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Bitcoin is battling heavy resistance at the $95,000 mark, but the tight sideways action just below it is a classic sign that a breakout could be on the cards. The 20-day EMA is trending higher at $89,093, and the RSI is hovering near overbought territory—clear signals that bulls are still driving the momentum. If BTC closes above $95K, it could quickly push toward the $100K psychological barrier. Expect the bears to put up a strong fight there, but any dips after that will likely see buyers step in around $95K to try and flip it into support. That said, if Bitcoin fails to hold and dips below the 20-day EMA, the bullish setup starts to break down, and we might see the price fall back toward the 50-day SMA at $85,085.

Ether managed to close above the 50-day SMA at $1,792 on April 26, but the bulls couldn't keep the momentum going. The 20-day EMA at $1,719 becomes the key short-term support. If ETH bounces off that level strongly, it could reignite the rally toward the $2,111 breakdown zone. That's a major level, and sellers are likely to put up a serious defense there. A clean breakout above $2,111 could flip the narrative and potentially drive ETH all the way to $2,550. However, if ETH breaks and closes below the 20-day EMA, it signals that bears still have the upper hand, and the pair might drop down to $1,537.

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 385th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is $2.97 Trillion, UP 230 Billion since the last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is at $88.69 Billion which makes a 39.93% increase. The DeFi volume is $6.20 Billion, 6.99% of the entire crypto market's 24-hour trading volume. The volume of all stable coins is $82.76 Billion, which is 93.31% share of the total crypto market volume the last 24 hours. The largest gainers in the industry right now are XRP Ledger Ecosystem and Virtuals Protocol Ecosystem cryptocurrencies.

Bitcoin's price has increased by 7.61% from $88,050 last week to around $94,750 and Ether's price has decreased by 15.19% from $1,580 last week to $1,820 Bitcoin's market cap is $1.88 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is $1.09 Trillion.

Bitcoin broke through the $95,000 resistance on April 28, but bulls are finding it hard to hold that level. This tells us that bears haven't backed off yet and are trying to keep control. Still, the fact that bulls aren't giving up much ground is a good sign it increases the chances of BTC making a run at the big $100K level. Another bullish factor is the return of institutional buying. Last week alone, US spot Bitcoin ETFs saw a solid $3.06 billion in net inflows. While large inflows into ETFs have sometimes marked short-term tops, that's not always the case, so we can't treat this as a sell signal on its own. Macro bulls like hedge fund founder Dan Tapiero are doubling down, with Tapiero posting on X that slowing economic data will likely push the Fed to inject more liquidity, which he believes could drive Bitcoin toward $180,000 by summer 2026.

On the regulatory front, the DeFi Education Fund submitted a petition on April 28 to David Sacks, the new crypto czar at the White House, urging an end to what they call a politically motivated attack on open-source developers particularly targeting Roman Storm, one of the creators of Tornado Cash. The group claims the DOJ's push to criminalize software developers based on how others use their code is dangerous and could freeze innovation in the US crypto sector. More than 250 industry leaders have signed the petition so far. At the same time, lawyers representing execs from Samourai Wallet another crypto mixer say prosecutors may even drop the case, especially now that the DOJ's crypto team was shut down earlier this month by Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	61.14%
ETH	7.10%
USDT	4.78%
XRP	4.44%
BNB	2.87%
SOL	2.54%
USDC	2.02%
DOGE	0.88%
ADA	0.84%
Others	13.38%

Meanwhile, Coinbase is stepping up its game for institutional investors with the launch of the Coinbase Bitcoin Yield Fund (CBYF) on May 1. Targeting a 4%–8% net annual return, this fund is designed to give offshore institutional players a way to earn yield on Bitcoin holdings without staking something BTC doesn't natively support like ETH or SOL. The yield will be generated through a cash-and-carry strategy that plays off the spot/futures price spread. Backed by names like Aspen Digital in Abu Dhabi, the fund aims to make yield generation less risky and more appealing to big players looking for exposure without the hassle.

In payments, Mastercard just took a major step forward by rolling out global infrastructure for stablecoin transactions allowing users to spend stablecoins like USDC directly from digital wallets at any of the 150 million merchants that accept Mastercard. It's part of a broader strategy involving partnerships with OKX, Nuvei, Circle, and others, including integrations with wallets like Metamask, Kraken, and Binance. Mastercard even introduced the OKX Card to support stablecoin spending. This move is aimed at bringing stablecoins into mainstream payments, making them just as usable as cash in your bank. The company says it's committed to pushing forward the next era of secure, fast, and easy digital payments powered by blockchain.

