

# **SMART CONTRACT AUDIT REPORT**

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# 1 | Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the Kingfund design document and related smart contract source code, we outline in the report our systematic approach to evaluate potential security issues in the smart contract implementation, expose possible semantic inconsistencies between smart contract code and design document, and provide additional suggestions or recommendations for improvement. Our results show that the given version of smart contracts can be further improved due to the presence of several issues related to either security or performance. This document outlines our audit results.

## 1.1 About Kingfund

Kingfund Finance is a tokenized asset management and derivatives trading protocol. Inspired by tranches fund that caters investors with different risk appetite, Kingfund aims to provide different risk/return matrix out of a single main fund that tracks a specific underlying asset (e.g. ETH). Meanwhile, it also shares some of the popular DeFi features such as: single-asset yield farming, borrowing and lending, trading, etc. Kingfund consists of three tranche tokens (M, aka KingM; A, aka KingA; and B, aka KingB) and its governance token KING. Each of the three Kings is designed to solve the need of a different group of users: stable return yielding (KingA), leveraged crypto-asset trading (KingB), and long-term crypto-asset holding (KingM).

The basic information of Kingfund is as follows:

Table 1.1: Basic Information of Kingfund

Item	Description
Name	Kingfund Finance
Website	https://www.kingfund.finance/
Туре	Binance Smart Contract
Platform	Solidity
Audit Method	Whitebox
Latest Audit Report	Oct 29, 2021

The following link is the Kingfund contract to be audited.

• https://github.com/KingFundFinance/contract-core

#### 1.2 About ITSOGOO

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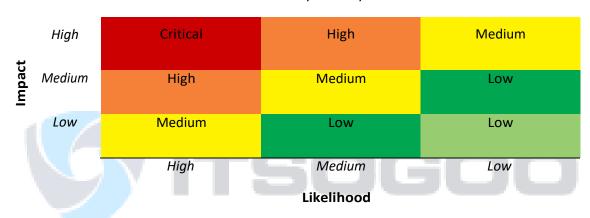


Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

# 1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on the OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [8]:

- <u>Likelihood</u> represents how likely a particular vulnerability is to be uncovered and exploited in the wild;
- Impact measures the technical loss and business damage of a successful attack;
- <u>Severity</u> demonstrates the overall criticality of the risk.

Likelihood and impact are categorized into three ratings: *H*, *M* and *L*, i.e., *high*, *medium* and *low* respectively. Severity is determined by likelihood and impact and can be classified into four categories accordingly, i.e., *Critical*, *High*, *Medium*, *Low* shown in Table 1.2.

To evaluate the risk, we go through a checklist of items and each would be labeled with a severity category. For one check item, if our tool or analysis does not identify any issue, the contract is considered safe regarding the check item. For any discovered issue, we might further deploy contracts on our private testnet and run tests to confirm the findings. If necessary, we would additionally build a PoC to demonstrate the possibility of exploitation. The concrete list of check items is shown in Table 1.3.

In particular, we perform the audit according to the following procedure:

- <u>Basic Coding Bugs</u>: We first statically analyze given smart contracts with our proprietary static code analyzer for known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) all the issues found by our tool.
- <u>Semantic Consistency Checks</u>: We then manually check the logic of implemented smart contracts and compare with the description in the white paper.
- Advanced DeFi Scrutiny: We further review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.
- Additional Recommendations: We also provide additional suggestions regarding the coding and development of smart contracts from the perspective of proven programming practices.

To better describe each issue we identified, we categorize the findings with Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE-699) [7], which is a community-developed list of software weakness types to better delineate and organize weaknesses around concepts frequently encountered in software development. Though some categories used in CWE-699 may not be relevant in smart contracts, we use the CWE categories in Table 1.4 to classify our findings. Moreover, in case there is an issue that may affect an active protocol that has been deployed, the public version of this report may omit such issue, but will be amended with full details right after the affected protocol is upgraded with respective fixes.

