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Bitcoin pushed back above the \$74K level this week, showing that buyers are still active on dips and willing to step in at lower levels. The move signals an attempt to retest the upper end of the multi-month range, but holding these higher levels is where the real challenge begins. Price already tested near \$75K and faced strong rejection, which confirms that sellers are still defending this zone aggressively. From a trading perspective, this looks like a classic range expansion attempt, but without strong continuation yet. Market participants are still heavily focused on macro conditions, and the path to a bigger breakout depends less on technicals alone and more on external catalysts.

LETTER

Bitcoin pulled back into the 20-day EMA after failing to break through the \$74K-\$76K resistance zone, which clearly shows that sellers are still defending that area aggressively. That zone has now become a key supply region in the short term. However, the reaction at the 20-day EMA was constructive, with buyers stepping in quickly, showing that dip demand is still strong. This kind of price action usually signals that the market is coiling for another attempt at resistance. If BTC builds momentum from here, a retest of \$76K looks likely. A clean break and close above that level would be significant, as it confirms a bullish ascending triangle structure and opens the path toward the \$84K region. That said, the market is still not out of risk. If sellers manage to push price back below the moving averages, the bullish structure starts to weaken. A breakdown below the support trendline would flip the bias back in favor of the bears and could lead to a deeper move lower.

Ethereum is also pulling back into a key dynamic support at the 20-day EMA around \$2,154, making this a critical level to watch in the short term. The way price reacts here will likely define the next move. A strong bounce from this level would confirm that buyers are actively accumulating dips, increasing the probability of a breakout above the \$2,386 resistance. If that level gets cleared, ETH could quickly build momentum toward \$2,800. However, if price fails to hold the moving averages and breaks down, it signals that sellers are still in control at higher levels. In that case, ETH is likely to remain stuck in a wider consolidation range between \$1,916 and \$2,386 until a clear direction emerges.

BNB is still showing relative weakness compared to BTC and ETH, with buyers struggling to push price above the moving averages. This suggests that sellers are maintaining control in the short term. The \$570 level remains a key support, and a breakdown below this level could trigger continuation of the downtrend toward the \$500 region. On the other hand, if BNB manages to hold \$570 and reclaim the moving averages, it would indicate that the selling pressure is fading. That scenario would likely keep price moving sideways within a range rather than trending lower immediately.

XRP continues to trade in a tight range between \$1.27 support and the 50-day moving average around \$1.37, showing a clear balance between buyers and sellers. This kind of compression often leads to a sharp move once a breakout happens. If sellers manage to break \$1.27, it would confirm downside continuation toward \$1.11 and possibly lower along the descending channel. However, if buyers step in and push XRP above the moving averages, it could trigger a relief rally toward the channel's upper trendline, where strong resistance is expected.

Traders Outlook:

The market is tightening up, and we are getting closer to a decisive move across major assets. Bitcoin remains the key driver, and all eyes are on the \$76K level, which is acting as a major breakout trigger. A confirmed breakout above that level could bring in momentum traders and push price toward the \$80K-\$84K region quickly. However, failure to break and a drop below the moving averages would shift focus back to lower support levels. Ethereum is setting up similarly, with the \$2,386 level acting as the trigger for upside continuation. If ETH breaks that level with strength, it could outperform in the short term and lead the altcoin market higher. BNB remains the weakest among the majors, and unless it reclaims the moving averages, downside risk remains elevated. XRP is compressing in a tight range, which usually leads to a volatility spike, so traders should watch for a breakout in either direction. Overall, this is a level-to-level market where patience is key. Breakouts need confirmation, as fake moves are still common in this environment. Liquidity sweeps on both sides are likely before the real move begins. Traders should stay flexible and avoid overcommitting to one direction too early. The next few sessions could be critical in defining the short-term trend.

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

Enjoy the issue!

Karnav Shah

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Each week, we provide readers with in-depth articles, project updates, and market commentary that cover the rapidly evolving world of blockchain and Web3. For traders, investors, developers, and entrepreneurs, navigating this fast-changing environment can be challenging. Our mission is to simplify that journey and help readers make informed, confident decisions.

Since our launch in 2017, we've covered every major cycle in crypto from Bitcoin's early rally past **\$20,000 in 2017** to its sharp correction near **\$3,200 in 2018**, marking one of the strongest bear markets in the sector's history. We followed Bitcoin's surge to **\$69,000 in 2021** and its deep pullback to around **\$16,000 in 2022** during a period of global uncertainty and high-profile exchange failures. Most recently, we've tracked Bitcoin's powerful 2025 resurgence as it broke into six-figure territory, hitting levels above **\$123,000** and reaffirming long-term market confidence.

Our **Platinum Crypto Academy** community includes thousands of students and traders worldwide. Over time, **Cryptonaire Weekly** has grown to more than **250,000 active subscribers** and a **social reach of over 1.2 million followers across multiple platforms and community groups**. Through our research-driven insights and strategic relationships, we've also helped **350+ blockchain and crypto projects** gain meaningful traction and visibility in the global market.

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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 422nd edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$2.52 trillion, UP \$170 billion since last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is \$119.39 billion, which makes a 70.23% increase in the last 24 hours. The Fear & Greed index is 54% Neutral and the Altcoin season index is 33% which makes a 1% increase since last week.

Bitcoin's price has increased by 7.99% from \$68,870 last week to around \$74,370 and Ether's price has increased by 11.82% from \$2,115 last week to \$2,365 Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.48 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$1.04 Trillion

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The move signals an attempt to retest the upper end of the multi-month range, but holding these higher levels is where the real challenge begins. Price already tested near \$75K and faced strong rejection, which confirms that sellers are still defending this zone aggressively. From a trading perspective, this looks like a classic range expansion attempt, but without strong continuation yet. Market participants are still heavily focused on macro conditions, and the path to a bigger breakout depends less on technicals alone and more on external catalysts.

Analysts are pointing toward macro alignment as the key trigger for the next leg higher. Nic Puckrin highlighted that for Bitcoin to push toward \$90K, geopolitical tensions need to ease and oil needs to stabilize around \$80, while softer economic data would help reduce stagflation fears. A similar cautious tone came from Jeff Ko, who emphasized that sentiment remains fragile and largely driven by macro variables like oil, the US dollar, and inflation expectations. Despite this, there is some medium-term optimism as oil prices are not expected to stay elevated due to supply-demand dynamics. On the technical side, Jordi Visser pointed out that a sustained trend could begin if Bitcoin flips \$76K into support, while Ethereum needs to reclaim \$2,400 to confirm broader strength.

The recent rally was largely fueled by improving sentiment around geopolitics, particularly signals from US President Donald Trump suggesting progress toward a deal with Iran. This injected short-term optimism into the market, pushing Bitcoin to a near one-month high just below \$75K. However, the rejection at that level shows that the move was not fully backed by strong spot demand. The broader crypto market also reacted positively, with total market cap climbing to around

\$2.6 trillion. This move triggered heavy liquidations, with over \$530 million wiped out in 24 hours and a large portion coming from short positions. This suggests that the rally was driven in part by a short squeeze rather than sustained buying pressure.

On the regulatory front, there was a notable development from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which clarified that certain crypto interfaces connected to self-custodial wallets may not need to register as broker-dealers under specific conditions. This is a subtle but important step toward clearer regulatory boundaries, especially for DeFi and wallet-based ecosystems. Hester Peirce also hinted that a more permanent and structured regulatory approach is still needed, but this guidance is a positive signal for innovation in the space.

Institutional accumulation remains one of the strongest bullish undercurrents in the market. Michael Saylor's company, Strategy, continues to stack Bitcoin aggressively, adding nearly 14,000 BTC worth \$1 billion in the past week alone. This brings total holdings close to 800,000 BTC, reinforcing the long-term conviction from institutional players. Buying at an average price below their overall cost basis also shows strategic accumulation during consolidation phases rather than chasing highs.

At the same time, traditional finance is starting to feel the pressure from crypto innovation. The American Bankers Association has raised concerns that stablecoin yields could lead to significant deposit outflows from smaller banks. The debate highlights a growing shift where capital could move away from traditional banking systems into crypto-native yield opportunities, especially if regulatory frameworks allow it.

