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# 7 Cryptos to Own on the Web's Hottest Blockchain

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1,700 per second.

That’s the rate at which Visa’s global network of credit-card machines processes transactions.

I share that otherwise mundane fact because it will be important to our story in just a moment...

See, the world has spent the last quarter century adopting the internet as the primary means of, well, everything: Commerce, entertainment, education, gaming, gambling, and on and on and on.

But the internet that you and I have relied on since the mid-90s is now shapeshifting into something different.

Something better.

Something faster.

Much faster.

Which brings us back to credit card point-of-sale machines.

The world’s largest credit-card processors run the world on those 1,700 transactions per second. It’s the benchmark against which the New Internet must compete. Fall below 1,700 and, well, what’s the point? After all, the great promise of new technology is greater productivity, doing things faster and better, leading to more profits for businesses.

Surpass 1,700 and the world is going to race to adopt the new technology and the myriad new services that will emerge—services we can’t even imagine yet.

That new technology, you might have already guessed, is the blockchain and cryptocurrencies.

For all the hype and bluster, crypto has not yet found its “killer app”—the application that is so necessary or desirable that it reframes how people think about the new technology, leading to mass adoption.

For the internet, the killer app was the web browser, first introduced by Mosaic and perfected by Google. The ability to find anything in the world by typing a word or phrase into a search box changed society forever.

But what will crypto's killer app be?

I suspect it will be a digital wallet tied to a blockchain that transacts at such speed that people will be compelled to use crypto in their daily lives for spending.

Or it might be an app tied to AI-search in some fashion, sort of like the way the web browser opened up the internet to mass adoption.

Or maybe it's so-called "real world assets," or RWAs. Think: stocks, bonds, real estate, etc. trading on the blockchain, 24/7/365. That would certainly bring in an armada of institutional investors as well as everyday mom-and-pop investors.

Whatever the case, the fact remains that we are right now in the middle of a once-in-humanity technology shift with blockchain and crypto as the fuel.

Which means we have a vast opportunity to profit, both in the short-term and by playing the long-game.

I go back to the rise of the internet in the late-90s and early 2000s as my analog. We saw some huge gains in the early years as the technology gained a foothold. But it was those who played the long-game and held best-of-breed tech stocks for a decade or longer who very often picked up life-changing wealth.

If you had invested \$10,000 in Amazon at its IPO in 1997... you would have an astonishing *\$16 million* in your account today... Now, that is life-changing wealth.

I truly believe we're at a similar moment for crypto right now. And that's what I care about as a crypto investor.

And it's why I am increasingly focused on one specific blockchain: Solana.

Going back to that Visa example, Solana right now regularly runs at between 2,500 and about 4,000 transactions per second—well in excess of what the credit-card giants need to run the world.

To put Solana's speed into crypto context: Ethereum, the #2 crypto in the world by market cap, runs at about 22 transactions per second, while Base, the Coinbase network that runs atop Ethereum, musters about 42 transactions per second.

But even 4,000 is a chump-change number...

At a lab in Chicago, a bunch of tech developers have built a process called Firedancer that can run about one million transactions per second on Solana.

The company, Jump Crypto, is already running Firedancer on a test network and it's expected to go live on the main network in 2025. The team is already testing on the main network off and on, and attaining speeds that are exponentially larger than the Visa network.

This promises to fundamentally change crypto.

Solana is already drawing in huge names that want to offer various services on the network, including Google, Meta (nee, Facebook), Shopify, Stripe (an internet payments giant), Mastercard, and PayPal.

But when transactions are in the one-million-per-second range, that's going to open up opportunities for entirely different kinds of services.

We could see ticketing move onto the blockchain as airlines, movie theaters, sporting events and others realize that digital ticketing at blisteringly quick speeds is not only faster, but more efficient, and cheaper than the current ticketing processes.

We could see voting and identification move onto the blockchain because at a million transactions per second the speed is so fast—and the network so secure—that tabulations and identity checks would happen almost instantaneously.

In short, we are on the cusp of a whole new collection of products and services that will radically and fundamentally change society, just as the internet did a quarter century ago.

To that end, I present to you here a deep dive into how you want to position yourself for short-term and long-game profits within the Solana ecosystem.

Yes, other blockchains will likely do well, too, particularly Base, Arbitrum, Aptos, and some others. But Solana is, as I like to say, the Apple of blockchain tech—a very unique community of builders and consumers who are true fan boys of the network.

I am one of them. I have been involved with Solana since 2021, I am an active and known voice in their X/Twitter community, I've attended numerous Solana conferences and Hacker Houses around the world in the last three years, and I regularly talk to Solana developers and project teams globally.

