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LETTER

Bitcoin bounced strongly from the 20-day EMA near \$72,832, showing that buyers are still treating dips as opportunities. This keeps the short-term structure positive, but bulls still need to clear the heavy resistance zone between \$76,000 and \$78,333. Sellers are expected to defend that region aggressively, as it remains the key barrier for the next breakout. If BTC gets rejected there and falls back below the moving averages, it would suggest that the recent breakout attempt has lost momentum. However, if buyers secure a strong close above the overhead zone, it could confirm continuation strength and open the path toward \$84,000 first, with the larger technical target sitting near \$92,000. For now, Bitcoin remains in bullish recovery mode, but confirmation is still needed.

Ether attempted to break above the \$2,415 resistance over the weekend, but sellers held firm and forced a pullback toward the 20-day EMA around \$2,252. This level now becomes the key support to watch in the near term. If buyers defend this area and push ETH back above \$2,415, momentum could return quickly and send price toward the \$2,800 zone. That would strengthen the case for a broader recovery rally. On the downside, if ETH slips below the moving averages, it may remain trapped inside the \$1,916 to \$2,415 range for longer. At the moment, ETH is still constructive, but it needs a breakout to attract stronger momentum flows.

BNB continues to trade sideways between \$570 and \$687, showing a clear balance between buyers and sellers. The flat moving averages and neutral RSI confirm that the market is waiting for a catalyst. If bulls reclaim \$650, price could retest the upper boundary near \$687. A clean break above that resistance would likely trigger fresh upside momentum. On the other hand, losing the 20-day EMA could drag BNB back toward the lower support at \$570. Until a breakout happens, BNB remains a range trader's market.

XRP is also stuck in consolidation, trading between support at \$1.27 and resistance at \$1.61. The moving averages are flat, which signals a lack of clear directional strength for now. Bulls need to break above the descending trendline to suggest that sentiment is shifting. If that happens, XRP could build momentum toward the \$2 region. However, a break below \$1.27 would hand control back to the bears and expose \$1.11 support. XRP remains neutral for now, waiting for a breakout signal.

Solana has slipped below its moving averages, showing that sellers are active at higher levels. Momentum remains mixed, and price may continue to move sideways unless buyers reclaim control. If SOL stays below key averages, bears may target the \$76 support zone. On the upside, bulls need to push price above \$90 to reopen the path toward \$98. A breakout above \$98 would improve sentiment significantly and could trigger a stronger move toward \$117. Until then, Solana remains in a cautious consolidation phase.

Traders Outlook:

Bitcoin remains the strongest setup among majors, but bulls need to clear the \$76,000 to \$78,333 resistance zone. A successful breakout there could trigger a move toward \$84,000 quickly. If BTC loses the 20-day EMA, short-term momentum may fade and lead to deeper consolidation. Ethereum needs to hold the \$2,252 support zone to stay constructive. A close above \$2,415 could bring fresh upside momentum toward \$2,800. BNB remains locked in a range, and traders should watch \$687 resistance and \$570 support closely. A breakout from either side could decide the next major move for BNB. XRP is still range-bound, with \$1.61 as the first bullish trigger level. If XRP loses \$1.27, downside pressure may return quickly. Solana needs to reclaim \$90 to improve sentiment and target \$98 next. For now, the broader market remains cautiously bullish, but most coins still need breakout confirmation before trend traders become aggressive.

Lastly please check out the advancement's happening in the cryptocurrency world

Enjoy the issue!

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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 423rd edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$2.55 trillion, UP \$30 billion since last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is \$143.25 billion, which makes a 10.30% increase in the last 24 hours. The Fear & Greed index is 55% Neutral and the Altcoin season index is 39% which makes a 6% increase since last week.

Bitcoin's price has increased by 1.95% from \$74,370 last week to around \$75,820 and Ether's price has decreased by 2.11% from \$2,365 last week to \$2,315 Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.51 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$1.04 Trillion

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Michael Saylor's Strategy once again reinforced its bullish stance by adding another 34,164 BTC between April 13 and April 19 for \$2.54 billion. This takes the company's total holdings above the 800,000 BTC mark to 815,061 BTC, making it by far the largest public corporate holder of Bitcoin. The latest purchase was made below the company's average acquisition price, showing confidence in current levels as an attractive long-term entry zone. Strategy continues to treat every market dip as an opportunity, and its repeated buying has become a strong sentiment signal for many traders. Large-scale treasury accumulation remains one of the most supportive structural trends for Bitcoin in this cycle.

Regulation in the United States has also shifted in a more market-friendly direction over the past year. Since Paul Atkins became SEC Chair in April 2025, the tone around crypto enforcement and digital asset policy has changed significantly. Compared with the previous administration, markets now see a more open approach toward blockchain innovation and clearer frameworks for the sector. This regulatory pivot has helped restore confidence among institutions and US-based market participants. While full clarity is still developing, the softer stance has been one of the key tailwinds supporting crypto sentiment in 2026.