Market Outlook:

The market is currently in a range-bound environment with bullish attempts meeting strong resistance at higher levels. Bitcoin holding above \$74K is constructive, but it still needs to break and sustain above \$76K to confirm a real trend shift. Until that happens, expect continued rejection near range highs and buying interest near support zones. Macro conditions remain the dominant driver, and any shifts in geopolitical tensions or inflation expectations will directly impact price action. The recent rally shows that liquidity is still present, but much of it is reactive rather than conviction-driven. Short squeezes are playing a big role, which means upside moves may not always be sustainable. Institutional accumulation continues to provide a strong long-term floor for the market. Regulatory clarity is slowly improving, which supports broader adoption over time. However, sentiment remains cautious, and traders are quick to take profits at resistance. The next major move will likely come from a decisive breakout or breakdown of the current range. Until then, this remains a trader's market with opportunities on both sides but requiring disciplined execution.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	59.09%
ETH	11.34%
USDT	7.33%
BNB	3.32%
SOL	1.96%
Others	16.96%



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Bridging Lab-Grown Gemstones and Decentralized Finance

In the evolving landscape of digital assets, LabGemTraders OÜ is proud to introduce the restructured FairCarats (FCAR) token. More than just a digital asset, FCAR is a utility-driven bridge between the timeless elegance of premium lab-grown gemstones and the efficiency of the Polygon blockchain.

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FAIRCARATS (FCAR) — PUBLIC SALE

FairCarats (FCAR) is a digital utility voucher that can be redeemed for FairStones™ certified lab-grown gemstones and services.

FCAR gives early participants access and enhanced purchasing power inside the FairStones ecosystem.

Asset: FCAR (FairCarats) on Polygon Chain

Price: 14.85 USDC

Min/Max: No Minimum / 50,000 USDC

Vesting: Quarterly releases starting
June 2026

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PRESS RELEASE



LABGEMTRADERS OPENS FAIRCARATS (FCAR) TO ALL, BACKED BY CERTIFIED LAB-GROWN GEMSTONES

Labgem Traders' FairCarats (FCAR), a digital utility voucher redeemable for certified lab-grown gemstones, is now available to the public with no participation barriers.

The launch comes amid a clear market shift. The lab-grown gemstone market is **forecast** to grow from USD 33.54 billion in 2026 to USD 91.85 billion by 2034. Consumer demand for traceable, ethically sourced stones is increasing, and **LabGemTraders** responds with a structured voucher system tied to verified inventory.

FCAR is a digital utility voucher that participants redeem for FairStones certified lab-grown gemstones and services. It operates on the Polygon blockchain network for efficient, automated transactions. It is not a share, a security, or an investment product. No dividends, profit rights, or ownership claims apply to FCAR. Its value comes entirely from use and redemption within the FairStones ecosystem.

Public Sale Now Open to Everyone

The FCAR public sale is now underway where price will be set at \$14.85, open to all without whitelisting. Any participant can acquire FCAR tokens at a 10% discount before the official webshop launch in June 2026. Each voucher carries an estimated retail redemption value of €22 to €26 inside the FairStones store, giving participants meaningful

purchasing power from day one. FCAR is also tradable on Uniswap at any time, offering liquidity flexibility even before the webshop opens.

Alongside the public sale discount, LabGemTraders grants an extra 10% discount on webshop purchases to users who verify their identity and whitelist their wallet. This brings the total potential benefit to verified buyers well above the standard public rate.

To qualify for the additional whitelist discount, participants must follow these steps:

Submit your Polygon Network ERC-20 wallet address for whitelisting

Provide a valid email address to receive the secure verification link

Complete the Optional KYC verification through Shufti, a regulated identity partner

Enter your full name and date of birth exactly as shown on your government-issued ID

The FairStones webshop is scheduled to open in June 2026. Participants who acquire FCAR during the public sale and complete wallet verification will be fully ready to redeem their vouchers at launch. All FCAR vouchers are backed by physical gemstone

inventory held by LabGemTraders. The company publishes supply data publicly and commits to annual reporting on reserves.

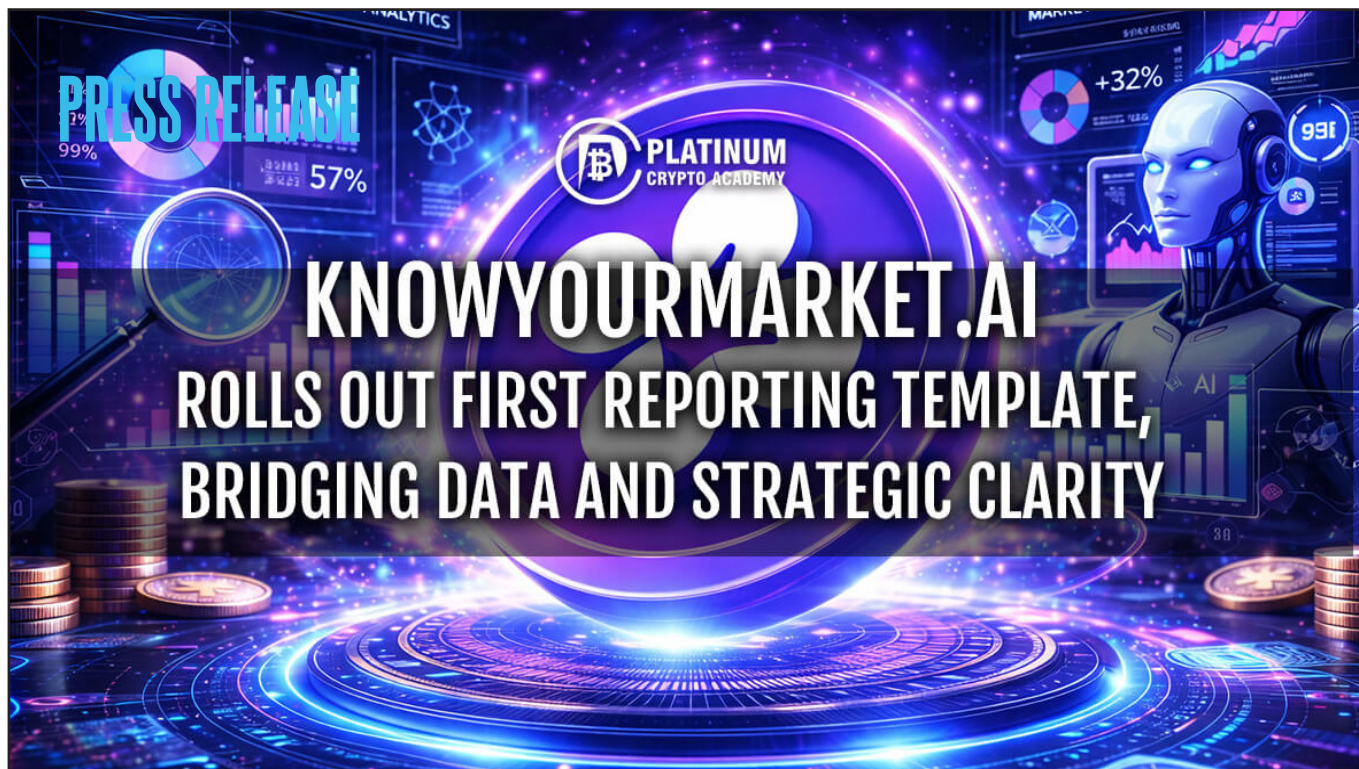
About LabGemTraders

LabGemTraders specializes in sourcing, certifying, and distributing premium lab-grown gemstones. The company operates a private certification facility with precise gemstone evaluation and

authentication capabilities. It serves as the exclusive supplier of certified gemstones to FairStones, an ethical gemstone platform focused on non-mined alternatives and environmental stewardship.

LabGemTraders is registered in Estonia and operates in compliance with EU financial regulations. Its mission is to make the gemstone market open, ethical, and verifiable for buyers and stakeholders worldwide.





Most businesses today collect more marketing data than they can use. According to HubSpot's 2026 **State of Marketing research**, the gap between data collection and execution remains the primary challenge for most teams. Manual reporting processes consume as much as 15 hours weekly just to pull data. This leads to delayed execution, overlooked opportunities, and strategies built on fragmented insight. KnowYourMarket.ai tackles this gap head-on with the launch of its first reporting template, converting raw data into clear strategic direction.

The first reporting template from **KnowYourMarket.ai** combines audience intelligence, performance signals, and strategic frameworks into one structured output. Rather than stopping at metrics, it provides interpretation. You receive structured outputs that indicate where attention is needed and why. Early previews indicate a layout built to reduce ambiguity and shorten the time required for confident decision-making.

