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Don't know if this is relevant, or not, but it mentions (recent) former Citadel and Jane Street persons and Crypto pump and dumps seem linked to GME. Following is the text for those who don't like to click links.

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Cryptocurrency exchange operator FTX.US has hired former Citadel Securities executive Brett Harrison as its first president.

Harrison will be in charge of helping FTX.US “massively scale out,” FTX.US CEO Sam Bankman-Fried [said in a statement](https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/ftxus-appoints-brett-harrison-as-president-301291096.html) Thursday. Harrison’s expertise is in developing trading technology. In his most recent role at Citadel Securities, Harrison was head of semi-systematic technology, where he oversaw a team of more than 100 engineers.

Bankman-Fried highlighted Harrison’s technical skills, along with his business acumen. The duo previously worked together at proprietary trading firm Jane Street for three years.

Growing FTX.US “into the most trusted digital currency trading platform and exchange in the US market” will be Harrison’s primary goal in the new role, said the exchange operator.

FTX.US was [launched in May 2020](https://www.theblockcrypto.com/post/66157/ftx-us-goes-live-ceo-says-the-crypto-exchange-has-tons-of-liquidity-to-offer), but its trading volumes have remained tepid compared to the main FTX exchange — which earlier this month [hired](https://www.theblockcrypto.com/post/103602/crypto-exchange-ftx-hsbc-jonathan-cheesman-traditional-financial-institutions) a former forex sales executive from HSBC. In the last 24 hours, FTX.US handled only [about \$185 million](https://www.coingecko.com/en/exchanges/ftx_us) worth of volume, according to CoinGecko, compared to the [nearly \$2 billion](https://www.coingecko.com/en/exchanges/ftx_spot) worth of trading volume facilitated by the main exchange.

Crypto exchanges Binance and Binance.US are in a similar situation. It’s likely one of the reasons why Binance.US recently [hired Brian Brooks,](https://www.theblockcrypto.com/daily/102897/brian-brooks-binance-coinbase-competitor) the former head of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and chief compliance officer of Coinbase, as its CEO.

Both Binance and FTX.US appear to have plans to take on leading U.S. crypto exchanges such as Coinbase and Kraken.

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