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Bitcoin has broken cleanly above the \$79.5K resistance, which signals that the uptrend is back in motion and momentum is shifting in favor of the bulls. This breakout puts \$84K as the next key target, but that level is expected to act as heavy supply where sellers will likely step in. The important detail here is how price behaves on pullbacks. As long as BTC holds above the 20-day EMA around \$76.6K, the structure remains strong and buyers are clearly in control. If bulls manage to absorb selling pressure at \$84K and push through, it opens the door for a continuation move toward the \$92K region, which aligns with the broader pattern target. Bears are running out of time in this setup, and their only real chance to regain control is to force a breakdown back below \$76K. If that happens, momentum shifts quickly and could drag price toward the 50-day SMA near \$72.8K.

Ethereum is starting to follow Bitcoin's strength after reclaiming the 20-day EMA around \$2,298, which is a positive shift in short-term structure. Price is now pushing toward the \$2,465 resistance, a key level that will decide whether ETH can build further momentum. Sellers are expected to defend this zone, but if bulls manage to break through, the next move could extend toward the upper boundary of the channel. A confirmed breakout above that resistance line would signal a stronger trend reversal and open the path toward \$3,050. On the other hand, if ETH gets rejected at resistance and falls back below the 20-day EMA, it suggests the market is not ready to trend yet and will likely continue moving sideways within the channel.

XRP has reclaimed its moving averages, which is an early signal of strength and opens the door for a move toward the downtrend line. However, the overall structure is still neutral, with indicators showing no clear dominance from either side. The \$1.61 level is the key trigger here. A clean break and hold above that level would give bulls control and could drive price toward \$2 and then potentially \$2.40. If XRP fails to break \$1.61 and gets rejected, it would confirm that sellers are still active at higher levels, keeping price stuck in the \$1.27 to \$1.61 range for longer.

BNB continues to trade around its moving averages, reflecting indecision and a lack of clear direction. The price is effectively ranging between \$570 and \$687, and the next major move will come from a breakout of this range. If bulls manage to push above \$687, it would likely trigger momentum toward \$790. However, if price breaks below \$570, it signals continuation of the downtrend, with the next major support sitting around \$500. Until one of these levels breaks, BNB remains a range-bound asset with limited trending opportunities.

Solana is attempting to build strength by reclaiming its moving averages, which suggests that buyers are stepping in at lower levels. If SOL can hold above these levels and build momentum, the next resistance to watch is \$90.7. A breakout above that could lead to a quick push toward \$98. However, if sellers step in and push price below \$82.6, it would flip the short-term structure bearish and likely lead to a move toward the \$76 support zone. Similar to BNB, SOL is approaching a decision point where the next breakout will define direction.

Traders Outlook:

The market is showing early signs of strength, with Bitcoin leading the move after breaking above a key resistance level. As long as BTC holds above the \$76K region, the bias remains bullish and dips are likely to be bought. A push toward \$84K looks probable, but traders should watch how price reacts at that level, as it could trigger either a breakout or a rejection. Ethereum is setting up for a potential continuation, but it needs to clear \$2,465 to confirm strength and follow Bitcoin's lead. If ETH breaks higher, it could start outperforming in the short term. XRP is still lagging slightly but is building a base, and a breakout above \$1.61 could bring in momentum quickly. BNB remains range-bound and less attractive for trend trades until a breakout occurs. Overall, this is a market where Bitcoin dominance is still key, and altcoins are likely to follow once BTC confirms direction. Traders should focus on key levels rather than chasing moves in the middle of the range. Breakouts need confirmation, as fakeouts are still possible in this environment. Volatility is likely to increase as price approaches major resistance zones. The next few sessions will be crucial in determining whether this turns into a sustained trend or another range-bound phase.

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

Enjoy the issue!

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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 425th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$2.67 trillion, UP \$100 billion since last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is \$156.73 billion, which makes a 31.11% increase in the last 24 hours. The Fear & Greed index is 49% Neutral and the Altcoin season index is 38% which makes a 3% decrease since last week.