Businesses leveraging data-driven approaches outperform competitors, while close to 20% of marketers still struggle to implement them. KYMAi positions the reporting template as a direct response to this gap between data access and strategic action.

The depth of this first template is worth noting. You get audience intelligence, interpreted insights, and strategic direction from the very first release. Given the strength of the current foundation, upcoming evolution of the platform will offer capabilities that are difficult to anticipate today. As the platform scales, the depth and precision of reporting will grow in ways that match the pace of the broader market.

Kantar's 2026 Marketing Trends report confirms that brands which ground their innovation in high-quality, responsible data will be the ones that earn long-term trust. KnowYourMarket.ai fits directly into this framework. With a focus on actionable insights, the platform limits ambiguity and reinforces decision accountability across teams.

Platinum Crypto Academy, a respected name in crypto publishing and market analysis, notes that KYMAi features a reporting structure that tends to address what most dashboards miss, which is the connection between raw data and strategic direction. The first reporting template shows clear thinking around what brands actually need from their data. This is a credible, well-considered start, and one the community will find worth following as the platform begins to roll out access to early users.

About KnowYourMarket.ai

KnowYourMarket.ai is an AI-powered platform that integrates real-world customer research with a brand's live digital marketing data. The platform is built for businesses that need more

than dashboards. It connects behavioral data with market intelligence to produce outputs that guide real decisions. KYMAi delivers insight and structured outputs, alongside strategic recommendations across brand, product, and advertising performance.

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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN NEARS \$75K AS IRAN DEAL HOPES SPARK \$400M SHORT SQUEEZE

A report that the U.S. and Iran are discussing a 45-day ceasefire lifted risk assets across the board on Monday, with short liquidations outpacing longs nearly 3-to-1 in the past 12 hours.

A broad hope for a US deal with Iran to end weeks of conflict has spurred investor confidence in riskier assets.

Bitcoin has surged to its highest price in nearly a month, triggering hundreds of millions worth of liquidations as hopes of a deal between the Trump administration and Iran washed the crypto market with positive sentiment.

The crypto market surged to a total value of \$2.6 trillion, its highest level for a month, liquidating 177,000 traders of \$530 million over the past 24 hours, according to CoinGlass.

The majority of liquidations occurred in the past 12 hours, and 80% of them, or \$425 million, were leveraged short positions in Bitcoin BTC \$75,484 and Ether ETH \$2,361.

The analyst “Bull Theory” posted to X on Monday that over \$300 million in crypto shorts were liquidated over the past few hours.

“This isn’t a breakout. It’s a short squeeze running into overhead supply,” said Valerius Labs. “Real buyers show up above the 200 SMA [simple moving average], not 15% below it.”

Bitcoin tapped a four-week high just below \$75,000 on Coinbase in late trading on Tuesday, according to TradingView. It was immediately rejected at heavy resistance there and had retreated to \$74,290 at the time of writing.

Ether made a bigger move with a 7.5% daily gain to reach \$2,380, its highest level since early February.

The latest move appears to be driven by derivatives, but a broader hope for a deal between the US and Iran to end weeks of conflict that has suppressed global markets could also be spurring investor confidence in riskier assets. Other drivers could include institutional inflows via spot crypto exchange-traded funds and centralized exchanges buying Bitcoin.

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Over 80% of Bitcoin ETF assets hit Coinbase custody choke point with \$74B at risk

More than four-fifths of U.S. Bitcoin ETF assets are tied to Coinbase in some custody role. Morgan Stanley's new trust shows Wall Street is still routing crypto exposure through the same gatekeeper.

Is Coinbase too big to fail? It has to be now. ETFs rely on it daily. Wall Street spent two years selling investors on a clean vision of Bitcoin: a regulated exchange-traded fund, cleared and settled through the same institutional machinery that handles equities and bonds, scrubbed of the Wild West baggage that haunted crypto's earlier chapters.

The pitch worked spectacularly well, pulling tens of billions of dollars into an asset class wrapper that felt familiar to advisors and compliance departments alike.

But what the industry never seems to talk about is the degree to which that entire apparatus routes through a single company.

Morgan Stanley launched the Morgan Stanley Bitcoin Trust (NYSE Arca: MSBT) on Apr. 8, becoming the first US bank-affiliated asset manager to offer a cryptocurrency ETP. The fund debuted with roughly \$34 million in first-day trading volume.

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Elon Musk's SpaceX Is Nearing Its \$1.75 Trillion IPO—Bitget Is Offering Pre-IPO Exposure

Bitget's new IPO Prime platform debuts with a Republic-issued token offering exposure to SpaceX's eventual public market performance.

Bitget launched IPO Prime, a platform offer-

ing tokenized exposure to pre-IPO companies. The first offering is pre-SPAX, a Republic-issued token tied to SpaceX's post-IPO performance. The token provides economic exposure without equity ownership, voting rights, or company endorsement.



Cryptocurrency exchange Bitget launched IPO Prime on Friday, debuting the platform with preSPAX—a token that provides retail investors exposure to SpaceX's future public market performance.

The Republic-issued token offers economic upside tied to SpaceX's eventual IPO or acquisition, marking a new intersection between crypto infrastructure and traditional pre-IPO investing.

The preSPAX token mirrors potential economic

gains from SpaceX upon a qualifying event like an IPO, but grants no equity, voting rights, or ownership in the company. SpaceX has not endorsed or authorized the offering, the same report notes. The subscription window will open from April 18-21, with token distribution and OTC trading scheduled to begin once it closes.

"IPO Prime allows users to participate earlier in a company's growth cycle, with the flexibility of continuous trading," said Bitget CEO Gracy Chen, in a statement.

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Bankrupt crypto exchange FTX's sister company Alameda Research "unstaked" roughly \$16 million worth of Solana's SOL token and moved the same to an address linked to creditor repayments, according to data source Arkham.

Unstaking refers to the process of withdrawing crypto assets that were previously locked up in

a proof-of-stake (PoS) network to help secure the blockchain and earn rewards.

The latest move follows a familiar pattern: un stake coins and route them to addresses used to reimburse creditors. About a month ago, Alameda did the same, directing funds to the same distribution address. That prior move ultimately raised expectations that the funds were part of an ongoing creditor repayment process tied to the firm's restructuring.

While there has been no formal confirmation that this specific tranche will be distributed imminently, the repetition of the pattern suggests continuity in the process rather than an isolated movement.

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Exodus Rolls Out 'Exodus Pay' to Turn Bitcoin Wallet Into Spending App

The feature lets users spend crypto directly from a self-custodial wallet.

Exodus launches Exodus Pay, a feature that lets users spend crypto directly from its wallet app.

The rollout is limited to five U.S. states, including New York and California.

The company says the feature aims to reduce reliance on third-party payment platforms.

Exodus, the publicly



traded crypto wallet provider, began rolling out a new "Exodus Pay" feature on Wednesday, aiming to turn its self-custodial storage app into a tool for everyday payments. The launch is currently limited to users in five states, including New York and California.

The Omaha-based firm listed its stock on the New York Stock Exchange in 2024 and says the new feature expands the role of its wallet beyond storage into payments. The company positions the service as an alternative to centralized payment apps.

"Most payment apps are third parties that

hold your funds for you," Exodus co-founder and CEO JP Richardson told Decrypt. "That means they can freeze your account, reverse transactions, and decide what you're allowed to buy." Exodus, by contrast, can't do that, because users remain in control of their funds at all times.

The company says Exodus Pay works within the existing wallet app and allows users to spend USD-backed stablecoins, such as USDC, or Bitcoin at merchants that accept Visa or Apple Pay.

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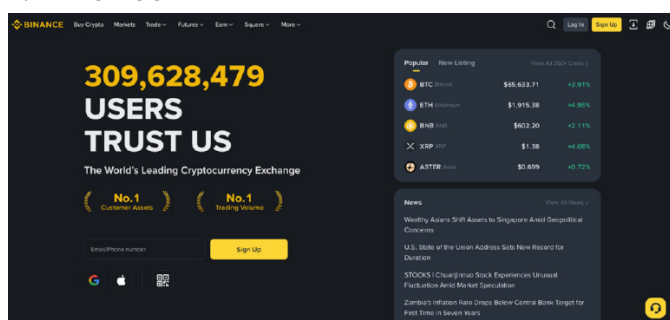


Did you know that choosing the wrong crypto exchange can cost you thousands in hidden fees alone?

