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PREFACE

I decided to write this book with the firm conviction that it will help you develop technical, legal, mathematical, and technological skills applied to the real estate sector, so you can make intelligent decisions and use sustainable tools when managing your business or project.

In this book, I will try to guide you in evaluating whether tokenization on the blockchain is truly useful for you, or if another method is more suitable. And if you decide that it is, or if you are eager to apply it, I will teach you how to implement it from both a legal and technical perspective.

As for my experience with technology, while not a programmer, I have always been curious about programming languages, which led me to take Solidity courses. Solidity is an object-oriented programming language used to write smart contracts on the Ethereum blockchain.

So, you may wonder: How does a woman dedicated to real estate and construction decide to learn Solidity programming?

The answer is simple. After my experience at the Google Campus, I began researching how blockchain could be implemented in real estate from both a technical and legal perspective. When my clients asked me if they could carry out real estate transactions using cryptocurrencies from the United States, I began to question how we could implement the entire system through blockchain platforms. Back in 2016, the field was still quite immature, both in terms of regulation and technology, so I knew I needed to wait and prepare by acquiring substantial and, most importantly, technical information.

At that time, I found myself asking questions like:
From a programming standpoint, how do you move a sales contract or deed to the blockchain?

How do we manage the contract and the deed in a way that it remains legally valid, just as it would be in practice? Where is the legal security in all of this? How do we protect the investor? I asked myself countless technical and legal questions. And so, in an effort to answer these questions, I began taking programming courses and reading and interpreting what was happening on a legal and technical level, along with the trends in the European Union.

On my part, I started with some advantages compared to others applying tokenization to the real estate sector: I was well-prepared in my field and ready to incorporate technology as additional information. When you know the recipe, you can alter the ingredients without changing the flavor or ruining the cake. In my 20 years of experience, I have lived through not only the 2008 economic crisis, which had its epicenter in the real estate sector, but I have also grown up in a country known for its ingenuity and creativity in surviving and rebuilding after constant crises. I have witnessed all types of real estate operations, which have allowed me to discern what works and what doesn't. Most importantly, I experienced the biggest economic crisis in Argentina in 2001, during my adolescence. The banking system itself disappeared the funds and savings of its clients and left the country in a matter of days.

I've seen notaries and agents make a small fortune the Sunday before the infamous banking freeze. And above all, I've witnessed how builders, architects, the financial sector, private companies, and small businesses, during both a global and national crisis, managed to rise up and continue building, restructuring, selling, reselling, and renting without relying on the banking sector.

Financing came from personal funds, real estate trusts, and the buyers themselves. We invented all sorts of financial instruments to survive, and in some cases, they worked. In 2024, I continue to communicate with the same builders and architects who have struggled through, and still struggle in Argentina. They have had the opportunity to sell homes without forcing the buyer into a lifetime mortgage.

This entire professional and personal experience has become part of my toolkit, and it has served as a valuable tool in Europe to help me identify where or how we could go wrong when it comes to tokenizing real estate assets, because tokenization is just another tool, and because I have already seen many businesses fail, go bankrupt, and close.

In this book, I will explain very simply: How the real estate sector ecosystem is composed, briefly introduce some tools you can use in your daily work, but most importantly, we will focus on explaining what blockchain is, what it's used for, how it could be applied in the real estate sector, real-world examples of asset tokenization globally, a bit of history of the real estate sector, we will look at alternative financing techniques to tokenization, analyze the regulations, the processes for effective token issuance, and I will share what I believe is the path we should take to establish a complete blockchain system for real estate assets.

CHAPTER I - REAL ESTATE

Chapter I provides a comprehensive exploration of the intersection between the real estate sector, tokenomics, and current financial innovations.

It is structured around several key points that cover everything from the history of the sector to valuation methodologies and new financing models. The chapter begins with an overview of the real estate and banking sectors' history, providing the necessary context to understand the recent transformations.

The chapter then explains "Token Economics" and how this innovative technology is being applied in real estate to enhance transparency, liquidity, and accessibility in investments. It delves into financial crises, including concepts such as subprime mortgages, CDS (Credit Default Swaps), and swaps, illustrating how these have impacted the real estate sector and proposing solutions in the current context using tokenomics.

The main valuation methodologies are also detailed, such as the comparison method, replacement cost, and income capitalization, all essential tools for property assessment. These methodologies are key to maintaining an appropriate price order of real estate assets in the market, and the chapter explores how these connect to tokenization.

Various financing alternatives are examined, including real estate leasing, crowdfunding, crowdlending, and real estate trusts, highlighting how these options facilitate access to investment as alternatives to asset tokenization. The chapter also provides a guide to the phases of an investment project, including revenue and expense evaluation, and the use of financial mathematics tools such as Internal Rate of Return (IRR) and Cap Rate.

In the section on Real Estate Law and Bond Issuance, it discusses fundamental legal aspects such as contracts, real rights, and personal rights, as well as the issuance of bonds backed by mortgages and other assets. Finally, the chapter looks at the risks of

fraudulent schemes in both the real estate and blockchain sectors, offering prevention strategies and steps to take if involvement in such schemes is suspected.

This chapter serves as a comprehensive guide for industry professionals, investors, and academics interested in understanding the dynamics and recent developments in the real estate and financial markets, especially in relation to emerging technologies such as blockchain.

CHAPTER II - BLOCKCHAIN

Chapter II of this book focuses on blockchain technology, breaking down its fundamentals and exploring its impact on the real estate sector.

The chapter begins with an introduction to blockchain technology, providing historical context and explaining its origin and evolution. It defines what blockchain is, detailing its structure as a cryptographically secured chain of blocks, and reviews its early applications in the real estate sector, illustrating how it has been used to enhance transparency and efficiency in transactions. It traces the evolution of blockchain from its inception to its ongoing expansion and adoption by financial institutions and other entities, highlighting its growing impact across multiple industries.