Bitcoin's price has increased by 5% from \$76,950 last week to around \$80,800 and Ether's price has increased by 3.84% from \$2,292 last week to \$2,380 Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.61 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$1.06 Trillion

Bitcoin kicked off the week with strong momentum, breaking above the \$80.5K level and signaling that bulls are trying to take control of the market structure. This move puts BTC back into a bullish posture, but the \$80K level now becomes a key battleground. Holding above it is critical, because a failure to close and build acceptance here could quickly shift sentiment and open the door for a deeper pullback toward the \$60K region. Despite that risk, the broader tone is shifting in favor of buyers. Matthew Hyland pushed back against bearish calls, suggesting that many expecting a drop to \$60K may end up flipping bullish much higher, which often happens in trending markets. From a positioning standpoint, the setup is getting interesting. Liquidation data shows that a move above \$84K could trigger nearly \$2.85 billion in short liquidations, which creates the potential for a sharp squeeze higher if momentum builds. At the same time, institutional demand continues to act as a strong tailwind. Charles Edwards highlighted that institutions are absorbing more than 500% of Bitcoin's daily mined supply, which historically has led to strong upside follow-through. If similar conditions play out, BTC could be setting up for a move toward the \$90K-\$96K region over the coming weeks.

The recent rally also aligned with improving global risk sentiment, as Asian equities pushed higher, reflecting a broader risk-on environment. Bitcoin's move from the \$78K region to above \$80K happened quickly, showing that liquidity is still sitting on the sidelines ready to chase strength. Altcoins followed the move, with ETH, XRP, and BNB all posting gains, indicating that capital is starting to rotate back into the market as confidence builds.

On the regulatory side, momentum is picking up in the US, with progress around stablecoin frameworks within the CLARITY Act. This kind of development adds a layer of structural confidence to the market, especially as institutions look for clearer guidelines before increasing exposure. Strong inflows into US spot Bitcoin ETFs further support this narrative, with consistent capital entering the market and reinforcing the current uptrend.

Traditional finance is also moving deeper into the tokenization space. Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation is preparing to pilot tokenized securities trading, which could be a major step toward bridging traditional assets with blockchain infrastructure. With participation from major players like BlackRock and Circle, this signals that tokenization is no longer just a narrative but is moving toward real-world implementation at scale.

At the same time, regulatory caution remains. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has delayed the launch of prediction market ETFs, showing that while progress is being made, oversight and scrutiny are still very much in play. This balanced approach from regulators continues to shape how quickly new crypto-related financial products can enter the market.

Meanwhile, the shift toward hard assets is becoming more visible. Tether's gold-backed token XAUT has seen strong growth, with rising demand reflecting a broader move by investors into safer assets amid macro uncertainty. This highlights how capital is being allocated across both risk-on and defensive plays, depending on market conditions.

Market Outlook:

The market is currently leaning bullish, but it is still highly dependent on key levels holding. Bitcoin reclaiming \$80K is a strong signal, but it needs to sustain above this level to confirm continuation. A break above \$84K could trigger a major short squeeze and accelerate the move higher. However, failure to hold current levels could quickly shift momentum back to the downside. Institutional demand remains one of the strongest drivers supporting the market. Macro sentiment is improving, but it is still fragile and can change quickly. Altcoins are beginning to follow Bitcoin, but they still need confirmation from BTC strength. Regulatory clarity is improving, which adds confidence for long-term growth. Tokenization and real-world adoption narratives continue to build in the background. Volatility is expected to remain high as the market approaches key resistance zones. The next major move will likely be driven by a breakout above resistance or a failure to hold support, making this a critical phase for traders.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	60.67%
ETH	10.77%
USDT	7.10%
BNB	3.17%
SOL	1.83%
Others	16.46%



WHAT IS MAYA PREFERRED?