In DeFi, however, the market was reminded that risks remain high. A major exploit involving Kelp DAO created ripple effects across the lending ecosystem after stolen assets were used as collateral on Aave. The incident reportedly created around \$195 million in bad debt and triggered heavy withdrawals, causing Aave's total value locked to fall sharply. The event shows how interconnected DeFi platforms remain, where one exploit can spread stress quickly across multiple protocols. Risk management and smart contract security remain critical themes as capital returns to decentralized markets.

Arbitrum then stepped in with emergency action, freezing more than 30,000 ETH tied to wallets connected with the exploit. While the move may help recover funds and protect users, it also reignited the debate around decentralization and governance control. Supporters viewed it as necessary crisis management, while critics questioned whether such intervention conflicts with crypto's core principles. This situation highlights the growing balance between security, governance, and decentralization as blockchain ecosystems mature.

Market Outlook:

The crypto market remains in a constructive recovery phase, with Bitcoin continuing to attract buyers on pullbacks. Strong ETF inflows and corporate treasury accumulation are providing a solid base for price support. However, macro and geopolitical headlines still have the power to trigger short-term volatility. Bitcoin is likely to stay firm as long as dip demand remains active above key support zones. Ethereum and altcoins may follow higher if BTC remains stable, but traders should expect selective strength rather than broad rallies. DeFi markets may remain cautious in the short term after the latest exploit and bad debt concerns. Regulatory sentiment in the US continues to improve, which is a medium-term positive for the sector. If geopolitical tensions ease further, risk appetite could improve across crypto markets. A break higher in Bitcoin could invite fresh momentum buying across majors. For now, the trend remains cautiously bullish, but traders should stay alert for sudden headline-driven swings.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	59.49%
ETH	10.95%
USDT	7.37%
BNB	3.34%
SOL	1.93%
Others	16.93%



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FAIRCARATS TOKEN INTRODUCTION

Bridging Lab-Grown Gemstones and Decentralized Finance

In the evolving landscape of digital assets, LabGemTraders OÜ is proud to introduce the restructured FairCarats (FCAR) token. More than just a digital asset, FCAR is a utility-driven bridge between the timeless elegance of premium lab-grown gemstones and the efficiency of the Polygon blockchain.

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FAIRCARATS (FCAR) — PUBLIC SALE

FairCarats (FCAR) is a digital utility voucher that can be redeemed for FairStones™ certified lab-grown gemstones and services.

FCAR gives early participants access and enhanced purchasing power inside the FairStones ecosystem.

Asset: FCAR (FairCarats) on Polygon Chain

Price: 14.85 USDC

Min/Max: No Minimum / 50,000 USDC

Vesting: Quarterly releases starting
June 2026

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The LabGemTraders company is the sole supplier of gemstones to FairStones:

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Most businesses today collect more marketing data than they can use. According to HubSpot's 2026 [State of Marketing research](#), the gap between data collection and execution remains the primary challenge for most teams. Manual reporting processes consume as much as 15 hours weekly just to pull data. This leads to delayed execution, overlooked opportunities, and strategies built on fragmented insight. KnowYourMarket.ai tackles this gap head-on with the launch of its first reporting template, converting raw data into clear strategic direction.

The first reporting template from [KnowYourMarket.ai](#) combines audience intelligence, performance signals, and strategic frameworks into one structured output. Rather than stopping at metrics, it provides interpretation. You receive structured outputs that indicate where attention is needed and why. Early previews indicate a layout built to reduce ambiguity and shorten the time required for confident decision-making.

Businesses leveraging data-driven approaches outperform competitors, while close to 20% of marketers still struggle to implement them. KYMAi positions the reporting template as a direct response to this gap between data access and strategic action.

The depth of this first template is worth noting. You get audience intelligence, interpreted insights, and strategic direction from the very first release. Given the strength of the current foundation, upcoming evolution of the platform will offer capabilities that are difficult to anticipate today. As the platform scales, the depth and precision of reporting will grow in ways that match the pace of the broader market.

Kantar's 2026 Marketing Trends report confirms that brands which ground their innovation in high-quality, responsible data will be the ones that earn long-term trust. KnowYourMarket.ai fits directly into this framework. With a focus on actionable insights, the platform limits ambiguity and reinforces decision accountability across teams.

Platinum Crypto Academy, a respected name in crypto publishing and market analysis, notes that KYMAi features a reporting structure that tends to address what most dashboards miss, which is the connection between raw data and strategic direction. The first reporting template shows clear thinking around what brands actually need from their data. This is a credible, well-considered start, and one the community will find worth following as the platform begins to roll out access to early users.

About KnowYourMarket.ai

KnowYourMarket.ai is an AI-powered platform that integrates real-world customer research with a brand's live digital marketing data. The platform is built for businesses that need more than dashboards.

It connects behavioral data with market intelligence to produce outputs that guide real decisions. KYMAi delivers insight and structured outputs, alongside strategic recommendations across brand, product, and advertising performance.

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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN ERASES WEEKEND GAINS AS US-IRAN CEASEFIRE FACES PRESSURE

Bitcoin briefly crashed below \$74,000 on Sunday as Iran threatened retaliation for a US military seizure of an Iranian cargo ship.

