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LETTER

Bitcoin briefly slipped below the 20-day EMA near \$68,553 on Friday, but sellers failed to push the price below the rising support line. That reaction suggests buyers are still stepping in at lower levels and defending the structure. If BTC manages to hold above the 20-day EMA, the probability of a breakout above the \$74,508 resistance increases. A clean move through that level would indicate that the recent correction may have already found a short-term bottom. In that scenario, momentum could build toward the \$84,000 region, where sellers are likely to step in aggressively and attempt to cap the rally. However, this bullish outlook quickly weakens if price turns lower again and breaks beneath the support line. A breakdown there could open the door for another move toward the major psychological support around \$60,000.

Ether also dipped below its 20-day EMA near \$2,018 but failed to attract strong follow-through selling. Bears attempted to push ETH toward \$1,750 but demand appeared before reaching that level, suggesting the downside momentum is fading for now. Bulls are now attempting to reclaim the 20-day EMA and stabilize price above it. If that happens, ETH could move toward the 50-day SMA near \$2,249, which is the next key test for buyers. Sellers will likely defend that level, but a breakout could extend the recovery toward \$2,600. On the other hand, if ETH rejects near \$2,111 and drops below \$1,916, the pair may continue trading sideways within its broader consolidation range.

BNB also slipped below its 20-day EMA near \$633 but buyers quickly appeared before price could test the \$570 support. That bounce shows demand still exists on dips. Bulls are now attempting to reclaim the 20-day EMA and build momentum toward the \$670 resistance. This level remains a critical barrier, and sellers are expected to defend it strongly. A breakout above \$670 could accelerate the move toward \$730 and potentially \$790. However, if BNB fails to hold current levels and falls back toward \$570, the range structure would remain intact. A breakdown under \$570 could expose the next major downside target near \$500.

XRP has been hovering just below the 20-day EMA around \$1.39, with bulls repeatedly attempting to push price higher. The persistent pressure suggests buyers are gradually absorbing supply. If XRP closes above the 20-day EMA, the next resistance sits near \$1.61, followed by the descending channel trendline. A breakout above that trendline would signal a potential short-term reversal and attract fresh momentum traders. However, failure to break the EMA combined with a drop below \$1.27 would indicate bulls are losing control. In that case, XRP may slide toward the lower channel support where buyers could reappear.

Trader's Outlook:

The market is currently showing early signs of stabilization after a volatile correction phase. Bitcoin remains the key driver, and holding above the 20-day EMA would improve sentiment across the board. A confirmed break above \$74,508 could trigger momentum and short covering in BTC. Until that happens, traders should expect choppy movement inside the current range. Ether's recovery attempt depends heavily on reclaiming \$2,018 and pushing toward \$2,249. If ETH fails there, the asset could continue consolidating before its next major move. BNB is quietly building strength, but the \$670 level remains the gatekeeper for a stronger rally. A close above that level would likely attract momentum traders. XRP continues to compress just below resistance and could be setting up for a volatility expansion. The key trigger for XRP remains a breakout above \$1.61 and the descending trendline. Across the market, traders should watch for confirmation rather than anticipate moves. Liquidity remains cautious and breakouts may need multiple attempts before succeeding. Risk management and patience remain essential as the market decides its next directional move.

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 417th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$2.39 trillion, Up \$50 billion since last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is \$107.36 billion, which makes a 29.45% increase in the last 24 hours. The Fear & Greed index is 25% Fear and the Altcoin season index is 37% which makes a 1% increase since last week.

Bitcoin's price has increased by 2.59% from \$68,475 last week to around \$70,250 and Ether's price has increased by 1.74% from \$2,015 last week to \$2,050 Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.40 trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$990 Billion

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Beyond price action, institutional experimentation with blockchain infrastructure continues to expand. Global insurance giant Aon recently completed a pilot program using stablecoins to settle insurance premium payments for clients including Coinbase and Paxos. The move highlights how tokenized dollars are slowly

entering traditional financial rails, especially after the passage of stablecoin-focused legislation last year. With global insurers writing trillions of dollars in premiums annually, even small adoption of blockchain settlement systems could significantly expand crypto's role in financial services.

