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I'll never forget the day I learned about a digital dollar.

This was a decade ago, in 2012. Another blue-sky beautiful-day in California. I would've been out surfing, but I was in town on business. (New subscribers will learn I love a good wave.)

But the day's meetings were anything but normal...

For one thing, I had to sign a nondisclosure agreement just to get in the door!

That means I'm limited in terms of what I can share with you — even now, 10 years later.

But I will tell you this much...

The meeting was all about a new kind of money.

One that would be issued by the U.S. Treasury and policed by the Federal Reserve — but it wasn't paper money, it was completely digital.

And the more I heard about this new "digital dollar," the more certain I was that this new form of currency could easily be abused.

That it could be a threat to the wealth, privacy and freedom of Americans.

I am not the only one who has come to this conclusion.

- The **Cato Institute** wrote: "The real danger [...] is that there is no limit to the level of control that the government could exert over people if money is purely electronic and provided directly by the government."
- Billionaire **Doug Casey** remarked that the digital dollar is going to happen, "and is going to be one of the biggest disasters that's ever been visited upon people."
- **David Yermack**, the finance department chair at New York University's Stern School of Business, said: "The risk of political abuse is huge. If you give the central bank this kind of power, the political safeguards would probably need to be much higher than currently in place for the Federal Reserve."

My certainty was confirmed when, earlier this year, President Biden signed Executive

Order 14067 — fast-tracking the creation of this new digital dollar known as a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

The initiative to develop and launch is code-named: "Project Hamilton."

That's when I knew — the time had come — I had to act fast.

Working with my research team, I've created this special report to help you secure and protect your wealth before Washington rolls out CBDCs nationwide.

It's based on time-tested strategies used to protect wealth from sinking currencies throughout history.

And I've narrowed it down to three critical steps:

#### Step #1: Buy Hard Assets.

Precious metals like gold and silver have always been go-to investments not only during crises — but after too. Through 2010 to 2011, gold prices jumped 50.6%, due to fears over a volatile U.S. economy. Silver followed a similar path, skyrocketing to \$48.70 at the end of April 2011. That was a gain of 435.8% from its recession low of \$9.09!

With Project Hamilton on the fast-track to completion — I believe more and more money will be moving into gold- and silver-based assets. And I have one easy way for you to do the same.

#### Step #2: Inflation-Proof Your Wealth.

I expect Project Hamilton to put more power in the hands of the same central bankers who engineered our record inflation. The digital dollar could destroy our buying power and send inflation rocketing higher. But there's one surprising way you can sidestep this inflation.

#### Step #3: Diversify Your Dollar.

Just like you'd never own just one stock in your portfolio, it's crucial to diversify your hard earned dollars as well. As the U.S. government fast-tracks its own digital currency, now is the perfect time to diversify a portion of your wealth beyond the dollar and into foreign currencies. I'll show you one FDIC-insured way to do so quickly.

Each of these steps offers you a way to escape our governments overbearing tentacles.

Acting now, before Project Hamilton launches, to ensure that you'll be prepared!

Before we get started, I want to make one thing clear.

#### **CBDCs Are NOT Cryptocurrencies**

If you've watched me on YouTube talking about cryptos or read a Winning Investor

<u>Daily essay</u>, you might be surprised to hear me coming down so hard on Biden's proposed digital dollar.

"Ian," you might be thinking, "You love cryptos! Aren't CBDCs the next logical step of our increasingly digitized world?"

Well, there's a very good reason for this "contradiction."

CBDCS are NOT cryptocurrencies!

If you know anything about cryptos such as bitcoin, Ethereum, Dogecoin, LUNA and more — you know they all have one thing in common.

They're decentralized.

They all operate on the blockchain, independent from middlemen such as bankers, brokers and politicians.

Do you see where I'm going with this?

Biden's digital dollar is the *opposite* of a cryptocurrency.

It's completely centralized. If anything, it's allowing our government to become even bigger and have even more overreach.

It would also kill off the concept of privacy as we know it.

There are already people warning us of the privacy implications with CBDCs...

