

BITCONNECT IS BACK! Please don't fall for this a second time!

## Description

*Fool me once, shame on you.  
Fool me twice, shame on me.*

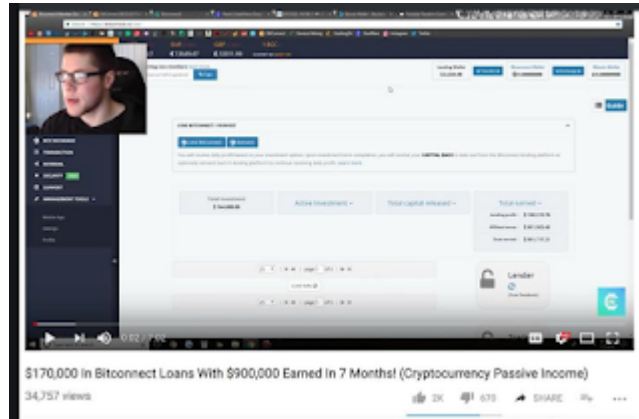
### Round One

Earlier last year, I had warned readers about various scams in the Bitcoin space – including Bitcoin mining, Bitconnect, and even local scammers trying to cheat you of your money by hopping onto the Bitcoin hype train. I did this through various social media channels – at events, through the mailing list, on Facebook and even IG stories.



I slammed Bitconnect for being a downright Ponzi scheme, but obviously my words were drowned out by all the Youtubers and other famous social media influencers who had only good things to say about it.

Among them were CryptoNick and Cryptochick (also how I first came to know of Bitconnect), who have over 200,000 subscribers between them. It was already clear by November that these guys had a vested interest to promote Bitconnect even though so many of us were calling it a downright Ponzi scheme, and made a killing by promoting their Bitconnect referrals to their clueless fans and followers. Fun fact: CryptoNick made over \$900,000 through his Bitconnect referrals which Doug Polk previously exposed before the whole scheme collapsed.



Need proof? [Here's a screenshot evidence for you non-believers.](#)

Some of the common objections raised:

***CryptoNick sounds really smart and makes really smart videos though! He even sells investment courses in crypto! Plus he's made a ton of money from this so it seems legit.***

*Yeah, he made money from your referrals that's why. Dude sells investment courses in crypto and doesn't even know what a private wallet key is.*

***But they've earned so much from Bitconnect and for so long! If it were a Ponzi scheme surely it would have collapsed by now...***

*Took long enough, but yes here you go!*

***These guys have so many subscribers and followers on Youtube. If it were a scam then why would they show their real face online? Surely they won't risk their reputation like that.***

*Not so sure about this man, some of the biggest scammers in history were also the most prolific and still got away with all that money.*



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the first lawsuit lands against [@bitconnect](#)  
and its promoters -- it begins with  
concluding lines from "Welcome to  
Wonderland"

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

CHARLES WILDES, individually; FRANCISCO DORIA, individually;  
ARIC HAROLD, individually; AKIVA KATZ, individually;  
JAMES GURRY, individually; RONALD NELSON, individually;  
and on behalf of All Others Similarly Situated;

Plaintiffs,

v.

BITCONNECT INTERNATIONAL PLC, a foreign corporation;  
BITCONNECT LTD., a foreign corporation;  
BITCONNECT TRADING LTD., a foreign corporation;  
GLENN ARCARO, an individual;  
TREVON BROWN a/k/a TREVON JAMES, an individual;  
RYAN HILDRETH, an individual;  
CRAIG GRANT, an individual;  
JOHN DORNEY, a/k/a CRYPTONICK, an individual;  
and JOHN DOE NOS. 2-10, individuals;

Defendants.

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

♪ Welcome to Wonderland / Where everything you see /  
I mean from "A" to "Z" / Ain't what it seems to be.