Bitcoin erased its weekend gains as it fell below \$74,000 on Sunday after the US military seized an Iranian cargo ship, putting pressure on a ceasefire between the two countries.

Bitcoin BTC \$75,130 had soared above \$78,300 late Friday on Coinbase, its highest price since early February, but dropped to between \$75,000 and \$76,000 over the weekend after Iran said it would close vital oil routes in the Strait of Hormuz.

The cryptocurrency then sank sharply late on Sunday to briefly trade below \$74,000 after the US military said it opened fire on, and later seized, an Iranian cargo ship it claimed tried to run its blockade of Iranian ports, with Tehran accusing the US of violating an agreed ceasefire.

The two-week ceasefire between the US and Iran, which had helped boost the markets and temper oil

prices, is set to end on Wednesday.

Tehran has vowed to retaliate over the US military's seizure of the ship and has rejected a new round of peace talks slated for Monday in Islamabad, Pakistan, due to the US blockade, Iranian state media reported.

US stock futures sank Sunday night amid rising tensions, with S&P 500 futures dropping 0.8%, Nasdaq-100 futures falling 0.6% and Dow Jones futures declining 0.9%, or about 450 points.

Oil futures also soared amid the hostilities and Iran's threat to close the Strait of Hormuz, with crude oil futures rising over 4.5% to over \$95 a barrel.

The Crypto Fear & Greed index rose by two points to a score of 29 out of 100 on Monday, its highest score since late January, but which still indicated a sentiment of "fear."

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Bitcoin, ether, solana slide, oil jumps on renewed U.S.-Iran war risks

Bitcoin traded at \$74,335 after Iran reimposed controls on the Strait of Hormuz over the weekend, with the modest 1.6% pullback standing out against a 5.7% jump in Brent and a 1.2% drop in European equity futures.

Bitcoin has proved more resilient than oil and equities to the latest Iran-related flare-up, slipping only modestly even as traditional markets repriced Middle East risk.

The latest escalation, including renewed controls on the Strait of Hormuz and U.S. threats against Iranian infrastructure, has reversed a three-week unwind

of war-risk premiums in energy and stocks. Shrinking bitcoin sell-offs with each Iran shock suggest crypto may have largely priced in geopolitical tail risk, with traders now watching whether bond yields, the dollar and key levels around \$74,000 to \$73,000 confirm its role as a geopolitical shock absorber.

Bitcoin is absorbing the return of Middle East risk better than oil or equities.

Bitcoin traded at \$74,335 on Monday morning, down 1.6% over 24 hours but still up 4.8% on the week after the U.S. Navy seized

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US Government Moves Bitcoin Tied to \$9 Billion Bitfinex Hack

The U.S. government moved 8.2 Bitcoin, or greater than \$600,000, that is linked to the \$9 billion Bitfinex hack from 2016.

Blockchain data shows the U.S. government transferred more than

\$600,000 worth of Bitcoin connected to the 2016 Bitfinex hack.

The funds were transferred from a government account to Coinbase Prime, potentially ahead of a sale of the funds.



The BTC is connected to the more than \$9 billion, or 94,000 BTC which was seized from the Bitfinex hacker.

Bitcoin holdings linked to the \$9 billion hack of crypto exchange Bitfinex in 2016 was on the move Thursday, as addresses connected to the U.S. government transferred around 8.2 BTC to Coinbase Prime, according to data from Arkham Intelligence.

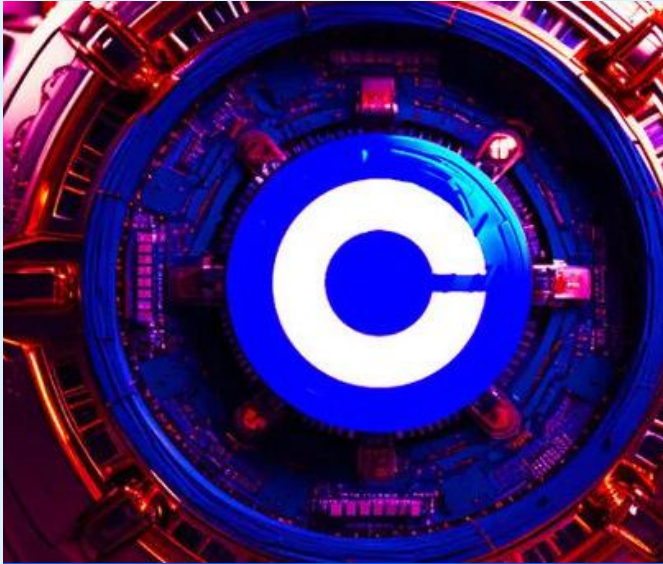
The coins, now valued around \$628,000, last moved 2 years ago when a different U.S. government address transferred them to the wallet that was labeled

by Arkham as “Bitfinex hacker seized funds.”

A representative for the Department of Justice did not immediately respond to Decrypt’s request for comment seeking confirmation about the coins’ connection to Bitfinex or why the funds may have been moved.