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And I have a large portion of my crypto wealth tied up in Solana and numerous projects that operate on the Solana network.

Solana describes itself as “Web3 infrastructure for all.” And much commentary has focused on how Solana will become the “layer-1 blockchain” or “transactional layer” for the world as Web3 takes off. That means Solana could soon be everywhere in our daily lives, as I explain further below.

(Web3 or Web 3.0 is the version of the internet built on the blockchain, which will take over from the Web 2.0 we’re all currently most familiar with: the internet of Amazon and Google, etc. Web 1.0 was the dialup age.)

Here, I want to share with you seven Solana projects that have a very bright future. These are crypto tokens that should do well over the shorter-term as the bull market progresses, but which should do even better over the longer-term as their products and services gain traction among an ever-growing base of users.

Two of these (Solana and Render) are in our [Frontier Fortunes portfolio](#) already... but it’s worth reminding ourselves why they’re there, and the potential they have from here. Five are brand new recommendations that we’ll be adding to our *Frontier Fortunes* portfolio. Together, I call these my “Solana 7.”

## The Solana 7

### 1. Solana (SOL)

You gotta start with the network itself.

As products and services increasingly root on Solana, demand for Solana’s underlying coin, known as SOL, will grow.

So, you want to seed any Solana portfolio by actually owning SOL.

It’s not like Solana is small and hidden. This is the #5 crypto in the world, based on market capitalization, or the cumulative value of all the Solana coins in existence. As I write this, SOL is worth a combined \$66 billion. (Ethereum is just under \$300 billion, while bitcoin, the granddaddy of crypto, is just over \$1.2 trillion.)

During the last bull market, SOL topped out just above \$250 per coin. And then it crashed during the 2022 Crypto Winter, plunging all the way to about \$9.

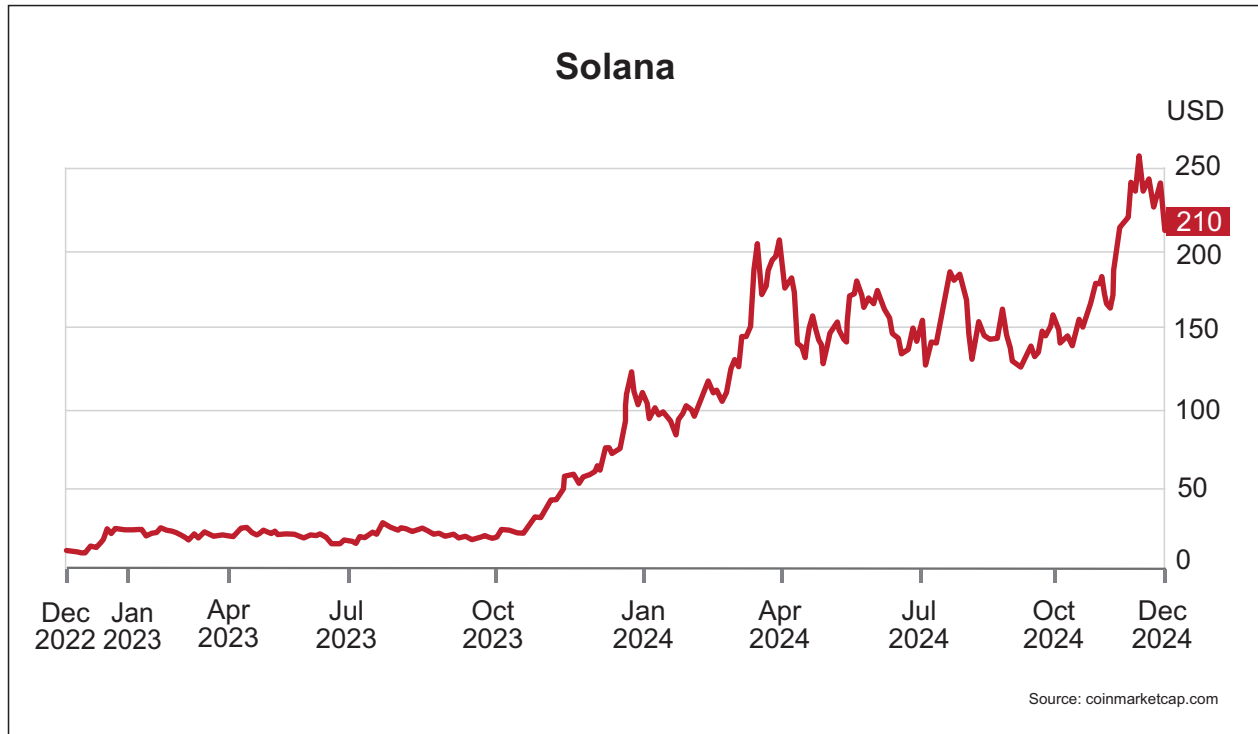
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Today, SOL is back north of \$200. (By the way, I told my *Field Notes* readers in [January 2023](#) that SOL had bottomed, that animal spirits were rekindling, and that the price—then in the \$20 range—was a fantastic entry point.)

