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LETTER

Bitcoin has spent the last two weeks attempting to recover from a period of intense volatility, with buyers gradually regaining confidence after defending the low \$60K region. Recent price action has been encouraging, as BTC climbed back above \$64K and briefly challenged higher resistance levels following weaker-than-expected US economic data, which increased expectations for future Federal Reserve rate cuts. The move triggered a wave of short liquidations and improved overall market sentiment, suggesting that traders are once again willing to add risk exposure.

Ethereum has also participated in the recovery, pushing back toward the \$1,800 region after spending much of the previous month under pressure. ETH continues to benefit from improving sentiment around ETF products and growing institutional interest in blockchain infrastructure. While the recovery has been positive, Ethereum still faces significant overhead resistance and remains well below the levels needed to signal a full trend reversal.

XRP continues to trade in a consolidation phase, reflecting the broader uncertainty across the altcoin market. Despite the lack of a strong breakout, XRP has managed to hold key support levels while attracting selective institutional interest. Price action remains compressed, suggesting that a larger move could be developing.

BNB has shown relative resilience compared to many large-cap assets. While the token experienced volatility during the broader correction, it has managed to stabilize and maintain a constructive structure. BNB continues to trade as one of the stronger large-cap altcoins, benefiting from consistent ecosystem activity and relatively steady demand.

Solana remains one of the most actively traded assets in the market and continues to attract strong speculative interest. SOL has spent the last two weeks recovering alongside Bitcoin and Ethereum, with buyers repeatedly defending major support zones. The asset continues to benefit from strong ecosystem growth and trader participation. While volatility remains elevated, Solana's ability to hold support during recent market weakness is encouraging for bulls.

One of the key drivers behind the recent recovery has been the return of ETF inflows after several sessions of persistent outflows. The latest data shows approximately \$224 million flowing back into crypto investment products, ending a six-day outflow streak and providing an important confidence boost for investors. This shift suggests that institutional buyers are once again stepping into the market after a period of caution.

Beyond price action, the market continues to focus on institutional adoption, tokenization, and regulatory developments. Traditional finance firms are steadily expanding their involvement in blockchain infrastructure, while crypto-focused companies continue building new products and services. At the same time, ETF flows remain one of the most important indicators of institutional sentiment.

Traders Outlook

The crypto market is showing early signs of recovery, but confirmation is still needed before traders can fully embrace a bullish outlook. Bitcoin reclaiming the \$63K region is a positive development and suggests that buyers are defending key support levels effectively. ETF inflows returning after several days of outflows could provide additional momentum if the trend continues. Ethereum is beginning to stabilize, but it still faces important resistance levels before a larger recovery can unfold. XRP remains range-bound, though continued consolidation often precedes major directional moves. BNB continues to display relative strength and may outperform if market sentiment improves further. Solana remains one of the strongest trading opportunities among large-cap altcoins due to its volatility and active ecosystem. Macroeconomic data and Federal Reserve expectations will continue to play a major role in determining market direction. Geopolitical developments remain a risk factor that could quickly change sentiment. Traders should focus on key breakout levels and wait for confirmation rather than chasing short-term rallies. If Bitcoin can continue building above current levels, the market may be setting the foundation for a stronger recovery phase during the second half of July.

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

Enjoy the issue!



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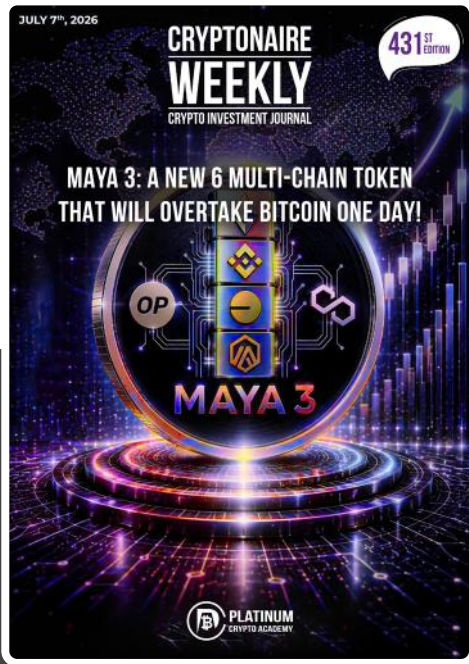
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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 431st edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$2.18 trillion, Down \$10 billion since last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is \$86.83 billion, which makes a 56.89% increase in the last 24 hours. The Fear & Greed index is 28% indicating Fear and the Altcoin season index is 48% which makes a 2% decrease since last 15days.

Bitcoin's price has decreased by 1.13% from \$63,860 since the last edition to around \$63,140 and Ether's price has increased by 2.32% from \$1,725 since the last 15 days to \$1,765 Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.26 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$920 Billion.

Bitcoin started the week with a sharp pullback, dropping from near \$64K on Sunday to around \$62K on Monday before staging an impressive recovery and closing back above the \$64K level. At first glance, the selloff appeared to be driven by news that Strategy had executed its largest Bitcoin sale on record, but the deeper story was unfolding in the derivatives market. Sunday's rally was driven almost entirely by leveraged futures activity, with net futures buying surging while spot demand remained weak. This created a fragile setup where prices were rising without meaningful cash market support. When the market opened on Monday, that leverage began to unwind rapidly, accelerating once Strategy's SEC filing confirmed the sale of 3,588 BTC worth roughly \$216 million.