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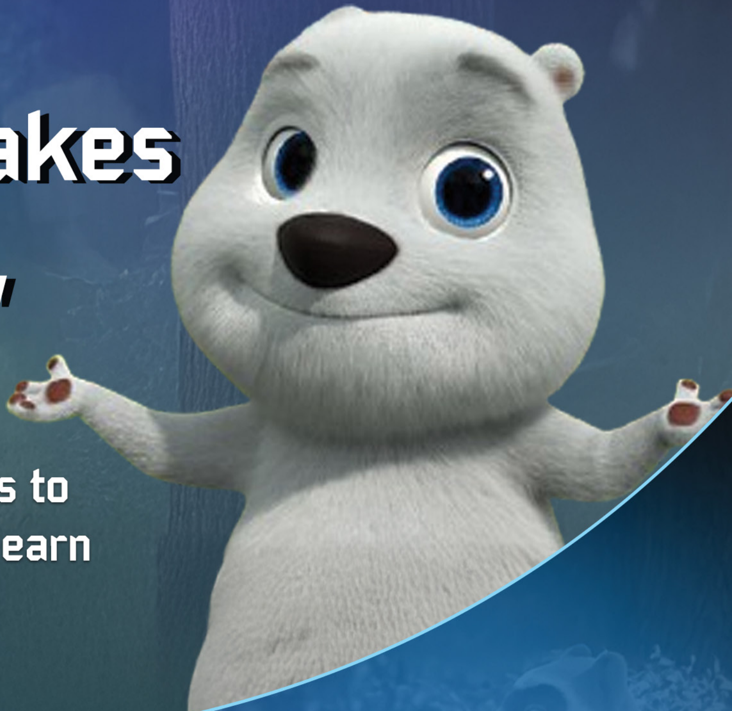

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CryptoGames has added XRP to its growing crypto gambling platform. The platform responded to player demands for this high-speed digital currency. Gamblers can now seamlessly make deposits and withdrawals using XRP.

Players now enjoy XRP's distinctive 3-5 second transaction speeds across the platform. Below are the key benefits XRP brings to CryptoGames:

Lightning-fast transactions improve deposits and cash-outs instantly.

Secure infrastructure adds another layer of trust for users.

Global accessibility enables seamless use across international player bases.

Energy-efficient design supports CryptoGames' modern, sustainable tech approach.

CryptoGames continues expanding beyond XRP by supporting a wide range of top cryptocurrencies. Players can choose from Bitcoin (BTC), Ethereum (ETH), Tether (USDT), Solana (SOL), PEPE, and Shiba Inu (SHIB). Recently, the platform added USDC with deposit options via Ethereum, Binance Smart Chain, and Polygon. This variety gives players greater control and convenience in managing their gaming experience.

"CryptoGames listened, acted, and brought XRP to its users. Welcoming XRP to CryptoGames signals their clear intent to prioritise player feedback and innovation. They're building a platform that truly reflects what modern crypto gamblers want," remarked Cryptonaire Weekly Editor-in-Chief, Karnav Shah.

About CryptoGames

CryptoGames combines traditional casino entertainment with blockchain technology. The platform prioritizes security, transparency, and engaging gameplay while continuously expanding its supported cryptocurrencies. Founded on principles of innovation and player satisfaction, CryptoGames serves a global community of crypto enthusiasts seeking entertaining and rewarding gaming experiences.

For more information about CryptoGames and the new XRP integration, visit Crypto.Games today.

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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN TRADES AT '40% DISCOUNT' AS SPOT BTC ETF BUYING SOARS TO $3B IN ONE WEEK

Data shows Bitcoin price is 40% undervalued, and the sharp uptick in spot BTC ETF purchasing suggests that institutional investors agree.

Data suggests that Bitcoin currently trades at a 40% discount.

Over 36,000 Bitcoin were withdrawn from Coinbase and Binance on April 25.

Bitcoin's fractal pattern from Q4 2024 could propel prices above $100,000 in April.

Bitcoin BTC $95,294 is currently trading at a 40% discount to its intrinsic value, according to Capriole Investments founder Charles Edwards.

In a recent post on X, Edwards highlighted that since the April 2024 halving, which reduced block rewards to 3.125 BTC, Bitcoin's energy value—an estimate based on mining costs and energy consumption—stands at $130,000.

Recent data from CryptoQuant indicated that over 8,756 BTC ($830 million) were withdrawn from Coinbase on April 24. Negative netflows from Coinbase could point toward institutional buying, or ETF-related purchases reflecting underlying demand.

This development lines up with the spot Bitcoin ETF inflows witnessed this week. Bloomberg ETF analyst Eric Balchunas suggests that institutions went on a $3 billion 'Bitcoin bender' over the past few days.

Binance also witnessed exchange outflows of 27,750 BTC on April 25. Alphractal founder Joao Wedson noted that "this is the third largest Bitcoin outflow in the exchange's history." Although large outflows and positive price action suggest bullish tailwinds, Wedson said they do not automatically mean a continued rally. The analyst said,

"In 2021, massive outflows didn't prevent the dump triggered by China's crypto ban (April–May). On the other hand, continuous outflows over several days, like during the FTX collapse, signaled a bottom and recovery."

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Grayscale Still Tops All US Spot Bitcoin ETFs in Revenue

Despite heavy outflows since January 2024, GBTC's 1.5% fee still generates $268 million a year, outpacing rivals' combined $211 million.

GBTC has maintained its revenue dominance, generating more revenue than BlackRock and other major issuers combined
Grayscale's first-mover advantage sustains its revenue lead, roughly 16 months after spot ETFs were approved.
Tax implications prevent many investors from switching to lower-fee alternatives despite potential savings.
Grayscale's Bitcoin Trust ETF (GBTC) generates more revenue than all other spot Bitcoin exchange-traded funds combined, despite charging fees that are up to seven times higher than its competitors.

