Bitcoin - Fastest to $1 Trillion

How long the world's biggest assets took to go from day one to a $1 trillion market value

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The conclusion: Measured from day one, Bitcoin is the fastest asset ever to reach a $1 trillion market value. It got there in 12.1 years, from the genesis block on 3 January 2009 to its first $1T close on 19 February 2021. The fastest companies needed 17-19 years (Meta, Tesla, Broadcom), Apple needed 42 and Microsoft 44. Bitcoin did it with no company, no IPO, no CEO and no marketing budget.

12.1 yrs
Bitcoin: genesis to $1T
3 JAN 2009 TO 19 FEB 2021

17.4 yrs
Fastest company: Meta
FOUNDED 2004, $1T IN 2021

33.8 yrs
Median of 14 companies
FOUNDING TO FIRST $1T

#1 Bitcoin 12.1 years	#2 Meta (Facebook) 17.4 years	#3 Tesla 18.3 years	#4 Broadcom 19.0 years	#5 Alphabet (Google) 21.4 years

Three key takeaways

1. **Bitcoin is #1 from inception.** It reached $1T about 5 years faster than the quickest company (Meta, 17.4 years) and about 30 years faster than Apple.

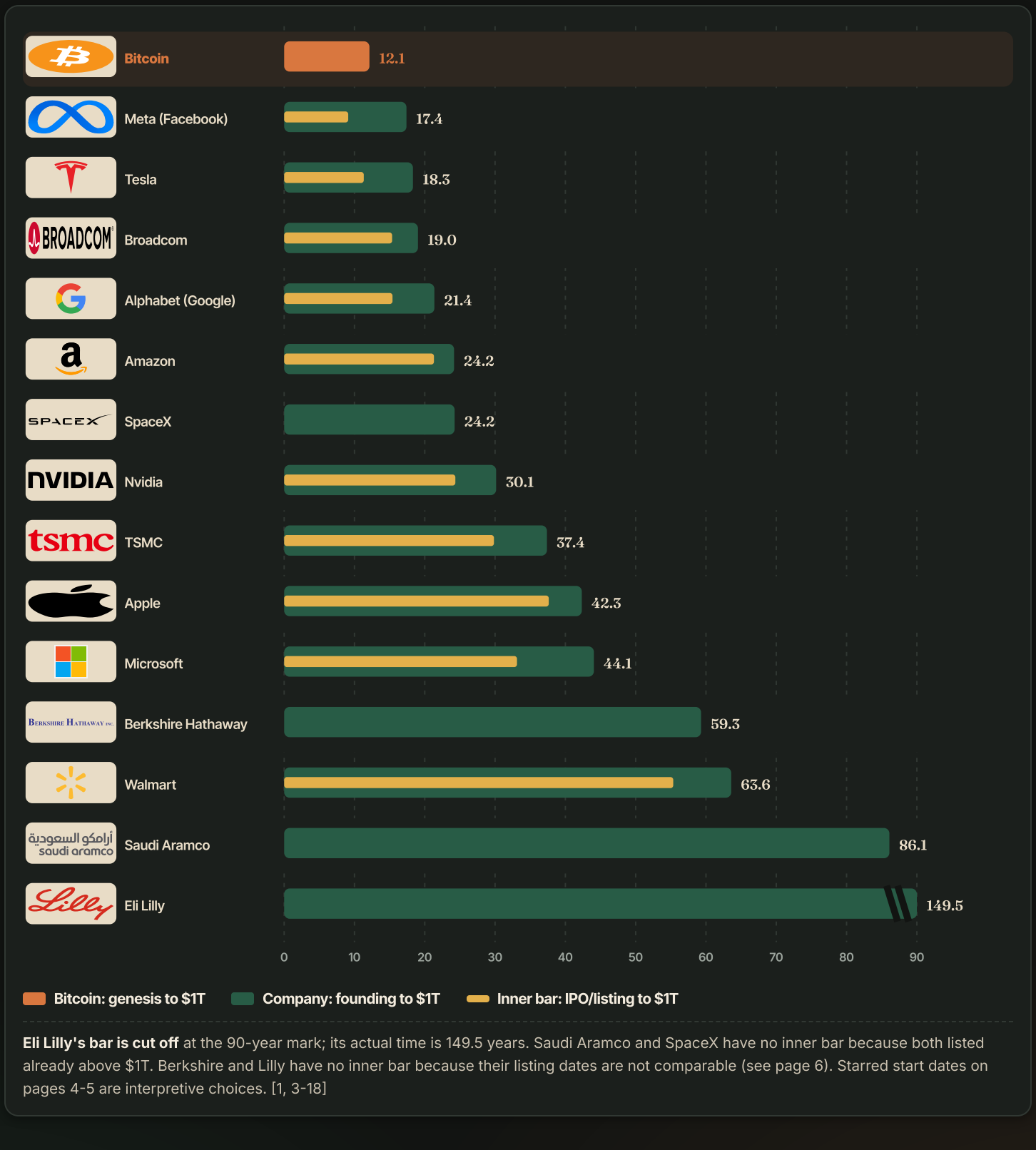
2. **From the IPO, three companies were quicker.** Meta (9.1 years) and Tesla (11.3) beat Bitcoin's 12.1 after listing. Saudi Aramco and SpaceX listed already above $1T. But those companies were 8, 7, 86 and 24 years old when they listed.