When crypto assets are moved to an exchange, it is often viewed as the precursor to a sale. However, the government’s intentions for the recently transferred BTC remain unknown at this time.

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Coinbase Adds Two Little-Known Crypto Assets to Listing Roadmap

The US-based crypto exchange Coinbase has added two little-known crypto assets to its listing roadmap.

The exchange says it's considering adding Diem (DIEM) and Opengradient (OPG) to its platform for spot trading.

"The launch of trading for these assets is contingent on market-making support, and sufficient technical infrastructure. We will announce the launch of trading separately once these conditions have been met."

DIEM is an ERC-20 token on the Base blockchain from Venice.ai. The coin is designed to tokenize AI compute as an onchain asset, with each token representing \$1 per day of renewable, never-

expiring access to Venice's AI models and API capacity.

Meanwhile, Opengradient's OPG is the native token of a decentralized network built for verifiable on-chain AI inference, designed to pay for model executions, stake for security and rewards and govern the protocol.

Roadmap inclusion signals that the assets have entered Coinbase's formal review process. It does not guarantee they will eventually trade on the platform.

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Former Treasury Chief Warns Bond Market Crash Could Hit Crypto Outlook

In the latest bond news, Henry Paulson, who steered the U.S. financial system through the 2008 collapse as Treasury Secretary, is warning that the \$35 trillion U.S. debt load could trigger a Treasury bond market

crash, and calling for an emergency "break-glass" contingency plan to be ready before it hits.

The transmission channel to crypto is direct: a disorderly bond sell-off tightens dollar liquid-



ity fast, and tight dollar liquidity historically punishes risk assets before any safe-haven Bitcoin narrative has time to develop.

30-year Treasury yields have already crossed 5%, a threshold last breached in October 2023 during the inflation-driven spike and essentially unseen before that since the pre-Great Recession era. That's not a warning sign in isolation. It's a warning sign with Paulson's voice behind it.

Bond News: How a Bond Market Shock Actually Reaches Crypto, and Which Assets Get Hit First The question isn't

whether Paulson is right about Treasury market fragility. It's whether crypto trades as a safe haven or a risk asset when it is proven right, and history gives a clear answer, at least in the short run.

A disorderly Treasury sell-off forces dollar liquidity higher as investors dump bonds and demand cash. That dynamic hits leveraged positions first. Crypto markets, where open interest across derivatives venues has been climbing sharply, carry exactly that leverage profile, elevated exposure that becomes a liability the moment dollar funding costs spike.

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Did you know the global lab-grown diamond market is set to reach over \$33 billion in 2026? That is a remarkable shift in how people think about gemstones. For a long time, buying fine gems meant spending a fortune on mined stones. Today, that reality is changing fast.

Lab-grown gemstones are real stones created in controlled lab environments. They share the same chemical, physical, and optical properties as their natural counterparts. Demand is rising across the globe, driven by buyers who want quality, ethics, and value. In this article, we explore why lab-grown gems are worth buying, why the traditional market falls short, and why [LabGemTraders](#) is a platform built for today's informed buyer.

Top 5 Reasons Why Lab-Grown Gemstones Are Worth Buying

1. More Affordable

Lab-grown gemstones offer remarkable value without sacrificing quality or beauty. They are typically 50% to 90% more affordable than naturally mined gemstones. That means a buyer can choose a larger stone, a better cut, or a more impressive setting. The savings are real and meaningful. Right now, a high-quality 1-carat lab-grown diamond costs around \$500 per carat, while a comparable natural diamond sits closer to \$4,875 per carat. That price

gap is hard to ignore. For budget-conscious buyers who still want luxury, lab-grown gems hit a sweet spot that natural stones simply cannot match.

2. Identical Physical and Optical Quality

Many buyers assume natural means better. In reality, science tells a different story. Both lab-grown and natural diamonds score a 10 on the Mohs hardness scale, making them equally suitable for everyday wear. Brilliance, fire, and sparkle depend on cut quality rather than origin. In fact, because production is controlled, lab-grown stones often achieve higher clarity grades consistently. By 2025, over 85% of lab-grown diamonds sold were graded D-F in color, making high-quality stones the norm, not the exception.

3. Conflict-Free Sourcing

Traditional gemstone mining has long carried troubling ethical concerns. Lab-grown gems sidestep these issues entirely. Lab-grown diamonds eliminate worries about child labor, unsafe mining conditions, and connections to conflict zones that have historically plagued traditional diamond mining. Lab-grown diamonds carry no risk of funding armed conflict, period. For buyers who care about the story behind their purchase, this matters enormously. In 2025, 72% of Gen Z consumers said they prefer lab-grown diamonds because they are eco-friendly and

ethically sourced. Buying a lab-grown gem means buying with a clear conscience.

4. Lower Environmental Impact

Mining natural gemstones leaves a lasting mark on the planet. The land disruption, water use, and waste involved are substantial. Lab-grown production is far less damaging. Lab diamonds use 75% less energy, 86% less water, and create 99.98% less waste compared to mined diamonds. Research suggests that labs powered by renewable energy reduce this footprint even further. For buyers who value sustainability, lab-grown gemstones align with that commitment in a direct and measurable way. Interestingly, this environmental advantage is becoming a major selling point as younger generations prioritize green choices across all their purchases.