Regulatory developments remain mixed across regions. In South Korea, the Bithumb exchange is facing potential penalties over alleged anti-money laundering and customer verification shortcomings. Authorities are considering a partial business suspension that could limit new users from withdrawing assets, though the process remains in a preliminary stage. Meanwhile in the United States, former CFTC chairman Chris Giancarlo emphasized that traditional banks need clear crypto regulations more urgently than the crypto industry itself. According to Giancarlo, uncertainty around digital asset rules is preventing banks from investing billions into blockchain infrastructure, even as the technology continues to evolve.

Coinbase launched futures contracts for traders across Europe, marking the first time the exchange has offered regulated crypto derivatives directly to users in the region. The products are being progressively rolled out through Coinbase Advanced in 26 European countries, including Germany, France, and the Netherlands, offered through its MiFID II.A license through Markets in Financial Instruments Directive, or MiFID, grants firms permission to offer traditional financial products like stocks, bonds, derivatives, and similar products to EU customers. Although Coinbase is a crypto exchange and offering crypto-based derivatives, those contracts still fall under MiFID. The new product suite includes perpetual-style futures and dated contracts with monthly or quarterly expirations. The perpetual-style contracts carry five-year expiries, while the lineup also features an equity-index product called the Mag7 + Crypto Equity Index Futures, which combines exposure to the Magnificent Seven tech stocks with crypto-linked equities and BlackRock iShares ETFs tied to Bitcoin and Ethereum.

Market Outlook:

The crypto market is currently balancing between cautious optimism and macro uncertainty. Bitcoin reclaiming \$70,000 shows that buyers are still willing to defend key psychological levels. ETF inflows suggest institutional interest has not disappeared, although the pace remains moderate. The market may continue to consolidate rather than trend strongly in the immediate term. Liquidity conditions remain tight, and traders are still reacting heavily to macro signals. Stablecoin adoption in traditional finance continues to grow, which supports the long-term narrative for digital assets. Regulatory clarity remains a major catalyst that could unlock stronger institutional participation. Short-term volatility is likely to remain elevated as traders test resistance and support zones. If Bitcoin holds above the \$70,000 region, confidence may gradually return to the broader market. However, failure to sustain this level could trigger another wave of cautious selling. For now, the market appears to be stabilizing rather than entering a confirmed uptrend.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	58.85%
ETH	10.36%
USDT	7.71%
BNB	3.69%
SOL	2.07%
Others	17.33%

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- Financial Architecture Designed for Success.
- Designed by UK Financial Ltd.
- Progression-Based Economies.



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

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

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

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

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

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

The Road Ahead

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



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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN TUMBLES BELOW \$66,000 AS OIL PRICES EXPLODE NEARLY 20% HIGHER

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Oil has opened the week trading nearly 20% higher after no sign of any cooling in the war against Iran.

The spike in oil prices has sent bitcoin and stocks sharply lower.

In what's become a familiar scenario in crypto over the past few months, prices are starting the week on the wrong foot.

After little sign over the weekend of any de-escalation in the U.S. war against Iran, the price of oil has exploded higher in Sunday evening U.S. trade. April WTI crude oil futures are currently up 19.1% to \$108.35 per barrel. That's roughly double the price at the start of 2026 and the highest level in about four years.

That surge, in turn, has sent U.S. stock index futures down by nearly 2% across the board. Futures for Japan's Nikkei 225 are lower by 3.1% shortly before

that stock market opens for Monday trade.

Bitcoin BTC \$70,141.95 is lower by 2% and trading just below \$66,000. Ether (ETH) and solana (SOL) are down closer to 1.4%.

A check of other commodity prices finds the precious metals and copper all trading modestly lower.

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Ethereum Co-Founder Sends \$157 Million ETH to Kraken, Sparking Insider-Selling Fears

Ethereum co-founder Jeffrey Wilcke transferred nearly \$157 million worth of ETH to the Kraken exchange.

This selling actions follows that of another insider Vitalik Buterin who sold roughly \$35 million worth of ETH.

As a result, ETH continues to face significant selling pressure as it continues to struggle below \$2,000.

October and has since almost halved to \$67,000. Ether has had a much steeper fall, down over 60% from highs above \$4,950 in August last year.

Ethereum co-founder Jeffrey Wilcke transferred 79,258 ETH (worth nearly \$157 million) to the Kraken exchange on March 7.

