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Bitcoin Stages Strong Rebound After Galaxy Completes \$9B Satoshi-Era Whale Sale

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Bitcoin (BTC) has surged 8% from weekly lows after Galaxy Digital successfully facilitated the \$9 billion sale of long-dormant coins from a so-called “Satoshi-era whale.” According to CoinDesk, the market absorbed the massive sell-off with remarkable resilience, bouncing back to \$67,200 as institutional buyers stepped in. This event marks one of the largest disposals of early-mined Bitcoin, with Galaxy executing the sale

through over-the-counter (OTC) transactions to minimize market disruption.

The coins, untouched since Bitcoin's earliest days, originated from a wallet holding rewards from 2009-2011 mining activity. Market analysts had feared such a substantial sell-off could trigger prolonged downward pressure, but Galaxy's strategic OTC approach combined with strong institutional demand prevented catastrophic price action. The rebound demonstrates Bitcoin's growing market depth and maturity, with major players now capable of absorbing sell pressure that would have crashed prices in previous cycles.



This event provides valuable insights into Bitcoin's evolving market structure. Unlike 2017-2018, when large whale movements dictated price action, today's market features sophisticated institutional frameworks to handle major transactions. Galaxy's execution highlights how professional crypto-native firms now provide essential liquidity services comparable to traditional asset markets. Notably, the sale's absorption coincided with increased spot Bitcoin exchange-traded fund (ETF) inflows, suggesting traditional finance channels are helping stabilize BTC's price discovery.

The market's robust response to this stress test proves Bitcoin is maturing beyond its volatile past. While whale movements will always attract attention, the ecosystem now has the infrastructure to process major transactions without systemic disruption. For long-term holders, this episode reinforces Bitcoin's resilience, the very quality that makes it digital gold. As the cryptocurrency continues evolving, its ability to weather such tests confirms its staying power in global finance. The whales may move, but the market no longer trembles.

