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COREWEAVE IPO REPORT

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WHO ARE THEY? AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

In 2016 three commodities traders -Michael Intrator, Brian Venturo, and Brannin McBee- turned their cryptocurrency mining hobby into an Ethereum mining company, using GPUs to verify blockchain transactions. “It very much started as: How do I make an extra $1,000 so that I can pay my mortgage?” said Venturo, the chief technology officer. But they became fascinated by the mechanics of crypto at the exact moment that crypto prices were going bananas. They could buy a GPU on Monday and it would pay for itself by Thursday. So, they kept buying. Before long they had hundreds of GPUs and no clue where to put them. They moved their hardware into a garage in New Jersey suburbs—which belonged to Venturo’s grandfather. Soon they turned a side hustle into a proper business, named the company Atlantic Crypto in 2017.

When crypto prices crashed back to Earth in 2018 and 2019, they diversified into other, less-volatile fields that needed lots of GPU computing, focusing on three markets: media and entertainment, life sciences and, yes, artificial intelligence. It turned out to be perfect timing. The bet positioned the company for what Nvidia is calling “a new computing era,” but even CoreWeave’s own executives admit they couldn’t have predicted the intensity of the AI fervor to come.

They pivoted to cloud infrastructure in 2019. The cloud business grew 271% within the first three months, and after seeing continued growth in this side of the business, the company renamed itself from Atlantic Crypto to CoreWeave in October 2021.

Since then, CoreWeave has quickly become one of the largest GPU providers and leaders in the arms race for AI infrastructure and certainly one of the biggest winners of the AI boom. Some of its big tech customers include Meta, IBM and Microsoft.

EXPECTED IPO DATE

New Jersey-based CoreWeave is going public via an IPO on the Nasdaq Stock Exchange. The Nvidia-backed company is offering shares of its Class A common stock under the ticker "CRWV”. The firm could go public as soon as next week in what is expected to be one of the biggest IPOs in recent years.

BUSINESS MODEL

CoreWeave is a cloud infrastructure provider purpose-built for GPU workloads. Legacy providers are not designed to handle the advanced workloads that the AI/ML, tech, entertainment, and life sciences sectors are increasingly demanding. Because of its specialisation, CoreWeave can provide its service up to 35x faster and 80% less expensive than legacy providers: The company sells time and space on its cloud to clients in need of compute power, with price depending on the type of chip needed. It is an infrastructure-as-a-service model where clients pay on a per-use basis, offering a scalable and flexible solution.

For GPU resources, the pricing spectrum starts at $0.24 per hour for the Quadro RTX 4000, extending up to $4.25 per hour for the high-end Nvidia H100 PCIe. On the CPU front, customers can opt for the economical Intel Xeon v3 at $0.0125 per hour or choose the more powerful AMD EPYC Milan at a higher rate of $0.035 per hour.

Storage solutions are offered with a range starting from $0.03 per GB per month for both HDD and NVMe object storage, going up to $0.10 per GB per month for premium NVMe file system storage. Additionally, networking services are priced at $4.00 per month for a public IP address, with the option to upgrade to a VPC at $20.00 per VPC per month, catering to diverse network connectivity requirements. All pricing is priced by the hour, but billed by the minute.

CoreWeave's ability to provide powerful and cost-effective GPU resources is fueling the current generative AI revolution. But they don't forget their roots and previous partners: on March 7, 2024, CoreWeave entered into a multi-year contract worth up to $100 million to lease 16MW of data center space from Core Scientific, a Bitcoin mining and digital infrastructure provider.

PROFITABILITY

In 2022, CoreWeave reported $25 million in revenue. The following year, revenue reached $228.9 million. In 2024, CoreWeave reported revenue of $1.92 billion. Other major milestones include its June 2023 deal with Microsoft, in which Microsoft agreed to spend "billions of dollars" over multiple years, and its partnership with Nvidia, which CoreWeave described as follows:

"CoreWeave had joined the NVIDIA Partner Network (NPN) as a Preferred Cloud Services Provider (CSP). This was a meaningful first step in establishing CoreWeave's place as the first specialized cloud provider."

More recently, in early March 2025, CoreWeave signed a five-year contract worth $11.9 billion with OpenAI. As part of the pact, CoreWeave will provide AI infrastructure to OpenAI.

VALUATION

From its humble beginnings as a cryptocurrency mining operation, CoreWeave has emerged as a leading player in the world of cloud computing for AI. When Nvidia invested $100 million in CoreWeave in early 2023, the fundraising round valued the startup at $2 billion. December 2023, their valuation climbed to $7 billion after a minority investment of $642 million led by Fidelity Management and Research Co.

In recent funding round, its valuation boomed to $23 billion.

SUMMARY

- CoreWeave filed publicly for an initial public offering (IPO) on March 3, 2025.
- The company will be listing on the Nasdaq Stock Exchange, under the ticker symbol “CRWV”.
- The highly anticipated IPO will happen before the end of March 2025.
- The IPO will likely value CoreWeave at more than $35 billion.
- The highly anticipated stock market launch is expected to be one of the biggest IPOs in recent years.

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