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Bitcoin slipped below the key $95,000 level on May 4, showing that bears are tightening their grip and trying to push the price down toward the 20-day EMA, which sits at $92,204. This zone is crucial — bulls will need to step in aggressively to hold the line and keep the uptrend alive. If BTC bounces off the 20-day EMA with strength, there's still a shot at another move toward the big psychological target at $100,000. But if BTC closes below that EMA, it signals that buyers are starting to bail, and momentum could shift in favor of the bears. That could drag the pair all the way down to the 50-day SMA near $86,890. A correction this deep might mean Bitcoin is heading into a range-bound phase in the short term.

Ether is holding steady above its key moving averages, which is a solid sign for the bulls. The 20-day EMA at $1,771 is starting to tilt upward, and the RSI is staying in positive territory — both hint that ETH has room to climb. There's some resistance around $1,957, but it doesn't look like a major roadblock. If bulls break through that, ETH could rally to the $2,111 level, where sellers are likely to show up in force. On the flip side, if ETH breaks down and closes below both moving averages, it opens the door for a deeper drop toward $1,537 — and possibly even retesting the crucial $1,368 support.

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

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Cryptonaire Weekly is one of the oldest and trusted sources of Crypto News, Crypto Analysis and information on blockchain technology in the industry, created for the sole purpose to support and guide our Crypto Trading academy clients and subscribers on all the tops, research, analysis and through leadership in the space.

Cryptonaire weekly, endeavours to provide weekly articles, Crypto news and project analysis covering the entire marketplace of the blockchain space. All of us have challenges when facing the crypto market for the first time even blockchain-savvy developers, investors or entrepreneurs with the ever-changing technology its hard to keep up with all the changes, opportunities and areas to be cautious of.

With the steady adoption of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies around the world, we wanted not only to provide all levels of crypto investors and traders a place which has truly great information, a reliable source of technical analysis, crypto news and top emerging projects in the space.

Having been publishing our weekly crypto magazine 'Cryptonaire Weekly' for since early 2017 we have had our fingertips at the cusp of this exciting market breaking through highs of 20k for 1 Bitcoin to the lows of $3500 in early 2021. Our Platinum Crypto Academy clients (students and mentee's) are always looking for shortcuts to success to minimize expenses and possible loses. This is why we created our Crypto Magazine. Those who wish to invest their assets wisely, stay updated with the latest cryptocurrency news and are interested in blockchain technology will find our Weekly Crypto Magazine a valuable asset!

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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 386th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is $2.94 Trillion, down 30 Billion since the last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is at $63.19 Billion which makes a 13.54% increase. The DeFi volume is $4.87 Billion, 7.71% of the entire crypto market's 24-hour trading volume. The volume of all stable coins is $59.78 Billion, which is 94.60% share of the total crypto market volume the last 24 hours. The largest gainers in the industry right now are Polkadot Ecosystem and XRP Ledger Ecosystem cryptocurrencies.

Bitcoin's price has decreased by 0.32% from $94,750 last week to around $94,450 and Ether's price has decreased by 0.82% from $1,820 last week to $1,805
Bitcoin's market cap is $1.87 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is $1.07 Trillion.

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Meanwhile, crypto adoption at the state level took a hit as Florida's push to build a strategic Bitcoin reserve was shut down. Two bills — House Bill 487 and Senate Bill 550 — aimed at allowing public funds to be invested in Bitcoin were scrapped on May 3. Although Florida lawmakers passed over 200 bills this session, none touched crypto reserves. HB 487 would've let the state's CFO allocate up to 10% of certain funds into BTC, but now those ambitions are on hold. The session was extended to June 6 to finalize budget talks, so there's still a window — but it's closing fast.

In the ETF world, VanEck made a bold move by filing for the first-ever US-based ETF tracking Binance's BNB token. If approved, the fund will hold spot BNB and could also stake a portion of its assets to earn passive income. With a market cap of around $84 billion and staking yields near 2.5%, BNB is one of the largest smart contract assets out there. The filing shows growing appetite for altcoin ETFs, especially ones tied to major DeFi ecosystems like the BNB Chain, which still holds around $6 billion in total value locked.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	61.24%
ETH	7.10%
USDT	4.89%
XRP	4.12%
BNB	2.81%
SOL	2.46%
USDC	2.01%
DOGE	0.83%
ADA	0.80%
Others	13.74%

Tether is also making waves beyond stablecoins, teasing the launch of its AI platform, "Tether AI," which will let users pay with Bitcoin and USDT directly on a peer-to-peer network. CEO Paolo Ardoino said the platform will run without API keys or central control, promising a fully open-source, modular AI system that can run on any device. It's a big step in Tether's broader plan to blend AI and blockchain, offering tools that sidestep traditional gatekeepers. The platform, originally announced in late 2024, is expected to go live in Q1 2025.

On the meme coin front, a new controversy is unfolding around the MELANIA token, linked to former First Lady Melania Trump. Financial Times reports that a tight group of wallets raked in nearly $100 million in profits within minutes of the token's launch — just before Melania posted about it on Truth Social. These wallets bought $2.6 million worth of tokens just minutes before the public knew, then dumped most of them within 12 hours. The SEC's current stance excludes meme coins from insider-trading rules, so this activity doesn't technically break federal law — but it raises red flags. Some of the wallets are reportedly tied to Hayden Davis, a Texas-based crypto player linked to the LIBRA token associated with Argentina's President Milei. Davis denies profiting, but blockchain data suggests otherwise. On top of that, the company behind the launch, MKT World LLC, allegedly withdrew nearly $65 million in primary sales and fees. While Melania Trump has stayed silent, the whole episode is yet another example of the murky waters surrounding celebrity memecoins and pre-launch allocations.

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- You can also **trade your Paddles!** NFT on secondary markets, giving it both collector appeal and financial value.

TGE DROPS IN Q2 2025!

- We're launching **$FTRM**, the token powering the Futurum ecosystem.
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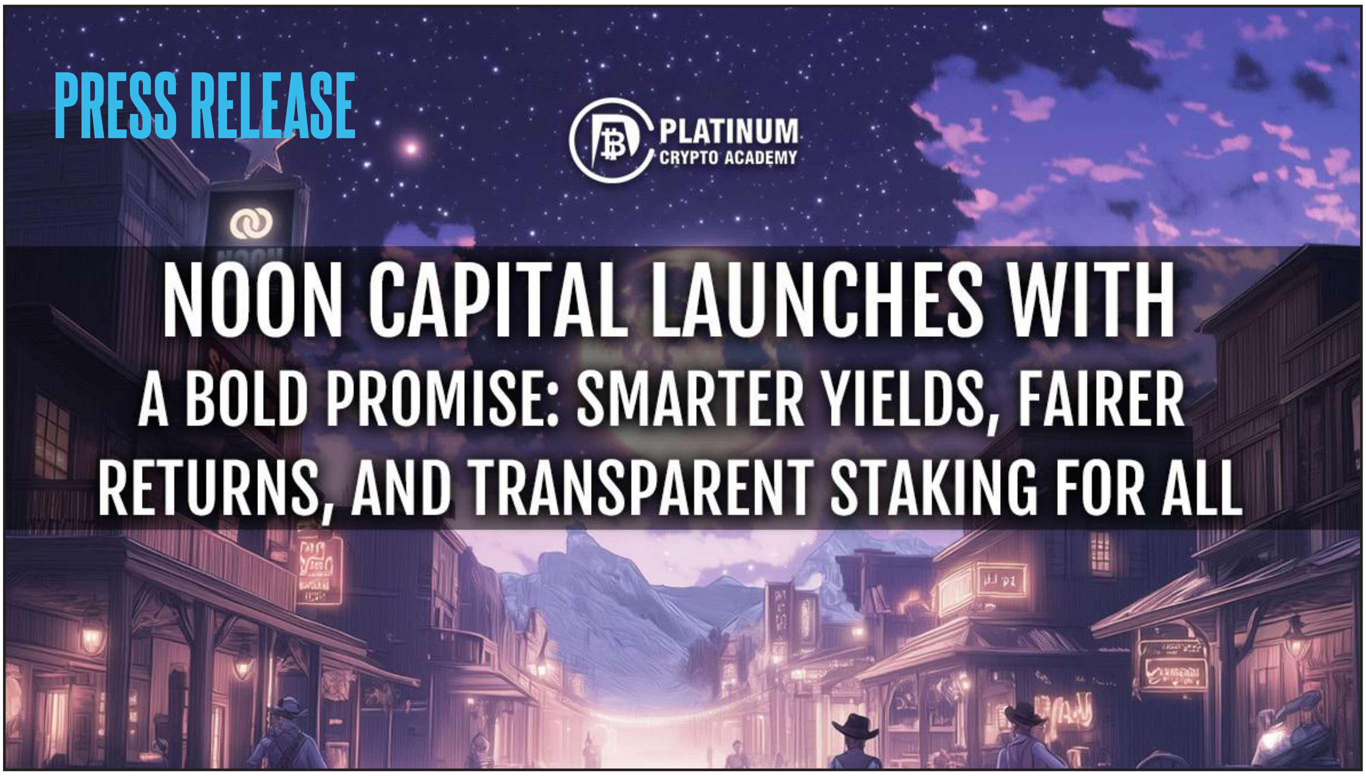

