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Stanley - September 30, 2025, 1:35 pm

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The Joker - October 2, 2025, 4:15 am

Wow, turning \$125K into \$43M is insane! But trading with so much leverage is super risky for most people. Especially for people like me.

I've always lost when using leverage.

Yanix - October 2, 2025, 5:43 am

Turning \$125K into \$43M sounds like a dream, but the \$6.86M cash-out reminds us it's smart to take profits. Leverage can multiply gains, but also losses.

JoshAllen - October 2, 2025, 8:27 am

This is a great story about greed. Take your profits when you can.

Fish - October 6, 2025, 2:20 am

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Mewtwo - October 6, 2025, 2:50 am

(Oct 6, 2025 02:20 AM)Fish Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can i get tips on how to do this? Would love to turn \$125k

into \$43m...

Maybe just easier to practice with a small amount, but you're pretty much gambling whether something will be long or short with a really high leverage.

AI Quote:

That's a great question — and it gets into the heart of how leverage trading magnifies both profits and losses in crypto (and any other financial market). Let's break it down clearly and then explain how someone could turn \$125K into \$43M — and why it's almost never sustainable.

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? 1. What "Leverage" Means

Leverage means borrowing funds from an exchange (like Binance, Bybit, or BitMEX) to increase your position size beyond what your own money could cover.

- 1x leverage -> no borrowing (spot trading).
- 10x leverage -> you control 10× your own capital.
- 100x leverage -> you control 100× your own capital.

So if you have \$1,000:

- At 10x leverage, you can open a \$10,000 position.
- At 100x leverage, you can open a \$100,000 position.

This amplifies both profits and losses.

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? 2. Long vs. Short Positions

- Long = you're betting the price will go up (buy low -> sell high).
- Short = you're betting the price will go down (borrow coins, sell them now, buy them back cheaper later).

Example:

If Bitcoin is \$50,000:

- You open a long at 10x leverage -> each 1% BTC increase gives you 10% profit.
- You open a short at 10x leverage -> each 1% BTC drop gives you 10% profit.

But if the market moves 1% against you, that's a 10% loss — and at higher leverage (like 100x), even a 0.5% move can liquidate your entire position.

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? 3. Liquidation Risk

Every leveraged trade has a liquidation price — the level at which your collateral is used up and your position is automatically closed.

Example:

- You go long BTC at \$50,000 using 100x leverage.
- A 0.5% drop to \$49,750 = liquidation.
- You lose your entire \$1,000 margin.

That's why experienced traders often use low leverage (2x–5x) and tight risk management.

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? 4. How Someone Turned \$125K -> \$43M

This kind of return is extremely rare, but theoretically possible through:

1. Compounding leveraged trades during a strong trend (e.g., 2020–2021 bull run).
2. Catching early altcoin moves (small caps that 100× or 1000×).
3. Using perpetual futures and isolated margin to scale positions.
4. Reinvesting profits instead of cashing out — effectively snowballing capital.

Let's illustrate:

- $\$125K \times 5\times \text{leverage} = \$625K \text{ exposure}$.
- Suppose they caught a +200% move -> $\$625K \times 3 = \$1.875M$.
- Reinvested that profit and caught another 200% move = \$5.6M.
- Do that multiple times with correct timing, and you reach tens of millions.

It's also possible they traded low-liquidity tokens early (e.g., \$SOL, \$SHIB, \$PEPE, \$LUNA in early phases) where small capital could multiply 100× before mainstream attention.

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? 5. Reality Check

For every one trader who turns \$125K into \$43M, hundreds of thousands are liquidated.

- Exchanges design perpetuals and futures to ensure risk is absorbed by the trader.
- Most high-leverage traders eventually lose their entire margin.
- “Success” stories often leave out earlier massive losses or extreme risk.

Even professional crypto funds rarely use >3x leverage, because volatility already gives huge swings.

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? 6. In Summary

Term Meaning Risk

Long Bet price will rise Lose if price drops

Short Bet price will fall Lose if price rises

Leverage Borrowed multiplier Increases gains/losses

Liquidation Forced close of losing position Lose full margin

Compounding Reinvesting profits Powerful but dangerous

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If you'd like, I can walk you through a numerical simulation showing exactly how \$125K could compound to \$43M under different leverage and win-rate conditions (e.g., 5x leverage, 10 trades, 70% success rate). Would you like to see that breakdown?

B3A - October 6, 2025, 6:38 am

43m is a number saying that you could drop off earlier

DAL-SHA - October 6, 2025, 10:26 am

That kind of luck and skill is rare where I'm from — but it shows patience, guts, and knowing when to hold or fold can change a life !! just like a black jack match ??

Hackers - October 16, 2025, 5:33 am

Pretty big success story, but remember folks, for every trader who did this, there are 100s who lost a lot.

For every guy who gets to 43m and cashes out at 6m, there's a guy who gets to 6m and cashes out at \$1000.

> not statistically true, there are more losers than winners.

Don't try to be a hero. Get in the market, don't try to own the market.

FrostMost - October 16, 2025, 5:51 am

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I mean, the person is pretty dumb, but risk is how millions are made.

I would be happy with the 6, even at -37 from top. At that point who cares, but yeah...

Glad he got out, but if he had any chance to get out before a reversal, he should have.

How he stuck in at 10m, 15m, 20m, ... 43m from a \$125k buy. Ridiculous.

TP TP TP TP - Take profit before your monies are flushed.

Kify - October 16, 2025, 8:41 pm

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Hackers - October 16, 2025, 9:21 pm

(Oct 16, 2025 08:41 PM)Kify Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Step 1: get so rich you can leverage 125k and cba to cashout if it goes 300x

Maybe, but there are plenty of fools putting 100% of their funds into leverage

You're right though, for some people 125k and 43m are technically small numbers

Not to me, but to a good few.

RangoWorld - October 17, 2025, 2:11 am

This is an exception case based on luck.

You can take a high leverage and pray. If you succeed you will make tons. But it's very unlikely