U.K. Financial Ltd.^[1]

A Real World Asset (RWA) Backed Cryptocurrency

1 What is Maya Preferred?



RWA Token ^[1]

BACKED BY PHYSICAL PRECIOUS METALS RESERVES ^[1,2]



- Mina Del Oro

La Fortuna

Guadalupe



Stable and decentralized monetary instrument for global payments and transfers ^[3,4]

High volatility mitigation ^[3,3]



2. HOW DOES ITS ECOSYSTEM & BLOCKCHAIN WORK?

1 Infrastructure on Ethereum & Ethereum Classic:



3 Multi-Token Ecosystem



4 Transparency and Audits



5 Transparency and Audits



2 Transparency and Audits





UK Financial Ltd launched the Maya Preferred Project in 2018 on Ethereum Classic, backed by physical gold and silver from three documented Mexican mining operations: Santiago Apostol in Guerrero, Las Maria and Tayoltita in Durango, and the Tequila Project in Jalisco. At a time when most crypto projects offered little beyond whitepapers, Maya Preferred held verifiable, in-ground assets as its foundation. Eight years later, that early structural decision has evolved into one of the more compliance-driven real-world asset ecosystems in the digital token space.

CEO James Dahlke and the founding team built the project under one consistent policy across eight years: no executive compensation, no insider token allocations, and no team sell-offs during market peaks. That record addresses one of the most common risk factors retail participants face in early-stage token projects.

The journey from launch to regulated security token unfolded in measured steps:

2018: Maya Preferred launches on Ethereum Classic, backed by physical gold and silver from documented Mexican mine reserves

2019: Trading opens and the retirement program for long-term holders begins. UK Financial Ltd transfers

21 million MPRA tokens into escrow to guarantee Bitcoin support with gold reserves during extreme market volatility

2020 to 2024: Development focuses on reserve documentation, on-chain wallet transparency, and public proof documents

January 2025: MPRA launches as the Preferred Class token tied to gold reserves. MPRD follows as the Common Class for utility and acquisition. The Maya Preferred Reserve Protocol introduces a tokenized gold reserve structure with on-chain treasury visibility

September 2025: The Board ends the 2019 Bitcoin-backing agreement. The 21 million escrowed MPRA tokens move into an irrevocable treasury vault to fully back MayaCat, making MCAT the world's first gold-backed meme coin

October 2025: Supply reduced by 88.5% to 23 million tokens. MPRA evolves into SMPRA, an ERC-3643 regulated security token with KYC, whitelisting, and compliant transfer restrictions at the contract level

January 2026: SMPRA and SMCAT list on CATEX Exchange. SMCAT becomes the world's first exchange-traded ERC-3643 security token, with

a structured 50 million supply fully backed by verifiable gold reserves

April 2026: All UK Financial Ltd tokens record significant upward price movement, reflecting growing market recognition of the compliance-first model

On the regulatory front, the emerging U.S. CLARITY Act places SMPRA in a strategically favorable position. As a gold-backed security token operating under ERC-3643 standards, SMPRA falls within SEC jurisdiction under the new legislative framework. This ends the uncertainty of regulation by enforcement and opens a defined path for compliance registration. The CLARITY Act also reverses restrictive accounting policies and permits federally chartered banks to custody digital assets, directly benefiting Maya Preferred's Reserve Bank model and its institutional vehicle, MayaFund. With third-party audits and real-time verifiable precious metal reserves already in place, the project has structurally anticipated these requirements well ahead of the regulatory curve.

Platinum Crypto Academy has followed the Maya Preferred Project across multiple market cycles. The eight-year zero-insider-sale record is rare in a space where early team exits remain one of the highest-risk indicators for retail participants. The dual-class structure, verifiable mine assets, and on-chain treasury visibility address the exact criteria that institutional RWA frameworks look for. With the industry moving toward regulated token frameworks, Maya Preferred reflects a model built on enduring structural discipline.

Looking Ahead

Regulators in the US, UK, and EU are actively developing frameworks for tokenized real-world assets. Maya Preferred's ERC-3643 positioning places it within that category ahead of the curve. The ecosystem continues to expand, with new tokens including VENUS Coin listed on CATEX Exchange. The UKFL Premier One broadcast channel, launched in April 2026, adds a media layer to the project's public presence as it moves deeper into SEC compliance territory. For a project that spent eight years building quietly, the next phase looks set to be its most visible.