Noon Capital has officially launched its public beta in January, entering a saturated stablecoin market with a sharp focus on yield efficiency, user-aligned incentives, and unprecedented transparency. Noon is backed by a growing list of ecosystem partners, including Euler Finance, Tulipa Capital, Lagoon Finance, ZeroLend, TAC Build, Turtle Club, Stork, Dinari, Halborn, and Quantstamp, among others.

While many stablecoins promise returns, Noon backs its design with a protocol architecture built to deliver sustainable yield through delta-neutral strategies while returning over 90% of its value back to users.

The powerhouse of Noon's model is $USN, it's a 1:1 USD-pegged stablecoin, and $sUSN, the yield-bearing staked version. Users mint $USN with USDT or USDC and can stake it to receive $sUSN, which appreciates in value daily as the protocol generates returns.

Rather than relying on a single strategy, Noon intelligently rotates between delta-neutral strategies like funding rate arbitrage and tokenised treasury bills, based on market conditions, technical indicators, and real-time risk assessment. This approach allows Noon to target the highest through-cycle returns without taking on market-directional exposure.

"We've designed Noon to generate top-tier returns regardless of market conditions," said (Spokesperson Name). "By staying delta-neutral and automating capital allocation between strategies, we're able to provide both yield and peace of mind. No unnecessary risk, no hype, just results."

The value proposition is clear:

80% of raw returns are directed to $sUSN holders.

10% is allocated to the Noon Insurance Fund, which protects users and distributes any unused funds to staked governance token holders ($sNOON).

10% goes to the Operations Fund, which, after covering core expenses, re-routes remaining funds to the Insurance Fund.

USN holders, on the other hand, forgo raw yield in exchange for significantly higher governance token rewards, making it a lower-risk moonshot for users who want to accumulate $NOON ahead of the protocol's TGE in Q2 2025.

What sets Noon apart structurally is its user-first tokenomics. There are no VCs or private investors with pre-allocated tokens. Instead, 65% to 80% of all $NOON tokens are reserved for the community. The remaining 20% is allocated to the core team, with a linear 7-year vesting schedule, the longest of its kind in the industry.

"Too many protocols are designed to serve insiders first," said (Spokesperson Name). "We've removed early investors from the equation entirely. If you're using Noon, you're earning Noon. That's the only way in."

To ensure credibility and user trust, Noon is also the first stablecoin to publicly offer **real-time proof of solvency** verified by a third party. Partnering with Accountable, a data verification platform, Noon provides continuous reserve audits using on- and off-chain data sources.

Collateral is securely held with custodians like Alpaca Securities and Ceffu, ensuring assets remain segregated and protected even in extreme market scenarios.

This transparency-first model isn't an afterthought; it's foundational. As part of its long-term plan, Noon has prioritised rigorous asset custody protocols and contract-level security, including role-based access control, multi-signature protections, and real-time monitoring of critical events.

"We've built Noon to be intelligent, fair, and resilient," said (Spokesperson Name), (Designation). "But more than that, we've built it for users who are tired of being sidelined in protocols they helped grow. With Noon, they're finally at the centre."
Furthermore, Noon is currently live on Ethereum, ZKsync Era, and Sophon blockchain networks. Therefore, the users participating now can access Noon across these chains and interact with USN and sUSN across different ecosystems.

Both USN and sUSN are also actively tradable on diverse DEXs and lending protocols such as Uniswap, Syncswap, Zerolend, RFX, Spectra, Sophon Farms, and Euler. This allows users to easily swap, lend, and yield strategies across multiple venues while having ample liquidity and composability.

The protocol also has a staking and rewards architecture built in, which is tied to an ongoing points program that rewards users based on their activity. Points are earned for holding $USN or $sUSN, and can be boosted by actions like DEX liquidity provision (up to 4x), yield vault participation (up to 3x), and lending protocol activity (up to 2x). A tiered multiplier system rewards users who commit to staking $NOON for longer durations, up to 5x for 12 months.

All of these activities are listed on **Noon's reward page**, where users can track progress and plan their engagement based on current campaigns.

Once the TGE goes live in Q2, 2025, users will be able to convert points earned during the beta phase into $NOON and choose to stake it to receive $sNOON. Staked governance token holders will be responsible for voting on protocol decisions, such as strategy additions, and will receive redistributions from the insurance fund once it surpasses minimum capital requirements.

Noon is now live in public beta. Users can join directly at **www.noon.capital**, start staking $USN, and begin accruing points ahead of the $NOON token generation event scheduled in Q2, 2025, which is very soon. The team expects a broader rollout across multiple chains in the coming months.

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About Noon Capital

Noon Capital is a web3-native yield-generating stablecoin protocol focused on delivering intelligent, fair, and sustainable returns to its users. By using delta-neutral deployment strategies and a radically user-first tokenomics structure, Noon aims to set a new benchmark for what stablecoins can achieve in DeFi.

