

## Tesla, Inc (TSLA) Case Study

TSLA was a holding in **The Valkyrie Balance Sheet Opportunities ETF (Nasdaq:VBB)** as of 12/14/2021.

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<b>SHARE PRICE</b>	<b>905.39*</b>
<b>MKT CAP</b>	<b>935.73 billion *</b>
<b>BTC HOLDINGS</b>	<b>48,000</b>
<b>BTC HOLDINGS VALUE</b>	<b>2,006,448,000</b>
<b>BTC % MKT CAP</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>AUSTIN, TX</b>
<b>CEO</b>	<b>ELON R. MUSK</b>
<b>FOUNDED</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>IPO DATE</b>	<b>JUNE 2010</b>
<b>URL</b>	<b>www.tesla.com</b>

\*data as of 3/18/22

### What is Tesla's core business?

Tesla is the world's leading manufacturer of electric vehicles, selling two-thirds of all electric vehicles in the United States<sup>1</sup> and controlling over 20% of the global electric vehicle market.<sup>2</sup> Sales and leases of electric vehicles comprise over 85% of Tesla's revenue, with sales of battery systems and the former SolarCity's business of selling and leasing solar panels comprising most of the rest of Tesla's revenue. Tesla's revenue from the sales of electric vehicles grew 71% in calendar 2021, while setting new records for margins and profitability.<sup>3</sup> In 2021, for the first time, Tesla has earned a profit since the inception of the firm, with profits in 2020 and 2021 offsetting the losses over all prior years.

Electric vehicles are a growth business, as Tesla grew auto deliveries by 87% in 2021<sup>4</sup>, while electric vehicle sales continued to take market share from internal combustion vehicles. In 2021, the share of global electric vehicle sales rose to 8.5% with the potential for electric vehicles to overtake sales of internal combustion cars within the next ten years.<sup>5</sup>

### What is Tesla's Bitcoin investment strategy?

In February 2021, Tesla purchased \$1.5 billion in bitcoin and sold \$272 million at a profit later that quarter. At the same time, Tesla announced that consumers could purchase electric vehicles using bitcoin, but reversed this stance two months later.<sup>6</sup> If, and when, Tesla decides to start accepting bitcoin for transactions, the price of those accepted currencies could increase. There are hopes that Tesla will restart this program, as the environmental impact of cryptocurrency mining has substantially improved over the last year.<sup>7</sup>

Elon Musk has a huge following on Twitter and his mentions of specific cryptocurrencies can move the prices sharply. Tesla is one of the most prominent companies to hold bitcoin on its balance sheet, which could influence other corporate executives to adopt cryptocurrency as a balance sheet asset.<sup>8</sup>

1 [https://www.greencarreports.com/news/1134120\\_tesla-is-losing-us-ev-market-share-but-gaining-luxury-share-now-outselling-mercedes-benz](https://www.greencarreports.com/news/1134120_tesla-is-losing-us-ev-market-share-but-gaining-luxury-share-now-outselling-mercedes-benz)

2 <https://www.investors.com/news/tesla-still-leads-global-ev-market-and-its-not-even-close/>

3 [https://tesla-cdn.thron.com/static/WIIG2L\\_TSLA\\_Q4\\_2021\\_Update\\_O7MYNE.pdf?xseo=&response-content-disposition=inline%3Bfilename%3D%22tesla-q4-and-fy-2021-update.pdf%22](https://tesla-cdn.thron.com/static/WIIG2L_TSLA_Q4_2021_Update_O7MYNE.pdf?xseo=&response-content-disposition=inline%3Bfilename%3D%22tesla-q4-and-fy-2021-update.pdf%22)

4 [https://tesla-cdn.thron.com/static/WIIG2L\\_TSLA\\_Q4\\_2021\\_Update\\_O7MYNE.pdf?xseo=&response-content-disposition=inline%3Bfilename%3D%22tesla-q4-and-fy-2021-update.pdf%22](https://tesla-cdn.thron.com/static/WIIG2L_TSLA_Q4_2021_Update_O7MYNE.pdf?xseo=&response-content-disposition=inline%3Bfilename%3D%22tesla-q4-and-fy-2021-update.pdf%22)

5 <https://electrek.co/2022/02/02/global-market-share-of-electric-cars-more-than-doubled-2021/>

6 <https://www.cnn.com/2021/05/12/elon-musk-says-tesla-will-stop-accepting-bitcoin-for-car-purchases.html>

7 <https://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/news/elon-musk-reveals-crypto-holdings-here-s-which-cryptocurrencies-the-billionaire-owns/ar-AAMrN0l>

8 <https://www.coindesk.com/markets/2021/02/16/teslas-bitcoin-buy-may-lead-to-widespread-corporate-adoption-eventually-wedbush/>

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