation of decentralized cryptocurrencies, these state-controlled digital currencies bring to light the lack of decentralization and algorithmic supply controls, starkly contrasting with blockchain-based alternatives. The introduction of CBDCs may expose the deficiencies of traditional fiat currencies, increasing the appeal of decentralized options like cryptocurrencies, which promise transparency and resistance to policy-induced fluctuations.

e. The rise of memecoins

The popularity of memecoins, recently driven by cultural and community events, such as political elections, reflects a trend towards embedding cryptocurrencies with specific cultural or community identities. Although this enhances community engagement, it also poses the risk of polarization. For memecoins to evolve from speculative assets to widely accepted mediums of exchange, they must maintain neutrality regarding divisive issues such as politics and religion to foster an inclusive and universally beneficial economic framework.

f. The black swan event of blockout2024

The "Blockout2024" TikTok movement, sparked by the modern echo of Marie Antoinette's "Let them eat cake," represents a significant shift towards a decentralized form of democracy. This movement is seing users collectively unfollowing celebrities to prompt immediate action on critical issues, illustrating a potent, leaderless form of activism.

This modern resurgence of revolutionary spirit underscores a growing public desire for direct and instant influence over governance, challenging the traditional, slower processes of democracy that often rely on central figures. Moreover, attempts to control the political influence of platforms like TikTok through bans could inadvertently propel younger generations toward seeking alternative platforms that resist censorship, thus reinforcing the role of blockchain technology in providing a censorship-resistant infrastructure. This means more users and more usages…

g. Decentralized democracy

In the envisioned future of democratic systems, blockchain technology emerges as an enabler of the ‘perfect democracy.' This model could allow, exactly as in the tiktok movement, individuals to vote directly on global issues, with the flexibility to delegate their voting rights to trusted figures at their discretion—and crucially, to revoke these delegations instantly when desired. The transparency, immutability, and security inherent in blockchain ensure that every vote and delegation is recorded indelibly and accurately, streamlining and deepening democratic engagement.

3. Problem statement and systemic change

a. A catalyst for systemic change

El Loco endured a restless night, compounded by personal and intellectual turmoil. His mind churned ceaselessly, grappling with why he continually fell prey to scams. Throughout the night, he pondered the nature of deceit, concluding that people will scam each other to improve their own positions unless bound by some incentive—moral, legal, religious, reputational, or financial—to act otherwise. This insight underscored the potential of blockchain technology as more than just a financial tool, but also as a mechanism for societal change by structuring incentives that promote fairness and discourage deceit.

As he reflected on his own experiences with institutional scams and the rampant short-termist behavior he witnessed in the blockchain space, he realized the depth of the challenge. His thoughts were still unorganized when the morning arrived. A firm resolution crystallized in his mind: he had spent a decade building and implementing a vision that ultimately benefited the very 'whales' of this world who ended up scamming him. Now, he resolved to dedicate the rest of his life to creating a fairer economic, political, and social system.

b. Understanding market dynamics and failures

Back in his lab, El Loco immersed himself in the task of designing the perfect meme coin. He embarked on a meticulous analysis of 50,000 coin launches, both successful and unsuccessful, aiming to decode the patterns behind their outcomes. His focus narrowed on those that had skyrocketed in value, commonly referred to as going "to the moon."

Through his research, El Loco discovered a recurring pattern among the most successful tokens. They typically began with substantial initial investments in marketing or with a robust community. This early momentum often propelled the coin to achieve a "too big to fail" market capitalization, where it maintained stability for a variable and often extended period. The real surge in value, however, came from black swan events—unexpected occurrences that changed the token's trajectory, catapulting it to sustained new heights - a tweet from Elon, the accidental burn of tokens by a founder, the burn of tokens by Vitalik cleaning his wallet.

From his analysis, El Loco realized that the success of these tokens was largely due to two key factors: an initial strong launch fueled by aggressive marketing and community building, followed by a pivotal, unexpected event that strongly altered their market standing. However, El Loco, who favored predictability and was disheartened by the randomness and susceptibility to market manipulation, disliked relying on marketing or luck. He believed that genuine value should not need aggressive advertising but should instead thrive on organic growth. El Loco understood that to establish a critical mass as the foundation of a new economy, community members had to find the incentive to join him. They wouldn't engage solely for the allure of El Loco's vision for a democratic economy outlined in an unpublished book.

c. Foundations and insights

Excited to leverage his extensive knowledge in tech, economics, sociology, psychology, mathematics, and startup scaling, El Loco was committed to developing a more predictable system. He aimed to use his skills to cultivate the growth of a leading meme coin in a manner that aligned with his principles, focusing on intrinsic value and sustainable development rather than speculative hype. Recognizing that external events would inevitably impact the trajectory of his meme coin, El Loco sought to build a system that could limit their influence, striving to create a resilient platform that could withstand market volatility and maintain steady growth. El Loco was committed to find a way to change the prevailing short-term mindset prevalent among cryptocurrency users to a more long-term, user-focused perspective. His vision aimed to develop a coin specifically crafted to draw in new users and encourage long-term holding, often referred to as "Diamond Hands."