GBTC is still "making more $$$ than all of the other ETFs combined..." Nate Geraci, president of ETF Store, stated on X on Sunday. "And it's not even close."

The fund generates approximately $268.5 million in annual revenue, with a 1.5% expense ratio applied to $17.9 billion in assets under management, according to Coinglass data.

All the other U.S.-Bitcoin ETFs shown by Geraci generate an implied annual revenue of a little over $211.8 million from a total of $89 billion in assets under management.

GBTC's revenue dominance persists despite losing more than half its holdings since spot Bitcoin ETFs went live in January 2024, revealing how fee structures have shaped the fund's economics, regardless of market share.

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ProShares Gets SEC Greenlight for Three XRP ETFs

The funds will track prices of XRP-based futures and offer traders a way to make money on longs and shorts.

ProShares is set to launch three new XRP-tracked ETFs following tacit approval from the SEC.

The new ETFs include an Ultra XRP ETF, a Short XRP ETF, and an Ultra Short XRP ETF.

This development follows the conclusion of Ripple's legal battle with the SEC, clearing regulatory hurdles for XRP.

Exchange-traded funds (ETF) issuer ProShares will introduce three XRP-tracked products this week after a tacit U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approval.

It will launch an Ultra XRP ETF (2x leverage),

a Short XRP ETF and an Ultra Short XRP ETF (-2x leverage), filings show. No movement has been made on its spot XRP ETF, however. Meanwhile, the SEC has acknowledged several XRP spot ETF applications so far, with fund manager Grayscale's filing facing a critical May 22 deadline.

ProShares' approvals come weeks after Teucrium's 2x XRP ETF started trading earlier this month, becoming the first XRP ETF in the U.S. It racked over $5 million in trading volumes on the first day, becoming the firm's "most successful" launch to date.

Last week, the CME Group added XRP futures to its largest derivatives exchange in the U.S. for launch next month, alongside BTC, ETH, and SOL products.

The flurry of ETFs tracking XRP comes after closely related company Ripple's long-standing court battle against the SEC, which was fully concluded in March, clearing extensive regulatory headwinds for the tokens.

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There are moments in crypto that rattle your conviction. Not because you didn't believe in the tech but because you're reminded, sometimes harshly, that even the most promising projects can fall off a cliff in seconds.

The recent 90%+ crash of **Mantra (OM)** was one of those moments.

As someone who's been deep in the space long enough to see both brilliance and betrayal, I watched the chaos unfold in real-time and felt that familiar mix of confusion, disbelief, and hard questions rising.

But what followed? That's what truly matters. Because Mantra didn't vanish. Its leaders didn't hide. And in the days that followed, we witnessed what may become one of the most transparent crisis responses the crypto space has ever seen.

This isn't a pump piece. It's not a takedown either. It's a look at what happens when a project on the cutting edge of real-world asset (RWA) tokenization faces its moment of truth and chooses to fight back with facts, accountability, and vision.

What Happened: A Perfect Storm of Liquidations and Fear

The OM token collapsed more than 90% in a matter of hours. At first glance, it looked like yet another rug pull or insider betrayal. But digging deeper revealed something else entirely.

There was no insider selling. No team dump. No shady minting.
On-chain investigators including well-respected figures like **ZachXBT** dug into the data and confirmed it. The Mantra team published full wallet disclosures and submitted to third-party audits to prove they weren't behind the crash.

So, what happened?

A **cascading liquidation event**, triggered by over-leveraged positions across multiple centralized exchanges especially Binance. With poor collateral transparency and too much borrowed exposure, the sell pressure snowballed into a total collapse.

If you've ever watched dominoes fall, you get the picture. One topples, then the rest. Fast.

The Immediate Fallout: Panic, FUD, and the Search for Answers

As you'd expect, fear spread instantly. Telegrams exploded. X feeds speculated everything from fraud to coordinated market maker pump-and-dumps. Rumours flew about OTC deals, internal minting errors, and double-supply events.

Even the **"mirror bucket" bridge mechanism** used to burn ERC-20 tokens before minting them on mainnet was misinterpreted by some as a loophole for supply inflation.

The team responded fast. CEO **Jean-Patrick Mullin**, still jetlagged in Dubai, took to interviews, released statements, and addressed every rumour head-on. He explained the mirror bucket confusion. He apologized for the chaos. And he promised something few leaders in crypto do:

Unrelenting transparency every step of the way.

Addressing the Speculation Around Buybacks and Price Protection

With the dust barely settled, fresh speculation took root: was the team artificially inflating OM's price post-crash? Were market makers brought in to create a V-shaped recovery narrative?

Let's be real this space has seen its share of shadowy manipulations. So the questions weren't unreasonable.

But again, the data said otherwise.

The Mantra team openly confirmed they were doing buybacks and burns but made it crystal clear:

These actions were transparent and announced,

Executed on-chain,

With no hidden OTC deals,

And no price-level protection agreements with market makers.

