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## EDITORS LETTER

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CoinShares' Digital Asset Fund Flows Weekly Report on Oct. 14 shows that Bitcoin investment products witnessed inflows of \$419 million.

Sellers tried to pull the price below the 20-day EMA (\$62,500) on Oct. 13, but the bulls held their ground and started a strong rally on Oct. 14. The BTC/USDT pair is facing resistance at \$66,500, but if buyers do not allow the price to remain below \$65,000, the likelihood of a breakout will increase. The pair could then swiftly rise to \$70,000. Sellers are expected to fiercely defend the zone between \$70,000 and \$73,777. Time is running out for the bears. If they want to make a comeback, they will have to drag the price back below the moving averages. If they do that, the psychologically critical support at \$60,000 may be tested.

After several failed attempts, Ether finally broke above the moving averages on Oct. 14, indicating advantage to buyers. The ETH/ USDT pair has reached the resistance line of the symmetrical triangle, where sellers will try to halt the up move. If buyers overcome the resistance, the ETH/USDT pair could rise to \$2,850 and thereafter to \$3,400. On the contrary, if the price turns down sharply from the resistance line and breaks below the moving averages, it will signal that bears remain sellers on rallies. That could keep the pair inside the triangle for a few more days.

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

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# WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 358th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$2.28 Trillion, Up 110 Billion since the last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is at \$90.13 Billion which makes a 46.53% increase. The DeFi volume is \$4.73 Billion, 5.25% of the entire crypto market's 24-hour trading volume. The volume of all stable coins is \$81.87 Billion, which is 91.83% share of the total crypto market volume the last 24 hours. The largest gainers in the industry right now are Decentralized Identifier (DID) and Al Meme cryptocurrencies.

Bitcoin's price has increased by 5.41% from \$62,340 last week to around \$65,715 and Ether's price has increased by 7.82% from \$2,430 last week to \$2,620 Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.30 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$980 Billion.

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CoinShares' Digital Asset Fund Flows Weekly Report on Oct. 14 shows that Bitcoin investment products witnessed inflows of \$419 million. The firm's head of research, James Butterfill, said in the report that the inflows into crypto investment products were primarily influenced by the United States elections rather than by the monetary policy outlook.

United States spot Bitcoin exchange-traded funds (ETFs) saw their biggest one-day inflow in over four months, with more than half a billion dollars in inflows. The 11 ETFs saw aggregate net inflows of \$555.9 million on Oct. 14, their largest daily net inflow since early June, according to data from Farside Investors. The big day came as Bitcoin hit a two-week high of \$66,500 in late trading. ETF Store President Nate Geraci called it a "monster

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)		
ВТС	53.26%	
ETH	12.70%	
USDT	4.97%	
BNB	3.52%	
SOL	2.99%	
XRP	1.27%	
DOGE	0.69%	
ADA	0.53%	
Others	20.07%	

day" for spot BTC ETFs, adding that they were now approaching \$20 billion in net inflows over the past 10 months. The Fidelity Wise Bitcoin Origin Fund (FBTC) was the leader of the pack with an inflow of \$239.3 million — its highest since June 4. The Bitwise Bitcoin ETF (BITB) had a little over \$100 million, while BlackRock's iShares Bitcoin Trust (IBIT) saw inflows of \$79.6 million. Ark 21Shares Bitcoin ETF (ARKB) had inflows of just under \$70 million and the Grayscale Bitcoin Trust (GBTC) saw its first inflow for October at \$37.8 million — its highest since early May.

Sui, a layer-1 blockchain, pushed back on Monday against accusations that insiders had offloaded \$400 million worth of SUI tokens during a recent price surge. The allegations stem from claims that insiders, including a wallet tied to the foundation, profited from the rapid price increase last month. In response, Sui issued a statement via Twitter, denying the accusations and clarifying that no insiders including Foundation employees, Mysten Labs Sui's core development team, or its investors had sold any tokens. The concerns surfaced as SUI's fully diluted valuation (FDV) soared to \$23 billion, a figure some in the crypto community deemed disproportionate to the project's current stage of development. On Monday, a long-dormant bitcoin wallet, first activated on Aug. 4, 2011, made its move, sending 100 BTC valued at \$6.59 million out into the world for the first time in over 13 years. While September saw some exciting transactions from 2009-era wallets, October has been relatively quiet when it comes to the reawakening of old bitcoin stashes according to onchain data from btcparser.com, a wallet holding 100 BTC from 2011 sprang to life, moving its entire balance. Originally stored in a Pay-to-Public-Key-Hash (P2PKH) address, the 100 bitcoin was shifted at block height 865,649 into two fresh wallets. One, a change address, also a legacy P2PKH like the original, received 69.99 BTC, while the other, a Pay-to-Script-Hash (P2SH) address, picked up 30 BTC. As of now, the funds are still sitting in these wallets.





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Salvador, Bahia: SolarShare is redefining how the world invests in renewable energy by using blockchain technology to tokenize solar farms, enabling global access to clean energy projects. Individuals can now purchase solar panels as Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) and earn passive income from the sale of electricity generated by those panels.

With an impressive **annual dividend** projected from operational solar farms, SolarShare is making it easier than ever for people to participate in renewable energy investment while helping to decrease dependence on fossil fuels.

Operating three solar farms in Xique-Xique, Bahia, Brazil, SolarShare is expanding its reach with an ambitious growth plan. Tokenizing solar panels through NFTs gives people from all walks of life an opportunity to invest in and benefit from solar energy production. Investors receive income in USDT, a US dollar-pegged stablecoin generated by the sale of electricity from these farms.

"Our mission at SolarShare is to open up solar energy investment to everyone," said William Campbell, CEO and Founder of SolarShare. "We've made it possible for anyone, regardless of where they live, to own a piece of solar energy and benefit from the returns it offers. Whether you're in Asia, Europe, or North America, you can now contribute to a greener world and earn up to 25% annually."

SolarShare's first farm, Sunrise Solar Farm, is a 110kW facility in the sun-rich Xique-Xique region. It produces around 15,000 kWh per month using over 200 DAH Solar 555W Monocrystalline panels. Two additional farms, Sunny Valley and Helios Fields, contribute a combined output of 30,000 kWh, raising SolarShare's total energy capacity to 45,000 kWh per month. These farms are just the beginning as the company continues to expand in regions with significant solar potential.



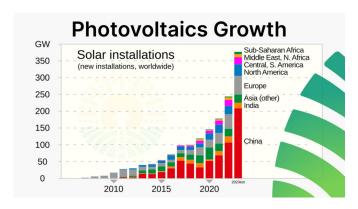
Throughout the year, each farm runs its operations, generating energy that is sold on the Brazilian energy market. The revenue generated from these sales is converted into USDT and distributed among NFT holders based on the investment tier they belong to. To ensure the integrity of operations, all farms are secured with warranties and insurance

coverage to address any potential unforeseen circumstances.