- Paul H. Jossey, an expert at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, says: "CBDCs could give governments a powerful tool for economic and social control and unprecedented intrusion into the private financial lives of billions of people."
- An op-ed on Bitcoin.com proclaims: "CBDCs may be good for international payments, corporate loans, and online commerce, but they'll be bad for your privacy."
- And Fox Business noted: "A central bank digital currency would [put] even greater authority in the hands of a small number of banks, government officials, and bureaucrats."

You'd lose the anonymity of spending cash or crypto wherever you like.

With Washington's new "digital dollar" replacing cash, every dollar spent is now trackable and controllable.

That includes the investments you make...

The donations you send to charities and political causes...

Even how you spend your hard-earned retirement savings.

It would all be under the microscope for lawmakers and the Federal Reserve. This could open the door to a whole new level of power and abuse from Washington DC.

Remember — CBDCs are, by definition, controlled by the U.S.' central bank: the Federal Reserve.

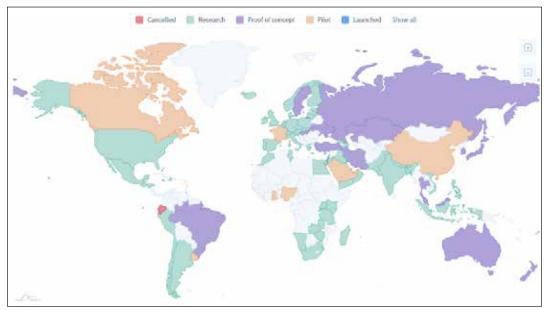
The same folks who just brought us the highest inflation in over 40 years would have even MORE control of our money and how we spend.

Bottom line: This is a terrible idea.

But at this point, there's nothing we can do to stop the inevitable — except stay in the know and be prepared.

Just two years ago, only 35 countries around the world were considering ideas similar to Project Hamilton.

Yet in 2022, that number has skyrocketed to 105, all in various stages of completion:



CBDC projects take the world by storm.

Remember — these are the same bankers who engineered record inflation.

The same lawmakers who ran up over \$31 trillion in federal debt.

And now, they are even more desperate than ever.

They need control of your savings ... and your checking ... and brokerage accounts to keep borrowing more than they can afford to pay back.

That's why, today, I'm saying **ENOUGH**.

I'm tired of advertisers watching my every move online, and then feeding it back to me through targeted ads.

I'm tired of Alexa listening to my conversations with my wife and daughter, and serving up vet another recommended product.

And I've had enough of government overreach.

That's why my team and I rushed to put together this emergency briefing for you.

I've worked to narrow down a list of three simple investment strategies that will accomplish each of these goals — and also help you in today's turbulent markets.

Let's start protecting our wealth from Project Hamilton today.

#### STEP #1: BUY HARD ASSETS

Typically, when it comes to market crashes, gold is the standard safe haven. It doesn't move in tandem with the market, so it's a safe idea.

But gold isn't the most compelling hard asset investment at today's high prices.

So instead, I recommend taking a closer look at silver.

Demand for silver is up - and it's going to keep climbing.

In fact, the global demand for silver is expected to reach a record high of 1.112 billion ounces in 2022, according to the Silver Institute. That's 8% higher than last year.

We can thank industrial fabrication for all this new demand.

You see, silver's use is expanding in two industries I follow very closely in *Strategic Fortunes*: solar and electric vehicles (EVs).

Silver is crucial in the photovoltaic cells used in solar panels. That's because it is the most conductive metal on the planet.

In fact, silver *defines* the conductivity scale and holds a score of 100. Every other metal is ranked by their percentage of conductivity compared to silver.

Another major industrial use for silver comes from the automotive sector.

In 2022, the automotive sector is expected to consume 61 million ounces of silver—nearly 13% more than just two years ago. As cars become more computerized, their semiconductors and processors require highly conductive metals.

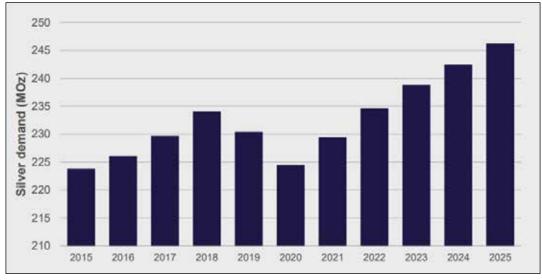
The demand for silver will increase as cars move into a "greener" future.

