

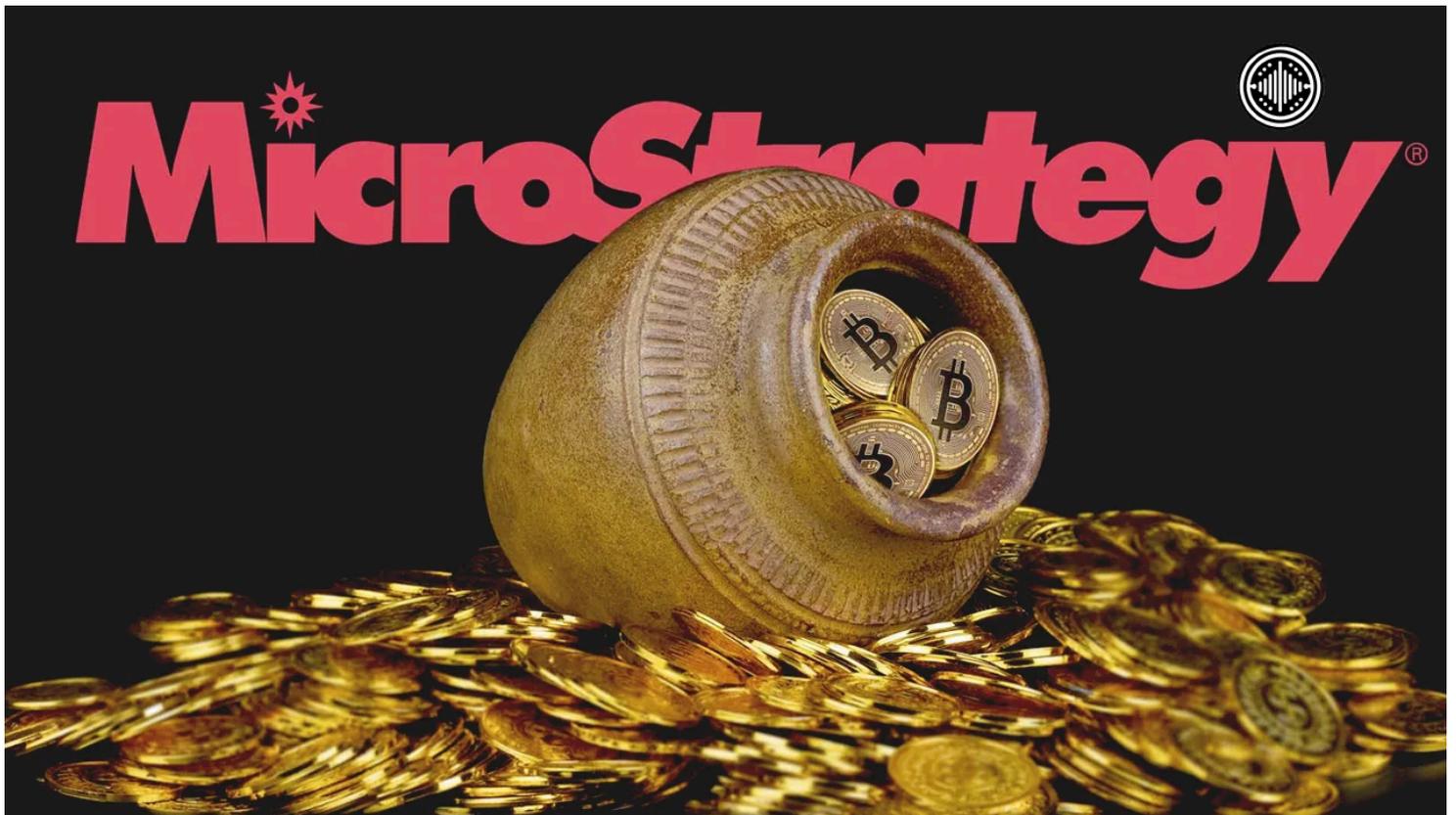
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## Bitcoin Strategy Firm Eyes \$1M Price as Global Institutions Watch

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KARACHI, Global cryptocurrency firm Strategy formerly known as MicroStrategy continues to draw attention in the financial world with its aggressive Bitcoin holdings, as one expert predicts the asset could reach US\$1 million per coin. This development comes at a time when digital asset adoption and regulation remain under discussion in Pakistan.

In a recent interview, Tom Lee, co-founder of Fundstrat Global Advisors, said Bitcoin's long-term price potential could cross the US\$1 million mark. Lee argued that such a valuation would significantly increase the market capitalization of Strategy, making it one of the most

valuable public companies globally. While such predictions are speculative, they are supported by the company's ongoing accumulation of Bitcoin.

According to publicly available filings, Strategy currently holds over 226,000 Bitcoin, positioning itself as the largest corporate holder of the digital currency. The firm's executive chairman, Michael Saylor, has been a vocal advocate of Bitcoin as a long-term hedge against inflation and fiat currency volatility.

Although this activity is based in the United States, it has implications for developing economies, including Pakistan, where regulatory uncertainty remains. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) currently restricts cryptocurrency trading and has warned against its use. However, digital asset interest continues to rise among Pakistani investors, particularly through peer-to-peer platforms and overseas exchanges.

Industry observers in Pakistan say institutional interest from global firms like Strategy could influence regional governments to re-evaluate their stance on digital assets. "When major players double down on Bitcoin, it reinforces the asset's long-term legitimacy," said a Karachi-based fintech analyst, speaking on condition of anonymity due to regulatory sensitivities.

Strategy's approach highlights a growing divide between traditional finance and blockchain-based systems. With no signs of slowing, the company has indicated plans to continue purchasing Bitcoin using both company funds and debt offerings. Its latest quarterly report confirmed additional acquisitions, adding to its already extensive holdings.

While Pakistan is unlikely to replicate such corporate strategies in the near term, observers suggest the government and financial regulators may need to keep a closer eye on global trends in digital finance. As more international firms position themselves for a Bitcoin-centric future, emerging markets may be forced to consider their own place in the evolving financial landscape.

The SBP and other financial institutions in Pakistan have not commented publicly on Strategy's holdings or Lee's price forecast. However, the debate around cryptocurrency's role in Pakistan's economy is expected to intensify in the coming months.