

# REPORT: TOKENIZING BARBADOS

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#### **Preface**

At our core, Tokopoly is a real estate investment company that is simply using blockchain technology to better serve our clients. Tokenization is the term being granted to this ecosystem, which defines how individuals can access and benefit from this technology. The information provided may be real estate leaning but can apply to many industries, as we will later explain in this document.

#### THE BACKGROUND

# What exactly is this, tokenization?

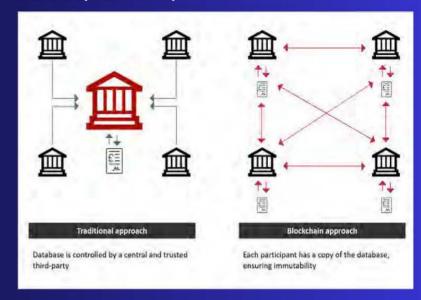
Tokenization is the process of transacting a blockchain recorded purchase and/or sale of an ownership stake in a tangible asset (much like a share, in traditional finance). For broader context- Crypto Assets fall into four categories:

- Security
- Utility
- Payment
- Exchange

(\* SUPE is an easy acronym to remember these categories). Tokenization falls into the Security category, which has proven to be a wise path for our company (we'll explain why later in this document.

# So Why Should/ Would Barbados Tokenize? Here Are Five Major Reasons:

# 1. Security/Autonomy



This famous illustration depicts the difference between traditional transactions, as opposed to blockchain transactions. The traditional approach dictates that all bankina information is silved into a central database. leaving it susceptible to hacks and breaches. While the blockchain approach requires consensus and confirmation among many nodes (computer servers) for transaction. limiting the possibility impropriety.

#### 2. Efficiency

Chief among the advantages of tokenization is liquidity. From a real estate perspective tokenization has the potential to recapture some of the value lost to illiquidity by making real estate investments easier to buy and sell.

For Investors,

Traditional investing process:

For most stock trades, settlement occurs twobusinessdaysafterthedaytheorder executes, or T+1 (tradedateplusdays). https://www.securities-administrators.ca/

news/csa-announces-adoption-of-amenders-to-national-instrument-24-101-institutionalde-matching-and-settlement/

Security Token Investing Process:

No clearing or settlement delays T+0. Your ability to sell your investment stake or convert your investment stake into cash, occurs within seconds.

# 3. Cost Savings (Eliminationredundancies)

In many instances, not just in real estate, the use of tokenization eliminates the necessity for many intermediaries thus reducing cost.

Here is a quick illustration of this fact as it relates to a commercial real estate transaction:

EXPENSES	COSTS	
	TRADITIONAL	DIGITAL (BLOCKCHAIN)
DUE DILIGENCE (APPROX.:		
LEGAL	\$5-\$20K	reduced significantly
FINANCIAL	\$5-\$25K	can be eliminated
PHYSICAL	\$2- \$6K	reduced significantly
APPRAISAL	(\$5k-10k COMM) (\$300-\$500 RES.)	still required
INSPECTION	\$.10/sq.ft	still required
BROKER/ AGENT	4-8%	can be eliminated
ESCROW	1-2%	can be eliminated
TITLE INSURANCE	.5- 1%	can be circumvented
TITLE SEARCH	\$75-\$100	still required
LAND TRANSFER TAX	varies (0-2%)	still required
BANK FEES	1%	can be eliminated
TRAVEL	\$2K-\$10K	reduced significantly

# 4. Transparency

Whether monetary or document based, every transaction conducted on a

blockchainisavailableforanyonewithan internet connection to see.

#### 5. Fractionalization

A security token is like a poker chip, where it represents a monetary value. In the case of this platform, a token represents your share, or ownership stake in a real estate offering.

A security token can be subdivided, allowing the issuer or subsequent holders to sell fractional tokens. This enables greater opportunities for diversification for wealthier investors.

#### **BARBADOS 'TOKENOMICS'**

Among the crypto asset classes ('SUPE'), tokenization has gained the most sustainable traction, globally, as a means of increasing liquidity, democratizing access to investments, and enhancing security in transactions.

Barbados is a well-established financial centre in the Caribbean known for its stable economy, favorable tax policies and progressive stance on digital innovation. With such a strategic location and a strong legal system to support international business, Barbados presents a unique opportunity for being a leader in the security token space.

