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LETTER

Bitcoin continues to face heavy selling pressure after sliding toward the 50-day SMA near \$75.6K, which is now acting as one of the most important support levels in the current market structure. Bears are clearly trying to regain control after the recent weakness, but bulls still have a chance to defend the trend if they can hold this area. The immediate focus now shifts to whether BTC can reclaim momentum above the 20-day EMA around \$78.7K. A strong close above that level would be the first sign that buyers are stepping back in aggressively and could open the door for another push toward the \$84K resistance zone. However, if Bitcoin loses the 50-day SMA decisively, the market could quickly move into a deeper correction phase.

Ethereum is showing increasing weakness after breaking below the support line of its ascending channel pattern. That breakdown confirms that sellers currently have momentum on their side. The 20-day EMA near \$2,255 has started turning lower, while the RSI is approaching oversold territory, both of which reflect growing bearish pressure in the short term. Any recovery attempt is likely to face resistance near the moving averages, especially around the 20-day EMA. If ETH gets rejected there again, the probability of a move toward the \$1,916 support level increases significantly.

XRP has also slipped below its 50-day SMA near \$1.39, showing that bears are slowly gaining control over the short-term structure. The next critical support sits near \$1.27, and this level is extremely important for maintaining any bullish hopes. Buyers are expected to defend it aggressively because a breakdown below \$1.27 could trigger another wave of selling toward \$1.11 and eventually the psychological \$1 mark. On the upside, XRP still faces heavy resistance near the descending trendline and again around the \$1.61 zone. A breakout and close above \$1.61 would completely shift the short-term sentiment and could ignite a move toward \$2 and later \$2.40. Until then, XRP remains trapped in a defensive range with sellers maintaining the advantage.

BNB has also weakened after rejecting from the \$687 resistance and falling below the 20-day EMA around \$648. The next support sits near the 50-day SMA around \$637, but if that level breaks, downside momentum could accelerate quickly toward the key \$570 support. This is a major level for BNB because losing it would confirm continuation of the broader downtrend and potentially open the path toward \$500. However, if buyers defend the 50-day SMA and push price higher, BNB could continue consolidating inside the broader range.

Solana has also shifted into a weaker structure after closing below its 50-day SMA near \$85, signaling that sellers are attempting a comeback. There is still support around the \$82 level, but any recovery from there is expected to face selling pressure near the 20-day EMA around \$88. If SOL rejects from that moving average again, the likelihood of a breakdown below \$82 increases sharply, exposing the market to a move toward the \$76 support zone. On the bullish side, reclaiming the 20-day EMA would be the first signal that dip buyers are returning.

Traders Outlook:

The market is currently entering a critical phase where major assets are testing important support levels after recent weakness. Bitcoin remains the key chart to watch, with the 50-day SMA acting as the main line between recovery and deeper correction. If BTC reclaims the 20-day EMA quickly, short-term sentiment could improve and trigger another move toward \$84K. However, failure to hold current support could create broader panic across the market. Ethereum's channel breakdown remains a bearish signal, and traders will be watching closely to see whether buyers can reclaim momentum near the moving averages. XRP still has a chance to recover, but it must hold above \$1.27 to avoid another sharp downside move. BNB continues to look range-bound but vulnerable, especially if the \$570 support gets tested again. Solana remains one of the stronger altcoin setups structurally, but it still needs to reclaim the 20-day EMA before bulls can regain confidence. Market sentiment overall is becoming cautious, with traders focusing more on risk management than aggressive positioning. Volatility is likely to stay elevated as the market reacts to both technical levels and macro headlines. The next few sessions will be extremely important in deciding whether this is simply a healthy correction or the beginning of a larger trend reversal.

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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 427th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$2.56 trillion, Down \$140 billion since last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is \$93.95 billion, which makes a 43.63% increase in the last 24 hours. The Fear & Greed index is 39% indicating Fear and the Altcoin season index is 35% which makes a 16% decrease since last week.

Bitcoin's price has decreased by 5.5% from \$81,140 last week to around \$76,675 and Ether's price has decreased by 7.93% from \$2,308 last week to \$2,125 Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.53 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$1.03 Trillion Bitcoin has pulled back toward the critical \$76K support zone, and this level is now becoming the key battleground for the short-term market structure. Several major altcoins have already lost their near-term support levels, which signals that bulls are stepping back and momentum is weakening across the broader crypto market. The latest wave of selling pressure came after US President Donald Trump warned Iran that "the clock is ticking," reigniting fears around further escalation in the Middle East. Macro uncertainty is once again driving market sentiment, and traders are becoming increasingly defensive.