The reaction was swift. Futures markets flipped from aggressive buying to heavy selling within hours, triggering liquidations on both sides of the market. However, what stood out was the recovery that followed. Unlike Sunday's move, Monday's rebound was supported not only by futures traders but also by a noticeable return of spot buyers. This shift is important because rallies backed by spot demand tend to be more sustainable than those driven solely by leverage. The ability of Bitcoin to absorb the selling pressure and reclaim the \$64K level suggests that buyers are still willing to step in aggressively at lower prices.

Institutional activity remains one of the key themes driving market sentiment. Strategy's sale marks a notable change in behavior from the world's largest corporate Bitcoin holder. The company sold part of its holdings to fund preferred stock dividend payments and strengthen its cash position, while still retaining more than 843,000 BTC on its balance sheet. Although the sale created short-term uncertainty, it also demonstrated that even the largest Bitcoin treasury companies are beginning to actively manage their balance sheets rather than simply accumulate indefinitely.

On the regulatory front, Ripple achieved a major milestone by securing full authorization under Europe's MiCA framework. The approval allows Ripple to offer regulated crypto services across the European Economic Area and further strengthens its global regulatory position. As MiCA becomes fully operational across Europe, companies with regulatory approval are likely to gain a competitive advantage while unlicensed firms face increasing pressure to comply or exit key markets. The development is another sign that regulatory clarity continues to improve in major jurisdictions.

Security remains a growing concern across the crypto ecosystem. Blockchain security firm Coinspect recently disclosed a vulnerability dubbed "Ill Bloom," which affects wallets created using weak recovery phrase generation methods. The issue potentially impacts wallets across multiple major blockchains, including Bitcoin, Ethereum, Solana, Tron, Polygon, and Rootstock. Millions of dollars have already been lost through exploitation of the flaw, highlighting the continued importance of wallet security and the risks associated with poorly implemented software infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the Trump administration's plans for a US Strategic Bitcoin Reserve continue to evolve. Internal discussions are reportedly taking place between the Treasury and Commerce Departments regarding how such a reserve should be structured and which agency should oversee it. While the details remain unresolved, the broader significance is clear. The concept of the United States holding Bitcoin as a strategic reserve asset represents a major shift in how governments view digital assets. With the US already controlling one of the largest Bitcoin holdings among nation-states, any progress on this initiative could have long-term implications for institutional adoption and market perception.

Market Outlook:

The crypto market continues to show resilience despite short-term volatility and headline-driven selloffs. Bitcoin's ability to recover quickly after a major corporate sale suggests that demand remains active at lower levels. The return of spot buying is particularly encouraging, as sustainable rallies require genuine investor participation rather than excessive leverage. Institutional behavior remains mixed, with some entities reducing exposure while others continue building infrastructure and expanding services. Regulatory developments are gradually becoming more supportive, particularly in Europe where MiCA is creating clearer operating frameworks for crypto businesses. Security remains a challenge, and recent wallet vulnerabilities remind investors that risk management extends beyond market price action. The Strategic Bitcoin Reserve discussions in the United States continue to strengthen the long-term adoption narrative. Market sentiment remains cautious, but signs of panic selling appear limited. Bitcoin holding above key support levels could help rebuild confidence and attract fresh capital back into the market. For now, traders should watch for continued spot demand, as that will likely determine whether the current recovery develops into a stronger trend or remains a short-term bounce.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	58.07%
ETH	9.78%
USDT	8.45%
BNB	3.58%
SOL	2.16%
Others	17.97%



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UK Financial Ltd, creator of the Maya 3 project, has launched a test-phase MAYA3 liquidity pool on Uniswap as part of its staged ecosystem rollout. The company is using this phase to review trading routes and prepare charts. The test pool now shows visibility through DEX Screener, which tracks Uniswap routing and on chain behavior.

MAYA3 DEX Screener Profile:
<https://dexscreener.com/ethereum/0xbc18b37a9236ec9d7255327be3a534ec739fe628>

Official liquidity pools will follow soon and will align more closely with CATEX Exchange trading values. MAYA 3 public activity is expected to start on CATEX on July 6, 2026.

MAYA 3 serves as the main utility asset and liquidity gateway for the ecosystem. It operates under the symbol MAYA 3 across six blockchains, including Ethereum, Base, BNB Chain, Arbitrum, Optimism, and Polygon. The official unified contract address, covers all six supported blockchain networks.

Each blockchain holds a fixed maximum supply of 50 million MAYA 3 tokens. This creates a total maximum supply of 300 million tokens across all chains. Public circulating supply stays capped at 30 million tokens forever. UK Financial Ltd holds every issued token, and no further minting is possible.

The treasury supports future growth, liquidity, and integrations.

The company follows clear, responsible practices throughout this rollout. UK Financial Ltd confirmed that the test deployment tokens will be burned after technical validation is finished. It has also created separate DEX Screener profiles for MAYA 3 and Wrapped Maya Preferred PRA to support transparent market identification and reduce confusion during the rollout.

Platinum Crypto Academy has praised this structured multi chain model for its fixed supply rules and open communication. The academy views this approach as a strong example of responsible ecosystem design. It notes that clear disclosure during testing builds trust ahead of full market launch. This kind of transparency, in its view, sets a positive standard for other projects to follow.

