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LETTER

Bitcoin bounced from its rising trendline on Monday, showing that buyers are still active at lower levels, but the recovery quickly ran into selling near the 20-day EMA around \$90,720. With the 20-day EMA starting to roll over and the RSI sitting in bearish territory, the short-term edge remains with the sellers. If Bitcoin slips and closes below the uptrend line, downside pressure could accelerate, dragging price toward \$84,000 and possibly down to the November 21 low near \$80,600. On the other hand, a strong rebound that pushes BTC back above the 20-day EMA would signal renewed demand. In that case, a move toward the 50-day SMA near \$95,985 becomes likely, although sellers are expected to defend the area between the 50-day average and the \$100,000 psychological level.

Ether managed to push above its 20-day EMA at \$3,106, but the long upper wick on the daily candle shows that sellers are still active on rallies. Bears will try to pull ETH back below the \$2,907 level, and if that happens, the pair could slide into the \$2,716 to \$2,623 support zone. This keeps the near-term structure fragile. However, if Ether finds support and breaks back above the \$3,350 level, it would suggest that the recent sell-off may be losing steam. Such a move could open the door for a recovery toward \$3,658 and later \$3,918.

BNB's tight consolidation has broken to the downside, giving bears a slight edge for now. Sellers will look to press the price toward the key \$791 support. If that level fails, the downtrend could extend toward \$730. A sharp bounce from \$791, followed by a move above the 20-day EMA near \$888, would improve the outlook and could keep BNB trading in a range between \$791 and \$1,020 for a while.

Trader's Outlook

BTC remains under pressure below the 20-day EMA, with downside risk toward \$84,000–\$80,600 unless bulls reclaim \$91,000. ETH needs to hold above \$2,900 and break \$3,350 to confirm a short-term bottom; otherwise, deeper supports remain in play. BNB is testing key support near \$791, and traders should watch for either a breakdown toward \$730 or a rebound that pushes price back into a broader range.

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

Enjoy the issue!

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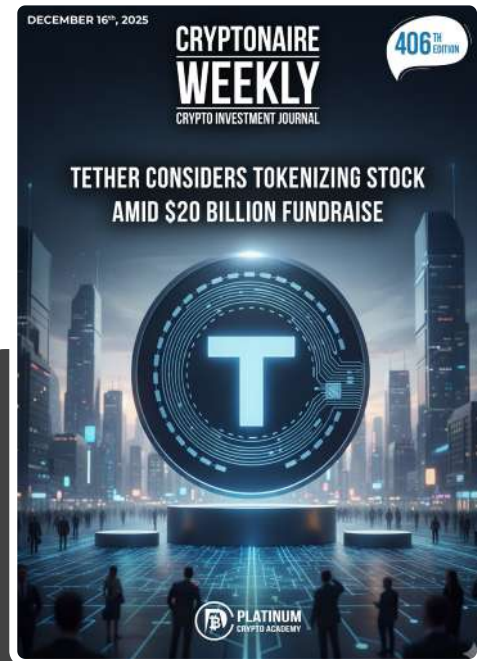
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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 406th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$2.94 trillion, Down \$130 billion since last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is \$115.50 billion, which makes a 17.46% increase. The Fear & Greed index is 21% Fear and the Altcoin season index is 22%. The largest gainers in the industry right now are Polkadot Ecosystem and XRP Ledger Ecosystem cryptocurrencies.

Bitcoin's price has decreased by 4.46% from \$90,131 last week to around \$86,115 and Ether's price has decreased by 5.30% from \$3,115 last week to \$2,950

Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.71 trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$1.23 trillion.

Bitcoin continues to struggle at the top of its short-term range, with every recovery attempt getting sold near intraday highs. The pressure is being amplified by macro uncertainty, especially growing expectations of a Bank of Japan rate hike later this month. BTC tried to bounce on Monday, but sellers quickly stepped back in, keeping price action heavy. Trader CrypNuevo noted that Bitcoin could remain range-bound between \$80,000 and \$99,000 for now, warning that a clean break below \$80,000 could open the door toward the \$73,000 area. Analyst Aksel Kibar echoed the cautious tone, pointing out that Bitcoin is sitting in an extreme low-volatility setup, which often precedes a sharp directional move. On the upside, he sees \$100,000 back in play if BTC can reclaim \$94,600, while on the downside he expects strong demand to emerge between \$73,700 and \$76,500. Traders are closely watching the Bank of Japan's Dec. 19 meeting, as previous rate hikes since 2024 have coincided with more than 20% drawdowns in Bitcoin and broader crypto markets.

Despite the choppy price action, institutional flows are showing resilience. Crypto exchange-traded products recorded roughly \$864 million in inflows last week, marking the third straight week of positive flows. The United States dominated demand, followed by Germany and Canada, while Switzerland saw modest outflows. Bitcoin products led with over \$520 million in inflows, while short-Bitcoin products saw outflows, suggesting improving sentiment. Ether also attracted strong demand, adding roughly \$338 million and pushing year-to-date inflows sharply higher. Solana and XRP continued to gain traction as well, reflecting selective appetite for large-cap altcoins even as risk remains elevated.

On the regulatory and adoption front, JPMorgan took a major step deeper into tokenized finance by launching its first tokenized money market fund on Ethereum, signaling growing confidence from traditional finance in public blockchain infrastructure. At the same time, the UK confirmed plans to bring crypto firms fully under financial regulations by 2027, while progress on US crypto market structure legislation has been delayed until 2026. The regulatory uncertainty, combined with macro pressure, weighed on markets late Monday, triggering a sharp sell-off that wiped roughly \$150 billion from total crypto market capitalization.

Market Outlook

The broader crypto market remains defensive, with Bitcoin struggling to reclaim key resistance levels and macro risks keeping traders cautious. While institutional inflows suggest long-term confidence is intact, short-term rallies are likely to face selling until BTC can reclaim the mid-\$90,000s with conviction. Volatility remains compressed, and a larger move appears close, with downside risks still present if key supports fail.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	58.46%
ETH	12.11%
USDT	6.34%
BNB	4.02%
SOL	2.43%
Others	16.68%



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CLICKOPTIONS LAUNCHES A CRYPTO OPTIONS VENUE BUILT FOR BETTER PRICES, SMOOTHER TRADES, AND RADICAL TRANSPARENCY

ClickOptions launched on 1st of December a crypto options venue built to compress the true all-in cost of trading. The platform combines low commissions, a flow-implied, vault-aware pricing engine designed to push premiums toward fair value or better, and a central order book with institutional custody.

A hybrid model, the team calls CeDeFi: centralized execution, decentralized liquidity.

Alongside launch, ClickOptions is opening an **Airdrop Farming campaign** and previewing plans for a \$50M token sale to accelerate growth and liquidity.

“Traders don’t trade headline fees; they trade real all-in cost at their size,” said Maris Kalnins, CEO of ClickOptions. “We designed ClickOptions to compress that actual cost with tighter quotes, visible depth, and dated benchmark cards that anyone can audit.”

What’s new

Flow-implied pricing engine

Adjusts implied volatility using order flow, sentiment, and market skew to bring premiums to fair value or better, often reducing the effective spread vs traditional statistical models.

Public transparency by default

ClickOptions will publish dated Spread/Depth Benchmark Cards that show the true all-in price at

real trading sizes. Participants can audit the claims week after week.

