

# **SECURITY AUDIT REPORT**

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# **Revision History & Version Control**

Version	Date	Author(s)	Description
1.0	16 Feb 2025	M.Gowda D.Aditya K.Bob	Initial Audit Report
2.0	22 Feb 2025	M.Gowda D.Aditya K.Bob	Second Audit Report
3.0	30 Feb 2025	M.Gowda D.Aditya K.Bob	Final Audit Report

0xTeam conducted a comprehensive Security Audit on the Elevate DeFi smart contracts to ensure the overall code quality, security, and correctness. The review focused on ensuring that the code functions as intended, identifying potential vulnerabilities, and safeguarding the integrity of Elevate DeFi's operations against possible attacks.

# **Report Structure**

The report is divided into two primary sections:

- 1. **Executive Summary**: Provides a high-level overview of the audit findings.
- 2. **Technical Analysis**: Offers a detailed examination of the smart contract code.

#### Note:

The analysis is static and exclusively focused on the smart contract code. The information provided in this report should be utilised to understand the security, quality, and expected behaviour of the code.





# 1.0 Disclaimer

This is a summary of our audit findings based on our analysis, following industry best practices as of the date of this report. However, it is important to understand that no security audit can guarantee complete protection against all possible security threats. The audit focuses on smart contract coding practices and any issues found in the code, as detailed in this report. For a complete understanding of our analysis, you should read the full report. We have made every effort to conduct a thorough analysis, but it's important to note that you should not rely solely on this report and cannot make claims against us based on its contents. We strongly advise you to perform your own independent checks before making any decisions. Please read the disclaimer below for more information.

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# 2.0 Executive Summary

#### 2.1 Overview

OxTeam has meticulously audited the Elevate DeFi smart contract project from 10 Oct 2024 to 18 Oct 2024. The primary objective of this audit was to assess the security, functionality, and reliability of the smart contracts before their deployment on the blockchain. The audit focused on identifying potential vulnerabilities, evaluating the contract's adherence to best practices, and providing recommendations to mitigate any identified risks. The comprehensive analysis conducted during this period ensures that the Elevate DeFi is robust and secure, offering a reliable environment for its users.

#### 2.2 Scope

The scope of this audit involved a thorough analysis of the Elevate DeFi Smart Contract, focusing on evaluating its quality, rigorously assessing its security, and carefully verifying the correctness of the code to ensure it functions as intended without any vulnerabilities.

#### Files in Examination:

Contract Address	NA
Contracts In-Scope	<ul> <li>Contracts/Rewards.sol</li> <li>Contracts/pools/StationaryPool.sol</li> <li>Contracts/pools/ConstantMath.sol</li> </ul>

**OUT-OF-SCOPE:** External Solidity smart contract, other imported smart contracts.

#### 2.3 Audit Summary

Name	Verified	Audited	Vulnerabilities
Elevate DeFi	Yes	Yes	Refer Section 5.0

#### 2.4 Vulnerability Summary







### 2.5 Recommendation Summary

### Severity

Issues		<ul><li>High</li></ul>	<ul><li>Medium</li></ul>	• Low	<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>
	Open	1	0	1	0
	Resolved	1		1	
	Acknowledged				
	Partially Resolved				

- Open: Unresolved security vulnerabilities requiring resolution.
- Resolved: Previously identified vulnerabilities that have been fixed.
- Acknowledged: Identified vulnerabilities noted but not yet resolved.
- Partially Resolved: Risks mitigated but not fully resolved.

# 3.0 Checked Vulnerabilities

We examined the smart contract for widely recognized and specific vulnerabilities. Below are some of the common vulnerabilities considered.

