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Bitcoin pushed higher at the start of the week and tested the \$74,508 level, which has now become an important short-term resistance zone for the market. On-chain data is starting to show early signs of accumulation, with wallets holding between 10 and 10,000 BTC adding to their positions. Historically, this type of accumulation from mid-sized and large holders has often appeared before stronger market recoveries. Institutional demand is also playing a role, as US spot Bitcoin ETFs recorded five consecutive days of inflows last week.

According to research from Bernstein, continued ETF demand combined with corporate treasury buying from companies like Strategy is gradually strengthening the base of long-term holders. This shift in ownership structure means a larger portion of Bitcoin is moving into hands that tend to hold through volatility rather than trade frequently.

LETTER

Bitcoin continued to grind higher this week and pushed into the key resistance zone around \$74,508. This level has acted as a major barrier in recent sessions, and traders expect strong selling pressure here. The 20-day EMA near \$70,028 has started to slope upward, while the RSI has moved into positive territory, suggesting that momentum is slowly shifting in favor of the bulls. If buyers manage to secure a clean close above \$74,508, the market could confirm a bullish ascending triangle structure, which may open the door for a move toward the \$84,000 region. Such a breakout would strengthen the argument that the recent downtrend may be losing momentum. However, the bears are unlikely to step aside easily. If price fails to hold higher levels and drops back below the moving averages, it would signal that sellers remain active. In that case, the BTC/USDT pair could slide back toward the lower trend support, keeping the market locked inside a broader consolidation phase.

BNB managed to close above the \$670 resistance recently, but the follow-through has been limited so far. Bulls appear to be testing the strength of the breakout while sellers continue to defend higher levels. The 20-day EMA near \$646 is now the most important support zone in the near term. If buyers defend this level and the price rebounds strongly, BNB could continue its move toward \$730 and later toward the \$790 region. That would confirm that bullish momentum is slowly building. On the other hand, if the price falls back below the 20-day EMA, it would suggest that the breakout lacked strength and that the market may remain trapped inside the broader \$570-\$670 trading range.

XRP has also shown signs of recovery after pushing above its 50-day simple moving average near \$1.46. This move suggests that buyers are stepping in and absorbing supply during dips. If the price manages to close decisively above this level, the next key area to watch will be around \$1.61, which previously acted as a breakdown level. A move above \$1.61 could shift sentiment further in favor of the bulls and potentially open the path toward the upper boundary of the descending channel. However, if the price fails to hold above resistance and drops below the 20-day EMA near \$1.41, it would signal that sellers are still defending rallies. In that scenario, XRP could continue to move inside the descending channel pattern.

Traders Outlook:

Bitcoin is currently testing a major resistance zone near \$74,500, which will likely determine the next directional move. A strong breakout above this level could trigger momentum buying and push BTC toward the \$80,000-\$84,000 region. However, traders should remain cautious because rejection from this level could send price back toward the \$70,000 area. The 20-day EMA remains an important short-term support for the bulls. If BTC drops below this level, the market may revisit lower trend support before attempting another breakout. Ethereum is showing improving momentum after breaking out of its consolidation range, and traders are watching whether it can hold above the \$2,000 zone. Sustained strength could push ETH toward \$2,600 in the next leg higher. BNB is attempting to confirm a breakout above \$670, but it still needs stronger buying volume to sustain the move. If bulls defend the \$646 support area, BNB could gradually move toward the \$730 level. XRP is trying to build momentum above its moving averages, and traders are watching the \$1.61 resistance closely. A clean move above that level would improve the short-term outlook significantly. Until then, the broader market remains in a cautious recovery phase where breakouts must be confirmed before traders turn aggressively bullish.

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

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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 418th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$2.53 trillion. Up \$140 billion since last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is \$144.94 billion, which makes a 61.61% increase in the last 24 hours. The Fear & Greed index is 43% Neutral and the Altcoin season index is 47% which makes a 10% increase since last week.

Bitcoin's price has increased by 5.55% from \$70,250 last week to around \$74,150 and Ether's price has increased by 12.68% from \$2,050 last week to \$2,310 Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.48 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$1.05 Trillion

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According to research from Bernstein, continued ETF demand combined with corporate treasury buying from companies like Strategy is gradually strengthening the base of long-term holders. This shift in ownership structure means a larger portion of Bitcoin is moving into hands that tend to hold through volatility rather than trade frequently. While the recent rebound suggests a potential trend shift, the market is not out of danger yet. Some analysts still believe the broader structure remains fragile and warn that rallies may attract sellers looking to exit positions. From a technical perspective, resistance zones above current levels could still trap aggressive bulls if momentum fails. Several traders believe Bitcoin could still revisit the \$60,000 region before a clearer trend reversal takes shape.

Meanwhile, authorities across multiple countries are stepping up efforts to combat crypto-related fraud. Law enforcement agencies from the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada have launched a

coordinated initiative aimed at disrupting "approval phishing" scams, a form of fraud that tricks users into granting wallet permissions to malicious actors. The joint operation is designed to identify victims earlier, recover stolen assets where possible, and disrupt scam networks before losses escalate. The initiative reflects growing global attention toward protecting investors as crypto adoption expands.

At the same time, the industry continues to deal with structural challenges. Crypto lending platform BlockFills recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection after halting deposits and withdrawals amid liquidity issues during the market downturn. The restructuring aims to stabilize the business and potentially recover value for creditors while the company searches for additional funding. The case highlights how market cycles still place pressure on leveraged firms within the ecosystem.

Development activity across major blockchain networks continues despite the volatile market. Ethereum co-founder Vitalik Buterin recently proposed simplifying the architecture of Ethereum nodes by merging components of the consensus and execution layers. The goal is to make running a validator easier and reduce the technical barriers that currently discourage individuals from operating their own infrastructure. If implemented successfully, the change could help improve decentralization across the network.

Elsewhere in the ecosystem, NFT marketplace OpenSea has delayed the launch of its anticipated SEA token, citing challenging market conditions. The platform said it prefers to wait until conditions improve rather than rush a launch during a period of weak sentiment. The decision reflects a broader slowdown in NFT and token launches as projects prioritize timing and market readiness.