At Platinum Crypto Academy, we analyze platforms so our community can make smarter, more informed decisions. Not every exchange deserves your trust or your capital. They differ in regulation, fees, liquidity, and the tools they offer. We evaluated each platform based on security records, regulatory standing, fee structures, and trading features that matter to real traders.

Top 10 Crypto Exchanges in 2026

1. Binance



First on the list is Binance, and for good reason. Launched in June 2017, Binance rapidly grew into the largest cryptocurrency exchange in the world. Today, it serves a massive global audience and stands as the clear leader in trading volume.

Whether you are a casual buyer or a serious trader, Binance has tools built for every level.

Binance serves over 300 million users globally and offers access to 350+ cryptocurrencies and more than 1,500 trading pairs. Beyond basic trading, the platform has grown into a full ecosystem. It includes Binance Earn, Binance Pay, copy trading, and its own blockchain, BNB Chain. Clearly, Binance is more than just an exchange.

Key Features:

Spot trading fees start at 0.1%, with futures maker fees as low as 0.02%. Fees drop further when you pay with BNB or reach higher VIP tiers.

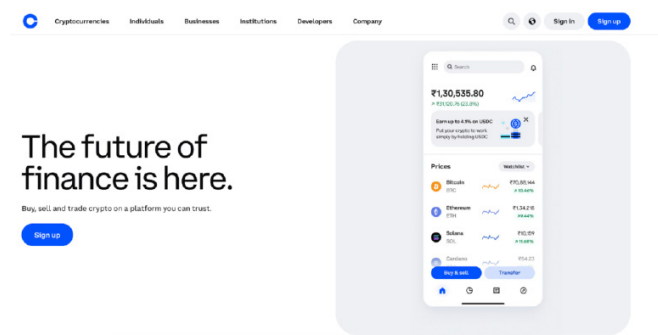
Over 300 perpetual and quarterly contract pairs offer leverage up to 125x on BTC and ETH.

Binance holds a \$1 billion SAFU insurance fund, which was fully converted to Bitcoin in early 2026, to cover losses from security breaches.

In December 2025, Binance secured three licenses under the Abu Dhabi Global Market framework and officially transitioned its global operations to this regulated structure on January 5, 2026.

Binance Square, a social platform, connects over 35 million monthly active users with market news and insights.

2. Coinbase



Now let's move to the second exchange on our list. Coinbase is one of the most trusted names in crypto, especially for users in the United States. Founded in 2012 by Brian Armstrong, Coinbase has built a strong reputation as one of the most compliant and regulation-oriented crypto platforms. Its public listing on NASDAQ makes it one of the few exchanges held to strict financial reporting standards.

The platform serves over 110 million verified users and has safeguarded \$516 billion in assets. Coinbase is not the cheapest exchange, but it earns its place through transparency and reliability. In June 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the SEC's appeal of a lower court ruling in favor of Coinbase, effectively ending the agency's primary lawsuit and providing significant clarity for the platform's business model. That legal resolution was a major milestone for both Coinbase and the broader industry.

Key Features:

Maker and taker fees start at 0.35% and 0.55% respectively on Coinbase Advanced, with futures maker fees at 0%.

Coinbase One subscription offers zero trading fees on up to \$10,000 in trades per month for Preferred members.

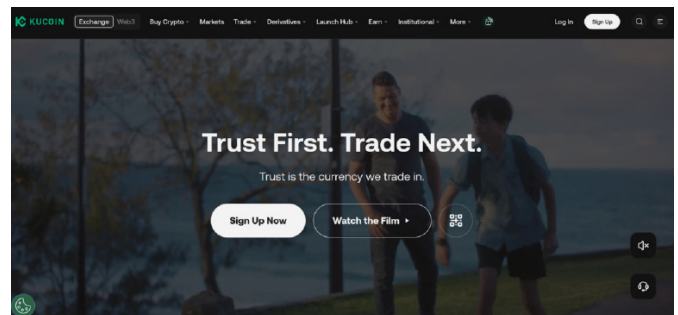
About 98% of customer crypto is held in offline cold storage, with audited financials available publicly.

The Base Layer 2 network, launched in 2023, consistently ranks among the top Ethereum L2 solutions by total value locked.

Coinbase Advanced supports 550+ spot pairs and 150+ perpetual and futures contracts with TradingView charting.

Coinbase recorded \$295 billion in institutional trading volume in Q3 2025, leading the industry in that category.

3. KuCoin



Moving on to the third exchange, KuCoin has earned a strong reputation as a go-to platform for altcoin traders worldwide. Founded in 2017, KuCoin has grown to become one of the leading crypto exchanges by trading volume, offering more than 1,000 tradable cryptocurrencies. Many traders love it for its early access to newer tokens before they appear on other major platforms.

KuCoin serves over 40 million users in more than 200 countries, and holds SOC 2 Type II, ISO 27001:2022, and ISO 27701 certifications for information security and privacy. The platform is feature-rich, offering built-in trading bots, copy trading, and a multi-chain Web3 wallet. However, it is worth noting that KuCoin pleaded guilty in January 2025 and agreed to exit the U.S. market for at least two years, leaving U.S. users with withdrawal-only access. Traders outside the U.S. still enjoy full platform access.

Key Features:

Trading fees range between 0.10% and 0.30% for most tiers, with additional discounts available through the native KCS token.

Supports over 1,000 cryptocurrencies, including many early-stage altcoins not yet listed on larger exchanges.

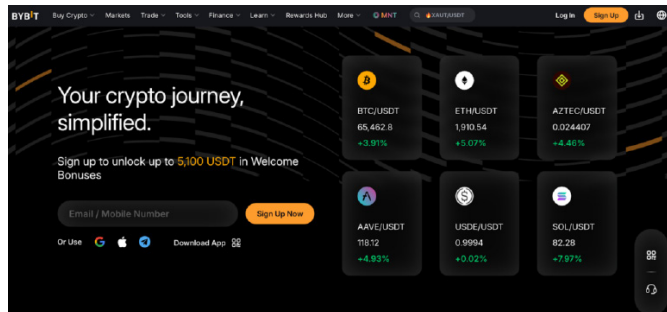
KCS token holders receive daily dividends, as KuCoin distributes 50% of daily trading fee revenue proportionally to holders.

Proof of Reserves is verified monthly using Merkle tree technology, giving users independent confirmation of available funds. Daily spot trading volume remains significant, often

exceeding \$1.4 billion, reflecting strong global liquidity.

Built-in DCA and trading bots allow users to automate strategies without relying on third-party tools.

4. Bybit



Now let's move to number four on our list. Bybit launched in 2018 and is a centralized, custodial exchange known for derivatives and now offers a full stack across spot, margin, perpetuals, and options. It quickly became the go-to platform for serious derivatives traders worldwide. Interestingly, Bybit now ranks as the second-largest exchange by trading volume, sitting just behind Binance.

With a user base exceeding 80 million traders worldwide, Bybit has built a strong reputation for its high-speed trading engine, deep liquidity, and robust security infrastructure. The platform handles roughly \$3.5 billion in daily spot volume. Within Europe, Bybit EU GmbH references MiCAR permissions via the Austrian authority, supporting regulated crypto-asset activities across the wider EEA. However, U.S. and Indian users cannot access the platform due to regulatory restrictions.

Key Features:

Base spot trading fees start at 0.10% for makers and 0.10% for takers, below the industry average of 0.15% for makers and 0.194% for takers.

Offers up to 100x leverage on BTC and ETH perpetual contracts, with a high-speed engine capable of processing 100,000 transactions per second.

Copy trading feature connects users with over 800,000 master traders, allowing beginners to mirror proven strategies automatically.

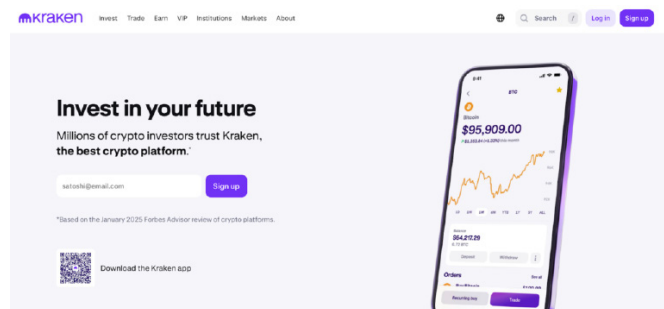
Maintains a multi-layered security policy with the majority of user funds held in offline cold storage to

reduce the risk of hacks.