About MAYA 3

MAYA 3 is the official multi-chain utility asset and liquidity gateway for the UK Financial Ltd ecosystem. It moves liquidity across decentralized networks and gives wallets, exchanges, and apps a shared infrastructure. MAYA 3 uses a deterministic CREATE2 deployment model. This gives it the same verified contract address on all six blockchains. That makes the asset easier to recognize and

supports efficient liquidity routing. Within the Maya Preferred ecosystem, MAYA 3 acts as the liquidity layer connecting decentralized infrastructure. It complements the other Maya Preferred assets and supports future blockchain integrations and exchange connectivity.

About UK Financial Ltd

UK Financial Ltd created the Maya Preferred Project, a blockchain ecosystem for digital asset infrastructure, multi-chain technology, and transparent treasury management. The company has built the ecosystem since 2018 around structured token models and responsible growth. Its roadmap includes infrastructure testing, blockchain interoperability,

liquidity development, and exchange integration.

The Maya Preferred ecosystem includes three assets. Maya Preferred PRA is the preferred class asset. Maya Preferred Common Class supports broader participation. MAYA 3 serves as the multi-chain liquidity gateway. UK Financial Ltd's long term strategy focuses on cross-chain accessibility, transparent supply policies, and sustainable blockchain infrastructure. MAYA 3 serves as the multi-chain liquidity gateway. UK Financial Ltd's long term strategy focuses on cross-chain accessibility, transparent supply policies, and sustainable blockchain infrastructure.

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- ✗ Regulatory risk
- ✗ Institutions losing interest

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- ✓ Global compliance
- ✓ Real utility and mass adoption
- ✓ Backed by real world assets



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- ✗ Outdated technology
- ✗ Not scalable
- ✗ No real world use cases
- ✗ Too much speculation
- ✗ Increasing regulations
- ✗ Whales are cashing out



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- ✓ Regulated security token
- ✓ Mass institutional adoption
- ✓ Real utility in global markets
- ✓ Transparency and compliance
- ✓ Built to lead the next era



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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN JUMPS ABOVE \$63,000, REVERSING END-JUNE LOSSES CEASEFIRE TALKS

The token hit its highest in over a month during thin July 4 trading, with XRP up 5% in 24 hours to lead gains among majors.

Bitcoin climbed above \$63,000 in U.S. morning hours Saturday, up 1.4% over 24 hours and 3.6% on the week, per CoinDesk data, its highest in two weeks and a full reversal of the losses that closed out June.

XRP led the day's majors, up 5.3% to \$1.18 and nearly 10% on the week, a move that lifted it past the USDC stablecoin to fifth place by market value at about \$73 billion.

The gain came alongside onchain data showing XRP holders at their deepest average losses on record - the kind of washed-out positioning some traders buy against. Ether added 3.2% on the day to about \$1,793, up 11.5% over seven days, while dogecoin rose 2.6% and solana held near \$82.50 with a 13.2% weekly gain.

The surge extended a week built on a friendlier macro turn. Fed Chair Kevin Warsh's comment that inflation risks have come down, a soft June jobs report and a squeeze on bearish traders carried bitcoin from below \$60,000 to above \$63,000 in five sessions.

Trading was thin on Saturday with U.S. markets shut for the Independence Day holiday, the kind of liquidity that exaggerates moves in both directions.

Bitcoin entered the third quarter at 21-month lows and has now recovered the ground lost in June's final slide. Whether the momentum holds turns on the coming U.S. inflation print and on whether buying continues once U.S. desks return from the holiday.

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Bitcoin ETFs see \$221 million inflow, finally ending a painful 10-day selling streak

U.S.-listed bitcoin ETFs saw \$221.7 million in inflows on Thursday, their largest daily intake in two months, ending a 10-day streak of outflows.

Fidelity's FBTC led with nearly \$166 million in new money while BlackRock's IBIT, the largest bitcoin ETF, recorded a \$40.43 million outflow.

Spot ETFs had their strongest inflow day in two months, driven by funds other than BlackRock's IBIT.

The U.S.-listed bitcoin BTC \$63,324.51 ETFs pulled in \$221.7 million on Thursday, their largest inflow in two months, according to SoSoValue.

Fidelity's FBTC led the charge with a hefty \$165.96 million inflow, followed by ARKB at \$91.84 million and HODL at \$4.35 million. BlackRock's IBIT, the world's largest Bitcoin ETF, was the outlier with a \$40.43 million outflow.

The cumulative inflow ends a painful 10-day outflow streak that saw investors pull \$2.73 billion from the funds. Even so, the year-to-date picture remains ugly, with net outflows still sitting at a hefty \$5.4 billion.

Thursday's bounce is still a drop in the ocean compared to the selling we've seen this year.

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Vitalik Buterin shares priorities for new 'Lean Ethereum' strawmap

Part of the Ethereum Foundation's plan to make Ethereum more private and scalable is to introduce a new virtual machine, with leanISA and RISC-V among the top candidates.

Ethereum co-founder Vitalik Buterin has named quantum resistance, scalability and privacy as three of Ethereum's biggest priorities under a new "Lean Ethereum" strawmap, which lays out the network's techni-



cal direction through 2029.

In a post to X on Saturday, Buterin said the collection of upgrades will roll out over the next three to four years, affecting nearly every layer of Ethereum in a transformation he compared in scale to the September 2022 Merge, which shifted the network away from energy-intensive mining.