3. **The club is getting faster.** Of the 15 assets here, the five quickest from inception all hit $1T in 2020 or later. Ethereum, the next-largest crypto asset, has not reached $1T (peak about $585B).

The Race to $1 Trillion

Years from founding (or genesis block) to first $1T market value. Fastest at the top.

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Eli Lilly's bar is cut off at the 90-year mark; its actual time is 149.5 years. Saudi Aramco and SpaceX have no inner bar because both listed already above $1T. Berkshire and Lilly have no inner bar because their listing dates are not comparable (see page 6). Starred start dates on pages 4-5 are interpretive choices. [1, 3-18]

From Zero to $1 Trillion

Bitcoin's market value by years since genesis, and every asset's journey on one calendar

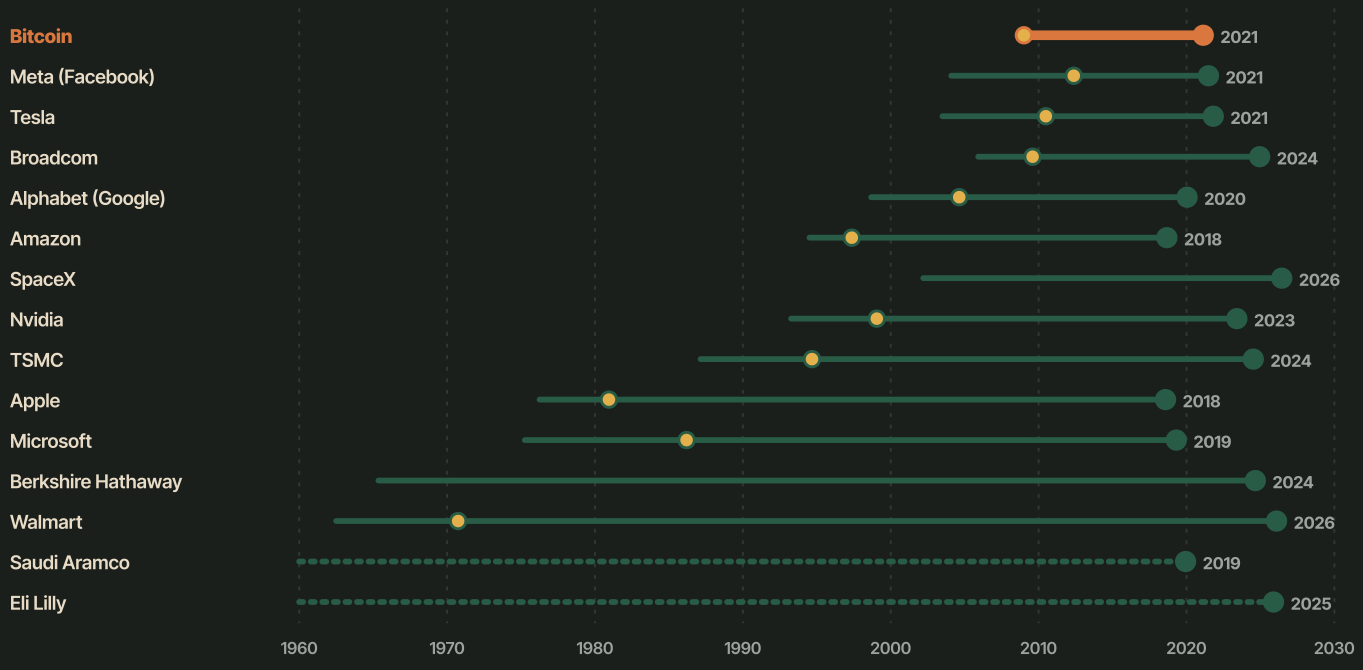
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Bitcoin market cap | log scale, daily, Coin Metrics



