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# 1 Overview

This report has been prepared for Trader Joe's Auto Pools contracts on the Avalanche network. Paladin provides a user-centred examination of the smart contracts to look for vulnerabilities, logic errors or other issues from both an internal and external perspective.

## 1.1 Summary

<b>Project Name</b>	Trader Joe
<b>URL</b>	<a href="http://traderjoexyz.com/">http://traderjoexyz.com/</a>
<b>Platform</b>	Avalanche
<b>Language</b>	Solidity
<b>Preliminary contracts</b>	<a href="https://github.com/traderjoe-xyz/auto-pool-token-farm/tree/8c48d92e9e9f743d9dc97204b402a4f836d5075f/src">https://github.com/traderjoe-xyz/auto-pool-token-farm/tree/8c48d92e9e9f743d9dc97204b402a4f836d5075f/src</a>
<b>Resolution #1</b>	<a href="https://github.com/traderjoe-xyz/auto-pool-token-farm/tree/564f73c19a1aaed662862fbf95ee05669b6fcb35/src">https://github.com/traderjoe-xyz/auto-pool-token-farm/tree/564f73c19a1aaed662862fbf95ee05669b6fcb35/src</a>

## 1.2 Contracts Assessed

Name	Contract	Live Code Match
APTFarm	0x57FF9d1a7cf23fD1A9fd9DC07823F950a22a718C	✓ MATCH
SimpleRewarderPerSec	0xe7CE3fAC9CB2933aB96fE1dc6B9D58d2fb4303eF	✓ MATCH
RewarderFactory	0x501b8AFd35df20f531fF45F6f695793AC3316c85	✓ MATCH

## 1.3 Findings Summary

Severity	Found	Resolved	Partially Resolved	Acknowledged (no change made)
● High	2	1	-	1
● Medium	2	1	-	1
● Low	7	7	-	-
● Informational	5	3	-	2
Total	16	12	-	4

### Classification of Issues

Severity	Description
● High	Exploits, vulnerabilities or errors that will certainly or probabilistically lead towards loss of funds, control, or impairment of the contract and its functions. Issues under this classification are recommended to be fixed with utmost urgency.
● Medium	Bugs or issues with that may be subject to exploit, though their impact is somewhat limited. Issues under this classification are recommended to be fixed as soon as possible.
● Low	Effects are minimal in isolation and do not pose a significant danger to the project or its users. Issues under this classification are recommended to be fixed nonetheless.
● Informational	Consistency, syntax or style best practices. Generally pose a negligible level of risk, if any.

## 1.3.1 Global Issues

ID	Severity	Summary	Status
01	HIGH	GeneralGlobal: Contracts without fallback functions might lock their funds forever governance privileges	✓ RESOLVED

## 1.3.2 APTFarm

ID	Severity	Summary	Status
02	HIGH	Withdrawals can potentially revert	ACKNOWLEDGED
03	MEDIUM	Users will lose additional rewards when rewarder is changed	ACKNOWLEDGED
04	MEDIUM	Joe can be the staking token	✓ RESOLVED
05	LOW	joePerSec can result in an overflow	✓ RESOLVED
06	LOW	Lack of valid PID check	✓ RESOLVED
07	LOW	pendingTokens( ) will revert for native tokens	✓ RESOLVED
08	INFO	Zero input values are not checked	✓ RESOLVED
09	INFO	Lack of validation for _joe	✓ RESOLVED

## 1.3.3 SimpleRewarderPerSec

ID	Severity	Summary	Status
10	LOW	_tokenPerSec can be above 1e30	✓ RESOLVED
11	LOW	Contract uses balanceOf for apToken amount	✓ RESOLVED
12	LOW	Not adhering to the CEI pattern introduces a risk of read-only re-entrancy	✓ RESOLVED
13	INFO	Typographical issues	✓ RESOLVED

## 1.3.4 RewarderFactory

ID	Severity	Summary	Status
14	LOW	Reward token contract size is checked even for native tokens	✓ RESOLVED
15	INFO	Using a as salt for deployment via create2 makes the use of create2 redundant	ACKNOWLEDGED
16	INFO	Changing rewarder implementation may lock funds in previous rewarders	ACKNOWLEDGED

# 2 Findings

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## 2.1 General Issues

The issues in this section apply to the protocol as a whole.