5. Certified Quality You Can Verify

One of the biggest concerns when buying any gemstone is trust. Lab-grown gems address this with clear, verifiable certification. Lab-grown diamonds receive certification through reputable institutions like the Gemological Institute of America, which assesses carat weight, color, clarity, and cut using specialized instruments. Both lab-grown and natural diamonds are graded using the same 4Cs standards, and independent laboratories like GIA and IGI issue grading reports for both categories. This means buyers are not relying on a seller's word. They have documented, scientific proof of what they are purchasing. From a practical standpoint, that kind of transparency removes guesswork and builds real trust.

What Makes LabGemTraders Different?

Most gemstone platforms are generic marketplaces. They list all types of stones, certified and uncertified, mined and lab-grown, side by side. LabGemTraders is built on a completely different model. Every part of the platform, from sourcing to delivery, is designed around one clear purpose: making certified lab-grown gemstones accessible, verifiable, and trustworthy for buyers anywhere in the world.

Certified-Only Focus

LabGemTraders is not a mixed marketplace. The company sources, evaluates, and certifies premium lab-grown gemstones through its own

private laboratory. Each stone goes through expert postprocessing to maximize brilliance and market value before reaching the buyer. Every certified stone receives a unique digital certificate, verifiable online through the FairStones certificate check system. This end-to-end control over the certification process is what separates LabGemTraders from platforms that simply list inventory without verifying it.

FCAR: Ecosystem Utility Voucher

FCAR, short for FairCarats, is the access layer of the LabGemTraders ecosystem. It is a digital utility voucher, redeemable for certified gemstones and related services through the FairStones webshop. FCAR is not a security, financial instrument, or direct claim on physical gemstones. It is a non-monetary utility token issued by LabGemTraders, structured to fall outside the scope of MiCA regulation and operating in full compliance with EU law. The token runs on the Polygon blockchain, which enables low-cost, fast transactions. A \$10 internal structural floor is maintained through operational liquidity and physical inventory as a design baseline for ecosystem stability.

Physical Inventory Backing

Every FCAR voucher in circulation is anchored to real assets. The platform commits to maintaining 50% token redeemability at all times, meaning half of all outstanding vouchers are directly backed by physical gemstone inventory. A dual hot wallet structure manages this: the Reserve Wallet holds multi-signature secured assets, and a daily automated balancing mechanism verifies that total reserve value equals or exceeds the backing commitment per circulating voucher. Annual audits are made public on the LabGemTraders website, giving buyers a clear and documented picture of what sits behind every voucher they hold.

Seamless Digital Experience

The buying process on LabGemTraders is fully digital and friction-free. There are no dealer visits, no opaque negotiations, and no guesswork on quality. The webshop serves as the consumer-facing retail destination, while LabGemTraders manages all backend operations including sourcing, certification, postprocessing, and inventory.

Global, Regulation-Ready Access

LabGemTraders is registered in Estonia and operates under full EU financial regulation. KYC and AML compliance checks are mandatory for all sale participants, in line with EU Anti-Money Laundering Directives. FCAR is tradable on decentralized exchanges including Uniswap, with liquidity pairs available across multiple trading options. Thus, the decentralized tradability gives buyers across the globe real, practical access without the traditional friction.

How the LabGemTraders Ecosystem Works?

The LabGemTraders ecosystem connects digital voucher access to physical gemstone ownership through a straightforward flow. A buyer acquires FCAR utility vouchers through the public sale or on Uniswap, then redeems them in the FairStones webshop for certified lab-grown gemstones. Once a purchase is completed, the corresponding FCAR quantity is permanently burned from circulation, directly linking every redemption to a real reduction in voucher supply and maintaining ecosystem balance over time.

The platform and webshop operate as two tightly connected layers. LabGemTraders handles the backend: sourcing, private lab certification, postprocessing, digital verification, and inventory management. FairStones is the retail front end where buyers browse, redeem, and receive their certified stones. LabGemTraders is the exclusive certified gemstone supplier to FairStones, making the relationship between the two deeply integrated rather than loosely connected.

The FCAR utility voucher ties the digital and physical layers together. Each voucher carries an estimated webshop redemption value significantly above its internal structural floor, derived from the FairStones Recommended Retail Price index.

Public Sale Now Open: What Users Get?

The FCAR public sale is open now with no whitelist, no waitlist, and no pre-approval required. Any buyer can participate. Here is exactly what joining includes.

Open, No-Barrier Entry

There are no gatekeeping mechanisms for the FCAR public sale. Anyone can acquire vouchers directly

without applying for access or meeting special conditions. Capital raised is allocated strategically: the majority supports additional liquidity and market depth, with the remainder directed toward FairStones brand expansion, technical development, smart contract auditing, and a strategic reserve.

10% Entry Discount

Public sale participants acquire FCAR utility vouchers at a fixed 10% discount against the prevailing market price. The internal redemption value is maintained for ecosystem stability, but the actual purchasing power in the FairStones webshop is estimated meaningfully higher per voucher depending on the gemstone selected.

