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By: James Altucher

It was Fall 2001.

The prominent venture capitalist Adeo Ressi was telling me about his former college roommate who was setting up a company to make rockets that were going to take people to Mars.

Adeo didn't know it but I had just gone broke and was scared to death that I was going to lose my home. Which I did. The first thing I learned about going broke, though, is to never tell people you are going broke.

Because then they stop returning your calls. You cease to exist.

"People are going to go to Mars," Adeo was telling me. His college roommate, of course, was Elon Musk.

"I'm going to move out to San Francisco," Adeo said, "this is where it's all happening. You should come also."

"I would," I said, "but I don't smoke a lot of crack and it seems like you've been doing more than usual."

He laughed. "This is serious. My friend knows what he's doing."

Well, we'll see, I thought. But I couldn't even afford diapers for my kids, or my \$18,000/month mortgage. I was going broke and crying myself to sleep every night, pretty sure that I had screwed up not only my life but my two-year-old children's lives as well.

I paid for lunch.

The Elon Effect

Here's why this is important though — "The Muskonomy", as I like to call it, has existed for a long time.

First it was in Elon Musk's head. Then it was in startups that were barely surviving, then it was in IPOs of companies that had no revenues, and now it's reality.

This is what we should care about.

Not a 0.25% increase in the interest rates on our savings account but how soon it will be before I can send telepathic messages to you through the Neuralink chips implanted in our brains. "Brain Emails". BMail. You're welcome.

What's interesting to me is that everything Musk sets out to do seems impossible at first but then it turns out he's thought it through and it's now possible and then it happens.

It's interesting to look at what Musk DOESN'T do.

For instance, he's not working on quantum computing. You know why? Because at the moment there are no practical uses for quantum computers.

I'm sure I'll talk a bit more about quantum computing in a later issue. Because it is real and we DO need solutions for things like quantum security, etc. But in terms of what is scientifically possible right now, it's just not there.

But let's look at the things Musk chose to work on 20+ years ago.

- Rockets to Mars
- Chips in our brains
- High-speed tunnels that can take you around the world in less than an hour
- Self-driving electric vehicles
- Solar power to power all our needs
- Also, powerful AI that the AI itself creates the next generation of... even more powerful AI

All of these things sound ridiculous. Scratch that. Sounded ridiculous.

But they're real.

SpaceX put up more satellites last year than all the satellites launched into space in the prior 60 years. And as our analyst Ari Goldschmidt explains in the issue, Elon's plans for SpaceX are only getting started.



Neuralink has helped paralyzed people move and will help blind people see.

Every other car on the road seems like a Tesla now and I even own a Cybertruck (and I don't have a driver's license).

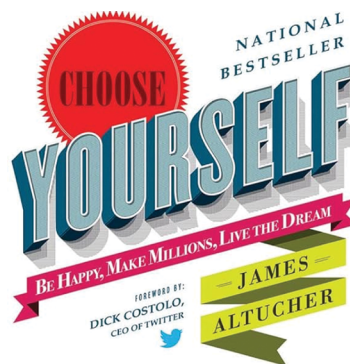
The Boring Company has announced plans to build a tunnel from NYC to London that will get you across the Atlantic Ocean in 45 minutes.

In Memphis, Tennessee, the world's largest AI computer is being built with 1,000,000 NVDA chips in it. It's called "Colossus" and will be the computer that builds xAI's AI.

As our crypto analyst Chris Campbell will show you later in this issue, X.com recently announced it will launch X Money, which will become (my prediction) the biggest payments and shopping platform in the world.

Whenever someone told Elon, "You can't do that," he heard it as: "I have to now do this."

The Poster Child of "Choose Yourself"



In 2013, I wrote a book called, "Choose Yourself". It's about how you should not let others be the gatekeepers to your dreams.

Elon is a prime example.

With each category above, he didn't study it in school,



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get a certificate that affirmed he was an expert, or work his way up some artificial ladder.

Musk didn't know anything about rocket science. So he read a book. Then two. Then 100. Then he called up physicists and people who worked on rockets. Then he hired them. Worked 24 hours a day with them. And now he launches the most sophisticated rockets in the world with them.

You can do it also.

Don't let a lack of a specialized degree slow you down.
Don't let a lack of money slow you down.

Even if it's literally rocket science, you can learn enough to be useful.

For example, I'm no Musk, but I've had four or five different careers where I started with zero knowledge. Through the power of obsession, I learned my way to the top or close to it.

But, more importantly for us now, the Muskonomy, the world being created by Elon Musk's companies, is going to change every aspect of our lives.

Which means trillions of dollars worth of change will happen in the next few years.

And every one of those trillions of dollars is going to make someone one dollar richer.

How can we all get our hands on some of those trillions of dollars? By investing in the businesses helping him turn his dreams into reality. Many, many companies are already involved in Musk's businesses.

Does this mean you have to move out to San Francisco and work for one of these companies, as I perhaps had the chance to in 2001?

Not at all. Stay at home, be with your family, watch "Landman" at night with your spouse. Enjoy yourself.

But whatever you do, build a portfolio that is fueled by the Muskonomy.

At *Altucher's Investment Network*, that's exactly what we're focusing on this month.

So here's a short list of some of the different industries Elon Musk's businesses will disrupt and stocks you can buy to capitalize on the new Muskonomy...

Finance

Earlier this month, X CEO Linda Yaccarino confirmed a prediction I made months ago.

In 2025, X will launch X Money.

In the process, X will seek to become the dominant way that people pay for things and interact with each other.

However, X is unlikely to make its debut in the payment system without some outside help.

As I outlined in my report [Elon Musk's Final Blueprint](#), I predict that X will partner with outside companies to make their payment system possible.

One of these companies is likely to be the *Altucher Investment Network* portfolio pick, **Block, Inc. (XYZ)**.

Block was founded by Twitter (now X) founder and current investor, Jack Dorsey.

Dorsey has been a vocal advocate of the blockchain and a key partner in Musk's X acquisition.

Based on this relationship, I would be surprised if X chose to partner with any company other than Block.