Today's price, though 10x higher, is still a good entry point for SOL.



*Solana's meteoric price rise... but it's still a good time to buy.*

Expectations across the cryptosphere foresee SOL touching \$500, even \$1,000 per coin before the current bull market ends. So, there's still a 3x to 5x in this coin.

But why SOL?

Well, as I noted in the introduction, Firedancer is set to ramp up Solana's per-second transaction speed to 1 million. That will have profound implications on the network in terms of drawing in a veritable ton of new projects that want access to that kind of speed for the products and services they're building or want to build.

Again, as demand for Solana's blockchain increases, demand for SOL's coin increases... and demand is ultimately what drives price.

At a broader level, the cryptosphere is fat with expectations that Solana will quite likely emerge as the world's "transactional layer"—meaning the blockchain most responsible for our daily transactions. Think: Using your smartphone to pay for gas, trade stocks, buy movie tickets, pay for a flight upgrade, etc.

Sure, you can do all of that now with a smartphone tied to your debit or credit card. But when everything is on the blockchain (and I guarantee it will be), transactional speed will be paramount. No one will wait around for minutes for an Ethereum or bitcoin transaction to clear.

But that won't be an issue on Solana. Transactions will clear in microseconds. Plus, you'll decide how you want to pay—fiat dollars in your wallet or various forms of crypto in your wallet that the merchant takes.

In fact, a few months ago, Apple, announced that it's opening the coding for the iPhone wallet to third-party app developers who are already working on tying a crypto wallet to the phone's internal chip that allows for tap-n-go payments. Meaning that we're going to see a vast number of stores increasingly accept crypto like Solana and others for Big Gulps and Happy Meals.

For all those reasons, SOL has to be part of any Solana portfolio.

**Recommendation: Buy Solana (SOL) at prices up to \$250.**

You can buy Solana on [Coinbase](#), or directly inside a [Phantom browser wallet](#), or by going to [Jup.ag](#) and connecting your crypto wallet. If you choose the latter two options, you will need USDC in your wallet, which you can buy at Coinbase and then transfer to your wallet. (USDC is US Dollar Coin, a stablecoin built to shadow the US Dollar on a 1:1 basis.)

### **How to Buy My Recommended Cryptos**

If you need a refresher, do check out my advice on buying and trading crypto in [The Frontier Fortunes Guide to Trading Crypto](#), especially the section on using decentralized exchanges.

Solana (SOL) itself can be bought on a centralized exchange such as [Crypto.com](#) or [Coinbase](#). (You'll also find advice on setting up a Crypto.com or Coinbase account in [The Frontier Fortunes Guide to Trading Crypto](#).)

But for several of these recommendations, you'll need to use a decentralized exchange on Solana such as [Jupiter](#), for which you'll need a third-party wallet and need to know how to fund it.

All of that is covered in [The Frontier Fortunes Guide to Trading Crypto](#).

## 2. Jupiter Exchange (JUP)

At a basic level, think: Fidelity or Charles Schwab.

Jupiter, a token traded under the symbol JUP, is an online trading platform for buying, selling, and swapping one crypto for another.

But that's a very basic explanation. JUP is much more than that under the hood.

JUP is what's known in crypto as a DEX, or a "decentralized exchange." When you trade stocks on Wall Street, you are going through a centralized process. Orders are gathered up by brokerage firms such as Fidelity, and routed to various market makers and specialists on the Nasdaq and the New York Stock Exchange, and there those market makers and specialists match one buy order with a sell order.

You cannot just list somewhere that you want to buy 100 shares of Biscuits & Gravy Amalgamated, have some seller see your offer and agree to it, and then have the shares immediately leave the seller's account and land in yours.

A DEX operates without anyone in the middle.

I won't bore with all the technicals, but essentially you can connect your crypto wallet to Jup.ag and trade one crypto for another instantaneously and without anyone having to touch the order in any way.

Moreover, Jupiter acts as an "aggregator," meaning it scours all the other DEXs to actively seek the lowest trade price available.

When the order is complete, the crypto you're selling immediately leaves your wallet and lands in the buyer's wallet, and the crypto you're buying immediately leaves the seller's wallet and lands in yours.

No one need trust anyone else. No one need worry that buyer or seller will flake on the trade and run off with the proceeds. It can't happen because the entire process is secured on the blockchain and is transparent.