Typically, asset transfers of this magnitude to an exchange are interpreted by the market as a clear signal to liquidate.

Interestingly, analysts at blockchain analytical firm SpotOnChain noted a distinct “round-trip” pattern in the transactions.

According to them, these same wallets withdrew the exact amount of ETH from Kraken roughly 10 months ago.

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South Korean Authorities Exclude Stablecoins From Corporate Crypto Investments

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

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



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

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

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

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

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Banking Giant Barclays Mulls Crypto Payments Push: Bloomberg

Publicly traded banking giant Barclays is considering making a push into crypto payments and deposits, according to a report from Bloomberg.

Barclays has requested information from technology providers regarding a potential push into blockchain, according to Bloomberg.

The banking giant is said to be considering tokenized deposits and stablecoin payments. Earlier this year, the firm made an investment in stablecoin settlement firm, Ubyx.

Publicly traded banking institution Barclays (BCS) is reportedly gathering information for a potential push into blockchain, according to a Friday report from Bloomberg.

Sources familiar with the matter said the firm has requested information from “technology suppliers” while it considers a path forward. Its utilization of blockchain may include tokenized deposits and stablecoins, the report said.

The U.K.-based banking institution appears to be warming to crypto, investing in stablecoin settlement startup Ubyx after being named as one of a number of leading international banks exploring the joint issuance of a stablecoin last fall.

“Specialist technology will play a pivotal role in delivering connectivity and infrastructure to enable regulated financial institutions to interact seamlessly,” Barclays Head of Digital Assets Ryan Hayward said at the time of the Ubyx investment.

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BTC Markets eyes RWA trading license amid global tokenization wave

The roughly \$26 billion in tokenized assets onchain today “is really just the proof of concept,” said BTC Markets CEO Lucas Dobbins.

Australian crypto exchange BTC Markets has notified

the country’s securities regulator, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, of its intention to apply for a markets license to offer regulated tokenized real-world assets (RWAs).



“Our plan is to obtain licensing infrastructure that enables particular types of tokenized assets to be offered and available to the public,” said BTC Markets CEO Lucas Dobbins on Monday.

The vision is a world where tokenized equities, bonds and real-world assets will trade alongside cryptocurrencies, markets will operate continuously, and settlement will be instant, he added.

Speaking to Cointelegraph, Dobbins said, “the roughly \$26 billion in tokenized assets on-chain today is really just the proof of concept.”

Even conservative forecasts suggest tokenized markets could reach around \$2 trillion by 2030, while others, such as the Boston Consulting Group, have estimated the opportunity as high as \$16 trillion, he added.

“What’s changed is that this is no longer theoretical. Institutions like BlackRock, Goldman Sachs, and JPMorgan are already launching real products.”

BTC Markets is aiming to join the likes of Kraken and Robinhood, which began offering tokenized RWAs in 2025.

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The crypto market is maturing fast, and investors are getting smarter. Speculation alone no longer drives serious capital. Investors want security, transparency, and proof of compliance. This shift is pushing many toward regulated crypto ecosystems built on solid foundations. **MayaPro** Wallet, part of the UK Financial Ltd ecosystem, was designed for exactly this purpose. It offers investors a trusted gateway to gold-backed and regulated tokens. This article explores why MayaPro Wallet continues to earn long-term investor confidence.

The Importance of Regulation in Modern Crypto Investing

The crypto market has matured significantly over the past few years. Investors now understand that innovation alone is not enough. Without proper regulation, digital assets carry serious financial and legal risks. Many early projects failed simply because they lacked regulatory structure and accountability.

Regulated crypto ecosystems give investors a clear framework for protection. They ensure that token issuers meet legal requirements before reaching the public. From a practical standpoint, this reduces fraud and increases market stability. Research suggests that regulated platforms attract more institutional capital than unregulated ones.

In 2025 and into 2026, global regulators have

intensified their focus on digital asset compliance. The U.S. SEC has continued pushing for security token frameworks that mirror traditional financial standards. Standards like ERC-3643 have emerged as leading compliance tools in this space. They enforce built-in KYC verification and automated transfer restrictions directly on-chain. As of early 2026, the global market for tokenized real-world assets (RWAs) has surpassed \$15 billion, driven largely by these regulated frameworks.