Media

Beyond finance, Musk has aspirations to turn X into a "super app", that is, the only app you need to accomplish everything you could want to do.

I expect that it won't be long before X announces e-commerce capabilities.

As social media companies look to reduce their dependence on advertising and content creators look to increase their earnings, other social media companies have begun to offer in-app shopping.

Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok, all offer online shopping within their social media apps.

It won't be long before X jumps on that train as well.

The most logical partner for X is our *Altucher's Investment Network* recommendation, **Shopify Inc. (SHOP)**.

As the largest independent platform for online shopping outside of Amazon, Shopify already hosts thousands of stores.

A partnership with X would give Shopify greater exposure, helping them compete more effectively with Amazon, and would give X the ability to earn new revenue sources from their existing audience.

Space

It's no secret Elon Musk is a big fan of space.

In a period of just over a decade, he's developed a rocket program that has become the number one contractor for NASA.

His long-term goals include completing the first manned mission to Mars, and eventually, helping human beings live permanently on Mars.

In the process, he's also been setting up the largest telecommunications company in the world.

SpaceX's sister company, Starlink, has placed thousands of satellites in orbit, prepared to provide cell service and high-speed internet to just about every corner of the globe.

Starlink alone is a business that is worth many billions of dollars.

But Starlink is just part of SpaceX's business.

The company also makes money by transporting satellites and other objects into space for NASA and private corporations.

In time, SpaceX will probably find new ways to generate revenue, including some far-out ideas like mining objects in space. (It is estimated that there are vast quantities of precious metals and other valuable materials in space, including more than 20 million tons of gold in the asteroid belt).

One backdoor investment opportunity for you to take advantage of the growth of SpaceX and Starlink is the **ERShares Private-Public Crossover ETF (XOVR)**.

XOVR invests in both public and private companies, and owns shares in Google, Nvidia, Meta, Oracle and many other top tech companies.

Most importantly, XOVR also owns shares in SpaceX. Almost 9% of XOVR's holdings is invested in SpaceX, giving investors a backdoor way to invest in SpaceX before the company hits public markets.

And while XOVR is not an official recommendation in the *Altucher's Investment Network* portfolio, we truly believe this is one of the best ways to gain exposure to SpaceX. But if you do decide to invest in XOVR, make sure to conduct your own due diligence, plan your entry and exit carefully, and never invest money you can't afford to lose as this won't be tracked in our model portfolio.

AI

Outside of Memphis, Tennessee, is Musk's most ambitious project yet.

'Project Colossus', as it's known internally, is Musk's new pet project to build one of the most powerful

supercomputers in the world.



Project Colossus

Officially, Colossus will be used to train and operate the latest AI models for Musk's AI business, xAI.

Apart from training the latest xAI models, Colossus could eventually become the central nervous system for all of Musk's businesses.

For one thing, Colossus began with a loan of Nvidia servers originally purchased by Tesla.

Clearly Musk isn't shy about sharing resources between his various companies.

On top of this, xAI is already deeply integrated into X, with further integration likely to continue in the future.

I would not be surprised if all of Musk's other businesses — Neuralink, SpaceX, Tesla, etc. — take advantage of Colossus at some point in the future for their different AI and computing needs.

As I cover in the report [**Elon's Silent Partner: Target 1,000% Gains on the Emerging Tech Titan Making AI 2.0 a Reality**](#), one of the biggest beneficiaries of Project Colossus is the company partnering with Nvidia to provide AI infrastructure, **Dell Technologies Inc. (DELL)**.

But Dell, a newer addition to the *Altucher's Investment Network* AI portfolio, isn't the only AI hardware company cashing in from Elon's Business...

Automotive/Tesla

This past fall, **Tesla (TSLA)**, also in the *Altucher's Investment Network* AI portfolio, raised the curtain on a project years in the making.

At an event in Los Angeles, Tesla officially announced the development of a new robotaxi, called Cybercab.

The Cybercab is the natural evolution of Tesla's years-long project to develop technology for cars to drive themselves, unassisted by a human driver.

At the heart of Tesla's self-driving technology are AI models that can handle every conceivable circumstance a driver might encounter.

Although teaching a car to drive itself might seem easy on the surface, the real world introduces a variety of problems that make it incredibly complex.

It is not enough to teach an AI model to recognize a stop sign under perfect conditions.

To handle the real world, the AI model must also be prepared to recognize stop signs through thick fog or when partially covered by a tree branch.

As you might imagine, processing the car's data and making split-second decisions requires powerful computer hardware...

And one company in particular has established itself as a preferred vendor for Tesla's powerful onboard computer.

In fact, we like this extra Musk play I'm going to show you today so much, we're adding it to the portfolio...

My #1 Musk Monopoly Stock For Right Now

Think about how many memories you've stored over your lifetime. Every face you've seen, every conversation you've had, every skill you've learned.

AI models need to do something similar, but they do it by storing patterns from billions of documents, images, and websites.

It's like trying to remember every book in the Library of Congress — word for word.

And that's just for training the AI.

Once trained, these models still need massive amounts of memory just to think.

Imagine if you had to consciously recall every grammar rule every time you spoke a sentence.

That's essentially what AI models do — they juggle enormous amounts of information with every response they generate.

This memory-hungry nature of AI is creating a gold rush in the memory industry.

Which has been a bonanza for our pick this month, **Micron Technology, Inc. (MU)**.

Micron develops and manufactures the memory that powers all of our electronic devices.

Your smartphone? It needs memory to run smoothly.

Your laptop? Same story.

Your car's advanced safety features? They rely on memory too.

Even your smart home devices need memory to function.

But Micron's biggest customer isn't your local electronics store.

It's the massive data centers that power everything from Netflix to AI.

These digital warehouses need enormous amounts of memory to process the world's ever-growing appetite for data.

And that appetite is growing faster than ever.

The rise of AI has created extraordinary demand for more powerful and efficient memory solutions.

Just a few years ago, AI was a fascinating concept.

Today, it's revolutionizing everything from healthcare to transportation.