That makes for a faster, more efficient, and less costly form of trading. As I write, Jupiter is handling more than \$350 million worth of crypto trades per day.

Aside from basic trading, Jup.ag offers a variety of other services. Among other options, traders can dollar-cost average into or out of a position over minutes, hours, days, week, months, etc. Again, that all happens automatically and without any third-party intervention.

Investors can day trade all kinds of crypto tokens on Jup.ag, and when necessary they can "bridge" from one blockchain to another. (Bridging is necessary when

someone wants to turn, say, SOL into ETH or bitcoin or others. All blockchains run on different coding, and crypto built for one blockchain generally will not work on another chain... thus the need for bridging.)

At the moment, Jupiter is one of the leading DEXs on Solana and has what is effectively a cult following. The project “went public” in January 2024 when it “airdropped” the JUP token to users of Jup.ag. (Airdrops are basically a crypto company dumping its tokens into its users wallets for free. Some people earned \$100,000 in the airdrop! I collected north of \$7,500. We followed that process in your *Frontier Fortunes* alerts [here](#) and [here](#).)

What has me most excited about owning JUP is that the project team is looking ahead and sees that the world of traditional finance is destined to move to the blockchain. To that end, Jupiter’s aim is to become the destination of trading everything from crypto to stocks, bonds, commodities, and currencies.

If it succeeds in that, then those who own JUP today are going to see the value of their JUP tokens surge.

**Recommendation: Buy Jupiter Exchange (JUP) at prices up to \$1.20.**

You can buy JUP through a Phantom browser wallet, or at Jup.ag. You will need Solana or USDC in your wallet to facilitate the trade.

### **3. Render Network (RENDER)**

Imagine this: You’re walking down the street and from around the corner, a dragon pops out and roars at you. He stomps on a nearby car and crushes it. You turn and flee in the opposite direction, all the while rooting through a leather satchel at your side looking for the weapon you’ll need to battle the holographic beast.

This is what’s going to happen to gaming—holographic games that seem as real as the world around you. In fact, the games will unfold in the real world you inhabit. The streets of New York, say, or maybe the cornfields of Iowa, where you’re taking part in a horror-based game and you’re being chased by a deranged scarecrow with a bloody machete. (The [Pokemon Go craze](#) of a few years ago was just the precursor...)

All of this will be happening through VR/AR glasses or goggles.

And it will all take place because of the power of Render Network.

Render has created a network of unused or under-utilized graphics processing units (GPUs) all over the world and corralled them into what might best be called a “hive.” GPUs are the pieces of equipment inside a computer that allow you to

see what's on the screen. They process the digital signals and turn them into visuals on your computer screen, be it words, video games, or streaming movies. They tend to be the fastest components inside a computer in terms of processing power.

That hive of GPUs makes Render's network highly desirable for projects that need extremely fast rendering, or the process of turning digital data into visuals. Slow rendering is what you get when you're streaming a video on your phone and the screen suddenly goes fuzzy. It's a problem with "latency" or basically lag.

Low-latency is the holy grail. The lower the better.

A typical Render Network process might look like this: An independent movie production needs to render a feature-length film quickly. Instead of taking days to process the rendering in-house on a single GPU, they assign the task to Render.

In turn, Render assigns the task to multiple GPUs that are part of the Render hive all over the world. The assignment—the digital film—is effectively broken up into different tranches and each tranche heads to a different GPU. Each GPU renders its assigned portion, thus allowing the full film to be processed in hours rather than days.

Similar processes are going to become increasingly necessary as we move into AR, VR, and AI.

AR and VR need low-latency rendering to process visuals and graphics on the fly, like the dragon-game example I mentioned above. It will help as well with holographic imagery as that becomes more the norm over the next several years.

As for AI, that requires vast amounts of processing power to formulate answers and solutions to questions and problems in real time. Again, that's a process for GPUs because of the speed. But AI demands are so gargantuan that they need multiple GPUs strung together to function with speed and efficiency.

As such, Render sits at the forefront of the biggest trends that are reshaping technology, society, gaming, and streaming today.

**Recommendation: Buy Render Network (RENDER) at prices up to \$9.50.**

You can buy Render through Coinbase. Or you can buy it directly in a Phantom wallet, or at Jup.ag. Either of those latter two means you will need SOL or USDC in a crypto wallet to facilitate the trade.

#### 4. Bonk (BONK)

This is not your normal cryptocurrency.

Bonk is a so-called “meme token”—a crypto that is not based per se on a product or a service, but on the community underlying the token. Meme tokens are primarily about fun or internet memes or something culturally popular.

Bonk is a community meme coin built around a cartoon shiba-inu dog. (For whatever reason, the Japanese breed has become synonymous with crypto.)