SolarShare's NFTs come in different tiers, representing varying levels of ownership. The smallest tier, a Solar Unit, is one-fifth of a solar panel, while the largest, Solar Planet, consists of 940 NFTs, equating to 188 solar panels, or a whole solar farm. Investors earn a percentage of the energy generated by these panels, with the staking of SolarShare's native cryptocurrency, \$SOLAR, enabling higher returns of up to 90% of a panel's output.

"We're giving people the power to invest in something that matters," added Campbell. "It's not just about financial returns; it's about having a real stake in the future of clean energy."

Brazil's high solar irradiation has positioned the country as a major player in solar energy production, with a capacity that has grown from under 2GW in 2017 to over 35GW in 2024. As demand for renewable energy continues to rise, SolarShare presents a timely solution by making solar energy investments accessible on a global scale.



"Brazil's solar potential is immense, and we're excited to be at the frontline of this movement," said Campbell. "Through our partnership with Versole Energia Solar, we're delivering high-quality solar projects that not only provide financial returns but also help reduce carbon emissions. It's a win for investors and for the planet."

SolarShare's model offers both financial and environmental benefits. Investors can expect annual returns of up to 25%, depending on energy prices and production levels. Meanwhile, the company's commitment to sustainability ensures that funds are directed toward expanding solar energy capacity, helping to address the global climate crisis.

SolarShare has ambitious plans to expand its operations into new regions with greater solar potential. The company is currently exploring additional farms in Brazil, other Latin American countries, and even Saudi Arabia, aiming to reach a global audience.

"Solar energy is one of the most scalable solutions to the world's growing energy needs," Campbell said. "With support from our investors and partners, we're committed to growing our platform and making SolarShare the go-to solution for solar energy investments."

Investing in SolarShare is simple and open to anyone. Investors can visit the SolarShare platform, purchase an NFT representing solar panel ownership, and earn dividends from the energy generated. The platform's intuitive dashboard lets users track their energy production, earnings, and environmental impact in real-time.

SolarShare invites you to join the renewable energy revolution today. **Purchase your Solar NFT**, start earning, and contribute to a more sustainable future.

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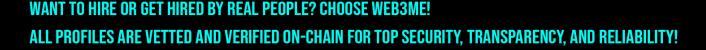
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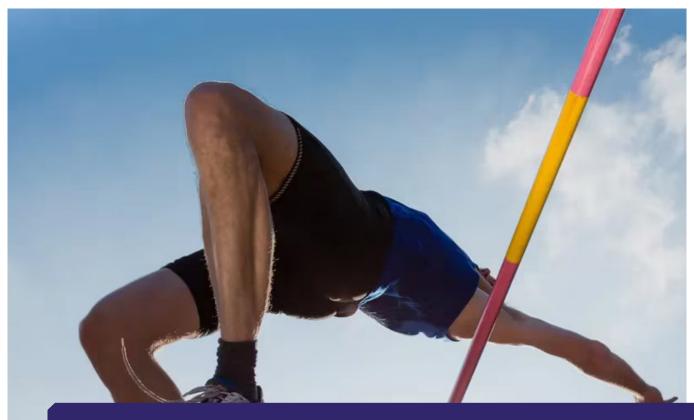
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## ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

#### BITCOIN BEGINS THE WEEK ON A HIGH, JUMPS ABOVE \$64K

Crypto majors moved higher Monday while memecoins led weekend action. PLUS: China stimulus announcements fell short of expectations, but traders' hopes remain high.

Bitcoin climbed above \$64,000, with other major cryptocurrencies like ether and Solana's SOL also gaining, although XRP and BNB remained unchanged.

Over \$100 million in short positions were liquidated due to the price jump. Memecoins like Mog and SPX6900 saw significant gains amidst discussions of a crypto "supercycle."

Broader market sentiment leaned towards buying due to positive economic indicators from both China and the U.S., with U.S. equities reaching new highs.

Bitcoin (BTC) jumped above \$64,000 in Asian hours Monday on the back of renewed hopes of a China stimulus and increased demand in certain bitcoinbased assets, leading a crypto majors move higher. BTC added 2% in the past 24 hours, data shows, with majors ether (ETH), Solana's SOL rising 3%. XRP and BNB Chain's BNB remained flat. The broadbased CoinDesk 20 (CD20), a liquid fund tracking the biggest tokens, rose 2.19%.

Over \$100 million in shorts - or bets against higher prices - were liquidated on the move, CoinGlass data shows.

Some memecoins dominated weekend price action as talks of a "supercycle" continued among traders. Mog (MOG) extended seven-day gains to nearly 20%, while SPX6900 - a parody of the S&P500 index - extended gains to 135%. A CoinGecko tracker shows Bitcoin-based memecoins and Runes - a protocol for assets on the blockchain - jumped as much as 10% over the weekend to extended weekly gains above 100% but pared gains in the past 24 hours.

Interest in memecoins comes amid low market volatility in more serious crypto sectors such as layer-2s or storage, and rising negative sentiment around tokens backed by venture capital funds.

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## Bitcoin to have 'crazy decade' as global wealth managers dive in

ointelegraph spoke with Riot Platforms' Pierre Rochard and Metaplanet's Dylan LeClaire at the Bitcoin Amsterdam 2024 conference.

While some investors may see Bitcoin's current prices as a peak for the asset, industry professionals say that the crypto asset will continue to surprise investors as more global wealth managers allocate funds to BTC.

In an interview with
Cointelegraph managing
editor Gareth Jenkinson,
Pierre Rochard, the vice
president of research
at Riot Platforms, and
Dylan LeClaire, the
director of Bitcoin
Strategy at Metaplanet,
shared their thoughts

on what lies ahead for Bitcoin BTC \$65,072.

Bitcoin to enter a "crazy decade" ahead Speaking to Cointelegraph at the Bitcoin Amsterdam 2024 conference, Rochard said there's a misleading narrative that Bitcoin gains are in the past. The executive said that from a global wealth balance sheet perspective, Bitcoin adoption is "still less than 1%." He explained:

"While people look at the historical price action of Bitcoin and they think, 'Oh, all the gains are in the past, now it's a boring asset.' I think that that's a very misleading narrative and that they're going to be caught surprised."

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## Trump Crypto Project World Liberty Financial Sets Token Sale Date

he Donald Trumpbacked DeFi project World Liberty Financial will launch its token sale for accredited investors next week.

It's finally here: Former President Donald Trump's decentralized finance project will launch its token sale next week. In a Friday post on Twitter (aka X), World Liberty Financial announced that the public sale of tokens will start on Tuesday, October 15. The sale will be open to those who qualified through the whitelist.

Prospective clients were able to apply for the whitelist starting in



September. For now, World Liberty Financial is only open in the U.S. to accredited investors—that is, according to the SEC, those with a net worth of at least \$1 million, either individually or with a partner (and excluding value of primary residence).

WorldLibertyFi public sale starts Oct. 15th, open to everyone who qualifies through the whitelist. Join us for a Twitter Spaces on Oct. 14th at 8 AM EST to learn more. Stay tuned for updates!