Market Outlook:

The crypto market is showing early signs of stabilization, but confidence has not fully returned. Bitcoin testing the \$74,000 resistance zone suggests buyers are becoming more active, although strong follow-through will be needed to confirm a sustained recovery. ETF inflows and corporate accumulation are gradually strengthening the long-term holder base. This shift in ownership may help reduce panic selling during volatile periods. However, liquidity across the broader market remains cautious. Many traders are still waiting for clearer macro signals before deploying large amounts of capital. Regulatory developments and enforcement actions are increasing as governments attempt to bring more structure to the industry. Meanwhile, ongoing innovation in infrastructure and network design shows that development activity continues regardless of market cycles. Short-term volatility is likely to remain elevated as traders test key support and resistance levels. If Bitcoin can maintain strength above the \$70,000 range, confidence may slowly return to the market. However, failure to hold these levels could trigger another retest of deeper support zones before the next major trend emerges.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	58.45%
ETH	10.98%
USDT	7.25%
BNB	3.63%
SOL	2.11%
Others	17.57%

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The online gambling industry is expanding fast. The global online gambling market is projected to reach USD 143.17 billion by 2026. As crypto gambling grows, so does the risk of gambling-related harm. Research shows that 2.5 million US adults experienced severe gambling problems in 2024. CryptoGames, operated by MUCHGAMING B.V. under the Curacao licensing framework, has updated its Responsible Gaming Policy to Version 2.0 in January 2026 to address these risks head-on.

CryptoGames treats responsible gaming as a shared responsibility between the platform and its players. The policy covers practical player controls, behavioral warning signs, and direct intervention mechanisms.

Players can activate a time-out of 1 to 30 days directly from their account settings. For longer breaks, self-exclusion options run from 6 months up to 5 years. Once activated, neither tool can be reversed before the selected period ends. The platform also monitors player behavior proactively and can apply restrictions before a player even requests them.

Minor protection is enforced through electronic age verification. Accounts are suspended where underage access is suspected. Marketing stops during self-exclusion, and re-registration controls prevent players from bypassing the restriction.

CryptoGames encourages players to review their deposit history, session frequency, and wagering activity regularly. The policy identifies clear warning signs: increasing deposits to maintain excitement, chasing losses, or gambling to escape emotional stress. Players who need external support can contact GamCare, Gambling Therapy, or the Gordon Moody Association. Formal responsible gaming complaints are acknowledged within 2 business days and resolved within 5 business days.

At Platinum Crypto Academy, we see CryptoGames as a platform that takes player protection seriously. The structured self-exclusion mechanism, proactive monitoring, and compliance-driven policy updates point to a well-managed operational model. For players seeking a crypto gambling platform with clear accountability, CryptoGames sets a practical standard worth noting.

The Road Ahead

By 2026, standardized international frameworks for crypto gambling, along with universal KYC and AML standards, are anticipated to shape the industry more formally. Platforms that already operate with documented responsible gaming structures are better positioned for this shift. CryptoGames enters this period with a clear compliance model and player protection tools already in place.



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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN SET FOR BEST WEEK SINCE SEPTEMBER 2025 AS CORRELATION WITH TECH STOCKS WEAKENS

Bitcoin is outperforming equities and gold since the Middle East conflict began, as institutional inflows return while broader market sentiment remains cautious.

Bitcoin has risen about 8.5% this week and more than 13% since the Middle East conflict escalated, outperforming tech stocks, gold and US equities.

U.S. spot bitcoin ETFs have recorded roughly \$1.3 billion in net inflows so far in March, potentially marking the first positive month for flows since October.

Bitcoin is on track to close its strongest week since September 2025, rising about 8.5% and trading above \$71,000.

The move stands out relative to other major assets.

Over the past week, bitcoin has begun to diverge slightly from the broader market. Using BlackRock's iShares Bitcoin Trust (IBIT) as a five-day proxy, IBIT is up roughly 3.5% and approached a one-month high on Friday.

In contrast, iShares Expanded Tech Software ETF (IGV), gold and U.S. equities all trended lower as the week progressed. This suggests bitcoin is starting to lose its strong correlation with software and tech, at least in the short term.

The divergence comes as bitcoin started to diverge from its traditional counterparts. Since the start of the conflict in the Middle East, over two weeks ago, bitcoin has gained roughly 13%, outperforming traditional risk assets and safe havens alike. Over the same period, IGV has risen about 3%, while gold has fallen around 6%, and U.S. equities have also posted losses.

On a monthly basis, the asset is up about 7% so far in March, which would mark its first positive month since September. That rebound follows five consecutive negative months in which bitcoin declined as much as 50% from its October all-time high.

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Coinbase's \$70B Bitcoin move made it look like investors were selling — but no one actually did

Bitcoin traders often treat old-coin movement as a sign that long-term holders are waking up. Coinbase's \$69.5 billion BTC migration suggests that signal may be less reliable than it looks.

Some of Bitcoin's most trusted bottom signals rest on the simple assumption that when old coins move, something meaningful has changed.

Traders and analysts often interpret that as renewed selling, fresh distribution, or signs that the market hasn't bottomed. That logic helped turn HODL Waves, Coin Days Destroyed, and long-

term holder supply into some of the most widely used metrics in Bitcoin cycle analysis.

The problem with that is that Bitcoin's blockchain records movements and has no way of showing the motive behind them.

On Nov. 22, 2025, Coinbase said it was transferring BTC and ETH from its legacy wallets to new internal wallets as part of a routine security practice. The company said the transfers were planned, internal, and unrelated to any breach or market event.

But on-chain, it looked like a huge block of old coins suddenly waking up.

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South Korean Authorities Exclude Stablecoins From Corporate Crypto Investments

South Korean authorities are reportedly moving to exclude stablecoins from an incoming framework that will allow listed companies to invest in

cryptocurrencies. The decision is reportedly tied to existing foreign exchange laws, but reflects a cautious approach in permitting institutional exposure to the digital asset market.



South Korea's FSC Leaves Stablecoins Out of Corporate Options According to a report by local media, Herald Economy, South Korea's financial regulators are leaning toward omitting US dollar-pegged stablecoins such as USDC and USDT from the list of digital assets that corporations will be allowed to hold once the guidelines take effect.

