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HODL1, a Japan-Listed Public Ethereum-Focused Digital Asset Treasury, Becomes Gauntlet's First Crypto Asset Treasury Partner in Asia

HODL1, inc. (hereinafter "HODL1") hereby announces its appointment as the crypto asset treasury partner of Gauntlet Networks Inc. (hereinafter "Gauntlet"), the global leader in DeFi risk management.

1. Overview

HODL1 is committed to expanding the Ethereum ecosystem through two pillars: its "HODL" business, focused on the long-term holding and management of Ethereum, and its "BUIDL" business, dedicated to the development and real-world implementation of blockchain technology – all under the mission of "expanding the future of financial infrastructure as an Ethereum Company."

HODL1 selected Gauntlet-curated Morpho vaults as its onchain yield solution for treasury ETH management. This marks HODL1 as Gauntlet's first crypto asset treasury partner in Asia.

By combining Gauntlet's risk management framework with HODL1's DeFi operational expertise, the two organizations aim to deliver institutional-grade capital allocation in an onchain-native environment.

HODL1 also plans to leverage Gauntlet Vaults to offer DeFi operational support services for corporates – including Japanese-language resources, accounting, and tax guidance – with the goal of accelerating DeFi adoption across Japan and the broader Asian market.

2. Comment from Nicholas Cannon, CBO, Gauntlet Networks Inc.

"HODL1 is a milestone for Gauntlet in APAC, and it reflects a broader shift: institutional ETH holders across the region are ready to move beyond passive holding and into risk-adjusted onchain yield,"

3. Comment from Kosuke Ito, Director and CTO, HODL1, inc.

"Ethereum is evolving from a held asset into financial infrastructure that can b

e actively managed with controlled risk. Through our collaboration with Gauntlet, the global leader in DeFi risk management, we are bringing together the technical expertise cultivated through both our HODL and BUIDL operations to build an onchain-native asset management model from Asia. This is a direct embodiment of our mission as an 'Ethereum Company' – to expand the future of financial infrastructure.”

4. About Gauntlet Networks Inc.

Gauntlet equips investors, builders, and token issuers with data-driven strategies to confidently allocate over \$1.5 billion onchain across 150+ fintech and institutional integrations. With eight years of cryptoeconomic research and analysis, Gauntlet builds protocol and yield optimization strategies working with leaders across the crypto ecosystem, including Coinbase, Morpho, Uniswap, Arbitrum, and NEAR. Gauntlet's models have safeguarded over \$42 billion in digital assets across the crypto ecosystem, driving capital efficiency and mitigating risk.

To learn more, visit gauntlet.xyz.

5. Forward-Looking Statement

HODL1 will continue to advance its digital asset management capabilities through DeFi, while maintaining transparency and sound governance as a listed company. The financial impact of this initiative is expected to be minimal at this stage. Should any disclosures become necessary in the future, HODL1 will provide timely updates accordingly.