Explore the latest in institutional Bitcoin - staking efficiency, treasury moves, and key market developments

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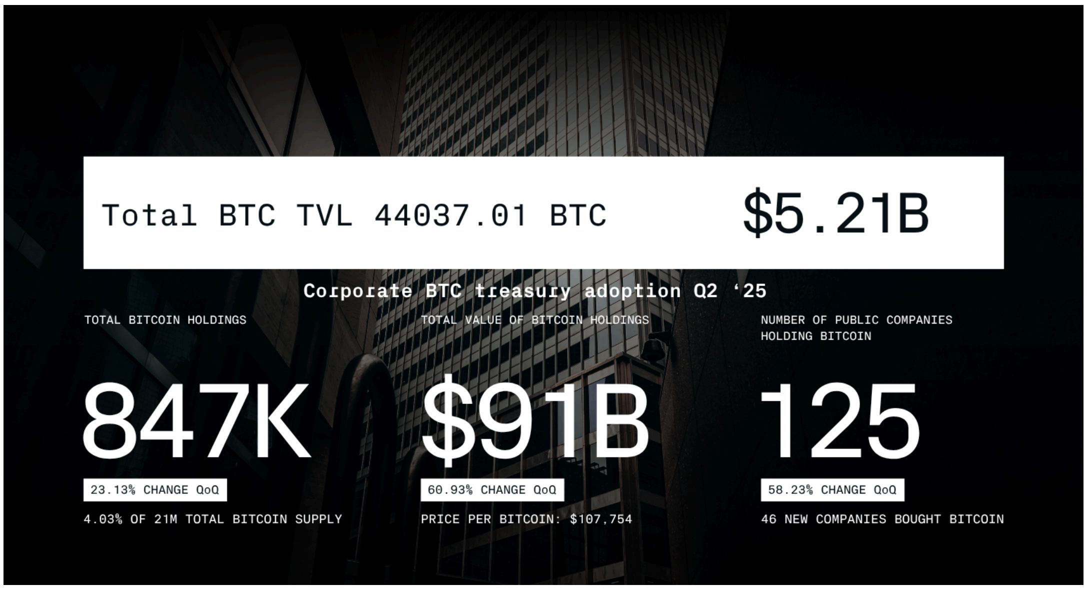

Babylon Institutional Update

BTC Price: $117,997.06

Combined Spot BTC ETF AUM: $163.5bn

Babylon Reduces BTC Staking Unbonding Period to T+2

Babylon Labs' recent offsite in Hong Kong highlighted a critical need: institutions require faster BTC unbonding to optimise capital efficiency. The Babylon Labs engineering team swiftly mobilized, from proposal to implementation within just two weeks through rigorous formal analysis, devnet simulations, extensive testnet trials, and successful mainnet deployment.

BTC unbonding period is now just 301 blocks (approximately 50 hours), aligning closely with institutional settlement standards.

David Tse, co-creator of the Babylon protocols, commented on the upgrade,

"*Unbonding in Proof-of-Stake chains like Ethereum typically takes multiple weeks to protect against long-range attacks. By leveraging Bitcoin's Proof-of-Work security, we were able to reduce the unbonding time of the Bitcoin staking protocol to a mere 2 days. This aligns with the T+2 settlement standard required by many institutional investors and ETF issuers, making Bitcoin staking operationally viable in institutional and regulated environments.*"

Ecosystem Highlight

Bitmax Integrates the Babylon BTC Staking Protocol

Bitmax (KOSDAQ: 377030), Korea's largest corporate BTC holder, has integrated the Babylon Bitcoin staking protocol to enhance its treasury management strategy.

- Bitmax will run its own Finality Provider.
- This marks the first instance of a publicly listed Korean company adopting the Babylon Bitcoin staking protocol.

Lombard LBTC Upgrade: Lombard is transforming LBTC into a yield-bearing asset, unlocking native BTC-denominated rewards without compromising liquidity or DeFi compatibility. Institutional stakers now have streamlined access to BTC rewards via Babylon staking, combined with optional DeFi exposure.

Institutional Highlight: BTC Treasury Companies Dominate Q2

Bitcoin treasury adoption surged as a major theme in Q2. As of July, approximately 125 public companies hold bitcoin on their balance sheets (out of more than 50,000 public companies globally). This underscores both the growth momentum and how early we still are in the Bitcoin Corporate Treasury adoption.

