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Bitcoin is still stuck in its wide range between $107,000 and $124,474, showing that both bulls and bears are trying to figure out the next big move. If BTC fails to hold the $107,000 support, it would confirm a bearish double-top setup, a pattern that usually signals a short-term top. That could drag the price down toward $100,000 and possibly all the way to the target zone near $89,526. On the other hand, if Bitcoin gathers strength and breaks back above the moving averages, it would signal that sellers are running out of steam. In that case, BTC could climb to the key level at $117,500. A breakout above this resistance would put the all-time high back into play.

Ether has been facing selling pressure after its recent bounce to $3,815. The first hurdle is the 20-day EMA at $4,262, where sellers will likely try to block the recovery. If buyers break through this zone, ETH could push higher toward the resistance line, and eventually the major resistance at $4,957. Clearing that level would confirm the next leg of the uptrend and open the path toward fresh highs. But if ETH struggles at the 20-day EMA and turns lower, the risk of a deeper drop grows. A break below $3,745 could trigger a fall to $3,426.

Trader's Outlook: BTC remains in a tug-of-war between $107K support and $117.5K resistance. A break in either direction could set the tone for the next major move, so traders should be ready for volatility. ETH looks weaker in the short term unless it can reclaim $4,262, with $3,745 acting as the line in the sand for bulls to defend.

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

Enjoy the issue!

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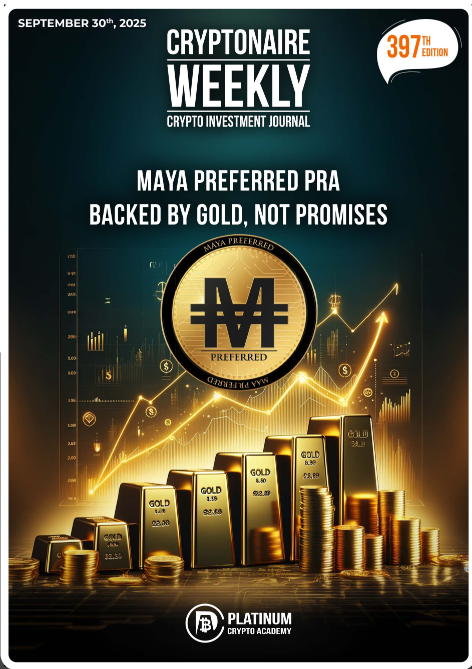
Cryptonaire Weekly is one of the oldest and trusted sources of Crypto News, Crypto Analysis and information on blockchain technology in the industry, created for the sole purpose to support and guide our Crypto Trading academy clients and subscribers on all the tops, research, analysis and through leadership in the space.

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 397th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is $3.93 Trillion, Down 70 Billion since the last 15 days. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is $179.93 Billion which makes a 59.49% increase. The Fear & Greed index is 53% Neutral and the Altcoin season index is 62%. The largest gainers in the industry right now are XRP Ledger Ecosystem and Synthetic cryptocurrencies.

Bitcoin's price has decreased by 0.72% from $115,475 biweekly to around $114,645 and Ether's price has decreased by 6.86% from $4520 biweekly to $4210 Bitcoin's market cap is $2.28 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is $1.65 Trillion.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	57.00%
ETH	13.80%
USDT	4.22%
BNB	3.20%
SOL	3.24%
Others	18.54%

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On the adoption front, Kazakhstan has rolled out a state-backed crypto reserve in partnership with Binance. The new fund, named Alem Crypto Fund, has seeded its portfolio with BNB, Binance's native token, though the size of the purchase wasn't disclosed. Managed by Qazaqstan Venture Group under the Astana International Financial Centre, the fund's goal is to build long-term digital reserves and expand the country's presence in crypto. This move follows hot on the heels of Kazakhstan's launch of its tenge-backed stablecoin, KZTE, on Solana, in collaboration with Mastercard, Intebix, and Eurasian Bank. The government's deepening partnership with Binance goes back to 2022, when CZ signed an agreement to support crypto regulation in the country.

Meanwhile, Poland is tightening its grip on crypto. Lawmakers in the Sejm approved the Crypto-Asset Market Act, a bill designed to bring the country in line with Europe's MiCA framework. The law introduces a licensing regime for all crypto asset service providers — from exchanges to custody firms whether domestic or foreign. Companies will need KNF approval, Poland's financial supervision authority, to operate. The rules also pack a punch, with penalties of up to 10 million zlotys ($2.8 million) in fines and possible prison time of up to two years for violations. The stricter stance has triggered heavy debate within the local crypto community, as some argue it could stifle innovation.

In the altcoin space, Hyperliquid's early adopters scored big this week with the long-awaited airdrop of the Hypurr NFT collection. The hype was well worth it — floor prices are holding around 1,458 HYPE ($68,700) on OpenSea, with rare items already selling for far more. The standout was Hypurr #21, featuring "Knight Ghost Armor" and "Knight Helm Ghost" traits, which sold for a staggering 9,999 HYPE ($467,000). The launch cements Hyperliquid's growing presence, with its ecosystem rewarding early believers in serious style.

From a trader's perspective, Bitcoin looks set to continue consolidating between $110,000 and $117,500 in the near term, with bulls needing a clean breakout above resistance to fuel a push toward $124,500. Ether is sitting at a critical level, with $4,400 acting as the short-term pivot; a bounce could reignite momentum, but a breakdown risks sliding to $4,060. Solana, on the other hand, continues to show strength thanks to fresh institutional inflows, and traders will be watching whether that momentum carries it into the $150–$160 zone in the weeks ahead.

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- Modern transparency
- Long-term resilience

Why Maya Preferred?

Gold & Silver Backing
Reserves-oriented structure for premium value integrity.

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Historically high pricing with robust design considerations.

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Proof documents and third-party audits available anytime.

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Founded in 2012, Coinbase has grown into one of the most widely used crypto exchanges in the space globally. It's the largest crypto company in the UK and the only crypto exchange included in the S&P 500. The platform now serves millions of users across over 100 countries. Total platform assets reached $425 billion in Q2 2025, marking significant growth from previous years.

Coinbase continues to show impressive momentum, with more than 8 million users actively transacting every month. Users can trade over 260+ different cryptocurrencies with just a £1 minimum investment requirement. This low barrier to entry has attracted millions of new crypto investors.

On the global front, Coinbase supports multiple major fiat currencies—including GBP, EUR and USD—which is a big plus for international clients. When it comes to payment options, they cover all the bases like bank transfers, credit cards, PayPal, and even other choices like Apple Pay and Google Pay.

Coinbase offers attractive staking rewards on select cryptocurrencies. Users can also earn rewards by holding USDC, a stablecoin designed to be redeemable 1:1 with USD. Stablecoins are backed by reserve assets in the traditional financial system, such as cash or securities. According to Coinbase's Q2 2025 **State of Crypto Report**, stablecoin adoption has grown 54% year-over-year globally, and these features provide additional value to traders.

Users value Coinbase's reliability and security. The platform takes a proactive approach to user protection. Most assets are stored offline in cold wallets, making them far less vulnerable to online threats. Two-factor authentication is standard, so every account gets an extra layer of defence. Regular internal audits help keep systems secure, and Coinbase has insurance coverage against losses, should they occur. Coinbase also uses AES-256 encryption.

About Coinbase

Coinbase stands out as the largest cryptocurrency exchange in the UK. The exchange offers trading access to more than 260+ cryptocurrencies with state-of-the-art security measures. As a regulated financial services entity, Coinbase is registered as a cryptoasset business (and authorised as an e-money institution) with the FCA in the UK and is listed publicly on NASDAQ under the ticker symbol COIN.

