

# Online traders battle Wall Street

A battle between so-called day traders, co-ordinated on Reddit, and Wall Street created a trading frenzy, inflicting billions of dollars of losses on "short-squeezed" hedge funds

## GameStop

**Jan 11:** *GameStop Corp.* appoints *Chewy Inc.* co-founder **Ryan Cohen** (right) to its board to develop digital sales



**Robinhood**

**Jan 13:** GameStop's shares rise 57% to **\$31.40** driven by online forum Reddit's *WallStreetBets*. 144.5 million shares change hands – up from 7 million on Jan 12. Many trades made by online broker **Robinhood**

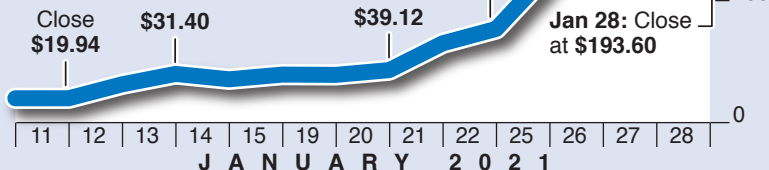
**Jan 14:** Shares jump another 27% to **\$39.91** – four-day surge adds \$1.2 billion in market value of video game seller. Target price among analysts is only **\$12.50**

**Jan 19:** Hedge funds **short sell** GameStop – borrowing shares from brokers who receive commission and interest on loan. Shares are sold at between **\$36-\$45** – funds expect to buy back and return to broker when value falls to around **\$20**



**Jan 20:** As shares rise, short sellers face mounting losses and high borrowing fees

### GameStop share price



**Jan 22:** Shares rise another 50%, 196.8 million shares change hands

**Jan 25:** Stock soars 144% with online traders storming in to buy more

**Jan 26:** **Elon Musk** encourages online traders, lashing out at short sellers and hedge funds



**Jan 27, "short squeeze":** Hedge funds *Melvin Capital* and *Citron Research* are forced to close their positions and buy at a loss

**Jan 28:** Robinhood blocks its users from buying stock in GameStop and 12 other companies

**Jan 29:** Hedge funds' losses estimated at \$5 billion