Transparent Proof of Reserves system ensures all user funds are backed 1:1 and independently verifiable at any time.

Paying fees with the native Mantle (MNT) token unlocks an additional discount of up to 25% on top of VIP rate reductions.

5. Kraken



Moving along to number five, Kraken is one of the oldest and most trusted exchanges in the industry. Founded in 2011 by Jesse Powell, the exchange was built from the ground up with one clear goal: security. From a practical standpoint, very few exchanges can match Kraken's track record. Since its founding, Kraken-managed custodial wallets have never been breached, an impressive feat given its size and longevity.

By 2026, Kraken serves around 15 million users globally, offering more than 500 digital assets across spot, margin, futures, OTC, and staking services. The platform also made history by becoming the first crypto company to receive a Special Purpose Depository Institution banking charter in Wyoming. Research suggests that for traders who value compliance and transparency above all else, Kraken remains one of the strongest choices available.

Key Features:

Kraken Pro spot fees start at 0.25% maker and 0.40% taker, scaling down as trading volume increases across monthly tiers.

Over 95% of customer funds are stored in air-gapped cold wallets, with SOC 2 Type II and ISO/IEC 27001 certifications confirming security standards.

Holds regulatory licenses across multiple jurisdictions, including EU MiCA registration, FinCEN in the U.S., and VASP registration in several EEA

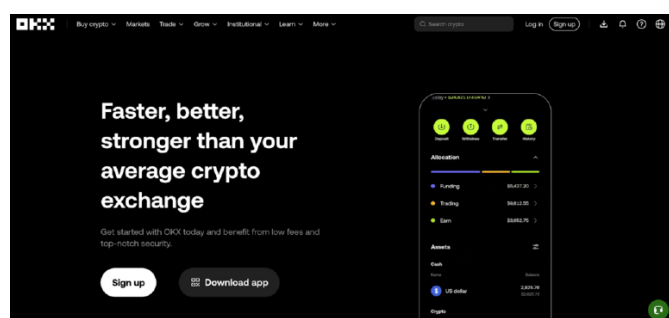
countries, among others.

Futures trading is available for over 350 crypto assets, with base fees starting at 0.02% for makers and 0.05% for takers.

Semi-annual Proof of Reserves audits cover major assets including BTC, ETH, SOL, USDC, USDT, and XRP, with client-verifiable Merkle tree paths.

Eligible U.S. users can access commission-free stocks and ETFs directly within the same Kraken app, making it a unique hybrid platform.

6. OKX



Next up is OKX, a platform that has quietly become one of the most powerful exchanges in the world. Founded in 2017 by Star Xu, OKX operates as a leading crypto exchange renowned for its low fees, high-end security features, and diverse trading options. The platform rebranded from OKEx to OKX in 2022 and has not looked back since. As of January 2026, OKX records over \$21.8 billion in daily transaction volume, ranking it as the second-largest exchange globally by derivatives volume.

What truly sets OKX apart is its evolution beyond a standard exchange. OKX has secured MiCA pre-authorization, allowing it to operate within the European Economic Area. Its integrated Web3 wallet lets users interact with DeFi protocols, NFT marketplaces, and decentralized apps across more than 100 blockchains without leaving the platform. The exchange has seen over 60 million registered users since launch and publishes monthly Proof of Reserves releases to maintain full transparency.

Key Features:

Spot trading fees start at 0.08% for makers and 0.10% for takers, with derivatives fees coming in even lower at 0.02% for makers and 0.05% for takers.

Holding OKB, the platform's native token, can cut

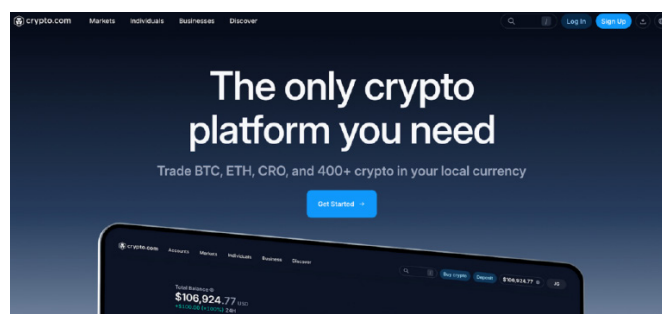
fees by as much as 40% compared to base rates for eligible traders.

OKX handles around \$1.5 billion in daily spot volume and holds a liquidity score of 780 on CoinMarketCap, ranking among the top global exchanges.

Features 12 pre-built intelligent trading bots that automate strategies around the clock using pre-defined parameters.

About 95% of client assets are stored in cold wallets, which are limited to a maximum of 1,000 BTC per address to prevent single points of failure. OKX Pay, launched in Brazil in 2025, allows users to convert reais to stablecoins via PIX integration and earn up to 10% APY on their balances.

7. Crypto.com



Now let's move to number seven, Crypto.com, a platform built for users who want everything in one place. The platform supports over 350 cryptocurrencies and 500 trading pairs across spot, margin, and derivatives markets, all backed by institutional-grade liquidity. What truly makes Crypto.com stand out is its lifestyle ecosystem. It connects everyday spending with crypto through its well-known Visa card program.

The platform's native token, Cronos (CRO), powers many features, from fee reductions to staking rewards and cashback on card purchases. Beyond trading, Crypto.com bridges traditional finance and Web3 through its Cronos Chain and DeFi products. The platform holds 1:1 proof of reserves and maintains a \$750 million insurance fund for cold-storage assets, offering strong financial protection for users. It is best suited for intermediate traders who value both trading tools and real-world crypto utility.

Key Features:

Spot trading fees start at 0.075% maker and 0.075% taker on the Exchange, with CRO staking further

reducing these rates for high-volume traders.

Derivative fees stand at 0.017% for makers and 0.034% for takers, with BTC and ETH perpetuals offering up to 100x leverage.

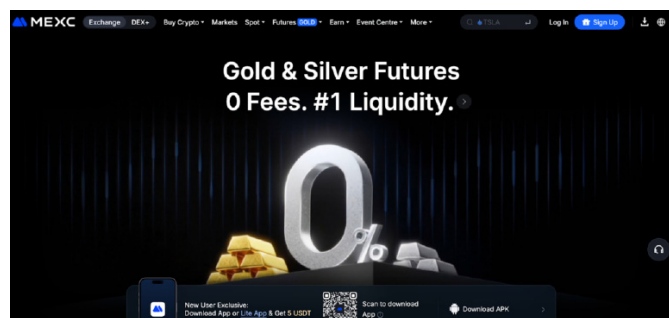
The Rewards Hub features daily missions where users earn diamonds, redeemable for prizes including mystery boxes and event passes.

Crypto.com Onchain is a non-custodial wallet that gives users full control over their assets and direct access to DeFi products.

The OTC trading service is available for high-volume traders and institutions needing large-order execution with minimal market impact.

Automated trading bots, including DCA, Grid, and TWAP, allow users to run strategies around the clock without manual intervention.

8. MEXC



Moving on to number eight, MEXC is one of the best exchanges for traders who want access to the widest range of tokens available anywhere. Founded in 2018, MEXC handles an average of \$3.5 billion in daily spot volume and holds licenses in jurisdictions such as Australia (AUSTRAC), though its regulatory status in the U.S. and Estonia has faced significant headwinds. The platform has built a strong reputation for listing new tokens faster than almost any other exchange in the world.

MEXC serves over 40 million users globally and runs a trading engine capable of handling 1.4 million transactions per second. From a practical standpoint, very few platforms offer this combination of speed, variety, and cost efficiency. In 2025, MEXC launched its Proof of Trust initiative, which includes live Proof of Reserves reporting and a \$100 million Guardian Fund to reimburse users in case of platform breaches or technical failures. However, U.S. residents cannot access the full platform due to regulatory restrictions.

Key Features:

Spot trading fees are 0% for makers and 0.05% for takers, with futures fees at 0% maker and 0.01%–0.02% taker, making MEXC one of the lowest-cost exchanges in 2026.

Over 1,200 perpetual contracts are available with leverage up to 200x on select major assets, catering to aggressive traders seeking maximum flexibility.