But all of these advances share one common need: memory. Lots of it.

This is where Micron really shines.

Micron Rides The AI Wave

Micron is poised for explosive growth thanks to the AI revolution.

The numbers tell an incredible story. In just the last three months of 2024, Micron's data center revenue shot up over 400% compared to the same period last year.

But that's just the beginning.

The real magic lies in a special type of memory chip called High Bandwidth Memory, or HBM for short.

Micron's latest version of this technology, called HBM3E, is so good that even industry giant NVIDIA chose it for their newest AI chips.

What makes Micron's chips special?

Micron's 12-high stack design can pack 50% more memory

into the same space compared to competitors' 8-high designs.

They also use 20% less energy than the competition.

This advantage has customers lining up. Micron has already completely sold out of these chips for all of 2025.

The company isn't stopping there. They're already working on the next generation, called HBM4, which will be even faster and more efficient when it launches in 2026.

Micron claims HBM4 will deliver over 50% better performance compared to current HBM3E chips.

With the release of HBM4, Micron also plans to let customers modify part of the chip design for their specific needs.

This customization capability is expected to improve Micron's profit margins, as custom products typically command premium prices.

All of this is taking place at a time when the market for these special AI memory chips is exploding. Micron expects it to grow from \$16 billion in 2024 to more than \$30 billion in 2025.

By 2030, they predict this market will be worth over \$100 billion — bigger than the entire memory chip industry is today.

To capture this opportunity, Micron is investing heavily in new manufacturing facilities. The U.S. government is helping too, providing \$6.1 billion in funding under the CHIPS Act.

They're also building a new facility in Singapore specifically for these advanced memory chips.

But there's more to this story than just one type of chip.

Micron is also seeing strong demand for other types of advanced memory that AI systems need. Their data center solid-state drives (think super-fast storage) just hit record sales.

The company has even started working with its customers to create custom-designed chips for specific AI applications.

This transformation is already showing up in Micron's financial results. Data center products now make up more than half of the company's revenue for the first time ever.

Of course, there are challenges. Making these advanced chips isn't easy. It requires massive investments and cutting-edge technology.

Competition is also fierce, especially from Korean companies like Samsung and SK Hynix.

But Micron has a clear advantage: their chips are more power-efficient, which is crucial for massive AI data centers where electricity bills can run into the millions.

Looking ahead, Micron expects their AI-related business to keep growing rapidly. They're planning to capture a bigger share of the market as more companies build AI systems.

Not to mention Micron's partnership with Tesla.

As the onboard memory unit of choice in Tesla's Autopilot hardware, Micron stands to benefit as Musk's vision of driverless robotaxis begins to dominate the roads...

ACTION TO TAKE:

Buy shares of Micron Technology, Inc. (MU)
up to \$135 per share.

The bottom line: With government support, cutting-edge technology, and growing demand from AI companies, Micron is perfectly positioned for the future.

The memory chip industry is notoriously cyclical, with dramatic ups and downs.

But the AI revolution could change that.

The constant need for more and better memory could help smooth out those cycles, providing more stable growth.

Of course, no investment is without risk.

Competition in the memory market is fierce, and developing new technology isn't cheap.

But Micron's technical advantages and strong partnerships give them an edge.

The next few years will be crucial for AI development.

Companies that can provide the fundamental building blocks — like memory chips — will be the ones that thrive.

Micron isn't just providing those building blocks.

They're making them better, faster, and more efficient than anyone else.

For investors looking to capitalize on the AI revolution, Micron offers something unique: a chance to invest in the foundation that makes it all possible.

The future of AI is bright.

And it's going to need a lot of memory to get there.

X Money: Musk's Favorite Crypto (Not Dogecoin)

By: Chris Campbell

Let's rewind to 1999.

Musk had a vision.

An online bank with big ambitions. (In retrospect, probably bigger than the internet could handle at the time.) Musk didn't want to build just another bank; he wanted to build *the* bank. One that handled payments, savings, investments, even insurance.

Think PayPal, but supercharged — combining instant payments, social features, investments, and even insurance — all in one platform, long before anything like WeChat or modern fintech giants existed.

Needless to say, it didn't pan out. Not because the vision was flawed, but because sometimes big ideas hit people's brains — especially people like Musk — long before they're ready.

In 2000, X.com merged with Confinity, a competitor co-founded by Peter Thiel. The result? PayPal. Musk was ousted as CEO of the combined company, his vision for an all-encompassing financial platform shelved in favor of something simpler: digital payments.

The rest is history. PayPal became a juggernaut, and Musk walked away richer but unfulfilled.

But here's the thing about Elon Musk that James alluded to: he doesn't give up. And his original vision of X is an idea whose time has finally come. (To paraphrase Victor Hugo, there's nothing more powerful than that.)

The X Strikes Back

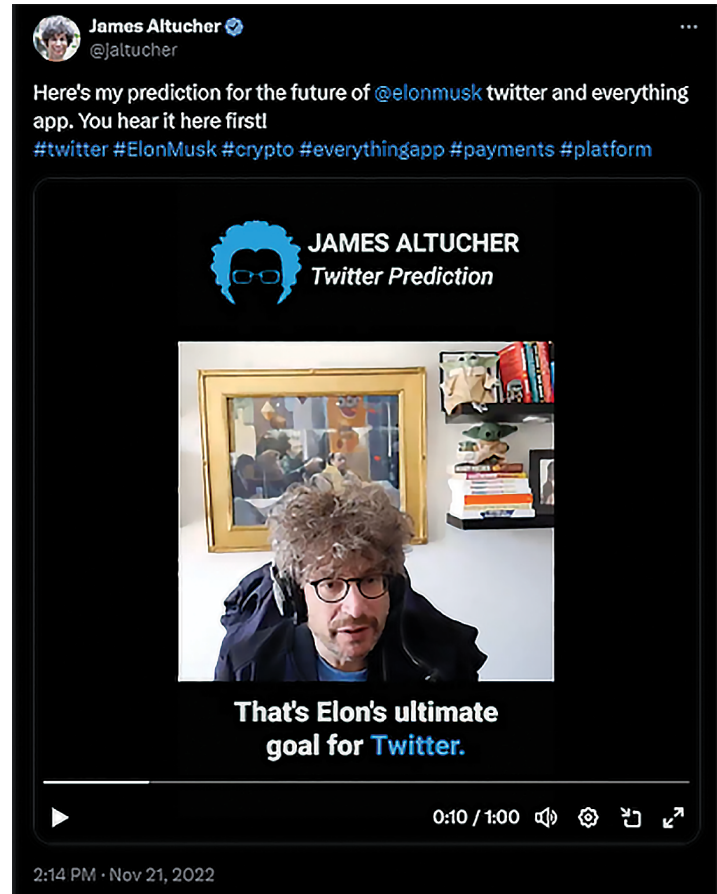
Fast-forward 25 years, Linda Yaccarino, X's CEO, recently confirmed what many of us had suspected: X Money is real, and it's coming. Wallets. Payments. Digital currencies. It's all on the table. And it's coming in 2025.