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4. Proposed solution

a. The slingshot effect

After a restful night in his sofa, filled with dreams of space travel, El Loco woke with a revelation about the dynamics of memecoins in the cryptocurrency market. He visualized the trajectory of these digital assets like spacecraft aiming for the moon, noting how without sufficient initial impulse, they struggle to escape the gravitational pull of the market, eventually losing momentum and crashing back down. Conversely, those that do manage to break free of earth gravity still face challenges: they tend to lose speed over time until a rare black swan event catapults them forward, but even then, they eventually slow down again, waiting for another such event that may never come.

El Loco was determined to not just reach the moon with his cryptocurrency but to propel it beyond Mars. He recognized the importance of utilizing the slingshot effect, a maneuver in space travel where a spacecraft gains additional velocity by leveraging the gravitational pull of a nearby planet.

El Loco drew a clear parallel between this concept and his strategy for the memecoin. To achieve success, he planned to engineer a series of strategic boosts, or impulsions, at key stages of the coin’s development. These impulsions would be built into the very design of the coin, ensuring they were not reliant on external, unpredictable events. Instead, each boost would function akin to a gravitational slingshot, significantly propelling the coin forward in the market and ensuring its long-term trajectory towards ambitious goals. El loco thought : “Yes a bit like the bitcoin halving… but for degenerates like me.”.

By carefully planning these stages, El Loco aimed to increase the memecoin's momentum systematically and shift perspectives towards the long-term. Each strategic boost, akin to a gravitational slingshot, would be designed and guaranteed in advance, ensuring that the coin's growth trajectory was both deliberate and transparent. This approach was intended not just to optimize the ecosystem's expansion but also to sustain the community's interest and engagement over time.

By mirroring the continuous acceleration required for a spacecraft to reach and explore distant planets, El Loco's strategic design was crucial for maintaining the long-term viability and success of his coin in the unpredictable and often volatile landscape of digital currencies. This thoughtful planning was aimed at creating a robust coin that could withstand market fluctuations and continue to thrive, encouraging a shift in how investors view and engage with digital assets.

b. Creating predictability with deflationary tokenomics

El Loco realized that the model which had once ensnared him in his startup venture could paradoxically provide insights for structuring his slingshots effects. In the startup ecosystem, companies progress through various fundraising stages, each designed to reach a higher market cap, resembling a series of slingshot effects. At each stage, a startup raises money, which is then "burned" through spending to increase market valuation. This enhanced valuation enables the startup to attract more users, and investment in the next round, perpetuating the cycle.

At the highlevel, in the startup world, this model translate in the table that follow :

Funding Series	MONEY BURNED	MARKET CAP
Seed	$1m to $3m	$3m to $15m
Series A	$5m to $20m	$15m to $60m
Series B	$15m to $50m	$60m to $200m
Series C	$30m to $100m	$200m to $1Bn
Series D	$100m to $500m	$1Bn to $5Bn
Series E	$500m to $1bn	$5Bn to $15Bn
Series X	$1Bn+	$15 bn to $100 bn

This model is highly effective at creating and maximizing momentum, with each funding round acting like a gravitational slingshot that propels the company forward by attracting new investors, users, and revenue. However, El Loco identified a significant flaw from his own experiences: venture capitalists (VCs) often end up capturing a disproportionate share of the value created. Inflationary tokenomics lead to the minting of new tokens, which are predominantly distributed to VCs, allowing them to accumulate up to 90% ownership of the company. This concentration of ownership results in VCs dominating governance, leaving users and the original team with minimal influence and representation.

El Loco further explores these issues in his book, "The Democratic Economy." However, the focus of this whitepaper is not on these broader economic flaws but rather on outlining the specific strategies and mechanisms of the memecoin designed to avoid such pitfalls and ensure a more equitable distribution of value and governance.

El Loco grew increasingly convinced that the momentum in startups was largely generated by the actual burning of capital, rather than the oft-touted narratives of innovation and disruption pushed by founders and shaped by VCs. He recognized that these stories, frequently glorified by the startup ecosystem, often masked the simpler mechanics of capital utilization driving company valuation.

Reflecting on this realization, El Loco mused, "If it's the capital burn that creates momentum, why not eliminate the middle steps? Why burn cash and mint tokens for VCs when we can directly burn a portion of the token supply to grow the user base and drive value?" This epiphany led him to the idea of designing his memecoin's growth through a systematic and organized burn of part of its supply over time. At this pivotal moment, he recognized that the token he was designing was akin to a dragon, inherently capable of "burning" its own supply to fuel its ascent. El Loco decided to name the token "Drogon," drawing inspiration from the legendary dragon in popular stories who played a crucial role in overturning the entrenched power and financial structures and aiding Daenerys Targaryen in her conquest of King's Landing. However, unlike Daenerys, who wielded control over her dragon, El Loco envisioned his Drogon as a decentralized force—serving the community at large rather than any single ruler or entity. This distinction was crucial for El Loco, who was a staunch believer in decentralization and saw Drogon as a democratic tool that empowered its community, ensuring no single force could dictate its path or purpose.

c. Highlevel burn calendar and methodology

El Loco was deeply immersed in the development of Drogon. He drew inspiration from the dynamics of multi-stage rockets, planning each token burn to meticulously propel the coin user base to new heights, similar to how rockets use successive boosts to reach higher orbits.