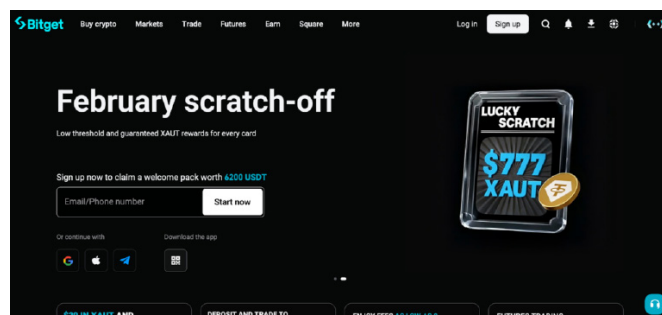
MEXC has captured roughly 7.8% of the global spot market, with daily spot trades often exceeding \$3 billion and significant liquidity across its extensive pair list.

A 10 out of 10 Trust Score on CoinGecko and a CertiK “AAA” security rating place MEXC in the top tier of crypto platforms for operational security.

MEXC has listed thousands of digital assets since its inception, maintaining an aggressive listing strategy while publishing bi-monthly security reports on asset integrity.

Effective early 2026, MEXC expanded its KYC requirements, requiring identity verification to access higher withdrawal limits and participate in exclusive platform events like “Kickstarter.”

9. Bitget



Next up is Bitget, and it has earned its spot by doing one thing better than almost anyone else: copy trading. Founded in 2018, Bitget has grown into one of the largest crypto copy trading platforms, with over 45 million registered users and daily trading volumes exceeding \$10 billion. The platform is packed with tools for all trader types, but its social trading features are what truly set it apart from the crowd.

Bitget is recognized globally as a leader in copy trading, with over 180,000 elite traders and more than 800,000 followers actively using the feature. Clearly, beginners love it for the ability to mirror

proven strategies without needing deep market knowledge. The exchange holds ISO 27001 and ISO 27701 certifications and has never experienced a major security breach since its launch in 2018. It is worth noting that U.S., U.K., and Canadian users currently face access restrictions on the platform.

Key Features:

Spot trading fees are 0.1% for both makers and takers, with futures fees at 0.02% for makers and 0.06% for takers, with VIP users unlocking lower rates.

A \$450 million Protection Fund safeguards user assets, maintained at a high level following the collapse of FTX in 2022 to ensure user confidence.

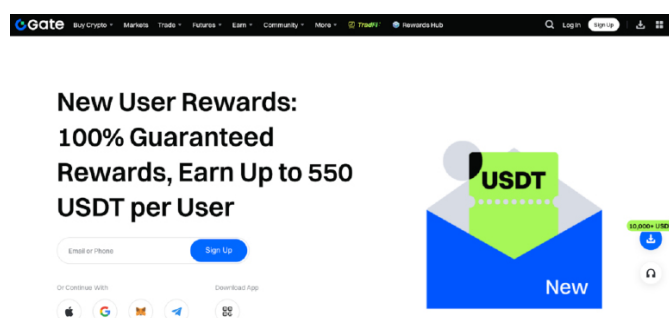
In 2025, Bitget introduced the Unified Trading Account, allowing users to manage margin and collateral across multiple products within a single view.

Leverage of up to 125x is available on perpetual contracts, including USDT-M, USDC-M, and Coin-M contracts, along with delivery futures.

Monthly Merkle tree Proof of Reserves reports confirm a reserve ratio exceeding 100%, ensuring all user funds are fully backed at all times.

High-profile global partnerships with Lionel Messi and LALIGA reinforce Bitget's credibility and mainstream brand presence.

10. Gate



Last but certainly not least, Gate.io rounds out our list as one of the most veteran platforms in the entire crypto space. Launched in 2013, Gate.io has grown significantly over the years and now serves 17 million users globally, consistently ranking among the top 10 exchanges by trading volume. In May 2025, the platform also rebranded and adopted the new international domain Gate.com, signaling its continued push toward global expansion.

Gate lists over 3,800 cryptocurrencies, making it one of the most diverse exchanges available for discovering niche and emerging tokens. For experienced traders who want pre-market access, advanced bots, and deep altcoin variety, Gate.io is genuinely hard to beat. The exchange recorded a daily trading volume of over \$4.95 billion, reflecting strong liquidity and an active user base. Gate.io is not available to U.S., Canadian, or Indian users due to current regulatory restrictions.

Key Features:

Base spot trading fees start at 0.1% for both makers and takers, scaling down to 0% maker and 0.02% taker at the highest VIP levels, with an extra 10% discount when fees are paid in GT tokens.

Futures fees are as low as 0.015% for makers and 0.05% for takers, with margin trading offering up to 100x leverage on select contracts.

Gate.io maintains 100% proof of reserves, ensuring it holds enough assets to fully cover all user deposits at all times.

The Gate SAFU user protection fund is valued at over \$100 million, providing an additional safety net for users in cases of platform-level risk.

Pre-market OTC trading lets users buy and sell tokens before their official launch, giving early access to emerging projects ahead of the crowd.

Built-in copy trading and automated trading bots, including spot grid, futures grid, and DCA bots, are integrated directly into the main trading interface.

Best Crypto Exchanges by Category

Not every trader has the same needs. Some want simplicity, while others chase low fees or deep altcoin markets. Below, we break down the best exchange for each specific use case, based on real, verified data from 2026.

Best Exchange for Beginners: Coinbase

Coinbase stands out as an ideal crypto exchange for beginners taking their first steps into digital asset investing. Established in 2012, the platform has built a solid reputation by prioritizing simplicity and security, making it accessible to users with no prior experience.

Coinbase is best for compliance-first users who want a simple way to buy and hold major coins with strong legal oversight. The sign-up process is

smooth, verification is quick, and the dashboard never overwhelms new users. The exchange offers multiple types of two-factor authentication and allows customers to store funds in a vault with time-delayed withdrawals. While USD cash balances are held in FDIC-insured banks up to \$250,000, it is important to note that crypto assets themselves are not insured by the FDIC or SIPC.

Lowest Fee Crypto Exchange: MEXC

When it comes to trading costs, MEXC sits in a category of its own. MEXC offers 0% maker fees and 0.1% taker fees for spot trading, significantly below industry averages, and 0% maker fees with only 0.02% taker fees for futures trading. For active traders, those savings compound quickly over time.

MEXC's zero-fee policy applies not just to specific trading pairs but covers the vast majority of mainstream coins on the platform, something almost unique in the industry. On top of that, traders holding 1,000 or more MX tokens for 24 consecutive hours qualify for a 50% discount on futures trading fees and various spot incentives. For cost-conscious traders, it is very hard to beat this structure in 2026.

Most Secure Crypto Exchange: Kraken

Security is where Kraken truly goes the extra mile, and its record speaks for itself. Kraken has never been hacked since its founding in 2011, with 95% cold storage, multiple security layers, and industry-leading practices across the board. That track record is exceptional given how many exchanges have suffered major breaches over the years.

The platform uses a multi-layered security approach, including storing over 95% of customer assets in air-gapped cold wallets, enforcing two-factor authentication, and offering features like Global Settings Lock, withdrawal whitelists, and Master Key protections. Proof of Reserves audits confirm that in-scope assets are backed one-to-one, and each client can download a record and match it to the auditor's root. In 2026, that level of verifiable transparency is rare and genuinely valuable.

Best Exchange for Futures Trading: Bybit

For futures traders, Bybit has been the gold standard since its very beginning. Bybit was launched in 2018 as a derivatives-focused exchange, with spot trading only being added in 2021. Today, it ranks

as one of the largest exchanges by trading volume, second only to Binance.

Bybit has built its reputation as a derivatives-first exchange, catering primarily to active and experienced futures traders. The platform focuses on perpetual contracts for major cryptocurrencies and selected altcoins, with an emphasis on fast execution, system stability, and a professional trading interface. It offers both crypto- and stablecoin-margined contracts with leverage up to 125x on major assets, backed by strong liquidity and a reputation for reliability, with advanced order types, API integrations, and built-in risk controls. From a practical standpoint, serious derivatives traders consistently name Bybit as their platform of choice.

Best Exchange for Altcoins: KuCoin

When it comes to altcoins, KuCoin has earned its place at the top of the list. KuCoin's massive selection of 1,200-plus coins makes it a leading destination for altcoin traders, with coins like Kaspa listed on KuCoin years before reaching platforms such as Kraken, giving traders early access to tokens before they hit the broader market.