Coinbase is on a mission to make economic freedom more accessible by offering secure and easy-to-use cryptocurrency trading. The platform keeps evolving to meet the needs of everyday investors as well as large institutions.

For additional information about Coinbase's services and latest developments, visit

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Lahara (LAA) is a next-generation digital asset ecosystem redefining the intersection of wealth creation, real-world utility, and decentralized ownership. Built on the secure and efficient Binance Smart Chain (BSC), Lahara is not just another cryptocurrency—it is a visionary ecosystem that bridges blockchain with landmark global innovations in hospitality, infrastructure, and cutting-edge technology.

At the core of Lahara's vision is the seamless integration of blockchain with high-value ventures, unlocking opportunities that transform the way people experience both luxury and digital finance. Among its flagship initiatives is a patented dome-structured 7-star hotel, valued at approximately $150 million USD. This architectural and experiential masterpiece will serve as the centerpiece of a global hospitality chain, setting unmatched benchmarks in design, exclusivity, and innovation.

Beyond hospitality, Lahara is spearheading DePIN (Decentralized Physical Infrastructure Network) initiatives, enabling scalable, user-owned infrastructure solutions powered by blockchain and community-driven hardware. In parallel, Lahara is also developing its own Layer 1 blockchain, with the structure already in place. This advanced blockchain is designed to deliver state-of-the-art performance, robust security, and scalability—positioning LAA as the backbone of a broad ecosystem of decentralized applications and Web3 solutions.

With a presale target of $18 million USD, Lahara is designed to balance ambition with sustainability. The project emphasizes transparency, community trust, and a strong commitment to regulatory compliance, ensuring that Lahara is not simply another token but a legacy project with lasting global impact.

"Lahara isn't just about creating another cryptocurrency—it's about building the future of wealth and innovation," said the founding team. "By merging blockchain with real-world ventures, we're setting the stage for a new era of prosperity for our global community."

As digital assets continue to revolutionize economies worldwide, Lahara (LAA) emerges as a bold yet practical force for change. Investors, innovators, and visionaries are invited to join this movement and help shape the decentralized future.

To learn more, visit www.lahara.io and be part of tomorrow's legacy today.

CryptoGames announces the implementation of enhanced Tier 3 verification protocols to align with evolving global cryptocurrency regulations. This initiative responds to sweeping regulatory changes across global cryptocurrency jurisdictions.

The EU's Markets in Crypto-Assets (MiCA) regulation will become fully effective in December 2024. FATF recently highlighted the need for stronger global action to address illicit finance risks in virtual assets. These developments significantly impact how crypto platforms operate worldwide. According to industry reports, sites without proper KYC policies will now be considered high-risk areas.

Interestingly, the verification process actually strengthens individual account security measures significantly. Advanced fraud detection systems prevent unauthorized access to user funds and personal data. Many security experts believe this approach reduces cyber threats by nearly 90%.

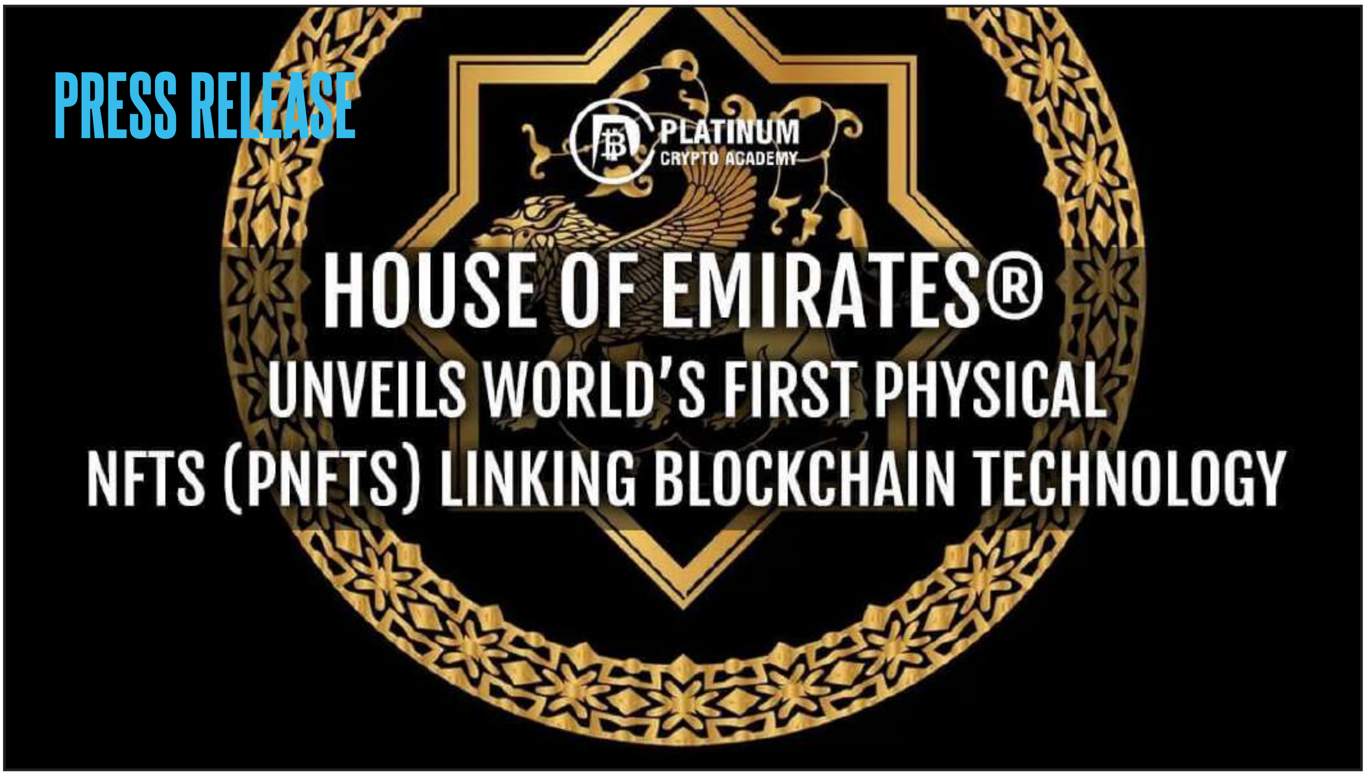
CryptoGames requires all users to complete Tier 3 verification by December 31st, 2025. This deadline ensures uninterrupted gaming access beyond January 1st, 2026. Players can continue enjoying their favorite games during this transition period. CryptoGames' proactive approach ensures seamless service for verified users moving forward. The platform clearly prioritizes transparent communication throughout this important transition process.

Licensed under Curaçao Gaming Control Board authorization OGL/2024/1336/1047, CryptoGames operates within established regulatory frameworks. The Tier 3 verification enhances this foundation with additional security layers. This positions CryptoGames as an industry leader in compliance standards.

About CryptoGames

CryptoGames is a leading crypto gambling platform, delivering fast, transparent, and innovative gaming experiences. The platform offers provably fair gaming experiences across diverse game categories. Designed for both casual players and high-rollers, the platform combines simplicity with powerful features that appeal to a global audience.

For detailed guidance or support regarding Tier 3 verification, please visit **crypto.games**. Players can also contact the support team directly through the official website.