He mapped out a detailed schedule for these burns, envisioning them as key boosts to Drogon's trajectory. Each burn was carefully calibrated to inject just enough energy into the market to elevate the coin to its next target height. This approach avoided the pitfalls of a single, large-scale burn, which could lead to dramatic market fluctuations and potential long-term instability.

As Drogon's market cap expands, each burn not only reduces the total token supply, creating scarcity, but also sends a positive signal to the market by increasing the value of the remaining tokens. This scarcity paired with rising value aims to attract and retain users, providing a stable and appealing investment amidst the usual volatility of the cryptocurrency market. This user-first approach ensures that the community grows and the token's value appreciates, aligning with the overarching goal of sustainable growth and user engagement.

El Loco's vision was to create scarcity through a predictable and transparent reduction of Drogon's supply, thereby boosting its appeal. This strategy would set Drogon apart from other coins and align it with sustainable economic principles, providing a compelling narrative to potential users focused on stability and long-term growth.

El Loco decided to implement the following strategies:

- **Planned Token Burns:** Systematically reducing the token supply at predetermined intervals, mimicking the capital infusion stages typical in traditional startups.
- **Targets:** Envisioning specific holder numbers and market cap directions for each burn stage, ensuring each reduction in supply would likely boost community and engagement growth.
- **Community Transparency**: Giving full transparency around the burn schedule to keep the community well-informed and engaged, thereby sustaining trust and support.

Through these principles, El Loco aimed to foster a coin that achieved explosive but sustainable growth through its unique burn mechanism.

The output of El Loco burn calendar vision and the fictional lab estimations that could never be considered as investment advice but only indication of his thinking would be as follow :

Burn Stage	Duration (d)	% burned	% burned (remain supply)	Money burned	Holders	HAC	MC FD
Seed Burn	3	30%	35.07%	$2.1m	1,000	$2,104	$**m
Burn A	18	15%	23.83%	$47.7m	100,000	$477	$*bn
Burn B	108	7.5%	14.55%	$174.6m	1,000,000	$175	$*bn
Burn C	648	3.25%	7.06%	$1.9bn	15,000,000	$130	$***bn
Burn FINAL	-	1.63%	-	-	-	-	unlimited

(1) **Duration (d) :** refers to the duration in days of the burn stage

(2) **% Burned :** refers to the percentage of the initial total supply of tokens to burn in this burn stage (permanently removed from circulation).
tokens to burn / total initial supply x 100

(3) **% Burned (remain supply) :** refers to the percentage of the total circulating supply to burn in this burn stage calculated as:
tokens to burn / (total initial supply − already burned tokens) x 100

(4) **Money burned:** aims to provide a high-level view of fiat value of token burns at the moment of burning, To simplify the calculation of the burn effect and the spread through the burn stage intervals El Loco choose arbitrarily to calculate it as follow:
% burned (remain supply) (marketcap_n - marketcap_n-1) * 0.2%.*

(5) **Holder acquisition cost (HAC) :** is a metric inspired by B2C growth Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC). It measures the cost-effectiveness of acquiring new token holders over time. It is calculated as:
(holders$_n$ − holders$_{n-1}$) / money burned

(6) **Fully diluted market cap (MC FD)** refers to the total market value of the coin.
fully diluted market cap = Current Price×Total Supply (excluding already burned tokens and minting authority is revoked)

d. Detailed burn calendar

El Loco was diligently advancing his work in the lab, perfecting the dynamics of his cryptocurrency, Drogon. El Loco's primary objective was to engineer a system that maximized user acquisition and minimized churn. His strategy needed to naturally encourage bursts of market activity and mitigate any resultant declines to maintain overall market stability and sustain user interest.

However, El Loco faced a challenge with the token burn mechanism integral to Drogon's design. If the burns occurred all at once at each stage, it might lead to dramatic market volatility—sharp price increases followed by significant drops. In his dreams, the plan for each stage involved creating a new all-time high (ATH), which might sometimes lead to profit-taking, followed by a period of stable growth until the next growth phase. This cycle was intended to help new users grow their engagement progressively by continuously repositioning support levels above previous ATHs to maximize the potential of subsequent phases.

To address this, El Loco devised a more nuanced burn strategy: he planned to initiate each stage with a significant burn to generate initial momentum, followed by smaller, consistent burns spread evenly across the duration of the stage. These burns would be strategically distributed at regular intervals throughout the stage, totaling 18 burns per stage. This approach was designed to smooth out price volatility, creating a steady and predictable market behavior that encouraged sustained engagement.

This system of planned, periodic token burns aimed to foster continuous user confidence and community trust, crucial for the long-term success of any digital currency. The burn calendar within a stage would be as follow :

Stage burn event	**% burned of the stage**	**Cumulative %**
1	20%	20%
2	16%	36%
3	14%	50%
4	8%	58%
5	7%	65%
6	6%	71%
7	5%	76%
8	4%	80%
9	2%	82%
10	2%	84%
11	2%	86%
12	2%	88%
13	2%	90%
14	2%	92%
15	2%	94%
16	2%	96%
17	2%	98%
18	2%	100%

(1) **Stage burn event** : refers to the specific burn event within the burn stage. Each burn event is sequentially numbered within the stage.