The public sale runs from April 14, 2026 to May 31, 2026, after which vouchers follow a structured vesting schedule. Distribution begins with 25% unlocked on June 1, 2026, followed by three additional 25% releases on September 1, 2026, December 1, 2026, and March 1, 2027.

This pricing tier rewards buyers who join during the active sale period rather than through the open market.

KYC Webshop Discount

Buyers who complete the mandatory KYC identity verification process receive an additional 10% discount on all purchases made through the FairStones webshop. KYC is required under EU Anti-Money Laundering Directives and involves identity verification via a government-issued document, along with screening against global sanctions lists. Personal data is stored in an EU-hosted, GDPR-compliant database. Completing KYC is a straightforward compliance step that directly unlocks better webshop pricing on every future gemstone redemption.

Takeaway

Buyers in 2026 want what the traditional gemstone industry has never consistently delivered. Buyers can verify quality, see transparent pricing, and rely on a process that does not depend on a dealer's word. LabGemTraders is built for exactly this. With a private certification facility, physical inventory backing, daily proof-of-reserves reporting, and full EU regulatory compliance, the platform offers accountability at every step. With everything in place, the next step is straightforward. Visit LabGemTraders today and acquire your FCAR utility vouchers to access the ecosystem.



The \$13 billion DeFi wipeout in two days, and it started with KelpDAO attack

Multiple lending and yield protocols are posting double-digit percentage declines in TVL, though token prices are seeing a limited decline.

Aave has seen \$8.45 billion in deposits exit over 48 hours, driving a \$13.21 billion slide in total value locked across decentralized finance platforms after attackers used stolen rsETH as collateral.

The disruption stems from a \$292 million exploit of Kelp's bridge that left rsETH unbacked, prompting lending protocols to freeze affected markets and spurring widespread user withdrawals.

While deposits have fallen sharply, major DeFi tokens such as AAVE, UNI and LINK have

slipped only modestly, even as the incident underscores systemic risks in cross-chain bridge verification and DeFi's tight interconnections.

The decentralized finance (DeFi) ecosystem is experiencing a sharp capital outflow following the weekend exploit of the KelpDAO protocol.

Leading DeFi lending platform Aave has lost \$8.45 billion in deposits over the past 48 hours, driving a broader \$13.21 billion decline in total value locked (TVL) across DeFi. TVL refers to the combined dollar value of crypto assets deposited across DeFi protocols, such as Aave, and is widely used as to measure liquidity and overall market activity.

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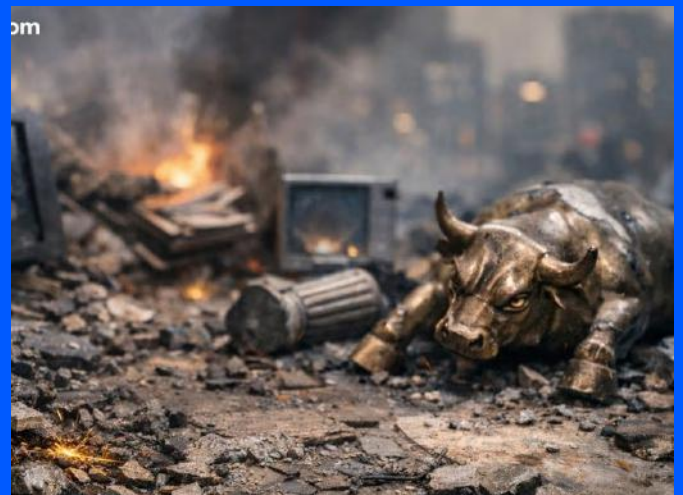
Fresh Manipulation Warnings Hit Other Crypto Projects After RAVE's 95% Collapse

Warnings are intensifying across multiple crypto tokens as an on-chain investigator flags structural risks and questionable trading behavior. The growing list of red-flagged assets is heightening concern that retail investors remain exposed to engineered liquidity and sudden price shocks.

Broader warnings point to structural weaknesses across parts of the crypto token market. Major exchanges face rising pressure to respond faster to questionable trading behavior. Retail investors remain exposed as oversight concerns spread beyond a single token. Rising Crypto Exchange Manipulation Concerns Spread Across Tokens Market manipulation concerns on major crypto exchanges moved back into focus after

on-chain investigator ZachXBT tied RAVE's collapse to concentrated supply and questionable trading activity. He outlined the episode on social media platform X on April 19. The post described how a token that entered the top 15 by market cap fell 95% within hours.

ZachXBT stated on X: "A summary of the RAVE -95% price fluctuation from \$26 to \$1 over the past 24 hours." He said the sequence began on April 18, when he urged Binance, Bitget, and Gate to examine possible manipulation and offered a \$10,000 bounty, later raising it to \$25,000. Bitget, Binance, and Gate each publicly acknowledged the request that day, while RaveDAO said it had no involvement. ZachXBT also said he confronted RaveDAO co-founder Yemu Xu on April 13 and 14 without receiving a response.