London- UK– House of Emirates®, a trailblazer in merging heritage with cutting edge innovation, has officially launched the world's first collection of Physical NFTs (pNFTs) – a revolutionary advancement in digital ownership that ties blockchain tokens directly to authenticated ancient coins. These rare coins, some dating back thousands of years, are now accessible to global investors as blockchain-verified assets, offering both tangible security and appreciating value.

House of Emirates® collection is exclusively available for purchase on OpenSea, the world's leading NFT marketplace. By searching for "House of Emirates" on OpenSea, collectors can explore and acquire these groundbreaking digital-physical hybrid assets. The project also introduces its own digital currency symbol, $EMR, operating on the Ethereum Mainnet, underscoring its integration with the broader blockchain ecosystem.

A First-of-Its-Kind Concept: Tangibility Meets Blockchain

Unlike conventional NFTs that exist solely in the digital realm, House of Emirates® introduces pNFTs (Physical NFTs) – tokens intrinsically linked to a real-world, authenticated ancient coin. This fusion of the tangible and digital worlds provides buyers with verified proof of ownership on the blockchain, while also giving them custody of a 100% authentic and historical artifact.

"Most NFTs today are only as valuable as the community's perception of them," said Mr.Ahmad Saed Alzein, the CEO for House of Emirates®. "What we've created goes beyond speculation. Each pNFT is backed by a physical ancient coin, carrying intrinsic, historical, and financial value. It is the world's first blockchain-powered gateway to tangible, appreciating assets."

The Value of History in the Digital Age Ancient coins have long been regarded as timeless stores of value—revered not only for their craftsmanship and rarity but also for their historical significance. By linking these artifacts to blockchain technology, House of Emirates® ensures that every purchase represents both an investment in history and a stake in the future.

Each pNFT purchase comes with:

A Physical Ancient Coin: authenticated and certified for historical integrity.

A Digital Blockchain Token: permanently recorded on Ethereum, providing transparent and immutable proof of ownership.

A 100% Secure Asset: combining historical value with blockchain's incorruptible verification system.

This dual nature makes House of Emirates® pNFTs a secure hedge against volatility, unlike traditional NFTs, which can fluctuate drastically in value without a physical backing.

"House of Emirates® is proud to be the first in the world to pioneer this groundbreaking model," said Mr. Alzein. "We are bridging millennia of history with tomorrow's blockchain technology to deliver assets that are both culturally significant and financially sound."

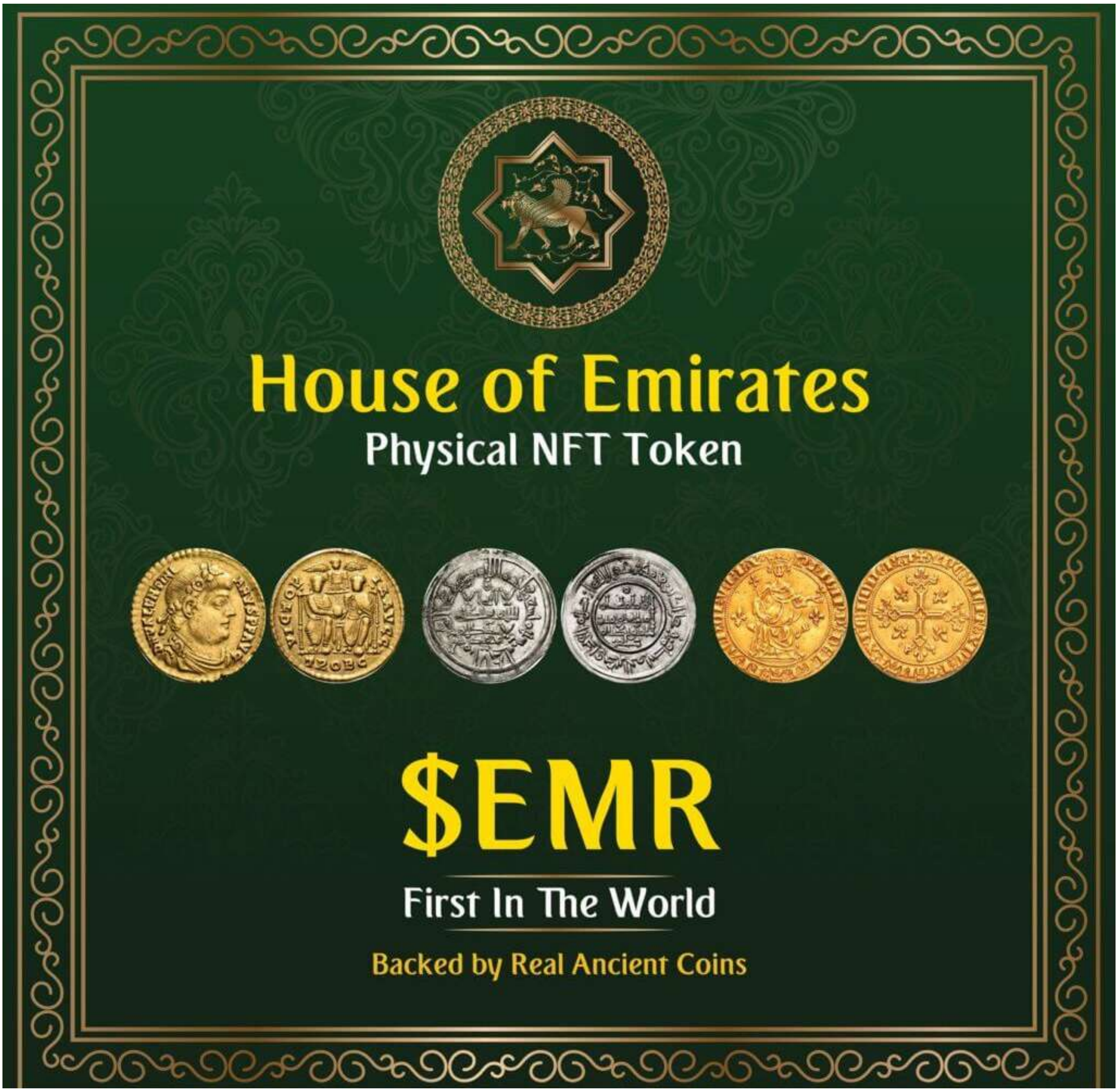
Available Now on OpenSea

Collectors, investors, and blockchain enthusiasts can now explore the House of Emirates® collection on OpenSea by searching for "House of Emirates" or visiting the official collection page: **https://opensea.io/collection/house-of-emirates-nfts**

Each listed pNFT provides detailed background on the linked coin, including its origin, age, and certification, ensuring complete transparency for buyers.

About House of Emirates®

House of Emirates® is a niche luxury brand dedicated to redefining ownership in the digital age by connecting blockchain innovation with tangible heritage assets. With the launch of the world's first Physical NFTs (pNFTs), House of Emirates® empowers collectors and investors to secure timeless historical artifacts in a digitally verifiable, blockchain-protected form. Through the symbol $EMR on Ethereum Mainnet, the project also expands its integration into decentralized finance and the future of asset ownership.



The digital world is stuck at a crossroad. Web2 gave us scale, Web3 gave us ownership. Yet both remain fragmented, stalling new ideas before they start. HABE was built to change that. An ecosystem where AI meets blockchain, and where the next generation of projects can actually take off.

Web3 shows enormous promise, but mass adoption hasn't happened. Instead, the space is flooded with duplicate projects, scattered communities, and scams that erode trust.

