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Bitcoin pulled back after hitting \$105,819, showing that bears are stepping in to protect the key resistance zone between \$107,000 and \$109,588. The first major support is at the \$100,000 mark, and below that, eyes are on the 20-day EMA, currently at \$97,238. If BTC bounces off this support range, bulls will likely make another attempt to break through \$109,588. A successful breakout above that could open the path for a run toward \$130,000. But if the price slips below the 20-day EMA, it signals that traders are starting to take profits at higher levels, which could drag the BTC/USDT pair down to \$93,000 and possibly even the 50-day SMA at \$89,302.

Ether bulls are trying to hold the price above the \$2,550 level, but bears are keeping the pressure on. If ETH drops below \$2,435, a move down to \$2,320 is likely. A bounce from \$2,320 could set the stage for another push higher. If ETH breaks past the resistance at \$2,850, the pair could make a run toward \$3,000. On the other hand, if the price slips below \$2,320, it could signal that bulls are exiting their positions and taking profits. That could send ETH down to the former breakout level at \$2,111, where buyers may try to step in again.

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 387th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$3.28 Trillion, Up 340 Billion since the last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is \$179.42 Billion which makes a 44.04% increase. The Fear & Greed index is 71% Greed and the Altcoin season index is 34%. The largest gainers in the industry right now are Polkadot Ecosystem and XRP Ledger Ecosystem cryptocurrencies.

Bitcoin's price has increased by 8.54% from \$94,450 last week to around \$102,520 and Ether's price has increased by 36.01% from \$1,805 last week to \$2,455. Bitcoin's market cap is \$2.04 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$1.24 Trillion.

Bitcoin kicked off the week on a cautious note, dipping below \$103,000 while traditional markets rallied. The S&P 500 and the US Dollar Index (DXY) both surged after the announcement of a US-China trade deal. Some traders think other risk assets are catching up to Bitcoin's earlier gains, and the strength in the US dollar is putting short-term pressure on BTC. Bitwise's André Dragosch highlighted on X that their proprietary Bitcoin indicator has hit its highest level of the year, a signal that has previously led to short-term corrections or sideways price action. Despite the uncertain near-term outlook, long-term bulls remain unfazed. Michael Saylor's MicroStrategy added 13,390 BTC between May 5 and May 11 at an average price just under \$100K, bringing their total holdings to a massive 568,840 Bitcoin.

Meanwhile, Coinbase made headlines by becoming the first crypto firm to join the S&P 500 index. The exchange will officially be added on May 19, replacing Discover Financial Services following its acquisition by Capital One. This inclusion is expected to boost COIN demand as S&P 500-tracking funds rebalance their portfolios. The stock popped nearly 9% in after-hours trading after the news broke, closing in on a market cap of \$52.8 billion.

In Washington, a shift in regulatory tone could be underway. SEC Chairman Paul Atkins, speaking at a roundtable on tokenization and digital assets, promised a break from the prior administration's enforcement-first style. He said the

Commission will now focus on crafting clear, practical rules for the crypto space, including token classification, custody frameworks, and trading standards. Atkins also highlighted the need for flexibility that would allow brokers to offer both security and non-security crypto products under one roof, hinting at a more forward-looking regulatory stance.

On the institutional side, crypto investment products continue to see strong inflows. Last week alone brought in \$882 million, with the past four weeks totaling \$6.3 billion—93% of all crypto fund inflows this year. That brings 2024's year-to-date tally to \$6.7 billion, just shy of the record \$7.3 billion hit back in February. In the US, Bitcoin ETFs have hit a new milestone, drawing \$62.9 billion in net inflows since their launch in January, surpassing the previous high of \$61.6 billion. Investor appetite for crypto exposure through regulated vehicles shows no signs of slowing down.

## Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	59.53%
ETH	8.25%
USDT	4.36%
XRP	4.09%
BNB	2.71%
SOL	2.61%
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# NOON CAPITAL LAUNCHES WITH A BOLD PROMISE: SMARTER YIELDS, FAIRER RETURNS, AND TRANSPARENT STAKING FOR ALL

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

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

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

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

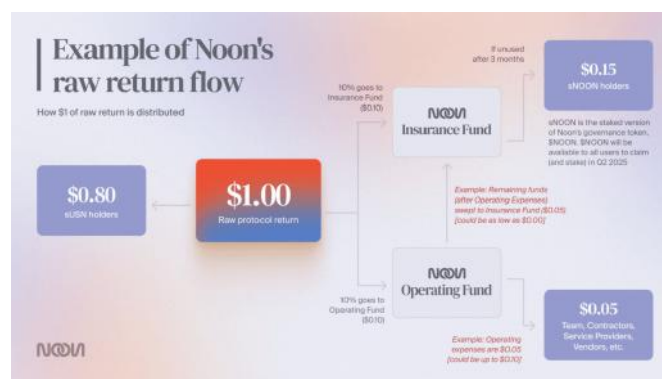
"We've designed Noon to generate top-tier returns regardless of market conditions," said (Spokesperson Name). "By staying delta-neutral and automating capital allocation between strategies, we're able to provide both yield and peace of mind. No unnecessary risk, no hype, just results."

The value proposition is clear:

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

“We’ve built Noon to be intelligent, fair, and resilient,” said (Spokesperson Name), (Designation). “But more than that, we’ve built it for users who are tired of being sidelined in protocols they helped grow. With Noon, they’re finally at the centre.”

Furthermore, Noon is currently live on Ethereum, ZKsync Era, and Sophon blockchain networks. Therefore, the users participating now can access

Noon across these chains and interact with USN and sUSN across different ecosystems.

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

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

All of these activities are listed on [Noon’s reward page](#), where users can track progress and plan their engagement based on current campaigns.

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

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

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## About Noon Capital

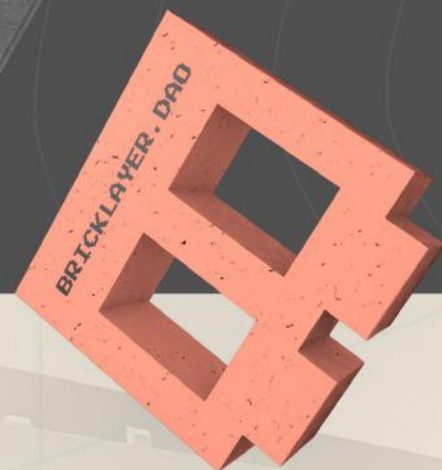
Noon Capital is a web3-native yield-generating stablecoin protocol focused on delivering intelligent, fair, and sustainable returns to its users. By using delta-neutral deployment strategies and a radically user-first tokenomics structure, Noon aims to set a new benchmark for what stablecoins can achieve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





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# ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

## BITCOIN EYES RECORD HIGH ABOVE \$109K AS U.S. CUTS TARIFFS ON CHINESE GOODS TO 30% FROM 145%

China said it will release a joint statement with the U.S. on what was achieved.

Bitcoin is nearing record highs as easing U.S.-China trade tensions and potential CPI slowdown could boost the market.

Bitcoin and major altcoins like Ether and DOGE have surged, with continued ETF inflows and stable implied volatility suggesting the rally could persist.

Bitcoin \$102,685.86 could soon hit record price highs, triggering accelerated gains in the wider altcoin market, as easing U.S.-China trade tensions may see markets react positively to a potential slowdown in the April CPI due this week.

The United States reached a trade agreement with China after two days of high-level negotiations in Geneva, U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Trade Representative Jamieson Greer announced on Sunday.

Both the countries announced a temporary reduction in tariffs with U.S. cutting tariffs on Chinese goods

from 145% to 30% for a 90-day period. In a reciprocal move, China will also lower tariffs on U.S. goods from 125% to 10% over the same duration. The surprise announcement triggered a surge in the bitcoin price, sending it past \$105,000.

The trade deal comes after weeks of a tit-for-tat trade war that saw both countries raise import tariffs above 100%, threatening to inject inflation into the global economy. As such, the positive March U.S. consumer price inflation data released last month was largely dismissed by investors and analysts as a lagging metric that didn't accurately reflect the escalating trade tensions.

The bears, however, cannot make that argument anymore, thanks to the trade deal.