Bonk has become a much-beloved token in the Solana-verse because of when and how it appeared. Back in December of 2022, crypto and Solana, in particular, were going through a majorly depressive moment. Not only was Crypto Winter blowing full force through the space, but the FTX scandal had recently erupted in which Sam Bankman-Fried and his FTX crypto exchange were exposed as a fraud. SBF, as he’s known, was a god-like figure within the Solana community and FTX held a vast amount of SOL. When the scandal erupted, Solana sank like a stone to below \$10 per token.

The community was in shock, talk of the “death of Solana” was widespread. People were convinced SOL would never recover.

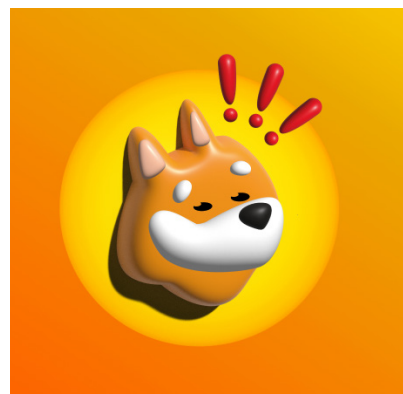
But that Christmas, Bonk magically appeared in Solana-based crypto wallets all over the world. The Bonk team had engineered a totally unexpected airdrop, with Bonk tokens representing thousands of dollars of free money to those who received the airdrop.

Suddenly, Bonk was “the meme coin that saved Solana.”

Almost overnight, the vibe within the Solana ecosystem brightened. Weeks later, in January 2023, I sent a *Field Notes* dispatch to readers noting that because of Bonk, the animal spirits on Solana were alive and kicking and that that was a good moment to start buying Solana again. (At the time, Solana was about \$20 per coin; today it’s more than 10x higher.)

Over the last couple of years, Bonk has emerged as more than a traditional meme token, most of which have no real utility other than allowing a holder to say they’re part of some particular community.

Bonk, however, is different. It has created various purposes for itself, ranging from a Bonk-branded trading bot to an eponymous crypto exchange. The token



Source: CoinMarketCap.com

*The Bonk token might be based around an image of a cartoon dog... but this “meme token” has real utility.*

has also been widely integrated across more than 130 other projects in crypto. People are using Bonk in gaming, decentralized finance, audio and video streaming, even charity operations.

At Solana’s annual conference in Singapore in September, Bonk announced that it will soon have a Bonk Exchange Traded Fund that, much like bitcoin ETFs, will allow investors without a crypto wallet to own Bonk in a brokerage account.

I know the team at Bonk. I’ve interviewed them, hung out with them at various crypto conferences, and I know they are highly motivated and highly creative in their efforts to turn Bonk into one of the world’s leading “meme coins with a purpose.”

I won’t be surprised to see Bonk emerge as a novel way to spend crypto in the real world—like, say, using Bonk to pay for upgrades and services on a low-cost airline, or using Bonk to pay for movie tickets and such, like the way you can use loyalty points currently.

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**Recommendation: Buy Bonk (BONK) at prices up to \$0.00005.**

You can buy Bonk on Coinbase, or through a Phantom Wallet, or at Jup.ag. If you buy through Phantom or Jup.ag, you will need SOL or USDC in your browser wallet.

## 5. Pyth Network (PYTH)

Pyth is what’s known as an “oracle”—a service that pulls real-world data onto the blockchain so that smart contracts can function. (Smart contracts are legally binding agreements that, once set up, execute without the need for human intervention.)

Oracles are critical for all manner of services that now exist on the blockchain, most particularly decentralized finance, where access to real-time pricing of various assets is crucial.

As I write this, Pyth is providing more than 500 data feeds to more than 400 apps across more than 75 blockchains. And it’s providing more than 100 million pricing updates per day. Some of the world’s major financial data providers, including the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Binance, and Jane Street (a highly regarded quantitative trading firm), are publishing their data to Pyth, and that data is used to secure smart contracts.

That data is being consumed by a large collection of DeFi (decentralized finance; basically, finance without the middleman of a bank, etc.) service providers such as Kamino Finance, Solend, Synthetix, Zeta, and others. And I know that those names won't mean a great deal to a lot of people who are not active in crypto on a daily basis. But those are very big players in the DeFi space. Already, \$600 billion in trading volume is flowing through this platform—but that's expected to 10x.

Though there are a number of oracle services—including Chainlink, the biggest—Pyth has emerged as the project building a better oracle.

In particular, Pyth is widely known for its strength in financial data including real-time pricing for commodities, crypto, equities, currencies, metals, and interest rates.

Pyth is in a fantastic position because it's at the epicenter of one of the largest winning segments in blockchain technology: finance.

