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Situation Report

MicroStrategy accumulated 70k+ BTC across August-December, framing the move as a hedge against dollar debasement. Square and MassMutual followed with smaller buys, validating corporate access to crypto beyond tech outliers.

Architecture Notes

Custodians like Coinbase, Fidelity, and BitGo provided segregated cold storage with multi-approval workflows. Treasury teams layered CME futures to smooth quarterly earnings volatility and explored lending programs to monetize idle BTC without breaching accounting rules.

Operational Impact

Finance departments updated risk policies covering key ceremonies, SOC-1/2 reports, and impairment accounting under ASC 350. Investor-relations scripts now included narratives about macro hedging, while boards demanded stress tests for 30-50% drawdowns.

Forward Watch

We monitored GAAP guidance evolution, potential spot ETF approvals to simplify exposure, and whether CFO peer pressure would pull S&P 500 names into similar allocations or if accounting frictions would halt the trend.