Regulatory compliance is now the single biggest factor in investor trust. Without it, even gold-backed assets struggle to gain institutional adoption. Compliance signals seriousness and separates credible projects from short-term speculation. This is evidenced by the European Union's full implementation of the MiCA framework in late 2025, which has standardized licensing across 27 member states.

Top Features That Make MayaPro Wallet Different

1. Gold-Backed Assets

MayaPro Wallet gives investors access to tokens backed by real precious metal reserves. UK Financial Ltd owns eight audited gold and silver mines in Mexico, providing genuine physical collateral. This is not a promise on paper. Every token has verified commodity value standing behind it. For investors

tired of speculative assets, gold-backed tokens offer a meaningful and tangible alternative.

2. Bank-Grade Security

MayaPro Wallet uses bank-level encryption to protect every user account and transaction. Your wallet data is encrypted locally and never stored on external servers. No IP tracking, no analytics, and no personal data collection takes place at any point. In 2026, over 80% of cyber attacks now use AI-powered methods, making this level of protection more important than ever before.

3. ERC-3643 Compliance

ERC-3643, also known as the T-REX Protocol, is an open-source suite of smart contracts enabling the issuance, management, and transfer of permissioned tokens with a built-in decentralized identity framework. MayaPro Wallet is built to fully support this standard. While the SEC continues to engage with tokenization standards, ERC-3643 has gained significant traction through the ERC-3643 Association, which includes over 60 ecosystem members and has facilitated the tokenization of billions in assets across multiple global jurisdictions. Every token transfer is independently verified before execution.

4. Non-Custodial Control

With MayaPro Wallet, you own your private keys completely. The platform never has access to your funds or personal data. Approximately 59% of users now prefer non-custodial wallets, and that preference is growing for good reason. Custodial platforms can freeze accounts, face regulatory seizure, or collapse entirely. Non-custodial wallets eliminate that counterparty risk from day one.

5. Instant Transactions

MayaPro Wallet is built for speed, processing transactions quickly with minimal network fees. Slow confirmations and high gas costs have long frustrated crypto investors. This wallet is optimized to avoid both problems. Whether you are managing daily trades or longer-term holdings, fast and affordable transactions make portfolio management far more practical.

6. Multi-Chain Support

MayaPro Wallet supports assets across Ethereum,

Solana, and Bitcoin networks. Investors no longer need separate wallets for different blockchains. Everything is accessible from a single, unified interface built for simplicity. As of 2025, ERC-3643 adoption is growing in multi-chain environments, and MayaPro is built to meet that expanding infrastructure head-on.

7. Progressive Web App

MayaPro Wallet is a Progressive Web Application, meaning it installs directly to your device like a native app. It works offline and loads quickly without requiring an app store download. Desktop and mobile experiences are equally full-featured. Investors can check balances, review transactions, and manage their holdings from anywhere, at any time, without interruption.

8. Real-Time Portfolio Tracking

MayaPro Wallet gives investors live price updates and real-time portfolio visibility. You can track the performance of MPRA, SMPRA, WMPRA, and SMCAT tokens from a single dashboard. There is no need to log into multiple platforms or export data manually. Informed decisions start with accurate, up-to-the-minute information, and MayaPro delivers that consistently.

Spotlight: Get Early Access to VENUS Coin Through MayaPro Wallet

VENUS is the first premium digital asset launched under UK Financial Ltd's Maya Meme's division. It combines a 500,000,000-supply ERC-20 trading token with a fixed 500-piece high-grade NFT collection, anchored by the 1-of-1 Venus Genesis asset. Early access through MayaPro Wallet gives investors a direct and simple entry point.

1. Fund With USDT: Add USDT to your MayaPro Wallet using the Ethereum blockchain network only. Do not use other networks, as they are not compatible with this process.

2. Hold Some ETH: Keep a small amount of ETH in your wallet to cover Ethereum gas fees. Without ETH, your VENUS transaction cannot be processed on-chain.

3. Buy at Launch Price: Purchase VENUS Coin directly inside MayaPro Wallet at the launch price of

\$0.01. Early participants lock in the lowest available entry point in the ecosystem.