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Price: 14.85 USDC

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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN RECLAIMS \$80,000 AS FLOWS BUILD, BUT TRADERS HEDGE AND DOUBT A BREAKOUT

Strong ETF inflows and rising leverage are lifting prices, yet CryptoQuant data shows weak spot demand and Polymarket odds put just a 23% chance on \$90,000 this month.

Bitcoin's climb back toward \$80,000 is being driven largely by inflows into U.S. spot ETFs and leveraged long positions rather than broad-based spot buying. On-chain data show April's rally was powered almost entirely by perpetual futures demand while spot demand contracted, a pattern historically linked to fragile, easily reversed gains.

Prediction markets see a better-than-even chance of a modest move to \$85,000 but low odds of a break to \$90,000, underscoring that the advance lacks strong conviction and is vulnerable to any slowdown in inflows or shift in positioning.

Bitcoin is trading above \$80,000 as Asia begins its trading week, a level not seen since the end of January.

Analysts at CryptoQuant say that BTC's return to \$80,000 is being powered by buyers who don't

fully trust it, a dynamic reflected in both positioning data and on-chain signals.

ETF inflows and leveraged longs have driven a steady climb in recent weeks, but the underlying demand picture remains uneven. U.S. spot bitcoin ETFs have pulled in roughly \$2.7 billion over the past three weeks, helping lift total net assets above \$100 billion and providing a clear source of real-money support.

Elsewhere, market maker FlowDesk reported last week in a Telegram note growing appetite to scale into levered long positions, particularly in majors like ether (ETH) and Near Protocol's NEAR, reinforcing the idea that fast money is playing a central role in pushing prices higher.

Yet on-chain data suggests the rally is not being broadly confirmed. A CryptoQuant report published April 30 found that bitcoin's April move was driven "entirely by growth in perpetual futures demand," while spot demand remained in contraction throughout the rally.

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Bitcoin logs best monthly performance in 12 months during April

Despite being the best-performing month in the past 12 months, Bitcoin still came in slightly below its historical average, according to CoinGlass data.

Bitcoin has posted its best-performing month in a year, prompting analysts to forecast what could lie ahead for May, which has historically delivered returns of about 8%.

“Long way to go back to ATHs, but good to see some green,” Coin Bureau founder Nic Puckrin said in an X post on Friday, referring to Bitcoin’s (BTC) performance during April, which saw a monthly return of 11.87%. It marked Bitcoin’s

best-performing month since April 2025, when it returned 14.08%. However, it still came in slightly below its historical April average of 12.98%, according to CoinGlass.

“April is done. May is here. After 5 consecutive red monthly candles, Bitcoin has now closed 2 in the green, causing some relief in the market,” crypto trader Daan Crypto Trades said in an X post on Friday.

Market participants hold the belief that history repeats. Market participants often compare current monthly performance with previous months and look ahead, as many believe Bitcoin’s history tends to repeat itself.

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Bitmine Boosts Ethereum Bet With \$147M Buying Spree and Expands Staking Push

Bitmine Immersion Technologies is doubling down on Ethereum with a rapid accumulation strategy that’s turning heads across the market. New on-chain data and company disclosures

reveal the firm scooped up around 65,000 ETH, worth roughly \$147 million, within just 24 hours, signalling a sharpened conviction in Ethereum as a core treasury asset.



Rapid accumulation signals strategic shift. The latest buying spree happened twice. Bitmine first acquired 45,000 ETH valued at about \$103.5 million, before adding another 20,000 ETH worth nearly \$44.8 million just hours later. Institutional platforms like FalconX and BitGo facilitated parts of these transactions, underscoring the scale and sophistication behind the operation.

The activity, initially flagged by Lookonchain, shows one of Bitmine’s most aggressive short-term accumulation phases

this year. Over the past three weeks, the firm has consistently added between 45,000 and 50,000 ETH weekly before ramping up to the latest 65,000 ETH surge.

Chairman Tom Lee has previously hinted at a more assertive acquisition pace, aligning with the firm’s internal outlook on market conditions and Ethereum’s long-term potential.