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Market Outlook:

The crypto market is currently entering a high-risk and high-volatility phase as macro uncertainty continues to dominate sentiment. Bitcoin holding the \$76K level is extremely important for maintaining the current bullish structure. If this support breaks, the market could quickly move toward deeper correction zones. ETF outflows suggest that institutional traders are becoming cautious in the short term, although long-term accumulation from major players like Strategy remains strong. Altcoins are already showing weakness, with many losing key support levels before Bitcoin. Geopolitical tensions around Iran and the Strait of Hormuz are adding another layer of uncertainty that could continue impacting risk assets globally. At the same time, selective inflows into XRP and Solana products show that traders are still looking for opportunities within the market. Security issues in DeFi remain a concern and continue to hurt confidence in smaller protocols. The market is still heavily headline-driven, meaning sharp reversals and liquidation moves can happen quickly. Traders should remain focused on risk management and key support zones rather than chasing short-term volatility. The next major move will likely depend on whether Bitcoin can stabilize above support or whether macro fear pushes the market into a broader correction phase.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	59.92%
ETH	10.02%
USDT	7.40%
BNB	3.38%
SOL	1.92%
Others	17.36%



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UK Financial Ltd launched the Maya Preferred Project in 2018 on Ethereum Classic, backed by physical gold and silver from three documented Mexican mining operations: Santiago Apostol in Guerrero, Las Maria and Tayoltita in Durango, and the Tequila Project in Jalisco. At a time when most crypto projects offered little beyond whitepapers, Maya Preferred held verifiable, in-ground assets as its foundation. Eight years later, that early structural decision has evolved into one of the more compliance-driven real-world asset ecosystems in the digital token space.

CEO James Dahlke and the founding team built the project under one consistent policy across eight years: no executive compensation, no insider token allocations, and no team sell-offs during market peaks. That record addresses one of the most common risk factors retail participants face in early-stage token projects.

The journey from launch to regulated security token unfolded in measured steps:

2018: Maya Preferred launches on Ethereum Classic, backed by physical gold and silver from documented Mexican mine reserves

2019: Trading opens and the retirement program for long-term holders begins. UK Financial Ltd transfers

21 million MPRA tokens into escrow to guarantee Bitcoin support with gold reserves during extreme market volatility

2020 to 2024: Development focuses on reserve documentation, on-chain wallet transparency, and public proof documents

January 2025: MPRA launches as the Preferred Class token tied to gold reserves. MPRA follows as the Common Class for utility and acquisition. The Maya Preferred Reserve Protocol introduces a tokenized gold reserve structure with on-chain treasury visibility

September 2025: The Board ends the 2019 Bitcoin-backing agreement. The 21 million escrowed MPRA tokens move into an irrevocable treasury vault to fully back MayaCat, making MCAT the world's first gold-backed meme coin

October 2025: Supply reduced by 88.5% to 23 million tokens. MPRA evolves into SMPRA, an ERC-3643 regulated security token with KYC, whitelisting, and compliant transfer restrictions at the contract level

January 2026: SMPRA and SMCAT list on CATEX Exchange. SMCAT becomes the world's first exchange-traded ERC-3643 security token, with

a structured 50 million supply fully backed by verifiable gold reserves

April 2026: All UK Financial Ltd tokens record significant upward price movement, reflecting growing market recognition of the compliance-first model

On the regulatory front, the emerging U.S. CLARITY Act places SMPRA in a strategically favorable position. As a gold-backed security token operating under ERC-3643 standards, SMPRA falls within SEC jurisdiction under the new legislative framework. This ends the uncertainty of regulation by enforcement and opens a defined path for compliance registration. The CLARITY Act also reverses restrictive accounting policies and permits federally chartered banks to custody digital assets, directly benefiting Maya Preferred's Reserve Bank model and its institutional vehicle, MayaFund. With third-party audits and real-time verifiable precious metal reserves already in place, the project has structurally anticipated these requirements well ahead of the regulatory curve.

Platinum Crypto Academy has followed the Maya Preferred Project across multiple market cycles. The eight-year zero-insider-sale record is rare in a space where early team exits remain one of the highest-risk indicators for retail participants. The dual-class structure, verifiable mine assets, and on-chain treasury visibility address the exact criteria that institutional RWA frameworks look for. With the industry moving toward regulated token frameworks, Maya Preferred reflects a model built on enduring structural discipline.