JPMorgan, Fidelity, the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ, Blackrock and others are all rapidly pushing for the “tokenization” of real-world assets. Meaning, we're going to increasingly see stocks, bonds, commodities, etc. trade on the blockchain 24/7/365. Trading stocks in New York, for instance, will no longer be limited to certain hours during the workweek, but instead will happen non-stop globally.

Moreover, we're already beginning to see real estate and other real-world assets pop up on the blockchain.

Pricing for all of these assets demands a trusted oracle to provide uninterrupted and accurate data.

That's Pyth.

Thus, as traditional financial services increasingly migrate onto the blockchain, Pyth is going to see demand for its data-services ramp up... and the Pyth token will tag along.

**Recommendation: Buy Pyth Network (PYTH) at prices up to \$0.55.**

Pyth is available on [Jup.ag](https://jup.ag) or through a Phantom browser wallet. You will need SOL or USDC to make the trade. You can also buy Pyth through Coinbase Wallet, which is an app separate from Coinbase and which allows for a selection of tokens broader than what is available on Coinbase itself.

## 6. Crown (CROWN)

If you've been a long-time reader of my daily *Field Notes* dispatches, you might recall me writing about a blockchain-based video game I play on the Solana network called *Photo Finish Live*. You can see my video of exactly how the game works [right here](#).



Watch my video of *Photo Finish Live* in action to learn more about the project that uses Crown.

Basically, it's the Kentucky Derby in digital fashion. In fact, the company behind the Kentucky Derby, Churchill Downs, has partnered with *Photo Finish Live* and runs a digital Kentucky Derby every four weeks; the most recent winner collected \$4,700.

Players buy, own, breed, sell, and race digital horses, as well as build and manage stables... and they do so for very real dollars. Indeed, there are stables in the game that have earned more than \$1 million in the first 18 months of *Photo Finish Live* being operational.

*PFL*, as it's known, is the first true game on the Solana blockchain to emerge a blockbuster. Here are some statistics to consider:

- \$22+ million in in-game horse sales
- Nearly \$9 million in breeding fees
- \$34 million spent on race-entry fees
- And nearly \$7 million paid to track owners.

Those numbers make clear that *PFL* is a giant in blockchain gaming. And it promises to grow even larger.

The company behind *PFL* announced in September that the game is now available as an app for the iPhone—the first real-money racing game Apple has allowed on its platform. That’s going to open the game more broadly to people who are not necessarily crypto fans, but who want to play an exciting, strategic game on their phone that allows them to make real money racing, breeding, and selling digital horses.

So where does Crown come in?

Well, the last bullet point above begins to explain the opportunity: Nearly \$7 million paid to track owners.

Crown is one of two in-game tokens used in the *PFL* ecosystem. Derby is the workhorse token, used to pay race entry fees, to pay breeding costs, to buy horses, and it’s what horse owners collect as winnings when their horse hits the podium in a race.

Crown, however, is different. It’s a “utility” token that players earn for racing, even if their horse finishes dead last. Players can then “stake” their Crown with any or all of the five racetracks that populate the game. Those tracks collect race-entry fees (in the Derby token) that every horse owner pays to enter a race. At the end of every four-week season, the tracks then split the race-entry fees proportionally with everyone who has staked Crown. (See the sidebar on page 15 for an explanation of how to “stake.”)

In essence, Crown is an income token in that it generates Derby every four weeks. And because Derby is permanently pegged to the US dollar at 80 Derby per dollar, the Derby the Crown owners receive is instantly convertible into fiat cash.

Though the game is fun to play and requires thought, analysis, and strategy (note: I own 24 horses), the fact is that you can buy Crown and stake it with the various tracks, and never have to own a horse or play the game. You just collect an income from all the money that others like me are spending to race, breed, and sell horses.

Thing is, Crown has a fixed supply of just 250 million tokens. They will be fully distributed sometime in 2025. As the game grows increasingly popular, the income that Crown tokens generate from staking them with the various tracks will grow larger. And as that income grows, more and more investors will want to own Crown so that they can stake the tokens to earn a passive income... which will serve to push the price of Crown tokens higher.

**Recommendation: Buy Crown (CROWN) at prices up to \$0.60.**

You can buy Crown though Jup.ag or in a Phantom wallet. You will need SOL or USDC in that wallet to complete the transaction.

### **Earn Money by “Staking” This Token on Virtual Horse Races (Yes, Really!)**

If you buy the Crown token, you will need to know how to “stake” it in order to earn an income from it.

As I’ve noted, Crown is a gaming token that is part of the *Photo Finish Live* blockchain-based horse racing game. By staking Crown, you will earn a second token called Derby, which is the token the powers daily game play. Players use Derby to pay race entry fees, to buy horses, to breed horses, and it’s what they collect if their horse hits the podium in a race.