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White House tells “greedy” banks to “move on” from CLARITY Act stablecoin yield fight

The White House has demanded that banks abandon their lobbying efforts against yield-bearing stablecoins in the upcoming CLARITY Act.

A White House digital assets official has slammed the traditional banking sector's continued opposition to the proposed stablecoin yield compromise in the CLARITY Act.

On April 17, Patrick Witt, the executive director of the White House Presidential Advisory Committee on Digital Assets, accused the financial institutions of “greed or ignorance” due to their intensified lobbying efforts to block yield-bearing stablecoins in the upcoming legislation.

According to him:

“It’s hard to explain any further lobbying by banks on this issue as motivated by anything other than greed or ignorance. Move on.”

US lawmakers make bipartisan stablecoin yield compromise for CLARITY Act

The unusually sharp rhetoric from the administration reflects the widening rift between the White House and Wall Street over the future of the \$320 billion stablecoin market.

Over the past year, the White House has made significant efforts to reach a compromise between the banking industry and the crypto sector. However, all has proven abortive so far.

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Nexo Named Official Digital Asset Partner of Argentina Ahead of 2026 FIFA World Cup



Nexo, a digital assets wealth platform for crypto holders, has been named the Official Regional Digital Asset Partner of the Argentina Football Association (AFA), marking a major step in the company’s South American expansion ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The AFA x Nexo partnership positions Nexo alongside one of the most celebrated national teams in global football, reinforcing its ambitions in Latin America, where the company has recently strengthened its footprint through the acquisition of local platform Buenbit and the establishment of a regional hub in Buenos Aires.

Federico Ogue, CEO at Buenbit by Nexo,

emphasized the alignment between the two organizations: “Argentina’s national team represents the highest level of sporting excellence, built on talent, conviction, and an unrelenting will to win. At Nexo, we share that standard. As we grow our presence in Argentina and across South America, partnering with AFA is a statement of commitment to this region and the clients we serve here.”

Strategic Expansion Meets Global Football Excellence

The agreement was formally unveiled during a high-profile signing ceremony in Buenos Aires, attended by executives, media, and invited guests.

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Hong Kong Crypto Scam Shock: Woman Loses Nearly \$1 Million As AI Fraud Surges

Her withdrawal requests kept getting denied. That was the moment a Hong Kong woman realized the crypto investment platform she had been using for weeks was fake — and that her money was gone.

Scam Built On Fake Promises

The woman had made 17 separate transfers of USDT and Ethereum to the fraudulent platform, losing nearly HK\$7.7 million, roughly \$982,000.

It started on Telegram, where someone posing as an investment expert approached her and pitched a trading strategy powered by artificial intelligence.

The promised returns were guaranteed. The platform looked convincing. She transferred the funds. When she tried to take her money out, nothing came through.

Hong Kong Police have since confirmed the case as part of a wider surge in online invest-



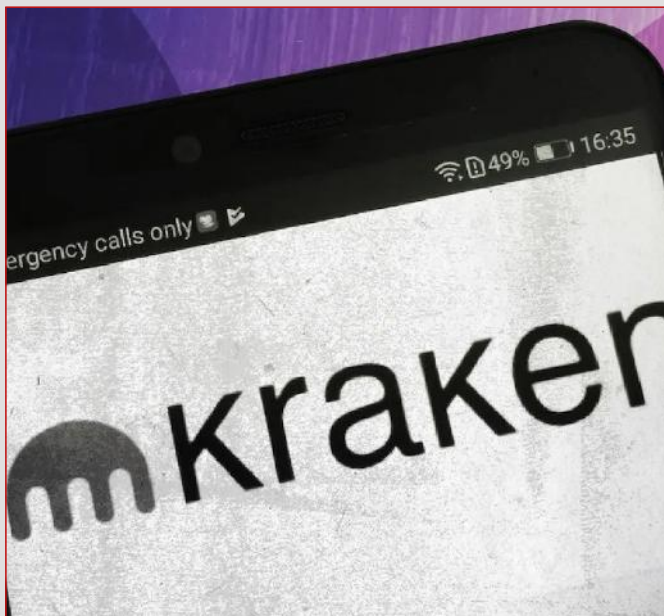
ment fraud hitting the city.

Based on reports from authorities, over 80 such cases were recorded in a single week, with combined losses topping HK\$80 million — close to \$10 million.

Different Types Of Scam According to Vectra, AI scams now fall into

seven distinct categories, with deepfake video, voice cloning, and AI-driven BEC among the biggest threats to enterprises. This framework spans both consumer- and enterprise-focused attacks.

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Kraken Parent Payward Agrees to Acquire Derivatives Exchange Bitnomial for \$550 Million

The acquisition will give Kraken access to complete CFTC-licensed crypto derivatives infrastructure in the U.S.

Kraken parent company Payward entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Bitnomial for up to \$550 million in cash and stock.

The transaction values Payward's equity at \$20 billion.

Bitnomial holds all three CFTC-issued licenses required to operate a full-stack domestic crypto trading and derivatives business.