Looking Ahead

Regulators in the US, UK, and EU are actively developing frameworks for tokenized real-world assets. Maya Preferred's ERC-3643 positioning places it within that category ahead of the curve. The ecosystem continues to expand, with new tokens including VENUS Coin listed on CATEX Exchange. The UKFL Premier One broadcast channel, launched in April 2026, adds a media layer to the project's public presence as it moves deeper into SEC compliance territory. For a project that spent eight years building quietly, the next phase looks set to be its most visible.

The graphic features a dark background with a central, glowing, metallic globe showing the Americas. Above the globe, the text "UK FINANCIAL LTD" is displayed in large, bold, white capital letters. Surrounding the globe are four logos: "MAYA PREFERRED PRA" (top left), "MAYA PREFERRED" (top right), "MayaPro" (bottom left), and "DFS DIGITAL FANTASY SPORTS" (bottom right). At the bottom, a quote in white capital letters reads: "BACKED BY GOLD NOT PROMISES. WHAT BACKS YOUR TOKEN?"



WHAT IS MAYA PREFERRED?

U.K. Financial Ltd.^[1]

A Real World Asset (RWA) Backed Cryptocurrency

1 What is Maya Preferred?



RWA Token^[1]

BACKED BY PHYSICAL PRECIOUS METALS RESERVES^[1,2]



- Mina Del Oro

La Fortuna

Guadalupe



Stable and decentralized monetary instrument for global payments and transfers^[3,4]

High volatility mitigation^[3,3]



2. HOW DOES ITS ECOSYSTEM & BLOCKCHAIN WORK?

1 Infrastructure on Ethereum & Ethereum Classic:



3 Multi-Token Ecosystem



4 Transparency and Audits



5 Transparency and Audits



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ERC-3643

Designed for regulators and institutional investors, with an eye on SEC registration^[3,13]

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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN SLIDES UNDER \$77,000 AS OIL SHOCK AND TREASURY YIELDS HIT RISK ASSETS

Long-term holders are still sitting tight and exchange balances remain near six-year lows, Binance Research data shows, but underwater short-term holders leave BTC vulnerable to macro shocks.

Bitcoin slipped below \$77,000 in Asia as rising oil prices and higher Treasury yields pressured risk assets.

Prediction markets now see an overwhelming chance the Fed will hold rates steady through at least July, raising the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding assets like bitcoin.

On-chain dynamics leave bitcoin vulnerable to macro-driven sell-offs.

Bitcoin BTC \$77,427.85

fell below \$77,000 on Monday in Asia as rising oil prices and Treasury yields pressured risk assets, while prediction-market traders continued to price little chance of near-term Federal Reserve relief.

The move comes as macro conditions have become

less favourable for crypto. The 30-year Treasury yield rose to 5.13%, its highest close since 2007, while Polymarket traders put the odds of no Fed move at 98% in June and 94% in July. The 10- and two-year yields also extended last week's rise, hitting 12-month highs.

That matters for bitcoin because it suggests traders are not expecting the Fed to offset tighter financial conditions quickly. Higher yields raise the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding assets such as BTC and tend to weigh on speculative assets when inflation concerns are driving the move.

On-chain data from Binance Research offered a more mixed backdrop. Glassnode data cited by the firm showed nearly 60% of the bitcoin supply has not moved in more than a year, while BTC balances on exchanges are at a six-year low.

Binance Research also flagged short-term holder MVRV, or market value to realized value, a measure of whether recent bitcoin buyers are in profit or loss.

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Crypto's CLARITY Act faces partisan fight over ethics on Senate floor

While Senator Tim Scott touted yesterday's markup as bipartisan, just two Democratic senators supported the bill, and no Democratic amendments were adopted.

The US Senate Banking Committee passed the crypto framework CLARITY Act yesterday.

Now, the bill, for which the crypto industry has heavily lobbied since it was introduced in 2025, will head to the Senate floor for a broader debate.

As Cointelegraph reported, over 100 amendments were pro-

posed while lawmakers hashed out the exact language of the bill. These covered a wide range of issues, including ethics, AI sandboxes and stablecoin yields.

But many of these fell apart. While two Democrats joined with their Republican colleagues, the vote was mainly along party lines.

The chances for the bill to pass look good, with nearly all Republicans and some Democrats supporting, but increasing partisan gridlock ahead of the elections could still delay passage.

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Crypto Confidence Surges As Italy's Largest Bank Doubles Holdings In Q1

Ripple recently announced it would offer custody services to Intesa Sanpaolo — a deal that raised eyebrows when the Italian bank's first-quarter filings showed

it had quietly bought about \$26 million worth of crypto through the Grayscale XRP Trust ETF in the same period.