Vault-backed liquidity (coming soon)

A shared risk pool underwrites outcomes; liquidity providers earn from real trading activity. Traders see fairer prices; the vault has clear safety rails (capital thresholds, proportional withdrawals, dynamic settlement fees). The first underwriting capital is secured, with a dedicated announcement to follow.

CeDeFi architecture

Central order book + KYC gating + third-party custody for reliability and compliance; decentralized liquidity and yield for scalability.

“Trust comes from proof, not slogans. If you say you’re cheaper, show the timestamp,” added Kalnins. “We’ll publish receipts every week.”

Community programs and token utility

Airdrop Farming (live)

An **open-ended points program** that rewards useful participation, learning, testing, creating educational content, and (when live) executing guided trades, toward future airdrop eligibility. Extras may include fee credits, gated access, and competition perks (where applicable).

Token utility (future)

The upcoming token (ticker TBD) powers:

- Fee discounts on the already low base commission (up to 45%)
- Vault yield boosts for liquidity providers
- A policy-driven buy/burn mechanism (“Regen Fund”) funded by platform revenue

Token sale (preview)

ClickOptions is planning a \$50M token sale to fund execution of its roadmap and liquidity programs.

Availability and roadmap

Prime launch: With majors first, expanding alt coverage as depth scales.

Benchmarks and signals: live at/around launch; weekly public cards continue post-launch.

Post-launch: expanded option chain (multiple alts), external LPs, and transparent risk dashboards: long-term roadmap includes a non-custodial path.

Media / Demo / Assets

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About ClickOptions

ClickOptions is a crypto options venue that makes options cheaper, deeper, and clearer, combining flow-implied pricing, vault-backed liquidity, and institutional-grade execution. The team has shipped institutional trading systems, scaled Web3 GTMs, and delivered fintech products end-to-end.



PRESS RELEASE



WHAT IS BIGMILKYWAY TOKEN?

BigMilkyWay Token (\$BWM) is a meme token currency that encompasses a vast metaverse and NFT ecosystem where users can own, trade, and explore planets as digital assets. With a total supply of 200 million tokens, \$BWM supports transactions, governance, and custom in-game experiences across the BigMilkyWay universe.

Whether you're acquiring NFT planets, staking for rewards, or trading in the intergalactic marketplace, \$BWM is your gateway to a decentralized cosmic adventure. 🚀🌌

Own the Universe

One Planet at a Time

Explore an immersive metaverse where planets are NFTs, ownership is limitless, and the galaxy is yours to discover. Powered by blockchain, fueled by BWM Token.

<https://bigmilkyway.org>

BIGMILKYWAY



CryptoGames is kicking off the holiday spirit with a thrilling X-mas Countdown starting this week. Fresh off the success of last month's Black Friday event, which brought lower house edges, unlimited Dice action, and lively giveaways, the platform is prepared to bring even more excitement.

The X-mas Countdown event will include daily challenges packed with generous rewards. This event is just the beginning of extensive holiday festivities. CryptoGames has committed to delivering continuous exciting events from Christmas Day onwards. The platform is keeping daily event details, as well as post-Christmas surprises, tightly under wraps for now.

CryptoGames also unveiled an exclusive benefit transforming VIP membership into tangible advantage. Players holding VIP status now receive an additional 20% bonus on top of all challenge prizes. Additionally, VIP members enjoy substantially more perks beyond this challenge bonus enhancement like reduced house edges on popular games like Dice and Roulette.

What Makes CryptoGames the Industry Leader:

Provably fair gaming with independent verification tools

Supports major cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, Ethereum, Solana, and top altcoins

Instant deposits and fast, hassle-free withdrawals
Merit-based VIP program with exclusive perks and bonus multipliers

Fully licensed, transparent, and compliant operations
Daily contests with consistent earning opportunities throughout the season

CryptoGames created an environment where transparency, fairness, and genuine player rewards converge. The community's response proved players truly appreciate fair play and interactive features. The X-mas celebration awaits! So don't wait—begin your profitable holiday season at CryptoGames right now.



TABLE D'ADRIAN LAUNCHES \$TABLEDADRIAN, A PRECISION LONGEVITY AND PRIVATE-CHEF TOKEN ON BASE

Table d'Adrian Coin (\$tabledadrian) is a Base-native wellness token connecting luxury private-chef services, precision nutrition and biomarker-driven coaching in a single, live ecosystem. Built on top of an operating private-chef brand, the token is designed for investors who want real usage, real clients and a clear roadmap in the wellness and longevity space.

The Table d'Adrian business serves health-focused clients with chef-crafted menus tailored to bloodwork, protocols and performance goals. That offline activity now anchors a broader "precision longevity infrastructure" where memberships, programs and coaching can be paid for and rewarded in \$tabledadrian.

Planned utilities include payment for premium app access and chef experiences, staking incentives, gated community benefits and governance over future partnerships. As the platform expands, the team aims to tie token demand to real-world revenue, biomarker improvements and privacy-preserving data collaborations with DeSci and research partners.

Deployed on Base for low fees and fast settlement, \$tabledadrian integrates with existing liquidity venues and analytics platforms, giving holders transparency on volume and market activity. Public

materials, including a detailed pitch deck and token documentation, describe a long-term vision to turn structured health data and chef-led services into an investable, on-chain asset class.

Investors, wellness innovators and early adopters can learn more and access the full project resources at tabledadrian.com/coin.

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POWERING REAL-WORLD AI UTILITY ON BLOCKCHAIN

Building practical AI tools, applications, and impact-driven solutions, powered by the AVY ecosystem.

WHAT IS AVY?

AVY Network is a next-generation ecosystem combining:

- AI-powered applications
- Real-world digital tools
- Community-driven growth
- Token-based access & rewards

The ecosystem is built to serve users first, not speculation.

WHY AVY STANDS OUT

- Real products, not promises
- AI + Blockchain utility
- Strong community engagement
- Transparent growth strategy
- Long-term ecosystem vision

JOIN THE AVY MOVEMENT TODAY

Buy & hold \$AVYB
Use AVY Apps
Engage with the community
Be part of the ecosystem growth

WHY BUY & HOLD \$AVYB TOKEN?

Real Utility Token

- \$AVYB is the backbone of the AVY ecosystem used across apps, platforms, and services.

Access & Rewards

- App features & premium tools
- Staking & ecosystem incentives
- Community participation & governance (future)

Early Growth Opportunity

- Early holders are positioned before full ecosystem expansion
- Growing community and product roadmap

Community-First Model

- AVY prioritizes real users, builders, and long-term holders.

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The Future Belongs to the Learners

Knowledge empowers
Tokens reward you
Community grows together

Join the learning revolution

AVY APPS (ECOSYSTEM UTILITY)

AVY Apps are practical, user-focused tools built to solve real problems using AI and blockchain.

- Real use cases
- Scalable adoption
- Revenue-generating ecosystem
- Token-powered access

TOKEN INFORMATION

Token Name: **AVYB**

Blockchain: **Solana**

Launchpad: **Cyrene AI**

Token Utility Includes:

- Access to AVY Apps
- Payments within AVY ecosystem
- Staking & future rewards
- Community engagement incentives

HOW AVY ECOSYSTEM WORKS

AVY Apps: AI-powered applications designed for real users.