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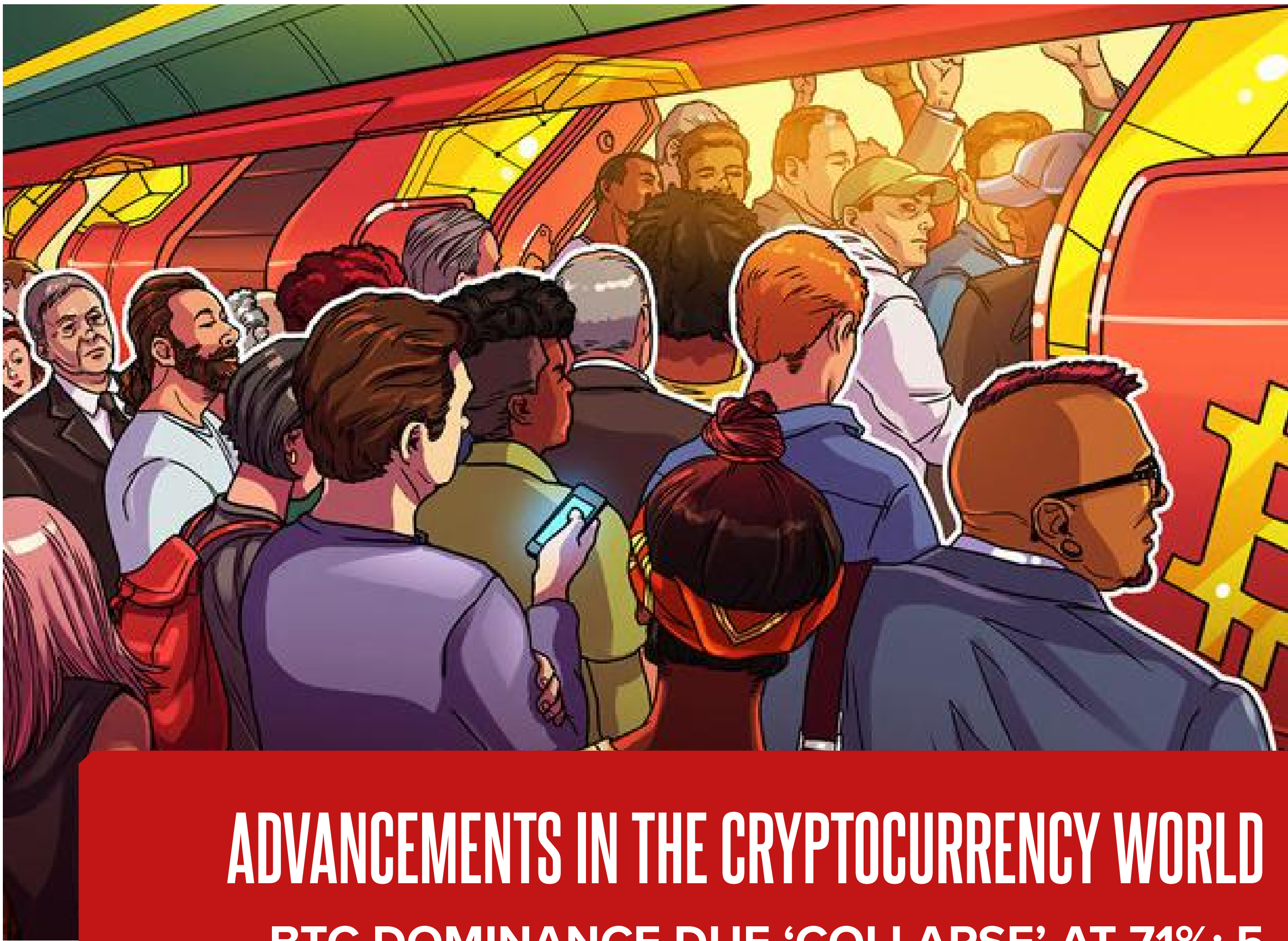

ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BTC DOMINANCE DUE 'COLLAPSE' AT 71%: 5 THINGS TO KNOW IN BITCOIN THIS WEEK

Bitcoin braces for the Fed interest rate decision with BTC price support in focus, along with the final innings of Bitcoin's relentless dominance surge.

Bitcoin BTC $94,469 starts the first full week of May with yearly open support in focus ahead of a key US economic policy decision.

BTC price action attempts to hold the yearly open as support after some downside at the weekly close, but bullish perspectives remain intact.

The US Federal Reserve interest rate decision is the key macro event of the week, with Chair Jerome Powell tipped to "move markets."

Jobless claims and Coinbase earnings add to a mixed bag of potential volatility triggers as recession talk gets louder.

Bitcoin dominance hits 65% for the first time in over four years, but analysis thinks its days are numbered.

Bitcoin "FOMO" is still waiting in the wings as sentiment flips positive.

Bitcoin traders stay bullish with $93,500 intact
Bitcoin saw some sell pressure into the May 4 weekly close, reaching lows of $93,350 on Bitstamp before rebounding, data from Cointelegraph Markets Pro and TradingView shows.

Liquidity had built up close to the spot price, both up and down, with bids getting partially filled due to the dip.

The latest data from monitoring resource CoinGlass shows the largest nearby cluster of ask liquidity at $96,420.

Trader CrypNuevo outlined a potential short-term bull case in his latest outlook on X.

"In the case of long triggers, I like these two setups: Either a new local high ($98k) where we can see some LTF liquidations after a reclaim of the previous range highs (upper yellow line), or from much lower from the 1D50EMA retest if it's successful," he wrote.

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Bitcoin slides below $95,000 as weekend macro pressures weigh on markets

Bitcoin's retreat reflects broader financial tension amid rising yields and geopolitical uncertainties.

Bitcoin fell sharply from Friday's multi-month highs above $97,000 over the weekend, with prices sliding under $95,000 during early Monday trading as broader macro pressures weighed on risk appetite.

The pullback followed a robust U.S. jobs report on Friday that lifted Treasury yields, igniting concern that the Federal Reserve may delay interest rate cuts. Non-farm payrolls grew by 177,000 in April, slightly above expectations, while the unemployment rate ticked higher to 4.2%. Markets initially reacted positively, with Bitcoin testing $98,000 late Friday as risk assets rallied into the weekly close.

However, the optimism quickly faded as bond yields climbed. The U.S. 10-year yield rose back above 4.3% after the data, reinforcing the notion that borrowing costs may stay elevated for longer. This pressured Bitcoin, which has increasingly traded in lockstep with equities and other macro-sensitive assets as investors adjust to shifting monetary policy expectations.

Adding to the pressure, oil prices fell sharply after OPEC+ surprised markets by announcing it would accelerate its phased return of production hikes.

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Vitalik Wants To Speed Up Ethereum By 100x, Make it as 'Simple as Bitcoin'

The proposed shift in architecture could simplify Ethereum while enhancing its zero-knowledge capabilities.

Vitalik Buterin is proposing to replace EVM with a new system to achieve radical efficiency gains in zero-knowledge proofs.
The four-phase transition promises 100x performance boosts while maintaining backward compatibility.
The plan aims to simplify Ethereum's codebase to Bitcoin-like levels despite issues with complexity.
Ethereum co-founder Vitalik Buterin has proposed replacing Ethereum's Virtual Machine (EVM) with

RISC-V, aiming to boost the chain's performance while making it simpler in the process.

Buterin, in a May 3 blog post, claimed that through the proposed changes, Ethereum could "become close to as simple as Bitcoin" within five years.

"One of the best things about Bitcoin is how beautifully simple the protocol is," Buterin wrote, describing how Bitcoin transactions and proofs work.

Keeping the protocol simple brings benefits that are key to making it "a credibly neutral and globally trusted base layer," Buterin wrote.

The proposed transition to RISC-V would see an open-source instruction set defining how software communicates with processors.

For Ethereum, the change would make Ethereum run faster by cutting out extra translation steps.