So, a continued softening of CPI could raise Fed rate cut bets, providing a bullish catalyst for a BTC rally to record highs above \$110,000. On the other hand, a hotter-than-expected CPI could be dismissed as backwards-looking,

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## CZ Shares Security Warning After Ledger Discord Hack Exposes User Data

**C**hangpeng Zhao (CZ), founder and former CEO of Binance, shared a security warning after receiving a message regarding a hack of Ledger's Discord admin account, where a scammer falsely claimed a security flaw and urged users to enter their recovery phrases on a phishing site. Zhao highlighted two critical lessons: the necessity of never sharing private key recovery phrases, regardless of the requester, and the inherent vulnerabilities of social media accounts linked to cryptocurrency companies. The message from Ledger's Community Manager confirmed a recently discovered vulnerability that may have exposed

sensitive user data, including shipping details and recovery phrases. Users were urged to verify their recovery phrases through an official verification page and follow specific steps to secure their accounts and potentially receive compensation if their data was compromised.

Over the past 24 hours, bitcoin has drifted between \$103,133 and \$104,841, while South Korea's notorious premium quietly inverted, dipping into discount territory for several days this month.

Bitcoin has experienced an eventful week, buoyed by renewed appetite and reclaiming the \$100,000 milestone for the first time since February.

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## Meta Not Done With Crypto—Stablecoin Strategy Back On The Table

**M**eta is secretly pursuing a new direction into crypto, almost three years after it closed its struggling Diem project. The aim this time is not to build a new digital currency but to leverage current stablecoins to facilitate small payments between platforms such as Instagram.

The company, according to a report by Fortune, is in discussions with multiple crypto companies but has not agreed on a course of action yet.

Meta had once ambitious plans for its Libra venture, eventually rechristened Diem. That vision crashed in 2022 under massive pressure from US regula-



tors and politicians. The firm eventually sold the assets of Diem and bid goodbye to crypto — at least temporarily.

Now, with a new leadership group and more conservative strategy, Meta is reassessing the industry. Ginger Baker, hired in January as Vice President of Product, is spearheading initial discussions about leveraging stablecoins for business and creator payments. She has a financial technology and crypto background, which will likely inform

the company's next move.

**Stablecoins Could Power Creator Payments**

One of the key concepts under consideration is utilizing stablecoins such as USDC and USDT for remitting small payouts to creators and businesses globally. Instagram influencers, for instance, typically receive payments of approximately \$100 per transaction — sums that get devoured by conventional bank fees when remitted across borders.

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# FROM COFFEE BEANS TO CARBON CREDITS: HOW ALGORAND IS QUIETLY BUILDING THE FUTURE OF GLOBAL FINANCE

I used to think crypto's biggest challenge was mass adoption.

Turns out, I was wrong. The real challenge, and its biggest opportunity, is integration. Not just adoption for adoption's sake, but integration into the real world. Into finance, logistics, payments, identity, ownership, energy. That's where the trillion-dollar value is hiding, not in price charts or hype cycles, but in the quiet infrastructure being laid right under our noses.

That's where tokenization comes in. And if you haven't been paying attention, let me say this as clearly as I can: real-world asset (RWA) tokenization is the biggest on-chain transformation no one's talking about loud enough.

Goldman Sachs, Citi, even BlackRock's Larry Fink are on record: tokenization is the next frontier. Fink didn't mince words. He called it the "next generation for markets." And when a company managing \$11 trillion says that you pay attention.

So, what's the prize? Estimates put the total addressable market for real-world asset tokenization at \$30 trillion by 2030. Let that sink in. That's not some DeFi summer repeat. That's bigger than the entire crypto industry today by more than 10x. This is the narrative that rewrites everything we thought we knew about crypto's utility.

Here's the simplest way I explain it to people: tokenization is about taking anything, a building, a coffee shipment, a music royalty stream, even a plane ticket, and turning it into a tradable, verifiable digital token. Instantly transferable. Borderless. No intermediaries. No paperwork. No 3-day delays or wire fees. Just instant global ownership, with receipts etched onto the blockchain.

Now here's where it gets interesting. Of all the chains out there claiming to be "enterprise ready," one name keeps popping up again and again in real-world deployments: Algorand.

If you've been in the space for a while, you've probably heard of it. But what you might not know is that while others were chasing hype and DeFi TVL, Algorand quietly spent the last four years building infrastructure that actually works and then partnering with companies who use it.