"Quantum safety has shifted up a LOT in priority," he said, adding that finalizing a quantum-safe solution

for blobs has "become urgent." Enhancing privacy is another priority, Buterin said, stating that it has become a "first class goal."

The "Lean Ethereum" strawmap timeline from 2026 through to 2029. Source: Strawmap.org The change in roadmap comes amid a series of changes at the Ethereum Foundation, which laid off roughly 20% of its staff last month in a bid to become leaner and reduce its budget by 40%.

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Zcash Ironwood Upgrade Nears as Developers Work to Restore Confidence After ZEC Crash

Developers say security testing has uncovered no new serious bugs as Zcash's Ironwood upgrade moves toward testnet activation.

Zcash developers say the Ironwood upgrade is nearing testnet activation. Work continues on a formal proof of soundness ahead of the network upgrade. Shielded Labs says migrating exchanges, wallets, and mining pools to new software remains the biggest deployment challenge. In a series of posts on the Zcash forum on Thursday, developers said the privacy-focused cryptocurrency's Ironwood upgrade is moving closer to activation—first on a testnet—bringing the network a step nearer to allowing users to

verify the integrity of its circulating supply following last month's disclosure of a critical counterfeiting vulnerability.

Announced in June, Ironwood is a proposed Zcash network upgrade that introduces a new shielded pool and accounting system designed to let anyone verify the network's circulating supply while preserving transaction privacy.

The upgrade is intended to eliminate the uncertainty exposed by the Orchard vulnerability in May, which left developers unable to prove whether counterfeit ZEC had ever been created.

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Bitcoin treasury firms race to buy more BTC, but shareholders may pay the price

Capital B and BTC AB want more Bitcoin exposure, but their funding plans test how much dilution and financial risk investors will accept.

Europe's Bitcoin treasury companies are chasing a simple promise: more Bitcoin for every shareholder. The harder part is proving that shareholders will



benefit after the financing costs are accounted for.

Capital B now has shareholder authority for a huge capital and credit toolkit, while BTC AB is testing investor demand for a preference-share structure before its June 30 subscription deadline.

The shared promise is higher Bitcoin per fully diluted share. The shareholder risk is that dilution, credit capacity, preference dividends, and redemption terms become the story before any added Bitcoin improves the per-share claim.

That matters because shareholders are no longer judging only how much Bitcoin a compa-

ny owns. They are judging whether each new financing round leaves them with a stronger claim on that Bitcoin after dilution, preferred dividends, redemption rights, and debt obligations are counted.

The financing test comes as corporate Bitcoin treasury adoption continues to expand, pushing investors to focus less on headline BTC purchases and more on how those purchases are funded.

That sharpened this week after Capital B said shareholders approved all resolutions at its June 17 annual ordinary and extraordinary general meeting, including authority for up to EUR 5 billion.

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HOW LABGEMTRADERS MAKES BUYING CERTIFIED GEMSTONES MORE ACCESSIBLE?

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

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

Top 5 Reasons Why Lab-Grown Gemstones Are Worth Buying

1. More Affordable

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

who still want luxury, lab-grown gems hit a sweet spot that natural stones simply cannot match.

2. Identical Physical and Optical Quality

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

3. Conflict-Free Sourcing

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

4. Lower Environmental Impact

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

5. Certified Quality You Can Verify

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

What Makes LabGemTraders Different?

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

Certified-Only Focus

LabGemTraders is not a mixed marketplace. The company sources, evaluates, and certifies premium lab-grown gemstones through its own private laboratory. Each stone goes through expert postprocessing to maximize brilliance and market value before reaching the buyer. Every certified stone receives a unique digital certificate, verifiable

online through the FairStones certificate check system. This end-to-end control over the certification process is what separates LabGemTraders from platforms that simply list inventory without verifying it.

FCAR: Ecosystem Utility Voucher

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

Physical Inventory Backing

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

Seamless Digital Experience

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

Global, Regulation-Ready Access

LabGemTraders is registered in Estonia and operates under full EU financial regulation. KYC and AML compliance checks are mandatory for all sale participants, in line with EU Anti-Money Laundering Directives. FCAR is tradable on decentralized

exchanges including Uniswap, with liquidity pairs available across multiple trading options. Thus, the decentralized tradability gives buyers across the globe real, practical access without the traditional friction.

How the LabGemTraders Ecosystem Works?

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

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

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

Public Sale Now Open: What Users Get?

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

Open, No-Barrier Entry

There are no gatekeeping mechanisms for the FCAR public sale. Anyone can acquire vouchers directly without applying for access or meeting special conditions. Capital raised is allocated strategically: the majority supports additional liquidity and market depth, with the remainder directed toward

FairStones brand expansion, technical development, smart contract auditing, and a strategic reserve.

10% Entry Discount

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

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

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

KYC Webshop Discount

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

Takeaway

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



Funds are buying crypto stocks. Are they exposed to less risk — or more?

Crypto stocks promised investors a regulated way to ride the Bitcoin cycle, but 2026 data shows many added a second layer of company-specific risk instead.

Cathie Wood's ARK Invest bought roughly \$77 million of crypto stocks in June, adding \$44 million of Coinbase (COIN), \$25.25 million of Circle (CRCL), and \$8.2 million of Bullish (BLSH) during Bitcoin's worst month in four years, according to ARK's daily trade disclosures.