Welcome to Wonderland / Set phasers up to stun

Turn off the lights when done / Good luck and thanks a ton / Ciao, baby, gotta run! ♪

8:13 AM - 25 Jan 2018

Source: [Twitter](#)

TLDR:

- BitConnect was a Ponzi scheme that survived for as long as it did thanks to social media "influencers" who earned a whole bunch of referral money from promoting it to their followers.
- It promised high interests and guaranteed yield for lending one's Bitcoins to the platform, which needed to be exchanged into BCC tokens. For what it's worth, payouts were indeed given (until they were no longer unsustainable).
- [BitConnect was served legal letters by regulators.](#)
- BitConnect is refunding their customers with BCC tokens (instead of BTC), which are close to worthless now, having dropped 95% in the last 24 hours.



See, I *did* warn you guys. Read on for a second warning.

*But BB, why only warn through the mailing list instead of putting it publicly?*

Because the last time I warned the public of another scam (here in Singapore), I got sued by the founder. While protecting the interest of everyone who reads this blog, who's gonna protect mine? That was when I realised I had to be extra careful when it comes to exposing such acts from now, especially if the people behind the scams are rich and can easily spend a few thousands of their (dirty) money to take smaller folks like me and my warnings down. That's the reason why the mailing list (sign-up box on your left) exists. No sales and no giving away of your emails, ever.



Anyway, I could go on, but that's not really what I'm here for. Now that you have a rough introduction to the history of Bitconnect and why so many people fell for it, let's get to the main point of this post, shall we?

## Round Two

What prompted me to get down to writing this is because...Bitconnect is back! V2.0

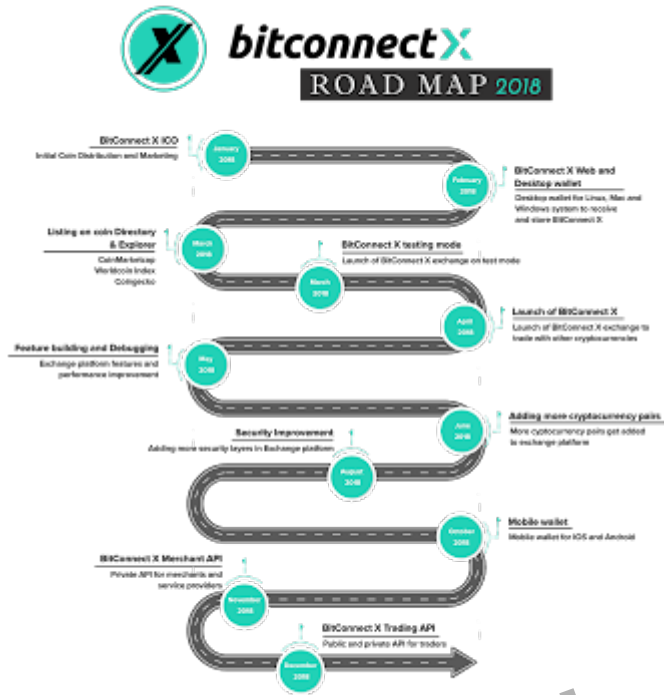
I kid you not. They've changed their name and colour scheme, but it is most certainly them alright. How do I know? **Because it is being promoted on their original website, that's why.** And I'm documenting this as hard, solid evidence so the next time you encounter a disbeliever of ~~Bitconnect~~ BitconnectX, you can just refer them to this post.

Heck, they're even running an ICO (initial coin offering)! Why not right, since ICOs are so hot right now?



All images from <http://bitconnectx.co/>

I won't be surprised if a new group of investors fall for this again, especially since BitConnect X seems to be more intelligently thought out this time. Look at all the terms that are being thrown around – decentralized, PoS, PoW – and their roadmap even states development of mobile wallets and exchanges (this sounds a lot like some other legitimate projects, doesn't it?)



I'll tell you what is missing – the team. Why?

Go figure ?

Please don't fall for this a second time.

With love,  
Dawn

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