The regulatory pathway being designed by the nation's Financial Services Commission (FSC) is aimed at allowing publicly listed companies to invest in cryptocurrencies. However,

regulators believe that including stablecoins in the approved investment list would conflict with the existing legal framework over cross-border payments.

For context, stablecoins are cryptocurrencies designed to maintain a stable value by being pegged to a fiat currency, most commonly the US dollar. Tokens such as USDT and USDC typically maintain a 1:1 value with the dollar and are widely used for trading, settlements, and cross-border payments due to non-existent volatility compared with traditional cryptocurrencies.

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Stablecoins in 2026: USDC surges 8% to \$79B as Circle captures institutional flow from Tether

USDC supply surged 8% in a month, tightening Circle's challenge to Tether's long-held stablecoin dominance.

A quiet shift is underway in the stablecoin hierarchy. While Tether's USDT still dominates the digital dollar market, the gap between the two largest issuers is narrowing as USDC steadily expands its footprint and Tether's growth shows signs of softening.

Additionally, USDC is gaining ground in the places where the next wave of crypto money is likely to show up most clearly: regulated payments, institutional settlement, and high-velocity on-chain transfers.

Tether's USDT still holds the largest stock of digital dollars in

circulation, but the contest is shifting from a simple market-cap race to a fight over which issuer controls the rails that move new capital through crypto.

That split is now visible in both the long-term structure and the last month of market-cap movement. The stablecoin market stands at about \$315 billion, giving the sector a much larger base than earlier in the cycle.

Within that pool, USDT still leads with 58% market share by supply, keeping Tether firmly in command of the largest crypto cash reserve.

Supply, however, is only one part of the picture. The more revealing question is where fresh dollars are going, which token they move through.

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Australia Senate Panel Backs Crypto Framework in Latest Regulatory Push

The proposal would bring crypto platforms and custodians under Australia's financial-services law, requiring operators that hold client tokens to obtain licences and meet new asset-safeguarding standards.

The country's Senate Economics committee has recommended the bill proceed, saying it would modernize digital-asset oversight and close gaps in consumer protection.

The framework would classify digital-asset



platforms and tokenized custody services as financial products under existing financial-services law.

Operators handling client tokens would generally need an Australian Financial Services Licence, with a six-month transition period after the rules begin.

An Australian Senate committee has handed down its report on the government's proposed digital-asset regulatory framework, backing legislation that would bring crypto platforms and custody services under the country's financial-services regime.

The Senate Economics Legislation Committee

said the bill represents a step toward modernizing oversight of digital assets, an industry lawmakers say is expanding rapidly but remains unevenly regulated.

The move builds on earlier steps by Australian regulators, including mandatory AUSTRAC registration for crypto exchanges and Treasury consultations aimed at bringing digital-asset platforms within the country's financial-services framework.

The proposed Corporations Amendment (Digital Assets Framework) Bill 2025, published on Sunday.

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Did you know that nearly one in four adults now hold digital assets in 2026? Choosing the right crypto wallet has never been more important. At Platinum Crypto Academy, we believe self-custody is the foundation of true financial freedom.

This guide covers everything you need to know about crypto wallets. We compare hot wallets, cold wallets, and the best use cases for each. Key trends like MPC security, NFC hardware, and multi-chain superapps are reshaping how people store crypto today.

What Is a Crypto Wallet?

A crypto wallet is a tool that stores your private keys, not your coins. The blockchain holds your assets, but your wallet controls access to them. Think of it like a password manager for your digital wealth.



Without a wallet, you cannot send, receive, or manage your crypto securely. Custodial wallets let exchanges hold your keys on your behalf. Non-custodial wallets put you in full control, which many experts consider the safer approach. As the saying goes in crypto, not your keys, not your coins.

Types of Crypto Wallets

Hot Wallets

Hot wallets stay connected to the internet, making them ideal for active crypto users. They work great for DeFi, token swaps, and everyday transactions. Popular options include MetaMask, Trust Wallet, and Phantom, all free to use.

The trade-off is real, though. Being online means hot wallets are exposed to phishing attacks and malware risks. In 2025, over \$1.1 billion was lost to hot wallet exploits globally. They are best used for smaller amounts you plan to move frequently, not for long-term storage.

Cold Wallets (Hardware Wallets)

Cold wallets store your private keys completely offline, away from internet threats. This makes them highly resistant to hacking, phishing, and remote attacks. Leading options include Ledger, Trezor, and Tangem, all trusted in the industry.

Because they stay offline, cold wallets are the go-to choice for long-term holdings. Many serious investors use them to store large amounts of Bitcoin or Ethereum safely. In 2026, hardware wallets now come with features like NFC pairing and biometric verification. Cold storage is widely considered the gold standard for crypto security.



Mobile Wallets

Mobile wallets are designed for users who manage crypto on the go. They run as apps on your smartphone, offering fast access whenever you need it. Many now support Lightning Network payments for near-instant Bitcoin transactions.

Biometric login, including fingerprint and face ID, adds a strong layer of protection. For everyday users who need both convenience and basic security, mobile wallets strike a solid balance. They are easy to set up and beginner-friendly by design.

Browser Extension Wallets

Browser extension wallets integrate directly with Web3 websites and decentralized applications. You install them like a regular browser plugin and connect to dApps with one click. MetaMask remains the dominant choice, with over 30 million active users globally.

These wallets are essential for anyone using DeFi protocols, NFT platforms, or Web3 games. They make signing transactions and interacting with smart contracts seamless and fast. The risk is that browser-based wallets can be vulnerable to malicious websites and phishing links. Always verify URLs carefully before connecting your wallet to any platform.

MPC Wallets

MPC wallets are one of the most exciting developments in crypto security right now. Multi-party computation removes the need for a traditional seed phrase or single private key. Instead, your security is split across multiple encrypted data points, never stored in one place.

ZenGo is the leading example of this keyless approach, trusted by over a million users. If you lose your device, recovery is far simpler and safer than with old-style wallets. Research suggests that MPC will become a mainstream standard across the industry by late 2026. For beginners especially, this model removes one of the biggest barriers to safe self-custody.