(2) **% burned of the stage :** refers to the fixed percentage of the total tokens to be burned in the burn stage that is designated to be burned at each burn event. This percentage is used to derive the exact number of tokens to burn for each event of each burn stage.
(3) **Cumulative % :** is the sum of all the % burned of the stage for each burn event within the burn stage up to the current event. This cumulative percentage should account for 100% at the last event of the burn stage (e.g., the 18th event).

And the detail about the burn intervals within each burn stage would be as follow :

burn stage	**Burns**	**Duration (d)**	**i duration (d)**
Seed Burn	18	3	0.1666666667
Burn A	18	18	1
Burn B	18	108	6
Burn C	18	648	36
BURN FINAL	1	-	-

(1) **i duration (d) :** is the interval duration, in days, between two burn events within the burn stage. It is calculated as follow : *Duration (d) / burns*

Such as the full burn table would be as follow :

#	**Burn Stage**	**Day**	**Tokens to burn**	**Stage burn %**	**Burn % (init supply)**	**Burn % (remain supply)**	**I duration (d)**	**Cumulated burn**
1	SEED BURN	0.00	60,000,000	20%	6.00%	6.00%	0.167	6.00%
2	SEED BURN	0.17	48,000,000	16%	4.80%	5.11%	0.167	10.80%
3	SEED BURN	0.33	42,000,000	14%	4.20%	4.71%	0.167	15.00%
4	SEED BURN	0.50	24,000,000	8%	2.40%	2.82%	0.167	17.40%
5	SEED BURN	0.67	21,000,000	7%	2.10%	2.54%	0.167	19.50%
6	SEED BURN	0.83	18,000,000	6%	1.80%	2.24%	0.167	21.30%
7	SEED BURN	1.00	15,000,000	5%	1.50%	1.91%	0.167	22.80%
8	SEED BURN	1.17	12,000,000	4%	1.20%	1.55%	0.167	24.00%
9	SEED BURN	1.33	6,000,000	2%	0.60%	0.79%	0.167	24.60%
10	SEED BURN	1.50	6,000,000	2%	0.60%	0.80%	0.167	25.20%
11	SEED BURN	1.67	6,000,000	2%	0.60%	0.80%	0.167	25.80%
12	SEED BURN	1.83	6,000,000	2%	0.60%	0.81%	0.167	26.40%
13	SEED BURN	2.00	6,000,000	2%	0.60%	0.82%	0.167	27.00%

14	SEED BURN	2.17	6,000,000	2%	0.60%	0.82%	0.167	27.60%
15	SEED BURN	2.33	6,000,000	2%	0.60%	0.83%	0.167	28.20%
16	SEED BURN	2.50	6,000,000	2%	0.60%	0.84%	0.167	28.80%
17	SEED BURN	2.67	6,000,000	2%	0.60%	0.84%	0.167	29.40%
18	SEED BURN	2.83	6,000,000	2%	0.60%	0.85%	0.167	30.00%
19	BURN A	3	30,000,000	20%	3.00%	4.29%	1	33.00%
20	BURN A	4	24,000,000	16%	2.40%	3.58%	1	35.40%
21	BURN A	5	21,000,000	14%	2.10%	3.25%	1	37.50%
22	BURN A	6	12,000,000	8%	1.20%	1.92%	1	38.70%
23	BURN A	7	10,500,000	7%	1.05%	1.71%	1	39.75%
24	BURN A	8	9,000,000	6%	0.90%	1.49%	1	40.65%
25	BURN A	9	7,500,000	5%	0.75%	1.26%	1	41.40%
26	BURN A	10	6,000,000	4%	0.60%	1.02%	1	42.00%
27	BURN A	11	3,000,000	2%	0.30%	0.52%	1	42.30%
28	BURN A	12	3,000,000	2%	0.30%	0.52%	1	42.60%
29	BURN A	13	3,000,000	2%	0.30%	0.52%	1	42.90%
30	BURN A	14	3,000,000	2%	0.30%	0.53%	1	43.20%
31	BURN A	15	3,000,000	2%	0.30%	0.53%	1	43.50%
32	BURN A	16	3,000,000	2%	0.30%	0.53%	1	43.80%
33	BURN A	17	3,000,000	2%	0.30%	0.53%	1	44.10%
34	BURN A	18	3,000,000	2%	0.30%	0.54%	1	44.40%
35	BURN A	19	3,000,000	2%	0.30%	0.54%	1	44.70%
36	BURN A	20	3,000,000	2%	0.30%	0.54%	1	45.00%
37	BURN B	21	15,000,000	20%	1.50%	2.73%	6	46.50%
38	BURN B	27	12,000,000	16%	1.20%	2.24%	6	47.70%
39	BURN B	33	10,500,000	14%	1.05%	2.01%	6	48.75%
40	BURN B	39	6,000,000	8%	0.60%	1.17%	6	49.35%
41	BURN B	45	5,250,000	7%	0.53%	1.04%	6	49.88%
42	BURN B	51	4,500,000	6%	0.45%	0.90%	6	50.33%
43	BURN B	57	3,750,000	5%	0.38%	0.75%	6	50.70%
44	BURN B	63	3,000,000	4%	0.30%	0.61%	6	51.00%
45	BURN B	69	1,500,000	2%	0.15%	0.31%	6	51.15%
46	BURN B	75	1,500,000	2%	0.15%	0.31%	6	51.30%
47	BURN B	81	1,500,000	2%	0.15%	0.31%	6	51.45%