Staking strategy expands as holdings grow

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Tether Reports Billion-Dollar Q1 Profit Amid Crypto Slump—And Says Audit Has Begun

Morgan Stanley debuted a money market fund intended for stablecoin issuers, billing the product as a way for companies to manage reserves.

Stablecoin giant Tether says it holds over \$141 billion in U.S. Treasuries, a figure that has never been verified by a full audit.

Tether reported \$1.04 billion in Q1 2026 profit. The USDT issuer said it has also grown its reserve buffer to a record \$8.23 billion.

The company claims it holds \$141 billion in U.S. Treasuries, though these figures have not yet been fully audited.

Tether reported more than \$1 billion in profit for the first quarter of 2026, against a backdrop of broader crypto market

volatility, the company announced Friday.

The world's top stablecoin issuer said net profit reached approximately \$1.04 billion for the quarter. The company also reported that its buffer between the total value of its stablecoins in circulation, and the amount of reserves it has on hand to back those assets, has grown to an all-time high of \$8.23 billion.

Tether's Q1 figures were not verified by a Big Four accounting firm, but instead by an Italian service that relies on company attestations. In March, Tether tapped KPMG for its first-ever full audit, per a Financial Times report, which comes as the El Salvador-based issuer seeks to broaden its footprint in the United States.

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Fake HSBC bank stablecoins hit the market showcasing dangerous new crypto scam wave

Hong Kong's stablecoin licences are barely three weeks old, and the scammers are already here.

The most dangerous stablecoin scam prob-

ably looks nothing like what most people picture. There's no anonymous founder, no Discord full of bots, no promise of returns that defy basic economic logic.



Instead, it has a professional ticker, institutional branding, and a name that tens of millions of people have trusted with their savings for generations. That's the premise at the center of a regulatory alert Hong Kong's monetary authority issued this week, and it deserves considerably more attention than a fraud warning typically receives.

On April 28, the HKMA warned the public that tokens carrying the tickers "HKDAP" and "HSBC" had appeared in the market without being issued by or associated with any licensed stablecoin issuer, and that both licensed issu-

ers had confirmed they hadn't released any regulated stablecoins yet.

The institutional gravity those names carry in the minds of ordinary consumers, built over more than a century of banking history, was the vehicle for the deception, and that's a fundamentally different kind of scam from anything the stablecoin market has had to contend with before.

The HSBC scam that doesn't need to promise anything To understand why this is so structurally different from ordinary token fraud, it helps to know what HSBC and Anchorpoint Financial actually represent in this context.

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

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

Top 5 Reasons Why Lab-Grown Gemstones Are Worth Buying

1. More Affordable

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

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

2. Identical Physical and Optical Quality

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

3. Conflict-Free Sourcing

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

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

4. Lower Environmental Impact

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

5. Certified Quality You Can Verify

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

What Makes LabGemTraders Different?

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

Certified-Only Focus

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

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

FCAR: Ecosystem Utility Voucher

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

Physical Inventory Backing

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

Seamless Digital Experience

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

Global, Regulation-Ready Access

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

How the LabGemTraders Ecosystem Works?

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

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

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

Public Sale Now Open: What Users Get?

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

Open, No-Barrier Entry

There are no gatekeeping mechanisms for the FCAR

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

10% Entry Discount

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

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

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

KYC Webshop Discount

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

Takeaway

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



Blackrock's European Bitcoin ETP Surpasses \$1.1 Billion in Assets With 14,200 BTC

Blackrock's European iShares Bitcoin exchange-traded product has crossed \$1.1 billion in assets under management just over a year after its launch, confirming that institutional demand for regulated bitcoin exposure has taken hold well beyond the U.S. market.

Blackrock's European IB1T ETP crossed \$1.1 billion AUM with 14,200 BTC as of May 4, 2026.

IB1T launched in March 2025 and is listed on Euronext Amsterdam among other European exchanges.