A Shift Toward Blue-Chip Crypto
Intesa Sanpaolo, Italy's



biggest bank, grew its crypto holdings from roughly \$100 million at the end of 2025 to around \$235 million by March 31, according to a report by Italian crypto outlet Criptoaluta.it.

The expansion was not a simple case of buying more of the same. The bank added Ethereum exposure for the first time through BlackRock's iShares Staked Ethereum Trust and built up its Bitcoin positions across two separate ETFs — the ARK 21Shares BTC ETF and BlackRock's iShares Bitcoin Trust

ETF. It also opened its first derivatives position in the space, taking a stake in iShares Bitcoin Trust call options.

At the same time, the bank pulled back sharply from Solana. Its holdings in the Bitwise Solana Staking ETF dropped from 266,320 shares to just 2,815 — a near-complete exit.

The move signals a preference for better-established digital assets over higher-risk alternatives.

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Trump family trust bought Coinbase and these crypto-related stocks in Q1, ethics filing shows

Disclosures show exposure to Coinbase, MARA and Strategy as the administration pushes a friendlier framework for digital assets.

US President Donald Trump's family trust executed hundreds of millions of dollars in financial transactions during the first quarter of 2026, including the acquisition of stocks directly tied to the digital asset industry, even as his administration pushed sweeping, pro-cryptocurrency regulatory overhauls.

According to a mandatory 278-T financial disclosure form released on May 14 by the US Office of Government Ethics, the president's portfolio underwent more than 3,600 transactions

between January and March.

The filings indicate the cumulative value of these transactions ranges from \$220 million to \$750 million across municipal bonds, index funds, and individual corporate equities.

While the vast majority of transactions involved traditional blue-chip stocks and broad-market index funds, the targeted purchases of crypto-adjacent firms have drawn immediate scrutiny from government ethics watchdogs.

Which crypto stocks did Trump acquire? According to the filing, much of the capital moved through familiar blue-chip names.

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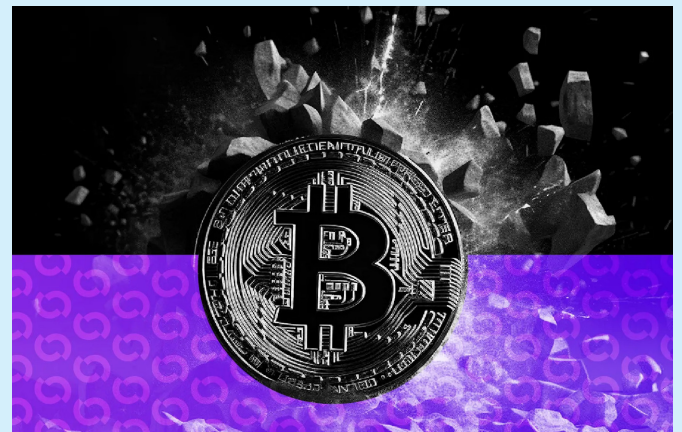
Lombard Finance Dumps LayerZero, Will Use Chainlink to Power \$1 Billion in Bitcoin Assets

The Bitcoin DeFi protocol is moving its assets away from LayerZero following the Kelp DAO exploit that led to the loss of \$292 million.

Lombard Finance is the

latest firm to move its assets off LayerZero technology in favor of Chainlink.

The firm conducted an internal review of its technology, opting for Chainlink in the wake of



the Kelp DAO exploit. Lombard's assets make up more than \$1 billion in Bitcoin-backed tokens.

Bitcoin decentralized finance (DeFi) firm Lombard Finance will replace LayerZero technology with Chainlink's cross-chain interoperability platform (CCIP), following an extensive review of its Bitcoin asset tech stack in the wake of last month's \$292 million Kelp DAO exploit.

The move comes one day after crypto exchange Kraken similarly opted for Chainlink CCIP to power its kBTC wrapped Bitcoin token, instead of LayerZero. "This decision prioritizes the safety and security

of all Lombard users and reflects our commitment to maintaining the security record we've built since day one, zero security incidents and 100% uptime," Lombard posted on X.

The move will impact more than \$1 billion in Lombard's Bitcoin-linked assets across Solana, Ethereum, and Berachain. The firm will also discontinue use of LayerZero technology on Ethereum layer-2 network Morph and staking protocol Swell.

