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Bitcoin dipped to the 50-day simple moving average (SMA) at \$93,383 on December 23, showing that bears are keeping the pressure on. The 20-day exponential moving average (EMA) at \$98,206 is sloping downward, and the relative strength index (RSI) has fallen below 42, giving bears a slight advantage. If the 50-day SMA fails to hold, the BTC/USDT pair could slide further to \$90,000 and then to \$85,000, where buyers are likely to step in aggressively. On the upside, a decisive break above the 20-day EMA could be the first signal of renewed bullish momentum, paving the way for a retest of the all-time high at \$108,353.

Ether also showed weakness by closing below its 50-day SMA at \$3,432 on December 21, giving sellers the upper hand. Bulls are attempting a recovery, but any rally is expected to face resistance at the 20-day EMA of \$3,594. If the price sharply reverses from this level, bears could push the ETH/USDT pair toward \$3,000. The \$3,000 to \$2,850 zone is critical support, and buyers are likely to defend it vigorously. On the flip side, a break and close above the 20-day EMA would indicate that selling pressure is easing, opening the possibility of a climb to the overhead resistance at \$4,094.

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

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

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



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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 368th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$3.31 Trillion, Down 420 Billion since the last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is at \$155.52 Billion which makes a 6.04% increase. The DeFi volume is \$12.64 Billion, 8.13% of the entire crypto market's 24-hour trading volume. The volume of all stable coins is \$146.80 Billion, which is 94.39% share of the total crypto market volume the last 24 hours. The largest gainers in the industry right now are XRP Ledger Ecosystem and Airdropped Tokens by NFT Projects cryptocurrencies.

Bitcoin's price has decreased by 11.78% from \$106,725 last week to around \$94,150 and Ether's price has decreased by 15.32% from \$4,015 last week to \$3,400. Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.86 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$1.45 Trillion.

Bitcoin has been struggling to recover after a sharp 11.78% drop last week, showing hesitation among bulls who seem unwilling to jump in aggressively to buy the dip. One exception remains MicroStrategy, which added 5,262 Bitcoin to its holdings between December 16 and 22, at an average price of \$106,662. Despite the pullback from its all-time high of \$108,353, Bitcoin's price has held above the solid \$90,000 support level, suggesting that long-term holders aren't rushing to exit their positions. However, some analysts caution that a deeper correction could be imminent. Popular trader Rekt Capital highlighted on X that Bitcoin has broken below weekly support, increasing the likelihood of a multi-week correction.

Hyperliquid has faced its largest-ever outflows, losing over \$256 million in a 30-hour span ending December 24, following allegations that North Korean hackers were trading on the platform. Metamask security researcher Tay Monahan revealed that hackers from North Korea had been active on the platform since October, sparking fears of exploitation. Outflows from Hyperliquid hit a single-day record of \$502.71 million on December 23, while inflows totaled \$253.5 million. The platform denied any exploit, clarifying on Discord that all user funds remain secure despite the speculation. North Korean hacking groups, including the notorious Lazarus Group, have stolen \$1.3 billion in crypto this year, double the amount they looted in 2023, as the sanctioned nation seeks alternative funding sources.

Crypto.com has launched a sports prediction market in the U.S., tapping into the growing trend of crypto traders betting on real-world events. The platform debuted with predictions for the Super Bowl, allowing users to bet on NFL playoff outcomes using supported digital assets, including Crypto.com's native Cronos token. This launch aligns with Crypto.com's new U.S. trust company, which offers custody services for U.S. and Canadian customers. The move marks the exchange's effort to cater to sports fans in the crypto community, blending digital asset trading with event-based wagering.

The SEC has charged Jump Crypto's subsidiary, Tai Mo Shan Limited, for misleading investors about TerraUSD's (UST) stability mechanism after the stablecoin lost its \$1 peg. According to the regulator, Tai Mo Shan engaged in transactions designed to give the impression that UST's price was solely maintained by its advertised algorithm. In May 2021, after UST lost its peg, Terraform Labs relied on Tai Mo Shan to purchase over \$20 million worth of UST, creating the illusion of algorithmic stability. The SEC alleges that these interventions, coupled with incentives to buy LUNA at a discount post-stabilization, revealed that the system's parity relied heavily on external support rather than its internal mechanics.

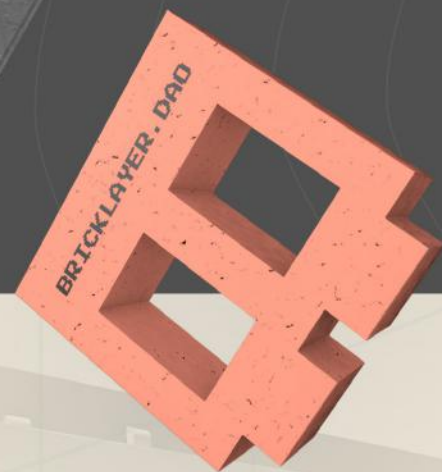
Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	55.44%
ETH	11.92%
USDT	4.05%
XRP	3.72%
BNB	2.82%
SOL	2.65%
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USDC	1.12%
ADA	0.91%
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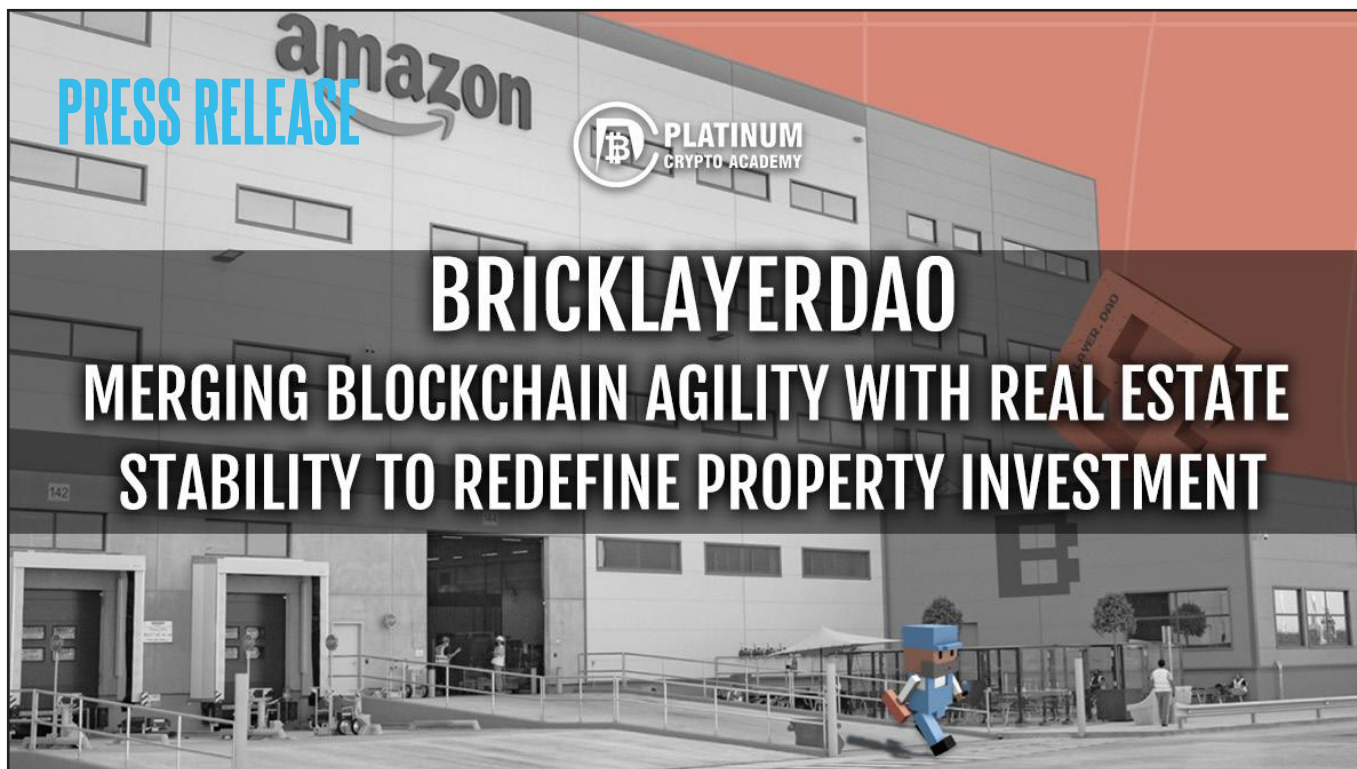
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BricklayerDAO is setting a new standard in the intersection of blockchain technology and real estate. Frustrated by the limited returns and lack of control in traditional real estate investment, **Nick** and **Denis** founded a platform that merges the flexibility of blockchain technology with the stability of real estate investment trusts (REITs).

Their extensive experience in commercial real estate, spanning a collective 30 years and encompassing billions in transactions, has paved the way for an innovative model. This model not only reduces barriers to entry for institutional-grade real estate but also empowers investors by providing unprecedented levels of participation.

At its core, BricklayerDAO operates on two tokens that drive its ecosystem: **MRTR**, a utility token central to governance, and **BRCK**, a value token directly tied to real-world assets (RWAs).

Nick explains this model, *“Our dual-token system is designed to ensure robust engagement and transparency while empowering holders to influence investment strategies directly. MRTR tokens give stakeholders a voice in governance through staking and voting, with innovative quadratic voting mechanisms that balance power between large and small holders.*

At the same time, \$BRCK tokens derive their value from tokenised real-world assets, such as industrial warehouses leased by Fortune 50 companies on long-term agreements, offering the community a cash flow-backed and tangible investment opportunity.”