The milestone confirms institutional bitcoin demand is now a transatlantic trend, not just U.S.-centric. IB1T Joins IBIT as a

Flagship Product According to data, Blackrock's iShares Bitcoin exchange-traded product (ETP) in Europe holds roughly 14,200 BTC and has surpassed \$1.1 billion in assets under management (AUM). The product trades under the ticker IB1T on Euronext Amsterdam and select other European exchanges.

Blackrock first launched the European ETP in March 2025, making it the firm's initial move to bring regulated bitcoin exposure to non-U.S. institutional investors. At the time, the U.S. iShares Bitcoin Trust (IBIT) had already established itself as the world's largest spot bitcoin exchange-traded fund (ETF) by assets, a position it continues to hold today.

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A Tether-linked billionaire poured £22M into UK politics – Now new donation rules may close the door

A Tether-linked billionaire's donations have pushed Britain into a new fight over crypto, politics, and foreign influence.

Christopher Harborne is British-born, Cambridge-educated, and has lived in Thailand since 1996. He goes by the Thai name Chakrit Sakunkrit, holds Thai citizenship, and controls a reported 12% stake in Tether, the stablecoin issuer behind roughly \$184 billion in circulating USDT.

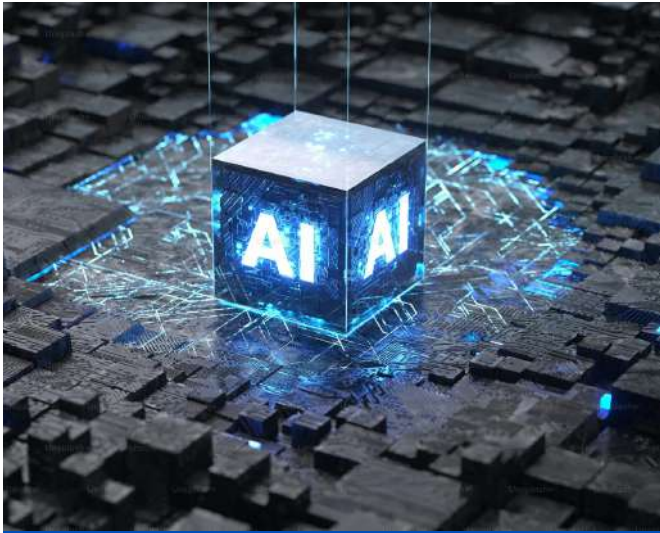
According to the Guardian's investigation, he's also the single largest donor in the history of UK party politics, having directed more than £24 million toward Reform UK and its predecessor movements since 2019.

So, a man who doesn't live in the UK, whose fortune is tied to a global crypto infrastructure company operating outside any single jurisdiction, has been bankrolling a party that leads current opinion polling with a platform built around sovereign identity and anti-establishment politics.

Whether that looks hypocritical or like rational self-interest depends entirely on your view of what political money is supposed to represent, and that question is exactly what the UK government has now moved to resolve. The way it's gone about doing so reveals just how poorly existing political finance law was designed for the crypto era.



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Crypto Industry Under Siege: 29 Attacks Recorded In April 2026 Alone

The crypto industry is seriously under attack following a recent surge in exploit incidents. According to market analyst Ali Martinez, data from DeFiLlama shows that April was particularly bad for digital asset firms and protocols, with 29 attacks recorded, the highest ever in a single month. Without a doubt, these incidents have sparked concerns among crypto enthusiasts, leading to speculation about potential causes and solutions to this disturbing pattern.

Notably, total attacks in April resulted in combined losses of \$635 million. About 90% of these losses can be attributed to attacks on the Drift Protocol and KelpDAO. Drift Protocol, the largest Solana-based

decentralized perpetual futures exchange, saw North Korean hackers drain \$285 million by tricking the security council into unknowingly pre-signing transactions using a fictitious CarbonVote token.

On the other hand, Kelp DAO, an Ethereum-based liquid staking protocol, lost \$292 million in rsETH after attackers exploited the protocol's LayerZero-powered cross-chain bridge by manipulating the message layer to act on a nonexistent valid instruction. The impact of these attacks goes beyond immediate losses and also weakens crypto users' confidence. For example, the total value locked (TVL) on DeFi platforms dropped by \$13.5 billion following the 48 hours after the Kelp DAO attack.