Payward, the parent company of cryptocurrency exchange Kraken, said Friday that it entered into a

definitive agreement to acquire derivatives platform Bitnomial for up to \$550 million in cash and stock.

The acquisition centers on Bitnomial's regulatory infrastructure, as the first fully CFTC-licensed derivatives company in the United States built for digital assets. The platform holds all three CFTC-issued licenses required to operate a full-stack domestic crypto trading and derivatives business: exchange, clearing-house, and brokerage.

Beyond regulatory access, the deal expands Payward Services, the company's B2B infrastructure platform that gives partners access to financial infrastructure capabilities through APIs.

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Bitcoin network activity just hit an 8-year low — has Wall Street replaced retail in the market?



ETF inflows and institutional positioning are stabilizing, raising the question of who now matters most in Bitcoin.

Bitcoin's network just recorded its lowest activity in eight years, and the price has barely flinched.

CryptoQuant flagged that active BTC addresses hit their lowest level since 2016 on Apr. 8. At the same time, Glassnode's latest 24-hour reading puts active addresses at 661,313, a number that, set against a price near \$78,000, produces one of the more uncomfortable charts in recent crypto history.

The reading that quiet networks are quiet markets misses what has changed structur-

ally. A growing share of Bitcoin exposure now trades without leaving any footprint on the base layer.

BlackRock's IBIT delivers Bitcoin exposure through exchange-traded shares, and CME's Bitcoin futures settle in cash. A fund manager rotating into Bitcoin through either vehicle never touches a wallet, never opens an address, never appears in Glassnode's address count.

Price discovery increasingly happens in ETF order books and futures markets. The chart mismatch is partly due to sentiment and partly to Bitcoin acquiring a second market structure on top of its original one.

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Polymarket in talks to raise \$400M at a \$15B valuation: Report

Polymarket's potential \$15 billion valuation would still put it below the \$22 billion valuation of competitor platform Kalshi in its latest funding round.

Prediction market platform Polymarket is reportedly in talks with investors to raise another \$400 million in fresh capital, The Information reported Monday.

The \$400 million raise would be made at a \$15 billion valuation, The Information said, citing two people familiar with the matter.

The raise would add to a wave of institutional capital flowing into the predictions market space in recent months. New York Stock Exchange parent Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) invested \$600 million into Polymarket in late March, while competitor platform Kalshi's

valuation was marked at about \$22 billion in its last funding round.

The Information said Polymarket is looking to add strategic investors beyond ICE in its next funding round, which could total \$1 billion.

Prediction markets started booming around the time of the 2024 US election and are now consistently recording over \$10 billion in monthly trading volume across markets covering everything from sports and political elections to financial results and cultural events.

With that rise has come surging institutional interest from some of Wall Street's biggest players.

In early March, one of Nasdaq's options exchanges, Nasdaq MRX, filed to offer cash-settled, binary-style contracts on the Nasdaq-100 index.



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Goldman Sachs Files for Unique Bitcoin ETF Offering Yield to Investors



US financial giant Goldman Sachs is looking to launch a unique Bitcoin ETF.

Goldman Sachs ETF Trust has filed for SEC approval of the Goldman Sachs Bitcoin Premium Income ETF.

The fund is designed to deliver steady income to investors while reducing upside exposure to Bitcoin's price.

The ETF will invest at least 80% of its net assets in instruments that provide exposure to Bitcoin, and it will not hold BTC directly.

These include Spot Bitcoin ETPs, options on Spot Bitcoin ETPs and options on Bitcoin ETP Indices.

To create income, the fund plans a dynamic options overwrite strategy, selling call options

on bitcoin-related ETPs and collecting premiums.

The overwrite level will range from 40% to 100% of its bitcoin exposure depending on market conditions.

The fund would face significant bitcoin price volatility and other risks, including limited upside from the call-writing approach.

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BitGo, Polygon Among Industry Giants Pushing Rate Limits After The Largest DeFi Exploit of 2026

BitGo pulled LayerZero DVNs for WBTC after the \$292M KelpDAO rsETH exploit. Cyvers revealed KelpDAO was three minutes from losing another \$100 million. Ethena and Monad CEO urge protocols to adopt rate limits and smart caps.

A wave of protocol-level security responses followed the \$292 million KelpDAO rsETH exploit on April 19, with BitGo, Polygon, and Katana moving swiftly to isolate potential contagion.

The attack drained 116,500 rsETH from Kelp DAO's LayerZero-powered cross-chain bridge through a forged message that bypassed its Decentralized Verifier Network (DVN) configuration.

Polygon stated that its chain, AggLayer, and broader ecosystem remain unaffected by the incident. The network noted it has safely processed over \$2 trillion to date.

Katana paused the OFT path on Vaultbridge, which relied on a 2/3 DVN setup. Bridging through AggLayer, which verifies with zero-knowledge proofs rather than proof-of-authority multisigs, remained fully available.

Meanwhile, Cyvers CTO and co-founder Meir Dolev revealed that KelpDAO was just three minutes away from losing an additional \$100 million. A rapid-response blacklist blocked the attacker before a second attempt could succeed.



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