Top 10 Crypto Wallets in 2026

1. Base App

First on the list is Base App, formerly known as Coinbase Wallet. Coinbase rebranded its wallet as an "everything app" that combines social networking, mini-apps, chat, payments, and trading. At Platinum Crypto Academy, we see this as one of the boldest wallet reinventions of 2026. It is no longer just a place to store crypto. It is a full on-chain lifestyle platform.

Upon sign-up, users receive a Base Account, a smart wallet that follows them across apps and chains. Eligible users can also earn up to 4.1% APY simply by holding USDC in their wallet, with funds remaining fully liquid and accessible at all times. Users can also create up to 15 sub-wallets, stake ETH, and earn crypto rewards by completing Quests. For anyone who wants Web3 and everyday finance in one app, Base App delivers exactly that.

Key Features:

- NFC tap-to-pay with Base Pay for instant USDC transfers integrated with Shopify
- Encrypted DMs, group chats, and AI agent integrations built directly into the app via XMTP protocol
- Supports all EVM-compatible networks and all ERC-20 tokens, plus Ledger hardware wallet integration
- Available in over 20 languages and 170+ countries with instant card or bank funding

- Hundreds of embedded mini-apps covering gaming, yield farming, and prediction markets
- Full privacy with no Coinbase account required, keeping user data anonymous and self-controlled

2. MetaMask

Now let's move to the second wallet on our list. MetaMask is one of the most recognized names in all of crypto. With over 140 million downloads and 30 million monthly active users, MetaMask has grown from a simple Ethereum browser extension into a top all-in-one crypto management app. In 2026, it continues to raise the bar for what a self-custody wallet can do.

MetaMask now supports multichain accounts across Bitcoin, Solana, Sei, and Monad, allowing users to manage assets from major ecosystems in one place. In one of the biggest moves of early 2026, MetaMask integrated with Ondo Finance's Global Markets platform, giving eligible users access to over 200 tokenized U.S. stocks, ETFs, and commodities directly inside the wallet. Furthermore, MetaMask has launched its Mastercard-powered card in 49 U.S. states, letting users spend crypto at over 150 million merchant locations worldwide.

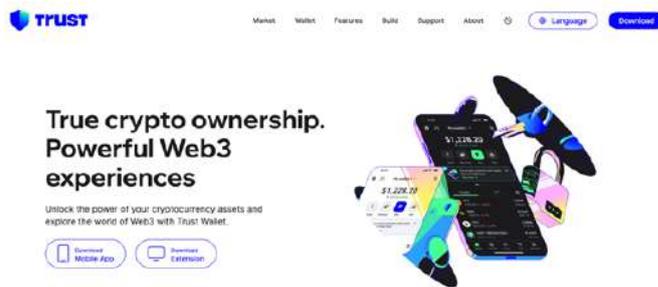
Key Features:

- MetaMask Card available in virtual and metal tiers, with 1% and 3% cashback respectively, paid in mUSD stablecoin
- Built-in perpetual futures, equity perps, and prediction markets without sending assets to a centralized exchange
- MetaMask Snaps ecosystem enabling compatibility with dozens of blockchains, DeFi protocols, and Web3 games
- mUSD stablecoin integration for holding stable value, earning yield, and seamless spending
- MetaMask Rewards program offering points, perks, and token allocations for trading, swapping, and referrals
- Gas fee abstraction allowing users to pay transaction fees with multiple tokens instead of only ETH

3. Trust Wallet

Moving on to number three, Trust Wallet has become

one of the most downloaded self-custody wallets in the world. As of February 2026, Trust Wallet serves over 140 million users globally, remaining a leading self-custody Web3 wallet.



Trust Wallet supports over 100 blockchains and more than 10 million assets, making it one of the most versatile multi-chain wallets available today. In a major February 2026 move, Trust Wallet expanded its ecosystem to include deeper integration with decentralized exchange aggregators and liquid staking providers. This signals a clear push to bring advanced DeFi tools to a broader audience while maintaining a user-friendly interface.

Key Features:

- Built-in DApp browser on mobile and WalletConnect support for DEXs, NFT marketplaces, and lending protocols
- Stablecoin Earn feature allowing users to earn daily rewards on USDT, USDC, DAI, and USDA with full withdrawal flexibility
- Native staking for 25+ assets including SOL, BNB, and ETH directly inside the app
- Expansion of advanced trading features in 2026, including perpetuals with up to 100x leverage via third-party protocols
- Open-source wallet core audited by firms including Halborn and CertiK, with AES-encrypted key storage
- Trust Dust Cleaner feature that converts small leftover token balances into usable assets to reduce portfolio clutter

4. Exodus

Now let's move to number four, and this one is a fan favourite for good reason. In 2026, Exodus has evolved from a simple desktop tool into a comprehensive multi-chain wallet ecosystem, serving as a bridge between traditional finance and the decentralised world.

Exodus Movement, Inc. is now publicly traded on the NYSE American under the ticker EXOD, marking a major milestone for the company. The introduction of Exodus Pay, a service focused on real-world stablecoin spending, marks a new chapter for the brand and targets a younger generation looking to move away from traditional banking. With over 200 product iterations since launch and biweekly software updates, Exodus continues to serve both beginners and experienced investors with a clean, beginner-friendly interface.

Key Features:

- In-wallet swap feature routing through trusted providers like ChangeNOW, Changelly, and SimpleSwap with full fee transparency before confirmation
- Supports integration with both Trezor and Ledger hardware wallets for an added layer of cold storage security
- Trezor Safe 5 support added in early 2026, allowing users to connect and manage crypto directly within Exodus
- Available on Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, Android, and as a browser extension, with seamless cross-device sync
- Supports hundreds of assets across major networks including Bitcoin, Ethereum, BNB Smart Chain, Polygon, Avalanche, and Base
- Built-in staking available for multiple assets with automatic compounding rewards added directly to your balance

5. ZenGo

Moving on to number five, ZenGo is genuinely one of the most innovative wallets in the market today. ZenGo redesigns self-custody around a simple reality: most people lose crypto by losing private keys or seed phrases, not from blockchain failures. At Platinum Crypto Academy, we believe this approach is exactly what the industry has been missing for years.