- 1. User Adoption:** People don't just hold AVYB, they use it.
- 2. Token Utility:** \$AVYB powers access, engagement, and rewards.
- 3. Community Growth:** Active Telegram, Twitter (X), and ecosystem participation.
- 4. Ecosystem Expansion:** More apps, integrations, and partnerships over time.



AVY is not just a token, it's a growing digital ecosystem





ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN DROPS BELOW \$90K AMID FADING RISK APPETITE AHEAD OF KEY MACRO EVENTS

Bitcoin dipped below \$90,000 on Sunday as low liquidity, altcoin weakness and imminent U.S. and global data releases kept traders cautious.

Bitcoin slipped below \$90,000 in low-liquidity trading on Sunday.

Ether showed relative strength, while major altcoins lagged behind.

Traders are positioning ahead of a busy week of U.S. data and central bank events.

Bitcoin BTC \$89,863.76 drifted below \$90,000 on Sunday during quiet trading, with investors showing limited appetite for risk ahead of a busy week of economic data and central bank events.

The largest cryptocurrency was trading around \$89,600 as of 12:40 p.m. UTC, down approximately 0.9% in the preceding 24 hours, marginally higher on the week, and still down roughly 7.6% over the past month. Ether ETH\$3,160.06 changed hands near \$3,104, down on the day but up more than 2%

over the past seven days, outperforming bitcoin on a weekly basis.

Across the broader market, price action remained subdued. Solana, XRP, dogecoin and Cardano's ADA all fell, and continued to show double-digit losses over the past month, underscoring persistent weakness across major altcoins. The CoinDesk 20 Index (CD20) dropped almost 1%.

The total cryptocurrency market capitalization stood at nearly \$3.15 trillion, approximately 0.8% lower over the past 24 hours, with trading volumes of around \$89 billion, reflecting the typically thin liquidity on Sundays. Bitcoin dominance hovered near 57%, highlighting continued concentration in the largest digital asset as investors remain selective.

Some analysts cautioned that bitcoin's consolidation could turn lower if key technical levels fail. Crypto analyst Ali Martinez said earlier Sunday on X that \$86,000 remains an important level for bitcoin to hold, noting that a deeper pullback could come into play if that support gives way.

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Japan's Rate Hike In Focus: Bitcoin's Past Reactions Make Traders Nervous

Bitcoin is heading into a critical window as the Bank of Japan prepares what could be its most consequential policy move in decades. The central bank is widely expected to raise interest rates by 25 basis points to 0.75% at its December 18-19 meeting, a level not seen since 1995 and a clear signal that Japan is continuing its exit from ultra-loose monetary policy.

This upcoming event is causing a few conversations among crypto traders because similar policy moves from Japan have repeatedly coincided with the start of Bitcoin price crashes.

Japan's Rate Hikes And The Repeating Bitcoin Sell-Off Pattern
Crypto market observers have been quick to highlight an uncomfortable pattern relating to Bitcoin and the BOJ. Each time the bank has raised rates since 2024, Bitcoin's price action has experienced a deep and relatively fast correction.

For example, March 2024 saw Bitcoin fall by about 23% following Japan's first rate hike since 2007. A similar rate spike move in July was followed by a drop of around 26%, while the January 2025 hike preceded a steeper decline of more than 30%.

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Morning Minute: Do Kwon Gets 15 Years for \$40B Terra Luna Fraud

The sentencing brings a measure of justice, finally, for all of those impacted by the collapse of Terra and its UST stablecoin in 2022.

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own and do not necessarily reflect those of Decrypt. Subscribe to the Morning Minute on Substack.

Crypto majors rebound after recent selloff; BTC back to \$92k, SOL leads
Solana announced the launch of Firedancer live on mainnet
YouTube announced creator pay-



ments in stablecoins
The DTCC has been cleared to offer tokenization services by the SEC
Coinbase is reportedly launching prediction markets & tokenization next week

Nearly three years after Terra's \$40B vaporization, a U.S. judge finally handed down the verdict.

Do Kwon is going away for 15 years.

A U.S. court sentenced Terraform Labs founder Do Kwon to 15 years in

federal prison, capping a multiyear saga that included a global manhunt, multiple extradition attempts—and one of the largest wealth destructions in crypto history.

The judge highlighted the “eye-popping” damage caused by Terra's collapse, an event that wiped out billions in retail savings, destabilized major funds, and triggered a cascading credit unwind across lenders and market makers.

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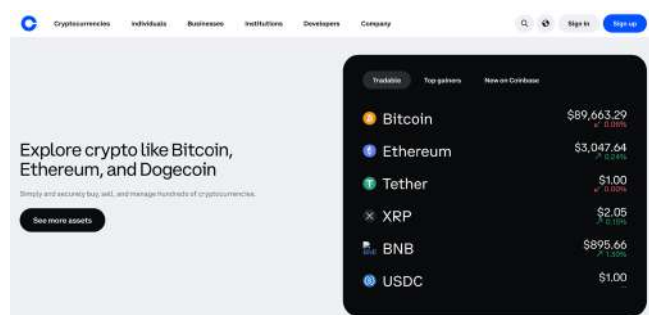
Coinbase review articles are probably one of the most widely written about content pieces in the crypto space in 2025, that being said Platinum Crypto Academy wanted to bring a direct review to our clients as most of us have been using the platform for over 9 years and so thought we are in a great position to provide our own detailed review to our clients, subscribers and audience. Coinbase is a leading cryptocurrency platform founded in June 2012 and headquartered in San Francisco, California. The company maintains a remote-first model with major offices in San Francisco, New York, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Coinbase Review – Where They Started

The platform currently supports over 270 cryptocurrencies. Coinbase has the backing of top investors and VC funds across the world, such as Andreessen Horowitz, BBVA, IDG Ventures, and Garry Tan, and has raised over USD 200 million from these investors. The company is based in the US and currently has over 120 million verified users across the world. It is also supported in over 100 countries.

Since its inception, the platform has traded trillions in total volume. It has an advanced trading interface called Advanced Trade, where users can trade

cryptocurrency. Users can trade on a desktop version or download a mobile version from the Apple Store or Google Play.

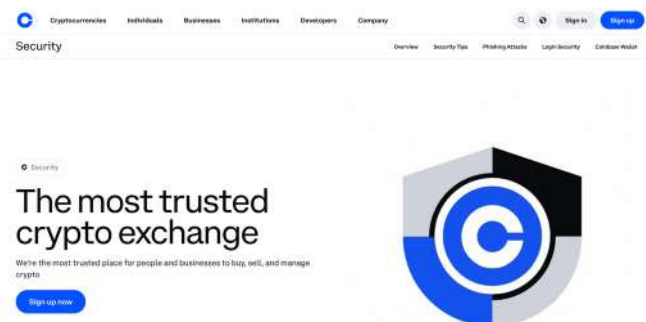


The exchange is on top of its game as it offers an opportunity to integrate trading bots through its API. The exchange provides insurance against theft and cybersecurity breaches for part of the digital currencies held in their storage systems. However, this does not cover losses from unauthorized access due to credential theft or non-fungible tokens. It also has a flexible fee structure that reduces as your order size increases.