The VENUS contract address is 0x50EaE8c782D476386C271DBee094Bf6B2040130C fully verifiable on Etherscan. You can confirm your holding and total supply at any time. VENUS is live on the CATEX exchange under the VENUS/USDT trading pair. Monitor price movements and volume directly through the exchange or your wallet dashboard.

Who Should Consider a MayaPro Wallet?

1. Asset-Backed Investors

Investors who want real commodity value behind their digital holdings will find MayaPro a strong fit. Each supported token is linked to verified gold and silver reserves owned by UK Financial Ltd. This is not speculative exposure. It is a structured position in a precious metals-backed digital asset ecosystem with audited collateral.

2. Long-Term Builders

MayaPro Wallet suits investors who think in years, not days. The ecosystem is built around phased token growth, compliance infrastructure, and expanding utility. Research suggests that long-term holders of asset-backed tokens outperform short-term traders during periods of market volatility. MayaPro's structure rewards patience and consistent portfolio building over time.

3. Compliance-Focused Holders

For investors who prioritize regulatory standing, MayaPro offers one of the most structured environments available. ERC-3643 compliance, built-in KYC, and SEC recognition across multiple jurisdictions make this wallet a serious choice. Many institutional-grade investors are now requiring compliance documentation before committing capital. MayaPro meets that standard without compromise.

4. Risk-Aware Participants

Investors who have experienced losses from unregulated or anonymous crypto projects will appreciate MayaPro's transparency. Every wallet, reserve, and smart contract is publicly auditable on Etherscan. No executive withdrawals, no hidden token allocations, and no anonymous founders.

From a risk management standpoint, that level of openness is rare and genuinely valuable.

5. Privacy-Conscious Users

MayaPro Wallet collects no personal data, tracks no IP addresses, and runs no background analytics whatsoever. Your wallet data is encrypted locally and never uploaded to any external server. For investors who value financial privacy alongside compliance, this combination is difficult to find elsewhere. MayaPro delivers both without asking you to choose one over the other.

6. New Market Entrants

First-time crypto investors often hit a wall when faced with complex interfaces and unclear onboarding. MayaPro's simple setup, Progressive Web App format, and guided KYC process make entry accessible for everyone. The wallet removes technical barriers without removing any features experienced investors depend on. It is genuinely built for anyone ready to start investing with confidence.

Conclusion

MayaPro Wallet brings together gold-backed assets, ERC-3643 compliance, and full private key ownership in one place. That combination is rare. The platform does not chase trends. Without a doubt, the foundation here is stronger than most. That alone makes it worth serious consideration.





Circle moves \$68 million in just 30 minutes by using its own stablecoin for internal payments

The stablecoin issuer used its Mint platform for intercompany transfers, replacing bank wires that often take days to settle, CEO Jeremy Allaire said.

Stablecoin issuer Circle settled \$68 million across its eight entities using USDC, circumventing banking rails with transfers completing in under 30 minutes, CEO Jeremy Allaire said.

The firm said the workflow replaces bank wires that typically take one to three days to clear

Broader product updates to Circle Mint aimed at multi-entity treasury operations are expected in March.

Circle has begun using its own stablecoin

infrastructure to move money between internal entities, settling \$68 million in transfers using USDC, CEO Jeremy Allaire said Saturday.

The transactions were executed through Circle Mint, the company's platform for minting and redeeming USDC. The firm's treasury team used the system to carry out intercompany transfer pricing — routine internal payments between subsidiaries — that would normally be handled via bank wires.

Those transfers often take one to three days to settle and depend on banking hours and cut-off windows. Meanwhile, stablecoin settlement runs around the clock, and the company completed the transfers in under 30 minutes, Allaire said in the X post.

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

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

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

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

result in deals or secure the targeted valuation.

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

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



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

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

What Is a Crypto Wallet?