The purchases extend a thesis both Wood and other funds have held through every crypto downturn: public companies offer a regulated, equity-market way to own the digital asset cycle without holding the coins directly.

CryptoSlate's analy-

sis of daily price data through July 2 shows what that equity route actually cost this year. Across nine US-listed crypto stocks, annualized 30-day realized volatility, which measures how much a price actually moved day-to-day, scaled to a full year, ranged from 68% to 90%, roughly double Bitcoin's 37.6%.

On a 90-day view, Circle's reading is 103.6%, compared with Bitcoin's 37.8%. Circle also sits 51.4% below its 2026 high, Strategy (MSTR) 48.6%, and Bullish 43.6%, all steeper falls than Bitcoin's own 36.4% pullback from its January peak near \$97,000.

That volatility gap alone could describe a leveraged Bitcoin bet, but the correlation data points in a different direction.

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Trump's memecoin holders have lost over \$3.8B: Report

Nansen analysis shows that just under half a million wallets profited on Donald Trump's memecoin, while the large majority of buyers lost out.

Nearly 1 million buyers of Official Trump (TRUMP), US President Donald Trump's memecoin, have lost a collective \$3.8 billion on the token as of the end of June, newly reported analysis shows.

As of the end of last month, 988,905 TRUMP buyers, or around two out of every three buyers, have lost money on the memecoin, The New York Times reported on Saturday, citing a report by analytics firm Nansen.

Those buyers lost a total of \$3.81 billion, which includes those who have held on to the token at a loss.

The report comes days after Trump's annual financial disclosure, released on Tuesday, revealed he earned

more than \$1.4 billion in income from his crypto-related ventures last year, raising fresh concerns about the president's crypto dealings while in office.

Just under half a million wallets had reportedly recorded a profit on the token, totaling \$4 billion, which Nansen said reflected "a small number of early buyers capturing enormous gains while the broad retail majority absorbed the losses."

The nearly 1,000-page disclosure showed Trump had made over \$630 million on his TRUMP memecoin, while all buyers of the token taken together made a net profit of around \$200 million in comparison.

Trump launched the memecoin just days before he re-entered office in January 2025, where the token quickly peaked at over \$73. It has since fallen by over 97% and currently trades at \$1.70, according to CoinGecko.



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A composite image representing a market recovery. On the left, a red line graph shows a sharp decline, with a large red arrow pointing downwards. In the center, a large, glowing Bitcoin symbol is surrounded by smaller Bitcoin coins. On the right, a green line graph shows a sharp upward trend, with a large green arrow pointing upwards. The background features a city skyline at sunset or sunrise, with silhouettes of people in the foreground, some pointing upwards. Stacks of Bitcoin coins are visible on the right side.

BITCOIN ERASES SELLOFF AS SPOT BUYERS TAKE CONTROL OF THE MARKET

Bitcoin started the week with a sharp pullback, dropping from near \$64K on Sunday to around \$62K on Monday before staging an impressive recovery and closing back above the \$64K level. At first glance, the selloff appeared to be driven by news that Strategy had executed its largest Bitcoin sale on record, but the deeper story was unfolding in the derivatives market. Sunday's rally was driven almost entirely by leveraged futures activity, with net futures buying surging while spot demand remained weak. This created a fragile setup where prices were rising without meaningful cash market support. When the market opened on Monday, that leverage began to unwind rapidly, accelerating once Strategy's SEC filing confirmed the sale of 3,588 BTC worth roughly \$216 million.

The reaction was swift. Futures markets flipped from aggressive buying to heavy selling within hours, triggering liquidations on both sides of the market. However, what stood out was the recovery that followed. Unlike Sunday's move, Monday's rebound was supported not only by futures traders but also by a noticeable return of spot buyers. This shift is important because rallies backed by spot demand tend to be more sustainable than those driven solely by leverage. The ability of Bitcoin to absorb the selling pressure and reclaim the \$64K level suggests that buyers are still willing to step in aggressively at

lower prices.

Institutional activity remains one of the key themes driving market sentiment. Strategy's sale marks a notable change in behavior from the world's largest corporate Bitcoin holder. The company sold part of its holdings to fund preferred stock dividend payments and strengthen its cash position, while still retaining more than 843,000 BTC on its balance sheet. Although the sale created short-term uncertainty, it also demonstrated that even the largest Bitcoin treasury companies are beginning to actively manage their balance sheets rather than simply accumulate indefinitely.

On the regulatory front, Ripple achieved a major milestone by securing full authorization under Europe's MiCA framework. The approval allows Ripple to offer regulated crypto services across the European Economic Area and further strengthens its global regulatory position. As MiCA becomes fully operational across Europe, companies with regulatory approval are likely to gain a competitive advantage while unlicensed firms face increasing pressure to comply or exit key markets. The development is another sign that regulatory clarity continues to improve in major jurisdictions.