There is also a desk that caters to institutional clients who may have bulk orders. Coinbase Merchant Services enables businesses to accept cryptocurrency within minutes. It is free, fast to integrate, and accepts over five cryptocurrencies.

IS COINBASE SAFE TO USE?

Coinbase has employed state-of-the-art technology to run its platform. The company employs top brains across multiple disciplines to make sure that the services offered observe the highest levels of professionalism. During this Coinbase review research, we found that the Team members in the company hail from notable backgrounds in top investment and technology companies, the SEC, and even the CFTC, ensuring the highest level of care is given to funds while complying with all legal, security, and technological issues.



Client funds are stored in state-of-the-art cold wallets. The majority of customer deposits are maintained in cold storage. A small portion remains online in hot wallets to support trading activity. The hot wallets are covered under Coinbase's crime insurance policy. This active insurance protects a portion of digital assets across storage systems against theft and cybersecurity breaches.

Cash balances on the platform are held in custodial accounts. These accounts are held separately from other accounts used for corporate purposes by Coinbase. These funds will not be touched by anyone for company engagements. These funds are also FDIC insured (US Clients) up to a maximum of \$250,000.

Review of Coinbase – How Does Coinbase Work?

You'll need to open an account with Coinbase to access their services. The platform has support in over 100 countries. You can log in to your account on the platform once you verify your email.

Once you verify your identity, you can trade directly from your Coinbase account. The platform now uses Advanced Trade, which integrates professional trading features within the main Coinbase app,

eliminating the need for a separate Coinbase Pro account. Advanced Trade offers access to APIs for trading bots, advanced order types, and real-time charts. The platform secures accounts with two-factor authentication, including SMS and app-based methods.

On the accounts dashboard, there is a section for you to look at the portfolio of cryptocurrencies that you have. There is also a section to check the prices of different cryptocurrencies in the market. The Portfolio tab shows interactive charts, gain/loss tracking, returns, and aggregate balances across assets. The Prices tab displays real-time market data, top gainers/losers, and details for thousands of cryptocurrencies.

The Coinbase account can also be used as a custodial wallet for the various cryptocurrencies listed on the platform. Users can send or receive cryptocurrencies directly from this account by clicking on each cryptocurrency. This leads to the dashboard where you can access wallet details, balances, and transaction history for each asset. You can receive or send cryptocurrencies from this section with simple address entry or QR code scanning. The custodial wallet holds assets securely on Coinbase's infrastructure while allowing seamless transfers to external self-custody wallets like Base App. Users maintain easy access to trading, staking, and portfolio management from the same interface.

COINBASE REVIEW FOR 2025 – WHO ARE THEIR MAIN COMPETITORS?

BINANCE.COM

Binance is the largest centralized crypto exchange globally. The platform has its native token called BNB that is used to power various transactions within the platform. It is designed as a complete trading solution and allows trading across more than 350 crypto assets. It allows users to buy and sell cryptocurrencies through various trading options such as Spot, Futures, Convert, and P2P trading. We have also written an extensive review on Binance for more information; [click here](#).

KRAKEN.COM

Kraken is a leading regulated crypto exchange known for security and advanced trading. The

platform does not have a native token but offers robust staking rewards up to 21% APY on select assets. It is designed as a complete trading solution and allows trading across more than 530 crypto assets with 1,271 trading pairs. Kraken supports seven major fiat currencies including USD, EUR, GBP, CAD, AUD, CHF, and JPY. The exchange serves over 13 million users globally with MiCA compliance across 30 EEA countries.

CRYPTO.COM

Crypto.com is a major mobile-first crypto exchange with a global rewards ecosystem. The exchange supports 90+ fiat currencies and operates in 100+ countries with its own stablecoin and Cronos ETF planned for 2025. The platform has its native token called CRO that powers fees, staking, and debit card rewards. The exchange allows trading across more than 400 crypto assets through various trading options such as Spot, Futures, Convert, Margin, and automated bots like DCA and Grid. The exchange offers a Visa rewards card with up to 5% cashback in CRO and institutional custody services.

BITGET.COM

Bitget is a rapidly growing crypto exchange focused on derivatives and copy trading. Advanced traders can utilize BITGET's comprehensive trading solution, which allows trading across more than 650 crypto assets. The platform has its native token called BGB that powers trading fee discounts, launches, and wallet gas fees. BGB features a quarterly buyback-and-burn mechanism, making it deflationary since 2025, with 1.2 billion total supply. Bitget leads in social trading with over 190,000 professional traders to follow. The exchange processes billions in daily volume, achieving \$2.08 trillion quarterly in Q1 2025.

BYBIT.COM

Bybit is a leading derivatives-focused exchange that enables trading across over 650 crypto assets with more than 100 derivatives contracts. It allows users to buy and sell cryptocurrencies through various trading options such as Spot, Perpetual Futures, Options, Copy Trading, and P2P with 70+ fiat options. Bybit processes \$6 billion daily derivatives volume, representing a strong market share. The exchange supports up to 100x leverage, grid trading bots, and 70+ collateral assets, including USDT, BTC, ETH, and SOL. Bybit serves millions globally with no-KYC withdrawal limits up to 2 BTC.

Is Your Privacy Kept While Using Coinbase?

Coinbase may require personal and financial information from users as mandated by law to comply with KYC and AML regulations. The company does not sell user data to third parties without explicit user consent. Users have the right to request deletion of some or all of their data on Coinbase.

Data types such as marketing preferences, communication data, survey responses, referrals, and connected applications may be deleted without affecting the account status. It is important to note that Coinbase retains some user data after account deletion to comply with regulatory and legal requirements, typically for up to five years.

Coinbase protects user data with a strong privacy policy. However, the company reports that government and law enforcement requests for user information have risen in recent years. In May 2025, Coinbase experienced a significant data breach caused by an insider. This breach impacted about 1% of its monthly users. Since then, Coinbase has increased its focus on data privacy and security to better protect users.

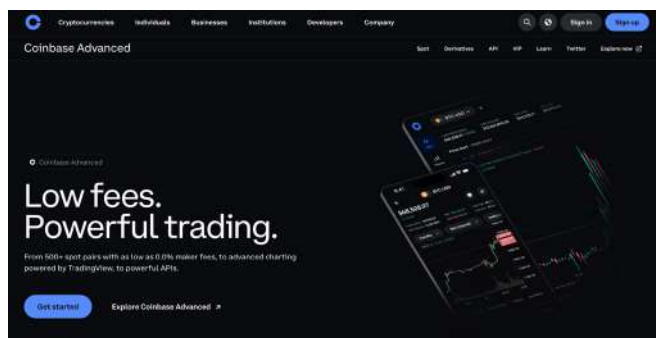
Coinbase Services 2025

COINBASE TRADING

Coinbase allows users to buy, sell, and use cryptocurrency. This service gives clients a chance to get access to most of the dominant crypto assets in the digital world. Some of the notable cryptocurrencies that you can purchase from the platform are BTC, ETH, USDC, SOL, and ADA. There are over 270 crypto assets that you can buy and sell on this platform. Liquidity on this platform is high as there are over 120 million verified users across the world who use this platform. The platform is also available in over 100 countries. The platform charges a fee of 1.49%. If the cryptocurrencies are bought using a credit card, then this fee is about 2.9%. On the other hand, Coinbase One subscribers get zero fees up to \$10K monthly volume