#### 1.4 Disclaimer

Note that this security audit is not designed to replace functional tests required before any software release, and does not give any warranties on finding all possible security issues of the given smart contract(s) or blockchain software, i.e., the evaluation result does not guarantee the nonexistence of any further findings of security issues. As one audit-based assessment cannot be considered

Table 1.3: The Full Audit Checklist

Category	Checklist Items		
	Constructor Mismatch		
	Ownership Takeover		
	Redundant Fallback Function		
	Overflows & Underflows		
	Reentrancy		
	Money-Giving Bug		
	Blackhole		
	Unauthorized Self-Destruct		
Basic Coding Bugs	Revert DoS		
Dasic County Dugs	Unchecked External Call		
	Gasless Send		
	Send Instead Of Transfer		
	Costly Loop		
	(Unsafe) Use Of Untrusted Libraries		
	(Unsafe) Use Of Predictable Variables		
	Transaction Ordering Dependence		
	Deprecated Uses		
Semantic Consistency Checks	Semantic Consistency Checks		
	Business Logics Review		
	Functionality Checks		
	Authentication Management		
	Access Control & Authorization		
	Oracle Security		
Advanced DeFi Scrutiny	Digital Asset Escrow		
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Kill-Switch Mechanism		
	Operation Trails & Event Generation		
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling		
	Frontend-Contract Integration		
	Deployment Consistency		
	Holistic Risk Management		
	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array		
	Using Fixed Compiler Version		
Additional Recommendations	Making Visibility Level Explicit		
	Making Type Inference Explicit		
	Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly		
	Following Other Best Practices		

Table 1.4: Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) Classifications Used in This Audit

Category	Summary
Configuration	Weaknesses in this category are typically introduced during the configuration of the software.
Data Processing Issues	Weaknesses in this category are typically found in functionality that processes data.
Numeric Errors	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calculation or conversion of numbers.
Security Features	Weaknesses in this category are concerned with topics like authentication, access control, confidentiality, cryptography, and privilege management. (Software security is not security software.)
Time and State	Weaknesses in this category are related to the improper management of time and state in an environment that supports simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple systems, processes, or threads.
Error Conditions,	Weaknesses in this category include weaknesses that occur if
Return Values,	a function does not generate the correct return/status code,
Status Codes	or if the application does not handle all possible return/status
Resource Management	codes that could be generated by a function.  Weaknesses in this category are related to improper management of system resources.
Behavioral Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behaviors from code that an application uses.
Business Logic	Weaknesses in this category identify some of the underlying problems that commonly allow attackers to manipulate the business logic of an application. Errors in business logic can be devastating to an entire application.
Initialization and Cleanup	Weaknesses in this category occur in behaviors that are used for initialization and breakdown.
Arguments and Parameters	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of arguments or parameters within function calls.
Expression Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written expressions within code.
Coding Practices	Weaknesses in this category are related to coding practices that are deemed unsafe and increase the chances that an exploitable vulnerability will be present in the application. They may not directly introduce a vulnerability, but indicate the product has not been carefully developed or maintained.

comprehensive, we always recommend proceeding with several independent audits and a public bug bounty program to ensure the security of smart contract(s). Last but not least, this security audit should not be used as investment advice.



# 2 | Findings

### 2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the implementation of Kingfund Finance. During the first phase of our audit, we study the smart contract source code and run our in-house static code analyzer through the codebase. The purpose here is to statically identify known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) issues reported by our tool. We further manually review business logic, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

Severity		# of Findings
Critical	0	
High	0	
Medium	2	
Low	4	
Informational	0	
Total	6	

We have so far identified a list of potential issues: some of them involve subtle corner cases that might not be previously thought of, while others refer to unusual interactions among multiple contracts. For each uncovered issue, we have therefore developed test cases for reasoning, reproduction, and/or verification. After further analysis and internal discussion, we determined a few issues of varying severities need to be brought up and paid more attention to, which are categorized in the above table. More information can be found in the next subsection, and the detailed discussions of each of them are in Section 3.

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## 2.2 Key Findings

PVE-006

Medium

Overall, these smart contracts are well-designed and engineered, though the implementation can be improved by resolving the identified issues (shown in Table 2.1), including 2 medium-severity vulnerabilities, and 4 low-severity vulnerabilities.

ID **Severity Title Status Category** PVE-001 Low Safe-Version Replacement With safeAp-**Coding Practices** Fixed prove(), safeTransfer() And safeTransferFrom() **PVE-002** Suggested Mint/Burn Events in Fund Resolved Low **Coding Practices PVE-003** Adherence Checks-Time and State Fixed Low Suggested Of **Effects-Interactions Pattern PVE-004** Low Improved Sanity Checks Of System/-**Coding Practices** Fixed **Function Parameters PVE-005** Medium Reliable Validation of \_assertNotCon-**Coding Practices** Fixed tract()

Table 2.1: Key Kingfund Audit Findings

Beside the identified issues, we emphasize that for any user-facing applications and services, it is always important to develop necessary risk-control mechanisms and make contingency plans, which may need to be exercised before the mainnet deployment. The risk-control mechanisms should kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed on mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.