## 2.1.1 Issues & Recommendations

<b>Issue #01</b>	<b>Global: Contracts without fallback functions might lock their funds forever</b>
<b>Severity</b>	 <b>HIGH SEVERITY</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>The SimpleRewarderPerSec allows for distributing ether or ERC20 tokens. However, if in fact ether is going to be distributed, this will revert if the depositor is a contract without a fallback function, resulting in all deposited funds locked:</p> <pre>function _transferNative(address to, uint256 amount) internal {      (bool success,) = to.call{value: amount}("");      if (!success) { revert SimpleRewarderPerSec__TransferFailed(); }</pre>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>One fix could be to not require the success of this call, however, that would eventually result in other undesired edge-cases. Another fix would be to only allow EOAs to deposit to the masterchef.</p> <p>We recommend thoroughly thinking about this issue and the potential fix but it all comes back to the first high issue within the APTFarm.</p>
<b>Resolution</b>	 <b>RESOLVED</b>

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## 2.2 APTFarm

APTFarm is a customized MasterChef which allows users to stake tokens and earn Joe rewards.

The contract owner can create different pools whereas every staking token can only have one assigned pool, each pool has its own reward allocation which is defined by joePerSec. Additionally, a rewarder contract can be attached to each pool which allows users to receive an additional reward token.

The contract relies on a sufficient joe token balance for reward payouts - if there are periods with an insufficient joe token balance, the accumulated amount will be stored in a unpaidRewards variable for each user, which can then be harvested once the contract again has enough funds.



The owner can change the reward rate and the rewarder address for each pool at any time.



### 2.2.1 Privileged Functions



- add
- set
- skim
- transferOwnership





## 2.2.2 Issues & Recommendations



Issue #02 Withdrawals can potentially revert	
Severity	 HIGH SEVERITY
Description	<p>As with most masterchefs using an additional rewarder, the call to the rewarder is forced to succeed. This was implemented to prevent an exploit where a user can force the call to run out of gas via gas-griefing to manipulate the staked balance in the rewarder contract.</p> <p>However, this can result in issues where the whole withdrawal functionality reverts, potentially locking user funds, especially in combination with the first high risk issue.</p>
Recommendation	Consider executing a simple call to the rewarder contract, ensuring that the forwarded gas is always sufficient to execute the call. This method prevents exploiters from gas-griefing attacks while still results in a success of the withdrawal call whenever there are issues with the underlying rewarder contract.
Resolution	 ACKNOWLEDGED The team will ensure that the rewarder is always valid.



Issue #03 Users will lose additional rewards when rewarder is changed	
Severity	 MEDIUM SEVERITY
Description	Whenever the rewarder is changed, users will lose their unclaimed rewards which have been accumulated since the last deposit/withdrawal/ew/harvest.
Recommendation	As a fix is non-trivial, consider communicating every change with the community so they can claim their rewards beforehand.
Resolution	 ACKNOWLEDGED Such changes will be communicated with the community upfront.



Issue #04 Joe can be the staking token	
Severity	 MEDIUM SEVERITY
Description	There is no check to ensure that the Joe token cannot be the staking token. This might result in a loss of staker's Joe if Joe can unexpectedly be staked.
Recommendation	Consider implementing a check during the add function to ensure it is not possible to add Joe as a staking token.
Resolution	 RESOLVED



Issue #05 joePerSec can result in an overflow	
Severity	 LOW SEVERITY
Description	joePerSec can be set to a huge amount which will result in an overflow during the reward calculation.
Recommendation	Consider setting an upper limit for this variable.
Resolution	 RESOLVED



Issue #06	Lack of valid PID check
Severity	 LOW SEVERITY
Description	Throughout the codebase, several functions can be called with non-existent PIDs. This might result in undesired edge-cases.
Recommendation	Consider adding the following check in <code>_updateFarm</code> :  <pre>if (farm.lastRewardTimestamp == 0) revert APTFarm__InvalidFarmIndex();</pre>
Resolution	 RESOLVED