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Binance Co-CEO Richard Teng Lays Out Case for Crypto's Transformational Growth



Crypto exchanges represent a \$55 billion market against \$36 trillion in global financial services. Binance Co-CEO Richard Teng shared the chart on X, drawing comparisons across global industries. Even 1% capture across those sectors would imply a \$370 billion expansion opportunity.

Since October 2025, the crypto market has undergone a significant drawdown, with total market capitalization declining and overall activity slowing. Although a modest recovery has emerged in recent weeks, the market remains well below its previous peaks, reflecting subdued momentum.

Against this backdrop, Richard Teng outlined the scale of crypto's potential growth by

comparing it to the size of larger traditional markets.

Binance CEO Richard Teng Frames Crypto's Upside Against \$36T in Finance
In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Teng addressed one of the industry's most persistent questions: How big can crypto actually get? The Binance executive pointed to the total addressable market across sectors where crypto adoption could expand.

Financial services alone represent approximately \$36 trillion, while global payments account for around \$788 billion. Social media adds another \$208 billion opportunity.

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Tokenization Megatrend: Grayscale Names ETH, SOL, LINK in \$30B Market

Grayscale Research said Ethereum, Solana, Canton, Avalanche, BNB Chain, and Chainlink are positioned to benefit as tokenized assets expand. The firm estimated tokenized assets at about \$30 billion, up 217% year-over-year.

Grayscale identified Ethereum, Solana, Canton, Avalanche, BNB Chain, and Chainlink as key beneficiaries of tokenization growth. Tokenized assets

reached about \$30 billion, expanding 217% year-over-year, led by Treasuries and commodities.

Future adoption may boost blockchain fees, liquidity, and developers, with institutions leading early and open networks scaling later. Grayscale Names Blockchain Protocols Positioned for Tokenization Growth Grayscale Research outlined several blockchain networks it views as central to tokenized markets. In an April 29 analysis, the firm pre-



sented these networks as core infrastructure for a potential shift in capital markets, where assets are issued, transferred, and settled on blockchain systems.

“We believe the tokenization megatrend represents a huge potential investment opportunity ... Over time, we believe much of the ~\$300 tril-

lion securities market — along with other types of assets like real estate — will migrate onchain,” Grayscale wrote.

Tokenized assets remain small relative to traditional markets, but growth has accelerated.

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Strategy takes Bitcoin buying breather ahead of Q1 earnings report

Michael Saylor signaled a “pause” on BTC buying ahead of Tuesday’s earnings report, with Wall Street expecting a loss for Q1.

Strategy, the world’s biggest public Bitcoin holder, is taking a break from crypto purchases as the company readies its first quarter earnings report, slated for Tuesday.

On Sunday, executive chairman Michael Saylor announced “No buys this week” in a post on X, where he has regularly provided a signal of planned purchases.

In its most recent purchase, the Tysons Corner, Virginia-based company acquired 3,273 Bitcoin for \$255

million between April 20 and 26, according to an 8-K filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission on April 27.

The company now holds 818,334 BTC, bought at an average price of \$77,906 per coin, raising Strategy’s cost basis to \$75,537. The biggest crypto by market cap was last trading on Sunday at \$78,787.08, according to CoinGecko data.

Strategy’s purchases last month, along with US spot price exchange-traded fund inflows, helped stoke a 12% increase in BTC’s price during April.

Quarterly loss expected amid scrutiny over STRC dividend

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Meta Launches USDC Stablecoin Payouts for Creators via Polygon and Solana



Meta has introduced stablecoin-based payouts for eligible creators in the Philippines, allowing earnings to be received in USD Coin (USDC) through supported blockchain networks, marking a deeper shift into crypto-based creator payments.

The system processes transactions on the Polygon and Solana networks, with backend settlement handled by payments firm Stripe. Creators who are invited into the program can link digital wallets, including GCash, Coins.ph, MetaMask, and Binance to receive payouts directly in stablecoins.

