

Title: Stablecoin GYEN backed by Japanese Yen and owned by GMO-Z, subsidiary of GMO (with ties to Citadel, JPMorgan etc), experienced high volatility/instability this week, and seems it got delisted with people making large losses.

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I found something very strange, and I'm by no means a financial advisor, or even that knowledgeable in Crypto myself, but wanted to share an oddity I found, in case interesting to anyone.

The title is basically the tl;dr, the \$GYEN is a stablecoin that is backed by the Japanese Yen, with CMO/Citadel seemingly the creator of it as per coinbase's description.

The coin has recently been delisted with people seemingly losing money that was invested into this (more at bottom of page), this message is visible to me now on coinbase pro (the price has since tanked):

>"Due to technical reasons, we've disabled buying, selling, sending, receiving and trading for GYEN and POWR. Our teams are working to fix this as quickly as possible - we apologize for any inconvenience!"

What is a stablecoin? I'll let this explain better than I can - <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/s/stablecoin.asp>

GYEN's recent movement (1M scale):

[1M Scale](<https://preview.redd.it/6ebyhnrvt081.png?width=912&format=png&auto=webp&s=672094993d898ec38ca8dec0267ebec8af119933>)

Interestingly, this also happened on a much bigger scale back on 12th May:

<https://preview.redd.it/k00fyglsdt081.png?width=891&format=png&auto=webp&s=b6a4322af3ae1ae1decc17868ea4fcf86f417025>

Now I have no explanations as to why or how this as happened, as to my best knowledge, stablecoins should not be experiencing volatility like this at all, especially the levels of these spikes.

However, I've compiled a few notes below of what I found for people to dissect and look into, who may have a better understanding than myself:

* [https://www.reddit.com/r/ratioatblessions/comments/o1c04z/gmo_trust_spreadsheet_20210428_borrowers_are/](https://www.reddit.com/r/ratioatblessions/comments/o1c04z/gmo_trust_spreadsheet_20210428_borrowers_are/) \- Post shows an SEC filing that ties GMO and Citadel, Credit Suisse, JPMorgan etc through investment ties. <https://sec.report/Document/0001752724-21-087103/> \- the SEC filing within for quick reference.

* [https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/n2em6z/gmo_trust_ncsr_and_determining_the_short_position/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/n2em6z/gmo_trust_ncsr_and_determining_the_short_position/) \- this post seems to show GMO retiring it's US Small Cap Fund on 5th May (that pop above was 12th May which is interesting timing), and that it seemingly incurred losses to GameStop. Truth be told, I don't understand the latter bit of the post - but feel free to check out.

* Ben Inker, the GMO Co Head of Asset Allocation was also shilling on GME back in January, so he's clearly pretty salty about it all -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FTIPrgBTUQ>

* [https://www.reddit.com/r/CryptoCurrency/comments/qvpvvy/gyen_is_a_stablecoin_dont_get_finesse](https://www.reddit.com/r/CryptoCurrency/comments/qvpvvy/gyen_is_a_stablecoin_dont_get_finesse)

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\\- A post warning people to not get finessed.

* [https://www.reddit.com/r/CoinBase/comments/qxsh1n/what_happen/](https://www.reddit.com/r/CoinBase/comments/qxsh1n/what_happen/) \\-Dissent in the community as people lost money due to exchanges taking this off market.

* <https://www.reddit.com/r/CoinBase/comments/qxsxtg/gyen/> \\- more dissent

* [https://www.reddit.com/r/CoinBase/comments/qyc0pz/gyen_explanation_please/](https://www.reddit.com/r/CoinBase/comments/qyc0pz/gyen_explanation_please/) \\- more dissent

Ben Inker: <https://www.gmo.com/americas/people/investment-teams/>

GMO-Z, subsidiary of GMO, who owns GYEN: <https://stablecoin.z.com/>

Anyway, just wanted to share my findings, I don't really know what it ultimately amounts to, but hopefully someone find it interesting.

Fuckery is afoot.