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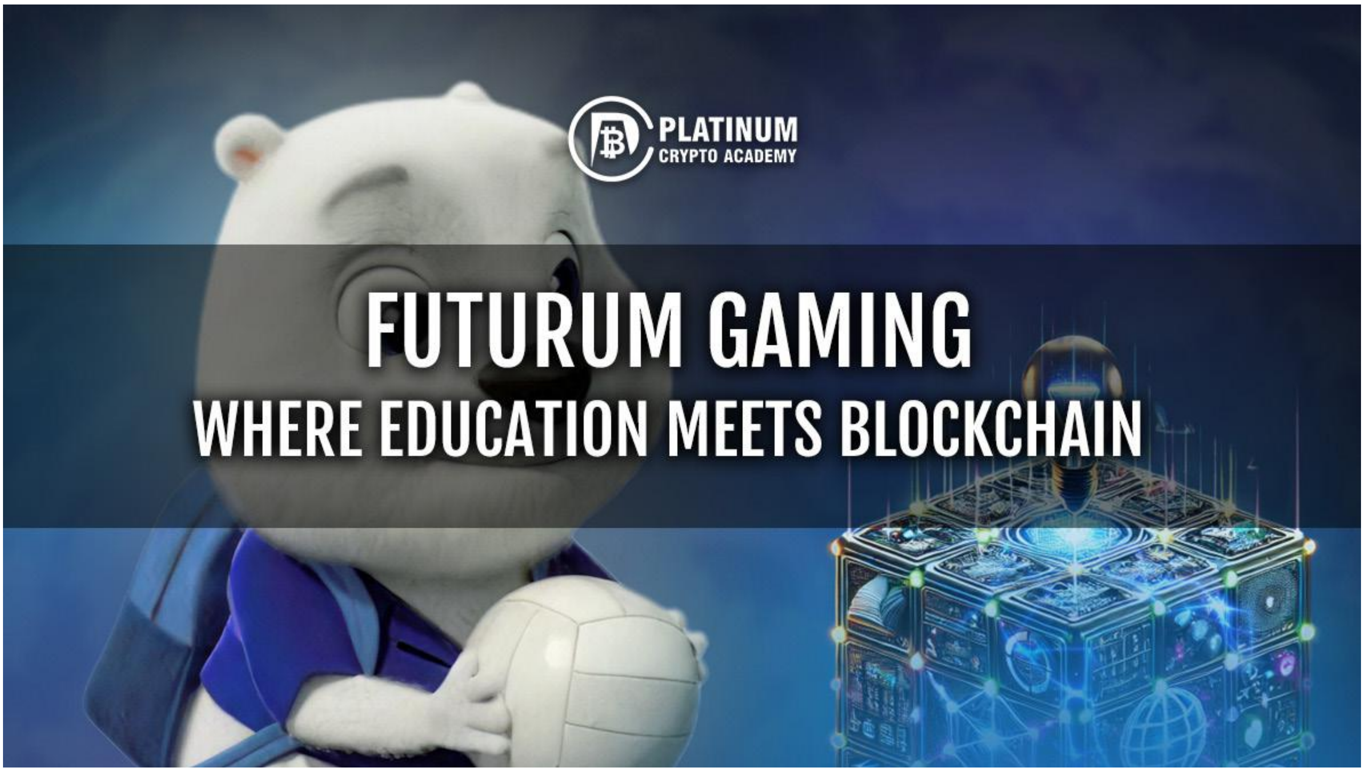

Let's face it, most educational games either feel like watered-down homework or clunky attempts to force fun into formulas. At the same time, blockchain gaming often leans too heavily into speculation and not enough into substance. What if someone actually got it right?

Futurum Gaming is a platform where gameplay doesn't just entertain; it builds minds. Futurum is blending real educational impact with the opportunities of Web3, all while backed by BAFTA and Emmy-winning creators.

This isn't a vague promise about "revolutionizing learning." Futurum has a plan, a product, and the pedigree to pull it off. Futurum's Token Generation Event (TGE) and Genesis NFT mint are also coming soon, providing users with access to their ecosystem.

What Is Futurum Gaming?

Futurum Gaming is the digital division of Futurum Group, an award-winning media and animation company behind globally known IPs like Barney & Friends, Bob the Builder, and Jakers. The team is BAFTA and Emmy-recognized, and they're now bringing that same creative firepower into the Web3 space with educational gaming at its core.

Its first title, Race to Infinity, is a digital evolution of the award-winning board game created by

Begenio, designed to improve math skills through strategy-based gameplay. In pilot testing, Race to Infinity helped improve math comprehension by 59%, particularly among students who typically struggled in traditional classrooms.

In the game, players advance across a virtual board by solving curriculum-aligned challenges in math, logic, and reasoning. Unlike most edtech tools, the gameplay rewards strategic thinking rather than rote answers.

The next phase of this experience is Quest to Infinity, a more advanced version designed for adult learners and gamers. It'll integrate Web3 features, deeper strategic layers, and more complex knowledge challenges.

The Problem Futurum Is Solving

The education system hasn't kept pace with how people actually absorb and apply knowledge today. Static classrooms, limited feedback, and outdated teaching models continue to alienate students, especially in subjects like math, where confidence fades quickly.

Meanwhile, many Web3 projects struggle to connect technology with meaningful use cases. There's a flood of tokens and NFTs, but few ecosystems that offer lasting value.

Futurum Gaming is bridging both gaps:

It makes learning adaptive, game-based, and rewarding.

It uses blockchain to enhance, not distract from, the educational experience.

It creates economic incentives for intellectual progress.

Thanks to its partnerships with Immutable and SKALE, also its planned integration with Immutable Passport, it's designed for frictionless onboarding. This means both crypto-native users and traditional gamers/parents can jump in without hitting a Web3 learning curve.

Why It Works: Key Features and Unique Value

Here's what sets Futurum Gaming apart from both traditional edtech and standard GameFi:

Real Educational Impact

This isn't gamified fluff. Every gameplay decision strengthens problem-solving, literacy, and critical thinking skills, backed by real-world data.

AI-Powered Learning

Players interact with AI-driven tutors that adapt in real time to their skill level. Think of it as having a personal coach in every session.

Token Utility With Purpose

Futurum's upcoming $FTRM token isn't just for show. It fuels gameplay, upgrades, NFT staking, and community governance through DAO participation.

Genesis NFT Collection: Paddles!

These aren't just collectibles. Paddles are playable, upgradable in-game characters that provide tier-based benefits, like staking power and exclusive rewards. They're also tradable on secondary markets, adding financial utility.

Built for Web2 & Web3 Users

With seamless onboarding through Immutable's Passport integration, you don't need to be a crypto expert to start playing or learning.

Award-Winning Team

Futurum isn't a startup guessing its way through development. The team behind it has built IPs tied to household names like Barney & Friends and Bob the Builder.

What's Coming: TGE & Genesis NFT Mint

Futurum Gaming's Token Generation Event (TGE) is scheduled for Q2 2025, introducing the $FTRM token to power the platform's core functions. This marks the beginning of a self-sustaining ecosystem, where learners, players, educators, and investors can all participate meaningfully.

Simultaneously, the launch of the NFT collection, Paddles, gives early adopters a serious edge. With four rarity tiers, each Paddle comes with its own strategic advantages and access to exclusive content, competitions, and staking opportunities.

Together, the TGE and NFT mint form the foundation of a learning-driven ecosystem, where the time you spend playing (and learning) actually creates real-world value.

Take Action Now!

Futurum Gaming isn't trying to be the next flashy blockchain trend. It's building a platform that

actually matters, especially for parents, educators, and anyone who believes education can (and should) be smarter, more engaging, and more rewarding.

With its data-backed gameplay, meaningful tokenomics, and a launch roadmap already underway, Futurum is shaping up to be one of the most credible and purpose-driven Web3 gaming projects.

The game is already built. The tech is ready. The ecosystem is coming online.

Get in early, mint your Paddles, collect $FTRM, and be part of the future of learning, one move at a time.

To learn more, **get in touch with us** right away!

US Bitcoin ETFs bought 6x more than BTC miners produced last week

A whopping 18,644 Bitcoin were scooped up by ETFs in the US over the past week, while only 3,150 BTC were mined.

Spot Bitcoin exchange-traded funds (ETFs) in the United States bought up nearly six times as many Bitcoin as were produced by miners over the last week.

The US-based Bitcoin
BTC
$94,251
funds bought a whopping 18,644 Bitcoin over the past week when only 3,150 BTC were mined for the period, reported asset allocator HODL15Capital on May 4.

This accumulation by institutions and ETF issuers represents almost six times the amount of the asset being produced since miners only generate 450 coins per day.

The total inflow for the past five trading days was around $1.8 billion, with a net outflow on April 30, according to Farside Investors. There has only been one outflow day since April 16, as the inflows have mirrored market recovery.

Last week's accumulation followed an increase in BTC spot prices in early May when the asset gained 4% to reach a six-week high of $97,700 on May 2. However, the asset has since retreated to the $94,000 level, which is the same price it traded at this time seven days ago.

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Solana Quietly Fixes Bug That Could Have Let Attackers Mint and Steal Certain Tokens

A sophisticated attacker could forge invalid proofs that the on-chain verifier would still accept. This would have allowed unauthorized actions such as minting unlimited tokens or withdrawing tokens from other accounts.

The Solana Foundation revealed a vulnerability in its token system that could have allowed unauthorized minting or withdrawals.