ZenGo splits signing capability into two independent secret shares, one stored on your device and one on ZenGo's infrastructure, so no single point of failure ever exists. To date, and despite a public \$1,000,000 bounty, not a single ZenGo wallet has been taken over or successfully phished. In 2026, ZenGo is moving toward a fully seedless experience, allowing users to recover assets via a built-in Web3 firewall with no traditional seed phrase risk. For beginners especially, that peace of mind is priceless.

Key Features:

- Wallet recovery takes minutes using email verification and Face ID, without any seed phrase stored anywhere
- ZenGo Pro users can create up to 5 isolated wallets within one account, each secured independently through MPC
- Advanced security options including Theft Protection and Bitcoin Privacy Mode are available for Pro subscribers
- Three-factor recovery system combining biometric login, encrypted cloud backup, and social recovery through trusted contacts
- ZenGo Business offers enterprise-grade MPC security with role-based access, multi-user approval workflows, and compliance audit trails
- 24/7 live customer support available directly inside the app, a rare and valuable feature in the self-custody space

6. Ledger Flex

Next up is number six, and for anyone serious about cold storage, this one is hard to ignore. The Ledger Flex delivers top-tier protection and usability, featuring the same CC EAL6+ Secure Element, secure touchscreen interface, and full support for Ledger Live, including DeFi, staking, NFTs, and dApps. At Platinum Crypto Academy, we see it as the smartest value play in hardware wallets right now.

The standout innovation in the Flex is its secure touchscreen powered directly by the secure element chip, a first in the hardware wallet industry that eliminates any chance of malware being injected between the screen and chip. The Clear Signing feature displays every transaction in human-

readable format, showing the smart contract name, token amount, gas fee, recipient address, and network before you confirm. The Ledger Flex is priced at \$249 USD, sitting comfortably between the Nano X and the premium Stax.

Key Features:

- CC EAL6+ certified ST33K1M5 Secure Element chip, the same standard used in banking hardware and military-grade equipment
- Bluetooth 5.2, USB-C, and NFC connectivity for flexible use across mobile and desktop platforms
- Ledger Recover service now available, allowing users to restore wallet access through identity verification, fully encrypted and sharded
- Supports a wide range of assets including Bitcoin, Ethereum, Solana, and Polygon, plus NFT management through Ledger Live
- Protection Mode automatically locks the device when suspicious activity is detected, adding a passive security layer
- Compatible with more than 50 software wallets and available on iOS, Android, macOS, Windows, and Linux

7. Phantom Wallet

Now let's look at number seven, a wallet that has grown from a niche Solana tool into a true multi-chain powerhouse. Phantom raised \$150 million in Series C funding in 2022, and as of February 2026, it serves as a primary gateway for high-speed networks.

In 2026, Phantom supports Solana, Ethereum, Base, Polygon, Sui, Monad, Bitcoin, and HyperEVM, with users able to turn individual networks on and off from one interface. In one of its biggest 2026 moves, Phantom rolled out its on-chain debit card in the United States, letting users spend stablecoins directly via Apple Pay and Google Pay. Phantom also announced plans for Phantom Chat, a native in-wallet messaging feature launching in 2026, blending social interaction with asset management.

Key Features:

- Built-in perpetual trading with up to 40x leverage on BTC-USD, available directly inside the wallet without leaving the app
- Real-time scam detection that flags malicious transactions instantly before the user can approve them

- Open-source blocklist containing over 2,000 malicious domains, updated continuously to protect users from phishing sites
- SOL staking, NFT management, and cross-chain swaps all available natively within the same interface
- No name, email, or phone number required to create or use the wallet, preserving full user privacy
- Ledger hardware wallet integration available for users who want to add a cold storage security layer to their Phantom account

8. Tangem Wallet

Next on our list is number eight, and Tangem is unlike any other hardware wallet you have seen. Instead of a device with buttons and cables, Tangem is a credit card-style cold wallet that works entirely via NFC tap. It supports over 6,000 cryptocurrencies across over 100 blockchain networks and is rated as the top choice for beginners seeking simple, affordable, and secure cold storage.

What makes Tangem genuinely stand out is how little friction it creates. You tap the card to your phone, and your transaction is signed inside the chip. At its core is a Samsung secure element from an EAL6+ certified family, and during setup, a true random number generator on the chip creates your private key, which then never leaves the card. In November 2025, Tangem launched Tangem Pay, a non-custodial payment account built into the app, letting users spend USDC via a virtual Visa card through Apple Pay and Google Pay, while funds stay fully on-chain and user-controlled.

Key Features:

- Tangem Yield Mode lets users earn real-time, on-chain passive income via Aave while keeping assets fully liquid and withdrawable at any time
- Smart Gas feature allows users to pay network fees in stablecoins like USDT without needing native tokens for gas
- Tangem is the only hardware wallet available as a wearable ring, combining EAL6+ chip security with everyday portability
- Firmware is factory-installed, non-updatable, and audited by Kudelski Security and Riscure, removing the risk of malicious firmware injection

- Improved WalletConnect with dApp scam detection, network selection, and transaction simulation before signing
- AI News feed aggregates market updates from 50-plus sources, with a smart algorithm surfacing the most relevant stories in real time

9. SafePal

Moving on to number nine, SafePal is one of the most complete crypto wallet ecosystems available at an affordable price. SafePal supports 100 blockchains and over 30,000 assets, and has maintained a clean record with no major security incidents.



SafePal offers three hardware wallet models. The S1 and S1 Pro use fully air-gapped QR code signing, while the X1 offers Bluetooth connectivity and an open-source design for users who prefer mobile convenience. In early 2026, SafePal added support for the revocation of smart contract approvals directly in its firmware, giving users more control over permissions. If a SafePal S1 or S1 Pro device is physically tampered with, it automatically wipes all private key data, rendering the device useless to an attacker.