For newcomers, the noise makes it harder to know where to start. For builders, good ideas often die early without funding or community support. For investors, too much power is still concentrated in the hands of VCs and whales. The result? A system full of potential, but held back by fragmentation and fear.

This is where HABE steps in.

HABE is a digital innovation platform designed to unify Web2 and Web3. It acts as a launchpad and hub where builders can bring ideas to life, powered by AI that helps shape raw ideas into workable project plans, matches them with the right talent and resources, and connects them with transparent funding from investors.

Most importantly, the HABE community votes on which ideas deserve to move forward, ensuring projects are backed by both expertise and collective conviction. By letting the community decide, HABE ensures resources go to projects people actually want, while making it harder for scams to thrive and easier for real builders to succeed.

For job seekers, HABE connects talent to early projects where they can contribute and gain recognition. For investors, it offers early access to vetted projects chosen by the community. And for builders, it removes the barrier between idea and execution, giving every project a fair shot.

With its partnership with Misses Browser and its presale now in Stage 6, HABE is proving that the future of adoption doesn't have to be chaotic. It can be simple, transparent, and built together.

HABE isn't just watching the next era of the internet unfold. It's where it begins.

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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN RECOVERS ABOVE $112,000, BOOSTED BY WEEKEND GAINS

Investors are growing bullish ahead of the fourth quarter, as Bitcoin recovered losses from last week's liquidation event.

Bitcoin recovered to $112,000 Monday morning, recovering losses sustained during last week's price slump.

CME-based Bitcoin futures and options products saw a $4.33 billion decline in open interest between September 18 and 26.

Crypto-native investors remained optimistic despite last week's liquidation event, supported by an $800 million uptick in open interest and rising funding rates.

Bitcoin recovered above $112,000 Monday morning, supported by a surge in buying pressure noted during the weekend.

As a result, the top crypto is up 2.5% in the past 24 hours, undoing most of last Thursday's losses, per CoinGecko data. Buoyed by Bitcoin's strength, altcoins have also soared higher, resulting in a $354 million liquidation spree and the total cryptocurrency market capitalization nearing the $4 trillion mark.

Bitcoin's Monday morning rise reflects "a mix of macro relief, with a softer U.S. dollar and steadier rate expectations, alongside a cleaned-up leverage after recent liquidations and renewed accumulation from larger players," Farzam Ehsani, CEO and co-founder of VALR, told Decrypt.

The broader crypto market losses noted last week were primarily driven by quarter-end rebalancing, experts told Decrypt. Open interest for CME's Bitcoin futures fell by $2.83 billion to $14.73 billion between September 18 and 25, while options dropped by $1.50 billion to $4.63 billion over the following two days, per Velo data.

U.S. spot Bitcoin exchange-traded funds also saw net outflows last week as part of the quarter-end basis unwind, as noted by Singapore-based trading desk QCP Capital in its Monday post.

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Solana, Dogecoin and Others Lead Gains as Short Liquidations Top $260M

Crypto markets rebounded over the weekend, lifting Solana, Dogecoin and XRP as short covering fueled gains across altcoins, Decrypt was told.

Top alcoins have risen 3–4% in the past 24 hours, partially reversing last week's sell-off.

About $345 million in crypto liquidations were recorded, mostly from short positions.

One analsyt expects near-term consolidation before capital rotation into select altcoin segments in Q4.

A weekend surge in crypto has partially erased last week's losses as traders look to regain a bullish foothold in the market.

Solana, Dogecoin, Cardano, Ethereum, and XRP have led gains among the ten largest cryptocurrencies by market value, rising between 3% and 4% on the day, according to CoinGecko.

Nearly $260 million worth of short positions have been wiped out, bringing the 24-hour total for all liquidations to $345 million, according to CoinGlass figures.

Shivam Thakral, CEO of BuyUcoin, told Decrypt the uptick in Bitcoin has triggered a short-covering move, which in turn has amplified prices for altcoins.

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MicroStrategy Announces New Bitcoin Buy, Now Holds Over 640,000 BTC

Strategy, a public company founded by Bitcoin proponent Michael Sayler, is the largest corporate holder of BTC in the world. It has a tradition of announcing crypto purchases each Monday, and today is no exception.

The firm revealed on its official X account that it has scooped up 196 BTC for approximately $22.1 million at an average price of $113,048 per coin. Thus, its total holdings increased to 640,031 BTC acquired for roughly $47.35 billion.

The USD equivalent of the stash exceeds $71.7 billion, meaning that Strategy is currently sitting on an unrealized profit of the staggering $24.35 billion. Moreover, Strategy's holdings represent 3.2% of BTC's circulating supply.

The latest buy is much more modest than some previous ones. Last week, the firm announced the acquisition of 850 BTC for almost $100 million, whereas over the summer, it made some multi-billion-dollar purchases.

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Online gambling has exploded in recent years, and crypto casinos are leading the change. Many players believe blockchain technology ensures fairer odds compared to traditional casinos.

Still, fairness is a tricky word in the gambling industry. Some crypto platforms use "provably fair" systems, where players can confirm each game's outcome. Traditional casinos rarely offer such transparency. But does that really mean crypto odds are better? Or is it just smart marketing to attract curious players? Let's explore whether crypto gambling truly gives you a fairer deal compared to old-fashioned casino floors.

House Edge, RTP: What They Really Mean?

House edge and RTP are two sides of the same coin in gambling. The house edge indicates the casino's advantage, while the RTP (Return to Player) reveals the percentage of a game's payouts that are returned to players over time. These numbers help you make smarter betting decisions. A slot with a 96% RTP means that, on average, you'll get back $96 for every $100 you bet. House edge works oppositely – it shows the casino's advantage percentage.

According to experts, most crypto casino games offer RTPs between 96% to 97%. Interestingly, crypto casinos don't have inherently lower house edges, contrary to popular belief. The game type matters more than the platform's payment method. European roulette maintains consistent odds regardless of whether you're using Bitcoin or dollars.

Many crypto platforms are more transparent about publishing these figures. Reputable crypto casinos usually publish the RTP for each game in their info or help section. This transparency gives players better information for making informed choices.

How Shady Casinos Manipulate Odds and Payouts?

False Hope Systems

Casinos manipulate players into believing they have a chance at winning by designing the machines to tease players with near wins and appease them with small payouts. Slot machines are programmed to show symbols just above or below winning combinations. This creates the illusion that jackpots are closer than reality. Players often continue playing after these near-misses, believing big wins are imminent. This psychological manipulation keeps players engaged longer than they planned.

Rigged Game Outcomes

This type of fraud encompasses various schemes and tactics, including rigging the outcome of sporting events or casino games to ensure a specific result. Some dishonest operators tamper with their random number generators to reduce payouts. They program games to hit jackpots less frequently than advertised RTPs suggest.

Bonus Terms and Hidden Wagering Requirements
Unscrupulous casinos advertise attractive bonuses with impossible-to-meet wagering requirements buried in fine print. Players must often wager bonus amounts 50 to 100 times before withdrawing winnings. Game restrictions limit which titles count toward meeting these requirements effectively. Many bonuses expire before players can realistically complete the wagering conditions. Customer support often provides misleading information about bonus terms and conditions. These tactics essentially guarantee that players lose their deposits before accessing bonus funds.

Delayed and Restricted Withdrawal Tactics
Problematic casinos implement unnecessary verification processes that can delay withdrawals for weeks or months. Withdrawal limits are set artificially low, forcing players to make multiple requests over time. Account restrictions appear suddenly when players attempt to withdraw significant winnings. Technical issues conveniently arise during peak withdrawal periods, preventing cash-outs. Some operators simply ignore withdrawal requests, hoping players will cancel and gamble away winnings. These stalling tactics often succeed in getting players to reverse their withdrawals.