Top Bitcoin treasury moves in July, 2025:

- Strategy achieved a significant milestone, now holding over 3% of all circulating Bitcoin, totaling 607,770 BTC (~$72B).

- Bitcoin Standard Treasury Company (BSTR), led by Bitcoin pioneer Adam Back, made a blockbuster entry at #4 with 30,021 BTC (~$3.49B).

- Trump Media slid to #6, currently holding 18,430 BTC (~$2.1B), while Hut 8 Mining exited the top 10.

How Should BTC Treasury Companies Be Valued?

Investors assessing Bitcoin treasury companies (BTCTCs) focused on mNAV (Multiple to Net Asset Value) until recently. However, new metrics offer deeper insights into BTC accumulation and growth dynamics:

- **Months to mNAV** (by Adam Back): Measures how many months it would take for ongoing BTC accumulation to justify the current market premium over mNAV. It reflects the payback period for the premium based on BTC stacking.
- **P/BYD** (Price/Bitcoin Yield Delivered by Jesse Myers): A valuation metric that compares the market price of a Bitcoin yield asset to the actual BTC yield it has delivered. Like a P/E ratio in equities, it helps assess relative value by incorporating both market sentiment and yield performance.

Investors rationalize paying NAV premiums when BTC-per-share growth surpasses share dilution. Strategy

($MSTR), for instance, grew BTC per share by 74% in 2024. If such high growth continues, buying at premium valuations could outperform spot BTC purchases. Notably, institutional investors such as Norges (Norway Sovereign Wealth Fund) and Capital Group have significantly allocated to Strategy.

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Metric	$PLTR	$MSTR	Delta
TTM Revenue ($PLTR)/ Capital Raised ($MSTR)	$3,110,000,000	$34,500,000,000	$31,390,000,000
TTM Net Income	$571,000,000	$18,500,000,000	$17,929,000,000
Market Cap	$351,000,000,000	$125,000,000,000	-$226,000,000,000
P/E Ratio	617	7	-610
mNAV	60.7	2.0	-$59
BTC Held	-	601,550	601,550

Source: https://x.com/PunterJeff/status/1944916788086817268

The provided comparison between Strategy ($MSTR) and Palantir ($PLTR) highlights intriguing divergences when assessed using traditional equity and Bitcoin treasury-specific metrics. Despite Palantir's significantly larger market cap, driven by high revenue growth, its valuation (P/E ratio of 617) is starkly high in comparison with Strategy's mNAV of 2.0 and 601,550 BTC, with a BTC gain of $18.5bn YTD.

Market Commentary:

Bitcoin experienced notable volatility due to Galaxy Digital's sale of approximately $9 billion worth of BTC on behalf of a Satoshi-era whale. Prices briefly dipped below $114.8k before quickly recovering to around

$118k. The market's swift recovery demonstrates robust investor sentiment, especially compared to the more pronounced price decline triggered by the German government sell-off in 2024. Despite these significant supply shocks, Bitcoin remains resilient near its all-time highs.

Upcoming Babylon Events:

Date	Event	Location	Focus
Sept 30. 2025	Bitcoin Renaissance (Flagship)	Singapore	Institutional Bitcoin + Token2049 Week

Spotlight Event: Bitcoin Renaissance — September 30, Singapore

Engage. Connect. Lead.

Babylon Labs is proud to host Bitcoin Renaissance, the premier Bitcoin-focused event during Token2049 week. This exclusive summit brings together leading voices in Bitcoin, institutional finance, and protocol development to explore the next frontier: securing Bitcoin utility across capital markets, staking, and beyond.

With top minds and projects building on and around Bitcoin, the event will spotlight emerging synergies between Bitcoin and Proof-of-Stake chains—offering a rare opportunity to shape the dialogue at the intersection of TradFi, DeFi, and decentralized infrastructure.

Registration details coming soon

X Spaces

Upcoming X Spaces sessions will feature expert panels discussing BTC staking innovations, treasury management best practices, and DeFi integration trends.

This summer, we're hosting a weekly podcast series spotlighting each of the Bitcoin Staking Networks (BSNs), diving into their strategies, setups, and visions for BTCFi.

Stay tuned for registration details and speaker announcements from the Babylon X account.

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