Involves Donald Trump, Eric, Don Jr.

A UAE fund that regulators can't find buys $100 million of World Liberty tokens

B Reported

The sale was announced by World Liberty and reported by The Block. The search of Emirati registries is reported by the Financial Times (via CCN).

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REACHED THE FAMILY

Jun 26, 2025

$100,000,000 exact

Purchase price of WLFI tokens announced by World Liberty. Under its terms, a Trump family entity receives a large share of token sale proceeds; the family's cut of this sale is not separately disclosed and is included in World Liberty token income. The New York Times reported on Aug 9, 2026, using Arkham Intelligence data, that the money traced to Guren "Bobby" Zhou, a businessman arrested in Britain in 2021 on suspicion of money laundering who has not been charged, with $20 million routed through a Web3Port wallet in January 2025 and $80 million through a likely Aqua 1 wallet in June 2025 (NYT via The Block; Cointelegraph relays the main finding). That is one outlet's reporting, not an official finding.

FROM Aqua 1 Foundation (fund)

CHANNEL crypto token purchase

OFFICIAL ACTION

No related official action is recorded for this entry.

WHAT HAPPENED

On June 26, 2025, World Liberty Financial announced that Aqua 1 Foundation, which describes itself as a UAE-based Web3 fund, had bought $100 million of its WLFI tokens. A Trump family entity is entitled to a large share of WLFI sale proceeds after expenses, according to POGO.

Little is known about the buyer. The Financial Times reported in December 2025 that Democratic staff on the House Judiciary Committee searched Emirati corporate registries and financial regulators, including in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, and found no sign the foundation exists. Its only other disclosed investment is a $20 million note in a Canadian food technology company.

Who owns Aqua 1, and whether any government stands behind it, is unknown. The New York Times reported in August 2026, using Arkham Intelligence data, that the money traced to Guren "Bobby" Zhou, a businessman arrested in Britain in 2021 on suspicion of money laundering who has not been charged. That is one outlet's reporting, not an official finding.

POTENTIAL VIOLATION

No legal question has been raised by anyone with standing or expertise in the sources reviewed, so this field is left blank rather than supplied by the ledger.

THEIR RESPONSE

World Liberty co-founder Zak Folkman said the company was excited to work with Aqua1. Aqua 1 has not commented on its ownership. Responding to the Times, World Liberty spokesman David Wachsman said the company followed all applicable laws and declined to say whether it knew the source of the funds; White House spokesperson Anna Kelly said Trump has no conflicts of interest; Zhou did not respond (The Block).

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