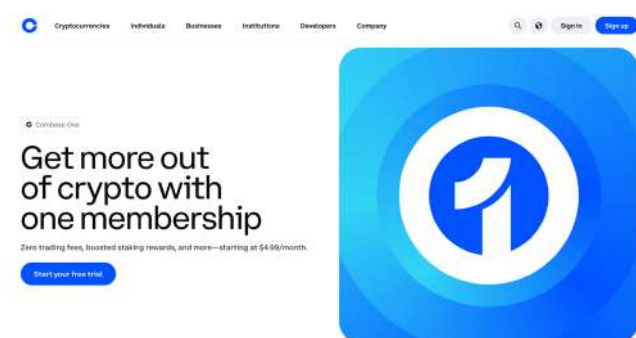
COINBASE ADVANCED

Coinbase Advanced Trade is a professional cryptocurrency trading platform for active traders. It supports a growing number of digital assets and



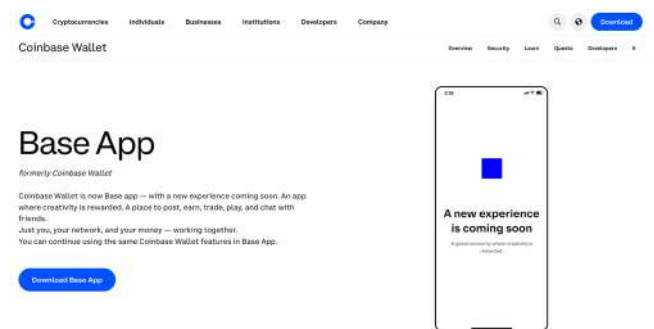
trading pairs, including AI tokens, memecoins, and Base chain assets. Each asset undergoes rigorous technical and legal review before listing, and some may be restricted in certain regions. The platform offers advanced order types such as limit, stop, and market orders, real-time order books, TradingView charts, and API access for trading bots. Maker/taker fees range from 0.00% to 0.60%, based on 30-day trading volume. Traders can access Advanced Trade via web or mobile apps on Android and Apple devices without a subscription, immediately after KYC verification.

COINBASE ONE



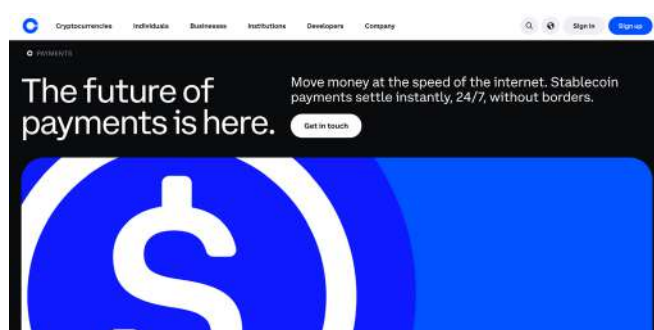
Coinbase One is a subscription service designed for frequent crypto traders and investors. For a monthly fee of \$29.99, subscribers enjoy zero fees on Simple Trades up to \$10,000 in monthly volume, providing significant savings compared to standard trading fees. Additionally, Coinbase One offers a 15% boost on crypto staking rewards, meaning users earn more on assets like Ethereum, Solana, and ADA. Subscribers also get 4% Bitcoin rewards on eligible purchases made with the Coinbase Card. The service includes priority 24/7 customer support and advanced tax reporting tools. Coinbase One is ideal for active retail investors looking to reduce trading costs and maximize returns across Coinbase's platform, which supports 270+ cryptocurrencies in over 100 countries with 120 million verified users.

BASE APP



Base App, formerly Coinbase Wallet, allows you to store all your digital assets in one wallet. Downloading the Base App lets you hold your crypto assets as a standalone, non-custodial wallet. You do not need a Coinbase account to use this wallet. You have full control over your private keys, which are stored directly on your device. The app supports storing ERC-20 tokens as well as assets from multiple blockchains, including Ethereum, Solana, Bitcoin, and Base network tokens. You can also import wallets such as MetaMask and MyEtherWallet by using your 12-word mnemonic phrase or private key. Additionally, the Base App provides easy access to decentralized applications (dApps), decentralized exchanges (DEXs), and NFT management within the app. The wallet integrates Coinbase's Base Layer 2 blockchain, enabling faster and cheaper transactions. This makes Base App a versatile solution for self-custody and blockchain interaction beyond just storage.

COINBASE PAY



Coinbase Pay is a fast, secure, and easy-to-use payment solution launched in 2025, designed to facilitate seamless commerce using stablecoins like USDC. The service powers instant, 24/7 stablecoin payments for merchants on various ecommerce and payment platforms without requiring blockchain expertise. Built on Coinbase's Base Layer 2 blockchain, Coinbase Pay offers lower fees, global

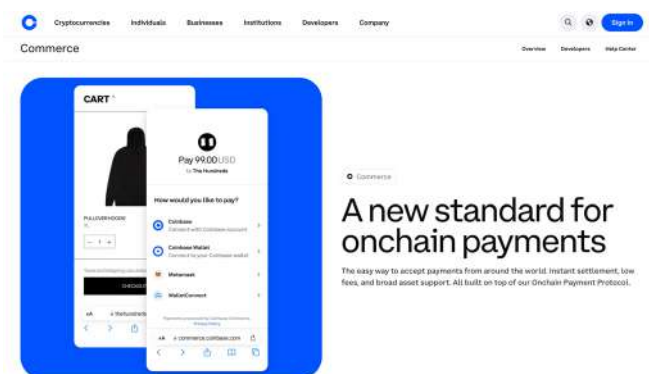
reach, and instant settlement. Integration with platforms like Shopify allows millions of merchants worldwide to accept crypto payments effortlessly. Coinbase Pay is part of Coinbase's broader vision to expand crypto usage in everyday commerce, making digital dollars as easy to use as traditional money.

COINBASE CARD



The Coinbase Card is a Visa debit card that lets users spend cryptocurrency anywhere Visa is accepted. Users can load the card with crypto or USD balances from their Coinbase account for instant conversion at point of sale. Coinbase Card offers up to 4% back in Bitcoin rewards for Coinbase One subscribers on eligible purchases. There are no spending fees, though standard crypto conversion spreads apply. The card supports direct deposits and ATM withdrawals with limits up to \$10,000 monthly spending. Available to verified customers in the US and select EU countries. Users earn monthly crypto rewards based on spending volume and subscription tier. This makes the Coinbase Card a convenient bridge between cryptocurrency holdings and everyday spending.

COINBASE COMMERCE



Coinbase enables merchants to accept over 100 cryptocurrencies in their stores. Integrating this solution into your store is free and fast. It takes

only a few minutes to go live. You can include stable cryptocurrencies like USDC in your list of accepted crypto assets. This helps avoid the volatility experienced with other cryptocurrencies. This solution can be integrated into e-commerce shops that have been set up using CMS platforms, including WooCommerce, Shopify, Magento, and custom APIs. Over 15,000 merchants across the globe have onboarded this solution. This enables them to accept payments from anyone across the globe and access these payments immediately. This solution is also highly secure and gives merchants access to customized payment buttons and analytics dashboards.