Accredited investors also have to have annual income of at least \$200,000—or \$300,000 with a spouse or partner—for two years, the U.S. regulator says, with the expectation that the salary trend will continue in the current year. The project did say it hoped to eventually be open to all Americans.

World Liberty Financial is an Ethereum-based decentralized finance (DeFi) project first announced by Donald Trump's son, Eric, Back in August.

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# Fresh Bitcoin whales invest over \$100 billion, signaling market transformation

ddresses holding
BTC for less
than 155 days
on average represent
48.8% of Bitcoin's
realized cap, on-chain
data reveals.

The amount invested by new Bitcoin (BTC) whales is up 13x this year to nearly \$108 billion on Oct. 6, according to CryptoQuant data.

The investment made by new whales represents 48.8% of Bitcoin's total realized cap, almost reaching the \$113 billion paid by "old whales." Notably, this is the highest amount spent by these investors in absolute numbers.

Realized cap is a metric that calculates the value of each Bitcoin's unspent transaction output (UTXO) considering its price when it was last moved. This is commonly used

to gauge how much value is stored in Bitcoin.

Moreover, the relative participation of new whales in the total realized cap registered on Oct. 6 marks a new all-time high. The previous record was registered on May 16, 2021, when new whales held 18.2% of the network's realized cap.

CryptoQuant's dashboard highlights that new whales are Bitcoin addresses holding over 1,000 BTC for less than 155 days on average, excluding wallets owned by centralized exchanges and miners.

CryptoQuant CEO
Ki Young Ju called
this movement a
"generational shift" and
expects the realized
cap of new whales
to surpass their older
counterparts soon.

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### Monochrome's First Spot Ether ETF to Go Live on Tuesday

he launch of
Monochrome
Ethereum ETF
follows the crypto
investment firm's spot
bitcoin ETF, which went
live in August.

Australia will launch a spot ether ETF following the launch of a spot Bitcoin ETF in August. The ETF will allow in-kind and cash redemptions.

Monochrome will launch its first Australia spot ether (ETH) exchange-traded fund (ETF) on Tuesday.

The Monochrome Ethereum ETF (IETH), will debut at 10:00 local time. The ether fund created by Australian crypto investment firm, Monochrome, comes after the launch of its spot bitcoin ETF in August. As of October



10, the bitcoin ETF fund held 165 bitcoin (BTC) worth just over \$10 million.

Similar to the spot crypto ETFs in Hong Kong, IETH will allow both cash and in-kind applications and redemptions for investors, meaning that investors can buy into and cash out of the fund with ether. As of October 10, Hong Kong's spot bitcoin and ether ETFs hold net assets of \$262.97 million and \$35.07 million, respectively. By contrast, U.S.-listed

ETFs held bitcoin worth \$58.66 billion ether worth \$6.74 billion, according to SoSoValue.

Several countries have approved listings of spot crypto ETFs after the launch of the funds in the U.S. in January, though all have been significantly smaller in scale than their U.S. counterparts. Last week, South Korea's news1 also reported that the country's Financial Services Commission would consider allowing crypto ETFs.

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If you've spent any time thinking about your financial future, the idea of reaching that elusive number where you can live comfortably without worrying about income has probably crossed your mind. How much money does it take to achieve financial freedom? Is the traditional path still valid in today's world of inflation and economic uncertainty? And can cryptocurrency really help get you there faster?

In this discussion, I'll explore a few perspectives on financial independence, from classic methods to modern strategies, including the role that cryptocurrency can play in building a nest egg that stands the test of time. The idea of "F-U money"—the amount of wealth you need to never have to work again—has evolved, and while the principles remain the same, the tools to achieve it have transformed dramatically.

## The "Fortress of Solitude" and the Value of \$2.5 Million

A memorable line from the 2014 movie The Gambler gives a simple lesson on what to do if you reach \$2.5 million in wealth: buy a house, get a reliable car, and invest the rest conservatively so you can live comfortably for the rest of your life. While that may have been solid advice a decade ago, inflation and the rising cost of living have changed the financial landscape. What was once considered a comfortable amount may no longer provide the same sense of security.

Is \$2.5 million enough to retire? The answer largely depends on where and how you want to live. If you're aiming to retire in a major city like New York or London, your financial requirements will be dramatically different from someone looking to settle down in a more affordable location. Each person's target is shaped by factors like lifestyle preferences, family needs, and geographic considerations.



But with today's economic climate, a more conservative approach might not suffice. The unpredictability of the global economy means that setting aside a larger safety net could be necessary to weather unexpected downturns.

## FIRE and Financial Independence: A New Approach

Many people today are turning to the FIRE (Financial Independence, Retire Early) movement as a way to achieve financial freedom. FIRE advocates typically multiply their annual expenses by 25 to calculate the amount they need to retire. This approach is based on the principle of withdrawing 3% to 4% annually to cover living costs in retirement.

While FIRE has gained significant popularity, it's important to remember that achieving financial independence isn't as simple as hitting a number. Emergencies, unexpected expenses, or market downturns can quickly erode your savings if you aren't prepared. For example, if much of your wealth is tied up in investments and the market crashes during a bear run, you could be forced to sell at unfavourable prices, dramatically shrinking your nest egg.

Furthermore, inflation adds another layer of complexity. If too much of your savings are held in cash, the erosion of purchasing power could outpace any interest or investment gains you're making. This is where newer, faster-growing markets like crypto come into play, offering opportunities for outsized gains that can help offset inflation risks.

## \$5 Million or \$20 Million? Differing Perspectives on Wealth

Opinions on how much wealth is truly enough vary widely. Kevin O'Leary, also known as Mr. Wonderful, has publicly stated that \$5 million is a good benchmark for ensuring long-term financial security. According to him, \$5 million invested at a 6% annual return will yield \$300,000 per year in passive income, which is enough to take care of most families' needs. He stresses the importance of not taking unnecessary risks once you've secured that base.



On the other hand, controversial influencer Andrew Tate argues that \$20 million is the figure you need to live a life of true comfort and luxury. His view is that unless you're aiming for extravagant purchases like private jets or yachts, \$20 million should provide more than enough to sustain a very comfortable lifestyle.

Both perspectives highlight an important point: the amount of money you need depends on how you plan to live. For some, \$5 million may provide all the financial security they need. For others, particularly those with more luxurious tastes, a much higher figure may be required. Ultimately, it's a personal decision that should factor in lifestyle goals, family needs, and risk tolerance.

#### Crypto as a Path to Financial Freedom

As someone deeply invested in the crypto space, I know firsthand the power that this asset class holds for building wealth. Crypto offers opportunities that, when properly understood and executed, can accelerate your path to financial independence. I've been able to save, invest, and build wealth through crypto without the traditional constraints of a 9-to-5 job. The speed of growth in this market makes it one of the most exciting spaces to be involved in, especially for those looking to achieve financial freedom faster than through traditional means.