48	BURN B	87	1,500,000	2%	0.15%	0.31%	6	51.60%
49	BURN B	93	1,500,000	2%	0.15%	0.31%	6	51.75%
50	BURN B	99	1,500,000	2%	0.15%	0.31%	6	51.90%
51	BURN B	105	1,500,000	2%	0.15%	0.31%	6	52.05%
52	BURN B	111	1,500,000	2%	0.15%	0.31%	6	52.20%
53	BURN B	117	1,500,000	2%	0.15%	0.31%	6	52.35%
54	BURN B	123	1,500,000	2%	0.15%	0.31%	6	52.50%
55	BURN C	129	6,500,000	20%	0.65%	1.37%	36	53.15%
56	BURN C	165	4,875,000	15%	0.49%	1.04%	36	53.64%
57	BURN C	201	4,875,000	15%	0.49%	1.05%	36	54.13%
58	BURN C	237	2,600,000	8%	0.26%	0.57%	36	54.39%
59	BURN C	273	2,275,000	7%	0.23%	0.50%	36	54.61%
60	BURN C	309	1,950,000	6%	0.20%	0.43%	36	54.81%
61	BURN C	345	1,625,000	5%	0.16%	0.36%	36	54.97%
62	BURN C	381	1,300,000	4%	0.13%	0.29%	36	55.10%
63	BURN C	417	650,000	2%	0.07%	0.14%	36	55.17%
64	BURN C	453	650,000	2%	0.07%	0.14%	36	55.23%
65	BURN C	489	650,000	2%	0.07%	0.15%	36	55.30%
66	BURN C	525	650,000	2%	0.07%	0.15%	36	55.36%
67	BURN C	561	650,000	2%	0.07%	0.15%	36	55.43%
68	BURN C	597	650,000	2%	0.07%	0.15%	36	55.49%
69	BURN C	633	650,000	2%	0.07%	0.15%	36	55.56%
70	BURN C	669	650,000	2%	0.07%	0.15%	36	55.62%
71	BURN C	705	650,000	2%	0.07%	0.15%	36	55.69%
72	BURN C	741	650,000	2%	0.07%	0.15%	36	55.75%
73	BURN FINAL	777	16,250,000	100%	1.63%	3.67%	-	57.38%

(1) **# :** is the burn event, for a total 73 events spread on 4 burn stages of 18 events and 1 burn stage of a single event.
(2) **Day** : is the trigger timer for the burn event, calculated in days, starting from day 0 at the initialization of the burn calendar and ends after 777 days with the last burn event.
(3) **Burn % (initial supply) :** is the percentage of the initial total supply of tokens that is designated to be burned in a specific burn event : It is calculated as:
tokens to burn / total initial supply x 100
(4) **Burn % (remain supply) :** is the percentage of the initial total supply of tokens that is designated to be burned in a specific burn event : It is calculated as:
tokens to burn / (total initial supply - *already burned tokens*) x 100
(5) **i Duration (d) :** is the interval duration, in days, until the next burn event. It specifies the time period between consecutive burn events.

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5. Risk assessment

In this section, we address the risks inherent in deploying Drogon, tackling technological security and challenges, navigating complex regulatory landscapes, managing token distribution, and dealing with the dynamics of decentralized exchanges. Our proactive approach ensures preparedness and resilience, pivotal for the long-term success of Drogon.

User growth

Risk:

- Slow user growth could significantly limit the adoption of Drogon, restricting the ecosystem's expansion and its ability to achieve the critical mass necessary for deploying a new decentralized economy. Without sufficient user engagement and adoption, the network may struggle to reach the scale required for the deployment of a new economy

Mitigation:

- Organic growth : Encourage current users to become active members of the community by participating in and initiating campaigns that help grow awareness and user base of Drogon.

Solana platform related risks

Risk:

- Scalability issues: While Solana is known for its high throughput, its scalability is tested as user numbers and transactions increase, which may affect Drogon's performance.
- User base limitations: Despite Solana's significant user base of 9 million holders, expanding to 15 million holders for Drogon highlights a clear issue and could be constrained by current adoption rates and platform scalability.
- Node decentralization : The risk associated with insufficient node decentralization in the Solana network is the potential for concentrated control, which increases vulnerability to targeted attacks and compromises network integrity and stability.
- Governance bias: If we reach the user growth target even at 40%, we would cover a high percentage of the Solana user base. Thus, our governance might inherit some biases linked to our layer 1. This could impact our choices for migration if we were to address these issues in governance due to scalability.