COINBASE PRIME

Integrated
trading, financing,
and custody

Coinbase Prime is a full-service prime brokerage platform with everything that institutions need to execute trades and custody assets at scale.

Get started

The future is here.
Are you ready?

Coinbase Prime is a full-service prime brokerage platform for institutional investors and hedge funds. This service gives clients access to over 430 cryptocurrencies for custody and 250+ assets for trading. Some of the notable digital assets available include BTC, ETH, SOL, stablecoins, and staking-eligible tokens. Coinbase Prime offers integrated trading, financing, custody, and staking solutions in one platform. Institutions benefit from smart order routing across multiple exchanges, margin trading, and 24/7 agency desk support. The platform manages \$245 billion in assets under custody with \$194 billion quarterly institutional trading volume. Assets are stored in NYDFS-regulated cold storage with institutional-grade security. Coinbase Prime serves thousands of hedge funds, asset managers, and corporations globally. Fees are customized based on volume and services provided.

COINBASE DERIVATIVES

Coinbase Derivatives focuses on regulated futures and options trading in the U.S. market. After the acquisition of Deribit, Coinbase significantly expanded its crypto derivatives offerings to include perpetual futures for BTC, ETH, SOL, ADA, XRP,

and more. The platform supports 24/7 trading with high liquidity, competitive fees, advanced execution, and margin solutions. Coinbase is building the most institutionally aligned derivatives venue worldwide, combining Deribit's technology with Coinbase's regulatory footprint. This allows institutional traders to hedge, speculate, and gain exposure in a compliant environment.

COINBASE EARN

Coinbase Earn lets users watch educational videos and complete quizzes to receive free cryptocurrency rewards. New projects partner with Coinbase to promote their tokens through this learn-to-earn program. Available cryptocurrencies rotate regularly based on project partnerships and budgets. Users typically earn \$3-\$10 worth of tokens per completed module on a first-come, first-served basis. Coinbase handles token distribution directly to user wallets after quiz completion. Regular new campaigns keep the program fresh for both new and existing users seeking free crypto exposure.

COINBASE VENTURES

Coinbase Ventures provides funding to early-stage companies that seek to grow in the crypto industry. This service gives clients access to capital for blockchain infrastructure, DeFi, Web3 gaming, and AI-crypto projects. Some of the notable companies they have invested in are Compound, Dapper Labs, OpenSea, Starkware, and EigenLayer. There are over 400 portfolio companies across 50+ countries. Coinbase Ventures has deployed more than \$1.5 billion in capital since 2018. The firm focuses on emerging trends like real-world assets, advanced DeFi protocols, and privacy solutions. Investments are made globally with strategic support from Coinbase's network. The team remains highly active in 2025 with optimism about U.S. regulatory progress.

Coinbase Review – How Coinbase Makes Money

Coinbase makes money by charging fees on its platform and exchange services. When buying cryptocurrencies using the Simple Trade interface, the platform charges fees starting from a 0.50% spread plus fixed fees. If you purchase crypto using credit cards, then the fees charged are about

3.99%. Advanced Trade charges maker and taker fees that reduce as trading volume increases, starting from 0.00% maker and 0.60% taker for low volume traders. Coinbase One subscribers get zero fees on Simple Trades up to \$10K monthly volume. The platform also earns revenue from staking services, collecting a 25% commission on rewards.

Coinbase generates income from USDC interest, which reached \$355 million in Q3 2025, custody fees for institutional clients, and subscription services. When you place an order that gets partially matched immediately, you pay a taker fee for that portion. The remainder of the order is placed on the order book and, when matched, is considered a maker order, for which you pay a maker fee. Coinbase continually expands its products and improves trading tools, helping both retail and institutional investors participate in the crypto market. This diverse revenue model supports Coinbase's growth and ongoing innovation.

Coinbase Fees For Deposits and Withdrawals Review

Coinbase allows users to review all fees associated with deposits and withdrawals on the order preview screen before confirming any transaction. Each cryptocurrency has a minimum withdrawal amount; for instance, Bitcoin requires a minimum withdrawal of 0.0001 BTC. Crypto withdrawals incur network fees that vary based on blockchain congestion, which Coinbase passes directly to users without markup.

Funding is supported via Visa or Mastercard debit and credit cards, though availability differs by country. Users can also deposit or withdraw fiat through ACH (free, 1-3 days), SEPA (€0.15), or wire transfers (\$10-\$25). Occasionally, Coinbase may temporarily freeze funds to comply with legal requirements such as court orders or sanctions. Users can transfer any cryptocurrency purchased on Coinbase to a personal wallet freely without restrictions. This transparent system ensures users understand costs at every step.

Coinbase vs. Other Exchanges

Coinbase is definitely at the top with its multiple offerings and its focus on deepening the crypto ecosystem. The platform gives users access to

retail trading, Advanced Trade, Coinbase Wallet, Coinbase One subscriptions, staking rewards, debit cards, Commerce payments, and institutional Prime services. The company can be considered a complete crypto solutions provider, unlike other exchanges that may focus on just one or two offerings. Coinbase serves beginners, professionals, merchants, and institutions through one unified ecosystem.

Binance focuses mainly on low-fee spot and derivatives trading. Kraken emphasizes security and staking but lacks consumer wallet and payment products. Bybit specializes in high-leverage futures trading, while Crypto.com centers on mobile rewards and cards. This makes Coinbase uniquely comprehensive in the crypto space.

Coinbase In Recent News Headlines

Coinbase announced in November 2025 that it would reincorporate in Texas, aiming to benefit from a more favorable business and regulatory environment. This move reflects Coinbase's plan to expand its U.S. operations while addressing evolving crypto regulations. Texas, known for fintech growth,

offers a strategic base for Coinbase's longer-term vision.

Also in November, Coinbase called off a planned \$2 billion acquisition of UK stablecoin infrastructure startup BVNK. Despite this, Coinbase continues to grow through other acquisitions and innovations, including expanding its stablecoin offerings and derivatives market presence.

Coinbase reported a strong Q3 2025, with revenue rising 25% year-over-year, driven by higher trading volumes, institutional adoption via Coinbase Prime, and growth in subscription services like Coinbase One.

Review of Coinbase Conclusion

Coinbase is definitely at the forefront of all its peers in the crypto space. Over the past several years, the company has launched many innovative products. As Coinbase continues to expand its offerings, more users are expected to interact with their products. The platform is definitely redefining the crypto landscape and setting the pace for other peers in the industry.





UK seeks to extend finance laws to crypto from 2027: Reports

The UK will reportedly introduce a bill on Monday to bring crypto under existing finance laws and overseen by its market regulator by October 2027.

UK lawmakers are reportedly planning to introduce a bill to parliament to extend the country's finance sector laws to cryptocurrencies by late 2027.

The government will introduce legislation on Monday that will bring crypto companies under existing finance laws by October 2027 under the oversight of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), The Guardian and Reuters reported, citing the UK finance ministry.

"Bringing crypto into the regulatory perimeter is

a crucial step in securing the UK's position as a world-leading financial center in the digital age," said the head of the Treasury, Rachel Reeves.

"By giving firms clear rules of the road, we are providing the certainty they need to invest, innovate and create high-skilled jobs here in the UK, while giving millions strong consumer protections, and locking dodgy actors out of the UK market," she said.

