



Pendle sApe Audit Report

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Summary

This report has been prepared for Pendle sApe Audit Report smart contract, to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of their Smart Contract as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Static Analysis and Manual Review techniques.

The auditing process pays special attention to the following considerations:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors.
- Assessing the codebase to ensure compliance with current best practices and industry standards.
- Ensuring contract logic meets the specifications and intentions of the client.
- Cross referencing contract structure and implementation against similar smart contracts produced by industry leaders.
- Thorough line-by-line manual review of the entire codebase by industry experts.



Overview

Project Summary

Project Name	Pendle sApe
Codebase	https://github.com/pendle-finance/pendle-core-v2
Commit	c066577d200734cf929f745d4b9e88d6b7ef89ac
Language	Solidity

Audit Summary

Delivery Date	Dev 13, 2022
Audit Methodology	Static Analysis, Manual Review
Total Issues	5



[WP-H1] A malicious early user/attacker can manipulate the pricePerShare to take an unfair share of future users' deposits

High

Issue Description

<https://github.com/pendle-finance/pendle-core-internal-v2/blob/99f7ece7e51e4119693eec0d1f70f378fb4c21d5/contracts/core/StandardizedYield/implementations/Ape/PendleApeStakingSY.sol#L33-L56>

```
33     function _deposit(address, uint256 amountDeposited)
34         internal
35         virtual
36         override
37         returns (uint256 amountSharesOut)
38     {
39         // Respecting APE's deposit invariant & prevent frontrunning on deployment
40         if (amountDeposited < MIN_APE_DEPOSIT) {
41             revert Errors.SYApeDepositAmountTooSmall(amountDeposited);
42         }
43
44         _harvestAndCompound();
45
46         // As SY Base is pulling the tokenIn first, the totalAsset should exclude
user's deposit
47         uint256 priorTotalAssetOwned = getTotalAssetOwned() - amountDeposited;
48
49         if (totalSupply() == 0) {
50             amountSharesOut = amountDeposited;
51         } else {
52             // The upcoming calculation can be reduced to
amountDeposited.divDown(exchangeRate())
53             // The following calculation is chosen instead to minimize precision
error
54             amountSharesOut = (amountDeposited * totalSupply()) /
priorTotalAssetOwned;
55         }
56     }
```



A malicious early user can `deposit()` with `MIN_APE_DEPOSIT` of ApeCoin (if they are the first depositor), and withdraw all but a small amount (eg, `199` wei) of the deposit to inflate the pps of the SY.

- `deposit()` `1e18 wei` `apeCoin` and get `1e18 wei` of `PendleApeStakingSY` ;
- `redeem()` `1e18 - 199 wei` of `PendleApeStakingSY`

Then the attacker can send `100e18 - 199` of `apeCoin` tokens and inflate the `exchangeRate()` to `100e18 * 1e18 / 199` .

As a result, the future user who deposits `1e18` will only receive `1e18 * 199 / 100e18 = 1 wei` of SY shares.

They will immediately lose `0.495e18` or half of their deposits if they `redeem()` right after the `deposit()` .

Recommendation

Consider requiring a minimal amount of `PendleApeStakingSY` to be minted for the first minter, and send a portion of the initial mints as a reserve to the DAO so that the `pricePerShare` can be more resistant to manipulation.

Status

✓ Fixed



[WP-G2] `_redeem()` The `compound` action in `_harvestAndCompound()` may not be necessary

Gas

Issue Description

<https://github.com/pendle-finance/pendle-core-internal-v2/blob/99f7ece7e51e4119693eec0d1f70f378fb4c21d5/contracts/core/StandardizedYield/implementations/Ape/PendleApeStakingSY.sol#L58-L84>

```
58     function _redeem(  
59         address receiver,  
60         address,  
61         uint256 amountSharesToRedeem  
62     ) internal virtual override returns (uint256 amountTokenOut) {  
63         _harvestAndCompound();  
64  
65         // As SY is burned before calling _redeem(), we should account for  
priorSupply  
66         uint256 priorTotalSupply = totalSupply() + amountSharesToRedeem;  
67  
68         if (amountSharesToRedeem == priorTotalSupply) {  
69             amountTokenOut = getTotalAssetOwned();  
70         } else {  
71             // The upcoming calculation can be reduced to  
amountSharesToRedeem.mulDown(exchangeRate())  
72             // The following calculation is chosen instead to minimize precision  
error  
73             amountTokenOut = (amountSharesToRedeem * getTotalAssetOwned()) /  
priorTotalSupply;  
74         }  
75  
76         // There might be case when the contract is holding < 1 APE reward and  
user is withdrawing everything out of it  
77         if (amountTokenOut > _selfBalance(apeCoin)) {  
78             IApeStaking(apeStaking).withdrawApeCoin(  
79                 amountTokenOut - _selfBalance(apeCoin),  
80                 address(this)  
81             );  
82         }
```



```
83         _transferOut(apeCoin, receiver, amountTokenOut);  
84     }
```

At the beginning of the `_redeem()` function, `_harvestAndCompound()` is called to harvest and reinvest (if the balance is greater than the `MIN_APE_DEPOSIT`).