Currently, each internal combustion engine vehicle requires 15-28 grams of silver.

But hybrid vehicles require around 18-34 grams. Electric battery vehicles require 25-50 grams.

CRU estimates that silver consumption in electronics and electrical applications was 224

million ounces in 2020. It forecasts a 10% increase in demand over the next five years to reach 246 million ounces.



SOURCE: CRU

It's surprising to think this classic metal has many modern-world applications — but it's true.

And the added demand could help ensure a better long-term return while still protecting wealth from the threat of a CBDC.

That's why silver is my top pick for hard assets in today's market.

Now, there are a few ways you can add silver exposure to your portfolio. There are silver ETFs, you could buy bullion or coins.

But I recommend taking a look at <u>Hard Assets Alliance</u>.

Hard Assets Alliance was founded by experienced investing professionals who knew the value of investing in gold — but were dissatisfied with what the industry had to offer. So they set out to make physical metals a first-class asset.

And they achieved nothing less than outstanding success.

This platform is the standard for some of the world's largest wealth managers. Hard Assets Alliance provides real, physical precious metals to their clients, which include independent registered investment advisers — large and small — and direct customers.

If you're a newbie to silver — or if you've tried online dealers in the past and you've been put off by the complexity — there's no easier way to buy and hold real physical metal, and at an exceptionally low cost.

You see, the Hard Assets Alliance offers you the best of both worlds: true ownership and digital access.

With its easy-to-use online marketplace, you can buy, sell and trade real, physical silver with ease. And getting started is simple.

You can open an account in minutes, fund and start investing, 24/7. You can also add to or sell some of your holdings any time, in a matter of seconds.

For full details on how to get started right away, <u>click here to visit the Hard Assets Alliance</u> website now.

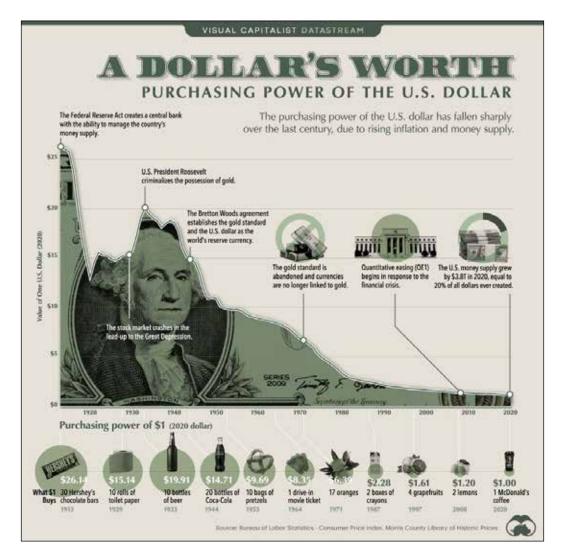
[Full disclosure: We own a stake in HAA's platform, and may benefit from your use of its services.]

Action to take: Add silver to your portfolio.

#### STEP #2: INFLATION-PROOF YOUR WEALTH

For the last century, inflation has been a constant treadmill — forcing investors to fight for their savings as authorities debase the dollar itself.

As a result, our currency has lost more than 96% of its domestic purchasing power since the creation of the Federal Reserve in 1913.

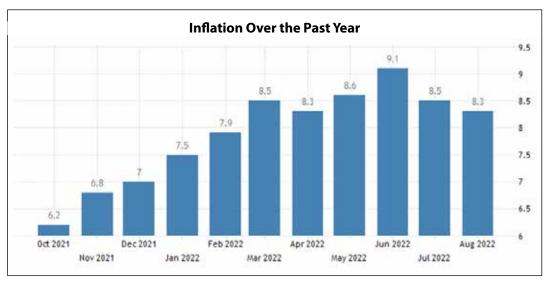


But if Project Hamilton succeeds, things could get much worse — and fast.

Anyone who lived through the high inflation of the 1970s and '80s knows what I'm talking about. September 2022's high of 10.9% would just be the beginning.

Your grocery bill is already going up. Tickets to fly to see your grandchildren are skyrocketing. We're paying more *just to live* — on everything from clothes to food to gas.