Issue #07	pendingTokens() will revert for native tokens
Severity	 LOW SEVERITY
Description	<p><code>pendingTokens()</code> is a view function used to retrieve information regarding the pending Joe rewards as well as the additional rewards (if any). It tries to fetch the ERC20 token symbol of the bonus rewards token:</p> <pre>IRewarder rewarder = farm.rewarder; if (address(rewarder) != address(0)) {     bonusTokenAddress = address(rewarder.rewardToken());     bonusTokenSymbol = IERC20Metadata(bonusTokenAddress).symbol();     pendingBonusToken = rewarder.pendingTokens(user); }</pre> <p>The issue is that <code>bonusTokenAddress</code> can be set to <code>address(0)</code> if it is the native token of the blockchain. Therefore, calling <code>pendingTokens()</code> for a farm which has additional rewards distributed in native tokens will likely revert.</p>
Recommendation	Consider fetching the token symbol in a safe manner using a low-level statical call.
Resolution	 RESOLVED

Issue #08      Zero input values are not checked	
Severity	 INFORMATIONAL
Description	It is possible for a user to deposit 0 apTokens as well as to pass an empty array as an input for harvestRewards() which may cause unexpected behavior.
Recommendation	Consider implementing zero value and zero array length checks.
Resolution	 RESOLVED

Issue #09      Lack of validation for _joe	
Severity	 INFORMATIONAL
Description	Within the constructor, _joe is not validated against address(0). This will result in the contract malfunctioning.
Recommendation	Consider validating _joe appropriately.
Resolution	 RESOLVED



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## 2.3 SimpleRewarderPerSec



SimpleRewarderPerSec is a simple rewarder contract which is used on top of MasterChefs. The onJoeReward function is meant to be called during any harvest and balance changing event by the MasterChef and distributes rewards to the users based on their staked amount and staked time. It is important to mention that, unlike most rewarders which contain logic that allows them to be used for more than one pool, this rewarder is used for only one pool=.



This contract is deployed by the RewarderFactory using TraderJoe's ImmutableClone library.

### 2.3.1 Privileged Functions


- setRewardRate
- emergencyWithdraw
- transferOwnership

## 2.3.2 Issues & Recommendations

Issue #10 <code>_tokenPerSec</code> can be above <code>1e30</code>	
Severity	 LOW SEVERITY
Description	Even though the natspec specifically mentions the upper limit for the variable, it can still be set above the limit within the <code>setRewardRate</code> function. This can result in overflows for raw situations.
Recommendation	Consider validating it the same way as done in the <code>initialize</code> function.
Resolution	 RESOLVED

Issue #11      Contract uses <code>balanceOf</code> for <code>apToken</code> amount	
Severity	 LOW SEVERITY
Description	The contract fetches the balance of the staked token within the <code>masterchef</code> , however, this can manipulate the reward share:  <pre>uint256 aptSupply = _apToken().balanceOf(address(_aptFarm()));</pre>
Recommendation	Consider fetching the balance in the mapping for the corresponding PID.
Resolution	 RESOLVED  The proper balance is being passed as an argument to <code>onJoeReward</code> . However, the <code>pendingTokens</code> function still uses the traditional balance.



**Issue #12****Not adhering to the CEI pattern introduces a risk of read-only re-entrancy****Severity** LOW SEVERITY**Description**

The CEI pattern is not adhered to in `SimpleRewarderPerSec.onJoeReward` since all the user-related state changes are made after the rewards are sent to the user.

Moreover, unlike the standard `MasterChef` contract, `SimpleRewarderPerSec` supports native tokens as a reward token.



Therefore when rewards are sent in native tokens, the `receive/fallback` function of the receiver will be called. During this call, `SimpleRewarderPerSec.pendingTokens` and `APTFarm.pendingTokens` will still use the non-updated state and therefore will return a positive amount of pending tokens from the additional rewards even if they were just transferred.

**Recommendation**

Consider following the CEI pattern in `SimpleRewarderPerSec.onJoeReward`.

**Resolution** RESOLVED

`onJoeReward` has been refactored — first the old variables are cached, then the new ones are set and the reward balance is calculated based on the old values.