KuCoin's wide listing roster of over 1,230 assets and 1,300-plus pairs makes it a strong hunting ground for smaller-cap and early listings, which is great for discovery if you manage liquidity risk. The platform also features a dedicated Launch Hub, including GemPool and Pre-Market options for early token participation. KuCoin's most popular launch program, GemPool, regularly sees total value locked exceeding \$4 billion during active events. For altcoin explorers who want early access and deep variety, few exchanges come close.

Best Exchange for Passive Income: Binance

For traders who want their crypto working around the clock, Binance offers one of the most complete passive income ecosystems available. Binance Earn offers different duration options so users can choose between liquidity and higher returns, with everything presented in a single dashboard for staking, earning interest, or participating in promotions easily.

Binance Earn includes Simple Earn with flexible and locked products, ETH Staking, SOL Staking, Launchpool, and Dual Investment products across more than 300 assets, with returns varying by

product type. Research suggests that Binance Earn is best suited for investors who hold many different types of altcoins and want convenience above all else. Staking on Binance is generally considered safe, supports dozens of Proof of Stake coins, and gives users the flexibility to select between locked or flexible options based on their specific needs. For passive income built inside one trusted ecosystem, Binance remains a top pick in 2026, serving over 300 million users globally.

CEX vs. DEX: Understanding How Crypto Exchanges Actually Work

Before choosing a platform, every trader should understand how different exchange types operate. The difference between a centralized and decentralized exchange is not just technical. It directly affects your control over funds, your privacy, your costs, and your overall trading experience. Knowing which model suits you is one of the most important decisions you will make in crypto.

CEX

A centralized exchange is run by a company that manages all trading activity on your behalf. As of early 2026, roughly 75% to 85% of all crypto trading volume flows through centralized exchanges, largely because of their accessibility, deep liquidity, and high-speed order management. They support fiat deposits, offer intuitive interfaces, and provide customer support. The trade-off is that you do not hold your own private keys, meaning the platform holds custody of your funds and you must trust the exchange's security infrastructure.

DEX

A decentralized exchange runs entirely on blockchain technology, with no company controlling your funds or requiring identity verification. Decentralized exchanges collectively represent approximately 17.9% to 25% of spot trading volume as of February 2026, a figure that has grown significantly as more users value self-custody and open access. Trades execute through smart contracts, giving users full ownership of their assets at all times. However, DEXs come with a steeper learning curve and often have wider bid-ask spreads than their centralized counterparts.



Which To Use?

In 2026, the CEX vs. DEX question is no longer an either-or decision, since most crypto investors use both depending on what they are trying to accomplish. Centralized exchanges work best for beginners, high-volume traders, and anyone needing fiat access. DEXs suit experienced users who want full asset control and early access to new tokens.

You can use a mix of both exchange types, starting with a centralized platform and gradually exploring decentralized options as your knowledge and portfolio grow. From a practical standpoint, many seasoned traders use a CEX for daily trading and a DEX for DeFi participation. The smartest approach is to match the tool to the task rather than commit to just one model.

How to Pick the Right Crypto Exchange for Your Needs

With so many platforms available, choosing the right exchange can feel overwhelming. The good news is that the right choice becomes clear once you understand what to look for. Here are five key factors that every trader should evaluate before committing to any platform in 2026.

Check the Security Record

Security should always be the first thing you examine before depositing any funds. Look for exchanges that publish regular Proof of Reserves reports, maintain the majority of funds in cold storage, and hold recognized certifications such as ISO 27001 or SOC 2. Security incidents have surged in recent years, prompting a necessary industry-wide shift toward greater transparency and stronger risk management practices. An exchange with a clean security track record and verifiable reserves is far more trustworthy than one without.

Verify Regulatory Standing

A regulated exchange operates under legal obligations that protect your funds and your rights as a user. In 2026, this matters more than ever as global regulators tighten their grip on the crypto industry. Centralized exchanges continue to face regulatory requirements including KYC verification, AML compliance, and jurisdictional licensing, all of which actually benefit users by adding layers of accountability. Always confirm that your chosen exchange holds valid licenses in your region before you sign up.

Compare Fee Structures

Trading fees may look small, but they add up fast over weeks and months of active trading. Always compare maker and taker fees, withdrawal costs, and any hidden charges tied to deposits or conversions. Some platforms, like MEXC, offer 0% maker fees on spot trading, while others charge up to 0.50% per trade. Centralized exchanges dictate fees based on trading volume, liquidity, and internal business decisions, so higher-volume traders almost always qualify for meaningful discounts. Understanding the full fee picture before you trade is essential.

Assess Liquidity and Volume

Liquidity determines how quickly and efficiently your trades execute at the price you expect. Low liquidity means wider spreads, slower fills, and more slippage, which all eat into your returns. Institutional investors now make up 42% of total exchange trading volume in 2025, compared to just 26% in 2023, which has significantly improved liquidity depth across the top tier exchanges. For active

traders, choosing a platform ranked in the top 10 by daily volume is usually the safest bet for reliable trade execution.

Match the Platform to Your Goals

Every trader has different needs, and no single exchange is perfect for everyone. Beginners should prioritize simplicity and customer support. Futures traders need deep derivatives markets and competitive leverage. Ethereum staking is now integrated into 73% of centralized exchanges as of 2025, making passive income features a standard offering rather than a bonus at most top platforms. Think clearly about what you need most, whether that is altcoin variety, low fees, copy trading, or staking rewards, and let that guide your final decision.

Takeaway

Choosing the right crypto exchange comes down to knowing your own needs. Security, fees, regulation, and liquidity all play a role in that decision. Platforms like Kraken and Coinbase lead on trust and compliance, while MEXC and Bybit win on cost and derivatives. No single exchange is perfect for every trader, and that is completely fine.

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Zcash breaks away from Bitcoin as privacy coin rally finds a second driver

The move goes beyond risk-on relief, with traders leaning into Zcash's institutional story while Dash behaves more like a squeeze.

Zcash did more than rise with the broader post-ceasefire rebound recently. It pulled away from Bitcoin and much of the privacy-coin complex, suggesting traders were buying into a specific narrative, not just chasing beta.

The US-Iran ceasefire made oil retreat, European equities posted their largest single-day gain in more than four years, and crypto joined the relief wave alongside everything else.

During the relief, traders rotated sharply into privacy-adjacent names, pushing Zcash up roughly 59.6% over seven days and Dash up

about 47.3% over the same window.

CryptoSlate's privacy coin category climbed 10.2% over 24 hours as of press time, while the broader privacy cohort averaged 21.5% gains, comfortably outpacing Bitcoin.

This was not a uniform move across privacy coins. Zcash outperformed because the market had two reasons to buy at once: broader macro relief and a pre-existing institutional access thesis. That distinction matters because moves built on a second catalyst usually hold up better than rallies driven only by sentiment.

Two distinct forces drove the outperformance, and the first was straightforward.

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Japan Crypto Revolution Inbound? Tokyo Pass New Law Equalising Crypto and Stocks

The Japanese Cabinet approved a bill on April 10 reclassifying crypto as a financial instrument under the amended Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, pulling digital assets out of the Payment Services Act framework and placing Japanese crypto on the same legal footing as stocks and bonds.

Maximum prison sentences for unregistered sellers jump from 3 years to 10 years. Fines climb from 3 million yen to 10 million yen. Insider trading on undisclosed information is now explicitly banned.

That's not incremental regulatory cleanup. That's a structural reclassification with enforcement teeth attached from day one.

The question is exactly what this changes for exchanges, institutional allocators, and the 13

million Japanese residents who already hold crypto accounts – and whether the compliance clock is as short as the headline implies, introducing new fragmentation and regulatory risk.

Reclassification under FIEA: Crypto moves from Payment Services Act treatment to full Financial Instruments and Exchange Act coverage, matching stocks and bonds.

Insider trading ban: Crypto assets are now explicitly subject to insider trading prohibitions based on material non-public information. Penalty escalation: Unregistered seller sentences rise to 10 years; fines increase to 10 million yen.

LPS Act amendment: Japanese venture capital firms can now directly hold crypto assets, removing a structural barrier that had pushed startup funding offshore.



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Morgan Stanley Launches Bitcoin ETF, Says Top Crypto Asset Is Here To Stay Among High-Net-Worth Accumulation

Morgan Stanley has officially launched its Bitcoin ETF in a bid to battle BlackRock's institutional crypto dominance.

The Morgan Stanley Bitcoin Trust (MSBT) is now available to the bank's investment clients, who hold more than \$9 trillion in assets.