And now it's paying off.

Algorand was launched in 2019 by Silvio Micali, an MIT professor and Turing Award winner. This isn't a moonboy founder. It's one of the actual fathers of modern cryptography. From day one, the mission was clear: build a blockchain that didn't force compromises. Fast and secure. Scalable and sustainable. Real decentralization without sacrificing performance.

They did it. Over 10,000 transactions per second. Finality in seconds. Fees that are fractions of a cent. And perhaps most notably, zero downtime. Ever. In an industry where “upgrades” often mean halts, forks, or chaos, that matters more than most people realize.

But what’s really making me lean in? The real-world traction.

Take Lofty, for example, a real estate investment platform where you can buy tokenized shares of properties starting at \$50. These aren’t theoretical tokens. They represent actual equity in real homes, including luxury Airbnbs. They’ve tokenized over 142 properties, worth more than \$35 million. Management is handled via a DAO. Rental income is distributed daily. It’s like Robinhood meets property investing, and it’s live right now.

Then there’s Exodus, the public crypto company, offering its actual stock as a blockchain-native token via Algorand. Not a synthetic. Not a wrapper. The real thing. You own shares, on chain. That’s a quiet revolution in capital markets.

In Latin America, Agrotoken is changing how farmers interact with banks. They tokenize corn and wheat, literally turning grain into on-chain collateral. It’s not just innovative. It’s already being used by banks in Argentina and Brazil. I’ve seen the Agrotoken UI. It’s clean. It works. And it’s changing lives.

Want another example? Airline tickets. Over 10 million tickets have been tokenized using Algorand by airlines like Viva Aerobus, the second largest in Mexico. These aren’t loyalty points. They’re real tickets, minted as NFTs. Resellable, transferable, more efficient than anything in Web2.

And then there’s the stuff that hits you in the heart. In Afghanistan, where traditional banking infrastructure is broken or non-existent, a platform called HabPay is using Algorand to send humanitarian aid directly to people’s phones. Not charities. Not middlemen. Just real money, real people, real hope.

The list keeps going.

Fractional solar panel ownership in Italy.

Supply chain traceability for Lavazza’s coffee.  
A digital Euro licensed by the Dutch central bank.

Music royalty streams tokenized and paid to over 25,000 investors.

Gold, silver, platinum, all tokenized and redeemable with MelGold.

Even Mastercard is getting in, integrating with Algorand for seamless crypto payments through Parah Wallet. The endgame is making crypto spending feel like using Apple Pay. No friction. Just function.

This isn’t vaporware. These are real, shipped products, tied to real assets, backed by real companies.

And that’s why I’m so convicted right now.

Because for years, we chased hype cycles. We bought narratives before they had substance. We got burned. And now, as the next wave builds, the real wave, it’s not the coins shouting the loudest that will win.

It’s the ones shipping quietly. Building deeply. Scaling sustainably.

Algorand may not dominate the headlines. But it’s already becoming the invisible backbone of the tokenized economy. And that \$30 trillion forecast? It won’t arrive in a single announcement. It’ll arrive like this, project by project, use case by use case, until one day, the question isn’t “Will crypto go mainstream?” but rather “How did we ever operate without it?”

And when that day comes, the chains that built the rails will be the ones holding the most value.

So yeah, I’m watching Algorand closely.

And if you care about the future of finance, you probably should be too.





## XRP payments coming to 6,000 US pharmacies in new \$50M healthcare deal

**W**ellgistics aims to cut transaction times from days to seconds by integrating XRP, disrupting pharmacy payment systems.

Pharmaceutical supply chain and technology firm Wellgistics Health has announced it will integrate XRP as a treasury asset and payments infrastructure across its pharmacy network.

The \$50 million capital facility, structured as an equity line, was arranged through LDA Capital, a private alternative investment group with prior involvement in crypto-backed funding strategies.

The agreement allows Wellgistics to draw funds at its discretion,

potentially issuing shares in exchange for capital. The move positions the firm to accelerate the deployment of its XRP-powered payment framework across over 6,000 independent pharmacies and over 150 contracted manufacturers nationwide.

XRP will serve dual functions in the system: first, as a balance sheet holding, and second, as the native asset to facilitate on-ledger payments between pharmacies, distributors, and manufacturers.