Category	Check Items
Source Code Review	<ul> <li>→ Reentrancy Vulnerabilities</li> <li>→ Ownership Control</li> <li>→ Time-Based Dependencies</li> <li>→ Gas Usage in Loops</li> <li>→ Transaction Sequence Dependencies</li> <li>→ Style Guide Compliance</li> <li>→ EIP Standard Compliance</li> <li>→ External Call Verification</li> <li>→ Mathematical Checks</li> <li>→ Type Safety</li> <li>→ Visibility Settings</li> <li>→ Deployment Accuracy</li> <li>→ Repository Consistency</li> </ul>
Functional Testing	<ul> <li>→ Business Logic Validation</li> <li>→ Feature Verification</li> <li>→ Access Control and Authorization</li> <li>→ Escrow Security</li> <li>→ Token Supply Management</li> <li>→ Asset Protection</li> <li>→ User Balance Integrity</li> <li>→ Data Reliability</li> <li>→ Emergency Shutdown Mechanism</li> </ul>





# 4.0 Techniques, Methods & Tools Used

The following techniques, methods, and tools were used to review all the smart contracts

#### Structural Analysis:

EThis involves examining the overall design and architecture of the smart contract. We ensure that the contract is logically organised, scalable, and follows industry best practices. This step is crucial for identifying potential structural issues that could lead to vulnerabilities or maintenance challenges in the future.

#### Static Analysis:

Static analysis is conducted using automated tools to scan the contract's codebase for common vulnerabilities and security risks without executing the code. This process helps identify issues such as reentrancy, arithmetic errors, and potential denial-of-service (DOS) vulnerabilities early on, allowing for quick remediation.

#### Code Review / Manual Analysis:

A manual, in-depth review of the smart contract's code is performed to verify the logic and ensure it matches the intended functionality as described in the project's documentation. During this phase, we also confirm the findings from the static analysis and check for any additional issues that may not have been detected by automated tools.

#### Dynamic Analysis:

Dynamic analysis involves executing the smart contract in various controlled environments to observe its behaviour under different conditions. This step includes running comprehensive test cases, performing unit tests, and monitoring gas consumption to ensure the contract operates efficiently and securely in real-world scenarios.

#### • Tools and Platforms Used for Audit:

Utilising tools such as Remix , Slither, Aderyn, Solhint for static analysis, and platforms like Hardhat and Foundry for dynamic testing and simulation.

Note: The following values for "Severity" mean:

- High: Direct and severe impact on the funds or the main functionality of the protocol.
- Medium: Indirect impact on the funds or the protocol's functionality.
- Low: Minimal impact on the funds or the protocol's main functionality.
- Informational: Suggestions related to good coding practices and gas efficiency.





# 5.0 Technical Analysis

## **High Severity Issues**

### Issue #1 [Resolved]

[H-1] Risk of token theft due to incorrect rounding in join operations.

# Severity

HIGH

Location	Functions
Contracts/pools/ConstantMath.sol	<pre>→ _calInperOut()</pre>

### **Issue Description**

An incorrect rounding direction in the \_calInperOut function, which is invoked when a user joins a pool, could enable token theft.

This function determines the number of wrapped tokens a user must deposit to receive a specified amount of tokens. If the token supply is zero, the function calculates this value as:

# amountin= out/tokenRate

Since the result of this division is rounded down, if out is smaller than the tokenRate (i.e., the exchange rate between the main token and the wrapped token), amountIn will be zero. An attacker can leverage this rounding behavior to acquire free tokens upon initially joining a pool.

# **Issue Impact**

The incorrect rounding allows an attacker to deposit zero tokens and still receive pool tokens, effectively enabling free token acquisition. This exploit can lead to financial losses and imbalance in the pool's token distribution.

## **Recommended Mitigation**

In the short term, use divUp in \_calInperOut to ensure the function rounds up, preventing it from returning zero when out is smaller than tokenRate.





## Low Severity Issues

### Issue#2 [Resolved]

[L-1] Risks associated with rounding operations

### Severity

LOW

Location	Functions
Contracts/pools/ConstantMath.sol	→ _adjustArray()

### **Issue Description**

The ConstantMath contract includes arithmetic functions that consistently round in the same direction. While no major risks or vulnerabilities were identified due to their rounding behavior, an attacker could potentially exploit them for financial gain.