Trust Issue of Admin Keys

**Security Features** 

# 3 | Detailed Results

# 3.1 Safe-Version Replacement With safeApprove(), safeTransfer() And safeTransferFrom()

• ID: PVE-001

· Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

Impact: Low

• Target: Multiple Contracts

• Category: Coding Practices [5]

CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

#### Description

Though there is a standardized ERC-20 specification, many token contracts may not strictly follow the specification or have additional functionalities beyond the specification. In this section, we examine the approve() routine and possible idiosyncrasies from current widely-used token contracts.

In particular, we use the popular token, i.e., ZRX, as our example. We show the related code snippet below. On its entry of transfer(), there is a check, i.e., if (balances[msg\_sender] >= \_value && balances[\_to] + \_value >= balances[\_to]). If the check fails, it returns false. However, the transaction still proceeds successfully without being reverted. This is not compliant with the ERC20 standard and may cause issues if not handled properly. Specifically, the ERC20 standard specifies the following: "Transfers \_value amount of tokens to address \_to, and MUST fire the Transfer event. The function SHOULD throw if the message caller's account balance does not have enough tokens to spend."

```
64
        function transfer(address _to, uint _value) returns (bool) {
65
            //Default assumes totalSupply can't be over max (2^256 - 1).
66
            if (balances[msg.sender] >= _value && balances[_to] + _value >= balances[_to]) {
67
                balances [msg. sender] -= _value;
68
                balances [_to] += _value;
69
                Transfer (msg. sender , _to , _value );
70
                return true:
71
            } else { return false; }
```

```
function transferFrom(address _from, address _to, uint _value) returns (bool) {
74
75
            if (balances[_from] >= _value && allowed[_from][msg.sender] >= _value &&
                balances [_to] + _value >= balances [_to]) {
76
                balances [_to] += _value;
77
                balances [_from] -= _value;
78
                allowed [_from ] [msg.sender] -= _value;
79
                Transfer (_from , _to , _value );
80
                return true;
81
            } else { return false; }
82
```

Listing 3.1: ZRX.sol

Because of that, a normal call to transfer() is suggested to use the safe version, i.e., safeTransfer (), In essence, it is a wrapper around ERC20 operations that may either throw on failure or return false without reverts. Moreover, the safe version also supports tokens that return no value (and instead revert or throw on failure). Note that non-reverting calls are assumed to be successful. To use this library you can add a using SafeERC20 for IERC20. Similarly, there is a safe version of transferFrom() as well, i.e., safeTransferFrom().

In the following, we show the initialize() routine in the LiquidityStaking contract. If the USDT token is supported as rewardToken, the unsafe version of IERC20(rewardToken).transferFrom(msg\_sender, address(this), amount) (line 48) may revert as there is no return value in the USDT token contract's transfer() implementation (but the IERC20 interface expects a return value)!

```
42
        function initialize(uint256 rate_) external {
43
            require(rate == 0 && rate_ != 0, "Should not initialize twice");
44
            require(startTimestamp >= block.timestamp, "Start cannot be in the past");
45
46
            uint256 amount = rate__mul(endTimestamp_sub(startTimestamp));
47
            require (
48
                IERC20(rewardToken).transferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), amount),
49
                "Reward transferFrom failed"
50
            );
51
52
            rate = rate_;
53
```

Listing 3.2: LiquidityStaking::initialize()

Note that this issue is present in a number of contracts, including LiquidityStaking, VestingEscrow, Staking, etc.

**Recommendation** Accommodate the above-mentioned idiosyncrasy about ERC20-related approve()/transfer()/transferFrom().

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: c60e62a\_

## 3.2 Suggested Mint/Burn Events in Fund

• ID: PVE-002

· Severity: Low

· Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

Target: Fund

• Category: Coding Practices [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

#### Description

In Ethereum, the event is an indispensable part of a contract and is mainly used to record a variety of runtime dynamics. In particular, when an event is emitted, it stores the arguments passed in transaction logs and these logs are made accessible to external analytics and reporting tools. Events can be emitted in a number of scenarios. One particular case is when system-wide parameters or settings are being changed. Another case is when tokens are being minted, transferred, or burned.