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



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

Types of Crypto Wallets

Hot Wallets

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

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

Cold Wallets (Hardware Wallets)

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

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



Mobile Wallets

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

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

Browser Extension Wallets

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

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

MPC Wallets

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

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

Top 10 Crypto Wallets in 2026

1. Base App

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

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

Key Features:

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

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

2. MetaMask

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

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

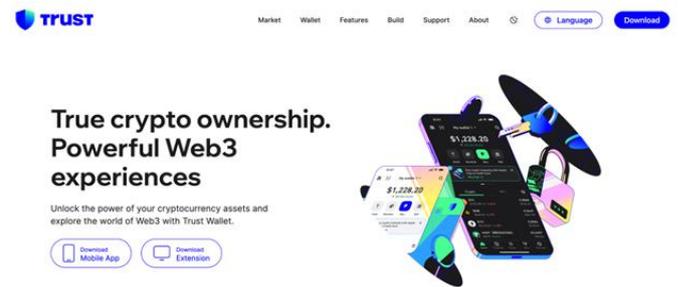
Key Features:

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

3. Trust Wallet

Moving on to number three, Trust Wallet has become

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



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

Key Features:

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

4. Exodus

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

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

Key Features:

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

5. ZenGo

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



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

Key Features:

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

6. Ledger Flex

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

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

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

Key Features:

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

7. Phantom Wallet

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

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

Key Features:

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

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

8. Tangem Wallet

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

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

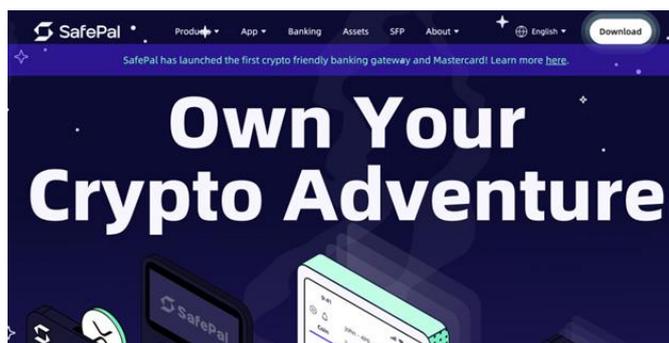
Key Features:

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

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

9. SafePal

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



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

Key Features:

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

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

10. Trezor Safe 3 / Trezor Safe 7

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

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

Key Features:

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



Key Crypto Wallet Security Features to Look For in 2026

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

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

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

FAQs

What is the safest crypto wallet in 2026?

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

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

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

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

Can I use multiple crypto wallets?

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

What happens if I lose my hardware wallet?

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

Are crypto wallets free?

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

Which crypto wallet supports the most coins?

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

Is MetaMask safe in 2026?

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

Takeaway

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

The wallets covered in this guide represent the very best the market has to offer right now, each built for a different type of user. We encourage our readers to follow our publication for deeper insights, expert reviews, and ongoing analysis as this space continues to evolve. Cryptonaire Weekly is one of the oldest and most trusted sources of crypto news, analysis, and blockchain insights available today.

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Aave Users Reach Record as Traders Quietly Shift Capital Toward DeFi Lending

With fewer low-risk yield strategies in crypto, investors are turning to DeFi lending, sending Aave usage to record levels.

Aave's monthly active users hit an all-time high of ~155,000 in February, up roughly 100% in six months.

The surge was driven by rising ETH supply rates and the collapse of the basis trade, analysts say.

The Aave Chan Initiative, one of Aave's most influential governance groups, announced its shutdown last week after a transparency dispute with Aave Labs.

Monthly active users on DeFi lending protocol Aave reached roughly 155,000 in February,

marking an all-time high and nearly doubling over the past six months.

The rise in users comes as investors increasingly seek yield through decentralized lending protocols, according to on-chain analytics platform Token Terminal data.

Sean Dawson, head of research at on-chain options platform Derive, told Decrypt that market dynamics appeared to be the primary driver behind the swelling of users.

"The largest trade in crypto, the basis trade, has collapsed in recent months," Dawson said. "Users used to be able to earn 10–30% or just by holding sUSDe, now this is less than 4%."

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SEC pressure on crypto giants fades as Trump-linked project draws \$75M from Justin Sun



Sun's \$10 million settlement and earlier Binance relief reduce legal overhang as Trump-linked projects sit close to key distribution channels.

On Mar. 5, Justin Sun reached a \$10 million settlement with the SEC to resolve a civil fraud case that alleged he generated \$31 million through wash-trading-style transactions and undisclosed celebrity promotions.

The settlement, which requires court approval and includes no admission of wrongdoing, moves the case toward dismissal.

