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adj.

Producing wealth; profitable: *a lucrative income; a lucrative marketing strategy.*

[Middle English *lucratif*, from Old French, from Latin *lucrātīvus*, from *lucrātus*, past participle of *lucrārī*, to profit, from *lucrum*, profit; see **lau-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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