The DAO’s governance system is designed with meticulous attention to community-driven decision-making. From idea formulation to final implementation, members contribute at every stage, with proposals rigorously vetted through forums, temperature checks, and voting.

Further, BricklayerDAO’s operations are underpinned by a commitment to efficient capital reserves. Fiat accounts, maintained in local jurisdictions for operational requirements, are transparently monitored through blockchain oracles, bridging the gap between traditional and digital economies.



Virtual assets, including Bitcoin and Ethereum, are managed through the **Quarry**, the platform's digital mining network, contributing to the steady growth of reserves while offering stability in volatile markets. This dual-exposure strategy enables BricklayerDAO to balance growth and liquidity effectively.

Denis highlights, *"What truly sets BricklayerDAO apart is the seamless integration of PropTech innovations with decentralised finance. By tokenising real estate assets and utilising Chainlink oracles, we bridge the gap between off-chain value and blockchain technology, creating a transparent and efficient system that redefines how real estate investments are managed."*

By acquiring and managing both traditional and tokenised real estate, BricklayerDAO opens institutional-grade opportunities to a global audience without compromising on diligence or asset quality. Its acquisition strategy prioritises industrial assets with high-credit tenants, maximising rental yields while supporting long-term value appreciation for BRCK holders.

Central to the DAO's mission is its tenant-friendly approach, designed to reduce costs and nurture flexibility for occupiers. Partnerships with key stakeholders create an equitable real estate ecosystem that aligns the interests of investors and tenants. Through the **Bricktop A.I** real estate assistant tool, BricklayerDAO simplifies opportunity identification and asset management, integrating data-driven insights to optimise site selection, leasing, and market positioning.

The **Masonry (MSRY) NFTs** add a unique dimension to the ecosystem, offering members benefits ranging from early access to services and fee discounts to boosted governance influence. Available in four rarity tiers: **Clay, Granite, Marble, and Special**, these NFTs reward active community participation while promoting loyalty. BricklayerDAO's Kiln mechanism further incentivises engagement by linking NFT distribution to \$BRCK token purchases, ensuring alignment between token value and user benefits.

BricklayerDAO's entry into the market also marks a significant step in preparing the real estate industry for a new era of blended assets. By advancing Web3 technologies, the DAO provides real estate vendors with tools for efficient, transparent, and globally

accessible transactions. Its efforts are shaping the gig economy's role in property management and investment, allowing real estate professionals and on-chain enthusiasts to engage in every facet of RWA transactions.

Nick shares his enthusiasm, "Launching BricklayerDAO is a monumental step for us, and we're genuinely thrilled to bring this vision to life. We've built this platform with a strong foundation of trust, transparency, and innovation, ensuring that it serves the best interests of the market and its participants. We are dedicated to building the world's most verifiable RWA value offering ecosystem on-chain."

Denis adds, *"This isn't just about creating a platform; it's about setting a new standard for real estate and blockchain integration. We're committed to delivering value and opportunity in good faith to our investors, the community, and the broader industry, paving the way for a more inclusive and equitable future."*

BricklayerDAO invites investors and real estate professionals to join this transformative journey. As it continues to redefine property investment, the DAO offers not only a platform but a community, a space where collaboration and innovation pave the way to a more inclusive and efficient real estate ecosystem.

Also, the **MRTR presale** is now **live**, and we'd love for you to participate! Don't miss out. [Click here](#) to buy your tokens today!

You can stay up-to-date with BricklayerDAO by following them on social media platforms such as **X, Discord, LinkedIn, Instagram**.

About BricklayerDAO:

BricklayerDAO is a groundbreaking platform that merges blockchain technology with real estate investment, offering a decentralised approach to property transactions. By tokenising real-world assets and empowering stakeholders through governance, BricklayerDAO creates a transparent, accessible, and community-driven ecosystem for the future of real estate and blockchain integration.



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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN SEES FIRST MAJOR WEEKLY PRICE DECLINE SINCE TRUMP'S ELECTION WIN

The Fed is likely to deliver a “hawkish rate cut,” with hints of less easing next year.

Bitcoin is down 10% after reaching its all-time high price of \$108,135 on Dec. 17.

Bitcoin has seen its first significant weekly price fall since Donald Trump's November presidential election win kicked off a rally that sent the cryptocurrency soaring over six figures.

Bitcoin \$95,864 dropped 10% on the week ending Dec. 22 to close at \$94,645, shaving around \$10,500 from its starting point of \$105,185, according to TradingView.

Its fall came after the United States Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee trimmed the number of projected interest rate cuts for next year from five to two after its third cut in a row.

The federal funds rate could now stop near 3.9% in 2025 as opposed to the expected 3.4%, leading to a less favorable economic environment for risk-on assets like Bitcoin.

Up until last week, Bitcoin's price had risen in six of the last seven weekly closes since Trump's victory.

The only fall came in the week ending Nov. 24 when Bitcoin slightly retraced around 0.78% to \$97,280, CoinMarketCap data shows.

Despite the pullback, asset management firms Bitwise and VanEck expect Bitcoin to soar into the \$180,000 to \$200,000 range in 2025, which could be fueled by a strategic US Bitcoin reserve and further institutional and corporate adoption.

Trump has also nominated the most pro-crypto US administration to date, picking hedge fund manager Scott Bessent as secretary of Treasury and Cantor Fitzgerald CEO Howard Lutnik to head the Commerce Department.

Most industry pundits expect a friendlier crypto regulatory environment, with crypto advocate Paul Atkins set to replace Gary Gensler as Securities and Exchange Commission chair on Jan. 20 — the same day that Trump is to be inaugurated.

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Dogecoin Down 23% This Week as Bitcoin and XRP Stumble After Surges

Bitcoin has plunged 12% in the last five days since setting a new high, while Dogecoin and XRP have fallen hard after recent milestones.

It's been a rough few days for crypto prices after several weeks of upward strides, with Dogecoin losing nearly a quarter of its value over the past seven days as the recently surging Bitcoin and XRP mark their own substantial—but less severe—declines.

Dogecoin, the original meme coin and still largest by market cap, is down a current price of \$0.31, showing a nearly 5% dip on the day and 23% plunge over the last seven days, per data from CoinGecko.

DOGE had ticked back up to nearly \$0.35 early Saturday after plummeting as low as \$0.267 on Friday—the lowest price marked in more than a month. However, that rebound faded over the course of the weekend.

The coin is still up 233% over the past year, but has lost substantial momentum since peaking at \$0.48 earlier in December. That was a three-year high for Dogecoin.

Meme coins are famously volatile, and other major meme rivals have actually fallen harder than Dogecoin over the last week, with Dogwifhat (WIF) down 32%, and Floki (FLOKI) and Pepe (PEPE) falling 27%. Shiba Inu (SHIB) has mirrored Dogecoin's losses with a 23% dip this week.

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End of Altcoin Season? Glassnode Co-Founders Warn Alts in Danger of Lagging Behind After Last Week's Correction

The creators of the crypto analytics firm Glassnode are warning that altcoins could lose all bullish momentum following last week's market correction.

Jan Happel and Yann Allemann, who go by the handle Negentropy on the social media platform X, tell their 63,400 followers that "altcoin season," which they say began in late



November, could come to an abrupt end after alts witnessed deep pullbacks over the last seven days.

According to the Glassnode co-founders, traders and investors will likely have a risk-off approach on altcoins unless Bitcoin recovers a key psychological price point.

"Is This the End of Altcoin Season?"

Bitcoin dominance is surging after dipping below \$100,000, while altcoins are los-

ing critical supports. Dominance has risen and resumed its upward trend, signaling a stronger BTC environment.

If BTC stabilizes above \$100,000, we might see a pump in altcoins now in accumulation zones. Until then, Bitcoin appears poised to lead, leaving altcoins lagging behind."

The Bitcoin Dominance (BTC.D) chart tracks how much of the total crypto market cap belongs to BTC.

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HOW TO DOMINATE CRYPTO CASINO GAMES? PRO TIPS FOR CRYPTO GAMES PLAYERS

Online casino games have proliferated in recent years. The global online gambling market is **expected** to reach 291.4m users by 2029, increasing worldwide popularity. CryptoGames emerges as a top platform offering exciting casino experiences for players of all skill levels.

Winning in online gambling takes more than just luck. Players need innovative strategies and careful planning to improve their chances. This guide will share professional tips to help CryptoGames players maximize their winning potential.

Why Play Casino Games on CryptoGames?

CryptoGames offers a modern approach to online gambling that stands out from traditional casinos. The platform combines easy-to-use technology with many exciting games that appeal to different players.

Cryptocurrency makes gambling more flexible and accessible to players around the world. Users can choose from multiple digital currencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum. This means players can quickly start gaming without complex banking processes. The platform ensures player safety through strong security measures. It is licensed by the Curaçao government, which means it follows strict rules to protect players. Every game uses provably fair technology, allowing players to check game results independently.

The platform's user-friendly design welcomes both new and experienced players. With multiple game types and simple navigation, CryptoGames creates a welcoming environment for online gambling enthusiasts.

Pro Tactics for Gambling Success on CryptoGames

Bankroll Management

Effective bankroll management is crucial for long-term success in online gambling. Players must treat their gambling funds as a serious investment, not a casual expense. The key is to create a sustainable approach that protects your money while allowing enjoyment.

Start by setting a strict budget before playing. Determine an amount you can comfortably lose without impacting your financial stability. This means separating gambling funds from essential living expenses. Many experienced players recommend using no more than 1-2% of your total bankroll in a single session.