Bitcoin, in particular, is still seen by many as one of the best assets for long-term growth. Even though the best time to buy Bitcoin might have been when it was under \$20,000, the truth is that we're still early in the adoption curve. Major institutions like BlackRock, VanEck, and ARK Invest are now entering the space, and countries like El Salvador and Bhutan are making Bitcoin a core part of their economic strategies.

The crypto market today is worth just over \$2 trillion, but over the next decade, it's expected to grow into the tens of trillions. For those willing to ride the waves of volatility, there's still time to capture significant upside. Owning even a fraction of a Bitcoin could, in the future, be the difference between financial comfort and struggling to keep up with inflation.

## The Future of Wealth and Financial Independence

In today's world, achieving financial freedom requires a blend of traditional and modern strategies. While saving and investing in stocks, bonds, and real estate still play a role, the explosive growth of crypto offers a unique opportunity to build wealth more quickly than ever before. However, this opportunity is not without its risks. Crypto markets are highly volatile, and investing in them requires a clear understanding of those risks, a diversified portfolio, and a long-term perspective.

As we look ahead, the idea of needing \$5 million, \$20 million, or even more to secure a future free from financial worry is becoming increasingly relevant. Inflation continues to erode the purchasing power of traditional assets, and economic instability around the globe makes it harder for individuals to

rely solely on savings or low-risk investments. The question isn't just how much you need to retire but also how you can get there.

For those willing to explore the opportunities that crypto presents, the path to financial freedom may be faster than traditional methods. But it's not a guaranteed path, and success requires a thoughtful approach to investing, risk management, and diversification.

In the end, financial independence isn't just about hitting a number—it's about having the freedom to live life on your own terms. Whether that number is \$2.5 million, \$5 million, or \$20 million depends on the life you envision for yourself and your family. But with the right strategies and a little foresight, achieving that dream is still possible in today's everchanging financial landscape.





## Crypto companies paid \$19B in settlements to US regulators in 2024

since 2019, US regulators have collected a total of \$31.92 billion in settlements from 25 crypto companies across various lawsuits.

United States regulators have received over \$19 billion in lawsuit settlements from crypto companies in 2024 so far, representing almost two-thirds of all settlements to date.

Data in an Oct. 9 report from CoinGecko shows bankrupt crypto exchange FTX and affiliated trading firm Alameda are responsible for most of the funds, with \$12.7 billion paid to the Commodity and Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) in an August settlement.

Across eight settlements in 2024, regulators have netted 78% more than in 2023, which only saw \$10.87 billion paid. However,

that is an 8,327% uptick in settlement values compared to 2022.

The total settlement amounts included forfeiture, disgorgement, civil penalties, settlement and prejudgment interest, but not individual lawsuits against executives.

According to CoinGecko research analyst Lim Yu Qian, the collapse of Celsius and Terraform Labs in mid-2022 were "key events that marked the shift from crypto bull run to bear market, culminating in FTX's fall, which prompted a new wave of regulatory scrutiny in the US."

Terraform Labs' \$4.47 billion settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regarding the algorithmic stablecoin TerraUSD (UST) collapse in 2022 is the second-highest settlement for the year.

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### Ripple Labs Co-Founder Donates \$1 Million in XRP to Pro-Kamala Harris PAC

n FEC filing released this week shows that Chris Larsen donated more than 1,700,000 XRP to the Future Forward USA PAC.

Ripple Labs co-founder Chris Larsen has donated \$1 million worth of XRP cryptocurrency to a Democrat-aligned political action committee (PAC) in support of U.S. Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris.

The blockchain technology executive donated 1,754,815.29 XRP, worth a round \$1 million, on August 14, according to an FEC filing released this week. The funds were funneled through Future Forward USA, a Democratic Partyaligned super PAC that has raised more than \$200 million during the 2023-24 election cycle, campaign finance nonprofit Open Secrets' data shows.

Larsen has donated a total of \$1.9 million to support Harris' campaign as of publication time, per Open Secrets. That includes two separate donations to Future Forward in 2023 worth \$250,000 and \$500,000, respectively. In early 2024, the super PAC splurged more than \$200,000 on a massive advertising campaign in support of the Democrats' bid for the White House, the New York Times reported.

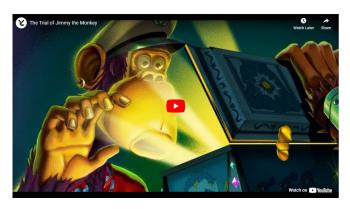
Individual contributors may put up a maximum of \$3,300 per election to their preferred candidates, according to federal campaign finance rules. But by pouring funds into a super PAC—an organization that can raise unlimited funds to support candidates without directly contributing to their campaigns—ultrawealthy donors may use their money to potentially influence election outcomes.



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Yuga Labs, known for creating Bored Ape Yacht Club (BAYC), has become one of the most iconic names in the NFT space. From leading the charge in NFTs to expanding into gaming and metaverse spaces, Yuga Labs has always been at the forefront of innovation. But as the initial NFT hype has faded, questions are being raised: Can Yuga Labs deliver on its lofty \$4 billion valuation, and more importantly, is it still a good investment opportunity?



As an analyst who has closely watched the rise of NFTs and the evolution of digital assets, I find Yuga Labs' journey particularly interesting. The company has achieved incredible milestones, but the NFT market—and the broader Web3 ecosystem—has changed dramatically. To truly understand whether Yuga Labs is still worth considering as an investment, we need to examine not only their past success but also how they're positioning themselves for the future.

## The Initial Rise: From NFTs to Cultural Phenomenon

Yuga Labs' journey began with the Bored Ape Yacht Club, a collection of NFTs that quickly became one of the most coveted in the world. BAYC wasn't just an art project; it was a social movement. Owners of these NFTs became part of an exclusive club, gaining access to private events, networking opportunities, and even real-world perks like parties and meetups. The sense of belonging that BAYC fostered turned it into a cultural phenomenon, one that attracted both celebrities and everyday investors alike.



This sense of community, combined with the rapid rise in value of the NFTs themselves, created immense excitement around Yuga Labs. But like many things in crypto, the euphoria didn't last forever. The NFT market faced a downturn, and Yuga Labs, despite its best efforts, has been navigating these rough waters.

## The Challenges: Can Yuga Labs Deliver on Its Valuation?

One of the most significant challenges facing Yuga Labs is living up to the massive valuation it garnered during the height of the NFT craze. With a valuation of \$4 billion, expectations are sky-high. Investors who bought into the hype at the peak, paying exorbitant prices for NFTs and virtual land in projects like Otherdeed, may be feeling disillusioned. Many of these speculative purchases have not appreciated as hoped, leaving buyers questioning the long-term value of their investments.

It's clear that Yuga Labs is aware of these challenges. They've made strategic moves to adapt, bringing in a management team and refocusing on the future of digital assets. But as the market evolves, Yuga Labs is faced with the daunting task of building something truly transformative, particularly in the realm of the metaverse. And this is where the conversation gets more complicated.