Fake Licensing and Regulatory Claims
Turns out, they weren't licensed anywhere! Illegitimate casinos display fake licensing logos from non-existent or irrelevant regulatory bodies. They create official-looking certificates that have no legal backing or verification system. Some use expired licenses or claim regulation from jurisdictions that don't actually oversee gambling.

How to Vet a Casino's Fairness Before Depositing?

Legitimate licensing authorities maintain public databases where you can search for licensed operators using their registration numbers or company names. Always verify casino licenses through official regulatory websites before making any deposits. The Malta Gaming Authority offers a searchable database at mga.org.mt where you can check operator credentials. UK Gambling Commission maintains similar records that show licensed operators and any enforcement actions taken. Never trust license logos displayed on casino websites without independent verification through regulatory databases.

Another valuable source of information for evaluating a casino's reputation is visiting independent online casino review websites. Check multiple review platforms to gauge overall player satisfaction and complaint patterns. Look for consistent feedback about withdrawal speeds, customer service responsiveness, and game fairness across different sources.

SIQ is an accredited institution that focuses on a variety of gaming devices, including slot machines, table games, and lotteries. Verify that games use certified random number generators from reputable testing laboratories like eCOGRA or iTech Labs. These organizations publish certificates that confirm games meet fairness standards and payout percentages.

Test the casino's customer support quality and response times before committing significant funds to play. Contact support with basic questions about licensing, game fairness, or withdrawal procedures to assess professionalism. Quality operators provide quick, knowledgeable responses through multiple communication channels including live chat and email. Poor support often indicates broader operational issues that could affect your gaming experience negatively.

Traditional vs. Crypto Gambling Fairness

What sets crypto casinos apart is their use of Provably Fair technology, which lets players check the fairness of each game outcome themselves. Crypto casinos offer unique transparency advantages through blockchain technology and provably fair systems. Players can independently verify that game outcomes weren't manipulated after each bet or spin. This level of verification simply isn't possible with traditional online casino random number generators.

Many crypto casinos only implement provably fair technology for select games in their portfolios. Third-party game providers often use standard RNG systems that lack blockchain verification capabilities. Traditional casinos rely entirely on regulatory oversight and independent testing labs for fairness assurance. Both systems can be effective when properly implemented and regularly audited by qualified organizations.

How Crypto.Games Offer the Fairest Odds?

1. Provably Fair RNG Technology

Crypto.Games uses provably fair random number generation that lets every player verify their bet results independently. The system works by having the server commit to a seed before each bet. Players can then choose their own client seed to combine with the server seed. After the bet, players simply compare the used server seed with the original hash provided. This ensures that neither the casino nor the player can manipulate the outcome after seeds are set. Both parties have no prior knowledge about the other's seed, guaranteeing complete fairness.

2. Third-Party Verification Tools

For added convenience, Crypto.Games has partnered with outside providers to create independent bet verifiers. Players can use these third-party tools to check their results without relying solely on the casino's system. This extra layer of verification gives players complete confidence in game outcomes and fairness. The external verifier operates independently from the casino's servers, providing unbiased result confirmation. Users can access this verification tool easily through the platform's transparency features.

3. Crypto Gambling Foundation Membership

As a verified operator within the Crypto Gambling Foundation, Crypto.Games commits to industry-leading fairness standards. The CGF works to improve provably fair gambling methods across the entire cryptocurrency gambling industry. The foundation also raises awareness about these methods and educates players on their benefits. This membership demonstrates the platform's dedication to transparency and player protection beyond regulatory requirements. Working with the CGF ensures that Crypto.Games stays current with best practices in fair gambling.

4. Regular Independent Audits

Crypto.Games undergoes regular outside audits performed by recognized industry experts to verify their RNG systems. The latest audit by iTech Labs certified that their RNG passed rigorous statistical tests. The audit confirmed that card and number sequences are unpredictable, non-repeatable, and uniformly distributed throughout gameplay. These independent evaluations provide objective proof that the casino's systems operate fairly and transparently.

Takeaway

Smart gambling starts with choosing platforms that prioritize transparency and verifiable fairness over flashy promotions. Always verify that your chosen platform offers independent result verification before making deposits. Remember that legitimate crypto gambling sites welcome scrutiny and provide easy access to verification tools.

Sites like Crypto.Games demonstrate how the proper implementation of provably fair technology protects players effectively. Crypto.Games sets the standard with third-party audits, foundation membership, and comprehensive player education resources. Ready to begin? Go to crypto.games and kick off your first game with ease.

IBIT's Options Market Fuels Bitcoin ETF Dominance, Report Suggests

Unchained and analyst Checkmate highlight how iShares Bitcoin Trust leveraged ETF options have reshaped flows and bitcoin's volatility profile.

Analyst James Check and Unchained produced a report on the current bitcoin BTC $113,261.22 market landscape, with the most interesting takeaway being the rise of the bitcoin exchange-traded funds (ETFs) specifically the success of iShares Bitcoin Trust (IBIT) and the options market that now underpins the product.

The report opens with a quote saying: "Options are now the dominant derivatives instrument by open interest, being over $90 Billion in size, and eclipsing the futures markets at $80 Billion".

Since its launch in January 2024, IBIT has seen around $61 billion in net inflows over 18 months, making it one of the most successful ETF's of all-time.

However, the dominance accelerated following the launch of ETF options in November 2024.

The options market, which gives investors the right but not the obligation to buy or sell an asset at a set price within a certain timeframe, has dramatically reshaped flows.

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USDT and USDC dominate $46B in quarterly stablecoin inflows

Stablecoin net inflows jumped from $10.8 billion in Q2 to $45.6 billion in Q3, a 324% surge led by USDT, USDC and the rise of Ethena's USDe.

Stablecoins recorded more than $46 billion in net inflows in the last 90 days, highlighting rising demand for US dollar-pegged assets in the crypto space.

On Monday, data tracker RWA.xyz showed that Tether's USDt USDT $1.00 stablecoin led the quarter with $19.6 billion in net inflows, followed by Circle's USDC USDC $0.9993 with $12.3 billion.

Ethena's synthetic stablecoin Ethena USDe (USDe) also stood out, with $9 billion.

Other players contributed smaller, but notable inflows during the quarter. PayPal USD PYUSD $0.9993 saw $1.4 billion in net inflows, while MakerDAO's USDS (USDS) added $1.3 billion. Emerging projects like Ripple's Ripple USD (RLUSD) and Ethena's USDtb also showed steady gains.

Stablecoin net inflows measure the difference between the amount of stablecoins minted and redeemed over a given period. Positive inflows mean more tokens were added to the circulation than removed, signaling demand for dollar-pegged crypto assets.

Stablecoin inflows totaled $56.5 billion over the past six months, with only $10.8 billion recorded in the second quarter. The third quarter accounted for the bulk, highlighting how quickly demand has accelerated, driven not only by USDT and USDC but also by the rise of algorithmic entrants like USDe.

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The cryptocurrency world is changing rapidly as investors seek real stability. Many people are tired of wild price swings and empty promises. They want digital assets backed by something tangible and valuable.

Discover Maya Preferred, a game-changer by UK Financial Ltd. for savvy investors! In this article, we'll explore the Maya Preferred ecosystem. From its unique token offerings to why it's a safe bet for your portfolio, we're diving into everything that makes it stand out.