The same day, US banking regulators announced that banks won't face additional capital charges for

tokenized securities compared to traditional ones. This technology-neutral framing represents another brick removed from crypto's regulatory wall.

Sun's settlement lands a year into the President Donald Trump administration's regulatory retrenchment.

In May 2025, the SEC dismissed its civil lawsuit against Binance with prejudice. In October 2025, Trump pardoned Binance founder Changpeng "CZ" Zhao, who had pleaded guilty in November 2023 to anti-money-laundering and unlicensed money-transmission violations, paid billions in fines, and served four months.

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New model proves miners need Bitcoin above \$74k to break even on power – but other costs push it over 6 figures

It's cheaper to buy Bitcoin than mine it right now unless your power costs are under 7 cents.

Riot case study shows US Bitcoin miners can clear power costs long before they clear full profit

Bitcoin mining costs are often reduced to a single number: the “cost to mine one BTC.” In real-

ity, that figure depends on what layer of the business you measure.

Electricity determines whether machines should run today, operating expenses determine whether a mining fleet supports the broader company, and accounting costs determine whether the business ultimately reports profit.



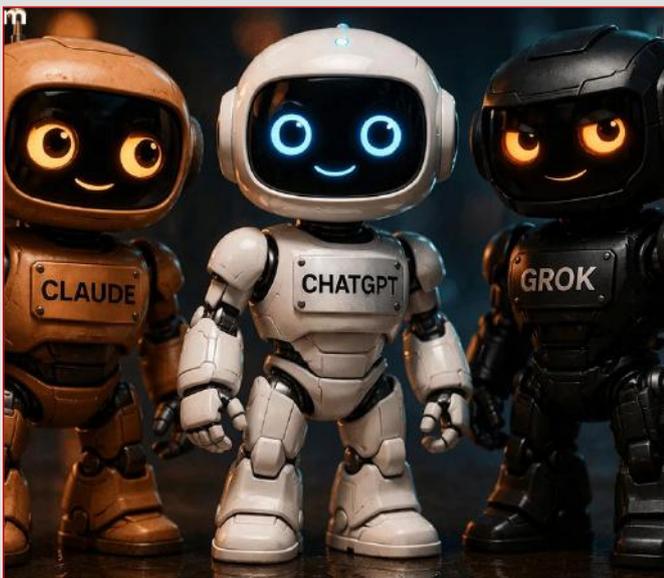
To examine those layers more clearly, CryptoSlate built a Bitcoin Mining Cost Model that calculates mining economics from first principles using network difficulty, block reward, transaction fees, ASIC efficiency, and electricity price.

The model then applies company-specific

cost inputs using Riot Platforms' public filings to illustrate how the economics stack up in practice.

Under current network conditions, the model shows that a miner can cover power costs but still fails to cover broader operating and accounting expenses.

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Grok, Claude, Qwen, ChatGPT, and More: 9 AI Models Predict Bitcoin's Next Price Path

While bitcoin has drifted sideways this week, we turned to some of today's leading artificial intelligence (AI) models to weigh in on where the asset may head next. Will the crypto asset fall below its 2026 low? Or will it reclaim the \$100,000 mark in the near term? Nine AI models lay out their expectations.

What Do AI Models Think Happens Next for Bitcoin? 9 Unique Forecasts Offer a Timeline

Over the past seven days, bitcoin has traded within a broad band between \$65,200 and \$73,700, though some exchanges logged dips below \$65K and peaks brushing just above \$74K. At \$67,442 per

coin as of 5 p.m. EST Saturday evening—the price at the time of writing— bitcoin now trades more than 46% beneath its record high of \$126,272 reached on Oct. 6, 2025.

Since then, many market watchers argue that bitcoin and the broader crypto economy are in a bear market, and while some expect the usual draw-down of 70%–80% from the all-time high (ATH), others contend this cycle could prove far less severe. With that in mind, we decided to ask nine of today's most prominent AI chatbots where they believe bitcoin is headed next, requesting a brief explanation to support each prediction.

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Ethereum Foundation Launches Treasury Strategy, Begins Staking \$3,800,000 in ETH



The Ethereum Foundation is now staking part of its treasury stockpile of ETH.

The organization says it has staked an initial deposit of 2,106 ETH worth around \$3.8 million.