By operating through the XRP Ledger, Wellgistics aims to bypass traditional ACH systems and reduce transaction times from days to seconds.

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## Asset Management Giant BlackRock Held Meeting With SEC To Discuss Crypto Staking, Tokenization and More

**T**he biggest asset manager in the world met with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to discuss several aspects of its crypto market regulation.

According to a new memo, asset management giant BlackRock met with the SEC Crypto Task Force to discuss crypto staking, asset tokenization, the firm's



suite of digital asset products, crypto exchange-traded product (ETP) approval standards, as well as options on crypto ETPs.

On May 9th, 2025, Crypto Task Force Staff met with representatives from BlackRock, Inc. The topic discussed was approaches to addressing issues related to the regulation of crypto assets."

The SEC Crypto Task Force, led by Commissioner Hester Peirce, was launched in January 2025 by then Acting Chairman Mark

T. Uyeda to create clear crypto guidelines and provide realistic paths to registration.

Earlier this month, BlackRock, which has over \$11 trillion under its management, continued its expansion into the world of digital assets as it purchased billions of dollars worth of Bitcoin (BTC), the top crypto asset by market cap.

Data from Bitcoin Treasuries reveals that the iShares Bitcoin Trust (IBIT), BlackRock's BTC-based exchange-traded fund (ETF), currently has 620,252 BTC worth about \$64.327 billion.

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# AMERICA AT THE BRINK STRUCTURAL BREAKDOWN, MACRO CHAOS, AND WHY CRYPTO MAY BE THE ONLY SAFE BET LEFT

You can feel it in the markets. You can feel it in the headlines. And if you've been watching macro long enough, you can feel it in your gut. Something's cracking underneath the surface of the U.S. economy.

And this time, it's not just volatility. It's not just another cycle. What we're looking at is a deeper unravelling, a structural breakdown that even the most battle-tested investors are warning about openly now.

Ray Dalio, someone I've followed closely for years, recently called out what he sees as the end of American economic dominance. Not as a talking point. Not as a hedge. But as a serious, data-backed observation. According to Dalio, the Trump-era tariffs were more than just policy. They were the spark that ignited the kindling of decades-long fractures: in trade, in diplomacy, in the monetary system itself.

Deglobalization is here. And it's accelerating.

Countries like China and Japan are actively pulling back from U.S. debt and reducing their reliance on American financial systems. That matters. Because when your largest international lenders start disengaging, the only way to fund deficits is through

the one tool that destroys trust: printing money.

More printing means more debasement. More inflation. More pain for anyone holding cash or relying on fixed income strategies.

Dalio isn't the only voice raising alarms.

At a closed-door meeting with 500 of the world's top investors, Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorgan, reportedly said that a mild recession is now the best-case scenario and that was the optimistic take.

His concerns? Reckless fiscal policy. Endless debt. Escalating trade wars and a geopolitical climate that's more unstable than anything we've seen in the last 40 years.

Then there's Harry Dent, who for all his doom-and-gloom reputation has been oddly accurate about certain macro shocks in the past. He's now predicting a 50 to 80 percent market crash, driven by excessive leverage and artificially inflated valuations fuelled by years of money printing.

Normally I'd be sceptical. But the macro data is hard to ignore.



Q1 GDP shrank 0.3 percent. That's not a blip. That's a technical contraction.

Manufacturing numbers are collapsing. The regional Fed PMI indexes, early indicators of real economic health, are flashing red new orders are falling employment is slowing. Output is down, while the services sector is still limping along, the writing is on the wall. Historically, when manufacturing breaks down, services follow within months.

It's what I'd call a two-speed economy. And the slow gear is already broken.

All of this begs a simple, uncomfortable question.

What happens next?

If you're still running the old investment playbook, stocks, bonds, real estate, dollar-heavy portfolios, you're playing a game that's already changed.

You need a new strategy, one that starts with macro awareness, what I call being macaware, and ends with diversification into assets that sit outside the traditional system.

And yes, that means crypto, not the hype coins, not the meme tokens. But real assets with scarcity, utility, and sovereign independence.

When trust in governments and fiat systems falters, people don't just panic. They move their capital to where they feel safest. Historically, that was gold. Today, it's also Bitcoin.