Why is Maya Preferred considered Revolutionary in Crypto Space?

Maya Preferred stands out because it solves crypto's biggest problem: lack of real backing. Most cryptocurrencies rely purely on speculation and market sentiment for their value. This creates dangerous volatility that scares away serious investors. Maya Preferred takes a different approach by backing every token with physical precious metals.

The project is believed to be pioneering the future of asset-backed cryptocurrencies. For example, their tokens maintain value through verified gold and silver reserves stored securely in mines in Mexico. Third-party audits ensure transparency, which builds trust among institutional investors. This combination of innovation and security clearly sets Maya Preferred apart from typical crypto projects.

The Full Suite of Maya Preferred Digital Assets

Maya Preferred (MPRD)
MPRD achieved remarkable 24,000% growth in just two months on CATEX Exchange. This stablecoin serves as the ecosystem's backbone for everyday transactions and trading activities. The token's stability makes it perfect for businesses and regular crypto users alike.

Maya Preferred PRA (MPRA)
Maya Preferred PRA has delivered an incredible 588,000% performance since its launch. This flagship token represents the foundation of the entire Maya Preferred ecosystem. MPRA is now transforming into SMPRA, a fully compliant security token for investors. The asset backing mechanics ensure each token maintains real value through precious metal reserves.

SMPRA
SMPRA represents the world's first token designed specifically for SEC compliance from day one. Built on the revolutionary ERC-3643 framework, it includes automatic regulatory features like

KYC verification. The path to SEC approval looks promising because SMPRA was designed with compliance in mind. Strategic tokenomics transformation reduced supply by 88.5%, leaving only 23 million active tokens. This supply reduction immediately created 770% value appreciation, proving the power of smart economics.

MayaCat (MCAT)

MCAT breaks every rule about traditional meme coins by offering real asset backing. The token features both gold-silver reserves and MPRA token assets supporting its value. This dual-backing system creates unprecedented security for meme coin investors seeking stable growth opportunities. Cultural relevance meets institutional-grade financial backing, which is something the crypto world has never seen.

Wrapped Maya Preferred PRA (WMPRA)

WMPRA maintains perfect 1:1 parity with the original MPRA token at all times. The September 17, 2025 CATEX listing expanded accessibility for international investors significantly. This wrapped version allows trading across multiple blockchain platforms without losing value. For example, users can trade WMPRA on different exchanges while maintaining exact value parity. This flexibility clearly gives Maya Preferred a competitive advantage in global crypto markets.

Retirement Plan Program (RPWMPRA)

RPWMPRA offers extraordinary 400,000:1 leverage on underlying MPRA and SMPRA price movements. This means every dollar increase in base tokens creates $400,000 in RPWMPRA value. The token recently surged 800% overnight following the retirement program announcement, proving its potential. Risk management protocols ensure sustainable growth even with such high leverage ratios. The program automatically converts MPRA tokens into RPWMPRA at established ratios for participants.

Why is MCAT Positioned to Become a Top Meme Coin?

Traditional meme coins face serious limitations because they lack real value beyond community hype. Most fail when enthusiasm fades, leaving investors with worthless tokens and broken promises. MCAT solves this problem by combining meme culture with genuine asset backing. The token offers both viral appeal and institutional-grade security that traditional meme coins simply cannot match.

The unprecedented backing structure sets MCAT apart from every other meme coin in existence. Gold and silver reserves in Mexico provide a solid foundation, while MPRA token assets add another value layer. The Board of Directors recently voted to transfer 21 million MPRA tokens to back MCAT directly. Mathematical calculations suggest this could increase MCAT's book value by 10,000 times current trading prices.

Market performance clearly demonstrates MCAT's potential to dominate the meme coin space completely. The token launched at $0.05 during presale and now trades around $5.38 on exchanges. Daily trading volume exceeds $3 million on CATEX, showing strong investor interest and market confidence. This combination of cultural appeal, real backing, and strong performance positions MCAT as the future leader.

How Maya Preferred Could Become a Safe Haven for Investors?

1. Proven Track Record

Maya Preferred has maintained continuous trading on top CMC-rated exchanges for eight years without gaps. The project launched in 2018 at $250 and reached $1.25 million, yet insiders never sold tokens. All executives have never taken salaries for eight years running, proving their belief in the movement. This unprecedented commitment demonstrates management's long-term vision and dedication to investor success. The company maintains eight years of proven experience in asset-backed tokenization, which provides stability that newer crypto projects simply cannot match.

2. Verifiable Gold and Silver Backing

All UK Financial Ltd tokenized projects are backed by verified gold from Mexican mines with expansion planned. The company's blockchain evidence proves the original Bitcoin backing transaction from 2019 remains untouched today. This physical asset foundation creates intrinsic value that cannot disappear like speculative cryptocurrencies often do.

3. Revolutionary SEC Compliance

SMPRA token is part of the Maya Preferred Project, which aims to become the world's first fully compliant and regulated gold-backed token. SMPRA represents the first cryptocurrency designed specifically for SEC compliance using ERC-3643 frameworks. This regulatory approach attracts institutional investors who need compliant digital assets for portfolios. According to industry experts, regulatory compliance will become essential for cryptocurrency survival in coming years.

4. Diversified Token Ecosystem

The Maya Preferred ecosystem includes MPRA, MPRD, MCAT, WMPRA, and RPWMPRA serving different investor needs. Each token offers unique benefits while maintaining precious metal backing for stability. This diversification approach reduces risk compared to single-asset crypto investments that often fail completely.

5. Transparent Operations

UK Financial Ltd provides blockchain evidence of all asset transfers and backing transactions publicly. The third party auditing of precious metal reserves ensures transparency for investors around the world. This level of verification exceeds most traditional investments and provides unprecedented security for crypto assets. Transparency builds trust, which is essential for safe haven status during uncertain economic times.

Takeaway

Maya Preferred is poised to reshape crypto with bold innovation. Its gold-backed model will spark wider trust among potential investors. Analysts foresee MayaCat inspiring a wave of asset-backed meme coins. Also with retirement plans tokens offering high leverage, investors can expect big opportunities. This project could lead to a confident, inclusive crypto era.

Solana ETF Approvals Could Arrive by Mid-October, Says Analyst

The comment follows a wave of amended S-1 filings submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on Friday.

Several Solana exchange-traded fund (ETF) proposals, some including staking, could receive approval from US regulators by mid-October, according to ETF analyst Nate Geraci.

Key Takeaways:

Several major asset managers filed updated S-1s for spot Solana ETFs, with potential SEC approval expected by mid-October.

The filings include staking features, signaling rising institutional demand and possible momentum for ETH ETF staking approvals.

Analysts say Solana is emerging as the next altcoin for institutional adoption, with strong inflows and growing ETF interest.

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Top Asset Managers File Updated Applications for Spot Solana ETFs

In a post on X, Geraci noted that Franklin Templeton, Fidelity, CoinShares, Bitwise, Grayscale, VanEck, and Canary Capital all filed updated documents for their proposed spot Solana ETFs.

The S-1 form provides detailed disclosures on fund structure, risk, and operations.

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Tether's Half-Trillion Valuation Goal Catches Ark Invest's Attention

Tether, the company behind the widely used USDT stablecoin, is said to be in talks for one of the biggest private fundraisings in crypto history.

According to multiple reports, the firm is exploring a $15 billion to $20 billion equity raise that could value the company at about $500 billion if the deal is priced at the levels under discussion.

