

PAYWARD CANADA INC.

CRYPTO ASSET RISK DISCLOSURE

Berachain (BERA)

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What is Berachain and how does it work?

Berachain uses two other tokens on its network: BGT is a non-transferable token earned by providing liquidity. It confers governance rights and can be staked to validators to contribute to Berachain's network security. The only way to earn BGT is through staking BERA in reward vaults. HONEY is a stablecoin native to Berachain, designed to maintain its value pegged to the US Dollar (USD). It can be mined through the Berachain native HONEY dApp or by lending collateral on Bend, Berachain's lending protocol.

Berachain is a Layer 1 blockchain platform that introduces a unique consensus mechanism known as Proof-of-Liquidity (PoL). This approach aims to enhance capital efficiency within decentralised finance (DeFi) by directly integrating liquidity provision into the network's security framework.

Berachain operates as an Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM)-compatible blockchain, constructed using the Cosmos SDK. Its PoL consensus mechanism originally incentivised users to supply liquidity to the network's DeFi protocols by rewarding them with BGT (Bera Governance Token), a non-transferable token that granted governance rights within the ecosystem. On July 8, 2026, Berachain implemented a network upgrade referred to as "PoL Next" that ended new BGT emissions and retired BGT's role as the network's primary reward and governance mechanism. Following the upgrade, block rewards are distributed as WBERA (Wrapped BERA), with sWBERA (staked WBERA) replacing BGT as the vehicle for ongoing staking and liquidity incentives. BGT remains in circulation as a legacy token and can still be redeemed on a one-way basis for BERA, but it no longer accrues new emissions or influences validator reward allocation. Holders of BGT and BGT-based liquid staking tokens were required to manually migrate these holdings to sWBERA using tools made available through the Berachain Hub.

BERA is the utility token of the Berachain network. The BERA token serves two main purposes on the Berachain network:

- Paying for transactions on the blockchain.
- Staking to activate validator nodes.

Berachain's broader token ecosystem also includes HONEY, a stablecoin native to Berachain designed to maintain its value pegged to the US Dollar (USD). It can be minted through the Berachain native HONEY dApp or by lending collateral on Bend, Berachain's lending protocol. BGT continues to exist as a legacy, non-transferable asset that pre-PoL Next participants may still hold or redeem for BERA, but, following the July 2026 upgrade, it is no longer earned through staking BERA in reward vaults and no longer functions as the network's active governance or incentive token.

Who is behind Berachain

The project was co-founded by pseudonymous individuals: Smokey the Bera, Papa Bear, Dev Bear, and Homme Bear.

Tokenomics of BERA

The total genesis supply of BERA is 500 million. The distribution is as follows:

Category	Amount
Ecosystem and R&D*	20%
Airdrop*	15.8%
Community Initiatives*	13.1%
Initial Core Contributors	16.8%
Investors	34.3%

*Ecosystem and R&D, Airdrop, and Community Initiatives are categorized together as “Community Allocations” in Berachain’s tokenomics documentation.

General Risks

Like all other digital assets, there are some general risks to investing in BERA. These include short history risk, volatility risk, liquidity risk, demand risk, forking risk, code defects, cryptography risk, regulatory risk,

concentration risk, electronic trading risk and cyber security risk. For more information on general risks associated with smart contracts and digital assets, see Kraken's Risk Statement.

Risks specific to BERA

Competition

Berachain faces competition from other Layer-1 blockchain projects such as Ethereum, Solana, and Cosmos. BERA's value derives from the project's broader adoption in the market. If BERA fails to achieve sufficient adoption compared to the other options in the market, this could negatively impact the value of BERA.

Due Diligence

Prior to listing on the Kraken platform, Kraken performed due diligence on BERA and determined that BERA is unlikely to be a security or derivative under Canada securities legislation. Our analysis generally includes, but is not limited to, reviewing publicly available information on the following:

- The creation, governance, usage and design of BERA, including the source code, security and roadmap for growth in the developer community and, if available, the background of the developer(s) that created BERA;
- The supply, demand, maturity, utility and liquidity of BERA;
- Material technical risks associated with BERA, including any code defects, security breaches and other threats concerning BERA and its supporting blockchain (such as the susceptibility to hacking and impact of forking), or the practices and protocols that apply to them; and
- Legal and regulatory risks associated with BERA, including (i) any pending, potential, or prior civil, regulatory, criminal, or enforcement action relating to the issuance, distribution, or use of BERA, and (ii) consideration of statements made by any regulators or securities regulatory authorities in Canada, other regulators of the International Organization of Securities Commissions, or the regulator with the most significant connection to BERA about whether BERA, or generally about whether the type of crypto asset, is a security and/or derivative.

No securities regulatory authority has expressed an opinion about the Crypto Contracts or any Crypto Assets (as defined in the Risk Statement) made available on the Kraken platform, including an opinion that BERA is not itself a security and/or derivative. Changes to applicable law may adversely affect the use, transfer, exchange, or value of any of your crypto assets, and such changes may be sudden and without notice.