The $35M in OM purchases seen in the first 2 hours post-crash? Not a pump. Just volatility meeting deep conviction.

Mantra's Vision: Real-World Asset Tokenization at Scale

Despite the chaos, the mission hasn't changed.

Mantra is still building a security-first, RWA-native Layer 1 blockchain, built on Cosmos SDK and compatible with IBC protocols. Their vision is to tokenize real assets property, real estate, infrastructure and open global access to their value.

This isn't a meme coin with a whitepaper and a dream.

This is regulated, backed, and partnered. With entities like Sherurq, Laser Digital, and the UAE's VARA regulator already in the loop.

Post-crash, Total Value Locked (TVL) surged 500% to $4.2M. That's not retail hopium. That's institutions still showing up.

Lessons the Entire Crypto Industry Needs to Learn

If there's one silver lining in this whole episode, it's this: Mantra's response may become the new benchmark for how crypto projects should handle crisis.

Here's what we can all take away:

Cascading liquidations don't always equal scams. Centralized exchange leverage is a ticking time bomb. Transparency is the antidote.

Full wallet disclosures and on-chain audits should be the default. Mantra didn't just deny rumours they proved them false in front of the world.

Community trust doesn't vanish overnight, but it must be rebuilt over time. Through actions, not words.

Bridging the real world is hard. And even the best-planned systems (like Mantra's ERC-20 bridge) can become misunderstood liabilities when panic sets in.

What's Next for Mantra?

The team's now focused on three things:

1. Restoring Trust

Through continued transparency, extended vesting schedules, and potential team token burns.

2.Rebuilding Market Confidence

Strengthening exchange relationships and completing the integration of their mainnet token listings.

3. Leading the RWA Narrative
Pushing forward with tokenization pilots, real estate onboarding, and proving that utility > hype.

They're not trying to sweep this under the rug. They're using it as fuel. And that says more than any announcement ever could.

Final Thoughts: This Was Mantra's Gut Check Moment

We've seen plenty of projects disappear after crashes like this.

We've seen leaders ghost their communities.

We've seen innovation dissolve into silence.

But with Mantra, we're seeing something different: **Radical accountability. Operational resilience. And an unwavering belief in the long game.**

There's still risk. Of course there is. The climb back won't be quick. But the ingredients for recovery vision, partners, transparency, and guts are all there.

In crypto, your reputation isn't what you build in the bull run.

It's what you rebuild after the storm.

And Mantra? They're rebuilding one block, one update, one truth bomb at a time.

Citi Projects Stablecoin Market at $1.6T to $3.7T by 2030, Highlights Blockchain's Rise in Banking Sector

In its April 2025 Global Perspectives and Solutions report, Citi Institute underscores the growing adoption of blockchain technology by banks and the public sector, spotlighting stablecoins and system modernization. The report forecasts the stablecoin market could reach $1.6 trillion by 2030 in its base case, driven by regulatory clarity and US dollar demand, potentially spurring $1 trillion in new US Treasury purchases. In a bullish scenario, the market could soar to $3.7 trillion, though a bearish case projects $0.5 trillion if challenges persist. Blockchain applications in public spending transparency, digital identity, and asset tokenization are gaining momentum, but scalability, regulatory issues, and public perception remain hurdles to widespread adoption.

XRP is currently priced at $2.19 with a market capitalization of $128.16 billion. Over the past 24 hours, the token has seen a trading volume of $2.41 billion and an intraday price range between $2.18 and $2.24, reflecting a market poised for its next major move.

The one-hour chart for XRP on April 26, 2025, reveals a range-bound trend with slight tightening, indicating a brewing setup for a potential breakout.

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Cardano Founder Confirms XRP Integration, Frustrated By Chainlink Delays

Cardano founder Charles Hoskinson used the closing minutes of a wide-ranging “ask-me-anything” session on Wednesday to give the community a granular look at two long-running alliance talks that have often generated more speculation than substance: a multisided collaboration with Ripple’s XRP ecosystem and an oracle integration with Chainlink.

Hoskinson, responding to a viewer who asked, “Charles, are partnerships of Ripple and Chainlink still being

discussed?”, made it clear that progress has been uneven. “Ripple, yes. Chainlink we’re working hard on that,” he said.

On Ripple, Hoskinson sounded decidedly upbeat, describing a concrete roadmap that reaches from native wallet support to token distribution and a new role for Ripple’s forthcoming RLUSD stablecoin. He confirmed that “we’re going to add XRP support for Lace, so if you’re an XRP user you can hold your XRP in the Lace wallet,” referring to IOG’s flagship light wallet launched last year. He went further, noting that “XRP is going to be part of the Midnight airdrop,” the privacy-focused sidechain announced by Input Output Global. Even the stablecoin is on the table: “we’re in talks with RLUSD so I mean, uh, that’s as good as it gets,” he said, hinting that Cardano infrastructure might natively support Ripple’s fiat-pegged asset.

Hoskinson attributed the new momentum partly to personal rapport inside Ripple’s technical brain-trust. “David Schwarz just invited me to speak at one of their conferences and we’re on very good terms,” he disclosed.