Stablecoin payouts expand creator monetization options. Under the new model,

earnings are paid in USDC, a USD-pegged stablecoin, instead of traditional fiat transfers. However, Meta confirmed it does not provide direct crypto-to-fiat conversion. Creators must move funds through external exchanges or platforms to withdraw local currency, such as Philippine pesos.

Tax documentation will continue to be issued through standard Meta reporting channels, while Stripe will separately generate records tied to digital asset transactions for compliance and settlement tracking.

The integration of USDC across Polygon and Solana also highlights a growing preference for fast.

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Clarity Act text lets crypto firms offer stablecoin rewards while shielding bank yield

The text released Friday blocks crypto firms from offering stablecoin yield offerings that look like bank deposits, but "bona fide" transactions are allowed.

Text has emerged revealing the Clarity Act compromise worked out between members of the Senate Banking Committee, which would allow crypto firms to keep pursuing stablecoin reward programs. As expected, the text prohibits crypto firms from offering yield on stablecoin deposits if that yield is the functional or economic equivalent to banks' offerings.

The text comes after months of negotiations between the crypto and banking industries, facilitated by the White House and Senators Thom Tillis and Angela Alsobrooks.

tablecoin yield would be prohibited under a newly released agreement addressing that contentious part of the crypto market structure legislation in an approach that's broadly similar to what's been discussed since the start of the year.

The new section of proposed Digital Asset Market Clarity Act text released Friday revealed that the compromise hashed out by U.S. Senators Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) and Angela Alsobrooks (D-Md.) would ban stablecoin issuers from offering yield based on just holding stablecoin reserves. It contends that "depository institutions provide financial services that are integral to the strength of the American economy," and stablecoin issuers offering similar services "may inhibit" these institutions.



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MoonPay Launches Debit Mastercard That Lets AI Agents Pay With Stablecoins



MoonPay's new debit Mastercard lets autonomous AI agents spend stablecoins at any online Mastercard merchant.

MoonPay launched the MoonAgents Card, a virtual Mastercard debit card letting AI agents spend stablecoins directly from crypto wallets at any online Mastercard merchant.

The card converts crypto to fiat at the point of purchase without requiring pre-loaded custodial funds, and users can revoke agent spending access at any time.

Currently live in the U.K. and Latin America, the card will expand to the U.S. and EU in the coming months, requiring identity verification to issue.

Crypto payments provider MoonPay announced Friday that it has created a virtual debit card allowing AI agents—autonomous software programs that can act on behalf of users—to make purchases using stablecoins at any online merchant that accepts Mastercard.

The product, called the MoonAgents Card, converts crypto to fiat currency at the point of purchase, removing a step that can impede the move from decentralized finance to everyday commerce. (Disclaimer: MoonPay Ventures is an investor in Dastan, parent company of an editorially independent Decrypt.)

"Agents are already managing wallets, executing trades, and moving value on-chain,"

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Bitcoin Mining Firm Riot Platforms Records \$167 Million Revenue In Q1 2026: Report

Bitcoin mining firm Riot Platforms has published its financial performance for the first quarter of 2026, reporting revenue of over \$167 million. The financial report highlights a shift in the company's business model and a growing trend in its revenue stream, as its recently launched data center business takes center stage.

Riot Platforms' Data Center Business Generates \$33 Million Q1 Revenue
In its recent disclosure, Riot Platforms reported generating \$167.2 million in revenue in the first quarter of the year. Based on the reported numbers, the company's core Bitcoin mining business saw an approximately 21.7% decline in revenue, from \$142.9 million to \$111.9 million.

This revenue decline can be attributed to the fall in BTC's price, which began as early as February 2026 and fell to as low as \$62,000 at some point. The premier cryptocurrency's value, while it also dipped in the first quarter of 2025, only fell to around \$80,000 by March last year.

Moreover, the Bitcoin network hashrate was relatively higher in the first quarter of 2025 than in 2025's Q1, with the resulting mining difficulty eating into Riot Platforms' margins. As the announcement shows, the mining firm produced 57 BTC less this year than in the same period in 2025.

Interestingly, a new business line (data center operations) helped Riot Platforms offset its apparent revenue decline.



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