#### The Metaverse: Is Yuga Labs Too Late?

When Yuga Labs launched its vision for the Otherside metaverse, there was significant buzz. The idea was that the Otherside would become a virtual world where users could buy land, interact, and engage in a variety of experiences, all powered by blockchain technology. However, as time has gone on, the reality of building such a metaverse has proven to be more challenging than anticipated.

The question now is whether Yuga Labs can deliver a metaverse experience that meets expectations. The metaverse space is increasingly competitive, with companies like Meta (formerly Facebook) and other Web3 projects developing their own digital worlds. Some argue that Yuga Labs may have missed its window of opportunity to be a major player in this space. As the hype fades, so too might the enthusiasm for Yuga's metaverse ambitions.

That said, the cultural value of BAYC still holds weight. Yuga Labs has built something bigger than just digital assets—it has built a brand. And that brand, which includes iconic projects like Cryptopunks, still has the potential to thrive, especially if they find a way to integrate their community into their metaverse projects more meaningfully.

## The Bigger Picture: Communities and Long-Term Value

One of the key takeaways from Yuga Labs' story is the power of community. Whether it's BAYC or Cryptopunks, the core value of these NFTs lies in the networks and identities they create. These aren't just digital assets—they're social identifiers, badges of belonging for people who want to be part of something larger than themselves.

In this sense, Yuga Labs' real success might not come from building a massive, Roblox-like metaverse. Instead, their strength lies in fostering a global community of like-minded individuals. The BAYC clubhouse in Miami and events like ApeFest demonstrate that there's still a desire for real-world connections rooted in these digital assets. For many, owning a BAYC isn't just about financial gain—it's about being part of an exclusive, creative, and culturally relevant group.

This is where the future of Yuga Labs might lie. Rather than trying to compete with traditional gaming companies or massive metaverse projects, Yuga Labs can double down on its community-driven model, providing value through exclusivity and shared experiences.

#### **Comparisons to Other NFT Projects**

It's worth noting that Yuga Labs isn't the only project navigating the NFT space. Pudgy Penguins, for example, has garnered attention for its ability to deliver on its vision while maintaining a smaller, more focused community. The success of projects like Pudgy Penguins underscores an important point: building a long-lasting NFT project isn't just about hype or capital—it's about managing expectations and creating sustainable value for your community.

In comparison, Yuga Labs has raised much more capital and has much higher expectations to meet. This puts them in a more challenging position but also provides an opportunity to leverage their resources to innovate in ways that smaller projects simply can't.

## The Role of Venture Capital in Web3 Projects

It's also important to consider the role of venture capital in shaping these projects. As we've seen

with companies like Sixth Man Ventures, VCs play a crucial role in funding and guiding early-stage Web3 projects. But VCs are also known for their influence on the direction of these companies, sometimes pushing for rapid growth that may not always align with long-term sustainability.

In the case of Yuga Labs, their ability to balance the expectations of their investors with the needs of their community will be crucial. Venture capital has provided Yuga Labs with the capital to scale, but the question remains: will they be able to execute their vision without losing the authenticity that made them successful in the first place?

### Final Thoughts: Is Yuga Labs Still a Good Investment?

So, is Yuga Labs still a good investment? The answer, as with most things in crypto, is nuanced. If you're looking for immediate returns based on speculative hype, the ship may have sailed. The

NFT market is no longer in its euphoric phase, and many of the initial buyers who got in during the peak may struggle to see their investments appreciate in the short term.

However, if you're investing for the long haul and believe in the cultural significance of Yuga Labs' projects, there's still potential. Yuga Labs has proven itself to be a brand with staying power, and its community-driven model could continue to provide value in new and unexpected ways. The challenge will be in navigating the evolving landscape of Web3, particularly in the metaverse, where expectations are high and the competition is fierce.

For those willing to take a long-term view, Yuga Labs remains a project to watch closely. It's not without risks, but in a space as dynamic as NFTs, the potential for innovation and cultural impact should not be underestimated.





### Metaplanet acquires additional 108 BTC in efforts to dethrone Meitu as Asia's top Bitcoin holder

etaplanet's quest for 1000 BTC is fuelling a remarkable 500% stock rally.

Japanese investment firm Metaplanet has increased its Bitcoin holdings to over 700 BTC after its latest acquisition of the top crypto asset.

On Oct. 11, Metaplanet confirmed the purchase of an additional 108.999 BTC for ¥1 billion. The firm acquired the Bitcoin at an average price of ¥9.17 million, roughly \$61,659.

This marks Metaplanet's third Bitcoin purchase in October, bringing its total holdings to 748.502 BTC, valued at ¥6.965 billion or \$46.8 million.

On Oct. 1, the firm purchased 107.91 BTC for around \$7 million and later earned a 23.97 BTC premium by selling 233 BTC put options on Oct. 3. Fast-forward to Oct. 7, and the firm also acquired an additional 108.786 BTC for ¥1 billion, equivalent to about \$6.7 million.

Metaplanet revealed its average price for all of its Bitcoin is ¥9.3 million, approximately \$62,504 per BTC. So, with Bitcoin's current trading at around \$60,600, the firm is currently facing a slight loss of around \$1,900 on each of its Bitcoins.

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### \$500M Bitcoin Buried in Landfill: Man Sues City After Decade-Long Battle for Recovery

ames Howells is suing Newport City Council after a decade-long fight to recover a hard drive containing 7,500 bitcoins, now worth nearly \$500 million, mistakenly dumped in 2013. The council has repeatedly denied excavation requests, citing environmental concerns. Howells claims the data is recoverable.

James Howells, an IT engineer from Newport, Wales, has reportedly filed a lawsuit against Newport City Council after more than a decade of efforts to recover a hard drive containing 7,500 bitcoins, now valued at over \$470 million.

The hard drive was mistakenly dumped at a recycling center in 2013, causing Howells to lose



access to his BTC. He claims that the council has "largely ignored" his repeated requests to excavate the landfill where the hard drive is believed to be buried. According to court documents seen by Walesonline, Howells is seeking £495,314,800 (\$647 million) in damages, which reflects the peak valuation of his lost bitcoins earlier this year.

Howells, who has assembled a team of experts for the £10 million excavation, insists it would be done at no cost to the council. He has also offered the council 10% of the recovered bitcoin's value. stating: "I'm still allocating 10% of the value for the council even though they have been problematic throughout." The bitcoin enthusiast added.

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As someone who has spent years watching the crypto space evolve, I can't help but feel intrigued by the recent surge of artificial intelligence (AI) integration into blockchain technologies. The idea of combining AI and blockchain is quickly capturing the market's imagination, particularly as small AI-focused crypto projects quietly work in the background. These emerging projects are often overlooked, yet they hold the promise of revolutionizing both industries, making them hidden gems with massive potential.