Later, at L78, `withdrawApeCoin()` will be called to withdraw some.

The reinvestment can be saved if the amount harvested is less than the withdrawal amount.

Recommendation

Consider changing to only `harvest()` at the beginning of `_redeem()`, and check if reinvestment is needed and only do the reinvestment when needed AFTER `apeStaking.withdrawApeCoin()`.

Status

✓ Fixed



[WP-G3] Cache external call results can save gas

Gas

Issue Description

Every call to an external contract costs a decent amount of gas. For optimization of gas usage, external call results should be cached if they are being used for more than one time.

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59         address receiver,  
60         address,  
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62     ) internal virtual override returns (uint256 amountTokenOut) {  
63         _harvestAndCompound();  
64  
65         // As SY is burned before calling _redeem(), we should account for  
priorSupply  
66         uint256 priorTotalSupply = totalSupply() + amountSharesToRedeem;  
67  
68         if (amountSharesToRedeem == priorTotalSupply) {  
69             amountTokenOut = getTotalAssetOwned();  
70         } else {  
71             // The upcoming calculation can be reduced to  
amountSharesToRedeem.mulDown(exchangeRate())  
72             // The following calculation is chosen instead to minimize precision  
error  
73             amountTokenOut = (amountSharesToRedeem * getTotalAssetOwned()) /  
priorTotalSupply;  
74         }  
75  
76         // There might be case when the contract is holding < 1 APE reward and  
user is withdrawing everything out of it  
77         if (amountTokenOut > _selfBalance(apeCoin)) {  
78             IApeStaking(apeStaking).withdrawApeCoin(  
79                 amountTokenOut - _selfBalance(apeCoin),  
80                 address(this)
```



```
81         );  
82     }  
83     _transferOut(apeCoin, receiver, amountTokenOut);  
84 }
```

<https://github.com/pendle-finance/pendle-core-internal-v2/blob/99f7ece7e51e4119693eec0d1f70f378fb4c21d5/contracts/core/libraries/TokenHelper.sol#L58-L60>

```
58     function _selfBalance(address token) internal view returns (uint256) {  
59         return (token == NATIVE) ? address(this).balance :  
           IERC20(token).balanceOf(address(this));  
60     }
```

`_selfBalance(apeCoin)` can be cached in storage to save the external call.

Status

 Acknowledged



[WP-G4] Use `_selfBalance(IERC20)` rather than `_selfBalance(address)` can save gas

Gas

Issue Description

<https://github.com/pendle-finance/pendle-core-internal-v2/blob/99f7ece7e51e4119693eec0d1f70f378fb4c21d5/contracts/core/StandardizedYield/implementations/Ape/PendleApeStakingSY.sol#L58-L84>

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59         address receiver,  
60         address,  
61         uint256 amountSharesToRedeem  
62     ) internal virtual override returns (uint256 amountTokenOut) {  
63         _harvestAndCompound();  
64  
65         // As SY is burned before calling _redeem(), we should account for  
priorSupply  
66         uint256 priorTotalSupply = totalSupply() + amountSharesToRedeem;  
67  
68         if (amountSharesToRedeem == priorTotalSupply) {  
69             amountTokenOut = getTotalAssetOwned();  
70         } else {  
71             // The upcoming calculation can be reduced to  
amountSharesToRedeem.mulDown(exchangeRate())  
72             // The following calculation is chosen instead to minimize precision  
error  
73             amountTokenOut = (amountSharesToRedeem * getTotalAssetOwned()) /  
priorTotalSupply;  
74         }  
75  
76         // There might be case when the contract is holding < 1 APE reward and  
user is withdrawing everything out of it  
77         if (amountTokenOut > _selfBalance(apeCoin)) {  
78             IApeStaking(apeStaking).withdrawApeCoin(  
79                 amountTokenOut - _selfBalance(apeCoin),  
80                 address(this)  
81             );  
82         }
```



```
83     _transferOut(apeCoin, receiver, amountTokenOut);
84 }
```

<https://github.com/pendle-finance/pendle-core-internal-v2/blob/99f7ece7e51e4119693eec0d1f70f378fb4c21d5/contracts/core/StandardizedYield/implementations/Ape/PendleApeStakingSY.sol#L98-L122>

```
98     function getTotalAssetOwned() public view returns (uint256 totalAssetOwned) {
99         (uint256 stakedAmount, ) =
100         IApeStaking(apeStaking).addressPosition(address(this));
101         uint256 unclaimedAmount = IApeStaking(apeStaking).pendingRewards(
102             APE_COIN_POOL_ID,
103             address(this),
104             0
105         );
106         uint256 floatingAmount = _selfBalance(apeCoin);
107         totalAssetOwned = stakedAmount + unclaimedAmount + floatingAmount;
108     }
109
110     function _harvestAndCompound() internal {
111         // Claim reward
112         uint256 currentEpochId = _getCurrentEpochId();
113         if (currentEpochId != lastRewardClaimedEpoch) {
114             IApeStaking(apeStaking).claimSelfApeCoin();
115             lastRewardClaimedEpoch = currentEpochId;
116         }
117
118         // Deposit APE
119         uint256 amountAssetToCompound = _selfBalance(apeCoin);
120         if (amountAssetToCompound >= MIN_APE_DEPOSIT) {
121             IApeStaking(apeStaking).depositSelfApeCoin(amountAssetToCompound);
122         }
123     }
```