Divide your funds across multiple gaming sessions to reduce risk. This strategy prevents total loss and gives you numerous opportunities to win. Track your spending carefully and never chase losses by adding more money than planned. Remember, smart gambling is about long-term strategy, not short-term excitement.

Game Selection

Choosing the right games is critical to your gambling success. CryptoGames offers various options catering to different player preferences and skill levels. Take time to understand each game's mechanics and your personal strengths.

Some players naturally excel in strategic games, while others enjoy pure chance-based experiences. Experiment with different game types to discover where your skills and interests align. This approach helps you develop confidence and improve your overall gambling performance.

Skill-Based vs. Luck-Based Games

Skill-based games like Blackjack offer more player control. These games reward practice, strategy, and understanding of game rules. Players can significantly improve their winning chances by learning specific techniques and probabilities.

Luck-based games such as Slots provide pure entertainment. While strategy plays a minimal role, these games offer rapid excitement and potential for substantial wins. They're perfect for players seeking quick thrills and unpredictable outcomes.

Exploring New Games on CryptoGames

Diversifying your gameplay is essential for growth and enjoyment. CryptoGames provides multiple game types that allow players to explore different gambling experiences. Start by trying games with lower stakes to build confidence.

Pay attention to each game's unique features and betting options. Some games might suit your playing style better than others. Keep an open mind and be willing to learn from each experience.

Observe how different games impact your overall strategy. Track your performance across various game types to understand your strengths and weaknesses. This analytical approach helps refine your gambling skills over time.

Advanced Betting Techniques

Advanced betting requires discipline and strategic thinking. Flat betting maintains a consistent wager, helping manage potential losses. This approach prevents emotional decision-making during winning or losing streaks.

Learn to adapt your strategy based on game performance. Successful players remain flexible and willing to adjust their approach. Focus on games with player-friendly odds. With its 1% house edge, the platform's Dice game represents an excellent option for calculated risk-taking. Always prioritize understanding game mechanics over blind betting.

Dominate the Game with CryptoGames' Exclusive Features

1. Embrace VIP Membership Benefits

CryptoGames' VIP Membership offers an elite gambling experience with exceptional advantages. Members gain access to a range of premium features that significantly enhance their gaming potential. The most attractive VIP benefit is the reduced house edge on Dice games. Regular users face a 1% house edge, while VIP members enjoy just 0.8% – a 20% improvement that dramatically increases winning chances. This advantage alone makes VIP status appealing to serious players seeking better odds.

Additional VIP perks include the highest bet priority, ensuring no server-side delays during gameplay. Members also receive higher exchange limits, allowing up to 10 daily exchanges with a maximum of 1 Bitcoin. The exclusive VIP chat room provides a private space for networking and strategy discussions, complete with a prestigious [VIP] tag.

Birthday rewards add another layer of excitement, with \$100 worth of Bitcoin gifted to qualifying members. Free lottery tickets across multiple cryptocurrencies and monthly voucher drop further sweeten the VIP experience. Perhaps most importantly, players can maintain VIP status for up to three months, even temporarily falling short of qualification.

2. Provably Fair System

CryptoGames' commitment to transparency sets it apart in the online gambling world. The provably fair system ensures every bet's outcome can be independently verified. This innovative approach gives players complete confidence in the game's integrity.

The system works through a complex process of server and client seeds. Before each bet, the platform generates a server seed hash, which

players can verify after the game. This means every result is entirely random and cannot be manipulated by the casino.

Independent experts regularly audit the Random Number Generator (RNG) to maintain the highest standards of fairness. Players can check each bet's legitimacy, providing unprecedented transparency in online gambling. This system protects players and builds trust in the platform.

3. Bonuses and Promotions

CryptoGames offers numerous ways to maximize your bankroll through strategic promotions. The platform's forums and social media channels provide up-to-date daily and special promotions information. Savvy players can leverage these incentives to extend their gameplay and increase potential winnings.

Keep a close eye on announcements to take full advantage of these offers. These promotions can significantly boost your gambling experience, from special tournaments to bonus drops.

4. Responsible Gaming

Player safety is a top priority at CryptoGames. The platform provides robust tools to manage gambling habits and prevent potential addiction. Time-out options allow players to take short breaks from 1-30 days, helping maintain a healthy balance.

Self-exclusion options are available for those needing more extensive support. Players can lock their accounts for six months to five years, ensuring they can step back from gambling when needed. This demonstrates CryptoGames' commitment to responsible gaming and player well-being.

Avoid These Frequent Errors for Better Results

Overbetting and Ignoring Limits

Many players fall into the trap of risking too much money too quickly. Overbetting can deplete your bankroll in minutes, turning an exciting gaming experience into a financial disaster. Successful gamblers understand that controlled, strategic betting is key to long-term enjoyment and potential winnings.

Setting strict betting limits protects your finances and mental well-being. Before starting any gaming session, always determine the maximum amount

you're comfortable losing. This approach helps maintain discipline and prevents the temptation of increasingly risky bets.

Chasing Losses and Emotional Betting

Emotional betting is a dangerous path that can lead to significant financial losses. When players experience a losing streak, the impulse to recover losses quickly can result in increasingly irrational decisions. This approach rarely works and often compounds initial losses.

Maintaining emotional control is crucial in gambling. Take breaks, stick to your predetermined strategy, and never bet more than you can afford to lose. Rational, calculated decisions are the hallmark of successful players on platforms like CryptoGames.

Neglecting Game Rules and Strategies

Understanding game mechanics is fundamental to successful gambling. Players who jump into games without learning the rules set themselves up for unnecessary losses. Each game on CryptoGames has unique strategies and nuances that can significantly impact winning potential.

Invest time learning game rules, watching tutorials, and practising free versions before risking real money. Knowledge is your most powerful tool in maximizing your chances of success.

Skipping Bankroll Management

Effective bankroll management separates casual players from serious gamblers. Failing to set clear financial limits can quickly turn gambling from entertainment to a financial burden. Responsible players always prioritize protecting their funds.

Create a dedicated gambling budget, divide it wisely across sessions, and never exceed your predetermined limits. This approach ensures longevity and enjoyment in your gambling experience.

Overlooking Bonuses

CryptoGames offers numerous bonuses that can extend gameplay and increase winning opportunities. Players who ignore these promotions miss valuable extra funds and chances to play longer.

Regularly check the platform's promotions, participate in bonus programs, and strategically use

these offerings to maximize your gaming potential. Every bonus is an opportunity to enhance your gambling experience.

Failure to Use Practice Features

CryptoGames' free practice features are invaluable for new and experienced players alike. Using these tools before placing real bets is a missed opportunity for skill development.

You can use free-play options to understand game mechanics, test strategies, and build confidence without financial risk. These features are designed to help you become a more skilled and responsible player.

Conclusion

CryptoGames offers an exciting and potentially rewarding gambling experience for those who approach it strategically. Success comes from smart bankroll management, careful game selection, and leveraging the platform's unique features.

Remember that gambling should be enjoyable entertainment, not a way to make money. Always prioritize responsible gaming, set clear limits, and enjoy the thrilling experience CryptoGames provides. With the right approach, you can maximize your enjoyment while minimizing potential risks.





\$73 Million Exodus: BlackRock Bitcoin ETF Suffers Record-Breaking Outflow

A major player in the cryptocurrency market found itself on an unusual side of history after experiencing its largest outflows in months.

The leading asset manager BlackRock ended the inflow streak of its Bitcoin exchange-traded fund after recording a \$72.7 million worth of outflow on December 20.

Data showed that BlackRock Bitcoin ETF (IBIT) witnessed the largest outflow since it was launched in January this year.

According to Farside Investors, the global asset manager's Bitcoin ETF posted an outflow of 72.7 million in December, the highest on record for IBIT. They added that this came a day after IBIT registered

zero flows, making investors anxious about the exchange-traded fund.

IBIT is not alone as fellow ETF issuer Fidelity Wise Origin Bitcoin Fund (FBTC) also hit an all-time high outflow of \$208.5 million on December 19, a day before IBIT hit the same ordeal.

Analysts said that the following day, December 20, FBTC recorded another outflow of about \$71.9 million, making the EFT suffer a two-day outflow streak.

IBIT and FBTC are among the top performing exchange-traded funds in the United States. The ETF issuers were ranked 1 and 2 among the top 25 ETFs in terms of assets after one month in the market.

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Elon Musk's SpaceX uses stablecoins to hedge against foreign exchange risks

Chamath Palihapitiya believes stablecoin providers are emerging as competitors to banks and traditional payment facilitators.

SpaceX uses stablecoins to dodge foreign exchange risks, Silicon

Valley venture capitalist Chamath Palihapitiya said in the All-In podcast on Friday.

Foreign exchange risk refers to the risk of losses that could arise from drastic fluctuations in a currency. For example, if a U.S. company has customers



in Brazil that pay in Real (BRL), the company could stand to lose money when converting to U.S. dollars.

Using stablecoins as a hedge According to Palihapitiya, SpaceX collects payments from all customers of Starlink in "long-tail countries," and converts them to stablecoins. Starlink, which is wholly owned by Elon Musk's SpaceX, provides satellite internet services.

Palihapitiya said the company re-converts the stablecoins to dollars in the U.S..

"When they [SpaceX] aggregate them [payments] in all of these long-tail countries, they don't want to necessarily take the foreign exchange risk. They don't want to deal with sending wires."