Because Bitcoin doesn't care about elections. It doesn't care about interest rates, and it doesn't need permission from central banks to exist.

It just is.

Of course, crypto isn't immune to macro pressure, It's volatile, It's misunderstood, It's still early. But when you zoom out and really look at what's happening, it's clear that crypto represents more than just a speculative asset class.

It's a parallel system. A hedge against the exact breakdown that Dalio and others are describing in real-time.

Here's what I'm doing.

I'm staying liquid. I'm cutting exposure to over-leveraged positions. I'm holding more crypto and more precious metals, and I'm only investing in assets with real-world use cases, strong fundamentals, and clear value propositions that transcend hype cycles.

I'm watching bond markets, oil trends, and global capital flows like a hawk. Because those are the signals that often move before the headlines do.

And most importantly, I'm not ignoring these warnings.

Because this isn't fearmongering.

This is preparation.





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

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

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

Coinbase's trove of customer assets totals

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

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

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## UK to become 'safe harbor' for crypto with new draft rules — Experts

The UK has unveiled draft crypto rules that align digital assets with securities law, aiming to position the country as a "safe harbor."

On April 29, United Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves unveiled plans for a "comprehensive regulatory regime" aimed at making the country a global leader in digital assets.

Under the proposed rules, crypto exchanges, dealers and agents will be regulated similarly to traditional financial firms, with requirements for transparency, consumer protection and operational resilience, the UK Treasury said in a statement released following Reeves' remarks.

Per the statement, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Cryptoassets) Order 2025 introduces six new regulated activities, including crypto trading, custody, and staking.

Rather than opting for a light-touch regime similar to the EU's Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCA), the UK is applying the full weight of securities regulation to crypto, according to UK-based law firm Wiggin. That includes capital requirements, governance standards, market abuse rules, and disclosure obligations.

"The UK's draft crypto regulations represent a meaningful step toward embracing a rules-based digital asset economy," Dante Disparte, chief strategy officer and head of global policy at Circle, told Cointelegraph.

"By signaling a willingness to provide regulatory clarity, the UK is positioning itself as a safe harbor for responsible innovation."

Disparte added that the proposed framework can provide the predictability needed to "scale responsible digital financial infrastructure in the UK."



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## Uniswap becomes first DEX to hit \$3T in all-time volume

The decentralized exchange has hit a total volume milestone, but TVL remains about half of what it was in 2021.

Decentralized exchange Uniswap has hit a whopping \$3 trillion in aggregate all-time volume, the first decentralized exchange to hit the number.

Uniswap founder Hayden Adams noted the achievement in an X post on May 12, which included a screenshot of a Dune Analytics dashboard counting down to the milestone.

Uniswap also has a current daily volume of \$3.3 billion, according to Dune. DeFillama meanwhile shows Uniswap is the leading DEX with a 23% market share in daily volumes, which it reports as slightly lower at \$3 billion over the past 24 hours.

The second-largest DEX in volume is PancakeSwap, with \$2.7 billion and a 21% DEX market share.

Uniswap has a current total value locked of just under \$5 billion. However, this figure is around half of its 2021 all-time high, as overall DeFi total value locked (TVL) is about half of what it was in late 2021.

DeFillama reports a DeFi TVL of \$124 billion, while DappRadar reports \$132 billion, with more than half of this total on Ethereum.

The DEX's native token, Uniswap UNI \$6.65, has not mirrored the platform's performance and remains down more than 84% from its peak price of \$45 four years ago in May 2021.

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## Brian Armstrong Says Coinbase Considered Putting 80% of Balance Sheet to Crypto, but Decided Against It: Report

The CEO of the largest digital asset exchange in the US reportedly says Coinbase explored investing most of its cash reserve in Bitcoin (BTC).

Brian Armstrong says that Coinbase previously considered the idea of adopting the same

crypto investment strategy taken by Bitcoin bull Michael Saylor, reports Bloomberg.

"There were definitely moments over the last 12 years where we thought, man, should we put 80% of our balance sheet into crypto – into Bitcoin, specifically." But Coinbase eventually



decided against the idea because it could jeopardize the company's cash position as a startup and even potentially cause its demise.

"We made a conscious choice about risk."