#### **TOKOPOLY INITIATIVES AND SYNERGIES**

#### 1. Establishing Regulatory Framework

For tokenization to thrive, Barbados would need to establish clear regulatory standards regarding the issuance, trading, and taxation of security tokens. This would involve updates to securities laws, anti-money laundering (AML) regulations, and consumer protection standards. We at Tokopoly can certainly provide comprehensive support in this regard. We have a seven year track record of compliance in Canada. Canada is one of, if not the leading global authority on crypto asset regulation in the world. Our Chief

Compliance Counsel, Michael Lee Hing, would be instrumental in establishing regulatory standards consistent with global compliance.

#### 2. Education

Our 'Real Estate Security Token Research Institute', is the knowledge base for all things related to the history, present and future of the security token ecosystem. We have conducted speaking engagements, webinars and weekly library sessions to ensure we are doing our part to support an informed marketplace. We look to continue these efforts in Barbados.

At the centre of our business is blockchain technology and as such we will continually require I.T. professionals who need to be trained and proficient in programming languages such as: JavaScript, Java, Go, Python, C#. NET Standard 2.0, C++, Scala, Ruby and Solidity. We look forward to the opportunity to work with local programs like 'G-Suite For Educational Tech' to support these efforts.

# 3. Marketing/ Promotion

Tokenize Barbados Summt 2025, is well under way in its preparation for next year (April-May 2025). We are currently working in collaboration with Invest Barbados (Lynda Arsenault), CAASA Canada (James Burron) and Wyndham Grand Barbados (Renee Braithwaite) to make this an annual event in Barbados. The combination of our efforts should solidify a solid foundation for yearly attendance, thus bolstering the Bajan economy.

<u>Tokops Stay Club</u>, is the hospitality investment division of our business. Currently based in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, we are actively promoting

Barbados and working with hospitality professionals in the Barbadian market to establish strategic partnerships.

# 4. Real Estate Projects

We have the fortunate privilege of working with the Honorary Consulate of Barbados, here in Calgary, Dr. Morris Scantlebury on a development project slated for Barbados, within the next few years. It is this particular initiative that is at the centre of our corporate transition to Barbados. Of course this will support jobs in the building, financial and legal sector of the Barbadian economy.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR TOKENIZATION IN BARBADOS: REAL ESTATE AND BEYOND

Real Estate:

The real estate market in Barbados is an attractive area for tokenization, particularly in the luxury property segment. Tokenization could open up investment opportunities to a broader audience, allowing fractional ownership of high-value properties. This could enhance liquidity in the real estate market and make it easier for investors to enter and exit positions.

Tourism and Hospitality:

Given the importance of tourism to Barbados' economy, tokenization could be applied to assets within the hospitality sector, such as hotel ownership, timeshare programs, or even local attractions. This could enable global investors to participate in the success of Barbados' tourism industry.

# Renewable Energy Projects:

Barbados is committed to transitioning to renewable energy, and tokenization could play a role in financing these projects. By tokenizing investments in solar, wind, or other renewable energy projects, Barbados could attract environmentally conscious investors worldwide.

#### Cultural and Artistic Assets:

Barbados has a rich cultural heritage that could be leveraged through the tokenization of artistic works, music, and other cultural assets. This could create new revenue streams for local artists and cultural institutions, while also preserving Barbados' cultural legacy on a global scale.

#### Financial Services:

As a financial hub, Barbados could explore the tokenization of financial instruments, including securities, bonds, and other asset This could improve the efficiency of financial markets, reduce transaction costs and attract international investment.

# **Key Takeaways**

1. Develop a Comprehensive Regulatory Framework:

The government should work with industry stakeholders to create clear and robust regulations for tokenization, ensuring

they align with international standards.

- 2. Invest in Technological Infrastructure: Barbados should invest in the necessary technological infrastructure to support blockchain technology and tokenization, including cybersecurity and internet connectivity.
- 3. Promote Investor Education: Educational campaigns and resources should be developed to increase awareness and understanding of tokenization among potential investors and stakeholders.
- 4. Foster Public-Private Partnerships:
  Collaboration between the government and private sector can accelerate the adoption of tokenization by developing pilot projects and testing new models in various sectors.

#### Conclusion

Tokenization presents a promising opportunity for Barbados to leverage its strengths in finance, tourism and sustainability. However, realizing this potential will require a regulatory, technological and educational commitment. With a proactive approach from both the government and private sector, Barbados could easily position itself as a leader in the security token space within the Caribbean and beyond. By embracing tokenization, Barbados has the opportunity to enhance its economic resilience, attract global investment and cement its position as a pioneer in digital innovation.

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