Each gridline is 10x the one below. Bitcoin went from $1B (Mar 2013) to $10B in 8 months, to $100B in 4 more years, then to $1T in 3.3 more. Coin Metrics' series starts 18 Jul 2010 (first traded prices); the first 1.5 years had no market price. Market cap on 1 Nov 2026: about $1.57T; peak about $2.49T (Oct 2025). [1]

Everyone on one calendar | start, listing and first $1T



Line = start date to first $1T. Amber dot = IPO/listing. Solid dot = first $1T. Lilly (1876) and Aramco (1933) start before 1960, shown dotted from the left edge. [1, 3-19]

The Contenders, Part 1

Ranked by years from start to first $1T market value

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#1 Bitcoin

GENESIS BLOCK	NETWORK LAUNCH	FIRST $1T
3 Jan 2009	3 Jan 2009	19 Feb 2021

No company, no IPO, no CEO. A daily market cap first closed above $1T on 19 Feb 2021 (Coin Metrics: $1.04T). The first market price only appeared in 2010.

12.1 YRS FROM START | 12.1 YRS FROM LISTING

#2 Meta (Facebook)

FOUNDED	IPO	FIRST $1T
4 Feb 2004	18 May 2012	28 Jun 2021

Joined the club as Facebook, Inc. after a court dismissed FTC antitrust complaints.

17.4 YRS FROM START | 9.1 YRS FROM LISTING

#3 Tesla

INCORPORATED	IPO	FIRST $1T
1 Jul 2003	29 Jun 2010	25 Oct 2021

Crossed $1T on 25 Oct 2021, the day a 100,000-car Hertz order was reported.

18.3 YRS FROM START | 11.3 YRS FROM LISTING

#4 Broadcom

AVAGO FORMED*	AVAGO IPO	FIRST $1T
1 Dec 2005	6 Aug 2009	13 Dec 2024

*Today's Broadcom Inc. descends from Avago (spun out of HP/Agilent in 2005), which bought the original Broadcom in 2016.

19.0 YRS FROM START | 15.4 YRS FROM LISTING

#5 Alphabet (Google)

FOUNDED	IPO	FIRST $1T
4 Sep 1998	19 Aug 2004	16 Jan 2020

Fourth U.S. company to reach $1T, on 16 Jan 2020.

21.4 YRS FROM START | 15.4 YRS FROM LISTING

#6 Amazon

FOUNDED	IPO	FIRST $1T
5 Jul 1994	15 May 1997	4 Sep 2018

Touched $1T intraday on 4 Sep 2018, a month after Apple.

24.2 YRS FROM START | 21.3 YRS FROM LISTING

#7 SpaceX

FOUNDED*	IPO	FIRST $1T
14 Mar 2002	12 Jun 2026	12 Jun 2026

*Founding date varies by source (Mar-May 2002). Debuted in June 2026 already above $1T, so its listing-to-$1T time is zero.

24.2 YRS FROM START | LISTED ABOVE $1T

#8 Nvidia

FOUNDED	IPO	FIRST $1T
5 Apr 1993	22 Jan 1999	30 May 2023

AI chip demand took it from $1T (May 2023) to $5T (Oct 2025).

30.1 YRS FROM START | 24.4 YRS FROM LISTING

The Contenders, Part 2

The long-haul members of the $1T club

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#9 TSMC

FOUNDED	TAIWAN LISTING	FIRST $1T
21 Feb 1987	5 Sep 1994	8 Jul 2024

Briefly crossed $1T on 8 Jul 2024 based on NYSE ADR pricing; first on a sustained basis in Oct 2024.