Coinbase CFO Alesia Haas supports the move, explaining that the company doesn't want to appear as

though it's stockpiling Bitcoin in competition with its own customers.

While the crypto exchange abandoned its massive Bitcoin accumulation plan, its latest shareholder letter shows that the firm spent \$153 million in Q1 of this year to accumulate digital assets, mostly in Bitcoin. The company now holds \$1.3 billion in crypto.

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# Malaysia's Largest Energy Firm Reports 300% Rise in Crypto-Linked Power Theft

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

Malaysia's top energy provider says illegal crypto mining is straining the grid, with electricity thefts tripling since 2018.

Electricity theft cases jumped from 300% in 2018 to 2024 as crypto mining in the country grows.

Joint operations with authorities have shut

down numerous illegal mining operations nationwide.

Some property owners report bills of up to \$278,400 as tenants set up unauthorized mining rigs.

Malaysia's largest national electric utility company, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), is helping authorities crack down on electricity theft tied to illegal crypto mining operations in the country, which it claims has jumped nearly 300% over the last six years.



The surge in complaints "reflects increasing public awareness of reporting on illicit crypto mining activities," according to a statement provided by TNB to local media on Monday.

Of the 610 cases it first discovered in 2018, the number has risen to

2,397 cases by 2024, TNB said.

The increase is attributed to unauthorized miners siphoning subsidized electricity through tampered or bypassed meters, costing the company hundreds of millions and destabilizing the grid, it claimed.

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## Conor McGregor takes talk of an Irish Bitcoin strategic reserve to the public

Conor McGregor sparks national debate about an Irish Bitcoin strategic reserve, highlighting the growing role of digital assets in Europe.

UFC superstar Conor McGregor has endorsed the idea of an Irish Bitcoin strategic reserve, sparking renewed debate about the country's financial future and the role of digital assets in its national policy.

In a post on X that garnered over half a million views within hours, McGregor wrote:

"Crypto in its origin was founded to give power back to the people. An Irish Bitcoin strategic reserve will give power to the people's money. I will

be cohosting a Twitter space to talk about what I want to see changed. Victory to Ireland!"

McGregor throwing his significant weight behind such a policy brings a conversation usually reserved for crypto enthusiasts and policymakers into the mainstream. By framing Bitcoin as a way to empower ordinary Irish citizens, he's elevating the topic to the broader public. His announcement of a Twitter Space on it shows his intent to keep the conversation going and potentially influence decision-makers at a key time for digital asset adoption in Europe.

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# Pudgy Penguins Further Expands Into Blockchain Gaming With Launch of Pengu Clash on TON



**P**udgy Penguins, one of the most successful NFT brands of all-time, today announced the launch of Pengu Clash, a new blockchain-based game debuting on the TON blockchain. The fast-paced multiplayer skill game offers fans a new way to interact with the Pudgy Penguins IP—now reaching more than 1 billion users on Telegram.

As part of its broader mission to make Web3 accessible and fun, Pudgy Penguins is bringing its universe of adorable characters to the TON ecosystem through engaging mini-games, collectible customization, and delightful character progression. With Pengu Clash, fans of all experience levels can join the adventure thanks to a

simple and seamless onboarding process.

In Pengu Clash, players control personalized teams of cute penguins, known as “Pengus,” across a variety of fun mini-games including Darts, Football, and Bomber. Each session is quick, replayable, and focuses on enjoyment and rewarding skill. With unlockable gear, accessories, and team cosmetics, the game doubles as a creative canvas where players can express their own style through their favorite penguin characters.

The game introduces a “Play2Win” model that rewards skill and consistency, encourages friendly competition, and does not rely on any chance-based.

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# 98% of Tokens on Pump.fun Are Rug Pulls or Fraud

**O**nly 97,000 of 7 million analyzed Solana tokens maintained \$1,000+ liquidity, showing how few survive the initial pump phase.

A new report from Solidus Labs has exposed a huge amount of what it calls “fraudulent” activity on the Solana blockchain.

The findings revealed that 98.6% of tokens launched on Pump.fun could be classified as either rug pulls or pump-and-dump schemes.

Solana: A Hotbed for Meme Coin Scams?

In its report, the crypto surveillance firm pointed to Solana’s low fees and user-friendly decentralized exchanges (DEX) as key reasons why it has become a hotspot for meme coin speculation.