In the following, we use the Fund contract as an example. This contract is designed to enable tokenized asset management. The tokenized King tokens can therefore be minted, transferred, or burned. While examining the events that reflect the King token dynamics, we notice there is a lack of emitting important events that reflect important state changes. Specifically, when the King tokens are being minted or burned, there are no respective events being emitted to reflect the dynamics.

```
691
         function _mint(
692
             uint256 tranche,
693
             address account,
694
             uint256 amount
695
         ) private {
696
             require(account != address(0), "ERC20: mint to the zero address");
697
698
             _totalSupplies[tranche] = _totalSupplies[tranche].add(amount);
             _balances[account][tranche] = _balances[account][tranche].add(amount);
699
        }
700
701
702
         function _burn(
703
             uint256 tranche,
             address account,
704
             uint256 amount
705
706
         ) private {
             require(account != address(0), "ERC20: burn from the zero address");
707
708
             _balances[account][tranche] = _balances[account][tranche].sub(
709
710
                 amount.
711
                 "ERC20: burn amount exceeds balance"
712
             );
             _totalSupplies[tranche] = _totalSupplies[tranche].sub(amount);
713
```

```
714 }
```

Listing 3.3: Fund::\_mint()/\_burn()

**Recommendation** Properly emit the Mint/Burn events with accurate information to timely reflect state changes. This is very helpful for external analytics and reporting tools.

**Status** The team clarifies that fund is not an instance of ERC20, and thus there is no obligation to comply with the ERC20 standard.

# 3.3 Suggested Adherence Of Checks-Effects-Interactions Pattern

• ID: PVE-003

• Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: Multiple Contracts

• Category: Time and State [6]

CWE subcategory: CWE-663 [3]

#### Description

A common coding best practice in Solidity is the adherence of checks-effects-interactions principle. This principle is effective in mitigating a serious attack vector known as re-entrancy. Via this particular attack vector, a malicious contract can be reentering a vulnerable contract in a nested manner. Specifically, it first calls a function in the vulnerable contract, but before the first instance of the function call is finished, second call can be arranged to re-enter the vulnerable contract by invoking functions that should only be executed once. This attack was part of several most prominent hacks in Ethereum history, including the DAO [11] exploit, and the recent Uniswap/Lendf\_Me hack [10].

We notice there is an occasion where the checks-effects-interactions principle is violated. Using the LiquidityStaking as an example, the deposit() function (see the code snippet below) is provided to externally call a token contract to transfer assets. However, the invocation of an external contract requires extra care in avoiding the above re-entrancy.

Apparently, the interaction with the external contract (line 64) starts before effecting the update on internal states (lines 67-68), hence violating the principle. In this particular case, if the external contract has certain hidden logic that may be capable of launching re-entrancy via the same entry function.

```
function deposit(uint256 amount) external {
    userCheckpoint(msg_sender);

require(
```

Listing 3.4: LiquidityStaking::deposit()

In the meantime, we should mention that the supported tokens in the protocol do implement rather standard ERC20 interfaces and their related token contracts are not vulnerable or exploitable for re-entrancy. However, it is important to take precautions in making use of nonReentrant to block possible re-entrancy. Note similar issues exist in other functions, including withdraw()/claimRewards ()/exit() and the adherence of checks-effects-interactions best practice is strongly recommended.

**Recommendation** Apply necessary re-entrancy prevention by utilizing the nonReentrant modifier to block possible re-entrancy.

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: faf10a1.