According to Palihapitiya, stablecoins should become the primary method of cross-border transactions in the U.S., which would allow "us to chip away all of this decrepit infrastructure that the banks use to sort of slow down and tax a process that should never have been taxed."

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The world of cryptocurrency is evolving rapidly, and so are the possibilities for using Bitcoin (BTC) as a payment method. In 2025, purchasing a car with Bitcoin has become an increasingly viable option, thanks to the growing adoption of digital currencies across various industries, including the automotive sector. This article explores the ins and outs of buying a car with Bitcoin, highlighting the benefits, risks, and the steps involved in making such a purchase.



Key Takeaways:

Bitcoin offers several advantages for car buyers, including efficiency, privacy, and cost-effectiveness. There are risks associated with using BTC, such as price volatility, limited acceptance, tax implications, and irreversible transactions.

A growing number of crypto-friendly dealerships around the world are embracing Bitcoin as a payment option.

Tips for a smooth car-buying experience with Bitcoin include ensuring wallet security, understanding Anti-Money Laundering (AML) policies, and seeking professional financial advice.

Introduction: The Rise of Bitcoin as a Car Payment Option

As cryptocurrencies continue to gain mainstream attention, more consumers are looking for ways to use their Bitcoin holdings for everyday purchases, including buying cars. The number of dealerships accepting Bitcoin as a form of payment is steadily increasing, and by 2025, it's not just a novelty—it's becoming a standard option for many buyers.

In fact, the global surge in crypto adoption, with a reported 34% increase in 2024 alone, suggests that cryptocurrency payments are here to stay. With more automotive dealers offering this payment method, you may soon be able to buy your dream car using Bitcoin.

The Global Crypto Movement and the Auto Industry

The automotive sector, like many others, is undergoing significant changes. Innovations

such as electric vehicles (EVs) are reshaping the industry, while environmental policies, like the European Union's plan to phase out the sale of new CO2-emitting vehicles by 2035, are pushing manufacturers and dealers to modernize their processes. In this climate of transformation, the acceptance of digital currencies like Bitcoin is becoming increasingly popular.

Whether you're purchasing a new or used car, the idea of paying with Bitcoin offers an exciting alternative to traditional payment methods. But before diving in, it's essential to understand both the benefits and risks that come with using Bitcoin for such a high-value transaction.

Benefits of Buying a Car with Bitcoin

1. Faster Transactions

Bitcoin transactions are processed much faster than traditional banking methods. Once confirmed, a Bitcoin payment is almost instantaneous, allowing for quicker completion of the car purchase without the delays associated with bank transfers.

2. Privacy and Security

Bitcoin transactions offer enhanced privacy. Unlike traditional payments, you don't need to share personal banking information with the dealership, reducing the risk of identity theft or fraud. The blockchain technology behind Bitcoin ensures secure transactions that are difficult to alter or hack.

3. No Bank Intermediaries

When you use Bitcoin, you bypass intermediaries like banks or payment processors. This reduces the risk of third-party errors, unnecessary delays, and additional fees that are often associated with traditional financial institutions.

4. Avoid Currency Conversion Fees

If you're buying a car internationally or in a different currency, Bitcoin can help you avoid currency exchange fees. You can pay directly with Bitcoin, eliminating the need for currency conversion and potentially saving money on international transactions.

5. Global Acceptance

Bitcoin allows you to make a purchase from anywhere in the world without worrying about the limitations of local currencies or international

banking restrictions. As more dealerships accept cryptocurrency, it becomes easier to make cross-border purchases without additional complications.

6. Lower Transaction Fees

When using Bitcoin, transaction fees are typically lower compared to traditional payment methods like credit cards, bank transfers, or even PayPal. This can result in significant savings, especially for large purchases like cars.

7. Transparency and Ownership

Bitcoin's blockchain technology provides full transparency of all transactions. This can help verify the authenticity of the car purchase, establish ownership records, and track the payment history, ensuring that both buyer and seller are protected.

8. Decentralized Control

Bitcoin is decentralized, meaning it is not controlled by any central authority. This eliminates the potential for third parties to impose restrictions or fees, giving you greater control over your purchase and payment method.

9. Potential Appreciation of Bitcoin

If you hold Bitcoin, its value might increase over time. By using Bitcoin to purchase a car, you can avoid converting it into fiat currency, potentially preserving its future value as Bitcoin continues to gain in popularity and market value.

10. Support for Innovation

Using Bitcoin for purchases is a way to support the growing trend of cryptocurrency adoption and innovation in the automotive and finance industries. By paying with Bitcoin, you contribute to the broader acceptance of digital currencies in mainstream commerce, encouraging more businesses to explore crypto-friendly payment solutions.

Risks of Paying with Bitcoin

Here are the potential risks of paying with Bitcoin for purchases like cars:

1. Price Volatility

Bitcoin is known for its price volatility, meaning the value can fluctuate dramatically within a short period. When you make a purchase, the value of Bitcoin could change significantly before the transaction is fully processed, potentially leading to an overpayment or underpayment if the price drops or rises after the payment.

2. Transaction Irreversibility

Unlike credit card payments or bank transfers, Bitcoin transactions are irreversible. Once the payment is made, there's no way to reverse it if there's an issue or if the wrong amount is sent. This lack of recourse can be risky if there are errors during the transaction.

3. Limited Acceptance

Although Bitcoin adoption is growing, many car dealerships may still not accept it as a payment method. This limits the availability of options for consumers looking to pay with cryptocurrency. You may need to ensure that the dealership explicitly accepts Bitcoin before proceeding with the transaction.

4. Regulatory Uncertainty

The regulatory landscape surrounding cryptocurrency is still evolving. In some regions, Bitcoin transactions may be subject to changing regulations, tax implications, or potential restrictions, which could affect the legality of using Bitcoin for car purchases or lead to additional costs or penalties.

5. Transaction Fees

Although Bitcoin typically has lower transaction fees than traditional payment methods, high network congestion or large transactions can lead to unexpectedly high fees. If the network is busy, it could take longer for the transaction to be confirmed, and additional fees may be required to prioritize your payment.

6. Lack of Consumer Protections

When paying with Bitcoin, you don't have the same consumer protections as you would with traditional payment methods. If there's a dispute or issue with the car you purchased, it can be more difficult to resolve, as there's no central authority overseeing the transaction.

7. Technical Issues and Accessibility

Bitcoin transactions require a certain level of technical knowledge. If you're not familiar with how to send Bitcoin, there's a risk of making mistakes like sending the wrong amount or sending it to the wrong address. Additionally, wallets and exchanges can experience technical difficulties, which may delay or prevent the transaction from going through.

8. Security Risks

Although Bitcoin transactions are generally secure, the private keys that give you access to your wallet must be kept safe. If you lose your private key or it is compromised, you could lose access to your Bitcoin, and there would be no way to recover it. This risk requires extra caution when storing and securing your cryptocurrency.

9. Possible Tax Liabilities

In many jurisdictions, Bitcoin is treated as property for tax purposes, which means any gain in value before using it for purchases may be taxable. You may need to report capital gains taxes, depending on the value increase between the time you acquired the Bitcoin and the time of purchase.

10. Scams and Fraud

Since Bitcoin transactions are anonymous, they can be more susceptible to fraud and scams. If you deal with an unreliable or dishonest seller, you may not be able to recover your Bitcoin payment. It's crucial to ensure the dealership or seller is reputable and trustworthy before making a purchase.

Where to Buy a Car with Bitcoin in 2025

As Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies continue to gain mainstream acceptance, more businesses and dealerships are beginning to accept it as a form of payment. If you're looking to buy a car with Bitcoin in 2025, here are some options:

1. Luxury Car Dealerships

Many high-end and luxury car dealerships around the world have embraced cryptocurrency payments, including Bitcoin. Some of the brands that are more likely to accept Bitcoin include:

Lamborghini, Ferrari, Porsche, and Tesla dealerships (in select locations).

These dealerships may partner with payment processors to handle Bitcoin transactions, ensuring security and reliability in the process.

2. Online Car Dealerships

Some online car sales platforms are beginning to offer Bitcoin as a payment option for car purchases. Notable platforms include:

Autotrader and **eBay Motors** (depending on the country and individual sellers).

Platforms like **BitCars** allow you to buy luxury and classic cars using Bitcoin.

3. Tesla

Tesla has occasionally accepted Bitcoin for car purchases, although its policy fluctuates based on regulatory conditions. It's worth checking Tesla's official website or contacting a dealership to see if they are accepting Bitcoin in 2025.

4. Car Dealerships That Specialize in Cryptocurrency Transactions

Some car dealerships focus entirely on cryptocurrency transactions, making it easier for buyers to use Bitcoin:

CoinCar: A platform designed specifically for purchasing cars with Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. They often have listings for new and used cars.

BTCCar: Another dedicated marketplace that allows Bitcoin payments for both new and used cars.

5. Car Subscription Services

In addition to traditional dealerships, some car subscription services now accept Bitcoin as payment:

Carvana (select markets) allows customers to purchase used cars and pay with Bitcoin.

Turo, a peer-to-peer car rental service, has also been exploring the use of cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin for rental transactions.

6. Directly From Private Sellers

Many individual sellers, especially those in the cryptocurrency community, may accept Bitcoin as a form of payment for cars. Platforms such as:

Craigslist (in some regions) or local classified ad websites may have private sellers willing to accept Bitcoin.

Crypto forums and online communities related to Bitcoin can also connect buyers and sellers.

