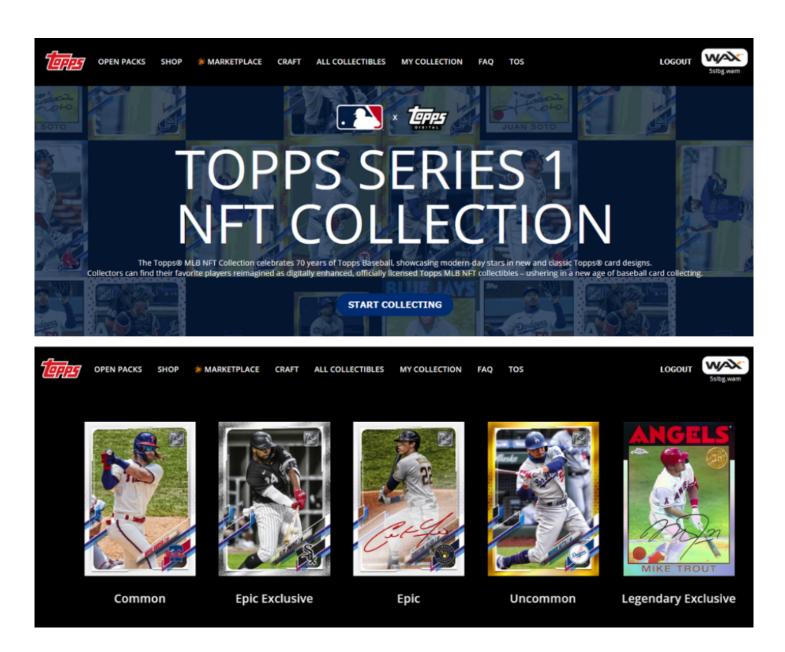
Topps® Successfully Launches A New Era With The First Edition "Official MLB" Topps Nfts.



California, **Los Angeles**, **Apr 27**, **2021** (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - On April 20, 2021, Topps released their first-ever NFT (Non-fungible token). This is a new avenue for the 80+year-old company. Topps enters the NFT space to further enhance its presence in the digital marketplace.

The Topps® MLB NFT Collection celebrates 70 years of Topps Baseball, showcasing modern-day stars in new and classic Topps® card designs. Collectors can find their favorite players reimagined as digitally enhanced, officially licensed Topps MLB NFT collectibles – ushering in a new age of baseball card collecting.

The first series of NFTs sold out within 2 hours. 75,000 packs priced at \$99.99 and \$4.99 were sold. The NFTs are now traded on an online marketplace found here: https://toppsmlb.com

Topps plans to go public through the merger of a special-purpose acquisition company, or SPAC. In this case, Mudrick Capital, which is already listed on Nasdaq under the symbol MUDS. The SPAC reportedly values Topps at \$1.3 billion, with the deal expected to be finalized this year.

In an interview with CNBC's Squawk Box, Topps chairman Michael Eisner said the sports and entertainment side of the business has seen explosive growth on the digital side. For the past two years, year-over-year revenue growth was over 20%. Eisner said the explosion of nonfungible tokens, or NFTs, on blockchains, will "likely appeal to everybody" as the firm goes public.

"The digital [side of the business] is growing really fast," said Eisner, "With blockchain, we're going to be able to participate in the secondary market. Before, we only participated when we put the analog cards out. This is the icing on the cake — going digital completely, with the analog still in place."

Eisner, the former CEO of The Walt Disney Company, purchased Topps through his investment firm and Madison Dearborn Partners in October 2007. The Topps chairman said he bought the company "with the goal of making it digital."

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