## 3.4 Improved Sanity Checks For System/Function Parameters

• ID: PVE-004

Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: Multiple Contracts

Category: Coding Practices [5]

CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

#### Description

DeFi protocols typically have a number of system-wide parameters that can be dynamically configured on demand. The Kingfund Finance is no exception. Specifically, if we examine the PrimaryMarket contract, it has defined a number of protocol-wide risk parameters, such as redemptionFeeRate and splitFeeRate. In the following, we show the corresponding routines that allow for their changes.

```
345
         function updateRedemptionFeeRate(uint256 newRedemptionFeeRate) external onlyOwner {
346
             require(newRedemptionFeeRate <= MAX_REDEMPTION_FEE_RATE, "Exceed max redemption</pre>
                 fee rate");
347
             redemptionFeeRate = newRedemptionFeeRate;
348
         }
349
350
         function updateSplitFeeRate(uint256 newSplitFeeRate) external onlyOwner {
351
             require(newSplitFeeRate <= MAX_SPLIT_FEE_RATE, "Exceed max split fee rate");</pre>
             splitFeeRate = newSplitFeeRate;
352
353
```

```
354
355
         function updateMergeFeeRate(uint256 newMergeFeeRate) external onlyOwner { require
             (newMergeFeeRate <= MAX_MERGE_FEE_RATE, "Exceed max split fee rate"); merge</pre>
356
             FeeRate = newMergeFeeRate;
357
358
        }
359
         function updateMinCreationUnderlying(uint256 newMinCreationUnderlying) external
360
             onlyOwner {
361
             minCreationUnderlying = newMinCreationUnderlying;
362
```

Listing 3.5: A number of representative setters in PrimaryMarket

```
77
        constructor (
78
            address fund_,
79
            uint256 guardedLaunchStart_,
80
            uint256 redemptionFeeRate_,
81
            uint256 splitFeeRate_,
82
            uint256 mergeFeeRate_,
            uint256 minCreationUnderlying_
83
84
        ) public Ownable() {
85
            fund = IFund(fund_);
            guardedLaunchStart = guardedLaunchStart_;
86
87
            redemptionFeeRate = redemptionFeeRate_;
88
            splitFeeRate = splitFeeRate_;
            mergeFeeRate = mergeFeeRate_;
89
90
            minCreationUnderlying = minCreationUnderlying_;
91
            currentDay = fund.currentDay();
92
```

Listing 3.6: PrimaryMarket::constructor()

These parameters define various aspects of the protocol operation and maintenance and need to exercise extra care when configuring or updating them. Our analysis shows the initialization logic (see the above constructor()) on these parameters can be improved by applying more rigorous sanity checks. Based on the current implementation, certain corner cases may lead to an undesirable consequence. For example, an unlikely mis-configuration of redemptionFeeRate may charge unreasonably high fee in the redeem() operation, hence incurring cost to users or hurting the adoption of the protocol.

Similarly, the placeBid()/placeAsk() functions in Exchange can also be improved by validating the given King to be one of three King tokens (M, A, and B).

**Recommendation** Validate any changes regarding these system-wide parameters to ensure they fall in an appropriate range. If necessary, also consider emitting relevant events for their changes.

**Status** The issue has been fixed by this commit: aff6eb0\_

## 3.5 Reliable Validation of \_assertNotContract()

• ID: PVE-005

• Severity: Medium

• Likelihood: Medium

• Impact: Medium

• Target: VotingEscrow

• Category: Coding Practices [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

#### Description

Kingfund Finance has a voting escrow contract i.e., VotingEscrow, that is used to accept community voting and measure voting powers/weights for various protocol-wide operations. In the meantime, to mitigate possible flashloan-based manipulation, the protocol is designed to ensure only whitelisted contract-based accounts as well as EOA-based accounts to create voting locks.

```
99
         function createLock(uint256 amount, uint256 unlockTime) external nonReentrant {
100
             _assertNotContract(msg_sender);
102
            unlockTime = (unlockTime / 1 weeks) * 1 weeks; // Locktime is rounded down to
                 weeks
103
            LockedBalance memory lockedBalance = locked[msg.sender];
105
             require(amount > 0, "Zero value");
             require(lockedBalance.amount == 0, "Withdraw old tokens first");
106
107
             require(unlockTime > block.timestamp, "Can only lock until time in the future");
108
             require(unlockTime <= block_timestamp + maxTime, "Voting lock cannot exceed max</pre>
                 lock time");
110
             scheduledUnlock[unlockTime] = scheduledUnlock[unlockTime].add(amount);
111
            locked[msg_sender]_unlockTime = unlockTime;
112
            locked[msg.sender].amount = amount;
114
            IERC20(token).transferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), amount);
116
             emit LockCreated(msg.sender, amount, unlockTime);
117
```