7. Automotive Dealerships That Partner With Crypto Payment Processors

Some automotive dealerships have partnered with cryptocurrency payment processors such as BitPay and CoinGate, allowing them to accept Bitcoin as payment. These processors make transactions

smoother by converting Bitcoin into the dealership's local currency, reducing the risk of volatility.

8. Countries Leading in Cryptocurrency Adoption

In 2025, countries with a high acceptance rate for cryptocurrencies will likely have more options for buying cars with Bitcoin:

United States: Cities like Miami and Los Angeles are likely to have more dealerships accepting Bitcoin, especially for luxury cars.

Germany: Known for its openness to cryptocurrencies, Germany might see more dealerships accepting Bitcoin as well.

Switzerland: Particularly in Zurich and Geneva, where there's a strong cryptocurrency presence, car dealerships may accept Bitcoin.

Japan: As one of the earliest adopters of cryptocurrency, Japan will likely continue to see an increase in businesses accepting Bitcoin.

9. Car Manufacturers Accepting Bitcoin

Some car manufacturers may directly accept Bitcoin payments for purchases, either through their own online platforms or through authorized dealerships. Keep an eye on automakers like Tesla and others that may resume accepting Bitcoin depending on market conditions and regulatory changes.

10. Blockchain-based Car Marketplaces

New blockchain-based platforms may emerge in 2025 that provide an entirely decentralized marketplace for buying and selling cars using Bitcoin. These platforms could simplify the process of finding and purchasing a car with cryptocurrency.

Before making a Bitcoin payment for a car, it's important to check:

Local Regulations: Ensure that cryptocurrency transactions for car purchases are legal in your jurisdiction.

Payment Processing: Verify if the dealership uses a reliable and secure cryptocurrency payment processor.

Price Volatility: Since Bitcoin's value can fluctuate, some buyers may choose to lock in prices using payment processors that allow the dealership to accept Bitcoin while ensuring the car's price is fixed.

As cryptocurrency adoption continues to rise, more options for purchasing cars with Bitcoin are expected to become available, particularly in markets with favorable regulations and high Bitcoin usage.

Step-by-Step Guide: How to Buy a Car with Bitcoin

1. Research the Dealership: Before proceeding with a purchase, ensure that the dealership you choose accepts Bitcoin. Verify their crypto payment process, including wallet compatibility and transaction details. Make sure to inquire about any extra fees or taxes associated with Bitcoin payments.

2. Prepare Your Bitcoin Wallet: Ensure that your Bitcoin wallet has sufficient funds to cover the cost of the car, including any network fees and taxes. It's always wise to have a small buffer to avoid any complications during the transaction.

3. Confirm Vehicle Availability: Contact the dealership to confirm the car's availability and ensure that it's still in stock. Double-check the vehicle's condition, warranty terms, and whether it has passed any required inspections.

4. Initiate the Payment: Once you've confirmed the details, initiate the payment. Obtain the dealership's wallet address and perform a small test transaction to verify the accuracy of the address. After confirming the test transaction, proceed with sending the full payment.

5. Complete the Documentation: Just like any car purchase, you'll need to provide identification, sign agreements, and complete the necessary paperwork. Make sure all documentation is in order before finalizing the transaction.

6. Confirm the Transaction: Monitor the blockchain to ensure that the payment is processed successfully. Once confirmed, request acknowledgment from the dealership, such as a receipt or written confirmation of the payment.

Tips for a Smooth Bitcoin Car Purchase

1. Insure Your Bitcoin Wallet: Consider insuring your Bitcoin wallet to protect your investment, especially for high-value transactions. Wallet insurance services can safeguard against potential

losses due to cyberattacks or other unforeseen events.

2. Understand AML Compliance: Dealerships accepting Bitcoin must comply with Anti-Money Laundering (AML) regulations. Ensure the dealership has a solid AML policy in place and verify the legitimacy of your Bitcoin address to prevent fraud.

3. Explore Crypto Loans: Instead of selling your Bitcoin, consider using it as collateral for a crypto-backed loan. This way, you can secure a fiat loan to complete the purchase, retaining ownership of your Bitcoin while avoiding taxable events.

4. Consult a Financial Adviser: Given the tax implications of using Bitcoin for large transactions, consulting with a financial adviser is a smart move. They can guide you through the process and help optimize your tax strategy to avoid surprises.

Conclusion

As we look ahead to 2025, the ability to buy a car with Bitcoin is no longer just a futuristic concept—it's a reality for an increasing number of dealerships worldwide. While there are undeniable benefits to paying with Bitcoin, such as speed, privacy, and cost-effectiveness, it's important to be mindful of the risks involved, including price volatility and tax implications.

By doing thorough research, ensuring the legitimacy of your transaction, and following best practices, you can confidently navigate the process of buying a car with Bitcoin. As the world of cryptocurrencies continues to grow, we can expect the automotive industry to keep pace, offering even more opportunities for Bitcoin users to drive away in their dream cars.

The ability to buy a car with Bitcoin is now a growing trend in the automotive industry. As cryptocurrency adoption continues to rise, more and more dealerships are embracing Bitcoin as a legitimate form of payment. Whether you're seeking efficiency, privacy, or cost-effectiveness, purchasing a car with Bitcoin is an exciting option for tech-savvy buyers. Just make sure to weigh the benefits and risks carefully and follow the necessary steps for a secure and smooth transaction.

FAQs

1. Can I buy any car with Bitcoin in 2025?

No, not all dealerships accept Bitcoin as a payment method. However, an increasing number of crypto-friendly dealerships are emerging worldwide, including luxury car dealers and mainstream dealerships. You'll need to check with specific dealers to confirm whether they accept Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies.

2. What are the benefits of buying a car with Bitcoin?

The main benefits include faster transactions compared to traditional bank transfers, enhanced privacy and security, and potential cost-effectiveness as you avoid conversion fees from Bitcoin to fiat currency. Additionally, transactions don't require you to share personal banking details, reducing the risk of data breaches.

3. What are the risks of using Bitcoin to buy a car?

Bitcoin payments come with several risks:

Volatility: Bitcoin's value can fluctuate significantly, so the value of your BTC may change after initiating the transaction.

Limited acceptance: Not all dealerships accept Bitcoin, which can limit your options.

Tax implications: Cryptocurrency is considered property in many countries, meaning using Bitcoin

could trigger capital gains taxes.

Irreversible transactions: Once a Bitcoin payment is sent, it's irreversible, unlike traditional payment methods that offer chargebacks.

4. How do I make sure the dealership is legit when buying with Bitcoin?

You should verify the dealership's credibility by checking reviews, confirming its business registration, and ensuring it complies with anti-money laundering (AML) regulations. You can also research whether they've previously processed cryptocurrency transactions. Always conduct a small test transaction before making the full payment to ensure everything runs smoothly.

5. Do I need to convert my Bitcoin into fiat currency before buying a car?

No, you don't have to convert your Bitcoin into fiat. Many dealerships directly accept Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies for vehicle purchases. However, be mindful of transaction fees, taxes, and the exchange rate when making the purchase.

6. Can I use Bitcoin for financing or leasing a car?

Currently, most dealerships that accept Bitcoin for car purchases do not offer financing or leasing options with Bitcoin. However, there are platforms that offer crypto-backed loans, allowing you to retain your Bitcoin and use fiat to purchase the car. This can be an option if you're looking to avoid selling your Bitcoin.



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Trump Picks Bo Hines to Lead Presidential Crypto Council

Bo Hines, a former House candidate in 2022 and 2024, will work alongside David Sacks to promote crypto in Donald Trump's administration.

Bo Hines, a former Republican nominee for the House of Representatives, has been named by President-elect Donald Trump to be the Executive Director of the Presidential Council of Advisers for Digital Assets.

Per a Truth Social post from Trump, Hines will oversee a "new advisory group composed of luminaries from the crypto industry" and work alongside David Sacks, Trump's pick for the White House AI and Crypto Czar.

"In his new role, Bo will work with David to foster innovation and" growth in the digital assets space, while ensuring industry lead-

ers have the resources they need to succeed," Trump posted. "Together, they will create an environment where this industry can flourish, and remain a cornerstone of our nation's technological advancement."

Hines was the Trump-endorsed Republican House nominee in North Carolina's 13th District in 2022, but lost the race to Democratic rival Wiley Nickel. During that race, Hines received backing from former FTX Digital Markets CEO Ryan Salame, who later went to prison for unrelated campaign finance law violations, among other charges.

The 29-year-old Hines ran again for the House this year in the state's 6th District, but lost in the primaries, placing fourth among Republican candidates.

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Metaplanet buys the dip with biggest-ever 620 Bitcoin buy

Japanese investment firm Metaplanet purchased \$60 million worth of Bitcoin, the largest BTC buy it has made since it started acquiring the cryptocurrency in May.

Japanese investment firm Metaplanet made its largest-ever Bitcoin purchase, scooping up almost 620 Bitcoin as the cryptocurrency trades below \$100,000.

On Dec. 23, Metaplanet announced that it had bought 619.7 Bitcoin BTC\$95,463 worth just under \$60 million, with Bitcoin trading at around \$96,000.

It was the largest single purchase the firm has made since it started buying Bitcoin in May and nearly quadrupled the value of its previous record buy of 159.7 BTC on Oct. 28, according to Bitbo data.

Metaplanet has been dubbed "Asia's MicroStrategy" after the American Bitcoin-buying firm and the recent pur-

chase brings the Tokyo-based company's total Bitcoin holdings to 1,762 BTC, worth about \$168 million, with an average purchase price of around \$75,600 per BTC.

The latest buy makes its Bitcoin stack the 12th-largest among public companies, behind medical tech maker Semler Scientific.