Key Features:

- Anti-phishing protection and transaction simulation let users review and confirm all details before any transaction is broadcast to the blockchain
- SafePal Earn offers staking and DeFi liquidity pool access for passive income, available directly through the app and browser extension
- CC EAL5+ secure element chip, firmware anti-tampering safeguards, and optional two-factor authentication across all hardware models
- Available as a mobile app on iOS and Android, plus a browser extension for Chrome, Firefox, and Microsoft Edge

- Updates released every two to three weeks, with security audits conducted regularly to keep the platform current and protected
- SafePal has blocklisted over 2,400 scam dApps, with active on-chain monitoring protecting users from malicious platforms

10. Trezor Safe 3 / Trezor Safe 7

Rounding out our list at number ten is Trezor, offering two strong options to suit very different budgets and needs. The Trezor Safe 3 is the entry-level model in the Safe lineup, combining secure element protection with open-source design and practical backup options for long-term holders. For users who want the most advanced hardware wallet available from Trezor today, the Safe 5 takes things to an entirely new level.

The Trezor Safe 5 is the first fully open-source hardware wallet to feature a haptic touchscreen and the Gorilla Glass 3 protected interface. While quantum resistance is a major research focus for Trezor in 2026, the Safe 5 remains the flagship for its superior build quality, including Qi2 wireless charging capabilities and a redesigned secure element architecture. The Safe 5 is priced at \$169, while the Safe 3 remains an accessible option starting at \$79.

Key Features:

- Dedicated secure element (EAL6+), fully open-source firmware, and a security foundation with no closed NDAs or hidden components
- Trezor Suite updated in early 2026 with Avalanche C-Chain support, ADA staking dashboard, and a redesigned asset swap interface
- All Trezor Safe models support over 9,000 cryptocurrencies and work seamlessly with Trezor Suite across Windows, Mac, Linux, iOS, and Android
- Advanced backup options including Multi-share Backup (Shamir Backup) and passphrase protection for an added layer of recovery security
- Trusted by millions of users globally, with no known instance of a Trezor device ever being remotely hacked
- Bitcoin-only firmware edition available for users who want a fully focused, minimal attack-surface environment



Key Crypto Wallet Security Features to Look For in 2026

Security in the crypto world has evolved dramatically, and what was considered safe two years ago may not be enough today. In 2026, threat actors increasingly use AI-assisted methods, which means your wallet's security architecture needs to be smarter than ever.

The most important feature to look for is a certified Secure Element chip. These chips generate your private keys internally and perform every signing operation without ever exposing those keys to a connected device. MPC cryptography is also rapidly becoming a standard, splitting private key authority across multiple encrypted shares so no single point of failure ever exists. Features like biometric authentication, air-gapped signing, and open-source firmware audits all add meaningful layers of protection.

Finally, pay close attention to transaction verification tools. Clear Signing features now display every transaction detail in human-readable format, including the smart contract name, token amount, gas fee, and recipient address before you confirm. Real-time phishing detection, smart contract approval revocation, and regular third-party security audits are no longer optional extras. They are essential in 2026 for anyone serious about protecting their digital assets.

FAQs

What is the safest crypto wallet in 2026?

The safest wallets in 2026 combine certified hardware security with offline key storage. For maximum protection against remote attacks, air-gapped, open-source wallets like the Keystone 3 Pro or Foundation Passport are considered the gold standard. Hardware wallets like the Trezor

Safe 7 and Ledger Flex use EAL6+ certified Secure Element chips—the same high-security standard found in biometric passports and bank cards. For software-based security, Zengo's MPC (Multi-Party Computation) approach remains a premier seedless option, with a track record of zero wallets hacked since its 2018 launch.

Hot Wallet vs. Cold Wallet — Which Do You Need?

The right choice depends on your activity level. Hot wallets (software-based) stay connected to the internet, making them ideal for active trading, DeFi, and daily transactions where speed is essential. Cold wallets (hardware-based) stay fully offline, providing superior security for long-term storage by isolating private keys from remote attackers. Many experienced investors follow a "multi-wallet strategy," using both for different purposes.

Can I use multiple crypto wallets?

Yes, and many serious holders do exactly that to diversify risk. Using a hardware wallet for life savings alongside a hot wallet for daily "spending" is the standard recommended approach in 2026. There is no limit to how many wallets you can own, and distributing assets across different chains and providers adds a layer of redundancy against specific platform vulnerabilities.

What happens if I lose my hardware wallet?

Losing the physical device does not mean losing your funds. Your assets live on the blockchain, not the hardware itself. You can restore access by entering your recovery seed phrase into a new compatible device. Newer models like the Trezor Safe 7 or Ledger Stax also support advanced recovery options, such as Shamir Backup (splitting the seed) or encrypted cloud recovery services.

Are crypto wallets free?

Most software wallets (hot wallets) like MetaMask, Trust Wallet, and Phantom are completely free to download and use. Hardware wallets require a one-time purchase, generally ranging from \$49 for entry-level models (Trezor Model One) to \$399 for premium devices (Ledger Stax). Some MPC wallets like Zengo offer a free basic tier with an optional paid subscription for pro-level security features.

Which crypto wallet supports the most coins?

Trust Wallet remains a leader in asset variety, supporting over 10 million assets across more than 100 blockchains as of 2026. Other multi-chain heavyweights include SafePal (30,000+ assets) and Tangem, which supports over 6,000 cryptocurrencies. For hardware-specific variety, the Trezor Safe 7 and Ledger Nano X support thousands of tokens, though often requiring companion apps for specific niche chains.

Is MetaMask safe in 2026?

MetaMask is generally safe for active Web3 use, provided users follow strict security habits. It is a non-custodial wallet with over 100 million users, featuring built-in scam detection (Blockaid) and human-readable transaction warnings to prevent malicious approvals. However, as a hot wallet, it is susceptible to phishing and malware; therefore, pairing it with a hardware wallet like Ledger or Trezor is strongly recommended for securing significant balances.

Takeaway

At Platinum Crypto Academy, our view is clear: the crypto wallet landscape in 2026 is more capable, more competitive, and more security-focused than at any point in the industry's history. From MPC-powered mobile wallets to quantum-ready hardware devices, users now have real choices that match their skill level, risk appetite, and long-term goals. With regulatory frameworks like the EU's MiCA (Markets in Crypto-Assets) and the UK's Digital Assets Bill reshaping global compliance, and DeFi protocols managing trillions in value, choosing the right wallet is a critical financial decision.