Security remains a growing concern across

the crypto ecosystem. Blockchain security firm Coinspect recently disclosed a vulnerability dubbed “Ill Bloom,” which affects wallets created using weak recovery phrase generation methods. The issue potentially impacts wallets across multiple major blockchains, including Bitcoin, Ethereum, Solana, Tron, Polygon, and Rootstock. Millions of dollars have already been lost through exploitation of the flaw, highlighting the continued importance of wallet security and the risks associated with poorly implemented software infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the Trump administration’s plans for a US Strategic Bitcoin Reserve continue to evolve. Internal discussions are reportedly taking place between the Treasury and Commerce Departments regarding how such a reserve should be structured and which agency should oversee it. While the details remain unresolved, the broader significance is clear. The concept of the United States holding Bitcoin as a strategic reserve asset represents a major shift in how governments view digital assets. With the US already controlling one of the largest Bitcoin holdings among nation-states, any progress on this initiative could have long-term implications for institutional adoption and market perception.

The crypto market continues to show resilience despite short-term volatility and headline-driven selloffs. Bitcoin’s ability to recover quickly after a major corporate sale suggests that demand remains active at lower levels. The return of spot buying is particularly encouraging, as sustainable rallies require genuine investor participation rather than excessive leverage. Institutional behavior remains mixed, with some entities reducing exposure while others continue building infrastructure and expanding services. Regulatory developments are gradually becoming more supportive, particularly in Europe where MiCA is creating clearer operating frameworks for crypto businesses. Security remains a challenge, and recent wallet vulnerabilities remind investors that risk management extends beyond market price action. The Strategic Bitcoin Reserve discussions in the United States continue to strengthen the long-term adoption narrative. Market sentiment remains cautious, but signs of panic selling appear limited. Bitcoin holding above key support levels could help rebuild confidence and attract fresh capital back into the market. For now,

traders should watch for continued spot demand, as that will likely determine whether the current recovery develops into a stronger trend or remains a short-term bounce.

Bitcoin has spent the last two weeks attempting to recover from a period of intense volatility, with buyers gradually regaining confidence after defending the low \$60K region. Recent price action has been encouraging, as BTC climbed back above \$64K and briefly challenged higher resistance levels following weaker-than-expected US economic data, which increased expectations for future Federal Reserve rate cuts. The move triggered a wave of short liquidations and improved overall market sentiment, suggesting that traders are once again willing to add risk exposure. However, Bitcoin remains well below its previous cycle highs, and the broader market is still trading in a cautious environment. The recovery remains constructive, but bulls need to reclaim additional resistance levels before a sustained uptrend can be confirmed.

Ethereum has also participated in the recovery, pushing back toward the \$1,800 region after spending much of the previous month under pressure. ETH continues to benefit from improving sentiment around ETF products and growing institutional interest in blockchain infrastructure. While the recovery has been positive, Ethereum still faces significant overhead resistance and remains well below the levels needed to signal a full trend reversal. Buyers are beginning to return, but traders remain focused on whether ETH can build momentum above recent highs and sustain a recovery alongside Bitcoin.

XRP continues to trade in a consolidation phase, reflecting the broader uncertainty across the altcoin market. Despite the lack of a strong breakout, XRP has managed to hold key support levels while attracting selective institutional interest. Price action remains compressed, suggesting that a larger move could be developing. The market continues to watch regulatory developments and broader crypto sentiment, both of which will likely determine whether XRP can finally break out of its current range.

BNB has shown relative resilience compared to

many large-cap assets. While the token experienced volatility during the broader correction, it has managed to stabilize and maintain a constructive structure. BNB continues to trade as one of the stronger large-cap altcoins, benefiting from consistent ecosystem activity and relatively steady demand. If market sentiment continues improving, BNB could become one of the first major assets to challenge higher resistance levels again.

Solana remains one of the most actively traded assets in the market and continues to attract strong speculative interest. SOL has spent the last two weeks recovering alongside Bitcoin and Ethereum, with buyers repeatedly defending major support zones. The asset continues to benefit from strong ecosystem growth and trader participation. While volatility remains elevated, Solana's ability to hold support during recent market weakness is encouraging for bulls. A sustained recovery in Bitcoin would likely provide the catalyst needed for SOL to challenge higher resistance levels.

One of the key drivers behind the recent recovery has been the return of ETF inflows after several sessions of persistent outflows. The latest data shows approximately \$224 million flowing back into crypto investment products, ending a six-day outflow streak and providing an important confidence boost for investors. This shift suggests that institutional buyers are once again stepping into the market after a period of caution. At the same time, macro risks remain elevated, with inflation concerns, geopolitical tensions, and uncertainty surrounding global growth continuing to influence sentiment across both traditional and digital asset markets.

Beyond price action, the market continues to focus on institutional adoption, tokenization, and regulatory developments. Traditional finance firms are steadily expanding their involvement in blockchain infrastructure, while crypto-focused companies continue building new products and services. At the same time, ETF flows remain one of the most important indicators of institutional sentiment. Although caution remains, recent inflows suggest that confidence may slowly be returning to the market after a difficult first half of the year.

The crypto market is showing early signs of recovery, but confirmation is still needed before traders can fully embrace a bullish outlook. Bitcoin reclaiming the \$63K region is a positive development and suggests that buyers are defending key support levels effectively. ETF inflows returning after several days of outflows could provide additional momentum if the trend continues. Ethereum is beginning to stabilize, but it still faces important resistance levels before a larger recovery can unfold. XRP remains range-bound, though continued consolidation often precedes major directional moves. BNB continues to display relative strength and may outperform if market sentiment improves further. Solana remains one of the strongest trading opportunities among large-cap altcoins due to its volatility and active ecosystem. Macroeconomic data and Federal Reserve expectations will continue to play a major role in determining market direction. Geopolitical developments remain a risk factor that could quickly change sentiment. Traders should focus on key breakout levels and wait for confirmation rather than chasing short-term rallies. If Bitcoin can continue building above current levels, the market may be setting the foundation for a stronger recovery phase during the second half of July.