Mitigation:

- Migration or integration : Preparing for potential migration or integration with other blockchains if scalability limits Drogon's growth. El Loco thought that it could make sense at one point for Drogon to operate its own L2 to enable the features of engagement, while he hoped that Solana L1 would be sufficient for phase 1 of his vision and that no migration would be needed in the meantime.
- Nodes growth : actively encourage and incentivize users to operate their own Solana nodes, diversifying the network's node distribution to enhance security and reduce the likelihood of centralized control and disruptions.
- User expansion: Focus on attracting new users to Solana to diversify the user base, ensuring that our governance structure remains balanced and representative.

Technology related risks

Risk:

- Burn smart contract security: Despite rigorous security audits and cautious coding, vulnerabilities in smart contracts remain a critical risk.

Mitigation:

- The Burn smart contract has been audited before deployment.

Regulatory related risks

Risk:

- The approval of the ETH ETF is undeniably a significant milestone for the overall cryptocurrency ecosystem, signaling a potential shift towards mainstream acceptance and integration. However, despite this progress, the SEC's behavior remains highly unpredictable. This unpredictability underscores the persistent regulatory risks facing the sector. The timing of the approval has raised questions and skepticism, particularly regarding future actions that may be influenced by political pressures or the development of central bank digital currencies (CBDCs). As a result, stakeholders must remain vigilant and adaptive to navigate the uncertain regulatory landscape, especially as the SEC's stance may evolve unpredictably post-US election.

Mitigation:

- Decentralization diminishes regulatory impact by distributing operations across various jurisdictions, reducing the reliance on any single regulatory framework.

Token distribution related risks

Risk:

- Bad holders distribution: Rapid growth of Drogon could lead to the creation of big holders and limit the entrance of new ones, limiting broader market participation and economic growth.

Mitigation:

- Encourage users to DCA ethically to boost user growth thus decentralization.

CEX related risks

Risk:

- CEXs, while increasing user awareness and access, often have a centralized entity holding all tokens, which poses risks to the decentralized nature of the network and governance structure.
- CEX are controlled by centralized authority with the associated regulatory risks.

Mitigation:

- Decentralization: Rapid growth of the user base would increase decentralization and reduce the influence of any single entity or authority.
- Fast implementation of an attractive governance model: Develop and implement a robust governance framework that incentivizes participation thus direct holding of tokens, or CEX evolution in address management. This may include mechanisms for voting, community engagement, and transparent decision-making processes.

- Non-custodial use: Promote non-custodial use that allows users to retain control over their assets without relying on a centralized intermediary. This reduces the risk of asset loss or manipulation by a central entity.

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6. Implementation and launch

a. Skin in the game

El Loco was rapidly developing his vision for the Drogon ecosystem, convinced of its strong value proposition, but was facing a problem : he couldn't expect or even ask his community to burn their own tokens to follow the very aggressive burn calendar he was envisioning.

El Loco shared his concerns with his wife, who had often provided sage advice in times of uncertainty. True to form, she delivered a wise and simple solution. "Pioneers make sacrifices. You're going to buy these tokens and burn them yourself. This is the price to set up a new economy."

Her words struck a chord. She was right; the only way to start the burn cycles with meaningful impact was for El Loco to burn his own tokens. By investing his own resources, he would not only demonstrate his confidence in the vision but also set a tangible value baseline for what was to be burned, thereby kickstarting the cycle with genuine stakes. This leap of faith would be a powerful signal to potential investors, showing that the creator himself was deeply committed and fully invested in the success of the Drogon ecosystem.

El Loco made a pivotal decision regarding his involvement in the Drogon ecosystem. He resolved that any tokens he owns and burns would be acquired directly on a decentralized exchange (DEX). This approach would ensure transparency and fairness in the process, aligning with the decentralized ethos of the blockchain community.

With this plan in mind, El Loco returned to his wife and told her : “We are SKIN IN THE GAME".

b. Burn calendar empowered by smart-contract

El Loco felt empowered by his mission and took pride in burning his own tokens. Through his experiences, El Loco learned that trusting systems is often easier than trusting people. Despite his passion and the integrity he had demonstrated in previous endeavors, he realized that few would believe he'd burn his own tokens when they will be worth billions $. Committed to making Drogon trustless, he understood that the token burn mechanism needed to be automated through an escrow smart contract. So, he designed a Solana-based escrow smart contract in Rust to store his token and handle the burns systematically and transparently.

This contract is available here : https://github.com/0xEl-Loco/drogon-burner
For trust, this contract has been audited before deployment.

c. Smart Contract Overview

The Drogon Burner Program is a Solana-based smart contract developed in Rust, designed to autonomously manage the token burns for the Drogon project. Here's an organized breakdown of the program's key components and functionalities :

Initial Setup

- **Creation and Setup:** The program begins by establishing a Drogon account and an associated token account. This setup involves securely transferring tokens from El Loco’s wallet to the designated escrow account, ensuring that all tokens are accounted for and securely stored.
- **Token Security:** Upon setup, tokens are transferred into an escrow account, where they are securely locked. This initial step is critical to prevent any unauthorized access or manipulation of the tokens designated for burning.