Musk isn't just launching a payments platform; he's resurrecting X.com — the original super-app blueprint — but on steroids.

Think about it: Musk spent \$44 billion to turn Twitter into X. Why? Because social media isn't the endgame. The real goal is creating a super-app that blends communication, commerce, and financial services into a single, seamless experience.

Now, if I may, let me give James some well-deserved credit.

Over two years ago, James predicted that Musk's ultimate goal for Twitter (now X) was to make it the ultimate payments platform — especially cryptocurrency. Guess who quietly liked that post? Elon himself. And now here we are. (Here's the link to the original post: altucher.io/Twitter)



There are already hints that crypto will play a key role in X Money.

Speculation is rampant about what blockchain it might use. Truth is, Musk could build his own blockchain tomorrow if he wanted to. But the real genius isn't in the tech — it's in the ecosystem.

The Case for Stellar: Connecting the Dots

Let's start from the top.

Over the past few years, stablecoins have emerged as crypto's "killer app". They combine the best of two worlds: the relative stability of fiat currencies and the efficiency of blockchain technology. They solve the volatility problem that plagues traditional cryptocurrencies, making them

practical for real-world use cases like payments, remittances, and global trade.

Moreover, with near-instant transfers, minimal fees, and 24/7 accessibility, stablecoins eliminate the friction and cost of traditional financial systems. They've become indispensable for decentralized finance (DeFi), cross-border payments, and even treasury management for companies like SpaceX.

That's right, *SpaceX*.

SpaceX relies on Bridge, a platform that simplifies using stablecoins, to handle its international finances. When customers around the world pay for Starlink in different currencies, Bridge helps SpaceX quickly convert those payments into stablecoins.

These stablecoins are then used to transfer the funds into SpaceX's accounts in the US, avoiding delays and high fees from traditional banking systems. It's a faster, cheaper, and a more efficient way to manage global payments.

Backed by heavyweights like Sequoia, Ribbit Capital, and Index Ventures, Bridge is also used by Coinbase and other major players. And just recently, Stripe shelled out \$1.1 billion to acquire the company, signaling its growing importance.

Now, here's the kicker: Bridge is deeply tied to our *Altucher's Investment Network* crypto portfolio pick, **Stellar (XLM)**.

Bridge partners with Stellar for its stablecoin infrastructure.

Bridge partners with Stellar for its stablecoin infrastructure. While SpaceX might not directly use Stellar, it's likely benefiting from its tech via Bridge.

Meanwhile, Stellar has quietly become one go-to blockchain for tokenization and global payments. For example, \$1.5 trillion asset manager Franklin Templeton chose Stellar for its tokenized mutual fund.

Also, it's worth noting: the founder and current CTO of Stellar, Jed McCaleb, also happens to be the CEO of Vast, a company collaborating with Musk's SpaceX. That puts McCaleb and Musk in close quarters.

Why Stellar Makes Sense for X Money

X Money aims to merge payments, communication, and

commerce into a single app.

While SpaceX also has ties to Hedera Hashgraph (HBAR) through WISESat.Space...

Stellar's unique strengths make it a good candidate for X Money:

- **Speed and Cost:** Stellar processes transactions in seconds at fractions of a cent.
- **Scalability:** Stellar is built from the ground up for global payment adoption.
- **Tokenization Powerhouse:** You can tokenize anything on Stellar, from stablecoins to real-world assets.

If Musk wants to eliminate middlemen, slash fees, and streamline global financial transactions, Stellar offers the rails to do it.

Lower transaction costs mean more microtransactions, more e-commerce, and more creator tipping.

Lower transaction costs mean more microtransactions, more e-commerce, and more creator tipping. It also means a massive boost for blockchain adoption, especially Stellar.

If X Money uses Stellar, even just for stablecoins, it could propel the Stellar ecosystem into mainstream consciousness...

And send the Stellar token to new heights.

The bottom line: Elon Musk dreams big. And when he dreams, he doesn't forget. His resurrection of X Money is more than a financial play — it could be a total fintech revolution.

Stellar is uniquely positioned to power this vision, connecting Musk's ecosystem of companies and reshaping how the world handles money.

Whether it's stablecoin payments for SpaceX or tokenized assets on X, Stellar could be the quiet force behind one of Musk's boldest moves yet.

Mr. Spaceforce Meets Mr. SpaceX: A New Space Race Begins

By: Ari Goldschmidt

They say politics makes strange bedfellows.

But perhaps none are stranger than the ongoing bromance between Donald Trump and Elon Musk.

On one side, you have the controversial former president who created the Space Force and wants to "Make America Great Again."

On the other, the billionaire baby-daddy whose rockets have revolutionized space travel and dreams of building cities on Mars.

Together, they're about to reshape America's space program.

It all started with a dance.

At a campaign rally in October, Musk appeared on stage wearing an "Occupy Mars" t-shirt, moving awkwardly to the music while Trump praised him as a "super genius."

But this odd couple's space ambitions are no laughing matter.

