WIRE Economics

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BLUF. WIRE Economics rises to **POTENTIAL CRISIS (↑)** because digital assets now carry two Significant indicators. Binance put the impact of a 29 Oct security incident at about **$6.3 billion**, the largest crypto theft on record, with about $3 billion frozen; withdrawals remain suspended and Binance says it will cover all losses (Decrypt; CNBC). Bitcoin closed 29 Oct at **$77,775** (Yahoo), a 4.3% fall. The macro picture softened: Q3 GDP grew **3.4%** (BEA), the 10-year closed **4.98%** (Treasury) and the 30-year mortgage fell to **7.24%** (Freddie Mac). Resolved: **ECO-01, ECO-03, ECO-07 and BTC-10 hit**.

0. WIRE Economics Dashboard

TOPIC	CRISIS LEVEL	DOM. INDICATOR	KEY DRIVER (today)	TREND
ECO-T5 Digital assets (Bitcoin)	**POTENTIAL CRISIS**	**SIGNIFICANT**	B-7 Binance $6.3B hack, withdrawals paused; B-5 Brent over $110	↑
ECO-T2 Inflation and energy	**ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS**	**SIGNIFICANT**	Brent settle $114.88; September PCE 3.6% y/y; override −1 kept	=
ECO-T1 Rates, Fed and sovereign	**ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS**	**ABNORMAL**	10y 4.98%; December hike odds ~78%	=
ECO-T3 Labor and growth	**NO CRISIS**	**ABNORMAL**	Q3 GDP 3.4%; claims 194k	=
ECO-T4 Housing and mortgage	**NO CRISIS**	**ABNORMAL**	30y fixed 7.24%, lowest this month	↓

Indicator: ROUTINE ABNORMAL SIGNIFICANT EXTREME **Crisis level:** NO CRISIS ENV. FOR CRISIS POTENTIAL PROBABLE IMMINENT

Family level = highest topic level. Roll-up per WIRE_METHOD §1a. Trend key: ↑ toward crisis, ↓ away, = no net change.

Change line. Family level ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS → **POTENTIAL CRISIS**, trend = → ↑. ECO-T5 rose one level; ECO-T4 fell one level.

Moved indicators (vs 29 Oct). B-7 ABNORMAL → **SIGNIFICANT** (hack over $500M at a top-10 exchange, withdrawals halted). ECO-T4 30y fixed SIGNIFICANT → **ABNORMAL** (7.24%, under the 7.25% line).

I. ECO-T5 DIGITAL ASSETS (BITCOIN) | POTENTIAL CRISIS

Security. Binance said a compromised engineer's laptop may have let an attacker submit unauthorized withdrawals, then said it found "additional points of breach"; it reports no evidence of a private-key leak. Deposits reopened; withdrawals stay paused for a rebuild of the withdrawal service, with resumption targeted about 45 hours from the 30 Oct update. Arkham put the haul at $6.01 billion from hot wallets on nine chains; Tether and Circle froze about 975.1M USDT and 823M USDC (Decrypt; CNBC). **Price.** The 29 Oct UTC close was **$77,775.11** (Yahoo), from $81,267.59; CoinGecko's 00:00 UTC 30 Oct value was $77,838.81 (CoinGecko). Reuters, via Investing.com, put the low at $77,646, a six-week low (Investing.com). Drawdown from ~$126.2k is **38.4%**; 30-day realized volatility (Yahoo closes) is about **29.2%**. **Flows and plumbing.** US spot ETFs took in **$17.2M** on 29 Oct; the week stands at **+$440.8M** (Farside). USDT $0.9992, USDC $0.9996 (CoinGecko). Hashrate ~1,048 EH/s vs ~1,023 EH/s 30-day mean (mempool.space). Fear & Greed **30**, from 51 (Alternative.me). **Indicators. B-7 SIGNIFICANT** (moved). **B-5 SIGNIFICANT** (Brent over $110). **B-1 ABNORMAL** (38.4%). B-2 (−4.3% day), B-3, B-4, B-6, B-8, B-9, B-10 ROUTINE. Roll-up: 2 Significant = **POTENTIAL CRISIS (↑)**. Tripwires (B-7 or B-8 at Extreme) not met. Two indicators at Significant within 7 days meets the §1a Emerging Warning Concern trigger: **EWC opened on exchange-security contagion. Analyst Comment.** This is a theft, not an insolvency: Binance says it will cover losses and half the haul is frozen, so Extreme (an FTX-class failure) is unlikely. The watch items are whether withdrawals reopen on schedule and whether ETF flows turn to outflows; a missed reopening would test confidence in the largest venue.