Cardano Budget Process Puts ADA Treasury Spending Back In Focus

Cardano's governance story is moving from theory into the harder question of spending. The network's 2026 budget process puts ADA treasury allocation, measurable ecosystem goals, and DRep validation back at the centre of the conversation.

That may not be the kind of headline that creates instant price excitement, but it matters for Cardano's long-term credibility. A treasury only becomes useful if the ecosystem can decide how to deploy it without turning every funding round into chaos.

Cardano's 2026 ecosystem budget framework proposes aligning treasury spending with Cardano Vision 2030 and measurable KPIs.

The process includes standardized templates, minimum proposal sizes, and DRep validation. Separately, the Cardano Foundation has described voting decisions around dozens of proposals requesting hundreds of millions of ADA across the strategy's pillars.

For ADA holders, the question is not just how much money exists in the treasury. It is whether that money can be spent in ways that grow the network.

Cardano has spent years building a reputation around research, process, and decentralised governance. That has strengths. It also creates frustration when the market wants faster execution.

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Esports Revenue Climbs Toward \$5.1 Billion as Global Audience Tops 640 Million



Esports has grown into a global audience business of 640.8 million people, and the industry's biggest event of 2026 is about to test how far that audience can carry the sport's business model.

Esports World Cup 2026 runs in Paris from July 6 to Aug. 23 with a \$75 million prize pool across 25 tournaments.

Team Liquid won three separate Esports World Cup titles in 2025, a first for any club in the event's history.

Global esports audience reached 640.8 million in 2025, with China and the US leading all time player earnings.

The Esports World Cup lands in Paris from July 6 through Aug. 23, with more than 2,000 players and 200 clubs

from over 100 countries competing across 25 tournaments in 24 games. Organizers set the prize pool above \$75 million, the largest in the event's three-year history.

A Fan Base Built on Mobile Phones and Asian Markets Numbers from Quantumrun and Newzoo put the global esports audience at 640.8 million people in 2025, split between 318.1 million core enthusiasts and 322.7 million occasional viewers. That audience grew from 435.7 million in 2020, an 8.1% annual growth rate for the enthusiast segment.

Asia Pacific accounts for roughly 57% of that audience.

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Ethereum's biggest 'sandwich' bot drained of \$7.5 million in ironic exploit



Blockaid said an attacker tricked Jaredfromsubway.eth into approving fake trading routes, then used those approvals to drain WETH, USDC and USDT.

Jaredfromsubway.eth, one of Ethereum's most infamous MEV bots, has been drained for more than \$7.5 million after an attacker turned the bot's own automated trading logic against it.

The bot is known for sandwich attacks, a form of maximal extractable value, or

MEV, in which an automated trader spots a pending transaction, buys ahead of it, lets the victim trade at a worse price, then sells immediately after.

The result is a small hidden tax on users that can add up across thousands of trades.

Sandwich attackers aren't typically a form of exploit but are looked upon in crypto circles as a type of predatory behavior, which skims value from users, leads to a spike in gas fees and doesn't

benefit either the network or the user.

Security firm Blockaid said Saturday's incident was not a normal phishing attack and not a simple bug in the victim contract. The attacker instead targeted the bot's decision-making system. The setup was built over several weeks, where the attacker deployed

dozens of fake token contracts and fake liquidity pools - a term for a pile of tokens locked on a decentralized exchange - that looked like profitable trades. Some mimicked familiar assets such as wrapped ether (WETH), and dollar-pegged stablecoins USDC and USDT.

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Why Binance's reported \$2B Mesh investment could decide who controls stablecoin payments

The signal is about who controls the wallet-to-merchant path that makes tokenized dollars spendable.

Binance's reported move to lead a new Mesh funding round puts a strategic price on the payment routes stablecoins need to leave exchanges, wallets, and trading venues.

A July 2 Axios Pro report said Binance is set to lead a Mesh round valuing the crypto payments company at up to \$2 billion. Mesh announced in January that it had closed a \$75 million Series C at a \$1 billion valuation, so the reported terms would mark a rapid step-up for a company building

payment infrastructure rather than another token issuer.

The signal sits in where the reported capital would land. An exchange with users, wallets, liquidity, and merchant payment ambitions would move closer to the layer that determines how stablecoin payments travel from wallets and trading venues to merchants, payment providers, and fiat accounts.

If the round closes on the reported terms, it would point to a new phase in stablecoin competition. The early race centered on issuers, reserves, regulatory status, and market share.

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Ethereum News: Grayscale's Ethereum Staking ETF Just Had Its CFO Resign



Ethereum News: Grayscale Investments filed a Form 8-K for its Grayscale Ethereum Staking Mini ETF on July 2, 2026, disclosing the departure of CFO Edward McGee after seven years and his replacement by co-CFOs Kathryn Masci and Daniel Plourde on an interim basis, a governance shift at one of the most structurally sophisticated crypto ETF products currently listed in the U.S. market.