One fact to remember about Derby is that it is permanently fixed to the US dollar at the rate of 80 Derby per dollar. As such, there is little volatility risk in owning Derby. You own 80 Derby today, tomorrow, or next year, and you effectively own \$1.

Also, note that Derby is directly convertible into USDC, or US Dollar Coin, a stablecoin that shadows the dollar 1 for 1. You can convert Derby into USDC at Jup.ag (the Solana-based decentralized exchange I also recommended earlier).

Once USDC is in your crypto wallet (such as a [Phantom wallet](#)) you can easily convert it into US dollars at 1-to-1 and send it directly to your bank.

So, here’s how to stake Crown...

Note: The appearance of the website might change from time to time, so I haven’t included screenshots in case they don’t match your exact experience. But this description will give you a robust understanding of the process. Read through it as you go through the setup process for yourself.

As I noted in the recommendation above, you can buy Crown though Jup.ag or in a Phantom wallet. (You’ll need SOL or USDC in the wallet to use for the purchase.)

So, once you have Crown in your crypto wallet, head to [PhotoFinish.live](#). There, you will see a “sign in” function in the upper right corner. Go through that process of setting up a new account and signing in.

As part of that process, *Photo Finish Live* will require that you have something like a Google Authenticator app on your phone so that no one can ever hack into your account without direct access to the app on your phone. So, if you do not already have an authenticator app on your phone, I would suggest you download one and set it up before completing the *Photo Finish Live* process. You'll learn more about that process in [The Frontier Fortunes Guide to Trading Crypto](#).

Once your *Photo Finish Live* account is set up, you will simply connect your wallet (again, you will see a Select Wallet option on the top bar once you're signed in).

Over on the far left, find "My Stable" among the list of options. Click on that, and it will take you to a page with all your options, ranging from the list of horses you own, to Financials, to Track Ownership, and others. (Note: You do not have to own a horse to stake your Crown. You should only own a horse—or more than two dozen, like me—if you want to actually play the game.)

Click on "Financials."

You will see "\$CROWN" as an option on the left of the new page that opens. Click that.

Top-middle right, you will see a yellow box labeled, "Fund Wallet."

A pop-up box will appear. Click the purple "Select Wallet" box to connect your Phantom Wallet. Follow the wallet prompts from Phantom giving your wallet permission to connect to *Photo Finish Live*.

*Photo Finish Live* will automatically read your wallet and see the Crown that you own. In the *Photo Finish Live* dialog box, determine how much Crown you want to deposit. Or just click "Max" to deposit all of it.

You will need to approve the transaction in your Phantom Wallet when it pops up.

From there, return to the *Photo Finish Live* website, "My Stable," and click on "Track Ownership."

There, you will have access to five different tracks. You can split your Crown across all five or just deposit it at one track. Frankly, it doesn't really matter. Track earnings tend to be roughly the same for all the tracks over the course of a given season.

Once you've determined how to split your Crown among the various tracks, scroll down and click on the "Update Stake" link in the yellow box. That will take a couple seconds, and then your Crown will be staked, and you can see that at the top of the track list where you see "Season Investment" in small white letters. The amount of Crown you have staked will show up just above that.

A couple things to keep in mind:

1. Each horse-racing season lasts four weeks. At the end of the season, the tracks will automatically distribute Derby to your account.
2. You can keep your Crown staked as it currently is when the season ends and it will automatically roll over to the next season, or you can edit your stake through the "Edit Stake" option in the white box to the far right of each track listing.
3. Your Derby is in your *Photo Finish Live* account. It is not automatically deposited to your crypto wallet. If you wish to turn your Derby into USDC, then you will need to head to "My Stable" > "Financials" and click on the yellow "Withdraw" button, and just follow those prompts. Your Derby will go to your crypto wallet, and from there you can head back to [Jup.ag](https://Jup.ag) and convert Derby into USDC.
4. If you want to send USDC back to Coinbase to convert into US dollars, open your Phantom wallet, click on your USDC and then click on the "Send" option at the top of the page, and follow the prompts by inputting your USDC address at Coinbase. You will find your USDC address by logging into your Coinbase account and clicking on "Receive." Note: Make sure you select the USDC Solana option, not any other USDC, otherwise your crypto will get lost in the ether. Always remember that each crypto works on its own blockchain/network, even if it's the same crypto at its core. So USDC Solana will not work with USDC Ethereum or USDC Base, etc. (You'll find more about this in [The Frontier Fortunes Guide to Trading Crypto.](#))

With that, your USDC will show up in your Coinbase account within a few seconds, and from there you can tell Coinbase to convert it into US dollars, then withdraw it to your connected bank account.

