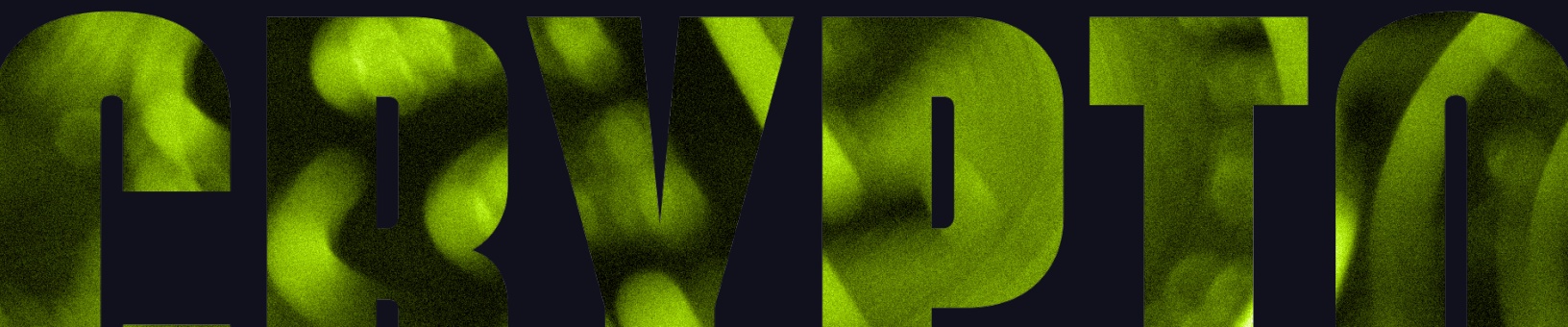
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We hope you enjoyed Episode 1 of the Crypto Academy Sessions with OSF and Mando, Investing Foundations.

As you move through your financial learning journey in the Crypto Academy, think of these reports and all the other Academy extras as Cliff's Notes. These reports are not meant to replace any of the episodes — they're here to help make things easier.

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Enjoy.

As professional traders and crypto entrepreneurs, Ovie Faruq (OSF) and Mike Anderson (Mando) are the perfect duo to start our learning journey in the Crypto Academy. Before falling down the crypto wormhole, OSF and Mando spent several years trading high-yield credit derivatives together at Barclays in London. Now, they can be found trading the daily action and building the community at rektguy, the NFT art collective they co-founded.

Here are the key knowledge drops from Episode 1, Investing Foundations, with OSF, Mando, and Real Vision co-founder and CEO, Raoul Pal:

1. **Understanding macro is crucial to finding success in crypto.** This includes studying market dynamics, correlations, and potential drivers of various asset classes outside crypto. Developing a macro competence will help you recognize the broader market factors that drive all asset classes, helping you make more informed portfolio decisions.

2. **In crypto investing, it's important to focus on discipline and risk management.** This includes position sizing, maintaining a journal of trade ideas, regularly reevaluating your investments, and managing downside risk. These practices can help keep you from blowing up your portfolio.

3. **When in doubt, exercise "concentrated diversification."** Chasing after every new altcoin could lead to such a small hit rate that your losses will outweigh the wins — while betting big on one single coin could result in a massive drawdown. Instead, OSF and Mando recommend focusing on large-cap cryptos like BTC, ETH, and SOL while allocating a small percentage of your portfolio to select opportunities in high-risk, high-reward altcoins.

4. **Be curious but skeptical when it comes to NFTs.** When navigating the world of non-fungible tokens (NFTs), investors must analyze each unique project and understand what drives value. It's a complex field influenced by art, culture, online communities, and momentum. There is no established theory or expertise, so thorough analysis is pivotal.

5. **Learn from your mistakes, adapt, and take profits.** It's important to learn from past mistakes and not get fixated on past successes. Let your winners run but be sure to take some profit along the way — that will pay for the inevitable hiccups that arise in a volatile, new industry. Continuously check trustworthy sources and beware of scams in the space.