Musk put his money where his mouth is, contributing over \$200 million to Trump's successful campaign.

Now Trump is returning the favor, installing Musk as co-head of the new Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

The mission is clear: find \$2 trillion in government savings.

NASA's budget is definitely on their radar.

The space agency's current moon program, Artemis, costs a staggering \$93 billion.

Each launch of its massive Space Launch System rocket runs about \$2 billion — compared to SpaceX's reusable rockets that cost a fraction of that amount.

Something's got to give.

A Need for Speed

Trump and Musk share a burning desire to get to Mars fast — possibly during Trump's second term.

"We will land an American astronaut on Mars," Trump declared at a recent rally in Pennsylvania (and again at the inauguration) "Get ready, Elon, get ready. We gotta land it, we gotta do it quickly."

It's an incredibly ambitious timeline that has many space experts choking on their coffee.

Getting humans to Mars safely would normally take years of careful planning and testing.

The journey itself could last up to three years round trip.

And Mars is hardly a friendly destination — with deadly radiation, toxic soil, and barely any atmosphere.

But Musk isn't known for taking things slow.

His company SpaceX completed more than 138 launches last year — roughly one every three days.

That's an unprecedented pace in the history of spaceflight.

And their massive new Starship rocket, while still in testing, is specifically designed for Mars missions.

The Money Problem

But here's where things get complicated.

NASA's current budget is about \$25 billion per year.

That might sound like a lot, but it's spread thin across many programs.

There's the International Space Station to maintain.

Scientific missions to study Earth's climate (though these might see cuts under Trump).

And of course, the expensive Artemis moon program.

Trump and Musk will need to find creative ways to do more with less.

The China Factor

Adding pressure to the situation is China's growing space program.

The Chinese government plans to land its own astronauts on the Moon by 2030.

They're also working on getting Mars samples back to Earth before NASA.

Trump won't want to let China take the lead in space.

But can America really pursue both the Moon and Mars at the same time?

The Political Reality

Then there's Congress to deal with.

Many lawmakers have NASA facilities or contractors in their districts.

These jobs are important to the voters they represent.

And they won't easily give them up, even if SpaceX offers a cheaper alternative.

The Space Launch System rocket, for example, provides thousands of jobs across multiple states.

The Likely Solution

So what's likely to happen?

Expect a hybrid approach that tries to keep everyone happy while still pushing boundaries.

NASA's expensive programs might be gradually phased out rather than suddenly canceled.

SpaceX could see its role expand dramatically, especially in Mars-related development.

Regulations might be streamlined to speed up testing and development of new rockets.

And more funding could flow to technologies needed for Mars missions.

The New Space Economy

This is where things get really interesting for investors.

The changes coming to America's space program will create enormous opportunities.

Companies that supply SpaceX will see their business explode.

New technologies developed for Mars missions could turn into valuable technologies here on Earth.

And the race to establish resource extraction on the Moon and Mars could open up trillion-dollar markets.

Just look at what's already happening:

SpaceX has become the dominant player in government launches.

They've won billions in contracts from NASA and the military.

Their Starlink satellite internet service is revolutionizing global communications. The *Altucher's Investment Network*

portfolio pick, **STMicroelectronics NV (STM)**, is a hidden backdoor play into Starlink.

STM makes the critical components for the user terminals for Starlink. That includes the special antennas and radio frequency circuits that connect customers to those satellites orbiting overhead.

And they're just getting started.

A Transformative Moment

History shows that the biggest opportunities come from moments of transformation.

The Trump-Musk partnership represents exactly such a moment.

Their shared vision — however ambitious or unrealistic — will reshape America's space program.

Smart money is already moving into space-related investments.

From semiconductor manufacturers who supply critical components... To mining companies developing technologies for extracting resources from other worlds... To companies working on life support systems and radiation protection...

For those who invest wisely, the returns could be truly astronomical.

The California Gold Rush created more millionaires among those who sold picks and shovels than among the miners themselves.

The same principle applies here.

Bottom line: Look for companies providing the "picks and shovels" of the new space age, including James' unofficial recommendation on a backdoor opportunity into SpaceX and Starlink via the ERShares Private-Public Crossover ETF (XOVR).

Because while flags and footprints make for good headlines...

The real revolution in space will be driven by economics.

Just as the Internet changed how we communicate...

And smartphones changed how we live...

The commercialization of space will change what's possible for humanity.

That transformation is already underway.

And it's about to shift into high gear.

The Trump/Musk Microcap Double-Play

By: **Chris Cimorelli**

I've never been happy with second place.

If I play, I play to win.

Back in September, I made a couple of “strategic speculations” ahead of the Fed’s FOMC meeting when rate cuts were imminent. Okay, I was gambling...

I had a hunch a new, exciting sector of the tech market would start taking off once some risk appetite worked its way back into stocks.

So, I bought shares of Quantum Computing Inc (QUBT) — a tiny microcap worth about \$60 million at the time I got into it.

Quantum computing, for years, has been that hypothetical “next trade” in the tech markets. It’s still early and the tech isn’t entirely functional yet. But hype is a powerful thing. And I figured the company that bears the technology’s name would do rather well.

As fate would have it, I ended up grabbing last year’s second-best stock before its big run-up. Within three months, I cashed out with a 2,287% gain.

I bring this up for a couple of reasons.

I realize you don’t really know me yet. But for the past year, I’ve been working with James on a special project to identify the top microcap stocks in the market — tiny companies that also happen to be industry leaders in their respective fields.

I also bring this up because I think it’s a sign of things to come.

Trump & Musk’s One-Two Punch

Large caps have been leading the market higher since 2011. Small — and microcap stocks by extension — are primed for takeoff.

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This isn’t unusual. These market leadership cycles typically last 12 years on average. We’re 14 years into the current

cycle. So, we know historically that smaller stocks are ready to take the lead.

With the combined forces of Donald Trump and Elon Musk, 2025 makes that baton pass look inevitable.