Funding Targets And Valuation

Based on reports, Tether is looking to sell roughly a 3% stake in the deal, which is how the $500 billion figure is being calculated.

The plan, as reported, would involve new shares rather than existing owners selling down their holdings. The raise size under discussion — $15–$20 billion — would make this one of the largest private placements seen in the crypto sector.

Tether's USDT token currently has a market cap roughly in the $170 billion to $175 billion range, highlighting why investors are watching the talks closely.

The company has expanded its activities beyond issuing stablecoins and is said to be moving into areas such as cloud services, telecom and real estate investments.

Reports have disclosed that Ark Investment Management, led by Cathie Wood, and SoftBank are among the parties exploring a stake in the round.

Cantor Fitzgerald is named as an adviser on the process. None of the interested firms, including Tether, has confirmed a final agreement publicly, and those discussions are described as early-stage.

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GMX, the leading permissionless onchain perpetual exchange, today announces the launch of GMX Multichain with an expansion to Base, Coinbase's Ethereum Layer 2 network. This milestone expands GMX's reach to over 1.3 million Base users, enabling seamless cross-chain access to its deep-liquidity Perp and Swap markets.

Powered by LayerZero, the industry's leading interoperability protocol, GMX Multichain allows traders and liquidity providers from all other EVM chains to use GMX's battle-tested DeFi infrastructure frictionlessly. With this launch, GMX has taken a major step on its path to provide permissionless, high-performance perpetual trading across every major public blockchain.

"Multichain is GMX's answer to scaling a successful Perp DEX without compromising on DeFi's core values…" explains Jone Zee, Communications Coordinator at GMX. "Horizontal expansion; rapidly increasing the total addressable market. By launching first on Base, we're opening the door to one of the fastest-growing ecosystems in crypto — meanwhile, setting the stage to unlock many more chains in the months ahead."

What Multichain Enables

Seamless trading of GMX's 90+ perpetuals and 23 high-liquidity swap markets directly from other EVM blockchains, starting with Base. Enjoy trade execution in under 1 second across chains, with network costs and RPC dependencies abstracted away thanks to the innovative GMX Express functionality.

Frictionless onboarding (in under 30 seconds), with no manual bridging or complex setup for the end user. Connect your wallet, deposit collateral, and trade.

Unified liquidity across all the public blockchains unlocked by Multichain, built on top of LayerZero's battle-tested infrastructure that has supported 150M messages and $120B in volume.

Liquidity provision (coming soon): users from BASE and other EVM chains will be able to earn yield by providing liquidity directly to GMX's high-performance GM pools and GLV vaults.

Since its inception four years ago, GMX has facilitated over $320 billion in trading volume from more than 720,000 users across Arbitrum, Avalanche, Solana, and the Bitcoin-based Botanix blockchain. With Multichain now live, these numbers are expected to accelerate as GMX continues its rapid horizontal expansion.

What's Next

Following Base, GMX will progressively unlock access from many more popular, public EVM blockchains, including Binance Chain, Berachain, Ethereum Mainnet, Sonic, Linea, ApeChain, and more — positioning itself as the go-to permissionless Perp trading platform for users of all decentralised blockchains.

"This is really just the beginning," added Jone Zee. "With Multichain, GMX is building the most accessible decentralised exchange infrastructure for DeFi users everywhere. People are used to thinking of GMX as the old-school, pioneer Perp DEX on Arbitrum. Soon they'll understand that what GMX really stands for is: Trade Anywhere, Onchain. Seamlessly, Permissionlessly."

About LayerZero

LayerZero takes DeFi everywhere. It connects 140+ blockchains and has already processed 150 million messages. Leading DeFi apps like GMX, EtherFi ($6B staked ETH), Pendle ($5B yield trading), and Stargate ($70B+ transferred) all run on LayerZero. Immutable endpoints let builders own security while instantly reaching users on every chain. For DeFi, LayerZero unifies asset liquidity, expands the addressable userbase, and communicates smart contract logic globally.

About GMX

GMX is a renowned non-custodial exchange for trading Perpetual Swaps and Spot on-chain, live on Arbitrum, Avalanche, Botanix, Solana, and now Base. The permissionless multichain DEX enables users to trade BTC, ETH, and 85+ other top assets with up to 100x leverage, directly from their own wallet.

Trading on GMX is supported by isolated and multi-asset pools, enabling anybody to provide liquidity and earn fees from swaps, leverage trading, and market-making. With its composable high-yield liquidity pools and over 80 ecosystem integrations, GMX serves as a foundational base layer for multichain DeFi.

Ripple's Vision for Institutional DeFi Is Taking Shape Fast on XRP Ledger

Ripple is accelerating institutional DeFi as the XRP Ledger hits $1 billion in monthly stablecoin volumes, unlocks real-world asset momentum, and builds compliant blockchain credit infrastructure.

Ripple Drives Institutional DeFi Forward as XRP Ledger Enters Its Most Ambitious Phase Yet Ripple shared insight early this week that the XRP Ledger (XRPL) has secured a leading role in institutional decentralized finance (DeFi), surpassing $1 billion in monthly stablecoin transactions and becoming one of the top 10 chains for real-world asset activity. The company presented an institutional roadmap that reflects its long-term vision for blockchain in global markets.

The plan focuses on three strategic pillars: building advanced compliance infrastructure, launching a native lending protocol to expand credit access, and developing privacy tools with zero-knowledge proofs to balance transparency and regulatory needs. Ripple framed these milestones as essential to ensuring XRPL's position as a settlement layer trusted by both crypto-native enterprises and regulated financial institutions.

"Institutional DeFi has crossed the tipping point from pilot projects to billion-dollar volumes," Ripple stated, adding:

Over the last year, the XRP Ledger (XRPL) has broken into the top 10 chains for real-world assets (RWAs).

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BlackRock doubles down on Bitcoin with new income-focused ETF

Designed to leverage Bitcoin's volatility, BlackRock's covered-call fund could disrupt the crypto ETF market.

BlackRock is extending its push into Bitcoin with a new fund designed to turn the asset's volatility into investor yield.

On Sept. 25, Bloomberg ETF analyst Eric Balchunas revealed that the firm had filed for a product called the iShares Bitcoin Premium ETF, a covered-call fund structured under the '33 Act.

Unlike a traditional spot ETF that passively tracks Bitcoin's price, the new product would layer an income strategy on top of BTC exposure. It plans to hold Bitcoin or related instruments while writing covered calls against those holdings to earn premiums.

Those premiums would then be distributed to investors as income, allowing the fund to capture value from Bitcoin's frequent price swings rather than simply mirror them.

Meanwhile, Balchunas noted that this move could unsettle rival issuers already building income-based Bitcoin products, given BlackRock's dominant position in the spot ETF market.

The firm's flagship iShares Bitcoin Trust (IBIT) has grown into the largest crypto ETF globally, managing tens of billions in assets since its launch last year.

Balchunas pointed out that the latest filing illustrates BlackRock's strategic focus on Bitcoin and Ethereum, rather than joining competitors in pursuing ETFs tied to smaller altcoins.

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Did a DEX just beat Tether on daily revenue? Inside Aster's $185B week

The speculation about an upcoming ASTER token buyback amplifies trader interest amid impressive market performance.

Aster, the decentralized perpetuals exchange with backing from Binance founder Changpeng Zhao, generated more revenue than Tether in the last 24 hours.