Automated Burn Schedule

- **Burn Execution:** The smart contract includes a public burn function that can be called by anyone. This function calculates the correct amount of tokens to be burned according to a pre-defined schedule. The function can be triggered by a cron job or manually by any user, ensuring decentralization and transparency. This setup ensures that the timing and quantity of each burn are correctly executed, maintaining the integrity of the burn process.
- **Scheduled Burns:** Burns are executed sequentially, with each operation designed to systematically reduce the token supply at specific intervals. These intervals and the respective amounts are thoroughly detailed in the burn calendar (refer to section 4.d for the detailed burn calendar).

Security and Trust

- **Audit and Accessibility:** To ensure the integrity of the burn operations, the contract underwent a thorough audit and was made publicly accessible. This allows anyone to review the contract’s functionality and verify the security measures in place.
- **Transparency:** The open accessibility of the contract is intended to reinforce trust within the community and among potential investors, demonstrating the project's commitment to transparency and ethical practices.

Immutability and Restrictions

- **Contract Immutability:** Once initialized, the smart contract cannot be updated or modified. This immutability is crucial for maintaining the integrity of the burn schedule and preventing any potential tampering with the system.

- **Token Transfer Restrictions:** The contract explicitly prohibits any transfer of tokens once they have been locked in the escrow account. This measure ensures that all tokens designated for burning are used solely for that purpose, according to the schedule laid out in the program.

d. Launch strategy

El Loco was ready. For the launch, he planned to issue 1 billion tokens for Drogon, placing 80% into a liquidity pool (LP) on a decentralized exchange (DEX) called Pump.fun. The remaining 20% would be used to launch on Raydium after reaching a specific market cap on Pump.fun (between 50k$ to 70k$), which would automatically transfer the liquidity to Raydium.

For Drogon to succeed, El Loco would need to buy 573,750,000 tokens for the burn from the open market, then trigger the transfer function in the smart contract to lock these tokens and set the burn calendar.

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7. Community ethos, tenets

a. Community ethos

El Loco slept peacefully and dreamt deeply that night, envisioning a thriving Drogon ecosystem characterized by responsible and strategic investor behavior.

In his dream, El Loco envisioned participants in the Drogon ecosystem buying into and actively supporting the specific burn cycle they entered, such as Seed Burn, Burn A, etc. These participants, motivated by a commitment to the community and the coin's longevity, would not only support their initial cycle but also contribute at the beginning of the next one. This action would create a massive impulsion, propelling the ecosystem into each new phase with robust momentum.

As the ecosystem would mature into the next phase, these users would take profits in a structured and considerate manner. This careful approach would ensure that the next wave of users felt comfortable and confident in their decision to enter and support the subsequent cycle, thus growing the overall user base progressively. El Loco viewed the act of users taking profits as a healthy part of Drogon's ecosystem. He understood that while this might lead to a temporary drop in user engagement, it would also create attractive entry points for new users, thereby expanding the user base. Additionally, this dynamic would contribute to increased decentralization within the ecosystem, as distributing the coin among a broader range of holders lessened the risk of concentration in a few hands. He believed that as long as those selling remained active in the community, even if their engagement slightly decreased, this cycle would contribute positively to the system. Over time, El Loco was confident that users would recognize the long-term value of staying within this emerging economy, seeing little reason to leave. Such responsible and cyclic user behavior was vital for maintaining a stable and trustworthy environment, ultimately supporting the sustained growth and vitality of the memecoin.

While El Loco was passionate about seeing this level of conscientious participation, he was clear that this was only a dream and remained cautious that sharing his dreams would never provide direct investment advice. Instead, he aimed to nurture a community ethos that embodied these values, driven by the principles integrated into Drogon's design and the active engagement of its community. This ideal behavior, a fundamental part of his broader vision, was designed to ensure that each phase of investment not only bolstered the immediate success of the cycle but also bolstered the overall health and longevity of the ecosystem.

b. Tenets

El Loco distilled his decision-making process into a series of tenets aimed at guiding future community actions and principles in the decentralized economy:

Decentralized participation:

- **Leadership distribution**: Encourage a model where leadership and decision-making responsibilities are widely distributed among community members. This approach reduces reliance on central figures, emphasizing the value of contributions from all network participants.
- **Idea-centric engagement:** Focus on the merit of ideas and contributions rather than the profile or status of the individuals contributing them. This promotes a culture where content and quality prevail over reputation or background.
- **Encouraging innovation:** By decentralizing participation, the network cultivates a fertile environment for innovation, where diverse thoughts and perspectives can contribute to the evolution of the system.

Decentralized governance:

- **Transparent processes:** Implement governance mechanisms that are transparent and open, allowing all participants to understand, monitor, and influence processes and decisions.
- **Equitable power distribution:** Ensure that power within the network is equitably distributed, preventing any single group or entity from dominating the decision-making process. This might involve the use of voting systems where each member's vote has equal weight.
- **Community-centric decision-making:** Foster a governance model that reflects the community's needs and priorities by actively involving members in the policy-setting processes.
- **Balanced integration of collectivism and individualism with long-term perspectives:** Design a system that acknowledges the inherent human tendency to seek personal gain and strategically redirects this impulse by aligning individual ambitions with collective goals through long-term perspectives. This setup ensures that

the natural pursuit of self-interest is channeled into actions that sustain and enhance collective outcomes, thereby creating a robust, adaptive system where both personal and group benefits are optimized over time.