But the big question remains: Are these tiny Al crypto projects really worth the hype? After spending considerable time exploring several such projects, I've found that some of them could indeed be poised for exponential growth. Let's dive into a few that stand out—Trias, Spectral, and Zero1 Labs—and why I believe they could be the next major opportunity for investors.

#### The Al-Blockchain Revolution: Why Now?

Artificial intelligence is becoming more integrated into our everyday lives, from machine learning models to virtual assistants. But what if we pair the decentralized, trustless nature of blockchain with Al's immense capabilities? The result is a new era of decentralized Al applications that could transform industries such as healthcare, finance, and even virtual worlds.

The combination of AI and blockchain is more than just a buzzword; it's the foundation of a future where decentralized autonomous systems can operate without centralized control, ensuring greater transparency and security. This is the space that Trias, Spectral, and Zero1 Labs are pioneering, and I believe they represent some of the most compelling opportunities in the AI-crypto space.

#### Trias: Trust in Machines, Reimagined

One of the most ambitious projects I've come across is Trias, short for Trustworthy and Reliable Intelligent Autonomous Systems. Trias is building a decentralized infrastructure to ensure that machines—whether they are part of the IoT, mobile platforms, or cloud systems—can be trusted to behave as expected. With privacy concerns and security vulnerabilities growing in our increasingly connected world, Trias aims to address these issues by creating a decentralized environment where trust is built into the system itself.

At its core, Trias operates with a multi-layered structure, including the Leviatom layer (trusted execution environments) and the Prometh layer (traceable development frameworks). This ensures scalability and security, making Trias applicable across various platforms. For investors, the Trias token (TRIAS) plays a central role in this ecosystem, incentivizing users and powering decentralized services.

Currently, with a market cap of about \$30 million, Trias has significant room for growth. If it reaches its potential in building the backbone for trustworthy, autonomous systems, it could see its market cap grow to \$5 billion—a potential 167x return. Trias' unique approach to decentralized infrastructure, ensuring that machines can operate securely and efficiently, makes it a foundational player in the decentralized future.

## Spectral: Decentralized Al Agents and the Future of On-Chain Intelligence

Another standout in the Al-crypto space is Spectral, which focuses on creating decentralized Al agents that can autonomously execute tasks within the Web3 ecosystem. Spectral isn't just about Al for Al's sake—it's about building smart systems that are transparent, verifiable, and trustless, with real-world applications in decentralized finance (DeFi) and beyond.

What sets Spectral apart is its suite of products like Spectral Syntax and Spectral Nova. Spectral Syntax allows users to convert natural language commands into code, simplifying the process of creating Al agents for non-technical users. Spectral Nova, on the other hand, enables the deployment of decentralized machine learning models to solve complex predictive problems for DeFi platforms.

.@blknoiz06 wanted a bot to automatically short ETH whenever the timeline starts posting bullish ETHBTC charts, so we built him an Al agent using Syntax V2 (launching soon).

Here's how you can build one too, even if you're new to this!

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— Spectral (@Spectral\_Labs) August 6, 2024 The potential for Spectral is enormous. By creating decentralized Al agents that can automate and optimize processes in Web3, Spectral could be a critical part of the future blockchain landscape. With a current market cap of \$80 million, Spectral has the potential to grow into an \$8 billion behemoth, offering a potential 100x return for investors.

#### Zero1Labs: Democratizing Al Development Through Decentralized Governance

Zero1 Labs stands out for its focus on decentralizing Al data governance. As Al becomes more central to

decision-making processes across industries, the question of who controls the data and the models themselves becomes increasingly critical. Zero1 Labs addresses this by building a decentralized Al infrastructure that empowers users to create, train, and monetize Al applications while maintaining control over their data.

The Zero1 Construct platform is a key part of this vision. It allows developers and users alike to contribute to and benefit from AI models in a decentralized environment. Instead of relying on centralized entities, Zero1 Labs aims to democratize the process, ensuring that everyone has a stake in the future of AI.

One of the most compelling aspects of Zero1 Labs is how it integrates blockchain-based tokens into its ecosystem to incentivize participation. This ensures that data privacy and security are prioritized while encouraging active contributions to AI development. The project is still relatively small, with a market cap of \$50 million, but some analysts predict it could reach \$8 billion, presenting a potential 160x return for early investors.

### Deeper Context: What Lemon Rocks Reveals About the Al-Blockchain Future

In the Al-crypto space, the emergence of projects like Lemon Rocks gives even deeper context to the broader revolution we're witnessing. Lemon Rocks, an Al-powered data and analytics platform that connects startups with investors, shows how Al can be applied to enhance data accuracy and drive smarter investment decisions in Web3 and Web2 ecosystems.

Lemon Rocks, much like Trias and Spectral, leverages AI for real-world applications—tracking social metrics, integrating on-chain and off-chain data, and creating a "verify-to-earn" model where users are rewarded for verifying data. It highlights how decentralized AI systems can enhance data integrity and investor confidence, something that is critical for the long-term success of AI-integrated blockchain projects.

The lessons from Lemon Rocks also underline the importance of accurate, decentralized data—a core focus for projects like Zero1 Labs. With Lemon Rocks aiming to become a trusted data platform for the venture capital world, we see a growing

trend where Al and blockchain are combined to create transparent, trustworthy systems that can scale across industries.

This trend enhances the investment thesis for Al-crypto projects. If Lemon Rocks can build a robust data ecosystem using Al, it's a clear indicator that other Al-based projects like Trias, Spectral, and Zero1 Labs, each with their unique focus on trust, autonomy, and decentralized governance, are poised to capitalize on this growing need.

### Final Thoughts: Are These Al Altcoins Worth the Investment?

As Al and blockchain continue to merge, projects like Trias, Spectral, and Zero1 Labs are leading the way toward a decentralized future where machines, Al agents, and data governance can operate without centralized control. These projects are still in their early stages, but the growth potential is undeniable, especially as the demand

for trustworthy, scalable, and decentralized systems increases across industries.

With their unique approaches to integrating Al into blockchain, these projects offer exciting opportunities for investors looking to get in on the ground floor of the next big wave. Whether it's Trias' focus on trustworthy autonomous systems, Spectral's decentralized Al agents, or Zero1 Labs' vision of democratized Al governance, these altcoins could see explosive growth in the coming years.

If you believe in the future of decentralized Al systems and are willing to take on the risks inherent in early-stage investments, these projects might just be worth your attention. As always, do your own research, but the opportunity here is clear: Al-infused blockchain projects could well be the next frontier, and those who invest early may see substantial returns.



# Coinbase's Base Set To Overtake Arbitrum To Become The Biggest Ethereum L2 Network

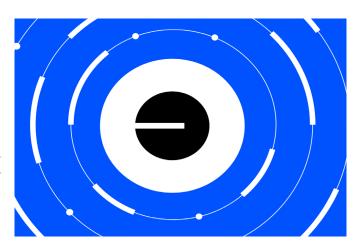
ase, the Ethereum layer-2 scaling solution from crypto exchange Coinbase, has witnessed a surge in activity in the past two months and is now gunning for the top spot in the Ethereum ecosystem.