Fact is, there's never been a better time than RIGHT NOW to combat inflation...



SOURCE: U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

As you can see, inflation is at record highs.

Here's the thing...

The introduction of a CBDC adds fuel to that fire. It could unleash a tidal wave of inflation as consumers and businesses hoard goods, wary of government control.

But a CBDC would allow the government to dig even deeper, penalizing your savings or even going as far as putting an expiration date on your cash.

So instead of your dollar slowly losing value over years and decades, it could simply *expire* and vanish all at once.

It's easy to see how this increased control could lead to even more inflation throughout the system.

A CBDC could erode your hard-earned money by 40 ... 50 ... and even 60%.

Fortunately, there's an alternative.

And ironically, one of the best investments we have to combat this inflation ... comes from the U.S. government itself.

You see, there's a loophole.

There's a safe-haven investment where you can put your money that Biden's digital dollar won't be able to touch.

With this asset, the government practically guarantees your investment:

- Will never go below o. (That means you're guaranteed your investment back at the end. Consider that in comparison to stocks!)
- Is specifically protected from inflation.
- Returns a healthy composite rate that is adjusted regularly to meet inflation.

I'm talking about **Series 1 Savings Bonds**, also known as **I-Bonds**.

I-Bonds are low-risk government savings bonds indexed to inflation. These bonds are specifically designed to protect your money from rising prices, and they're one of the safest places to park your cash as Project Hamilton continues development.

Any money you invest in I-Bonds will be safe from rising inflation as CBDCs start to take off around the world. And it will be one of the few safe havens out there, since this program is critical to maintain the government's legitimacy, and the Fed's mandate to "control inflation."



The composite rate for I-bonds is 9.62% through October 2022. Rates could be adjusted higher by the time you're reading this.

That means even while the stock market is sinking, you can still protect your cash from inflation.

Another plus is that I-Bonds are also exempt from state and local income taxes. (A huge perk if you happen to live in a high-tax state.)

The program is limited, however. Individuals may purchase \$10,000 in I-Bonds each year. You can purchase an extra \$5,000 per year if you use your federal tax refund to do so.

To purchase I-Bonds, you can <u>click here to go to the TreasuryDirect website</u>.

You can also get them in paper form by electing to receive your federal tax refund as an I-Bond instead of a check.

With I-Bonds, you can stay proactive and preserve your wealth even while inflation runs amok.

Action to take: Add I-Bonds to your portfolio.

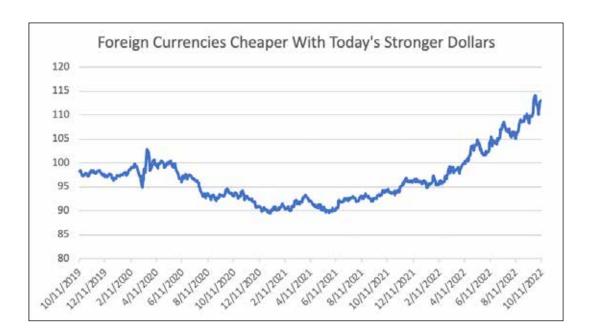
#### STEP #3: DIVERSIFY YOUR DOLLAR

The final step to protect your wealth from Project Hamilton is to start diversifying some of your wealth out of dollar-based assets.

Because when the U.S. digital dollar is introduced, foreign central banks won't want the American government controlling their reserves. That means foreign currencies will rise in turn, making them a great hedge to protect your portfolio.

Best of all, now is the *perfect* time to start diving into some of these currencies.

The Dollar Index is currently higher than it's been at any point in the last 20 years. That means foreign currencies are exceedingly cheap by comparison.



To take advantage of this opportunity, I recommend using <u>TIAA Bank's WorldCurrency CDs</u>.

TIAA Bank traces its roots all the way back in 1918, to the one and only Andrew Carnegie.

The bank is headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. It sponsors TIAA Bank Field, where the Jacksonville Jaguars play their home games.

That includes TIAA Bank's <u>WorldCurrency CDs</u>, which work the same way as a traditional Certificate of Deposit (CD). They're still FDIC-insured and IRA-eligible, so they're easy to use and work with.