These functions include \_adjustArray, which scales down all balances when performing array adjustments:

```
function _adjustArray(uint256[] memory amounts, uint256[] memory
scalingFactors) internal view {
   for (uint256 i = 0; i < _getTotalTokens(); ++i) {
      amounts[i] = FixedPoint.mulDown(amounts[i],
      scalingFactors[i]);
   }
}</pre>
```

The \_adjustArray function is used similarly across all Balancer pools.

## **Issue Impact**

An attacker identifies a way to exploit rounding in the conversion between nominal and actual balances. This vulnerability is then leveraged to gain unauthorized profits from a swap.

## **Recommended Mitigation Steps & Code**

In the short term, modify the \_adjustArray, \_convertNominal, and \_retrieveNominal functions to apply rounding methods that favor the pool. This





adjustment will mitigate potential exploitation of these functions.

```
function _convertNominal(uint256 amount, uint256 scalingFactor) internal pure
returns (uint256) {
    return FixedPoint.divUp(amount, scalingFactor); // Ensuring rounding benefits
the pool
}

function _retrieveNominal(uint256 amount, uint256 scalingFactor) internal pure
returns (uint256) {
    return FixedPoint.mulDown(amount, scalingFactor); // Adjusted for pool-favoring
rounding
}
```





# 6.0 Auditing Approach and Methodologies Applied

The Solidity smart contract was audited using a comprehensive approach to ensure the highest level of security and reliability. Careful attention was given to the following key areas to ensure the overall quality of the code:

- Code quality and structure: We conducted a detailed review of the codebase to identify any potential
  issues related to code structure, readability, and maintainability. This included analysing the overall
  architecture of the Solidity smart contract and reviewing the code to ensure it follows best practices
  and coding standards.
- Security vulnerabilities: Our team used manual techniques to identify any potential security
  vulnerabilities that could be exploited by attackers. This involved a thorough analysis of the code to
  identify any potential weaknesses, such as buffer overflows, injection vulnerabilities, signatures, and
  deprecated functions.
- Documentation and comments: Our team reviewed the code documentation and comments to ensure
  they accurately describe the code's intended behaviour and logic. This helps developers to better
  understand the codebase and make modifications without introducing new issues.
- Compliance with best practices: We checked that the code follows best practices and coding standards that are recommended by the Solidity community and industry experts. This ensures that the Solidity smart contract is secure, reliable, and efficient.

Our audit team followed OWASP and Ethereum (Solidity) community security guidelines for this audit. As a result, we were able to identify potential issues and provide recommendations to improve the smart contract's security and performance.

Throughout the audit of the smart contracts, our team placed great emphasis on ensuring the overall quality of the code and the use of industry best practices. We meticulously reviewed the codebase to ensure that it was thoroughly documented and that all comments and logic aligned with the intended behaviour. Our approach to the audit was comprehensive, methodical, and aimed at ensuring that the smart contract was secure, reliable, and optimised for performance.

#### 6.1 Code Review / Manual Analysis

Our team conducted a manual analysis of the Solidity smart contracts to identify new vulnerabilities or to verify vulnerabilities found during static and manual analysis. We carefully analysed every line of code and made sure that all instructions provided during the onboarding phase were followed. Through our manual analysis, we were able to identify potential vulnerabilities that may have been missed by automated tools and ensure that the smart contract was secure and reliable.

#### 6.2 Tools Used for Audit

In the course of our audit, we leveraged a suite of tools to bolster the security and performance of our program. While our team drew on their expertise and industry best practices, we also integrated various tools into our development environment. Noteworthy among them are Remix, Slither, Aderyn, Solhint for Static Analysis and Hardhat & Foundry for Dynamic Analysis. This holistic approach ensures a thorough analysis, uncovering potential issues that automated tools alone might overlook. 0xTeam takes pride in utilising these tools, which significantly contribute to the quality, security, and maintainability of our codebase





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