Universalism

- **Universal access:** Ensure that every individual, without exception, has the ability to access the network and its resources. This principle affirms an unconditional, unrestricted, non-discriminatory approach, allowing everyone, irrespective of geographic location, socio-economic status, or demographic identity, to connect and engage with the decentralized network.
- **Universal inclusiveness:** Guarantees all individuals, regardless of their background, an access to essential resources, ensuring that every member can achieve a basic level of participation in the decentralized network.
- **Universal resource distribution:** Implement mechanisms to distribute resources democratically ensuring a more balanced contribution.
- **Universal design:** Design systems to be usable and accessible for everyone.

Ethics and fairness

- **Equality:** Advocate for equal treatment and anti-discrimination in every aspect of the economic system, aiming to create an environment where all participants can succeed.
- **Privacy protection through pseudonymity:** Maintain transparency in operations while ensuring individual privacy through pseudonymity, protecting users from unauthorized access and exploitation.
- **Fairness & ethics:** all actions should benefit the community at large.

Individual perspective

- **Personal empowerment:** Promote self-reliance and personal development within the community framework, enabling individuals to contribute uniquely and meaningfully to the network’s goals. This approach respects individual contributions while aligning them with collective ambitions.
- **Autonomy in participation:** Support the autonomy of individuals to choose their level of involvement and areas of contribution within the network. This freedom enhances individual satisfaction and effectiveness, enriching the collective output.
- **Individual accountability:** Hold each member accountable for their actions and contributions to the network, reinforcing the importance of personal responsibility in a collective setting. This accountability ensures that individual actions align with the network’s values and objectives.

c. KPIs

While typical crypto projects often focus on token price as a primary KPI, El Loco prioritizes a different metric to evaluate the initial phase of deploying a decentralized economy. For him, the essence of assessing Drogon's progress, for Phase 1, lies in user growth.

As a result, the most important KPI is the **number of holders**. Although this metric isn't perfect—since one user might control multiple addresses—it remains the best available measure to track the growth of the user base, which is pivotal in the first step of his vision.

KPIs that should be tracked daily according to El Loco:

User acquisition:

- **Number of holders:** Tracks each address that holds Drogon's token, reflecting the direct growth of the ecosystem.
- **Net holders growth/churn :** Captures the dynamic of new active addresses minus new inactive addresses, offering insight into overall user base expansion.
- **New active holders:** Measures the number of new addresses that start holding Drogon's tokens compared to the previous period, indicating the rate of user acquisition.

User churn:

- **New inactive holders:** Counts all previously active wallets that have become inactive, with a goal to keep this number as low as possible.

Distribution:

- **Token distribution equality:** Monitored through the Gini coefficient, which should progressively lower overtime through ongoing token burns, reflecting a more equitable distribution even though achieving perfect equality might not be possible.
- **Token holder concentration:** Monitor the top 10% and 20% top wallet holdings, preventing excessive concentration.

Note on engagement:
In Phase 1, engagement beyond holding tokens is not a priority. However, as Drogon reaches critical mass and transitions to Phase 2 — the next stage in the deployment of the democratic economy by integrating new usages — the focus will shift towards engagement. There will be ample time to define and structure these engagement metrics as a community, ensuring they are linked to the underlying tokenomics and infrastructure powering this phase 2.

This approach reflects El Loco's philosophy of measuring success not just in financial terms, but in genuine, equitable participation and growth within the Drogon's ecosystem.

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8. Conclusion

The journey of Drogon, as laid out in this whitepaper, is more than the launch of a new meme coin; it is the inception of a new paradigm in economic democracy facilitated through blockchain technology. At its core, Drogon is both a response to and a solution for the systemic vulnerabilities that have long plagued our traditional financial systems—issues of centralization, opacity, and inequitable power distribution that have come to the forefront in recent global economic challenges.

El Loco's vision for Drogon transcends the typical boundaries of digital currencies, aiming to establish a platform that not only empowers its users but also instills a framework of fairness and transparency that is often lacking in today's economic structures. This vision is rooted in the belief that technology, when aligned with the right values, can indeed catalyze real-world change. Drogon is engineered to offer a stable, deflationary alternative in the volatile realm of digital currencies, thereby providing a viable solution to the inflationary tendencies of traditional fiat currencies.

The ethos of Drogon is characterized by a commitment to sustainability and community-centric development. It is not merely about creating a medium of exchange but about fostering a comprehensive ecosystem where every participant has a voice and where every transaction reinforces the integrity of the financial system. The strategic burn mechanisms and the robust smart contract infrastructure laid out in this paper are crucial steps toward achieving this goal, ensuring that Drogon can adapt and thrive in the dynamic landscape of global finance.

As we move forward, the Drogon project will continue to evolve, guided by the principles of decentralization and transparency. It will seek to expand its influence, not through coercion or central authority, but through the collective belief in a system that values fairness and equity. With each step, we invite the global community to join us in not just witnessing but actively participating in this evolution.

This whitepaper is the first chapter in what promises to be a profound shift towards a more inclusive and equitable economic future. As Drogon grows, it will continue to challenge the status quo, paving the way for a new era where financial democracy is not just an ideal, but a reality.