The flaw was related to the ZK ElGamal Proof program, affecting confidential transfers

but not standard SPL tokens.

The Solana Foundation has disclosed a previously unknown vulnerability in its privacy-focused token system that could have allowed attackers to forge fake zero-knowledge proofs, enabling unauthorized minting or withdrawals of tokens.

The vulnerability was first reported on April 16 through Anza's GitHub security advisory, accompanied by a working proof-of-concept. Engineers from Solana development teams Anza, Firedancer, and Jito verified the bug and began working on a fix immediately, per a post-mortem published Saturday,

The issue stemmed from the ZK ElGamal Proof program, which verifies zero-knowledge proofs (ZKPs) used in Solana's Token-22 confidential transfers. These extension tokens enable private balances and transfers by encrypting amounts and using cryptographic proofs to validate them.

ZKPs are a cryptographic method that lets someone prove they know or have access to something, such as a password or age, without revealing the thing itself.

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The online gambling industry continues to evolve at a rapid pace. Payment options stand at the forefront of this evolution. Modern players demand flexibility, security, and convenience when funding their accounts. CryptoGames has positioned itself as a leader by embracing cryptocurrency payments. Let's examine what makes their approach unique in today's competitive market.

The Evolution of Payments in Online Gambling

Traditional online casinos relied heavily on credit cards and bank transfers. These methods often came with high fees and processing delays. Players faced geographical restrictions and privacy concerns. Transaction limits further restricted gameplay for high-rollers and casual players alike.

The industry soon expanded to e-wallets like PayPal and Skrill. Mobile payment solutions like Apple Pay and Google Pay also gained significant market share. Regional payment methods such as Interac in Canada and Trustly in Europe emerged. These services offered faster processing times and added convenience. Yet they are still connected to traditional banking systems with their inherent limitations. Many regions remained underserved due to banking restrictions and currency conversion issues.

Then came cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum, transforming online gambling payments completely. Blockchain technology introduced transparency and security previously unimaginable. Transactions became borderless, allowing players from diverse regions to participate. Processing times decreased from days to minutes, sometimes seconds.

How Cryptocurrency Is Taking Over the Online Gambling Industry?

Cryptocurrency adoption in online gambling wasn't immediate. Early platforms faced technical challenges and user hesitation. Bitcoin's pioneering role created the initial pathway for digital currency gambling. As blockchain technology matured, so did its gambling applications.

Mainstream adoption accelerated when players discovered key advantages. Cryptocurrency offered enhanced privacy protections traditional methods couldn't match. The removal of intermediaries meant lower transaction fees for both players and operators. Provably fair gaming became possible through blockchain verification.

The 2021-2022 crypto boom brought unprecedented attention to digital currency gambling. Transaction volumes on crypto-exclusive casinos increased by 300% during this period. By 2024, approximately 40% of online gamblers had used cryptocurrency at least once. Major traditional operators began integrating crypto payment options alongside conventional methods.

Regulatory frameworks have evolved to accommodate these new payment methods. The establishment of specialized Gambling Regulatory Authorities improved oversight and licensing standards. Major jurisdictions developed crypto-specific gambling regulations between 2022 and 2024. These frameworks ensured modern payment solutions integrated securely within the industry.

What Payment Options Make CryptoGames a Top Crypto Casino?

CryptoGames revolutionized online gambling by embracing cryptocurrency at its core. The platform lives up to its name by making digital currency gambling accessible and convenient. Their comprehensive payment ecosystem supports numerous cryptocurrencies for maximum player flexibility.

The platform recently expanded its payment options by adding XRP to its lineup. Players now enjoy access to major cryptocurrencies including Bitcoin (BTC) and Ethereum (ETH). Popular alternatives like Tether (USDT), Solana (SOL), PEPE, and Shiba Inu (SHIB) provide additional choices.

Transaction speeds at CryptoGames outpace conventional online casinos by a wide margin. Deposits typically confirm within minutes depending on the chosen cryptocurrency network. Withdrawals process with similar efficiency, often completed in under 30 minutes. Players no longer wait days to access their winnings. The platform maintains minimal transaction fees compared to traditional payment methods.

Security at CryptoGames: Protecting Your Funds and Data

CryptoGames prioritizes player security through comprehensive protection measures and privacy policies. The platform minimizes data collection, never requesting sensitive banking information. This approach reduces exposure to potential data breaches and identity theft risks.

Two-factor authentication through Google Authenticator adds critical account security. This additional verification layer prevents unauthorized access even if passwords become compromised. CryptoGames strongly recommends this feature for all accounts to maximize protection.

The platform maintains strict security protocols regarding user credentials and account access. Staff members and support representatives never request password information under any circumstances. Players should immediately report suspicious communications claiming to represent CryptoGames staff.

Cryptocurrency transactions benefit from blockchain security fundamentals at every step. The immutable transaction record prevents payment disputes and confirms ownership clearly. Cold storage solutions protect the majority of funds from potential online threats. Regular security audits ensure systems remain resistant to emerging vulnerabilities.

Why Payment Flexibility Matters for Modern Gamblers

Today's online gamblers demand payment options that match their diverse needs. Geographic restrictions often limit access to traditional payment methods in many regions. Currency conversion fees eat into gambling budgets when using conventional services. Processing delays create frustration for players eager to start playing.

CryptoGames addresses these challenges through cryptocurrency payment flexibility. Players from virtually any location can access the platform without banking restrictions. Borderless transactions eliminate the need for currency conversions and associated fees. Instant processing satisfies the expectations of time-conscious modern players.

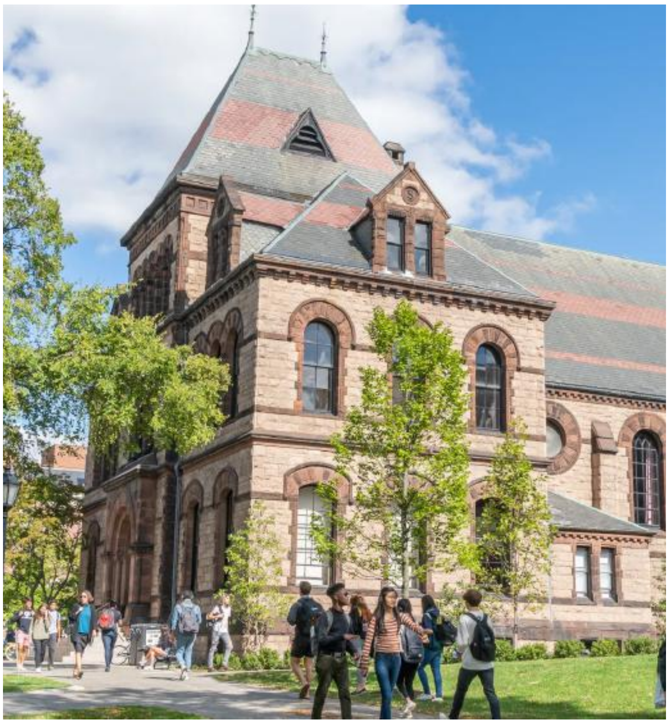
Industry research paints a clear picture of payment flexibility's critical importance. A 2024 gambling behavior study found 78% of players rank payment speed as "very important" when selecting platforms. Deloitte and Chainalysis financial reports show traditional international transactions carrying fees between 3-5%. In contrast, cryptocurrency transactions typically cost just 0.5-1.5% in network fees. Worldpay's consumer behavior analysis revealed over 60% of potential players abandoned gambling deposits due to payment complications. Most telling, platforms offering diverse payment methods reported 37% higher player retention rates.

Different cryptocurrencies serve various player preferences and practical needs. Bitcoin provides unmatched security through its decade-plus blockchain history and widespread adoption. Stablecoins like USDT and USDC protect players from market volatility during extended gameplay. Fast-transaction cryptocurrencies such as XRP and Solana appeal to players prioritizing rapid withdrawals. Privacy-focused options give players additional discretion when desired.