## 7. Nosana (NOS)

With Nosana, we're taking a bet on an AI-crypto combo to deliver big returns...

In some ways, Nosana is similar to Render in that it corrals GPU power to fuel AI demands. But where Render is focused on VR, AR, and AI, Nosana is 100% AI focused.

The project's purpose is to make a decentralized network of consumer GPUs available to developers, researchers, and pretty much anyone else around the world who needs access to GPU computing power to run AI-based operations.

Given the growth in AI, it's pretty clear that a project like Nosana could have a bright future.

Users who need access to Nosana's decentralized collection of GPUs will pay for that access using the Nosana token. So as demand for AI processing increases on the Nosana network, demand for Nosana's tokens will increase. Increasing token demand leads to the token's increasing price.

At the moment, Nosana is still in the "build it and they will come" phase. The network is scheduled to launch its mainnet in 2025, so we are still early to this one. That also means we have more risk with this token than the other six above, all of which are deeply established in the Solana ecosystem.

But as Nosana's network takes root among AI start-ups, research labs, and others who need vast amounts of GPU processing, then Nosana's token could have moonshot potential.

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**Recommendation: Buy Nosana (NOS) at prices up to \$2.50.**

You can buy Nosana through a Phantom wallet or at [Jup.ag](https://Jup.ag). You will need SOL or USDC in your wallet to facilitate the transaction.

### **BONUS: A New 'NFT' Play**

#### **8. Magic Eden (ME)**

I'm adding a bonus crypto to my original portfolio here—one that just became available in December 2024...

Magic Eden is an OG website in the Solana ecosystem—the first platform for buying and selling Solana-based NFTs, or non-fungible tokens, the one-off digital-art-based crypto projects.

Though Magic Eden began as a platform focused on the Solana network, it has expanded in the last couple of years to offer buying and selling on other chains as well, including Ethereum, bitcoin, Polygon, and several others.

Magic Eden has been around for several years, but it has only just launched its token, \$ME. As I write this, Magic Eden has a fully diluted market cap of \$3.58 billion—the value of all the Magic Eden tokens that exist.

The latest data I've seen from on-chain data firms show that the company has nearly 160,000 users, making it the largest NFT marketplace in the entire cryptosphere. It also controls nearly 40% of the NFT trading market, outpacing its nearest competitor by roughly 15 percentage points.

In short, Magic Eden isn't just a Solana Original Gangster, the OG term used across crypto, it's the 800-pound Original Gorilla these days. As such, we want Magic Eden in the portfolio so that we can benefit from the ongoing growth of trading across 10 (soon to be 11) popular blockchains.

**Recommendation: Buy Magic Eden (ME) at prices up to \$4.25.**

You can buy Magic Eden on Coinbase or through your Phantom wallet by connecting to Jup.ag.

Personally, I would recommend you buy through Jup.ag. We own JUP in the Solana Portfolio. And [as I've noted elsewhere](#), Jupiter has announced that it will have two airdrops—where free crypto is delivered to users' wallets—one in January 2025 and the other in January 2026. Eligibility for receiving those airdrops is based on various factors, but one of them is typically trading volume on Jup.ag. So, buying and selling your crypto through Jup.ag will create volume that could lead to an airdrop that could be of some value.

Also, I will note that if you do buy Magic Eden, then you will want to go to the Magic Eden website, [magiceden.io](https://magiceden.io), to stake your tokens. Staking is a means of essentially depositing your tokens, much like locking up cash for a certain period of time in a certificate of deposit at a bank. In return for that, you collect a fee in the form of additional tokens—in this case, additional \$ME tokens.

Once you've connected your wallet at [magiceden.io](https://magiceden.io), look for the “EARN” button in the upper right corner and follow the prompts to stake your tokens.

## How to Allocate Your Portfolio

One question I always hear is, “How much should I put in each position?”

With the Solana 7... whatever amount you choose to invest overall... I would put 25% in Solana.

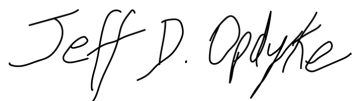
I would probably put just 5% in Nosana since it's still young and unproven.

And with the remaining 70%, I would split it generally equally among the remaining tokens.

With that, you'll have a Solana portfolio heavily weighted toward Solana itself, and with deep exposure to some of the most important projects on the network... and a little taste of a smaller project—Nosana—that could blossom into something much, much bigger.

As always, I'll keep you updated on my latest recommendations in your quarterly *Frontier Fortunes* issues. And I'll send you a flash email alert whenever I recommend you buy or sell.

Happy Solana investing!



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