The bank's global head of ETFs, Allyson Wallace, tells Bloomberg that the numbers show Bitcoin is here to stay.

"We really wanted to show our commitment by having that lower fee.

The demand, especially from the high-net-worth investors, has been quite high. Viewed at the firm level, this is an asset class that is not going away."

Morgan Stanley's new spot Bitcoin ETF (MSBT) charges a 0.14% annual expense ratio.

That undercuts BlackRock's iShares Bitcoin Trust (IBIT) fee of 0.25% by 11 basis points, making it the lowest-cost option among major U.S. spot Bitcoin ETFs.

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EU central bank backs plan for crypto supervision under EU markets watchdog



The European Central Bank has boosted a proposal to take away EU member states' regulatory oversight of crypto and hand it to the European Union's market regulator.

The European Central Bank has supported the European Commission's plan to bring the supervision of major crypto companies under the EU's financial markets regulator.

The ECB said in an opinion published on Friday that it fully supports bringing oversight of systemically important cross-border capital market companies, such as large trading platforms and crypto companies, under the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA).

The central bank said

the proposals "constitute an ambitious step towards deeper integration of capital markets and financial market supervision within the Union."

The opinion is nonbinding, but it will still be a major boost to the plan, which is set to be the most significant overhaul of how the EU will regulate crypto companies since the Markets in Crypto-Assets (MiCA) laws started to come into force in mid-2023.

Under MiCA, crypto-asset service providers, or CASPs, are allowed to operate under the supervision of an EU member country's regulator to serve the entire bloc, with ESMA setting some standards and guidelines.

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WLFI threatens legal action against Justin Sun after he accuses Trump-linked project of deceptive DeFi deals

Tump-backed crypto project says it has 'contracts' and 'evidence' after Sun accused it of exploiting users.

World Liberty Financial escalated its dispute with early backer Justin Sun into a potential legal battle, publicly accusing him on X and declaring, "See you in court." Sun has fired back by

calling WLFI's actions illegitimate, alleging the team secretly implanted backdoor controls and froze investor funds without due process, and demanding those responsible identify themselves.

The clash marks a sharp break from last year, when WLFI publicly credited Sun with helping rescue the project from a slow start, underscoring how their



feud has shifted from governance disputes to open legal threats.

escalated its dispute with Justin Sun into a potential legal fight late Sunday, as tensions over its recent loan to a connected DeFi project spilled into public confrontation.

"Does anyone still believe @justinsuntron?"

the project wrote on X. "We have the contracts. We have the evidence. We have the truth. See you in court pal."

The legal threat came after Sun accused the Donald Trump-linked WLFI team of treating its users as personal ATMs after the latter deposited 5 billion.

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Coinbase CEO Backs CLARITY Act Push After Treasury Secretary Called For Senate Action

The push to pass crypto legislation in the United States has picked up pace again, this time with rare alignment between policymakers and one of the crypto industry's most influential voices.

A new statement from Brian Armstrong has added new weight to calls for Congress to move the Digital Asset Market Clarity Act, just as pressure is coming from Washington to bring the bill back into focus.

Treasury Steps In As Urgency Builds In Washington

One of the most consequential voices in American crypto just changed sides. Brian Armstrong, CEO of crypto exchange

Coinbase, declared on social media that it is time to pass the Clarity Act, publicly endorsing the Digital Asset Market Clarity Act of 2025 in a post on X, the same legislation he had twice rejected previously.

The comment by Armstrong is in response to a forceful Wall Street Journal opinion piece by Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and is one of the first few signs that the legislative standoff over US crypto market structure may finally be reaching its end.

Discussions around the CLARITY Act increased after Scott Bessent publicly called on lawmakers to act.

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Institutions Treat Tokenization as the New Gold Rush as RWA Market Surpass \$30B



Institutional participation in real-world asset (RWA) tokenization is accelerating rapidly, with traditional finance firms increasingly positioning blockchain infrastructure as a long-term distribution layer for global capital markets. The latest wave of activity suggests tokenization is being treated less as an experiment and more as a structural shift in how financial assets are issued, traded, and accessed.

Recent developments, including Franklin Templeton's expanded collaboration with Ondo Finance to tokenize five exchange-traded funds spanning equities, bonds, income strategies, and gold exposure. The products are

designed to be accessible through crypto wallets, enabling 24/7 trading and removing reliance on traditional brokerage systems and market-hour constraints.

The rollout extends across multiple regions including Europe, Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, and Latin America, signaling a broader push to bring U.S.-linked financial products into blockchain-native environments for global investors.

The broader RWA sector, excluding stablecoins, has grown to an estimated \$26–30 billion in early 2026, rising from roughly \$6–7 billion a year earlier. This represents more than fourfold growth within 12–15 months.

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Argentina Recognizes Crypto as Qualified Investors' Net Worth

The Argentine Securities and Exchange Commission (CNV) now recognizes cryptocurrencies as assets that can be considered part of an individual's net worth to qualify as an investor. The move might allow investors to reach the nearly \$478K in assets to be part of this class.

CNV Resolution 1125/2026 lets crypto count for the \$479K investor limit, expanding future market access.

A 2022 Central Bank ban still halts retail crypto services, but banks are testing blockchain settlement.

President Milei is expected to lift the 2022 banking ban soon, expanding Argentina's crypto adoption.

Argentina Changes Law to Recognize Crypto as

Net Worth for Qualified Investors

Argentina is slowly working to open its financial industry to crypto assets, moving to increase the recognition of cryptocurrency across all sectors of its economy.

The Argentine Securities and Exchange Commission (CNV) issued General Resolution 1125/2026, which establishes that virtual assets will be recognized as part of an individual's worth for reaching the classification of a qualified investor in the country.

The resolution defines virtual assets as "any digital representation of value that can be traded and/or transferred digitally and used for payments or investments." This means that cryptocurrencies, tokenized assets, and even stablecoins could be used as these assets.



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Ethereum Leads The Tokenization Race With Billions In Assets



Ethereum is rapidly emerging as the dominant force in the race to tokenize real-world assets, with billions of dollars already flowing onto its network. From tokenized bonds and funds to real estate and treasuries, ETH has become the preferred infrastructure for institutions looking to bring traditional assets on-chain.

Institutional Capital Accelerates Ethereum Adoption
In a recent X post, The Ethereum Foundation revealed that Ethereum is rapidly emerging as the dominant layer for tokenized treasury products, with over \$22.5 billion in fund assets already tokenized on the network, representing roughly 71.9% of the total market share across all blockchains

The momentum is being driven by industry heavyweights like JPMorgan Chase, which launched its MONY market fund on ETH in early 2026, joining established offerings such as BlackRock's BUIDL and Franklin Templeton's on-chain money fund. These are institutional-grade treasury management products. These products are suited for autonomous agents with idle capital needs operating on permissionless infrastructure, allowing agents to access the system without a brokerage account.

Ethereum is steadily evolving into the most viable financial layer for autonomous agents managing real capital. The Ethereum Foundation has also mentioned that an autonomous

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Saudi Arabia's Crypto Market Projected to Reach \$47.8 Billion by 2034

The Saudi Arabian cryptocurrency market is projected to grow from \$24.9 billion in 2025 to \$47.8 billion by 2034.

SAMA is backing projects like mBridge to grow the market to \$47.8 billion by 2034. High youth interest in DeFi and gaming is fueling a 7.51% annual growth rate for bitcoin. Future Vision 2030 reforms will tackle regulatory hurdles to reach \$47.8 billion by 2034. The Rise of Institutional Backing
Saudi Arabia's cryptocurrency market is poised for a decade of massive expansion, with new data projecting the sector will nearly double in size by 2034. According to a recent industry report by IMARC Group, the kingdom's digital asset market, valued at \$24.9 billion in 2025, is expected to soar to \$47.8 billion by 2034. This trajectory represents a steady

compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.51% over the next nine years.

The primary catalyst for this surge is the kingdom's vision 2030 initiative, which prioritizes economic diversification and a move toward a cashless society. The report identifies institutional adoption as one of several key factors driving Saudi Arabia toward this 2034 milestone.

The Saudi Central Bank (SAMA) has actively participated in international projects like mBridge, exploring the viability of central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) for cross-border payments. This institutional backing is lending unprecedented legitimacy to digital assets.

Saudi Arabia's tech-savvy youth demographic is also seen as a major engine for the market. High smartphone penetration.



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