The chapter compares blockchain with other distributed ledger technologies (DLT), explaining the differences and specific advantages of blockchain. It describes the various ways to access a blockchain, including the types of nodes and their functions, and explores the consensus mechanisms that ensure the security and integrity of the network.

It further explains the concept of cryptographic keys and digital wallets, which are essential for managing and securing assets within a blockchain, as well as the transaction process and how transactions are verified. The chapter dives into the principles of mining in blockchain, explaining how new blocks are created and how the information contained in a block can be interpreted. It also describes the data structure

of the Merkle Tree, which is fundamental for efficiently verifying large volumes of data within a blockchain.

The chapter analyzes the role of smart contracts, with a focus on their application in real estate transactions, as well as their legal nature in Spain and the concept of digital identity within the blockchain context. It explores the role of oracles in blockchain, which allow smart contracts to interact with external data beyond the blockchain. Additionally, it clarifies the differences between tokens and cryptocurrencies, addressing their distinct functions and uses within a blockchain.

This chapter provides a solid foundation for understanding how blockchain technology is transforming the real estate landscape and other sectors, introducing key technical and practical concepts essential for anyone interested in this revolutionary technology.

CHAPTER III - BLOCKCHAIN & REAL ESTATE

Chapter III of this book delves into the integration of blockchain technology within the real estate sector, focusing on the tokenization of assets.

It discusses the current challenges and issues in property rights registration and transfer, such as the lack of transparency and inefficiencies in traditional processes. It explores how blockchain could register and manage property rights, offering a secure and transparent platform for these records.

The chapter introduces the concept of **TokenHom**, a proposal to tokenize properties, and explains how the **IDUFIR** (Unique Property Identifier) can be used alongside the cadastre to create a hash, a unique digital identifier in the blockchain. The differences between fungible and non-fungible tokens are detailed, with a specific emphasis on their application in the real estate sector. A practical example is given of how to create ERC-20 and ERC-721 tokens for the sale of an asset using **Solidity**, a programming

language for smart contracts on Ethereum. The book explains how blockchain can maintain an immutable and transparent transaction history, which is fundamental for building trust in the real estate market. On the other hand, it compares **off-chain** and **on-chain** transactions, highlighting the advantages of conducting operations **on-chain** for enhanced transparency and security.

This chapter thoroughly examines Spain's **Securities Markets Law** and **Investment Services Law**, evaluating their general provisions, scope of application, and how they relate to the issuance of tokens and tokenized real estate assets. It also analyzes the distinction between traditional financial instruments and digital tokens, and how the latter can be used in the real estate market under the current regulatory framework, under the concept of "token issuance backed by an asset."

This approach mirrors the issuance of asset-backed bonds, adhering to the same conditions and requirements. A detailed analysis is made of **Law 6/2023** on Securities Markets and Investment Services in Spain, as well as **Royal Decree 716/2009** (April 24), which regulates securities issued for the mortgage market, completely dismantling the traditional notion that these tokens simply represent a physical property or a fraction of it.

The chapter also explores the lack of a clear definition of **financial instruments** in EU and Spanish regulation, questioning whether a "digital asset" can be considered as such and how this would affect the applicable regulations. The author debates the necessity of an **Entity of Registration and Registral Information** (ERIR) in certain cases and how to address these issues.

A step-by-step guide is included for issuing tokens, from setting up the smart contract to drafting a **Whitepaper**, covering requirements, markets, and launches. It also explains possible questions and answers in a **MiFID Test**, a regulatory compliance standard, and the essential content of a **Whitepaper**, which details the value proposition and technical aspects of a tokenization project.

The procedures for **Know Your Customer** (KYC) and **Anti-Money Laundering** (AML) are also described, emphasizing their importance in preventing fraud and money laundering during token issuance and transfer. Additionally, it outlines how to draft a **Token Subscription Agreement**, establishing the terms and conditions for investors.

The chapter concludes with a summary of the steps required for the tokenization of real-world assets (RWA tokens) and the issuance of mortgage-backed tokens.

This chapter provides a detailed guide on how blockchain technology can revolutionize the real estate sector through tokenization, offering greater transparency, efficiency, and security in real estate transactions, with legal certainty for all parties involved.

With its innovative and disruptive approach, *"Blockchain, Tokenomics & Real Estate: The Power of Knowledge"* stands as a book that will mark a turning point in the concepts of tokenization in real estate. It is not just a work for technologists or finance specialists; its integrative approach makes it essential reading for anyone interested in staying at the forefront of the digital transformation in real estate.

Why is this book your best investment?

- **Significant Savings:** Access comprehensive, up-to-date information for a fraction of the cost of traditional courses.
- Learn at your own pace and from anywhere—no more rigid schedules or expensive commutes.
- From blockchain fundamentals to advanced investment strategies, all in one book.
- Learn how and why to tokenize a real estate asset.
- Practical Fundamentals: Learn the step-by-step process from A to Z for real-world applications.

- **Real Examples:** Study real-world cases and examples that show how to apply these concepts practically.

What Will You Learn?

- **Blockchain and Smart Contracts Fundamentals:** Understand the underlying technologies.
- **Tokenization Process:** Step-by-step, from conceptualization to implementation.
- **Regulations and Compliance:** Navigate the legal landscape with confidence.
- **Innovative Business Models:** Discover new business opportunities in the real estate sector.

Who is this Book for?

- Professors, undergraduate students, postgraduates, and specialists in the areas of technology, finance, law, economics, and real estate—particularly those analyzing content related to emerging technologies in relation to tokenomics applied to the real estate sector and blockchain.

Target Market: Entrepreneurs, business owners, promoters, and developers.