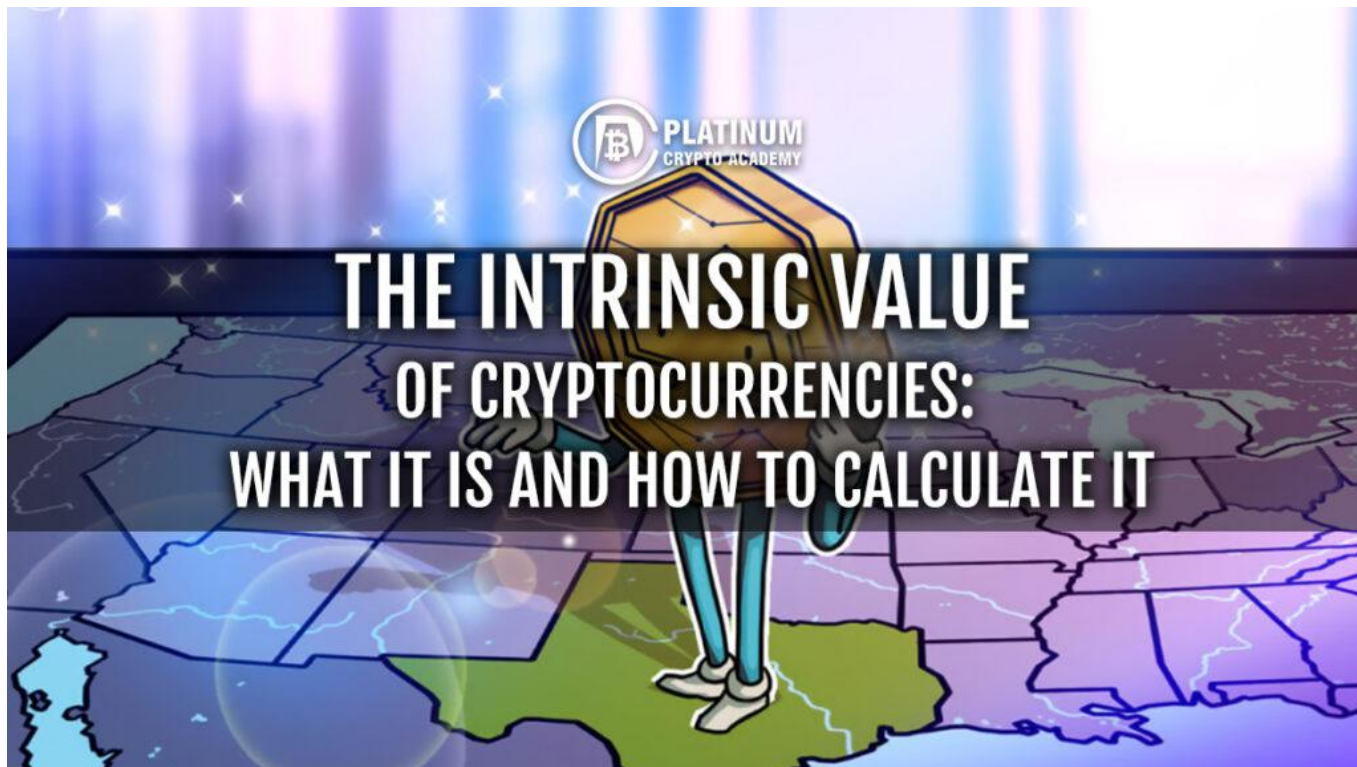
Metaplanet reported that from Oct. 1 to Dec. 23, its BTC Yield was 310%, considerably higher than the 41.7% yield from July to September.

Metaplanet uses BTC Yield to "assess the performance of its Bitcoin acquisition strategy, which is intended to be accretive to shareholders," it stated.

On Dec. 18, the Japanese investment firm projected that it would turn its first operating profit since 2017, adding that it wanted to go beyond just buying Bitcoin as part of its treasury strategy.



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Cryptocurrencies have become a cornerstone of the modern financial landscape. With their volatility and potential for high returns, understanding the intrinsic value of cryptocurrencies is essential for both investors and enthusiasts. In traditional finance, intrinsic value refers to the true worth of an asset, which is based on its inherent characteristics, such as its earning potential or utility. However, when it comes to cryptocurrencies, this concept is not as straightforward. Since cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, Ethereum, and others are decentralized and not tied to physical assets, calculating their intrinsic value requires a nuanced approach.

In this blog, we'll dive deep into what intrinsic value means in the context of cryptocurrencies, explore various methods for calculating it, and explain why this concept is crucial for the future of digital assets. Let's also examine how factors such as scarcity, utility, network effects, and security contribute to the intrinsic value of digital currencies.



What Is Intrinsic Value in the Context of Cryptocurrencies?

Intrinsic value refers to the actual worth of an asset, based on its fundamental characteristics, rather than its market price, which can often be speculative and volatile. In traditional finance, the intrinsic value of a stock is derived from factors such as earnings, dividends, cash flow, and growth potential. However, cryptocurrencies are fundamentally different from traditional assets like stocks or bonds because they are not tied to physical entities or consistent income streams.

For example, stocks represent a share in a company, and their value can be assessed based on the company's earnings, market share, and growth potential. Cryptocurrencies, on the other hand, do not generate profits like companies do, so determining their intrinsic value requires a different approach. In simple terms, intrinsic value in crypto asks the question: **What makes this cryptocurrency valuable beyond its price on the exchange?**

The intrinsic value of cryptocurrencies is influenced by several key factors:

- 1. Utility:** What problem does the cryptocurrency solve, and what use cases does it have?
- 2. Scarcity:** Is the supply of the cryptocurrency limited, or is it inflationary?

3. Network Value: How large and active is the cryptocurrency's ecosystem?

4. Security: How resilient is the cryptocurrency's underlying blockchain to attacks?

Let's explore these factors in more detail, starting with **scarcity**, a fundamental principle that underpins the value of most cryptocurrencies.

Scarcity: The Foundation of Crypto's Value

One of the most important aspects of the intrinsic value of many cryptocurrencies is **scarcity**. For example, Bitcoin has a maximum supply of 21 million coins, which means that no more Bitcoin will ever be created. This limited supply creates a sense of rarity, which drives demand and adds value to the asset.

Scarcity in crypto operates in a manner similar to precious metals like gold. Just as gold's value is partly derived from its finite supply, cryptocurrencies that have limited issuance or deflationary mechanisms, like Bitcoin, can experience increased value as demand grows. For investors, this characteristic is crucial to understanding why a cryptocurrency may hold long-term value.

However, not all cryptocurrencies are scarce in the same way. Some cryptocurrencies have inflationary mechanisms where more tokens are continuously created over time, such as Ethereum. While this can provide certain benefits, such as the ability to incentivize miners and network participants, it also means that the scarcity factor, which many see as a driver of value, may not apply in the same way.

Utility: What Problems Does the Cryptocurrency Solve?

A cryptocurrency's **utility** is another critical factor when evaluating its intrinsic value. Utility refers to the real-world problems that the cryptocurrency is designed to solve. For instance, Bitcoin is often seen as a store of value or a digital gold alternative, while Ethereum facilitates decentralized applications (DApps) and smart contracts.

Ethereum's utility is particularly important because it serves as the backbone for the entire decentralized finance (DeFi) ecosystem, as well as

various blockchain applications. The more useful and widely adopted a cryptocurrency is, the higher its intrinsic value can be.

Other examples of cryptocurrencies with strong utility include Chainlink (LINK), which provides decentralized oracles to feed real-world data into smart contracts, and Polkadot (DOT), which enables different blockchains to interoperate and share information. These cryptocurrencies are valuable because they solve real-world problems and provide a function within their respective ecosystems.

Network Value: The Importance of the Ecosystem

In the world of cryptocurrencies, network value plays a crucial role in determining intrinsic value. This refers to the size and activity level of the cryptocurrency's user base and ecosystem. According to Metcalfe's Law, the value of a network is proportional to the square of the number of its active users. This means that as the user base of a cryptocurrency network grows, its value increases exponentially.

For example, Ethereum's value is heavily influenced by the number of developers building on its blockchain, the amount of decentralized finance (DeFi) activity, and the number of users engaging with decentralized applications (DApps). As more people and projects participate in the Ethereum ecosystem, the network becomes more valuable, driving its price and perceived intrinsic value upwards.

Bitcoin, too, benefits from strong network value. The more users and miners that participate in the Bitcoin network, the more secure and decentralized it becomes, contributing to its overall worth.

Security: How Safe Is the Cryptocurrency's Blockchain?

Finally, **security** is a crucial component of a cryptocurrency's intrinsic value. A cryptocurrency's blockchain must be resistant to attacks, as its security ensures the trust and reliability of the network. For example, Bitcoin uses **Proof of Work (PoW)** as its consensus mechanism, which requires miners to solve complex mathematical puzzles to validate transactions. This makes the Bitcoin

network extremely secure and resistant to double-spending or fraud.

Ethereum, on the other hand, is transitioning from PoW to **Proof of Stake (PoS)**, which offers a different approach to security but still aims to protect the network against malicious actors.

The resilience of a blockchain ensures that it can withstand attempts to compromise it, making it more trustworthy. Security is, therefore, a fundamental factor in assessing the intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency, as it directly impacts the reliability and stability of the network.

Common Methods for Calculating the Intrinsic Value of Cryptocurrencies

Now that we've explored the various factors that influence the intrinsic value of cryptocurrencies, let's look at three commonly used methods for calculating this value. These approaches help provide an estimate of what a cryptocurrency might be worth based on its fundamental characteristics.