"With CCIP, we not only benefit from its secure-by-default foundation, but also the ability to configure additional security layers on top," the firm said.

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The crypto market is currently entering a high-risk and high-volatility phase as macro uncertainty continues to dominate sentiment. Bitcoin holding the \$76K level is extremely important for maintaining the current bullish structure. If this support breaks, the market could quickly move toward deeper correction zones. ETF outflows suggest that institutional traders are becoming cautious in the short term, although long-term accumulation from major players like Strategy remains strong. Altcoins are already showing weakness, with many losing key support levels before Bitcoin. Geopolitical tensions around Iran and the Strait of Hormuz are adding another layer of uncertainty that could continue impacting risk assets globally. At the same time, selective inflows into XRP and Solana products show that traders are still looking for opportunities within the market. Security issues in DeFi remain a concern and continue to hurt confidence in smaller protocols. The market is still heavily headline-driven, meaning sharp reversals and liquidation moves can happen quickly. Traders should remain focused on risk management and key support zones rather than chasing short-term volatility. The next major move will likely depend on whether Bitcoin can stabilize above support or whether macro fear pushes the market into a broader correction phase.

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which is now acting as one of the most important support levels in the current market structure. Bears are clearly trying to regain control after the recent weakness, but bulls still have a chance to defend the trend if they can hold this area. The immediate focus now shifts to whether BTC can reclaim momentum above the 20-day EMA around \$78.7K. A strong close above that level would be the first sign that buyers are stepping back in aggressively and could open the door for another push toward the \$84K resistance zone. However, if Bitcoin loses the 50-day SMA decisively, the market could quickly move into a deeper correction phase. In that case, the next major support comes near the ascending channel trendline, and a breakdown below that structure could trigger a sharper decline toward the \$65K region.

Ethereum is showing increasing weakness after breaking below the support line of its ascending channel pattern. That breakdown confirms that sellers currently have momentum on their side. The 20-day EMA near \$2,255 has started turning lower, while the RSI is approaching oversold territory, both of which reflect growing bearish pressure in the short term. Any recovery attempt is likely to face resistance near the moving averages, especially around the 20-day EMA. If ETH gets rejected there again, the probability of a move toward the \$1,916 support level increases significantly. Bulls now face a difficult task, as they need to reclaim and sustain price above the moving averages to signal that the market is ready for a recovery phase.

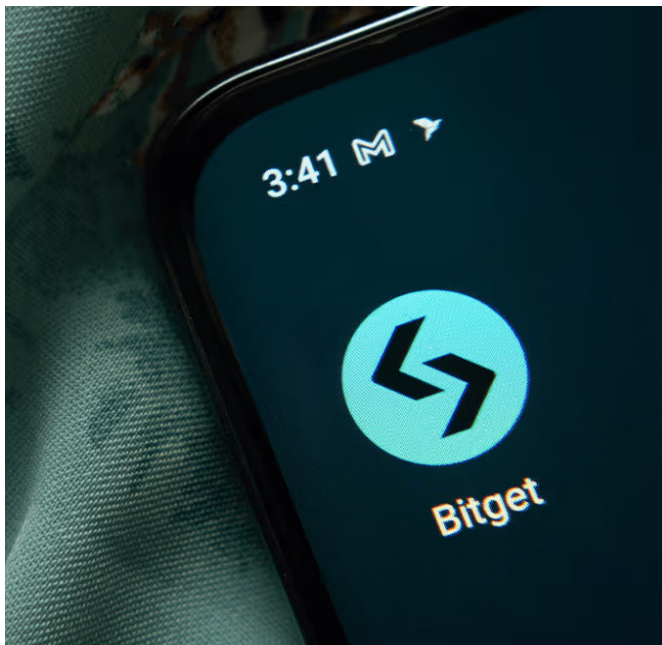
XRP has also slipped below its 50-day SMA near \$1.39, showing that bears are slowly gaining control over the short-term structure. The next critical support sits near \$1.27, and this level is extremely important for maintaining any bullish hopes. Buyers are expected to defend it aggressively because a breakdown below \$1.27 could trigger another wave of selling toward \$1.11 and eventually the psychological \$1 mark. On the upside, XRP still faces heavy resistance near the descending trendline and again around the \$1.61 zone. A breakout and close above \$1.61 would completely shift the short-term sentiment and could ignite a move toward \$2 and later \$2.40. Until then, XRP remains trapped in a defensive range with sellers maintaining the advantage.