**Listing 3.7:** VotingEscrow::createLock()

To elaborate, we show above the <code>createLock()</code> routine. This routine explicitly ensures the lock owner to be an EOA account (line 100). The detection logic is implemented in a helper routine <code>\_assertNotContract()</code>. It comes to our attention that this detection logic relies on the detection of the <code>extcodesize</code> primitive, which returns 0 for contracts in construction, since the code is only stored at the end of the constructor execution. A more reliable approach is to validate the EOA by <code>if (msg\_sender != tx\_origin)</code>.

```
function _assertNotContract(address account) private view {
```

```
175
             if (Address_isContract(account)) {
                 if (
176
177
                      addressWhitelist != address(0) && IAddressWhitelist(addressWhitelist).
                          check (account)
178
                 ) {
179
                      return;
180
                 }
181
                 revert("Smart contract depositors not allowed");
182
183
```

Listing 3.8: VotingEscrow::\_assertNotContract()

```
function isContract(address account) internal view returns (bool) {
26
27
           // This method relies on extcodesize, which returns 0 for contracts in
           // construction, since the code is only stored at the end of the
28
            // constructor execution.
29
31
            uint256 size;
32
            // solhint-disable-next-line no-inline-assembly
33
            assembly { size := extcodesize(account) }
34
            return size > 0;
35
```

Listing 3.9: Address::isContract()

**Recommendation** Revise the EOA detection logic via if (msg\_sender != tx\_origin).

**Status** The issue has been fixed by this commit: a333750\_

## 3.6 Trust Issue of Admin Keys

• ID: PVE-006

Severity: Medium

• Likelihood: Medium

• Impact: Medium

• Target: Fund

Category: Security Features [4]

CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [2]

#### Description

In Kingfund Finance, there is a privileged owner account that plays a critical role in governing and regulating the protocol-wide operations (e.g., configuring various system parameters). In the following, we show representative privileged operations in the protocol's core Fund contract.

```
function updateRedemptionFeeRate(uint256 newRedemptionFeeRate) external onlyOwner {
require(newRedemptionFeeRate <= MAX_REDEMPTION_FEE_RATE, "Exceed max redemption
fee rate");
```

```
347
             redemptionFeeRate = newRedemptionFeeRate;
348
        }
349
        function updateSplitFeeRate(uint256 newSplitFeeRate) external onlyOwner {
350
351
             require(newSplitFeeRate <= MAX_SPLIT_FEE_RATE, "Exceed max split fee rate");</pre>
             splitFeeRate = newSplitFeeRate;
352
353
        }
354
        function updateMergeFeeRate(uint256 newMergeFeeRate) external onlyOwner {
355
356
             require(newMergeFeeRate <= MAX_MERGE_FEE_RATE, "Exceed max split fee rate");</pre>
357
             mergeFeeRate = newMergeFeeRate;
        }
358
359
360
         function updateMinCreationUnderlying(uint256 newMinCreationUnderlying) external
             onlyOwner {
             minCreationUnderlying = newMinCreationUnderlying;
361
362
```

Listing 3.10: A number of representative setters in PrimaryMarket

We emphasize that the privilege assignment is necessary and consistent with the token design. However, it is worrisome if the owner is not governed by a DAO-like structure. The discussion with the team has confirmed that this privileged account will be managed by a multi-sig account. Note that a compromised owner account would allow the attacker to modify a number of sensitive system parameters, which directly undermines the assumption of the Kingfund.

**Recommendation** Promptly transfer the privileged account to the intended DAO-like governance contract. All changed to privileged operations may need to be mediated with necessary timelocks. Eventually, activate the normal on-chain community-based governance life-cycle and ensure the intended trustless nature and high-quality distributed governance.

**Status** This issue has been confirmed and partially mitigated. Especially, for all admin-level operations, the current mitigation is to adopt the standard Timelock with multi-sig Kingfund account as the proposer, and a minimum delay of 1 days. In the future, the team further plans to transfer the proposer role to DAO with transparent governance process similar to Compound.

# 4 | Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of Kingfund Finance. The system presents a unique, robust offering as a decentralized non-custodial tokenized asset management and derivatives trading protocol that caters investors with different risk appetite. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and fixed.

Moreover, we need to emphasize that Solidity-based smart contracts as a whole are still in an early, but exciting stage of development. To improve this report, we greatly appreciate any constructive feedbacks or suggestions, on our methodology, audit findings, or potential gaps in scope/coverage.



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