Issue #13	Typographical issues
Severity	 INFORMATIONAL
Description	<p data-bbox="451 286 499 320"><u>L21</u></p> <p data-bbox="451 360 1378 488">SimpleRewarderPerSec, a comment says that the contract owner should “set the block reward” whereas the reward is actually distributed per second.</p> <p data-bbox="451 539 518 551">———</p> <p data-bbox="451 607 1366 734">FarmInfo memory farm can be taken as the return value from <code>_updateFarm()</code> in <code>onJoeReward</code> instead of being read again from storage to save gas.</p> <p data-bbox="451 786 518 797">———</p> <p data-bbox="451 824 515 857"><u>L175</u></p> <p data-bbox="451 898 1150 931"><code>_aptAmount</code> can be used instead of <code>user.amount</code>.</p> <p data-bbox="451 983 518 994">———</p> <p data-bbox="451 1043 1123 1077"><code>emergencyWithdraw()</code> can be marked external.</p>
Recommendation	Consider fixing the issues.
Resolution	 RESOLVED

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## 2.4 RewarderFactory

RewarderFactory is a factory contract which allows any address with the REWARDER\_CREATOR\_ROLE to deploy proxy contracts that point to a specific implementation using TraderJoe's ImmutableClone library. This allows specific arguments to be stored directly in the proxy which then will be padded at the end of the calldata allowing the caller to access them via the getter functions in Clone. These arguments are the following:



1. rewardToken
2. apToken
3. aptFarm
4. isNative

Even though the implementation can be changed by the owner, it is meant to deploy SimpleRewarderPerSec contracts for the APTFarm.

### 2.4.1 Privileged Functions

- setSimpleRewarderImplementation
- grantCreatorRole
- transferOwnership

## 2.4.2 Issues & Recommendations

Issue #14	Reward token contract size is checked even for native tokens
Severity	 LOW SEVERITY
Description	<p>createRewarder checks whether the passed rewardToken and apToken addresses correspond to deployed contracts.</p> <pre>if (!Address.isContract(address(rewardToken))    ! Address.isContract(address(apToken))) {     revert RewarderFactory__InvalidAddress(); }</pre> <p>However, rewardToken can be set to be the native token for the corresponding chain via the isNative flag. Therefore, the expected rewardToken address is address(0) but it has no bytecode and the transaction will therefore revert.</p>
Recommendation	Consider checking Address.isContract(address(rewardToken)) only if isNative == false.
Resolution	 RESOLVED

**Issue #15****Using a nonce as salt for deployment via create2 makes the use of create2 redundant****Severity** INFORMATIONAL**Description**

Using create2 to deploy contracts is useful when one wants to compute deterministic addresses in advance. This is mostly used to send funds to the pre-computed address before the contract is deployed. The latter is probably expected to happen with the SimpleRewarderPerSec since a comment mentions the following:

*It assumes no minting rights, so requires a set amount of YOUR\_TOKEN to be transferred to this contract prior.*


To compute create2 addresses, a salt is used as a parameter in contrast to the nonce used with the normal deployment via create.

However, the salt in the RewarderFactory is actually computed as the keccak256 hash of a nonce which is incremented with each deployment.

This makes using create2 redundant and also sending funds to the pre-computed addresses risky since the contract addresses now again depend on the order in which the contracts are deployed (this is the problem that create2 aims to solve).

**Recommendation**

Consider if it is in fact desired to send funds upfront to the deterministic address, and if yes, consider using the immutable arguments for computing the salt instead of a nonce.

**Resolution** ACKNOWLEDGED

**Issue #16****Changing rewarder implementation may lock funds in previous rewarders****Severity** INFORMATIONAL**Description**


The RewarderFactory implements a function that allows the owner to change the implementation of the rewarders that are deployed.

This is risky because as described in the previous issue, `create2` computed addresses are used to send funds before deployment. Therefore, if reward tokens have been sent in advance to a rewarder address computed via `create2` before it was deployed and then the implementation was changed, the rewarder contract cannot be deployed unless the implementation is changed back to the one used to compute the `create2` address.

Combined with the previous issue of addresses being dependent on the nonce as well, if the implementation was changed and a rewarder with the new implementation was deployed, the potentially sent funds to the address computed with the previous nonce and implementation will be lost.

**Recommendation**

Consider if it is in fact desired to send funds upfront to the deterministic address, and if so, consider timelocking the function or remove it and use another factory contract for different implementations.

**Resolution** ACKNOWLEDGED



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