# MiniPay upgrades its 20 million stablecoin wallets on Celo to Stripe-owned Privy wallet infrastructure

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*The upgrade brings enterprise-grade wallet security and a simpler user experience, while laying the foundation for new financial experiences.*

OSLO, Norway, Nov. 19, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- MiniPay, Opera's (NASDAQ: OPRA) self-custodial stablecoin wallet built on Celo with more than 20 million wallets, today announced a major upgrade to its wallet infrastructure, moving to Privy, the Stripe-owned wallet infrastructure company. MiniPay wallet, key-management and sign-in technology are updated with Privy's, making the wallet more secure and easier to use. Privy powers more than 200 million wallets for over 3,000 companies, including those built by Klarna, Deel, and Ramp, and is a leading infrastructure provider for stablecoin neobanks. With the upgrade, MiniPay joins them on the same infrastructure.




MiniPay was built for people who manage their money on their phones. Privy provides MiniPay users with a unified authentication layer – one profile they can sign in to with email, a social account, a passkey or an external wallet. Users can then open the same MiniPay wallet, with the same balance and history, on both Android and iOS. Details they save once, such as an email address or phone number, can then be shared with MiniPay partners, such as Noah and Gnosis Pay, with one tap, so users do not have to enter them again when they open a virtual account or a card. MiniPay remains self-custodial – users can export their keys at any time and keep control of their own funds, while Privy secures the keys in the background, with no seed phrases to write down or browser extensions to install. And because network fees on Celo can be paid in stablecoins, users can transact easily without needing multiple assets.

The upgrade also opens new possibilities for MiniPay and Opera. Over time, the same infrastructure could support new uses across Opera's products, including integration of agentic commerce and a rewards wallet in Opera's browsers that works like a loyalty programme.

*"MiniPay started as a wallet inside a browser. Today people run stablecoins through it, and they expect it to be as secure and as easy to use as their banking app,"* said Jørgen Arnesen, EVP Mobile at Opera. *"Moving to Privy puts us on the same infrastructure as the industry's leading companies, so we can deliver that today and build what comes next."*

*"MiniPay is showing how stablecoins can make it easier for millions of people to manage and move money in their everyday lives," said Henri Stern, Cofounder and CEO at Privy. "We're proud to support MiniPay's next chapter, providing the secure, self-custodial wallet infrastructure to bring new financial experiences to more people."*

Privy joined Stripe in 2025. The agreement follows MiniPay's launch of deposits with Link by Stripe in Europe and the United States. Privy support means MiniPay now works with Stripe both to get money into the wallet and to run the wallet itself.

MiniPay launched in 2023 inside the Opera Mini browser and proved that phone-first stablecoins work, starting in Africa. It has since grown to more than 20 million wallet activations, double the total from just over a year ago, with over 600 million transactions across 70+ countries and 77 Mini Apps. User growth has also picked up significantly in Western markets, with Europe and the US as the next priority markets for growth.

*"The upgrade to Privy deepens Celo and MiniPay's relationship with Stripe, building on our work with Bridge and Link by Stripe," said Elizabeth Peng, COO of Celo Core Co. "As MiniPay grows past 20 million wallets, we're excited to keep working with Opera to make digital dollars simpler to use for people everywhere."*

The upgrade will start rolling out this year to users of MiniPay in all markets where MiniPay is available.

**About MiniPay**

MiniPay is a self-custodial stablecoin wallet built on the Celo blockchain and designed to make digital finance accessible, affordable and easy to use. Since launching in 2023, MiniPay has surpassed 20 million activated wallets across 70+ countries. Learn more at minipay.to

**About Privy**

Privy provides secure, scalable wallet infrastructure for modern financial products built on crypto and stablecoin rails. More than 3,000 developers and businesses, including Ramp, Deel, and Hyperliquid, use Privy to power over 200 million accounts and process billions of dollars in monthly volume. Privy became a Stripe company in 2025.

**About Celo**

Celo is where the world's money meets local markets. The Celo ecosystem consists of a decentralized, proof-of-stake blockchain technology stack, the CELO native token, USDC, USD₮, and USA₮ (all enabled as gas currencies), several Mento stable assets (USDm, EURm, BRLm, XOFm, and more), and popular infrastructure including Aave, Uniswap V3 and V4, Morpho, Curve, and Self. Launched on Earth Day in 2020, the open-source Celo mainnet supports a rich ecosystem of 1,000+ projects contributing to Celo's global mission of prosperity for all. For more about Celo, visit celo.org.

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