In an interesting development revealed by data from IntoTheBlock, the transaction volume on Base has increased massively within this timeframe, with it cap-

turing about 40% to 60% of all volume to outpace Optimism and Arbitrum. Now, recent data in the past 24 hours show Base now seems to have made the leap to solidify its leading position in terms of total value locked (TVL).

Base Surges To Become Ethereum's Biggest L2 Network

Base operates as a layer 2 network on Ethereum launched by Coinbase to offer a safe, low-cost,



developer-friendly way to build on-chain. Since its inception, Base has quickly established itself within the crypto market, carving out a strong market fit.

Although it has been live for just about a year, Base's appeal has become increasingly evident, particularly over the past two months. Data from IntoTheBlock reveals that Base's total

value locked (TVL) has experienced consistent growth since September 7, when the TVL on the network was recorded at \$1.41 billion. Since then, Base's TVL has surged by an impressive 68%.

According to IntoTheBlock, this dramatic rise in TVL has positioned Base as a formidable competitor to Arbitrum.

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### Ripple Launches New Features for Custody Arm to Tap \$16T Market

ipple Custody has experienced a 250% increase in new customer acquisition.

The firm behind XRP has announced the launch of several new features and functionalities for Ripple Custody. With this, the company aims to improve its custody technology for fintech and crypto users.

Crypto custody is a relatively new area for the entity, which has streamlined its efforts under the recently launched Ripple Custody division.

Expansion of Ripple Custody According to its official press release, the latest update includes the integration of a transaction screening service, additional hardware security module (HSM) options, integration with the XRPL for tokenizing Real World Assets (RWA), pre-configured policy frameworks, and improvements to the platform's usability and user interface.

Ripple said that custody is an essential aspect of the expanding digital asset economy. By 2030, the value of crypto assets in custody is expected to reach a minimum of \$16 trillion, and it is estimated that 10% of the global GDP will be tokenized, according to a recent study conducted by Boston **Consulting Group** and private market exchange ADDX.

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The cryptocurrency landscape is once again approaching a pivotal moment as Bitcoin nears a potential breakout from its current trend. Analysts and traders alike are closely watching as the price inches toward significant resistance levels. Should Bitcoin break through, it's widely expected that the price will surge, pulling much of the altcoin market with it. This is a critical time for investors, particularly those focusing on altcoins and the rapidly expanding meme coin space.

Meme coins, which have garnered widespread attention over the past few years, are especially interesting in this context. Although they started as humorous, speculative tokens, many have delivered returns that far outpaced more traditional crypto assets. In this article, I'll dive into the dynamics of meme coins, their current market potential, and how they fit into the broader picture of a Bitcoin-led market breakout.

#### **Bitcoin: Opening the Door to Altcoin Gains**

Bitcoin remains the most influential player in the crypto market. Its performance sets the stage for the broader market, and currently, Bitcoin is on the cusp of breaking a seven-month-long trend. Once Bitcoin breaches these critical resistance levels, many anticipate a significant move upward. As described in the video, this breakout will likely liquidate short positions, accelerating Bitcoin's price climb.

Bitcoin's behaviour tends to set off a ripple effect throughout the market. Historically, when Bitcoin leads the charge, capital flows into altcoins shortly after. We have seen this pattern in previous cycles, where altcoins often experience even greater percentage gains compared to Bitcoin once the liquidity spreads across the market. This sets up a compelling scenario for large-cap altcoins, which could see strong momentum in the months ahead.

As we wait for Bitcoin to take off, the strategy becomes clear: Bitcoin's next leg up could mark the beginning of a broader market rally, and investors need to be prepared to move capital into high-potential altcoins.

#### Why This Bitcoin Breakout Is Different

The current market setup is unique because of the larger economic environment. The U.S. stock market, especially the S&P 500, has been closely linked to crypto in recent months, largely due to similar macroeconomic forces driving both markets. With central banks increasing liquidity by lowering interest rates and printing more money, more capital is entering both stocks and cryptocurrencies.

In this environment, Bitcoin's consolidation over the last several months hasn't been a sign of weakness but rather an adjustment to align its value more sustainably. The video suggests that Bitcoin's sharp

rise earlier in the year was driven by speculative trading related to Bitcoin ETFs and retail interest. Now that the market has stabilized, Bitcoin is in a better position to grow sustainably as liquidity enters the system.

As the economy continues to provide favorable conditions, Bitcoin's upcoming breakout is likely to be fast and significant. Once it happens, the next phase will likely be a substantial rally in large-cap altcoins.

## Large-Cap Altcoins: Where the Action Begins

When Bitcoin moves, the altcoin market is usually quick to follow. The video emphasizes that large-cap altcoins are likely to be the first to benefit from the Bitcoin breakout. Coins like Solana, Avalanche, and others are already starting to show signs of life, and Solana, in particular, has been performing strongly relative to Ethereum in recent weeks.

Interestingly, this cycle may see a shift in the usual dynamics. Solana's recent outperformance suggests that Layer 1 networks other than Ethereum could lead the charge this time around. Although Ethereum remains an essential player in the space, its struggle to maintain dominance could open the door for other platforms to take the spotlight.

As investors prepare for the next market cycle, the video suggests that starting with large-cap altcoins is a safer and more reliable way to capture significant returns. Large caps typically offer a balance of stability and growth potential, allowing for substantial gains while minimizing the risk of volatility. Once the market heats up, the gains from large-cap coins can then be reinvested into smaller, riskier projects.

#### Meme Coins: Where Do They Fit In?

Meme coins have been one of the most talkedabout sectors in the crypto market, and their rise has been nothing short of remarkable. Coins like Dogecoin, Shiba Inu, and Pepe have become household names, with communities built around their playful and speculative nature. Despite their origins as light-hearted projects, meme coins have created massive wealth for early investors.

However, the video urges caution when it comes to meme coins. While they've produced enormous returns in the past, the current market might not be as conducive to 100x gains from established meme coins. The top meme coins are more likely to deliver 5x to 10x returns in this cycle, but the days of astronomical returns may be behind us for some of the bigger names.

Meme coins still have a place in the broader market. Newer meme coins like Whip, Popat, and PKY could still present opportunities for significant gains, especially as the hype around meme coins continues to build. The video notes that while the more established meme coins may have limited upside, smaller-cap meme coins still have room to run, but the risks are also higher.

#### A Strategic Approach: Large Caps First, Meme Coins Later

The key takeaway from the video is that investors should focus on large-cap altcoins first. These coins are more stable and are likely to deliver strong gains as liquidity moves through the market. The strategy here is to secure gains in large caps, which can then be reinvested into smaller altcoins or meme coins once the market reaches a more speculative phase.

This approach allows investors to maximize their exposure to the entire market cycle without taking on unnecessary risk early on. By focusing on large caps during the initial stages of the rally, investors can capture solid returns before moving into smaller, higher-risk assets that could see explosive growth later.

