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### **INSIGHTS FROM THE BITVO TRADING DESK**

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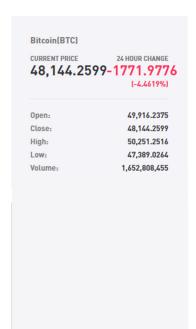
# WHAT HAPPENED IN CRYPTO LAST WEEK

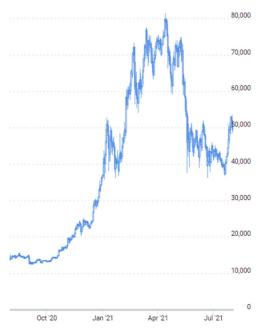


Major cryptocurrencies saw their second straight week of price gains last week with most showing double digit gains. Bitcoin ended the week up almost 13% while Ether ended the week up over 15%. DeFi was also strong due to a couple positive announcements (details below), with the DeFi index up 17.5% on the week.

Price increases came on increasing volume, a sign of strength. Part of the volume boost was due to the liquidation of short positions (bets that prices will fall), another bullish sign. Last Monday saw US\$750M worth of Bitcoin short positions liquidated in one day, the largest daily amount ever.

Total cryptocurrency market capitalization is now US\$1.6T of which Bitcoin now comprises US\$720B and Ether comprises US\$290B.







# **ALTCOIN HEADLINES**

#### Grayscale to Launch DeFi Fund

According to Grayscale CEO Michael Sonnenshein, the digital asset manager is launching a DeFi Fund and institutional-grade index, driven by interest from prospective investors and a broad base of its existing investors for DeFi assets.

The fund will allow investors to invest in DeFi protocols through a singular investment vehicle and provide them with broad-based exposure to DeFi assets, including Uniswap (UNI) and Aave (AAVE). This will be Grayscale's 15<sup>th</sup> investment vehicle.

#### Goldman to Launch DeFi ETF

Shortly after Grayscale unveiled its DeFi fund, Goldman Sachs filed for an "Innovate DeFi and Blockchain Equity ETF" with the SEC.

The fund plans to invest ~80% of its assets into securities in an underlying index that tracks the Solactive Blockchain Technology Performance-Index, including crypto-adjacent companies like Nokia, Facebook, Accenture. No direct crypto holdings are included in the Solactive index.

### Burgers with Doge

Burger King Brazil now accepts DOGE as a payment method to purchase the fast-food chain's Dogpper, a dog snack.

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### Increase in Crypto ATMs

According to data from Coin ATM Radar, the number of crypto ATMs installed globally has increased by more than 70% to 24,030 so far in 2021. The growth compares with a jump of almost 120% for all 2020.

The 10,037 machines installed so far in 2021 already exceed the 7,620 added in 2020, with five months of the year remaining.

#### Bitcoin Difficulty Stabilizes

After four consecutive negative Bitcoin difficulty adjustments that amounted to an overall 45% decrease since the China mining crackdown in May, Bitcoin's difficulty adjustment turned positive last week, increasing 6.03% on July 31st.

### MicroStrategy Holdings

MicroStrategy said in its 2Q earnings announcement that the firm will continue investing in its "digital asset strategy." Michael Saylor, CEO, noted that the company's latest funding allowed the firm to increase its digital holdings to more than \$105,000. That brings the market value of MicroStrategy's current Bitcoin holdings as of June 30th to US\$3.65B, reflecting a Bitcoin market price at that time of US\$34,763 versus an estimated cost base of US\$2.74B or US\$26,080 per Bitcoin.

#### Leverage Crackdown

Crypto exchanges FTX and Binance announced that they are cutting high leverage trades from a maximum leverage of 100x to 20x. This comes amidst widespread regulatory backlash against Binance, the exchange also announced that Binance Margin will suspend borrowing for its GBP, EUR and AUD pairs and major crypto assets including BTC, ETH and BNB starting August 10th.

#### More Binance Woes

Binance's longstanding CEO and cofounder Changpeng Zhao, also known as "CZ," is looking to step down as CEO amidst a widespread regulatory crackdown against the exchange.

Binance has been the target of a string of warnings and denouncements from financial regulators globally in recent weeks, including various countries across North America, Europe and Asia.

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Crypto	Overall	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
Market	Technical Score	(0-5 days)	(5-20 days)	(>20 days)
Bitcoin	43.79	33.65	57.32	40.84
	Weak	Weak	Restrail	Neutral
ther Ether	<b>57.64</b> Good	56.13 Neutral	62.4 Excellest	54.31 Heatral
XRP	48.32	56.13	55.22	34.01
	Neutral	Restrail	Restrail	Poor
Bitcoin Cash	50.24	57.81	59.23	34.01
	Neutral	Neutral	Good	Poor
Litecoin	43.06	42.83	55.22	31.74
	Weak	Neutral	Heatral	Poor
Dash	63.77	60.78	64.71	65.75
	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent

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