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There's a dangerous kind of noise filling the air these days. A low, constant hum of conflict between two global titans, the United States and China. It's not loud enough yet to shake the average person awake but if you listen closely, you'll feel it building.

This isn't just about tariffs anymore. It's not about tweets or news cycles or brief spats at diplomatic tables. It's about something far bigger: a deep, systemic crack in the old-world order. And if history has taught us anything, it's that when great powers collide, the ripples reach everyone, whether we're ready or not.

When the trade war first kicked off, it looked like typical political gamesmanship. Trump announced sweeping tariffs 25% here, 10% there like a man tossing grenades into a crowded market. China responded, at first cautiously, then with growing defiance. Tariffs climbed to absurd heights 125%, 145%, even whispers of 250% on certain goods. Entire sectors of the economy whiplashed back and forth on the back of one tweet, one press conference, one rumour.

But underneath all that noise, something deeper was happening.

China wasn't just fighting with counter-tariffs. They started weaponizing critical resources, banning exports of rare earth minerals vital to modern technology. They sent back U.S. planes worth billions. They tightened relationships with Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia, reducing their dependency on American trade. Quietly but aggressively, China began building a world where they didn't have to fear American pressure quite as much.

Of course, the United States remains the world's biggest economy. Its consumer base is still the most powerful on the planet, and its grip on finance and technology is immense. But for the first time in decades, there's a real competitor at the table, and they're not bluffing. They're playing for keeps.

What's tragic is that in this clash, no one really wins. Ordinary people small business owners, employees, investors absorb the blows. Inflation creeps higher. Jobs become less secure. Prices surge. Supply chains fray. Faith in global stability erodes, little by little and that's where the real story for crypto begins.

Because while the powers that be wrestle and wrangle for dominance, something quieter and perhaps far more powerful is happening in the background. Investors, institutions, even nationstates are beginning to pivot. They're not waiting for governments to figure it out. They're seeking safety now, moving quietly into government-agnostic assets like gold... and more importantly, Bitcoin.

China's central bank has been stacking gold reserves at a pace we haven't seen in decades. It's a defensive move, a way to shore up strength in a world where the dollar's supremacy feels less certain by the day. But while gold is the traditional hedge, Bitcoin offers something even more alluring: border lessness, immutability, and a kind of freedom that gold, bound by vaults and physical borders, simply can't match.

In private circles, among high-net-worth individuals and forward-thinking institutions, Bitcoin isn't treated like a "risky asset" anymore. It's being treated like an **exit ticket** a life raft for wealth in an increasingly turbulent sea.

And let's be honest: Bitcoin was designed for exactly this kind of moment.

When trust in governments fractures, when political brinkmanship starts risking the livelihoods of billions, when money itself becomes a pawn in a larger game Bitcoin shine. Not because it's speculative. Not because it's trendy. But because it exists outside of their control.

You won't hear this in mainstream coverage of the trade war. You'll hear about tariffs, bond markets, rare earth minerals, supply chain disruptions. You'll hear about election cycles and GDP forecasts. But you won't hear them say the thing that matters most:

Trust the lifeblood of economic systems is quietly bleeding out.

And when trust dies, people don't sit around waiting for politicians to fix it. They move. They move to assets that don't ask permission, that don't depend on the promises of presidents, prime ministers, or central bankers.

That's why Bitcoin matters now more than ever.

And it's why, personally, I'm not betting on Washington to save the day. I'm not betting on Beijing to fold under pressure. I'm betting on something older than any government: human nature.

When chaos rises, people seek safety. When institutions falter, people build alternatives. When old systems crack, new ones emerge from the rubble.

Bitcoin isn't just an investment anymore. It's a contingency plan.

As the trade war continues to simmer, as supply chains buckle, as inflation chips away at everyday purchasing power, the need for sovereign-resistant, borderless money grows stronger. Not just in theory. In practice. In survival.

It's easy to be lulled into believing that this is all temporary, that somehow cooler heads will prevail. Maybe they will. Maybe they won't. But either way, the seeds have already been planted. The shift is already underway.

And those who recognize it early those who prepare before the fall arrives will find themselves not just surviving the new economic order but thriving within it.

I know I'm stacking. Quietly. Consistently. Relentlessly.

Because when the fall comes, and history tells us that it always does it won't be the ones clinging to old systems who come out ahead. It will be the ones who saw the writing on the wall. The ones who positioned themselves early. The ones who understood that freedom, once lost, is rarely returned and that Bitcoin offers a way to hold onto it when all else fails.

You don't need permission. You don't need a seat at the negotiating table. You don't need to bet on China or America "winning."

You just need to see what's coming and move before it's too late.

Bitcoin supply on exchanges reaches lowest since 2018

Institutional accumulation and a shift toward self-custody drive Bitcoin reserves on exchanges to a five-year low, setting the stage for potential supply shocks and increased price volatility.

The supply of Bitcoin held on centralized exchanges has reached its lowest point since 2019 according to data from CryptoQuant. As of late April 2025, only about 2.5 million BTC remain on exchanges, representing a drop of 500,000 coins since the end of 2024.