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Aave and CoW Swap publish dueling post-mortems after \$50 million DeFi swap disaster

Aave and CoW Swap both published post-mortems on Saturday detailing the March 12 swap in which a user exchanged \$50.4 million in aEthUSDT for roughly \$36,000 worth of aEthAAVE.

Aave attributed the loss to an “illiquid market” and announced “Aave Shield,” a feature that automatically blocks swaps with price impact above 25%.

CoW Swap’s post-mortem told a more complicated story: a stale gas ceiling rejected better-priced quotes, the best-performing solver won two auctions but failed to execute either onchain, and evidence suggests the transaction leaked from a private mempool.

Aave and CoW Swap on Saturday published separate post-mortems on the March 12 swap in which a user converted over \$50 million in aEthUSDT into roughly \$36,000 worth of aEth-AAVE through the CoW Swap-powered swap widget on the Aave interface. The incident is widely considered the largest execution loss of its kind in DeFi history.

The two accounts largely agree on the basic facts but diverge in emphasis and tone. Aave’s analysis framed the loss primarily as a consequence of an “illiquid market,” drawing a technical distinction between price impact and slippage. CoW Swap’s post-mortem painted a more complex picture, identifying a chain of compounding infrastructure failures.

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Kalshi, Polymarket eye \$20B valuations in potential fundraising: WSJ

Lawmakers are pushing new regulation for prediction markets after suspiciously timed Polymarket bets on US and Israeli strikes on Iran raised insider-trading concerns.

Prediction market platforms Kalshi and Polymarket are reportedly exploring new fundraising rounds that could value the companies at around \$20 billion each, roughly double their most recent valuations.

Both platforms have held preliminary discussions with potential investors about raising fresh capital at the elevated valuation, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday, citing people familiar with the matter. The report noted that the negotiations remain at an early stage and may not

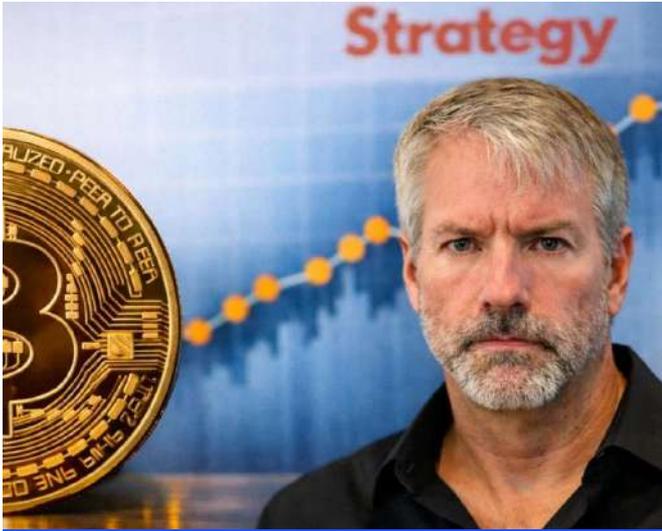
result in deals or secure the targeted valuation.

Kalshi currently operates in the United States and offers markets allowing users to wager on outcomes tied to sports, politics, the economy and cultural events. The company was last valued at about \$11 billion in December when it raised \$1 billion from investors including Paradigm and Sequoia Capital.

Founded in 2018 by Tarek Mansour and Luana Lopes Lara, Kalshi received approval from the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission in 2020 to operate as a regulated exchange for event-based markets. The platform has since expanded rapidly and recently surpassed a \$1 billion revenue run rate, with some estimates placing the figure closer to \$1.5 billion.



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Stretch the Orange Dots': Saylor's Signal Ignites Massive Bitcoin Buying Expectations

Expectations for another major bitcoin purchase from Strategy are building after Michael Saylor highlighted the firm's growing treasury, reinforcing investor speculation that the company's aggressive accumulation campaign is far from finished.

Bitcoin Buying Machine: Saylor Post Ignites Expectations of Massive Strategy BTC Purchases Investor attention around corporate bitcoin accumulation intensified after Strategy Executive Chairman Michael Saylor shared an orange dot chart on social media platform X on March 15, highlighting the company's expanding bitcoin treasury and long-running purchase strategy.

"Stretch the Orange Dots," he said. The brief message accompanied a chart plotting the company's bitcoin acquisitions across several market cycles. The visualization shows 102 purchase events leading to a treasury of 738,731 BTC, valued at roughly \$52.9 billion based on the current bitcoin price of \$71,626.

One day after sharing the orange dot chart last week, Strategy disclosed that it acquired 17,994 BTC for approximately \$1.28 billion at an average price of about \$70,946 per bitcoin.

Additional data displayed on Strategy's dashboard on March 15 provides a broader view of the company's financial and market metrics.

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Former UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson calls Bitcoin a 'Ponzi scheme'



Johnson said that he could understand why gold and Pokémon cards have investment appeal but not Bitcoin, which he characterized as a scam.

Boris Johnson, the former prime minister of the United Kingdom, called Bitcoin BTC \$73,130 a "Ponzi Scheme" that has less value than Pokémon cards, collectibles he said had a wide appeal and a multi-decade history.

Johnson wrote an opinion article published in the Daily Mail on Friday that began with a story about a friend who had given 500 British pounds, or about \$661, to a man who promised to "double his money" by investing it in BTC.

The friend continued to pay additional "fees" to

the scheme's promoter over the next three and a half years, but was never able to retrieve his funds, despite sinking 20,000 British pounds, or about \$26,474, which led to financial hardship, Johnson said.

"He was struggling to pay his bills. He wasn't the only one, said my friend. Other people in the neighborhood were going through the same nightmare," Johnson added. Johnson then argued that collectible Pokémon cards are a more tradable asset than BTC:

"These curious little Japanese cartoon beasts seem to exercise the same fascination over the five-year-old mind as they did 30 years ago. The kids drool over them. They boast and squabble about them.

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BlockFills Entities File Bankruptcy After Withdrawals Halted, Court Froze Bitcoin

The filings come as the company faces a lawsuit alleging it commingled client crypto assets and refused to return client funds.

BlockFills entities have filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy after suspending client withdrawals, following an asset freeze for 70 BTC earlier this month.

A lawsuit filed by its creditor, Dominion Capital, alleges BlockFills commingled assets and had a \$77 million shortfall.