In April, the Treasury proposed draft legislation for crypto exchanges, dealers and agents to be "brought into the regulatory perimeter," which a ministry spokesperson told Reuters had seen only minor changes.

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Tether Considers Tokenizing Stock Amid \$20 Billion Fundraise: Bloomberg

Stablecoin issuer Tether moved to prevent equity sales as Bloomberg reports plans to raise funds at a \$500 billion valuation.

Tether could consider tokenizing its stock after a sale is completed, Bloomberg reported. One of Tether's inves-

tors tried to sell equity at a substantial discount to its planned raise.

Tether is the issuer of industry-leading stablecoin USDT.

Stablecoin issuer Tether may tokenize its stock after taking action to prevent investors from selling equity in the



crypto giant, Bloomberg News reported on Friday.

The private company's executives are weighing tokenized representations of its shares as a way to provide liquidity to Tether's investors, as well as buybacks, according to people familiar with the matter. Meanwhile, Tether is trying to raise \$20 billion at a \$500 billion valuation, the publication said.

A shareholder, which Bloomberg couldn't identify, was interested in selling at least \$1 billion worth of equity in

Tether at a \$280 billion valuation. The company's management was reportedly concerned that sales at a lower valuation could hamstring Tether's fundraising efforts.

In a statement to Bloomberg, a spokesperson said that "it would be imprudent, and indeed reckless, for any investor to attempt to circumvent the established process led by Tier 1 global investment banks or to engage with parties not authorized by Tether's management."

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Vivek Ramaswamy's Strive Looks To Raise \$500,000,000 To Accumulate Bitcoin (BTC), Buy Back Stocks and Pay Debt

Strive, Inc., the publicly traded Bitcoin (BTC) treasury company led by Vivek Ramaswamy, announces plans to raise up to 500 million dollars through a new at-the-market stock offering.

According to a press release and filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Strive may also use funds to purchase income-generating assets or acquire businesses, assets, or technologies that complement its existing operations.

The company says proceeds from the offering of its Variable Rate Series A Perpetual Preferred Stock, or SATA Stock, will be used for multiple purposes,

including acquiring Bitcoin and related products, repurchasing Class A shares, paying down debt, and funding working capital and capital expenditures.

The sale will be conducted pursuant to an existing automatic shelf registration statement and will follow rules governing at-the-market offerings under US securities law.

Strive currently holds approximately 7,525 Bitcoin as of November 7, 2025, making it one of the largest publicly traded Bitcoin treasury companies. Since launching its first ETF in August 2022, Strive Asset Management, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary and SEC-registered investment adviser.

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HashKey Said To Target Upper-End Pricing For Its Hong Kong IPO

HashKey, operator of Hong Kong's largest licensed crypto exchange, is set to price its initial public offering near the top of the range, raising about HK\$1.6B (\$206M) in a key test of demand for regulated digital asset platforms in the city.

The company sold 240.6M shares at HK\$6.68 each, Bloomberg reported Monday, after marketing the offer in a range of HK\$5.95 to HK\$6.95. HashKey did not exercise an option to increase the size of the deal.

Investor interest was strong. The top 20 entities in the institutional book took roughly 80% of the shares available in that tranche, excluding stock earmarked for cornerstone buyers, the outlet said. Overall demand ran at several times the number of shares on offer.

HashKey's Share Sale Could Make It Hong

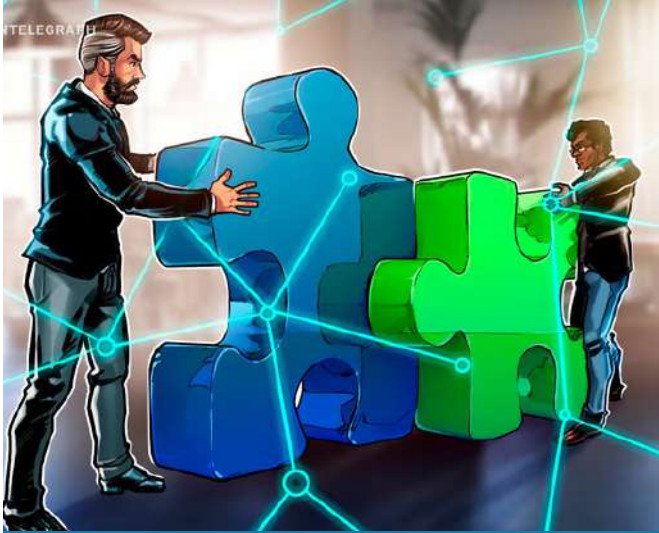
Kong's First Public Crypto Exchange HashKey is bidding to become Hong Kong's first listed crypto exchange, in a transaction that will gauge how much public market appetite remains for compliant digital asset venues after the latest leg of the cycle. The listing also lands in an active year for Hong Kong IPOs, with total proceeds on track for a four year high.

The company had earlier flagged plans to sell about 240.6M shares globally, with around 24.1M reserved for Hong Kong investors and the rest allocated internationally. At the top of the marketed range, the deal would have raised up to HK\$1.67B and valued HashKey at about HK\$19B, according to its prospectus.

HashKey's shares are scheduled to start trading on Wednesday in Hong Kong. JPMorgan Chase and Guotai Junan are joint sponsors of the offering.



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XRP bulls gain ground over bears on social media, ETF inflow streak continues

Spot XRP exchange-traded funds continued a streak of positive flows, with over \$20.1 million recorded on Friday, marking 19 consecutive days of net inflows.

Trader sentiment toward XRP has turned bullish on social media this week, according to market intelligence platform Santiment, while inflows into the token's exchange-traded funds have continued.

Retail traders are staying optimistic toward XRP XRP \$1.98 as it hovers around the \$2 mark, with the week recording the seventh highest number of bullish comments for the year, Santiment said on Friday, citing data from its analytics platform Sanbase, which

monitors social interest across cryptocurrency social channels, including Telegram, Discord, subreddits, and X.

"XRP's bulls and bears continue to battle, and the asset is hanging on to a \$2.00 market value for now. Sentiment is showing bullishness across social media," Santiment said.

XRP has been drifting between \$1.99 and \$2.17 in the last seven days and is trading hands for \$2.03 as of Saturday, according to crypto data aggregator CoinGecko.

Meanwhile, spot XRP exchange-traded funds (ETFs) continued a streak of positive flows, with over \$20.1 million recorded on Friday.

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Stablecoin Issuer Circle To Issue New Privacy Coin 'USDCx' In Partnership With Layer-1 Chain Aleo: Report



The crypto giant Circle has reportedly partnered with the layer-1 privacy blockchain Aleo to launch a new stablecoin that can address privacy concerns among businesses and private individuals.

The private version of the dollar-pegged stablecoin USDC aims to obscure transaction histories, reports Fortune, citing information from Aleo co-founder Howard Wu.

Says Wu,

"People don't want to reveal their business revenues. They don't want to reveal business intelligence. But the way that transparent blockchains work today unfortunately means that every time you transact, you are leaking that data."

Wu says the stablecoin called USDCx won't be truly private. Public users who check the blockchain log will only see unintelligible data but every transaction of the token includes a compliance record that Circle can access in case authorities ask for information.

"This is banking-level privacy, as opposed to 'privacy privacy.'"