Bitcoin supply on exchanges shows shift toward self-custody
The decline in Bitcoin supply on exchange balances is widely interpreted as a sign that more investors are moving their BTC into private self-custodial wallets. This behavior is typically associated with long-term holding, or "HODLing," as investors withdraw coins from platforms where they could be easily sold.

Removing Bitcoin from exchanges is a trend that has been building since early 2023, when reserves stood at around 3.2 million BTC. The trend has accelerated over the past year with the involvement of major institutional players.

Institutional demand could drive global supply crunch
Institutional demand could drive a Bitcoin supply crunch as major firms like Fidelity have made substantial Bitcoin purchases. Fidelity alone recently acquired $253 million worth of BTC, contributing to the outflow of coins from exchanges.

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Payments Giant Stripe Announces Plans To Start Testing Its Own Stablecoin

The payments giant Stripe is developing its own stablecoin and plans to start testing the asset soon.

Jennifer Lee, a product manager for Stripe Crypto, announced the news on Friday, asking companies outside the US to reach out if they were "interested in dollar access."

Lee says the asset will be powered by Bridge, a stablecoin startup Stripe acquired in February.

Patrick Collison, Stripe's chief executive, says his firm has "wanted to build this product for around a decade." Earlier this year, he and his brother John Collison, the Stripe co-founders, wrote in the firm's annual letter that stablecoins represent the future of money. "Improvements to the basic usability of money make economies more prosperous. Consider the transitions from coins to banknotes, from the gold standard to fiat currency, and from paper instruments to electronic payments. Stablecoins are a new branch of the money tree. Such transitions occur with some regularity over the centuries, and the effects tend to be large."

Stripe reemerged in the crypto sector last October when it rolled out support for USDC settlements on the Ethereum (ETH), Solana (SOL), and Polygon (POL) blockchains.

The payments giant previously enabled payments made using Bitcoin (BTC) until 2018, when the firm discontinued its support, citing BTC's lack of utility as a payments rail.

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Democratic Senators Demand Ethics Probe Over Trump Meme Coin Dinner

Warren and Schiff cite "pay to play" concerns after the Trump token surged following the promise of an exclusive dinner with the President.

Senators Warren and Schiff urged the Office of Government Ethics to look into the Trump Dinner

The letter cites risks of foreign payments through anonymous crypto investments to gain influence

The TRUMP token has steadily ticked upwards since the dinner's announcement Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Adam Schiff (D-CA) demanded an ethics investigation on Friday into President Trump's invitation, which offered top holders of his meme coin an "intimate, private dinner" at his golf club.

These actions raise "grave ethics and legal concerns, including the severe risk that President Trump and other officials may be engaging in 'pay to play' corruption by selling presidential access," the solons wrote in their April 25 letter to the Office of Government Ethics.

Warren and Schiff's concerns center on the promotion announced last Wednesday, which offered the top 220 registered holders of the TRUMP Solana token exclusive access to a May 22 dinner at Trump National Golf Club.

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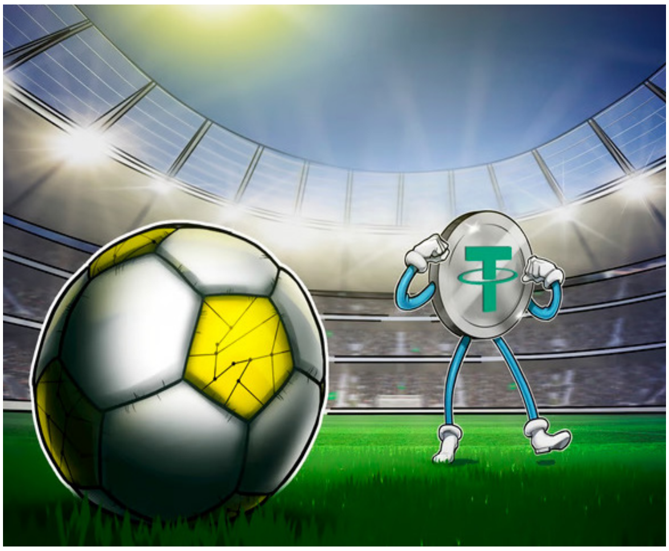
Tether boosts Juventus stake to 10% in latest strategic buy

Tether raised its stake in Juventus to over 10% as part of its broader push into sports, media and crypto investments.

Tether Investments — the investment arm of leading stablecoin issuer Tether — acquired additional shares in Juventus Football Club.

According to an April 24 announcement, with its latest investment, Tether brought its total participation in Juventus to over 10.12% of the issued share capital, representing 6.18% of the voting rights. The investment follows the firm's initial acquisition of 8.2% of the issued shares.

Tether CEO Paolo Ardoino said that the investment is not only a short-term financial maneuver but "a commitment to innovation



and long-term collaboration." He added:

"We believe Juventus is uniquely positioned to lead both on the field and in embracing technology that can elevate fan engagement, digital experiences, and financial resilience. We're excited about the opportunities ahead."

Founder of Obchakevich Research, Alex Obchakevich, told Cointelegraph that Tether's Juventus stake increase is an "attempt to prove to non-crypto investors and users that the company is much more than just a stablecoin."