The case raises questions over client asset treatment in crypto bankruptcies, an expert told Decrypt.

Crypto trading and liquidity provider BlockFills confirmed Sunday that its operator, Reliz Ltd., has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in Delaware alongside three affiliated entities.

BlockFills said the Chapter 11 process will allow the business to pursue a restructuring while working with



clients, creditors, and investors to stabilize operations and explore additional sources of liquidity.

The company's announcement follows a February lawsuit from creditor Dominion Capital that prompted a federal judge in New York to freeze Bitcoin tied to a client dispute

and order the firm to account for and segregate customer funds.

Dominion Capital alleged that BlockFills misappropriated and commingled customer crypto assets, concealed losses, and refused to return funds after suspending withdrawals.

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Visa is ready for AI agents. So is Coinbase. They're building very different internets

The next trillion-dollar payments network won't have a checkout page. No card number, no CVV, no human at the keyboard. Just machines paying machines, thousands of times a second, for fractions of a cent.

Crypto and AI leaders argue that autonomous AI agents will soon conduct far more online transactions than humans, favoring crypto wallets over bank accounts because they bypass identity checks and compliance hurdles.

Proponents say stablecoins and protocols like Coinbase's x402 make sub-cent, high-frequency machine-to-machine payments economically viable in a way that tra-

ditional card networks, with minimum fees around 30 cents, cannot match. While x402's current volumes are low and include significant artificial activity, traditional card networks like Visa and Mastercard are rolling out their own AI-agent payment tools, setting up a likely split between regulated human commerce on card rails and stablecoin-based payments for AI agents.

Your AI just made several payments while you read that headline. You approved none of them. Visa processed none of them. And if the crypto industry's biggest bulls are right, that's not a bug — it's the entire future of the internet economy.

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Binance Launches Defamation Lawsuit Against Wall Street Journal Over Iran Sanctions Claims



The crypto exchange giant Binance is launching a legal battle against the Wall Street Journal.

Binance has filed a defamation complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against Dow Jones & Company, the newspaper's publisher.

The suit targets allegedly false and defamatory statements in a WSJ article from last month.

The article claimed Binance fired compliance staff for flagging \$1 billion in transactions tied to sanctioned Iran entities and dismantled an internal investigation without action.

Binance says the claims are untrue, investiga-

tions are ongoing and suspicious accounts were offboarded and reported to authorities.

According to the exchange, staff departures stemmed from data protection and confidentiality policy breaches, not retaliation.

Binance says it provided factual corrections before publication but the newspaper disregarded them and rushed the story, caused significant reputational harm and triggering government and congressional inquiries that wasted time and resources.

Says Binance Global Head of Litigation Dugan Bliss

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DOJ, Europol Freeze \$3.5M In Crypto After Dismantling Global Proxy Fraud Network

A New York resident lost close to \$1 million in cryptocurrency. That single case became one of the clearest examples of the damage done by SocksEscort — a for-hire proxy service that gave criminals across the globe a way to hide while they stole.

A Network Built On Hijacked Devices US and European authorities announced Thursday they had shut down SocksEscort after years of operation.

The service worked by infecting routers and other internet-connected devices with malware, turning them into cover points that masked the real locations of cybercriminals.

According to the

Department of Justice, the network had quietly burrowed into at least 369,000 devices spread across 163 countries. Criminals could then route their attacks through those compromised machines, making them far harder to trace.

The malware at the heart of the operation — known as AVrecon — had been publicly identified by cybersecurity firm Black Lotus Labs as far back as July 2023. The network kept running anyway.

The takedown was not a single agency effort. Law enforcement from Austria, France, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Romania, and the US worked the case together.



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Something Big Is Coming From Tether's AI Team, CEO Paolo Ardoino Confirms



Paolo Ardoino says Tether's AI team will release a "true breakthrough" this coming week.

QVAC Workbench 0.4.1 shipped days earlier with redesigned UI and expanded device support.

Tether has invested billions from stablecoin profits into decentralized AI infrastructure.

Tether CEO Paolo Ardoino announced on March 15 that the company's AI division will release what he called a "true breakthrough" in the coming week, signaling the next phase of its decentralized intelligence push.

The statement arrived just days after the QVAC team shipped Workbench version 0.4.1, an update that overhauled the app's interface and expanded

its local AI capabilities across desktop and mobile.

Billions in Profit Fund Tether's AI Ambitions Tether has spent more than a year building QVAC (QuantumVerse Automatic Computer), a platform designed to run AI models entirely on consumer devices without cloud servers or API keys.

The initiative falls under Tether Data, the company's technology arm, and represents a sharp pivot from its origins as the issuer of USDT, the largest stablecoin by market capitalization.

That pivot is funded by significant profits. Tether reported over \$10 billion in net profit for 2025, driven largely by returns on \$141 billion in U.S. Treasury exposure.

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Ethereum Foundation sells 5,000 ETH to Tom Lee's BitMine in \$10 million OTC deal

The Ethereum Foundation sold 5,000 ETH at an average price of \$2,042.96 to BitMine Immersion Technologies, the world's largest publicly traded ETH treasury company.

The deal is the EF's second known OTC sale to a corporate buyer, following a 10,000 ETH sale to SharpLink Gaming in July 2025.

The Ethereum Foundation said Saturday it finalized an over-the-counter sale of 5,000 ETH, worth approximately \$10.2 million, to BitMine Immersion Technologies.

The average price was \$2,042.96 per ETH, roughly in line with current market levels. The onchain transaction will come from an EF Safe

multisig wallet, the foundation said in a post on X.

BitMine (NYSE American: BMNR), chaired by Fundstrat's Tom Lee, is the world's largest publicly traded ETH treasury company, holding over 4.5 million ETH valued at roughly \$9.3 billion, according to The Block's treasury tracker. The company has been aggressively accumulating ETH since mid-2025, modeling its strategy after MicroStrategy's bitcoin playbook.

The deal marks the second time the EF has sold ETH directly to a corporate treasury buyer via OTC. In July 2025, the foundation sold 10,000 ETH to SharpLink Gaming at an average price of \$2,572.37, a deal worth \$25.7 million.



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