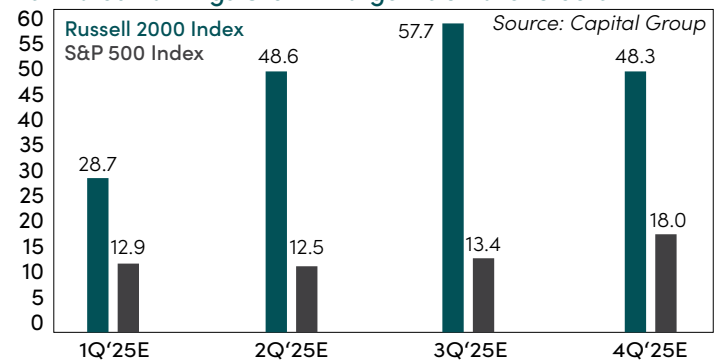
Both of these gentlemen — easily the two most powerful figures in the world right now — have two plans in place that will benefit smaller stocks over the biggens.

By the way, here are the earnings expectations for small stocks this year. This is a crazy chart.

Small stocks are set to outperform large caps in the S&P 500 by 2-to-1 in the first quarter. In the second quarter, they’re set to outperform nearly four-fold, and keep that pace through the rest of the year.

As you can see, small stocks (in green) are set to outperform large caps in the S&P 500 (in grey) by 2-to-1 in the first quarter.

Estimated Earnings Growth Larger vs Smaller Stocks



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So, if you don’t have exposure to smaller stocks at the moment, now is the time.

Onto the Donald!

We all remember how much Wall Street liked him during his first term. I remember the anxiety and trepidation of investing through 2015 and 2016. The market had just reclaimed its highs from 2000 and 2008 and a lot of people were fearful it was about to roll over again.

It didn’t. Then Don won. And 2017 launched an epic, second stage of the bull market and we’ve never looked back.

Eight years later, he’s about to do it again.

You will recall, one of the primary catalysts for 2017 was Trump slashing the corporate tax rate.

Prior to Donald, the U.S. corporate tax rate was one of the most onerous in the world. It was the highest in the world among major economies, at a statutory rate of 35%. Some businesses paid more.

Trump slashed it to 21%, making it the most competitive. Now? He has plans to cut the tax rate even further to 15%.

This will do a couple of things. It will make the stock market go higher, yes. But it will make small stocks go up even more.

This change, obviously, will only apply to businesses that are based in the U.S. Large caps, by their nature, run multinational operations and get half of their revenue overseas. So, a lot of them set up shop somewhere else or rely on weird tax strategies to pay a lower effective tax rate.

Small caps, by contrast, generate 80% of their revenue in the U.S. and don't have the infrastructure to utilize these strange tax havens. So, any change in domestic tax policy affects them more.

Elon Coming in With the Knockout

One of my New Year's resolutions is to get back into boxing. It's a great stress release and a killer back and forearm workout.

In boxing, the left jab is what stuns you. The right hook knocks you out.

Donny's got the left jab. Elon's coming in with the right hook.

We've heard a lot about DOGE — the new Department of Government Efficiency. (By the way, I made a killing on dogecoin in 2021... so I am just eating this up).

Everyone is talking about two of its purposes — slashing headcounts in the federal government and cutting other, unnecessary costs.

But there is a third purpose — cutting regulations. And this stands to benefit small stocks just as much as the lower tax rate.

By some estimates, regulations cost the U.S. economy \$3 trillion each year, or roughly 12% of GDP. That's the same size as Nvidia's market cap. It's also the same size as the ENTIRE small cap universe... combined.

Elon and Vivek Ramaswamy (remember him?) plan to cut "thousands" of federal regulations.

This matters for small businesses because regulations are like landmines. Larger companies have the necessary resources and manpower to navigate the terrain. Smaller

companies can't compete when they have to operate in a weird regulatory environment that indiscriminately benefits larger companies.

Wall Street Making Moves

Remember last summer when everyone was talking about small caps because the Fed was about to cut rates? Remember September when everyone started talking about them again because the Fed actually cut rates?

No one's talking about them right now.

And that's your opportunity.

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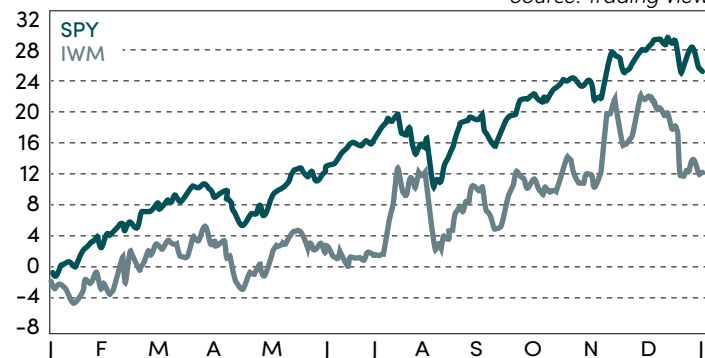
After three consecutive rate cuts, I have no doubt in my mind that we are going to see massive reallocation and new allocation into small and microcap stocks from large money managers and financial institutions. They know what Trump and Elon are planning.

Wall Street has been waiting for the madness to die down. The Russell 2000 shot up 10% in a week back in July once the Fed news dropped. It shot up 10% again moving into the September rate cuts. Then again after Trump's win.

Here's how the year ended though: As the chart below shows, the S&P 500 outperformed the small cap universe two-to-one.

SPY vs. IWM Performance

Source: Trading View



Now, compare that to the other chart I shared showing earnings expectations for 2025. Do you think large caps will outperform them again? Or are we witnessing the start of a huge paradigm shift?

This Is the Moment

It's been a while since we've seen such a large outperformance cycle in small caps.