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GameFi Tokens Show Signs of Life After Gala Games, White House Tie-Up

Governments worldwide are racing to secure crypto dominance, turning to Binance for strategic guidance on digital reserves and regulatory blueprints as sovereign adoption accelerates.

Gala Games' Easter event at the White House hints at a potential fresh chapter for GameFi, which has shown signs of life in the last few days.

Gala Games has partnered with the White House to bring a blockchain-based Easter Egg Hunt to the 2025 Easter Egg Roll.

The collaboration marks a potential comeback for gaming tokens,

which have been underperforming in the crypto market.

Industry experts have mixed reactions to the partnership.

GameFi tokens have seen better comparative performance over the past week.

Gaming tokens have seemingly been on the sidelines since the 2021 crypto boom. In fact, data from SoSoValue shows that they were the worst-performing crypto basket over the last 12-month period, enduring a 62% drop in the period, compared to a 174% rise on PayFi tokens.

However, under the Trump administration's crypto-friendly stance, it might be changing.

Gala Games—a blockchain-based gaming platform—says it became the first crypto gaming company to partner with the White House, bringing a Web3 game Easter Egg Hunt to the 2025 Easter Egg Roll.

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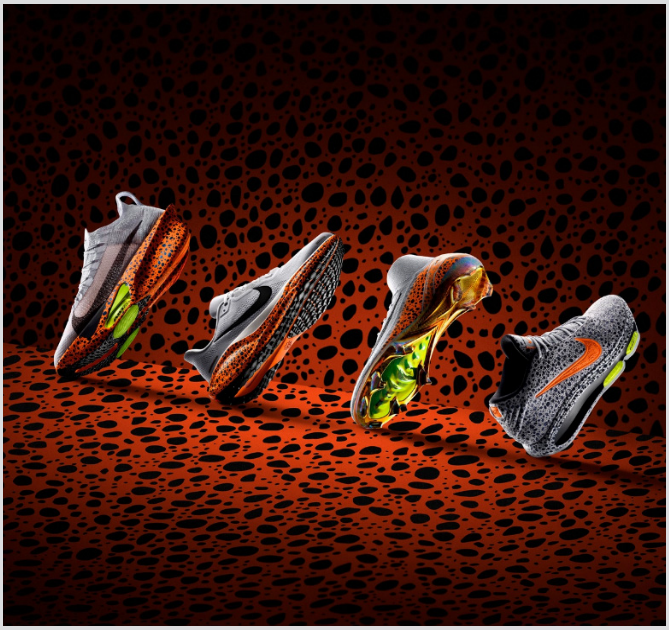

Nike Sued After Shuttering NFT Unit—Buyers Allege Major Crypto Losses

A collective of upset NFT purchasers has brought a lawsuit against Nike after the company shut down its digital collectibles division, RTFKT.

According to a report by Reuters, the lawsuit, filed Friday in Brooklyn, New York, alleges that the sportswear colossus's sudden shutdown erased hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of digital asset value.

Australian Investor Leads Legal Fight Against Sportswear Giant

Australia-based lead plaintiff Jagdeep Cheema leads the class of plaintiffs that is demanding at least $5 million in damages. According to court filings, Nike's December 2024 shutdown of RTFKT left investors with worthless digital tokens created and sold on both the Nike and RTFKT brands.

The complaint states Nike breached consumer defense laws in a number of states, including New York, California, Florida, and Oregon. Nike, headquartered in Beaverton, Oregon, has yet to respond to the claims.

Lawsuit Puts Key Question: Are NFTs Securities?

The court filing contends Nike sold the NFTs without registering them properly with financial authorities. This poses a basic question that US regulators and courts are still grappling to answer: Are NFTs securities subject to regulatory scrutiny?

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Hackers Create Fake Corporate Entities in the US To Fool Crypto Developers and Spread Malware

As filings pile up for proposed U.S. ETFs based on XRP, Solana, Dogecoin, and other assets, Canary aims to launch the first Tron fund.

North Korean hackers are reportedly carrying out a widespread campaign in the US by creating sham corporate entities.

Lazarus, the notorious state-sponsored North Korean syndicate responsible for some of the biggest hacking operations in history, has managed to set up corporations in the states of New Mexico and New York, Reuters reports.

Researchers at the cybersecurity firm Silent Push say the companies, called Blocknovas LLC and Softglide LLC, were set up using fake personas and addresses.

The goal of the firms is to advertise fake jobs for crypto developers in an effort to infect job applicants' wallets with malware once they respond.

Says Kasey Best, director of threat intelligence at Silent Push,

"This is a rare example of North Korean hackers actually managing to set up legal corporate entities in the U.S. in order to create corporate fronts used to attack unsuspecting job applicants…

These attacks utilize fake personas offering job interviews, which lead to sophisticated malware deployments in order to compromise the cryptocurrency wallets of developers, and they also target the developers' passwords and credentials which could be used to further attacks on legitimate businesses."

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Telegram vows to exit markets over encryption backdoor demands

Telegram's founder stresses the importance of encryption as a fundamental right over potential market access.