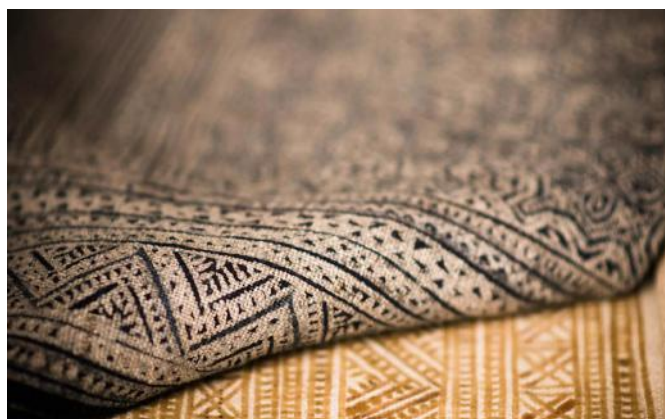
“Investors beware as the Solana ecosystem continues to grow, it’s increasingly becoming

ground zero for meme-coin fraud,” Solidus warned.

At the heart of this growth is Pump.fun, a Solana-based token-generating platform, which has seen daily trading volumes exceed \$100 million. According to Solidus, this figure was mainly driven by speculative meme coin activity.

Between January 2024 and March 2025, over 7 million tokens were deployed with at least five trades each. Of these, only 97,000 retained liquidity above \$1,000. The report concludes that 98.6% of tokens on the platform collapsed into worthless pump-and-dump schemes shortly after launch.

Earlier in the year, CryptoPotato reported on a Pump.fun user who created at least 18,000 coins and netted more than \$3.7 million from rapid price pumps and strategic exits.



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## Vice President JD Vance to Headline Bitcoin Conference, Following Trump's Lead



Vice President JD Vance will speak at Bitcoin 2025 in Las Vegas later this month, one year after President Trump headlined in Nashville.

Vice President JD Vance will be the headline speaker at this month's Bitcoin 2025 conference.

President Trump spoke at Bitcoin 2024 in Nashville while on the campaign trail.

Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump are also scheduled to appear at this year's event.

Vice President JD Vance is set to headline the world's biggest Bitcoin conference, one year after President Donald Trump spoke at the event.

Bitcoin 2025's organizers announced the news

Friday, noting that it would be the first time a vice president has ever headlined a crypto event to make public support of Bitcoin. A source familiar with the vice president's schedule confirmed to Decrypt that he will speak at the conference.

Last year, President Trump spoke at July's Bitcoin 2024 conference in Nashville, Tennessee, ahead of his November win and return to the White House.

The Republican president, who promised to help the industry during his campaign, said at the conference that all future Bitcoin should be minted by U.S. businesses, and urged investors to never sell their stash.

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## Brazil Names City of Belo Horizonte the 'Capital of Bitcoin'

Belo Horizonte's city council has officially declared the city the "Capital of Bitcoin" in a 20–8 vote, sparking national debate.

The city council of Belo Horizonte has voted to declare the city the "Capital of Bitcoin." The decision came during a heated session earlier this week, where 20 councilors supported the bill, 8 opposed, and 6 chose to abstain.

Councilman Vile Santos introduced the proposal, saying Bitcoin represents economic freedom and innovation. He cited the US government's move to build a crypto reserve as an example of global adoption.

**Political Divide Over Bitcoin in Belo Horizonte**  
The vote has started a debate between left-wing and right-wing councilors. Councilwoman Luiza Dulci of the Workers'

Party argued that Bitcoin has no intrinsic value and lacks regulation. She questioned what kind of jobs or income Bitcoin could generate for residents.

In response, Santos insisted that it is not a political tool but a financial asset. "This isn't about ideology," he said. "Bitcoin is a digital asset. Let's bring innovation and crypto to Belo Horizonte's economy."

Another councilor noted that more than 2 million people in Minas Gerais already use Bitcoin. Supporters of the bill believe the city can become a hub for digital finance and tech-driven business.

With Ethereum pushing past \$2,400 and the Pectra upgrade driving fresh inflows, momentum is building. The upcoming ETH futures launch on Brazil's B3 exchange could strengthen that trend further.



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