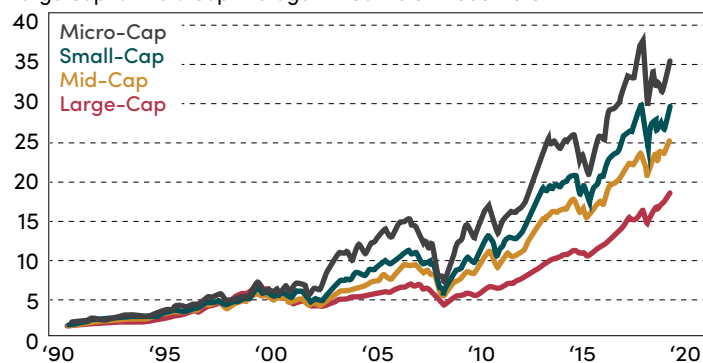
From 1975 to 1983, small caps doubled the annualized return of large caps and provided 4x the cumulative or total return. Small caps also doubled the performance from 2000 to 2011.

Since 2011, large caps have left small caps in the dust. This year, the tide will turn in a big way.

And when small caps outperform, microcaps do even better.

Over large periods of time... I'm talking 20 to 30 years, microcaps outperform small caps, which outperform mid caps, which outperform large caps, which outperform mega caps. In the next column is a chart illustrating this — from 1990 to 2020 microcaps outperformed big stocks by two-to-one.

Large Cap to Micro Cap Average Annual Return 1990-2018



The key? You have to buy microcaps when they're cheap. And right now, they're trading at some of the deepest discounts relative to large caps in literally decades.

James and I are giving our best ideas in *Microcap Millionaire*. We're looking for companies that are worth \$1 billion or less that have the potential to return 1,000% over 1-5 years. We're also focusing on stocks that happen to be leaders in their field, despite their size.

To find out more about investing in these tiny, potentially explosive stocks, give our team a call at **844-228-8835** and ask about joining our *Microcap Millionaire* service. You won't regret it!

Altucher's Investment Network Top 5 Buys

My team and I are always on the lookout for the best ways to help you create your own financial fortress.

Because at the end of the day — no matter what's going on in the economy, inflation, or geopolitical events — to build lasting wealth...

You have to focus on the best opportunities in today's market.

That's why I'm so excited to present a monthly list of our **Top 5 Buys**.

There are dozens of great open positions in our portfolio. And if you're just starting out — or hunting for new opportunities — the number of choices could be overwhelming.

These are the existing recommendations that offer the best mix of growth and profit potential **RIGHT NOW**.

Of course, singling out our Top 5 does NOT mean the other open positions aren't worth your attention.

Consider our Top 5 a starting point... the best of the best that you can move to the top of your buy list.

And if you already own these stocks, great! You could even consider adding more shares to your portfolio.

So without further ado, here's our **Top 5 Buys** for this month:

1. Micron Technology, Inc. (MU)

AI's massive data centers need enormous amounts of memory to process the world's ever-growing appetite for data, which puts Micron in prime position to benefit from the AI revolution.

The company's specialized High Bandwidth Memory (HBM) solution is so good that even industry giant NVIDIA chose it for their newest AI chips. Micron has already completely sold out of its latest version of these chips for all of 2025. And data center products now make up more than half of the company's revenue for the first time ever.

Micron is also seeing strong demand for other types of advanced memory that AI systems need. Their data center solid-state drives (think super-fast storage) just hit record sales. And Micron has a clear advantage over its competitors: their chips are more power-efficient, which is crucial for massive AI data centers where electricity bills can run into the millions.

Buy shares of Micron Technology Inc. (MU)
up to \$135.

2. Stellar (XLM)

As mentioned in Chris Campbell's full article above, Elon Musk's X Money project could use Stellar as its backbone for payments, stablecoins, and tokenization. Why Stellar? It's fast, cheap, and scalable. Stellar has already been proven in the real world, with SpaceX using Bridge—a Stellar partner—for global treasury management.

Here's what we know: X Money is going to integrate stablecoins. There's no question about that. If X Money integrates Stellar tech to be the backbone for stablecoins, it could bring crypto payments to the masses in a way no one else has done before.

Buy Stellar (XLM)
at the market price.

3. Block, Inc. (XYZ)

Block, Inc. (XYZ) has had quite a run lately, with shares surging over 52% since August. But there's a massive potential catalyst ahead that few investors are talking about — and it could send shares even higher. Block logged its fourth consecutive quarter of profits in November, marking an important milestone that makes the company eligible for inclusion in the S&P 500 Index.

This is huge because with trillions in assets directly indexed to the S&P 500, index funds would need to buy billions worth of Block shares to meet their required allocations. And that's not even counting the additional trillions in actively managed funds that use the S&P 500 as their benchmark. Many of these funds would likely add Block to their portfolios as well.

Block is also a major player in Bitcoin, holding over 8,000 BTC. Block's crypto position adds another huge element to the story. With Bitcoin surging past \$100,000, the company's holdings are worth over \$800 million. And as 2025 is looking like another terrific year for the leading cryptocurrency, Block's holdings are likely to increase in value.

Buy shares of Block, Inc. (XYZ) up to \$110.

4. iShares Micro-Cap ETF (IWC)

On January 13, the IWC bounced off its 200-day moving average. This is the third time the micro-cap ETF has found support around its 200 moving average since breaking above that key moving average in early December 2024.

The past two times the IWC tested its 200-day moving average, it recovered quickly and surged to new highs. I expect the same thing to happen over the next four weeks.

Micro-cap stocks surged immediately after President Trump won the election in November. After the recent 10% correction in the IWC, we're looking for that post-election bullish momentum to resume and push micro-caps to new highs.

Buy shares of iShares Micro-cap ETF (IWC)
up to \$160.

5. Dell Technologies Inc. (DELL)

Dell is helping make Elon's AI dreams become reality by providing the hardware backbone — what Dell calls its "AI Factories" — to Musk's AI supercomputer project, called Project Colossus. Think of these as modern-day industrial plants, but instead of making cars or steel, they're churning out artificial intelligence.

But that's just the beginning. They just announced their first-ever partnership with AMD to put AI-powered chips in business computers. And they're working with CoreWeave to build cutting-edge data centers with special cooling systems for the next generation of AI.

The potential profits are staggering. Industry experts predict AI could add \$20 trillion to the global economy by 2030.