BNB has also weakened after rejecting from the \$687 resistance and falling below the 20-day EMA around \$648. The next support sits near the 50-day SMA around \$637, but if that level breaks, downside momentum could accelerate quickly toward the key \$570 support. This is a major level for BNB because losing it would confirm continuation of the broader downtrend and potentially open the path toward \$500. However, if buyers defend the 50-day SMA and push price higher, BNB could continue consolidating inside the broader range. Bulls still need a breakout above \$687 before any meaningful upside continuation can begin, with targets sitting near \$730 and then \$790.

Solana has also shifted into a weaker structure after closing below its 50-day SMA near \$85, signaling that sellers are attempting a comeback. There is still support around the \$82 level, but any recovery from there is expected to face selling pressure near the 20-day EMA around \$88. If SOL rejects from that moving average again, the likelihood of a breakdown below \$82 increases sharply, exposing the market to a move toward the \$76 support zone. On the bullish side, reclaiming the 20-day EMA would be the first signal that dip buyers are returning. A breakout above \$98 would fully restore bullish momentum and put bulls back in control of the broader trend.

The market is currently entering a critical phase where major assets are testing important support levels after recent weakness. Bitcoin remains the key chart to watch, with the 50-day SMA acting as the main line between recovery and deeper correction. If BTC reclaims the 20-day EMA quickly, short-term sentiment could improve and trigger another move toward \$84K. However, failure to hold current support could create broader panic across the market. Ethereum's channel breakdown remains a bearish signal, and traders will be watching closely to see whether buyers can reclaim momentum near the moving averages. XRP still has a chance to recover, but it must hold above \$1.27 to avoid another sharp downside move. BNB continues to look range-bound but vulnerable, especially if the \$570 support gets tested again. Solana remains one of the stronger altcoin setups structurally, but it still needs to reclaim the 20-day EMA before bulls can regain confidence. Market sentiment overall is becoming cautious, with traders focusing more on risk management than aggressive positioning. Volatility is likely to stay elevated as the market reacts to both technical levels and macro headlines. The next few sessions will be extremely important in deciding whether this is simply a healthy correction or the beginning of a larger trend reversal.





Bitget AI Hits 1 Million Users and \$1.2B in Agent Trading Volume Across 58 Tools

Bitget's unified artificial intelligence (AI) trading platform has crossed 1 million users and recorded more than \$1.2 billion in cumulative trading volume across 58 AI-powered tools, the exchange revealed this week.

Bitget AI disclosed that it crossed 1 million users and \$1.2 billion in trading volume across 58 tools as of mid-May 2026.

CEO Gracy Chen signals Bitget is shifting from AI chat features to full execution, targeting an agent-native exchange model.

AI Trading Playbooks launched in beta, letting traders build and deploy natural-language strategies through Bitget's marketplace.

Bitget Launches Unified AI Trading Ecosystem
The platform, now branded Bitget AI, combines market analysis, strategy execution, and risk management into a single infrastructure layer accessible to retail traders and developers. The announcement positions the exchange as moving toward what it calls an "agent-native" model under its Universal Exchange (UFX) framework.

At the center of the system are two existing tools: Getclaw, a zero-install AI agent built for real-time market insights, and Getagent, an AI assistant that handles strategy execution and automated trading. Both feed into Agent Hub, a developer platform that provides API access.

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XRP Power Launches Global AI-Powered App, Creating an Intelligent Daily Yield System

With the rapid development of artificial intelligence technology, more and more industries are entering the era of intelligentization, and the digital asset field is also undergoing new changes.

Recently, XRP Power officially launched its global AI-powered app, integrating AI data analysis, automated systems, and intelligent yield models to bring a more efficient and convenient digital asset participation experience to users worldwide. Compared to the traditional model that relies on frequent trading and manual operation, XRP Power emphasizes intelligent, automated, and long-term stable system operation logic.

It is understood that XRP Power's new AI system optimizes the

overall operational efficiency of the platform through real-time market data analysis, intelligent risk control mechanisms, and automated task scheduling. Users can participate in the platform's intelligent yield system through the app without complicated operations, reducing the time, technical, and experience barriers faced in traditional digital asset participation.

In the current market environment, more and more users are shifting from "short-term trading" to a "structured yield" model. Compared to the uncertainty brought by high-frequency trading, some users prefer participation methods with clear rules, transparent processes, and automated system operation. The addition of AI technology is further driving this trend.



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KuCoin Australia's 'Evolution' Showcases Regulatory Focus, Mastercard Launch

The exchange's KuCard rollout enables users to make "seamless payments" to Mastercard merchants using USDC.