According to DeFiLlama data, Aster ranked as the highest revenue-generating protocol in the past 24 hours, surpassing Tether and Circle, the two leading stablecoin issuers.

Over the last week, the exchange recorded roughly $93.5 million in fee revenue, which is second only to Tether's $154.5 million. By comparison, Hyperliquid, long regarded as the dominant perpetuals exchange, reported just $26.1 million in the same period.

The revenue surge aligns with soaring trading activity. Aster processed about $185 billion in perpetuals trading volume over the past week, more than doubling Hyperliquid's $80.5 billion.

This sharp increase reflects how quickly traders are shifting liquidity toward the new entrant, drawn by both its performance and its positioning as a major decentralized exchange.

Considering this, Zhao argued that Aster should be seen as competing directly with Binance rather than Hyperliquid.

While that positioning casts Aster as a direct rival to the centralized exchange.

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SWIFT to Develop Blockchain-Based Ledger for 24/7 Cross-Border Payments

SWIFT is working with a group of over 30 financial institutions to build a ledger based on a prototype by Ethereum developers Consensys.

Global TradFi payments system SWIFT said it is adding a blockchain-based ledger to its network.
SWIFT said it envisages that the ledger will act as a real-time log of transactions between financial institutions, record, sequencing and validating transactions and enforcing its rules through smart contracts.
Facing suggestions that it could be made obsolete by adoption of digital assets, particularly stablecoins, SWIFT has been experimenting with blockchain technology and tokenization for several years.

Global traditional finance (TradFi) payments system SWIFT said it is adding a blockchain-based ledger to its network.

SWIFT is working with a group of over 30 financial institutions to build a ledger that could make cross-border payments 24/7, based on a prototype by Ethereum developers Consensys, according to an announcement on Monday.

"The ledger will extend SWIFT's financial communication role into a digital environment, facilitating banks' movement of regulated tokenized value across digital ecosystems,"

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Qatar bank taps JPMorgan's blockchain for faster US dollar payments

It's a treasurer's dream," said QNB's Kamel Moris, highlighting how the bank's shift to JPMorgan's Kinexys blockchain enables near-instant, 24/7 payments.

reached "Unicorn" status and a $1 billion valuation in June after completing a $200 million funding round.

Qatar National Bank Group (QNB), one of the Middle East's largest banks, has adopted JPMorgan's blockchain platform, Kinexys, to process corporate payments in Qatar, according to a Monday Bloomberg report.

The switch marks a departure from the constraints of traditional banking infrastructure, where cross-border payments are limited to weekdays and can take days to complete.

In a Bloomberg interview, Kamel Moris, the executive vice president of transactional banking at QNB, described the development as a "treasurer's dream," pointing to the 24/7 service window with the blockchain. "We can guarantee payments as fast as two minutes," he added.

Cointelegraph reached out to the QNB for more information, but had not received a response by publication.

Kinexys processes $3 billion in daily transactions
According to the announcement, Kinexys processes about $3 billion in daily transactions.

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ARK Invest's Cathie Wood Lays Out Three Attributes Why Bitcoin Will Always Be Bigger Than Ethereum

The chief executive of investment giant ARK Invest is identifying three key reasons why Bitcoin (BTC) will always remain larger than Ethereum (ETH).

In a new interview on The Master Investor podcast, ARK Invest CEO Cathie Wood says that the top crypto asset by market cap fills three roles that the top altcoin cannot.

"Bitcoin serves three roles… Bitcoin is the global monetary system – rules-based, quantity rules to be sure – and that alone is a very big idea. It is also technology, a layer-1 blockchain that has never been hacked. The other blockchains cannot say that. And so that's why the monetary system is based on it. And it is the first of its kind in a new asset class. We wrote our first white paper on that in 2016. So a new asset class – it's got three very important attributes to it."

According to Wood, competition between layer-2 blockchains will push value into the top crypto asset by market cap.

"I do think uh that Ethereum is playing a very important role and therefore Ether is the native currency in the DeFi ecosystem. A lot of the fees are going to the layer 2s. Robinhood, for example, announced that it was going to start its own layer 2, like Coinbase has…

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Kraken In Investment Talks, Targets $20-B Valuation Ahead Of IPO: Report

Crypto exchange Kraken is reportedly in talks with a strategic investor to raise capital that pushes its valuation to $20 billion ahead of a potential initial public offering (IPO). This development comes amid the crypto firms' IPO frenzy in the US under a rather supportive administration of President Donald Trump.

Kraken Stays Focused, Follows $500M Raise With New Funding
On Friday, Bloomberg reported that Kraken has begun advanced negotiations to boost its value to $20 billion as part of fund-raising efforts in view of a planned IPO. Impressively, this move follows a recent $500 million raise, which took Kraken's valuation to $15 billion.

Bloomberg first reported on Kraken's IPO valuation in March 2025, stating the exchange was targeting a public listing in the first quarter of 2026. Beyond capital raising, the US-based trading platform has displayed other behaviors seen in IPO preparation, such as financial statement disclosure.

Furthermore, Kraken has also expanded its product line beyond digital asset trading to include access to stocks and exchange-traded funds. While the reported funding talks remain in progress. Bloomberg expects a $200 to $300 million commitment according to sources familiar with the matter, allowing Kraken to potentially reach its target $20 billion valuation ahead of 2026.

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XRP Futures Blaze Past $18.3B as CME Achieves 4-Month Milestone

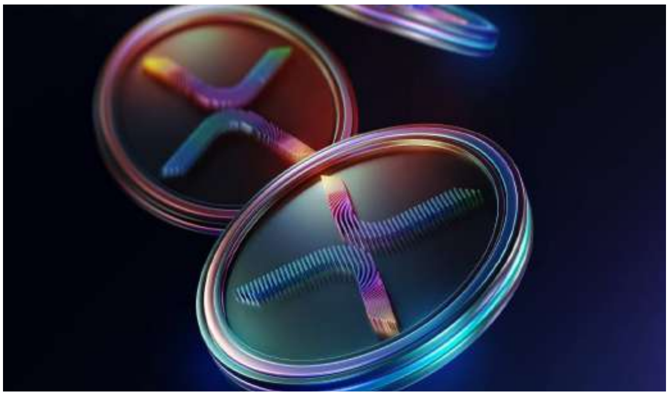
XRP futures are gaining unstoppable institutional traction as CME Group smashes volume records and prepares to unleash new options on solana and XRP, signaling surging demand for regulated crypto exposure.

XRP Futures Deliver $18.3B on CME in Just 4 Months of Trading
Institutional momentum in crypto derivatives continues to expand, reflecting growing reliance on regulated markets for price discovery and risk management. CME Group (Nasdaq: CME) announced on Sept. 23 on social media platform X that its XRP and Micro XRP futures surpassed key benchmarks four months after launch, driven by what it described as demand for regulated crypto products. The results build on a string of records since May, highlighting rising adoption of structured XRP exposure.

The company stated:

We've hit our four-month milestone for XRP futures. The reason for the momentum? Demand for trusted, regulated crypto products.

Based on data as of Sept. 19, the contracts had reached 397,000 trades, totaling $18.3 billion in notional value, with an average daily volume of $213 million. This activity equated to 6 billion XRP. CME emphasized that these futures provide capital-efficient ways to access XRP pricing while also offering transparency and multiple trading methods, including outright contracts, block trades and Basis Trade at Index Close (BTIC). Participants can take directional views—long or short—while utilizing a CFTC-regulated venue that ensures common pricing through the CME CF XRP-Dollar Reference Rate.



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