## HyperFund Overview: A \$1.7 Billion Scheme

HyperFund promised investors high returns through cryptocurrency investments. The platform claimed to use advanced technology for profitable trading. However, it operated as a pyramid scheme, using new investments to pay off earlier investors.

### **Team Members**

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## HyperFund Owners Accused of \$1.7B Fraud

### High-Yield Promises

Launched in June 2020, HyperFund marketed itself as a high-yield investment program (HYIP) tied to crypto mining operations, promising investors daily returns and membership rewards.

#### **MLM** Structure

The platform used a multi-level marketing (MLM) structure, rewarding users for recruiting new investors. By early 2022, HyperFund collapsed, leaving investors with massive losses.

#### **False Claims**

HyperFund asserted that profits came from blockchain mining, crypto trading, and DeFi projects, but investigations revealed no legitimate revenue sources.



# SEC Charges: Lee and Chunga Chunga Accused

Securities Fraud

The SEC filed charges in
October 2024, accusing Lee
Lee and Chunga of
misleading investors about
about profitability.

Pyramid Scheme

They are accused of operating a pyramid scheme, scheme, relying on new investor funds to pay old ones.

### Unregistered Offering

The charges also include failing to comply with SEC regulations for regulations for unregistered securities offerings.

## Fraudulent Scheme Details Unveiled

### **False Promises**

HyperFund claimed investors investors would earn passive income from non-existent Bitcoin mining and fictitious partnerships.

### Pyramid Structure

Early investors were paid with with funds from new investors, a investors, a classic Ponzi scheme scheme model incentivizing aggressive recruitment.

### **Crypto Evasion**

Transactions were in crypto (BTC, ETH, USDT) to avoid scrutiny, funneled funneled through offshore accounts and shell companies.



## Legal Consequences and Settlements



### **SEC Civil Case**

Chunga's settlement includes disgorgement and civil penalties. Lee penalties. Lee faces ongoing litigation and potential lifetime bans.

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### **Criminal Charges**

Chunga's guilty plea could lead to prison time. Rodney Burton, Burton, another promoter, was arrested for misappropriating \$7 % million.

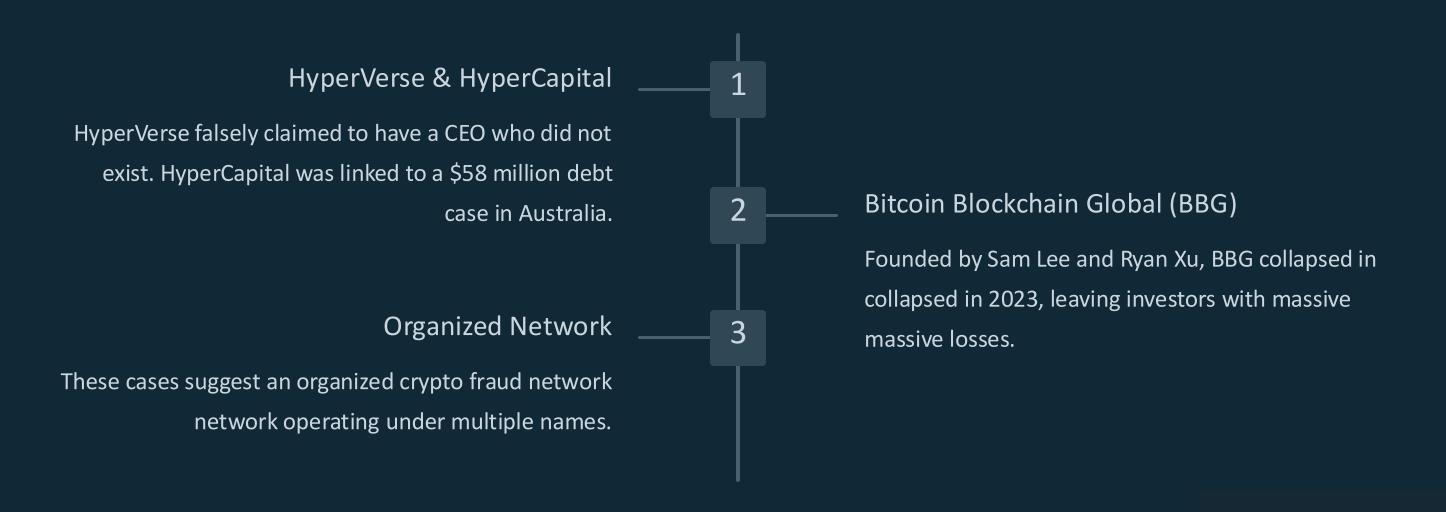


### Repaying Investors

The goal of the SEC is to repay defrauded investors through disgorgement of ill-gotten gains.



### Connections to Other Fraudulent Entities



### Impact on Investors and Market Reactions

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#### **Investor Losses**

Over \$1.7 billion lost globally, with many victims being retail investors lured by social media hype.

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### Market Distrust

The scandal reinforces negative perceptions of crypto as a scam-ridden industry, potentially leading to stricter regulations.

### **Regulatory Scrutiny**

Increased scrutiny on DeFi, yield farming, and MLM-based crypto projects by global regulators.

## Conclusion: Vigilance and Regulation

Vigilance Investors must remain vigilant against unrealistic promises. **Aggressive Pursuit** SEC and DOJ are aggressively pursuing crypto fraud cases. Ponzi Scheme HyperFund was a \$1.7B Ponzi scheme with no real business business model.

### Thank You

Thank you for your time and attention. We are happy to address any questions you may have.

Vigilance

Stay informed about the risks in crypto investments.

Due Diligence

Always research before investing in in crypto projects.

Regulation

Support regulatory measures that increase investor protection.