Crypto trading platform KuCoin is building out its presence in the Australian market through regulated compliance and new products.

With recent research finding that some 22% of Australians now hold digital assets, the firm has launched crypto debit card KuCard in Australia, enabling users to make direct payments through Mastercard's global network.

Initially launched as a virtual card, KuCard

enables transactions to be completed using USDC, with 37 trading pairs involving the stablecoin accepted at launch. Crypto trading platform KuCoin is betting big on Australia, ramping up investment and unveiling new products designed to help consumers use digital assets for their everyday purchases.

According to the firm's Australian Managing Director, James Pinch, KuCoin's moves in the market are an "evolution," building on its already established presence in the region with his appointment and the launch of a new office in Sydney's Central Business District.

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JPMorgan Chase Files Application for a Blockchain-Based Money Market Fund Targeting Stablecoin Issuers



JPMorgan Chase has filed an application with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for a blockchain-based money market fund designed in part for stablecoin issuers.

According to the filing, the fund would use blockchain infrastructure developed by Kinexys Digital Assets (KDA), a business unit within JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

The filing states that the fund "uses blockchain technology to provide a means for investors to submit transaction instructions" involving fund shares through the blockchain system.

The filing says the blockchain framework

is "designed, deployed, and maintained" by KDA and operates as a permissioned system layered on top of public blockchains.

JPMorgan said the system combines "policies, procedures, and technological controls" intended to ensure transactions remain under the "full and complete control and oversight of the Fund."

The application also highlights the role stablecoin issuers could play in the product.

According to the filing, shares of the fund are "expected to be held by one or more stablecoin issuers as all or a portion of the reserve assets."

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Japan's SBI Securities, Rakuten Securities plan to offer crypto investment trusts

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through their existing brokerage accounts, Nikkei Asia reported. Another 11 companies responded to a survey saying they would consider offering crypto funds once the regulatory environment becomes clear.

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SBI Securities, the online



brokerage business and investment banking unit of SBI Group, one of Japan's largest financial companies and Rakuten Securities, the online broker subsidiary of Japan's Rakuten Group internet conglomerate, will offer investment vehicles that allow customers to access crypto through their existing accounts. The products

will make it easier for clients to gain exposure to the industry.

In a Nikkei survey of 18 companies, another 11 firms, including Nomura Securities, Daiwa Securities and Mizuho Securities, said they plan to consider entering the market when the regulatory process is finished.

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HYPE ETFs set 2026 altcoin debut record, but inflow test comes next

HYPE's ETF launch beat every 2026 altcoin debut on volume, but inflows will decide whether demand lasts.

HYPE just delivered the strongest altcoin ETF launch of 2026 by trading volume. The next test is whether that activity turns into sustained investor inflows.

Bitwise's BHYP recorded \$4.31 million in debut trading volume on May 15, the largest opening day among the 2026 spot altcoin ETF launches in the US, exceeding Chainlink fund CLNK's prior high of \$3.23 million by 33% and Avalanche fund BAVA's \$2.61 million debut by 65%.

Combined with 21Shares' THYP, which

launched on Nasdaq on May 12 and added \$1.80 million in debut volume, the two HYPE exchange-traded products generated \$6.11 million in opening-day trading, nearly matching the \$6.41 million accumulated by the eight previous 2026 spot altcoin ETF launches combined.

Launch volume shows attention, but inflows show allocation. If HYPE ETFs keep adding assets after the opening rush, Hyperliquid could move from a crypto-native trading venue into a more durable institutional product category.

Volume counts secondary-market activity via market makers, arbitrage desks,

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Grayscale, VanEck amend US spot BNB ETF filings, stepping closer to potential launch



The US securities regulator approved 21Shares' Hyperliquid ETF last week, adding to a growing number of cryptocurrencies converted into ETF wrappers in the US.

Asset managers Grayscale and VanEck filed amended S-1 registration statements for their respective spot BNB exchange-traded funds on Friday, bringing the cryptocurrency one step closer to becoming an approved US crypto ETF.

Grayscale filed its second amendment, while VanEck submitted its fifth on Friday. S-1s are one of the main filings that ETF issuers must submit to the SEC for approval, detailing everything from the ETF's structure and

strategy to management fees and risks.

"Another amended S-1 from [Grayscale] on the BNB ETF... have to guess they are going off feedback from SEC and trying to launch in near future? Could be the next crypto asset to get a spot ETF in the US," said Bloomberg ETF analyst James Seyffart.