<https://github.com/pendle-finance/pendle-core-internal-v2/blob/99f7ece7e51e4119693eec0d1f70f378fb4c21d5/contracts/core/libraries/TokenHelper.sol#L58-L64>



```
58     function _selfBalance(address token) internal view returns (uint256) {  
59         return (token == NATIVE) ? address(this).balance :  
        IERC20(token).balanceOf(address(this));  
60     }  
61  
62     function _selfBalance(IERC20 token) internal view returns (uint256) {  
63         return token.balanceOf(address(this));  
64     }
```

Based on the context, we know for a fact that `apeCoin` is not `NATIVE`, therefore, the check of `token == NATIVE` is unnecessary.

Recommendation

Consider using `_selfBalance(IERC20(apeCoin))` to avoid the `token == NATIVE` check.

Status

① Acknowledged



[WP-G5] PendleApeStakingSY._deposit() Avoiding unnecessary external call can save gas

Gas

Issue Description

<https://github.com/pendle-finance/pendle-core-internal-v2/blob/99f7ece7e51e4119693eec0d1f70f378fb4c21d5/contracts/core/StandardizedYield/implementations/Ape/PendleApeStakingSY.sol#L33-L56>

```
33     function _deposit(address, uint256 amountDeposited)
34         internal
35         virtual
36         override
37         returns (uint256 amountSharesOut)
38     {
39         // Respecting APE's deposit invariant & prevent frontrunning on deployment
40         if (amountDeposited < MIN_APE_DEPOSIT) {
41             revert Errors.SYApeDepositAmountTooSmall(amountDeposited);
42         }
43
44         _harvestAndCompound();
45
46         // As SY Base is pulling the tokenIn first, the totalAsset should exclude
47         // user's deposit
48         uint256 priorTotalAssetOwned = getTotalAssetOwned() - amountDeposited;
49
50         if (totalSupply() == 0) {
51             amountSharesOut = amountDeposited;
52         } else {
53             // The upcoming calculation can be reduced to
54             // amountDeposited.divDown(exchangeRate())
55             // The following calculation is chosen instead to minimize precision
56             // error
57             amountSharesOut = (amountDeposited * totalSupply()) /
58             priorTotalAssetOwned;
59         }
60     }
```



<https://github.com/pendle-finance/pendle-core-internal-v2/blob/99f7ece7e51e4119693eec0d1f70f378fb4c21d5/contracts/core/StandardizedYield/implementations/Ape/PendleApeStakingSY.sol#L98-L107>

```
98     function getTotalAssetOwned() public view returns (uint256 totalAssetOwned) {
99         (uint256 stakedAmount, ) =
IApeStaking(apeStaking).addressPosition(address(this));
100         uint256 unclaimedAmount = IApeStaking(apeStaking).pendingRewards(
101             APE_COIN_POOL_ID,
102             address(this),
103             0
104         );
105         uint256 floatingAmount = _selfBalance(apeCoin);
106         totalAssetOwned = stakedAmount + unclaimedAmount + floatingAmount;
107     }
```

Only when `totalSupply() != 0` , `getTotalAssetOwned()` is needed, otherwise , it is not needed and should not be called given the expensive external calls inside it.

Recommendation

Consider changing to:

```
33     function _deposit(address, uint256 amountDeposited)
34         internal
35         virtual
36         override
37         returns (uint256 amountSharesOut)
38     {
39         // Respecting APE's deposit invariant & prevent frontrunning on deployment
40         if (amountDeposited < MIN_APE_DEPOSIT) {
41             revert Errors.SYApeDepositAmountTooSmall(amountDeposited);
42         }
43
44         _harvestAndCompound();
45
46         if (totalSupply() == 0) {
47             amountSharesOut = amountDeposited;
48         } else {
49             // As SY Base is pulling the tokenIn first, the totalAsset should
exclude user's deposit
```



```
50      uint256 priorTotalAssetOwned = getTotalAssetOwned() - amountDeposited;
51      // The upcoming calculation can be reduced to
    amountDeposited.divDown(exchangeRate())
52      // The following calculation is choosen instead to minimize precision
    error
53      amountSharesOut = (amountDeposited * totalSupply()) /
    priorTotalAssetOwned;
54  }
55 }
```

Status

✓ Fixed



Appendix

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