The cryptocurrency approach also enhances privacy for players concerned about discretion. Financial transactions remain separate from personal banking records and statements. Players maintain greater control over their gambling activity and financial footprint. This privacy-centered approach respects player autonomy and personal choices. CryptoGames' multi-cryptocurrency strategy positions them perfectly for evolving payment trends. The platform continuously evaluates emerging digital currencies for potential player benefits.

Takeaway

As cryptocurrency reshapes online gambling, CryptoGames leads through practical innovation. The platform provides both newcomers and experienced crypto users with accessible payment options. Their comprehensive ecosystem positions CryptoGames as a benchmark for cryptocurrency gambling excellence.



Brown University Bets on Bitcoin With Millions Worth of BlackRock ETF Shares

Rhode Island-based Ivy League institution Brown University is now holding exposure to Bitcoin via BlackRock's ETF.

Brown University reported exposure to nearly $5 million worth of Bitcoin via ETF shares.
The university had 105,000 shares of BlackRock's IBIT ETF as of March 31.

The Ivy League's Brown University has millions of dollars' worth of Bitcoin exposure via BlackRock's iShares Bitcoin Trust ETF (IBIT) ETF, according to a new 13F-HR filing with the SEC.

The holdings report filed on Friday shows the university owned 105,000 shares of IBIT, valued around $4.9 million as of the first quarter's end on March 31. The IBIT shares were not listed on the previous quarter's filing.

The shares are currently valued at about $5.8 million. While a significant investment, the position is just a drop in the bucket for an endowment that increased to more than $7.2 billion at the end of its 2024 fiscal year.

"Over the past few decades, the financial markets have significantly increased in complexity, and as the value of the endowment has grown, Brown has adapted,"

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Coinbase Quietly Holds 2.7 Million Bitcoin Under Management, Worth About $261 Billion

Coinbase quietly guards a digital war chest of 2.7 million bitcoin, with Wall Street giants, tech titans, and mining firms all locking their crypto fortunes behind its walls.

Onchain data from timechainindex.com shows that San Francisco–based Coinbase (Nasdaq: COIN) currently safeguards 13.7% of the bitcoin (BTC) in circulation. Beyond running a trading venue, the firm stewards sizeable balances for an array of counterparties, ranging from peer exchanges and miners to issuers of exchange-traded products (ETPs).

Coinbase's trove of customer assets totals 1,045,246 BTC, and the platform likewise custodies reserves for Revolut (28,536 BTC), Bitvavo (22,695 BTC), and Newton (1,480 BTC). The breadth of Coinbase's institutional clientele sketches a vivid portrait of modern crypto finance.

Anchoring this ever-growing vault is Blackrock, whose Ishares Bitcoin Trust (IBIT) swiftly accumulated 607,086 BTC, earning the distinction of the largest ETF position under Coinbase's watch. Trailing close behind, Grayscale's GBTC stores 189,416 BTC, while ETF newcomers such as Ark Invest with 21shares and Bitwise collectively lift the ETF/ETP segment to well over 1 million BTC.

Coinbase's remit extends far beyond exchange-traded funds. The custodian defends Strategy's cache—still eclipsing that of nearly every public company—and oversees balances for tech names such as Tesla and SpaceX, holding 11,509 and 8,285 BTC apiece. Together, Coinbase's Prime Custody and over-the-counter (OTC) desks complete a client roster that spans crypto-native funds and traditional finance (TradFi) institutions alike.

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I never thought I'd live to see the day people questioned the dollar.

For most of my life, the U.S. dollar was untouchable. The benchmark. The global constant. You didn't ask if the dollar would survive you asked how much of it you could safely hold.

But something's shifted. You can feel it. It's in the headlines, the gold charts, the strange new alliances forming on the other side of the world. It's in the tone of the market. And it's in the eyes of the people who used to laugh at Bitcoin but are now quietly moving their wealth into hard assets.

People are asking a simple but terrifying question: Is the dollar doomed?

The short answer? Not yet. But the long answer… is where it gets interesting.

For starters, let's talk about what gave the dollar its throne in the first place. It all started in 1944 at Bretton Woods. In the ashes of World War II, the United States victorious, industrially dominant, and holding most of the world's gold convinced the rest of the planet to peg their currencies to the dollar, and the dollar to gold.

That was the birth of the petrodollar, and for decades, global trade especially oil ran almost exclusively through the greenback. It gave America what economists call an "exorbitant privilege." The U.S. could print the very money other countries needed to function. It's like being the only casino in town and being able to mint your own chips.

But every empire hits a tipping point. And lately, cracks have started forming beneath the marble.

In the Trump years, the dollar was weakened intentionally part of a strategy to stimulate exports and rebalance trade. The Dollar Index (DXY) dropped from 104 to 99. That might sound small, but in macro terms, it signalled a meaningful loss of confidence.

Now we're in even stranger waters.

The BRICS nations Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa are rising. Fast. They've started trading in their own currencies. They're building parallel financial systems, bypassing SWIFT. They're stockpiling gold at record levels. And increasingly, they're talking about "de-dollarization."

Not in panicked whispers in bold, calculated moves.

At first, I thought it was posturing. A bit of geopolitical theatre. But when you see central banks dumping U.S. treasuries, when you watch energy contracts priced in yuan, and when you see Saudi Arabia attending BRICS summits… you stop assuming it's noise.

You start realizing it's a trend.

We're entering what analysts call a "multipolar" world. Not one dominated by the U.S., but one where multiple regions wield financial power. In this world, the dollar doesn't vanish. But it doesn't rule, either. And that, for investors and savers like us, changes the game entirely.

Then there's the Triffin Dilemma a lesser known but devastating reality. If the U.S. wants to maintain the dollar as the global reserve currency, it must export dollars. That means running trade deficits, importing more than it exports, and taking on more and more debt to fuel the system. But doing so weakens the domestic economy over time. It fuels inequality. It breeds unrest. And it eventually leads to a collapse in global trust.

See the problem? It's unsustainable by design.

Ray Dalio, the hedge fund titan, wrote extensively about the 250-year lifecycle of empires. From rise to decline, the same patterns repeat military overreach, institutional distrust, runaway debt, social division. The U.S., born in 1776, is now 249 years old. Read into that what you will but the timing is uncanny.

And if we are watching the sunset of U.S. financial hegemony, then it makes sense that the world is hedging its bets.

Not abandoning the dollar outright that would be chaotic. But slowly diversifying. Quietly off-ramping. Moving wealth into gold, into oil, into new currencies, and yes… into Bitcoin.

This is what economic warfare looks like in the 21st century. Not bombs. Not tanks. But capital shifts, currency games, and tech decoupling. It's not World War III it's something more subtle. More dangerous, in a way. Because you don't always know you're in it… until it's too late to move.

But the smart money is already moving.

Over 1,000 tons of gold were bought by central banks in 2024 the largest yearly total on record. That's not speculation. That's not retail hype. That's strategic positioning from governments who know exactly what's coming.

And then there's Bitcoin the new kid on the block, sure, but one that's rapidly maturing. It's already being used in international energy deals. It's being acquired by sovereign wealth funds. Some call it "digital gold." Others say it's a protocol for storing freedom. I call it both.

Bitcoin is scarce, decentralized, globally accessible, and politically neutral. No one prints it. No one controls it. And in an age where trust in institutions is evaporating, that kind of neutrality becomes invaluable.

I'm not here to tell you the dollar's going to zero tomorrow. It's not. The dollar is still a monster. It's still the most liquid, widely accepted currency on the planet. But it's wobbling. And that wobble matters.

Because when the global financial system starts hedging when the dominant players start stacking hard assets instead of chasing yield you pay attention.

And you act accordingly.

For me, that means holding some gold. But it means holding Bitcoin. Real, self-custodied BTC. Not some platform IOU. Not a paper promise. But a cold wallet. Private keys. The real deal.