Despite BNB being the fourth-largest cryptocurrency by market cap at \$87.4 billion, it has yet to be included in the growing list of US spot altcoin ETFs, including those tracking Solana (SOL), Litecoin (LTC), XRP (XRP) and Hyperliquid (HYPE).

Grayscale filed for the Grayscale BNB ETF (GBNB) on Jan. 23, 2026, and has yet to disclose a fee for GBNB.

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Bitcoin Insurance for Persian Gulf Cargo: Iran Launches Hormuz Safe, Claims \$10B Revenue

Iran's Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance has allegedly launched a bitcoin-powered maritime insurance platform called Hormuz Safe, ostensibly targeting cargo owners transiting the Strait of Hormuz and projecting over \$10 billion in revenue for the Islamic Republic.

Iran's Ministry of Economy reportedly launched Hormuz Safe on May 16, 2026, targeting \$10B in annual revenue.

Hormuz Safe will ostensibly settle maritime insurance policies in bitcoin, raising U.S. sanctions compliance concerns for cargo operators.

The platform covers Persian Gulf and Strait of Hormuz transits, with policy terms and war-damage exclusions still evolving.

Fars News Reports Iran Has Launched Hormuz Safe, a Bitcoin-Based Maritime Insurance Platform for Strait of Hormuz Shipping. The story started gathering virality on social media Sunday evening after 4 p.m. ET, with users sharing screenshots of the platform's landing page at hormuzsafe.ir. Fars News Agency, an IRGC-affiliated Iranian state media outlet, published the originating report on May 16, 2026, citing a document obtained from the Ministry of Economy.

According to Fars News, the ministry had been pursuing the insurance plan since early Ordibehesht, the Persian calendar month that began in late April 2026. The platform reportedly issues fast, cryptographically verifiable insurance policies for maritime cargo.



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Harvard dumps ether ETF as Abu Dhabi sovereign fund keeps adding to bitcoin positions



Abu Dhabi-based Mubadala added over \$90 million to its already sizeable bitcoin ETF position.

The Abu Dhabi Investment Council held its 8.2 million IBIT shares flat through the first-quarter drawdown. Harvard cut its IBIT holdings another 43% and fully exited its \$87 million ether ETF position.

Dartmouth disclosed a new \$3.67 million position in the Bitwise Solana Staking ETF.

Friday marked the deadline for institutional investment managers to disclose their latest first-quarter equity holdings with the SEC, giving us a glimpse at how sovereign funds, universities, and banks adjusted crypto ETF exposure.

Among the largest holders is the Abu Dhabi sovereign wealth fund Mubadala, which increased its position in BlackRock's iShares Bitcoin Trust ETF, ticker symbol IBIT, from 12,702,323 shares previously to 14,721,917 shares as of March 31. At current prices, the stake is worth nearly \$660 million.

The Mubadala-owned Abu Dhabi Investment Council kept its IBIT position flat. ADIC's first-quarter 13F shows 8,218,712 IBIT shares worth \$315.8 million as of March 31, the same share count its subsidiary Al Warda Investments reported at year-end. The roughly \$92 million drop in value reflects IBIT's quarterly decline, not any selling.

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\$10M Gone: Thorchain Exploit Triggers Security Fears Across DeFi

Blockchain tracking firm Arkham Intelligence has labeled a set of suspicious wallets as "THORChain Exploiter" addresses, with one Bitcoin-linked wallet holding close to 36.85 BTC — worth roughly \$3 million — and a separate Ethereum wallet carrying around 216 ETH. The funds are sitting there, visible on-chain, linked to two addresses that security researchers have already flagged publicly.

The person who spotted the attack before anyone else did was on-chain investigator ZachXBT. He reported suspicious movement tied to THORChain's router infrastructure, describing how attackers shifted roughly \$7.2 million in assets — including USDT, USDC, and wrapped Bitcoin — across several blockchains before converting them into ETH.

His initial estimate of losses above \$7.4 million was later revised upward. The total stolen, according to ZachXBT, may now exceed \$10 million.

THORChain is a cross-chain trading protocol that lets users swap crypto assets across different blockchains without relying on a centralized exchange. That design also means its infrastructure touches multiple networks at once — and in this case, that became a vulnerability. The attack hit Bitcoin, Ethereum, BNB Chain, and Base simultaneously.

Security firm PeckShield independently confirmed the breach. Based on their estimates, attackers walked away with around 36.75 BTC worth close to \$3 million, along with roughly \$7 million more pulled from the Ethereum, BNB Chain, and Base ecosystems.



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