Wu has seen interest in privacy-enabled stablecoins from potential customers that include crypto payroll processors Request Finance and Toku.

He says that prediction markets through which gamblers can place bets on real-world events and sports are also interested in experimenting with stablecoins like USDCx.

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Small-cap crypto tokens just hit a humiliating four-year low, proving the “Alt Season” thesis is officially dead

The S&P 500 gained 47% over 2024-2025 while broad alt baskets delivered negative Sharpe ratios with 0.9 correlation to large-cap crypto.

Crypto and stock performance since January 2024 suggests that the new “altcoin trading” is just stock trading.

The S&P 500 returned roughly 25% in 2024

and 17.5% in 2025, compounding to approximately 47% over two years. The Nasdaq-100 delivered 25.9% and 18.1% over the same period, for a cumulative gain near 49%.

The CoinDesk 80 Index, tracking the next 80 crypto assets after the top 20, fell 46.4% in 2025 first quarter alone and sat down roughly 38% year-to-date by mid-July.



The MarketVector Digital Assets 100 Small-Cap Index dropped to its lowest level since November 2020 by late 2025, erasing over \$1 trillion from the total crypto market cap.

The divergence is not a rounding error. Broad altcoin baskets delivered negative returns with volatility equal to or higher than equities, while US stock indices

posted double-digit gains with controlled drawdowns.

The question for Bitcoin investors is whether diversifying into smaller crypto assets offered any risk-adjusted benefit, or whether it simply added exposure to a negative Sharpe ratio while maintaining equity-like correlation.

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The AI Bubble Isn't Just Affecting Bitcoin, Even Stocks Are Floundering

Fears of a bubble that may soon burst seem to have transcended ecosystems, pouring cold water on what might have otherwise been a year-end rally.

The AI Bubble's Wider Fallout: Stocks Join Bitcoin in Decline

Nowadays, when the stock market sneezes, bitcoin catches a cold. That idiom might just help explain the puzzling price action BTC has exhibited over the past eight weeks. Billions in institutional capital, favorable crypto legislation, and acceptance by several trillion-dollar money managers all failed to trigger a year-end rally for the cryptocurrency, thanks in part to the ever-growing AI bubble. And now

stocks may meet a similar fate, with many also blaming AI hype for Friday's bearish retreat.

There are two predominant theories connecting the AI bubble to bitcoin's price decline. One says investors are cycling out of the digital asset into hyped-up tech stocks such as Nvidia (Nasdaq: NVDA).

“Bitcoin started the year as the hottest investment narrative,” said Alex Thorn, head of firmwide research at Galaxy, in a November note to clients. “But AI, hyperscalers, gold, and the Magnificent 7 have absorbed capital and attention that might otherwise flow into BTC.”

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From Wall Street to the World Cup: How Football Became Crypto's Biggest Gateway Drug



As institutions are laying the groundwork for wider crypto adoption from the top down, it's being met by rising interest from football fans from the ground up.

In little over a month between October and November of 2025, the price of Bitcoin declined by more than 25%. In the very recent past, a major decline in such a short space of time would have sent investors and institutions — large and small — running for the hills. But while Bitcoin's most recent decline did send negative ripples through the blockchain space, the institutions didn't flinch. Instead, they doubled down.

Corporate adoption is often the first step towards wider adoption, and the signals coming from the top suggest

the promises of mass uptake made by the Bitcoin-faithful for the past 15 years might actually come to fruition.

As important as institutional adoption may be, however, historical precedent suggests the largest influx of users to the crypto space arrives via gateways people are already familiar with. The rise of GameFi exemplified this at the start of the decade when gaming connected with the blockchain.

Now, another high-profile merger is taking place that connects the boardroom to the playing field. Sports — and football (or, as Americans call it, soccer) in particular — is one of the only recreational industries that has the global financial and cultural reach to exceed that of gaming.

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Spanish Police Arrest Five in Cross-Border Crypto Kidnapping Case

Spanish police have arrested five people and charged four others in Denmark over the kidnapping and killing of a man who was targeted for his cryptocurrency holdings, authorities said Thursday.

The arrests follow a joint investigation that uncovered what police described as a cross-border criminal group focused on stealing digital assets through violent means.

Spanish and Danish authorities coordinated the operation, which involved multiple raids and the seizure of weapons and electronic devices.

Masked Gunmen Abduct Couple in Málaga Crypto Case
The case came to light in April, when a woman reported to police in

Málaga that she and her partner had been abducted in the nearby town of Mijas.

According to investigators, the couple was ambushed by three or four masked men dressed in black and armed with handguns.

Police said the man was shot in the leg as he attempted to flee. Both victims were then forced into a vehicle and taken to a house, where they were held for several hours.

During the captivity, the attackers attempted to gain access to the couple's cryptocurrency wallets.

The woman was released around midnight. Her partner did not survive. His body was later discovered in a wooded area, showing signs of violence in addition to the gunshot wound, authorities said.



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Firedancer is live, but Solana is violating the one safety rule Ethereum treats as non-negotiable



Firedancer could start a new wave of adoption for Solana, especially from institutions that see a mitigated centralization risk from its validators.

After three years of development, Firedancer went live on Solana mainnet in December 2024, having already produced 50,000 blocks across 100 days of testing on a handful of validators.

The milestone, announced Dec. 12 by Solana's official account, marks more than a performance upgrade. It represents the network's first real attempt to eliminate the architectural bottleneck that has underpinned its most damaging outages: near-total reliance on a single validator client.

Solana has spent years

marketing sub-second finality and four-figure transaction-per-second throughput, but speed means little when 70% to 90% of the network's consensus power runs the same software.

A critical bug in that dominant client can halt the entire chain, regardless of how fast it theoretically runs. Ethereum learned this lesson early in its proof-of-stake transition and now treats client diversity as non-negotiable infrastructure hygiene.

Solana is attempting the same shift, but starting from a far more concentrated position.

Firedancer is not a patch or a fork of the existing Rust-based Agave client. It is a ground-up rewrite in C/C++, built by Jump.

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The AI Crypto Boom Hits a Wall as Tokens Deliver Tough Monthly Stats

Al coins have been dealing with a brutal stretch, with performance charts dripping red across several timeframes. Even sector leaders were not spared, and traders looking for green candles instead got a crash course in disappointment. The downturn arrives even as AI continues to dominate global headlines, proving crypto markets have no intention of letting hype shield anyone.

AI-Powered Crypto Sector Stumbles
Artificial intelligence (AI) tokens — cryptocurrencies designed to blend AI capabilities with blockchain architecture to power everything from automated agents to GPU marketplaces — took a collective beating this week. Across nearly every major project, the numbers rolled in like a blaring alarm: down for the week and, even

more dramatically, down for the month. With bitcoin climbing back above \$91K on Sunday, most of these coins finally caught a bit of wind and a moment to breathe, but their weekly and monthly stats are still sitting firmly in the red.

For a sector riding cultural momentum and investor fascination, the latest performance recap over the long run reads more like a group therapy session than a leaderboard. At the top of the stack sits the token bittensor (TAO), a coin associated with an AI-driven decentralized intelligence network that rewards contributors for building machine learning models.

TAO slipped 6.8% over the past week, and 23.55% across 30 days — declines that shaved serious weight off its valuation.



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