Because if the next twenty years are anything like the last twenty-four months, I want wealth that travels with me. That no one can print away. That no one can freeze or sanction or inflate into oblivion.

I'm not abandoning the dollar. But I'm hedging the hell out of it.

Call it paranoia. Call it preparedness. I call it being early.

And if you're reading this, you're early too.

Just don't waste that advantage.

Because if this really is the end of an era if the dollar is losing its crown, then what comes next isn't just an adjustment.

It's a global reset.

And when that reset hit, the winners won't be the ones holding the most fiat.

They'll be the ones holding the scarcest, hardest, most untouchable assets on earth.

Gold. Bitcoin.

And maybe just maybe a little foresight.

Top Crypto Exchange Binance Rolls Out Trading Support for New Liquidity Infrastructure Altcoin

The world's largest crypto exchange platform by volume is adding support for a new liquidity infrastructure project, causing its native asset to skyrocket.

In a new announcement, Binance says that on May 2nd, it rolled out support for the decentralized omnichain protocol StakeStone (STO).

"Binance is excited to announce the 17th project on the HODLer Airdrops page – StakeStone, a decentralized omnichain liquidity infrastructure protocol designed to transform how liquidity is acquired, distributed, and utilized across blockchain ecosystems."

The HODLer Airdrops program, which launched in June 2024, rewards those holding Binance's native asset BNB with crypto based on previous snapshots of their balances.

News of the addition caused STO to explode, as it went from a May 2nd low of $0.118 to a peak of $0.204 just hours later. The digital asset has since retraced and is trading for $0.197 at time of writing, a 64.3% increase during the last 24 hours.

The project's whitepaper says it aims to solve the issue of liquidity fragmentation within the digital assets industry.

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TRON's X account hacked in the latest social engineering attack

TRON's official X account was compromised in a social engineering attack on May 2, 2025, leading to unauthorized posts and DMs promoting a fraudulent contract address.

The organization behind one of the world's largest blockchain networks confirmed that TRON's X account was compromised on May 2, 2025, in a targeted social engineering attack. The breach lasted from 9:25 A.M. PST, when an unauthorized party published a post containing a suspicious contract address. The hacker then proceeded to send direct messages (DMs) to users and follow unknown accounts.

According to TRON's post-incident analysis, the attacker gained access by targeting a team member with a

malicious social engineering scheme. Once inside, the perpetrator used the official account to spread a contract address, potentially luring followers into interacting with a fraudulent smart contract. The attacker also sent unsolicited DMs and followed various accounts, attempting to further exploit the breach even after TRON regained control of the account. TRON DAO promptly warned users:

"TRON DAO will never post contract addresses or send unsolicited DMs. If you received a DM from our account on May 2, please delete it and consider it the work of the attacker."

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Some days, I feel like I'm standing on the edge of something massive something few people fully understand, but everyone can sense.

You can feel it in the markets.
You can feel it in the politics.
And you can feel it in the tech.

What's happening right now isn't just a bear market, or a post-pandemic slump, or another round of monetary policy tinkering. It's something deeper. We're living through a moment where multiple macro forces ones that usually play out in isolation are all hitting at once. And the result? Confusion. Volatility. Opportunity.

If you're like me trying to make sense of it all you're probably finding that the old models don't work anymore. The charts don't tell the whole story. Neither do the headlines. Because what we're facing isn't just one trend. It's five massive, overlapping forces grinding against each other like tectonic plates.

Let me try to lay them out, the way I've been seeing them lately.

First: the classic business cycle. We all lived through it in fast forward. First came COVID and the sudden economic shock. Then came the liquidity firehose stimulus checks, QE, emergency rate cuts. Predictably, that unleashed a wave of inflation, followed by the harsh medicine: rate hikes, tightening, disinflation. What I've learned is this: the central banks never get the dose right. They always do too little at first, then slam on the brakes too hard. It's a pendulum that never stops swinging. And eventually, once the damage is done, they'll return to cutting rates. Probably all the way back to zero. Maybe even beyond.

But here's what's changed: it's no longer the central banks running the show. That's the second force. Fiscal spending governments opening the taps has become the new primary driver of economic direction. And it's not a temporary fix anymore. Infrastructure, energy subsidies, defence budgets, industrial policy it's all becoming structural. This isn't a blip. It's a paradigm shift. The economy is being wired differently now, and I think inflation at least in bursts is here to stay.

The third force is quieter, but it's always there, in the background: demographics. The world is aging. Populations are shrinking. And older societies consume less, innovate less, and lean more toward caution. That's a massive deflationary pull on everything. No matter how hard we try to inject stimulus or growth, the demand just isn't what it used to be. You can't fight time, and time is slowly making the economy more sluggish, more conservative, more risk-averse.

Now layer on the fourth force: geopolitics. Tariffs, trade wars, de-dollarization, energy fights, supply chain reshoring it's all part of a larger unravelling of the old global order. There was a time when you could count on cheap Chinese manufacturing, stable oil prices, and free-flowing capital. That era is ending. It's being replaced by something more fragmented, more nationalistic, more uncertain. And while a lot of this gets spun as the "decline of the West," I don't see it that way. I see it as a transition. Not an apocalypse. Just a recalibration.

But the fifth force? That's the one I think most people miss and maybe the most important of them all: narrative.

We like to think markets move on logic, on data, on fundamentals. But the truth is, they move on stories. On perception. On what enough people believe at the same time.

I've watched prices skyrocket not because something changed but because the story changed. I've seen crashes happen not because of a number, but because of a mood. A whisper. A tweet. Narrative is a real macro force now, and if you don't respect it, it will run you over.

So, what do you do when all five of these forces are spinning at once?

You think in systems, not snapshots. That's the biggest lesson I've taken from the past two years.

You stop looking at each piece of data in isolation. You start asking: how does fiscal policy influence rates? How do aging demographics counteract inflation? How do geopolitical ruptures affect currency demand and liquidity cycles? And how do stories memes, if we're being honest supercharge or distort all of it?

You step back. You zoom out. You look at how the gears connect.

And when you do that when you start to see the machinery instead of just the dials you begin to realize just how radical this moment really is.

We're not just in a new market. We're heading toward a total macro reset.

What comes next is probably something no one alive has truly seen before: a fusion of fiscal dominance, aging societies, currency realignments, and exponential tech all unfolding in parallel, all accelerating each other.

Some people are calling it the "economic singularity." I don't care what you call it. I just know it's coming.

And that's why, in the middle of all this chaos, I keep coming back to crypto not as a trade, but as a thesis.

Because in a world where nothing is anchored, where trust in institutions, fiat, and even democracy itself is breaking down… you need something that doesn't rely on permission, trust, or legacy infrastructure.

You need assets that can survive the storm and adapt to the new rules that follow.

Bitcoin. Ethereum. Decentralized networks. Smart contracts. Permissionless money. These aren't just tech. They're insurance policies. Escape valves. Foundations for the system that gets built after this one creak and cracks and finally gives way.

I don't pretend to know exactly when or how it happens. But I've seen enough cycles to know this: the more complex the system, the more sudden the change.

So, I'm not timing a bottom. I'm not trying to outsmart the Fed. I'm building positions with a 10-year view, not a 10-week one. I'm stacking assets that make sense across narratives, across regimes.

Because we're not just living through another economic phase. We're living through the moment when multiple forces economic, political, technological, demographic, emotional are all rewriting the script.

And the people who understand that who aren't trying to play just the next move, but the whole board those are the ones who'll come out on top.

That's how I see it.

Now it's your move.

United Kingdom's Financial Watchdog Solicits Public Input on Crypto Sector Regulation

The United Kingdom's financial watchdog is asking for the public's opinion on crypto regulations.

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) says it aims to develop a "safe, competitive, and sustainable" digital asset sector.White House, bringing a Web3 game Easter Egg Hunt to the 2025 Easter Egg Roll.