Telegram founder Pavel Durov has criticized the French government for attempting to ban encryption, calling it a serious threat to digital privacy.

In an April 21 statement on X, Durov revealed that French lawmakers nearly passed a bill last month that would have forced messaging apps to include backdoors that would give law enforcement agencies access to private messages.

The Telegram founder praised the National Assembly for blocking the legislation, arguing that it would have made France the first country to eliminate its citizens' right to digital privacy.

He said governments with poor records on civil liberties have never gone as far as banning encryption.

According to Durov, the introduction of backdoors weakens security rather than enhancing it. He argued that anyone, including foreign governments and cyber criminals, could exploit a backdoor if it is created.

He further argued that the real victims of such backdoors would be law-abiding citizens whose messages could be intercepted or leaked.

Durov also challenged the notion that such legislation would curb illegal activities. He highlighted that criminals would simply migrate to smaller, more secure apps or use tools like Virtual Private Networks (VPNs), making them even harder to track.

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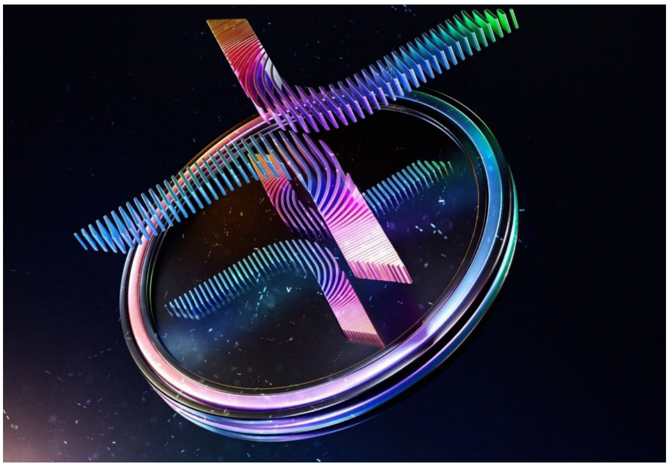
Binance Launches Fund Accounts, Enabling Fund Managers to Streamline Crypto Asset Management



Binance has announced the launch of Fund Accounts, a solution designed for fund managers to pool investor assets based on trading strategies. This offering allows fund managers to consolidate externally-raised investor assets into one or multiple omnibus accounts, streamlining operations and enhancing trading efficiency. Fund Accounts enable simplified portfolio management, flexibility in strategy execution, and NAV-based fund valuation, which standardizes crypto asset management. By allowing the creation of multiple fund accounts, fund managers can cater to a diverse range of investors and tailor trading strategies accordingly. Binance explains that this robust account management system ensures secure asset storage and fosters trust between fund managers and investors, facilitating easier entry for new fund managers and supporting business growth by reducing operational costs associated with separate account management.

Global crypto asset manager Hashdex announced on April 25 via social media platform X the launch of XRPH11, which it described as "the world's first XRP ETF" and "another crypto milestone on the Brazilian stock exchange." The launch marks a significant expansion of crypto investment products.

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Half of Crypto Traders Believe AI Will Outperform Humans in Trading: Survey

Faith in artificial intelligence to make better crypto trading decisions than a human is high, according to a recent survey.

According to a CoinGecko survey published on April 23, 47% to 49% of people said that AI agents will be better at crypto trading and investing than humans.

The remaining half of the participants believed AI does not have an edge over humans in the crypto market yet, "which suggests that opinions are still divided over this comparison," reported CoinGecko research analyst Yuqian Lim.

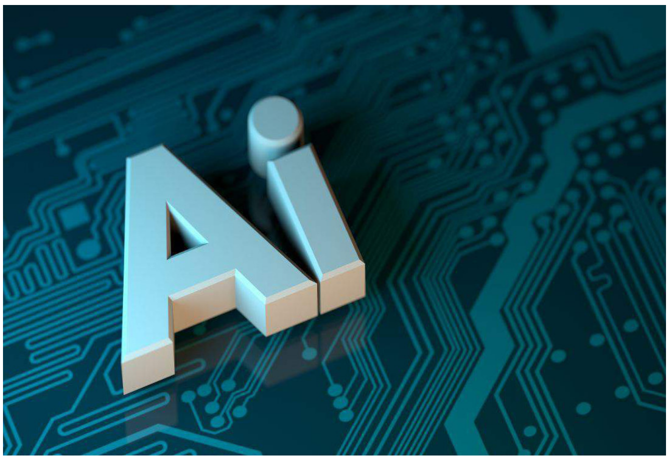
The most common view was that AI will "sometimes" outperform humans in both trading and investing.

1 in 7 Would Trust AI With Portfolio

Around 36% of respondents expressed willingness to let AI agents manage a majority, 60%, of their crypto portfolio. However, 15% of crypto investors said they would trust AI with their entire portfolio.

"1 in 7 participants either think they can completely trust AI agents with all of their crypto, or believe the potential profits will outweigh the risks, or simply have a high risk tolerance for their crypto holdings."

Opinion is split on trusting AI with crypto wallets, with 37% distrusting AI, 34% trusting AI, and 28% neutral. Around 13% said they would not trust AI with any portion of their crypto portfolio.



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