Ethereum News: What the 8-K Actually Says, and What It Doesn't The 8-K filed with the SEC falls under the category covering departures, elections, and appointments of directors or certain officers, along with compensatory arrangements.

That category requires disclosure of the event but does not mandate full detail on circumstances, severance terms, or strategic rationale in the initial filing itself.

Kathryn Masci signed the filing as Co-Chief Financial Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer of Grayscale Investments Sponsors, LLC.

Her background runs through Ernst & Young and Garrison Capital before she joined Grayscale in May 2020. Daniel Plourde, the second interim co-CFO, brings institutional ETF operations experience from SPDR ETF Trusts at State Street and Gabelli Funds – a combination that reads more like deliberate succession planning than an emergency scramble.

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Farage Reported to UK Standards Watchdog Over Alleged Crypto Lobbying

A Labour MP says the Reform leader pressed the Bank of England on policy that could enrich his biggest donor, a major Tether investor.

Labour MP Phil Brickell has reported Nigel Farage to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, alleging he lobbied the Bank of England on crypto policy that could benefit his biggest donor.

The complaint centers on a private September 2025 meeting in which Farage reportedly urged Governor Andrew Bailey to drop plans for a state-run digital pound.

Farage received an undeclared £5 million (\$6.7 million) gift from Tether investor Christopher Harborne, who has separately

given Reform UK a further £15 million. Reform UK leader Nigel Farage has been reported to Parliament's standards watchdog over allegations that he lobbied the Bank of England on cryptocurrency policy in a way that could benefit his biggest donor, a major investor in stablecoin issuer Tether.

Phil Brickell, a Labour MP who chairs the parliamentary group on anti-corruption and responsible tax, has asked the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, Daniel Greenberg, to examine Farage's dealings with the central bank. Parliamentary rules bar MPs from approaching officials or ministers on behalf of people who pay them, for 12 months after such a payment.



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Chainlink CCIP Solana Support Keeps LINK's Infrastructure Story In Focus



Chainlink's infrastructure story keeps getting broader. The CCIP v1.6 upgrade brings support for Solana and introduces architectural improvements aimed at making the protocol more flexible across different virtual machine designs.

For LINK investors, this is the kind of development that matters even when the token price is quiet. Chainlink is not trying to win attention through one consumer app. It is trying to become connective tissue for tokenized assets, cross-chain applications, and institutional blockchain systems.

For more details, visit the official Chain platform.

Chainlink says CCIP v1.6 introduces support for non-EVM chains starting with Solana, while reducing costs and making chain expansion faster. The upgrade also strengthens the Cross-Chain Token standard narrative and supports a broader push toward secure interoperability.

That is important because the next wave of crypto activity is unlikely to live on one chain.

Stablecoins, tokenized assets, DeFi applications, private chains, public chains, and hybrid networks all need ways to communicate safely. Chainlink's bet is that secure messaging, cross-chain transfers, and programmable infrastructure become more valuable as the market becomes more fragmented.

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Inside the Top 12 Bitcoin Addresses: Who Holds 1.35 Million BTC

Twelve addresses on bitcoin's rich list hold a combined 1,347,380 BTC, worth roughly \$85.2 billion at current prices near \$63,265. That's 6.72% of all bitcoin in existence sitting behind twelve public keys. Some belong to exchanges moving customer funds around the clock. Others haven't moved a satoshi out in years. Pulling onchain data from the top 100 rich list and cross-checking it against Arkham Intelligence's entity tags splits these twelve addresses into two opposite camps.

Binance's top wallet has taken in bitcoin nonstop since 2018 but sent none out since Jan. 7, 2023.

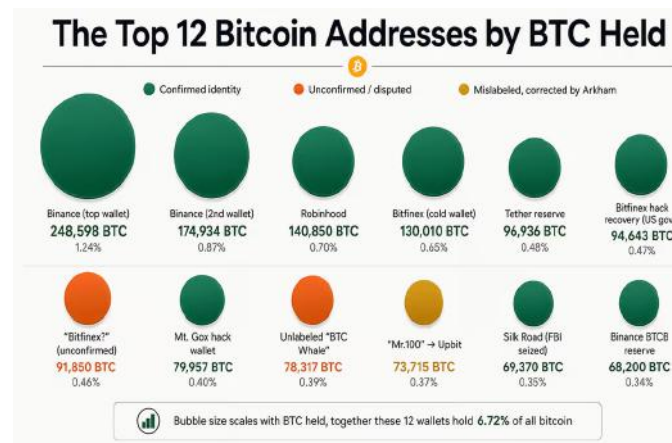
Twelve addresses hold 1.35 million BTC, or 6.72% of all coins, Arkham data shows. Onchain data for this

editorial was recorded on Saturday, July 4, 2026.

Upbit's wallet, mislabeled "Mr.100," keeps growing, adding 1,519 BTC in the past 30 days.

Binance's Top Wallet Stops Sending But Keeps Receiving Address 34xp4vRoC-GJym3xR7yCVPF-HoCNxv4TWseo holds 248,598 BTC, worth \$15.74 billion and 1.24% of all coins in circulation. It's the largest address on the entire blockchain in terms of BTC held. Binance's cold wallet label first received funds on Oct. 18, 2018, and it's still receiving BTC today, with a last-in timestamp of July 3, 2026.

The address has logged 5,531 separate inbound transactions, by far the highest input count of any wallet in the top 12.



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