"Long-term confidence in crypto assets depends on clear regulation to promote market integrity and appropriate consumer protection.

We are seeking input into how the unique aspects of crypto assets should be considered in our future regulatory regime. We want an open discussion on the features of the future regime, with this latest Discussion Paper (DP) seeking views on how we regulate trading platforms, intermediaries, staking, lending and borrowing, and decentralized finance. We are also seeking feedback on the use of credit to purchase crypto assets."

The regulator says a discussion paper and its proposals were developed after extensive consultation with crypto industry professionals, digital asset consumers and stakeholders in the traditional finance sector.

The FCA aims to restrict credit card usage when buying crypto, and earlier this year, the regulator moved to ban digital asset ads, managing to cut the advertisements down by 50%.

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Maldives Could Soon Become a Crypto Hub Thanks to Dubai Family Office's $9B Commitment

The investment aims to help the Maldives diversify its economy beyond tourism and fisheries and address its debt obligations.

A Dubai-based family office plans to invest up to $8.8 billion in a blockchain-focused financial hub in the Maldives.
The investment aims to help the Maldives diversify its economy beyond tourism and fisheries and address its debt obligations.
The Maldives International Financial Centre will create jobs for up to 16,000 people and focus on blockchain and digital asset services.

Honeymoons and luxury vacations could soon be outpaced by crypto as the main draw for the island nation of Maldives.

A Dubai-based family office plans to invest up to $8.8 billion in a blockchain-focused financial hub in the Maldives, part of an effort by the island nation to expand beyond its reliance on tourism and fisheries and address mounting debt obligations.

The investment, led by MBS Global Investments, will be deployed over five years and is structured around a new joint venture with the Maldives government.

The planned capital outlay exceeds the country's GDP of around $7 billion. It will be funded through equity and debt.

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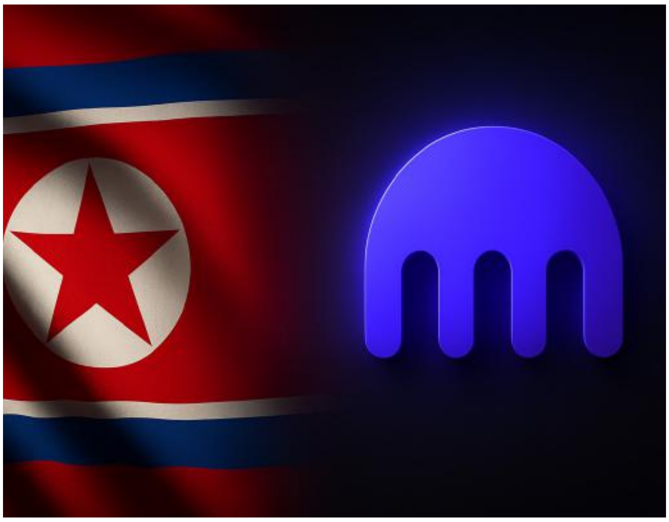
Crypto Exchange Kraken Uncovers North Korean Espionage Plot



Crypto exchange Kraken's latest security disclosure reads less like a corporate blog post than a field report from the front lines of modern cyber-warfare. Published on 1 May 2025 under the blunt title "How we identified a North Korean hacker who tried to get a job at Kraken," the account describes in granular detail how a seemingly routine hiring process morphed into what the exchange openly calls "an intelligence gathering operation."

From the first contact, something felt wrong. Recruiters noticed that the applicant "joined under a different name from the one on their resume, and quickly changed it," a detail the security team later described as the opening note in a symphony of red flags. Moments later, the interview took on an uncanny timbre: "the candidate occasionally switched between voices, indicating that they were being coached through the interview in real time."

Kraken's staff did not rely on intuition alone. The post explains that industry partners had already circulated "a list of email addresses linked to the hacker group," and one of those addresses matched the résumé in question. Armed with that match, Kraken's Red Team launched an OSINT dive that exposed what it calls "a larger network of fake identities and aliases" spreading across the crypto employment market. According to the blog, multiple companies had unwittingly hired personas from the same lattice.

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Stablecoin Liquidity Reaches Record High $220B: Report

USDC's exchange reserves hit 14-month high at $6.5B while USDT lags 12% below its peak, potentially signaling shifting market dynamics.

The latest CryptoQuant Weekly Report reveals that stablecoin liquidity has reached a new high of $220 billion.

This surge is due to the expanding market caps of Tether (USDT) and USD Coin (USDC), which have fueled capital inflows into the broader crypto ecosystem.

Bullish Indicator For BTC

According to the April 30 report, USDT's market cap rose by $2.5 billion, while USDC's increased by $1.2 billion in the past week. Combined, the duo had a $3.7 billion rise in market cap, marking the strongest weekly growth in stablecoin supply since February 9. Over the past 30 days, these figures have climbed even higher. USDT has added $5.3 billion while USDC surged by $6 billion in the same period. Both stablecoins are expanding above their 30-day moving averages.

Historically, this pattern has coincided with periods of increased liquidity and stronger performance in the broader crypto market. Specifically, this trend is a bullish indicator for Bitcoin (BTC).

Market sentiment has also improved with these liquidity changes. The Bitcoin Bull Score Index, which tracks investor sentiment and market strength, rose from 20 last week to 50 this week, with the new score placing the market in neutral territory.

According to the analytics firm, the metric's increase shows the impact of rising stablecoin liquidity on Bitcoin's recent move above key on-chain resistance levels.

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Michael Saylor Flashes Signal For Massive MicroStrategy Bitcoin Purchase As Bulls Target $100K

Michael Saylor and MicroStrategy are gearing up for a seismic Bitcoin accumulation play in the coming days with bulls bracing for impact.

Michael Saylor has flashed the tell-tale sign for an incoming Bitcoin purchase for MicroStrategy. The incoming purchase will be a massive haul for MicroStrategy, with investors jockeying for positions ahead of the market-moving announcement.

Michael Saylor Hints At Incoming Bitcoin Acquisition
MicroStrategy has its sights on a fresh Bitcoin purchase in the coming days after company CEO Michael Saylor hinted at an incoming acquisition. Saylor shared MicroStrategy's portfolio tracker in an X post, a tell-tale sign typically preceding a Bitcoin purchase announcement.

Michael Saylor's post was accompanied by a caption hinting at increased buying activity by the software firm. The latest hint follows Saylor's plans to raise $84B for Bitcoin purchases via stock sales to fund its acquisition spree.

"Too much blue, not enough orange," said Michael Saylor in an X post.

According to the portfolio tracker, MicroStrategy holds 553,555 BTC worth $52.8 billion at currency prices. Given fresh capital raises, investors are rippling with enthusiasm that the incoming purchase will be the largest by MicroStrategy.

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Kuwait Clamps Down On Bitcoin Mining As Power Grid Reaches Breaking Point

The government of Kuwait has initiated a crackdown on cryptocurrency miners throughout the nation, accusing them of aggravating power shortages with summer just around the corner, according to a Reuters report. The interior ministry last week declared a "wide-ranging" security campaign targeting houses that have been converted into mining centers.

Power Grid Under Severe Strain
The crypto mining operations "represent an illegal exploitation of electric power" and can trigger blackouts impacting residential homes, commercial establishments, and critical services, Kuwaiti authorities said. The operations "present a direct threat to public safety," the interior ministry added in its announcement.

The power shortage in the Gulf country is a result of multiple causes: a population increase, urbanization, increased temperatures, and postponed upkeep at current power plants. Authorities have focused on the southern sector of Al-Wafrah, where around 100 houses were said to be utilized for mining operations.

Mining Operations Exploit Cheap Electricity
Some of Al-Wafrah's mining facilities use as much as 20 times the average electricity levels that ordinary homes require, according to earlier reports made by the ministry of electricity. The nation's highly subsidized cheap electricity has brought miners who hope to make big profits.

Though Kuwait has prohibited cryptocurrency trading, the nation lacks legislation governing mining operations.

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