Meme coins, while exciting, should be approached with caution, especially as they tend to be more volatile and speculative. However, for those who time the market well, there are still opportunities to capture gains from meme coins, particularly in the newer, lower-cap projects that have yet to make their mark.

## Final Thoughts: Preparing for the Next Market Cycle

As Bitcoin prepares for a potential breakout, now is the time to position for the next phase of the market. Large-cap altcoins are already starting to show signs of strength, and once Bitcoin makes its move, these coins are likely to experience significant gains. Meme coins, while still part of the conversation, require a more cautious approach,

particularly as their upside potential may be more limited compared to previous cycles.

By focusing on large-cap altcoins first and strategically moving into smaller-cap projects later, investors can navigate the next bull market with a clear plan. The crypto market offers incredible opportunities but understanding where and when to deploy capital is key to maximizing returns while managing risk.

As always, careful research and a strategic approach are essential for success in this fast-moving market. Whether you're new to crypto or a seasoned investor, the upcoming market cycle presents a unique opportunity to capitalize on both the stability of large-cap altcoins and the excitement of meme coins.



## Uniswap announces Unichain L2



niswap Labs is launching its own L2 chain, Unichain.

Unichain will be built on Optimism's interconnected network of rollups, dubbed the Superchain.

Why Unichain? Uniswap Labs claims block times will see an initial speed of one second, after which they will fall to 200-250 millisecond block times — a vast improvement over the 12-second block time on Ethereum mainnet.

As part of the Optimism Superchain, users on the new Unichain will also enjoy native crosschain interoperability of assets across the Superchain's network of blockchains.

For L2s outside of Optimism's Superchain, Uniswap Labs plans to leverage ERC-7683, a cross-chain intent standard co-developed with Across Protocol, that will effectively enable users' trading orders to be fulfilled by intermediary relayers/solvers regardless of what chain they're on.

This potentially obviates the need for Uniswap to "port" its massive pool of liquidity it enjoys on the Ethereum L1 to Unichain, and thereby abstract away the hurdles of moving its existing user base to a different chain.

Hayden Adams, CEO of Uniswap Labs, said of the launch: "Unichain will deliver the speed and cost savings already enabled by L2s, but with better access to liquidity across chains and more decentralization."

Unichain will also leverage new technical innovations, like a trusted execution environment (TEE) for block building, and a "community validation network." Both features are developed with Flashbots.

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# Avalanche Foundation to repurchase tokens sold to Terra's LFG in 2022 deal, pending court approval

he Avalanche Foundation has reached a deal to repurchase nearly 2 million tokens sold to the Luna Foundation Guard, an organization that supported the since-collapsed Terra ecosystem, in a \$100 million dollar April 2022 deal, pending court approval, the firm announced.

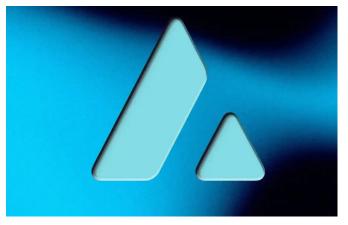
The financial details of the deal weren't disclosed, but the tokens are currently worth over \$55 million at full price.

In April 2022, the Luna Foundation Guard, a Singapore-based non-profit which supported the since-collapsed Terra ecosystem with its stablecoin UST and token LUNA, purchased \$100 million worth of Avalanche's AVAX -2.29%tokens in order to bolster its reserves.

UST was the fourthlargest stablecoin at the time, The Block previously reported.

However, the Terra ecosystem's collapse in May 2022 put the future of the AVAX tokens it holds into question. Now, the Avalanche Foundation has announced that it has negotiated a deal to repurchase the 1.97 million tokens from Terraform Labs' bankrupt estate.

"This action ensures that LFG would not violate the original agreement's restrictions on the tokens' use and shields the tokens from the complexity of a bankruptcy trustee liquidation," the Avalanche Foundation wrote in its announcement post on X.



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## Vitalik Buterin Sells More Meme Coins Amid Charity Donations Criticism



italik Buterin sold several meme coins for 257.1 ETH, valued at about \$636,000, fueling debates on investor risks and charitable coin use.

Vitalik Buterin, the Ethereum co-founder, has sold several meme coins and earned 257.1 ETH, which is approximately \$636,000, as per the blockchain data. Buterin's action has evoked interest given the recent meme coin donations which raised concerns among the cryptocurrency community on the potential dangers to investors.

Vitalik Buterin Sells More Meme Coins Blockchain data shows that Buterin sold several meme coins that were sent to him for free. The sales were made for 330,000 MSTR for 114.1 ETH (\$282,000), 14 million POPCAT for 74.99 ETH (\$186,000), and 14 billion ITO for 36.55 ETH (\$90,000).

Other sales were 1.05 million ETH6900 for 15.37 ETH (\$38,000), 50.53 billion SATO for 11.34 ETH (\$28,000), and 10 billion Milo for 4.77 ETH (\$12,000).

Vitalik Buterin's attitude towards these tokens is in line with his previous remarks that any tokens he gets without asking will either be sold or donated. His transactions are in line with this policy though they have raised concerns on whether such actions encourage projects that are not so noble.

Charitable Meme Coins
Raises Concerns
In the recent past,
Ethereum co founder
took to Twitter and
applauded two meme
coin projects, EBULL
and MOODENG for
donating a percentage
of their tokens to charity.
He also confirmed that
the tokens sent to his
address will be used for
charity. Buterin pointed
out that for instance.

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# Curve Finance Partners with TON Foundation to Improve Stablecoin Trading

urve Finance
has teamed up
with the TON
Foundation to launch a
collaborative hackathon
focused on improving
stablecoin trading
and enhancing user
experience on the TON
blockchain.

Participants will utilise Curve's constant-function market maker solution to optimise swap processes and facilitate exchanges of yieldbearing tokens during the hackathon.

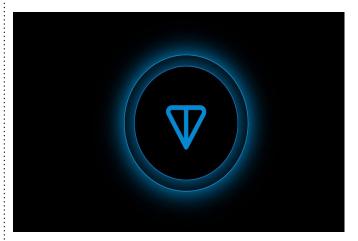
"The end goal is to make stablecoin trading on the TON network more accessible and improve the pace of its adoption,"

Curve Finance noted.

Curve Finance reported that over 70 teams from the TON community have shown interest in joining the hackathon, although specific names have not been disclosed.

A judging panel, featuring Curve's founder Michael Egorov and representatives from TON, will assess the teams based on their proposed solutions for various development tasks related to the project. The top three teams will be given the chance to further collaborate with Curve and TON.

Michael Egorov, the founder of Curve Finance, expressed his enthusiasm for the hackathon, emphasizing its importance in uniting visionary developers to advance the DeFi sector. He stated that decentralized finance is a crucial evolution in the financial landscape, and initiatives like this are essential for realizing that future.



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