II. ECO-T2 INFLATION AND ENERGY PASS-THROUGH | ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS

Prices. September PCE rose 0.5% m/m and **3.6% y/y**; core 0.3% and **3.1%**, in line with consensus (CNBC). Q3 core PCE slowed to a 2.5% annual rate (BEA). **Energy.** December Brent settled **$114.88** (−0.38%) and WTI $102.00 on 29 Oct as reports of a US peace proposal to Iran

offset supply fears (Reuters via Euronext; DTN). AAA regular is **$4.205**, from $4.226 yesterday (AAA); EIA's 26 Oct value is $4.269, next release 3 Nov (EIA). **Indicators.** Core CPI ROUTINE (carried); T5YIE ROUTINE (carried); Brent SIGNIFICANT; gasoline SIGNIFICANT (EIA, carried). Formula POTENTIAL CRISIS; **override −1 to ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (kept):** both Significant reads come from one oil shock while core inflation is decelerating on a quarterly basis. Trend =.

III. ECO-T1 RATES, FED AND SOVEREIGN DEBT | ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS

Treasury's 29 Oct par curve: 2-year 4.61%, 10-year **4.98%** (from 5.05%), 30-year 5.32%; the 10-year is up 2 bp on the week (Treasury). The $44 billion 7-year auction stopped at 4.894%, bid-to-cover 2.46; implied December hike odds slipped to about **78%** from 85% (TreasuryBonds.com; Newsquawk). **Indicators.** 10y ABNORMAL; weekly move ROUTINE (+2 bp); Fed vs pricing ROUTINE; auctions ROUTINE. Formula NO CRISIS; **override +1 to ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (kept):** a December hike is still priced as likely and the 10-year sits at 5%. Trend =.

IV. ECO-T3 LABOR AND GROWTH | NO CRISIS

Real GDP grew **3.4%** annualized in Q3, from 2.2% in Q2 (BEA). Initial claims fell to **194k**; the 4-week average is 196.75k; GDPNow's first Q4 read is 3.2% (Newsquawk; TreasuryBonds.com). Payrolls ABNORMAL (carried); claims, GDPNow ROUTINE. Roll-up NO CRISIS (=).

V. ECO-T4 HOUSING AND MORTGAGE | NO CRISIS

The 30-year fixed averaged **7.24%** (29 Oct), from 7.32%, the lowest this month (Freddie Mac; FRED MORTGAGE30US). 30y ABNORMAL (moved). Roll-up NO CRISIS (↓). **Analyst Comment.** The move is one basis point under the line, so a single uptick puts the topic back at ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS.

VI. PREDICTIONS

Resolved today: - **ECO-03** (Q3 GDP ≥3.0%, 65%): **HIT**. BEA advance 3.4%. Brier 0.1225. - **ECO-07** (PMMS below 7.32% on 29 Oct, 60%): **HIT**. 7.24%. Brier 0.16. - **ECO-01** (PMMS ≤7.25% by 19 Nov, 35%): **HIT**. 7.24% on 29 Oct. Brier 0.4225. - **BTC-10** (close below $79k by 3 Nov, 50%): **HIT**. 29 Oct close $77,775.11 (Yahoo; CoinGecko $77,838.81). Brier 0.25.

Open: **ECO-08** (Brent below $110 by 30 Oct): $114.88, resolves on today's settle, trending miss. **BTC-09** (outflow week): +$440.8M through 29 Oct, resolves on today's Farside print, trending miss. **ECO-02** (≥5.25%), **ECO-06** (≤4.85%), **ECO-09** (≥5.10%): 4.98%, not hit. **ECO-10** (EIA <$4.25 for 2 Nov): AAA $4.205, trending hit. **ECO-11** (December hike, 70%): odds ~78%. **ECO-12** (refunding cut) next week. **BTC-11** (>$83k by 6 Nov): not hit. **BTC-12** (inflow week 2–6 Nov). **BTC-01..04**: no change. New (dated 2026-10-30; logged in the prediction ledger): - **BTC-13:** Binance announces that withdrawals have resumed by 2 Nov. **80%, likely.** Resolve by 2026-11-02. - **BTC-14:** Bitcoin closes below $75,000 (00:00 UTC) on any date 30 Oct to 6 Nov. **35%, unlikely.** Resolve by 2026-11-06.

VII. GAPS AND UNVERIFIED

- **Binance figures** ($6.3B impact, ~$3B frozen, withdrawal timing) are the exchange's own, relayed by Decrypt and CNBC; Binance's announcement page timed out here. Attribution of the attacker is unknown.
- **Fed odds** (~78%) are as relayed by TreasuryBonds.com, not read from CME directly.
- **FRED** (T5YIE, IC4WSA, SAHMREALTIME) was not collected; core CPI, breakevens and payrolls are carried. Claims are from Newsquawk, not DOL directly.
- Liquidation totals after the hack, term premium, foreign spreads and MBA delinquency were not collected.

Sources

BEA; U.S. Treasury; Freddie Mac; FRED; Federal Reserve (prior edition); CNBC; Reuters (via Euronext and Investing.com); DTN; Newsquawk; TreasuryBonds.com; Decrypt; EIA; AAA; Yahoo Finance; CoinGecko; Farside; mempool.space; Alternative.me.