Approximately 70,000 ETH will be staked in total, with all rewards directed back to the EF treasury.

“By participating directly in consensus through solo staking, the Ethereum Foundation generates native, ETH-denominated yield to help fund its stewardship of the ecosystem.

It does so using Ethereum’s own economic rails and thereby subjects itself to the friction, risks, and

operational realities of staking while setting a standard both in transparency and in operational management of validators.”

The foundation says the move will help secure the Ethereum network while creating native ETH yield to fund core work like protocol R&D, ecosystem development and community grants.

The launch of staking has been fueled by Ethereum creator Vitalik Buterin, who has sold more than \$6 million in ETH in recent days.

In late January, Buterin withdrew 16,384 ETH worth approximately \$44 million from his personal holdings to fund ecosystem development in a period.

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Binance terrorism lawsuit dismissed, but judge signals plaintiffs could refile with sharper allegations

A federal judge in Manhattan dismissed all claims in a lawsuit by 535 victims of 64 terrorist attacks who alleged Binance facilitated financing for groups including Hamas, Hezbollah, al-Qaeda, and ISIS.

The court found that while Binance was plausibly aware of its role in terrorist financing, the plaintiffs failed to show a definable nexus between the exchange’s conduct and the specific attacks that injured them.

The ruling applied a recent Second Circuit decision that raised the bar for terrorism financing claims against financial institutions, explicitly diverging from an ear-

lier ruling in a separate Binance case brought by October 7 victims.

A federal judge in Manhattan on Friday dismissed a sweeping Anti-Terrorism Act lawsuit against Binance, founder Changpeng Zhao, and Binance US operator BAM Trading, finding that 535 plaintiffs failed to plausibly allege that the exchange’s conduct aided specific terrorist attacks, according to a 62-page opinion from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Judge Jeannette A. Vargas ruled that plaintiffs adequately alleged Binance was “generally aware” of its role in terrorist financing.



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Florida Lawmakers Push Forward First State-Level Stablecoin Oversight Bill



Florida lawmakers have advanced legislation that would introduce state-level oversight for stablecoins, marking a step toward formal regulation of the rapidly growing digital asset sector.

Florida Stablecoin Bill Aims to Align With Federal Genius Act
Republican Senator Colleen Burton said the bill is designed to align Florida's approach with emerging federal rules.

According to Burton, the measure aims to combine state supervision with the framework outlined in the federal Genius Act, a law intended to strengthen consumer protections and reinforce financial stability in the stablecoin market.

The proposal now moves to Florida Governor Ron

DeSantis, who must decide whether to sign it into law.

If enacted, Florida would become the first US state to introduce its own regulatory structure specifically targeting stablecoins.

DeSantis has previously positioned himself as supportive of the crypto sector. During his presidential campaign, the Republican governor pledged to defend Bitcoin and digital assets from restrictive regulation.

Florida also became the first state to ban the use of central bank digital currencies, or CBDCs, after DeSantis argued that government-issued digital money could threaten private cryptocurrencies and expand financial surveillance.

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Ripple's Global Payments Expansion Strengthens XRP's Institutional Role

Ripple's global payments network is rapidly expanding as financial institutions increasingly seek full-service blockchain infrastructure partners, positioning Ripple's ecosystem and XRP liquidity framework at the center of next-generation cross-border finance.

XRP's role in institutional blockchain infrastructure is gaining momentum as Ripple expands its global payments network. Ripple UK CEO and Managing Director for the U.K. and Europe Cassie Craddock shared on social media platform X this week that financial institutions are prioritizing end-to-end infrastructure partners capable of supporting digital asset payments at scale.

The executive stated:

"Financial institutions aren't looking for stand-

alone solutions — they want a true end-to-end infrastructure partner that they can build with. Ripple is uniquely positioned to deliver exactly that. Proud of the momentum we're building."

The post responded to Ripple's latest developments surrounding a major expansion of Ripple Payments, the company's blockchain-based platform designed to facilitate cross-border transactions for banks, payment providers, and fintech firms.

Ripple Payments has grown into a global network supporting transactions across more than 60 markets. The platform combines payment messaging, liquidity sourcing, compliance capabilities, and settlement infrastructure into a unified system designed to improve the efficiency of international transfers.



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