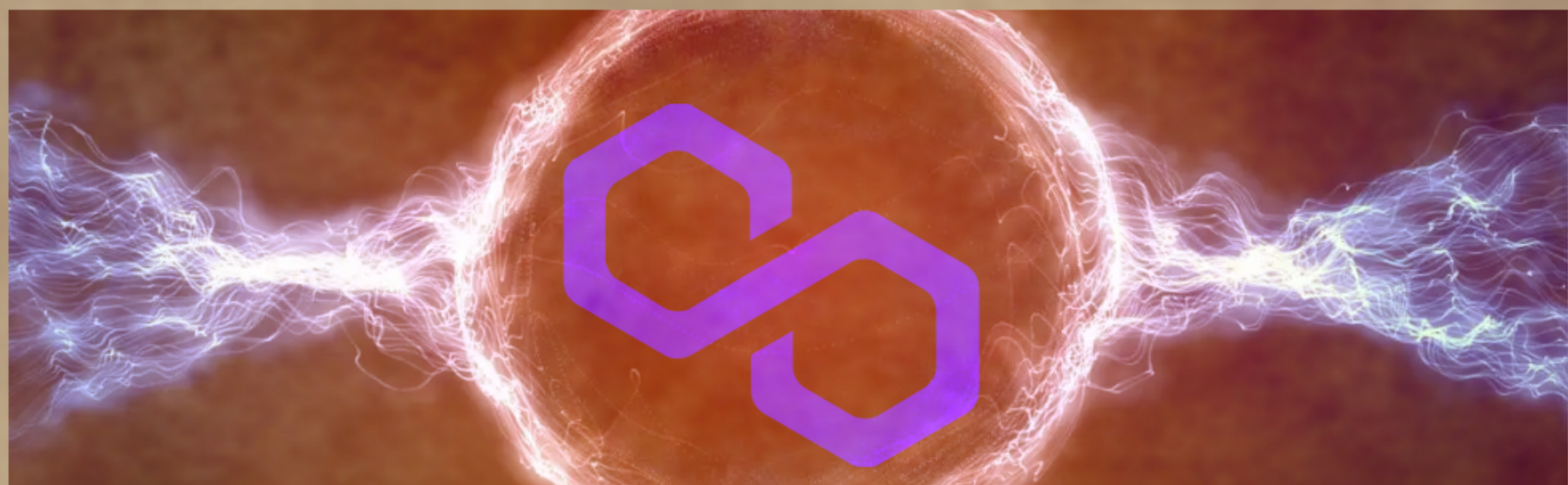


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In an unexpected turn of events, Coinbase has finally announced Polygon integration. Over the next month, users will be able to deposit and withdraw their assets to and from the sidechain using the Coinbase platform. This long overdue move will be fantastic for onboarding new users to the ecosystem by providing them an alternative to Ethereum mainnet where gas fees can sometimes get out of hand.

For projects building in the Polygon ecosystem, having a direct on/off ramp for their users will certainly lower the barrier of entry for participation. Layer 2 offramps aren't new, as Binance has had Layer 2 integration for months, but for Americans, it has been slim pickin's until now. Coinbase, being the most popular exchange in the United States, will finally provide a way for them to get on-chain without arriving in the proverbial 'Manhattan of blockchains'.

This move also helps to provide an air of legitimacy to the

Polygon network. Being the first network outside Ethereum and Bitcoin that Coinbase has chosen to integrate speaks volumes. Also speaking volumes: the somewhat shocking statement that as part of its "multi-chain strategy", Coinbase will be integrating Solana over the coming months.

Neither chain is without faults though. Polygon was notoriously brought to its knees by a silly farming game and Solana seems to catastrophically fail on a daily basis. With the flood of new users these chains will inevitably experience, one has to wonder whether they will hold up under the increased network activity, as well as what the ramifications will be for the exchange trying to settle transactions on a faulty network — the proverbial 'Siberia of settlement'.



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