1. Metcalfe's Law:

Metcalfe's Law is one of the most common methods for evaluating a cryptocurrency's value based on its network size. The idea is that the more users a network has, the more valuable the network becomes due to increased engagement and utility. However, to make this method more comprehensive, let's explore some additional considerations:

Network Effects: This refers to how each new user increases the value of the network for all users. For cryptocurrencies like Ethereum, the more developers and applications that build on the network, the more valuable it becomes because the number of available use cases increases, providing more reasons for new users to join.

Adoption Speed: The speed at which a cryptocurrency is being adopted and used can provide a better estimate of its intrinsic value. For example, if a cryptocurrency is experiencing rapid adoption in certain regions or industries, it can increase the value of the network beyond just the number of users.

Active Participation vs. Passive Users: Not all users contribute to the network equally. While Metcalfe's Law calculates network value based on users, it

doesn't take into account how many users are actively participating versus just holding tokens. Active participants contribute more to the overall value of the ecosystem.

Interoperability: The ability for different networks and cryptocurrencies to interact can significantly affect the value of a cryptocurrency. Cryptocurrencies that can easily communicate and integrate with other blockchain systems tend to have higher network value.

Market Sentiment and Media Influence: Market sentiment plays a major role in increasing or decreasing the value of the cryptocurrency network. Positive news coverage or celebrity endorsements can drive network growth, while security breaches or legal issues can have the opposite effect.

2. Cost of Production:

This method calculates the intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency based on the costs involved in producing or mining it. It is often considered a "floor" value, as miners will stop mining if the costs exceed the value of the coin.

Energy Consumption: One of the biggest contributors to the cost of production is energy consumption. Mining cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin is energy-intensive, and therefore the cost of electricity plays a significant role in determining the intrinsic value. Cryptocurrencies that rely on Proof of Work (PoW) networks are affected by the global electricity pricing.

Hardware Efficiency: The type of hardware used for mining plays a huge role in determining the production cost. More efficient machines reduce energy consumption and increase profitability for miners. As mining hardware evolves, the cost of production for certain cryptocurrencies decreases, which could lower the floor price for those assets.

Hashrate and Mining Difficulty: The difficulty of mining, which is often measured through hashrate, directly impacts the cost of production. As more miners join the network and the difficulty increases, the cost to mine each coin also rises, pushing up the intrinsic value of the cryptocurrency.

Geographical Differences: Mining costs can vary greatly depending on the region. In countries with cheap energy like China (before its mining

ban) or Kazakhstan, the production costs for cryptocurrencies were significantly lower, giving miners in those regions a competitive advantage. Conversely, miners in areas with expensive energy may face higher costs and lower profitability.

Environmental Factors: The environmental impact of mining is another cost to consider. As regulatory bodies crack down on energy-intensive mining operations, cryptocurrencies that promote sustainable mining solutions (such as using renewable energy sources) may experience a shift in their cost of production. These changes could influence their intrinsic value, especially with growing concern about environmental issues.

3. Discounted Utility Model:

The discounted utility model helps estimate the intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency by projecting its future utility, such as transaction volume or adoption rates, and discounting that value to the present. However, there are several nuances to consider when using this model:

Real-Time Usage Data: For this model to be effective, analysts rely on up-to-date transaction data to predict the future utility of a cryptocurrency. This includes transaction volumes, the frequency of blockchain use, and growth trends of decentralized applications (DApps). These metrics are crucial in predicting how valuable the cryptocurrency will be in the future.

User Growth and Adoption Curves: The rate at which a cryptocurrency gains users and increases its adoption is a key factor in the discounted utility model. Faster adoption rates can significantly increase the value of a coin, while slower adoption may lead to stagnant or declining value. Identifying trends in adoption curves can help forecast future utility more accurately.

Transaction Fees and Revenue Generation: The model can also look at transaction fees as a revenue-generating mechanism for the network. Cryptocurrencies like Ethereum and BNB generate revenue through transaction fees. This revenue potential is an important component of their intrinsic value, especially when considering how these fees may grow or decline over time as the network scales.

Security Considerations: A cryptocurrency's future utility is also impacted by the security of its blockchain. If a cryptocurrency's security is compromised or it faces scalability issues, it can severely reduce its future adoption and utility. Assessing the security infrastructure and the likelihood of future upgrades or vulnerabilities is vital when calculating its intrinsic value.

Regulatory Impact: Regulatory environments can significantly affect a cryptocurrency's projected future utility. Positive regulatory changes could boost adoption, while stricter regulations could reduce a cryptocurrency's value. Understanding the global regulatory landscape is crucial in estimating the long-term utility of any cryptocurrency.

Technological Advancements: Technological upgrades, such as the implementation of scaling solutions or interoperability improvements, can increase the future utility of a cryptocurrency. Cryptocurrencies that continue to evolve and improve their infrastructure are more likely to maintain or increase their intrinsic value in the future.

Challenges of Calculating Intrinsic Value

While these methods provide a structured way to estimate the intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency, they are not without their challenges:

Volatility: Cryptocurrencies are notoriously volatile, and market conditions can change rapidly. Sudden price swings can disrupt any of the intrinsic value calculations, making it difficult to provide a stable and reliable valuation.

Speculation: A large portion of cryptocurrency's market value is driven by speculation. Investors may buy and sell based on hype rather than fundamental utility, leading to discrepancies between intrinsic value and market price.

Data Accuracy: Many of the methods, particularly those that rely on transaction volumes or active users, require accurate and consistent data. Inaccurate or incomplete data can lead to flawed estimations of intrinsic value, skewing the final result.

Regulatory Uncertainty: As governments around the world introduce regulations for cryptocurrencies, their intrinsic value can be affected. For example,

a sudden regulatory crackdown can significantly reduce the future utility or security of a cryptocurrency, while favorable regulations can increase it.

Technology and Innovation Risks: Cryptocurrencies are still relatively new, and the underlying technology is rapidly evolving. It is possible that a breakthrough innovation or a competitor blockchain could reduce the intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency by offering a better solution.

Why Do Fiat Currencies Lack Intrinsic Value?

Fiat currencies, such as the US dollar or euro, are not backed by any physical asset, unlike cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin or gold. Instead, fiat money derives its value from government decree, trust in the issuing institution, and its ability to act as a medium of exchange.

Fiat money operates on a system of **trust** rather than scarcity or utility. People use fiat currencies because they believe in the stability of the government and its financial system. In contrast, cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin derive their value from intrinsic characteristics such as scarcity, decentralization, and utility.

While fiat currencies don't have intrinsic value in the traditional sense, they serve as a useful medium for daily transactions and store of value due to their economic utility, legal backing, and universal acceptance.

Conclusion

Understanding the intrinsic value of cryptocurrencies is essential for making informed investment decisions. Unlike traditional assets, the intrinsic value of cryptocurrencies is not tied to physical backing or consistent income streams, making it more challenging to assess. However, by considering factors such as utility, scarcity, network value, and security, investors can gain a better understanding of what makes a cryptocurrency valuable beyond its market price.

Methods like **Metcalf's Law**, **cost of production**, and the **discounted utility model** offer valuable insights into estimating the intrinsic value of

cryptocurrencies, though each comes with its own set of challenges. Ultimately, the key to assessing the intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency lies in understanding its underlying fundamentals and how they contribute to its long-term sustainability and adoption.

As the cryptocurrency market continues to evolve, the importance of intrinsic value will only grow. By focusing on these fundamental factors, investors can make more informed decisions and avoid falling for speculative hype. Cryptocurrencies with strong intrinsic value, such as Bitcoin and Ethereum, are likely to continue thriving, while those without these qualities may struggle to maintain their value in the long term.

FAQs

1. What is the intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency?

The intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency refers to its true, inherent worth, which is determined by its utility, production costs, network effects, adoption rate, and other factors. Unlike market price, which is influenced by speculation and external factors, intrinsic value is based on tangible metrics that reflect the cryptocurrency's real-world potential and use cases.

2. How is Metcalfe's Law applied to cryptocurrencies?

Metcalf's Law suggests that the value of a network grows exponentially as the number of users increases. For cryptocurrencies, this means that the more people use and participate in the network, the more valuable it becomes. The law helps evaluate a cryptocurrency's worth by considering the size and activity level of its user base, such as transaction volume and active participants in the ecosystem.

3. What role does the cost of production play in determining a cryptocurrency's value?

The cost of production, especially for Proof of Work (PoW) cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, is a key determinant of intrinsic value. This includes the costs of mining equipment, energy consumption, and network difficulty. If the cost of producing a cryptocurrency exceeds its market value, miners

may stop mining, which could influence the coin's price and overall network stability.

4. How does the discounted utility model estimate a cryptocurrency's value?

The discounted utility model calculates a cryptocurrency's value based on its expected future utility, such as transaction volumes and adoption rates, and then discounts that value to present terms. This method takes into account factors like network growth, transaction fees, and technological advancements to predict the cryptocurrency's potential and help estimate its intrinsic worth.

5. Can the intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency change over time?

Yes, the intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency can fluctuate over time due to various factors, such

as network growth, technological advancements, regulatory changes, and shifts in adoption. For example, if a cryptocurrency gains widespread adoption or introduces a highly sought-after feature, its intrinsic value may increase. Conversely, security issues or a decline in active users could reduce its value.