Last month, Dell reported their server and networking revenue shot up 58% to \$7.4 billion — a new record. And they've got \$4.5 billion worth of AI servers on backorder. More than 2,000 companies are waiting in line to get their hands on Dell's AI hardware.

Wall Street's taking notice. UBS just named Dell their top pick for 2025, predicting the stock could jump another 27%.

Buy shares of Dell Technologies Inc. (DELL)
up to \$145.

Ask James

Earlier this month, I asked for your help in writing this month's issue. I received a TON of great questions and I really appreciate it. But one question from subscriber Karen Bacolod stood out.

(By the way, thanks again Karen, I had my team give you a free year of *Altucher's Investment Network* as a way of saying thank you!) Her question hit home considering where we are right now in the world. I had a lot of fun answering this — so please keep the questions coming using this link: altucher.io/AskJames.

Q: What are some strategies you have thought of to increase the human skills like creativity that grow our value in the Age of A.I.?

I was so broke I was going to lose my house and I was convinced I would die at the same time. Like self combust. Just a year or so earlier I had over \$15,000,000 in the bank from selling my first company.

I remember the specific day. Reloading my portfolio at Prudential while it hit past \$15 million.

But three years later, in March, 2002, I was at an ATM machine. I made the mistake of asking to see my balance. Don't ask me to do that. I don't want to see it.

It was \$143. I had made many bad decisions in a row and now I was about to die.

24 hours a day I was in a panic. I didn't know how to get out of bed in the morning. What the hell was I going to do?

I'd take these long walks in New York City. I would sometimes pass the projects on Avenue D. I don't know what buildings were there before the projects but I saw on his Ellis Island paperwork that my grandfather lived right there, whatever was there, before it had been torn down and the projects went up.

What's weird is that when he went through Ellis Island his last name was Greenberg. I have no idea how it became "Altucher" from "Greenberg". And now everyone I was related to is dead and I have nobody to ask.

One time on these walks I randomly went into a restaurant supplies store. There was a box in the front of the store filled with waiter's pads. It was \$10 for 100 waiter's pads.

I don't know why I bought the box. I like the look of waiter's pads. They have a retro feel. The light blue. The red lines. You can only write bullet points on a single page of a waiter's pad. Not enough room for a novel.

The next day I took a waiter's pad on my walk. I had a coffee and I tried to think of ideas for a book. Maybe I can make money writing a book.

I came up with ten ideas for a book and wrote them down on the pad.

The next day I pulled out the waiter's pad and had my coffee and I looked at the ideas from the day before. Wow, I thought, I have no hope of making any money with these ideas. They suck. I'm going to lose everything.

But then I saw one idea of a book I wanted to write, "How to beat your friends at every game in the universe."

So I wrote down 10 games I wanted to write about and a tip or two of how to win each game.

For instance, in Scrabble, if you know the two-letter words, you can beat anyone who doesn't. If you know "Za", "Qi", "Xi", "Xu" are legal words I think you can beat anyone. Throw in "Qat" and "Qopf" and you are golden.

For Monopoly, if you buy the Orange properties you will win. Because Jail is the most commonly visited square (because of the "Go to Jail" cards in the Community Deck) and since 7 is the average dice roll it puts you right in the middle of the Orange properties. Build hotels and charge a lot of rent.



And so on.

I was excited! And I thought about it all day.

The next day I wasn't so excited anymore. But I wrote down more ideas. And each day I wrote down ten more ideas.

I looked forward to this hour or so in the morning where I would read a bit and then pick up the waiter's pad and write ideas.

It was like a magic pad. It made my brain cells connect. It stirred me up and tried to get me passionate about things.

One time I wrote down ten ideas for articles Jim Cramer should write. I cold-sent it to him. I didn't know him at all.

In 20 minutes he wrote back and said, "you should write these!" And a few months later I got a \$200 check from thestreet.com for the first article I ever got paid for. I framed that article. A few years later thestreet.com bought a company I started for \$10 million.

I wrote another list: "ten ideas for trading systems". I cold-sent that list to a hedge fund manager who then gave me money to manage.

I was now a professional financial writer and a hedge fund manager. And I was broke. But finally I was making money again.

That was 23 years ago.

Every day since then I write ten ideas a day.

Because of ideas lists I've written I've been invited out to Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, Quora, Twitter, and many other places.

I've built new businesses because of idea lists.

It took me a long time but I finally got back on my feet, was building businesses, and I was the most creative I've ever been in my life.

Creativity is a muscle. But like any muscle, it atrophies. It atrophies fast. Most people don't realize how deadened their creativity muscle is until it's too late. I was like that.

But it's not too late. Start today writing ten ideas a day down.

Some people ask me, "Do you have a stock tip?" Sure. But it's hard for people to follow tips. There's really very little specific advice to get rich.

You have to have the creativity. The spark. Crypto. AI.

Biotech. Things are happening that seem like they will take jobs away.

They will. For the civilians. But for the Creatives, it's just the beginning. All these technologies are just tools. Weapons to be wielded by the creative warrior in each of us.

So my advice is to do exactly what I did.

Buy or borrow a waiter's pad. And every morning write ten ideas.

It doesn't matter if they are good or bad. Just write them. It's exercise. And it has to be at least ten. Make it a little hard. Like exercise, it should be a little unpleasant.

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And sometimes write ideas for other people and send them those ideas.

And sometimes take two idea lists and combine them. They will have idea sex with each other and make little idea babies.

Like, I love games and I love writing books. So combining those two ideas gave me "how to beat your friends at every game in the universe."

I never wrote that book. It's not a great idea. But each day your creative muscle improves 1%. And the power of compounding means every year your idea muscle improves 3,700%.

I don't really know what that means but it works. I can't wait until tomorrow and I take my waiter's pad and write ten more ideas. What will they be? It's like a gift the pad gives me each day.

I did go broke then. I lost my house. I ended up divorced and lonely and scared.

But I had this one thread, this one practice, that I held onto each morning, and bit by bit it pulled me out of misery, made me money, gave me a career, made me friends, gave me my life back.

Do it.