37.4 YRS FROM START | 29.8 YRS FROM LISTING

#10 Apple

FOUNDED	IPO	FIRST $1T
1 Apr 1976	12 Dec 1980	2 Aug 2018

The first U.S. public company ever valued at $1T.

42.3 YRS FROM START | 37.6 YRS FROM LISTING

#11 Microsoft

FOUNDED	IPO	FIRST $1T
4 Apr 1975	13 Mar 1986	25 Apr 2019

Hit $1T after a quarterly earnings beat on 25 Apr 2019.

44.1 YRS FROM START | 33.1 YRS FROM LISTING

#12 Berkshire Hathaway

BUFFETT TAKES CONTROL*	LISTING	FIRST $1T
10 May 1965	n/a	28 Aug 2024

*Counted from Warren Buffett's takeover of the textile mill. First U.S. non-tech company to reach $1T.

59.3 YRS FROM START | N/A

#13 Walmart

FIRST STORE	IPO	FIRST $1T
2 Jul 1962	1 Oct 1970	3 Feb 2026

Reached $1T on 3 Feb 2026, powered by e-commerce growth.

63.6 YRS FROM START | 55.3 YRS FROM LISTING

#14 Saudi Aramco

COMPANY FORMED*	IPO	FIRST $1T
8 Nov 1933	11 Dec 2019	11 Dec 2019

*Formed as CASOC in 1933 and state-owned for decades, so it listed already worth well over $1T.

86.1 YRS FROM START | LISTED ABOVE $1T

#15 Eli Lilly

FOUNDED	LISTING	FIRST $1T
10 May 1876	n/a	21 Nov 2025

First drugmaker in the club, about 149 years after Col. Eli Lilly opened his lab.

149.5 YRS FROM START | N/A

Not (yet) in the club

Ethereum launched 30 Jul 2015 and peaked near $585B (22 Aug 2025, Coin Metrics); it has not reached $1T. **Gold** passed $1T long ago, but it has no start date, so "time to $1T" is not meaningful. Also excluded: Samsung, Micron, SK Hynix and AMD (joined 2026) and PetroChina (2007 listing-day only). [1, 2, 3]

How the Clock Was Set

Start dates, finish lines and the judgment calls behind the ranking

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1 / The finish line: first $1T

For companies, the first date a market value of $1T or more was reported (intraday or close), as compiled from contemporaneous news reports (Guardian, CNN, CNBC, Reuters, Bloomberg) in the Wikipedia list [3]. For Bitcoin, the first day Coin Metrics' daily market cap closed at or above $1T: $1.04T on 19 Feb 2021 [1]. Values are nominal U.S. dollars, not adjusted for inflation; adjusting would favor older companies.

2 / The starting gun: two clocks

From start: founding or incorporation date for companies; the genesis block (3 Jan 2009) for Bitcoin [4]. **From listing:** IPO or first exchange listing. Bitcoin had no IPO, so both clocks start at genesis. Measured from its first market price (Jul 2010), Bitcoin's time would be about 10.6 years.

3 / Judgment calls (flagged *)

Broadcom is timed from Avago's formation (Dec 2005), the legal predecessor of today's company; the original Broadcom (founded 1991) was acquired in 2016. **Berkshire** is timed from Buffett taking control (10 May 1965), not the 1839 mill; its listing history is not a clean IPO. **Saudi Aramco** is timed from CASOC's formation (Nov 1933). **SpaceX**'s founding date varies (Mar-May 2002), and its June 2026 IPO is very recent. **TSMC** uses its first reported crossing (8 Jul 2024, ADR basis); the Wikipedia list uses 17 Oct 2024. **Eli Lilly**'s listing date is not shown.

4 / What this does and does not show

Speed to $1T measures how quickly the market came to value an asset, not profits, quality or future returns. Bitcoin is a monetary network valued by supply x price; companies are valued on shares x price, with new shares issued along the way. Market caps move both ways: Bitcoin fell well below $1T in 2022 before recovering. Years are calendar days / 365.25, rounded to 0.1.

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Peak ~$585B, 22 Aug 2025; never $1T.

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Company $1T dates follow contemporaneous press reports. Where a source reports intraday and close differently, the first reported crossing is used.