But these CDs are denominated in foreign currencies, based on prevailing interest rates in the country you select, with returns quite higher than those of CDs tied to the U.S. dollar.

In other words, you can start cashing in on foreign currencies without having to open a forex account, tinker with leverage, or learn a whole new platform.

TIAA's WorldCurrency CDs are available with terms as short as three months, which allows you to spread out your currency exposure and adjust as different currencies rise and fall. Minimum investment is \$10,000, but there's no cap on how much you can diversify.

The bank also offers World Currency CD Baskets to make investing even easier. These baskets might offer targeted exposure to commodities with currencies from Australia, Canada, and South Africa. A BRICS CD might include currencies from India, South Africa and Brazil.

But the one I particularly like is the Euro Trax CD. This is a basket that contains euros, as well as the Norwegian, Swedish and Swiss currencies.

European currencies are now at the lowest levels we've seen in over a decade.

The euro hasn't been this weak against the dollar since 2003.

The Swedish krona since 2008.

And the Norwegian krone hasn't been this weak since 1990!

Now is a great time to diversify into these currencies. And the Euro Trax basket also includes Swiss francs, one of the world's top safe haven currencies.

There is a minimum investment of \$20,000 for a TIAA World Currency basket.

Just <u>click here</u> to go to the TIAA website to get started.

If you'd like an easier way to diversify out of the dollar, I suggest just adding the euro to your portfolio. I'm bullish on the possibility of it reversing to the mean.

Action to take: Add the euro to your currency portfolio.

NOTE: Since we're looking at three distinct strategies, and not specific *Strategic Fortunes* investments, the recommendations in this report will not be tracked in our official model portfolio.

Instead, these are ongoing strategies that should help guide multiple investments for you over the years.

#### What Will Your Life Look Like After Project Hamilton?

CBDCs like the digital dollar could give lawmakers a level of power and control previously unimaginable.

Lawmakers are already eager to legislate their way into your personal life — whether it's through Bloomberg's soda tax in New York City, or California's pledge to completely ban internal combustion engines (aka traditional, non-EV cars) by 2035.

But the digital dollar would give them even more power.

It would give Washington the ability to pore over your personal finances — tracking how you spend every dollar of your money ... and deciding whether or not they approve.

That kind of power is like catnip for politicians.

I expect it wouldn't take long for them to start exploiting it.

With digital, programmable money, they'd be able to create a whole new punishment structure that forces people to do what they want.

That means your classic muscle car could suddenly be labeled a gas guzzler.

You'd still be "allowed" to own it, but every time you pull up at the pump and swipe your card, you might be penalized by paying \$10, or \$20 for gas — instead of the \$5/gallon everyone else is paying.

Or maybe Washington decides your net worth is high enough that *you* should be responsible for stimulating the economy. So you wake up one morning to find \$5,000 or maybe \$50,000 of your savings is suddenly marked with an expiration date. And you've only got one week left to spend it.

I realize this might sound alarmist.

But it could soon become reality if and when Washington issues a CBDC.

Project Hamilton is the culmination of more than a century of government interference in the U.S. dollar.

A history of devasting policies that stretches from the turn of the last century...

Each action by the government destroying the dollar — and devastating millions of Americans.

In 1913 — they created the Federal Reserve — and the dollar lost 42% of its value.

In 1933 — they confiscated Americans' gold — and the dollar plunged 59%.

And in 1971 — Nixon's scheme to take the dollar off the gold standard slashed another 50% from the value of the dollar.

But all that history pales in comparison to what's coming.

Your personal privacy will become a thing of the past. Because now, everything in your life — from what you buy, what you own, the friends you have, where you work, who you see, who you donate to ... even the car you drive and the food you eat...

Can be tracked, monitored, even controlled by agents of the U.S. government.

That's what Project Hamilton and the new digital dollar will do.

So act today ... and protect your wealth from the most dangerous financial threat America has ever seen.

It all breaks down to three simple steps...

- ✓ Add hard assets like gold, and especially silver, to your portfolio.
- ✓ Inflation-proof your wealth with I-Bonds.
- ✓ Diversify your fixed-income savings with WorldCurrency CDs.

By taking these simple measures, you'll be positioned to weather the storm — and even profit — as Project Hamilton takes over.

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