6. Why is it difficult to determine the intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency?

Determining the intrinsic value of a cryptocurrency is challenging due to factors such as market volatility, speculative behavior, lack of consistent data, and the rapidly evolving nature of blockchain technology. Additionally, external factors like regulatory changes, technological innovations, and security risks can significantly impact the perceived value of a cryptocurrency.



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Tether Takes \$775M Stake in Video-Sharing Platform Rumble; RUM Shares Soar 41%

YouTube competitor Rumble (RUM) is in a deal for a \$775 million strategic investment from stablecoin giant Tether.

Rumble will use \$250 million of the money to support operations and the remainder to fund a tender offer for up to 70 million shares of its common stock at a price of \$7.50, according to a Friday evening press release. That \$7.50 is the same price per share Tether is paying for its stake.

"I truly believe Tether is the perfect partner that can put a rocket pack on the back of Rumble as we prepare for our next phase of growth," said Rumble CEO Chris

Pavlovski.

"Legacy media has increasingly eroded trust, creating an opportunity for platforms like Rumble to offer a credible, uncensored alternative," said Tether CEO Paolo Ardoino. "Beyond our initial shareholder stake, Tether intends to drive towards a meaningful advertising, cloud, and crypto payment solutions relationship with Rumble."

RUM shares have rocketed higher by 41% in after hours action to \$10.13.

It is not known if any of the proceeds will be used to put bitcoin (BTC) on the Rumble balance sheet.

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Ledger Users Targeted in New Data Breach Phishing Campaign

Users of the Ledger series of hardware wallets are being targeted as part of a widespread phishing campaign that takes advantage of earlier data leaks. Some users have received emails alerting them to a data breach that could have exposed their seed phrases to attackers.

Ledger Users Receiving Data Breach Emails in

Phishing Campaign
Attackers are always on the hunt for ways to scam crypto users' funds. Bleeping Computer recently alerted about a new fake phishing data breach campaign targeting users of Ledger, one of the most popular hardware wallet manufacturers. According to social media reports, they received an official-looking email prompting



them to verify their seed phrase through an online security tool.

The phishing emails states:

We regret to inform you that a recent data breach has affected our service. While your Ledger wallet remains secure, there is a possibility that recovery phrases (also known as "seed phrases") linked to certain accounts have been exposed.

When clicking to verify the seed phrases, the phishing email sends users to ledger-recovery.info, a domain registered on December 15 as part of this scam scheme. The site offers an interface for users to introduce their seed phrases to be collected in a database.

Security experts recommend never introducing a seed phrase online, because it risks losing the funds stored in the wallet.

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Aptos Labs CEO Mo Shaikh Quits; Avery Ching to Take His Place

The Aptos co-founder is sticking around as a strategic adviser, though.

Mo Shaikh, co-founder of Aptos Labs, announced that he's stepping down as CEO of the company.

Aptos is a layer-1 blockchain that claims to offer enhanced scalability, security and transaction speeds. The platform leverages a unique blockchain programming language

called Move, which was originally created for Facebook's shuttered "Diem" project.

In a lengthy post on X, Shaikh, who co-founded Aptos with Avery Ching three years ago, expressed pride in the progress made by the company, which included raising a mammoth \$400 million in venture capital funding and building "one of the most robust ecosystems, trusted by over a thousand builders and innovators around the globe."



Ching, Shaikh said, will assume the role of CEO and lead the company into its next phase of growth.

In his X post, Shaikh acknowledged the work of Aptos' partners and investors, including firms like BlackRock, Google, Mastercard and PayPal.

"None of this would have been possible

without the unwavering support of our incredible investors. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Dragonfly, Blocktower, Haun Ventures, Hashed, IRONGREY, a16z, Apollo, Coinbase, Parafi, Scribble, PayPal, Franklin Templeton, and the amazing angels who believed in our vision," he wrote.

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All Eyes on Trump: Bitcoin Crash Could Pave the Way for a Historic Rebound in 2025

Bitcoin (BTC) recently hit an all-time high of \$108,364, only to tumble to \$92,118 within three days. This dramatic price drop coincides with growing political unease in the U.S., as the federal government faces a potential shutdown. Despite the downturn, some anticipate the emergence of a "God candle" that could mark bitcoin's most impressive rebound yet.

Bitcoin Plunges: Could Trump's Policies Spark a Crypto Comeback Trail?

In recent days, the crypto market has been as unpredictable as the U.S. political scene. The looming U.S. government

shutdown stems from stalled spending negotiations, a situation that historically affects markets in varied ways.

For instance, the S&P 500 has occasionally recorded modest gains during past shutdowns. Meanwhile, bitcoin and the broader cryptocurrency space have shown even less predictable patterns under similar circumstances.

Adding to the intrigue, Arthur Hayes, the former head of Bitmex, recently predicted a "harrowing dump" in crypto markets near Donald Trump's Inauguration Day. He attributed this to short-term disillusionment among market participants.

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Bit Global Digital Takes Coinbase To Court Over WBTC Delisting



A well-known cryptocurrency exchange firm might be forced to pay up to \$1 billion in damages for delisting a digital currency from its platform.

The issuer of Wrapped Bitcoin, Bit Global Digital is suing crypto platform Coinbase for the losses incurred after the digital currency exchange removed its crypto token.

Coinbase is now facing a complaint filed by Bit Global Digital for the unfair delisting of Wrapped Bitcoin to gain an upper hand on the Wrapped Bitcoin market.

The Wrapped BTC issuer said that the delisting resulted in around \$1 billion in losses, seeking damages from the crypto exchange for the unjust removal of the virtual token. Bit Global Digital filed a complaint at the US

District Court, Northern District of California for eight counts of violations which include attempted monopolization, unfair competition, and trade libel, claiming that Coinbase's actions led to huge financial losses for the company and tainted the reputation of Wrapped BTC leading to consumers losing their confidence on the token.

Launching Of Coinbase's New Asset Bit Global Digital accused Coinbase of removing Wrapped Bitcoin to eliminate competition for its new asset, cbBTC, saying that cbBTC is a product that is directly competitive with WBTC.

The crypto exchange platform launched cbBTC in September 2024 and has been introduced on Ethereum, Base, and Solana.

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Euro-Backed Stablecoins Flourish Post-MiCA, Reach €800M in Monthly Volumes

November 2024 weekly crypto trade volumes in Europe hit €12B, driven by Bitcoin's \$100K milestone as well as surging institutional demand.

In 2024, euro-backed stablecoins emerged as a critical driver of growth in the European cryptocurrency market, bolstered by the implementation of the Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCA).

In fact, these tokens have notched a new record in terms of monthly volumes after attracting liquidity and institutional players across the region.

MiCA Spurs Euro-Backed Stablecoin Adoption
Monthly volumes for euro-backed stablecoins reached a multi-

year high, surging to nearly €800 million in November. According to the latest report by research firm Kaiko and Netherlands-headquartered crypto exchange Bitvavo, this sharp increase can be largely attributed to Banking Circle's EURI stablecoin, which gained significant traction after being listed on Binance.

Other MiCA-compliant stablecoins, such as fintech firm Circle's EURC and Société Générale's EURCV, also contributed to the rise, collectively capturing 91% of the euro-backed stablecoin market share by the end of the year.

Regulatory clarity provided by MiCA, which took effect in June, has been crucial in instilling investor confidence, driving liquidity, and attracting institutional players into the market.



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Delhi High Court orders new probe into WazirX amid Binance delisting



The Delhi High Court demanded a fresh investigation in response to allegations of financial irregularities and a North Korean-linked hack.

Indian crypto exchange WazirX faces mounting challenges after the Delhi High Court ordered a fresh investigation into the platform on Dec. 18 — the same day Binance announced it would delist the exchange's native token WRX.

The probe, spurred by allegations of a prior hack and concerns over financial irregularities, signals intensifying scrutiny on the beleaguered exchange.

The court's directive came after Advocate Jaivir Bains filed a petition calling for criminal proceedings against WazirX in connection with a July 2024

breach that resulted in a loss of \$235 million in crypto.

Initial reports from Delhi police concluded that no criminal case could be substantiated, but Justice Sanjeev Narula rejected the findings and required an updated status report by February 2025.

The investigation highlights lingering doubts about WazirX's operational integrity, particularly in light of allegations that a North Korean hacking group orchestrated the breach. Despite a partial recovery effort led by cybersecurity firm Cyfirma, the exchange admitted that 43% of customer funds remain unrecoverable.

The legal development comes as Binance announced it would delist WRX, citing a failure to meet compliance standards.

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Microstrategy names former Binance.US CEO Brian Brooks, two others to board of directors

Microstrategy added 3 members to its board of directors, bringing the total membership from 6 to 9.

The new members include Brian Brooks, the former CEO of Binance.US and former chief legal officer of Coinbase, Jane Dietze, chief investment officer of Brown University and a board member of Galaxy Digital, and Gregg Winiarski, the chief legal officer of sports apparel and collectibles company Fanatics.

Microstrategy, shortly before its addition to the Nasdaq 100 stock index on Monday, has added 3 members to its board of directors, bringing the total count to 9 members, a recent filing shows.

The new board members are Brian Brooks, Jane Dietze, and Gregg Winiarski, who all have experience with large corporations that deal with digital assets, according to the filing. Each board member will receive an equity package with a value of \$2 million, with half in options and half in RSUs which will vest over four years.

Brian Brooks is likely the most well-known among crypto investors, having formerly served as CEO of Binance.US, the US-based arm of the global Binance exchange, from May 2021 to August 2021. Brooks was also the chief legal officer at Coinbase from September 2018 to March 2020.



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