## **Dulcis in Fund**

**Project work MasterZ BlockInvest & Crédit Agricole** 

### **State Of The Art**

The accessibility and management of investments in Alternative Closed-End Funds is not efficient



#### **Main restrictions:**

- Limited access due to high entry investment tickets
- Limited liquidity and 5 to 7 years investment lock up
- O Poor transparency between the players
- Time consuming compliance protocols and operational inefficiency
- Slow, expensive and limited share tradability

## A Win-Win Solution

A Blockchain infrastructure for Alternative Investment Funds to solve market illiquidity and information asymmetry

Broader access to a niche asset class

Cheap and 24/7 token tradeability

Disclosure Transparency



**Alternative Funds** 

**Investors** 

## **Blockchain Fund Provider Worldwide**



#### **Discrimination Drivers:**

- Single or multiple asset class focus
- Proprietary or Ethereum blockchain
- Basic or Hybrid gain for investors
- Fund Tokenomics features

### **Market Size**

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#### Serviceable Available Market

Valued as the sum of the Funds Net Asset Value 2021 of Real Estate and Private Equity Funds in Italy

#### Launch Addressable Market

The minimum fundraising target of an Italian Alternative Fund launched between 2020-21

€1.222 Billions

€123 Billions

€1.1 Billion

€0.1 B

#### **Total Addressable Market**

Valued as the sum of the Funds Net Asset Value 2021 of Real Estate and Private Equity in European Countries

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#### Serviceable Obtainable Market

Valued as 10% of the sum of the Net Asset Value of funds launched in 2021 of Real Estate and Private Equity in Italy

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Sources: "The Italian Alternative Investment Market", Deloitte 2021. "Mercato Private Equity e Venture Capital 2021", AIFI - PWC. "EU Alternative Investment Fund", ESMA Annual Statistical Report 2022. "Scenari Immobiliari 2022", DealFlower.

## **Legal Perspectives**

Primary market will grow on a SaaS platform, built following the Cloud Computing contract paradigm.



### CLOUD PROVIDER Dulcis in Fund

- Terms and conditions
- Service Level Agreement
- Main obligations
- Privacy policy

### CLOUD ADMINISTRATOR O.I.C.R.

- Need specific permits under EU Reg. 2022/858
- Assets Under Management must have a market value below €500 million

#### CLOUD CONSUMER Investors

Subject to KYC-AML to ensure the network protection

- Institutional
- Professional
- Qualified Retail (from secondary market)

**Secondary market** will be developed in accordance with the pilot regime of European regulation N° 2022/858 for Distributed Ledger Technologies, adapting the structure to the rapidly evolving legislation.

## Re-Fungible Token standard

Based on the **Ethereum** blockchain, a Re-Fungible Token, extends the ERC-20 Token capabilities and utilizes ERC-165 Standard Interface Detection in order to represent the shared ownership of an ERC-721 Non-Fungible Token.

The smart-contract links the Re-Fungible token, which is a security instrument, and the original NFT that represents the full fund, managed by a collective investment scheme.

#### **ERC-20**

Standard for Fungible Tokens, each Token is exactly the same as another Token.

#### **ERC-721**

Unique token type that can have different value than another token from the same Smart Contract.

#### **ERC-165**

Creates a standard method to publish and detect what interfaces a smart contract implements.

Source: https://ethereum.org/en/developers/docs/standards/tokens



**GitHub** 



#### Mocha & Chai

**OpenZeppelin** 

Release and versioning

**Automated contract** testing

**Truffle** 



Reusable Solidity components to build custom contracts and complex decentralized systems

Node.js



Built-in smart contract compilation, linking, deployment and binary management

Open source development platform for real-time applications

### **Our Process**

### **Optimization Elements**

- Automated Market Maker
- Predetermined Valuation Methods
- Periodic Interest Gains
- Buy-and-Burn mechanism

#### **Secondary Market**

- Kick-off for the Fund's investment activity
- Opening to Qualified Retail
- Trading of outstanding RFTs



#### **Primary Market**

- Creation of a NFT representing an Alternative Fund managed by O.I.C.R. partner
   Fundraising through the
  - Fundraising through the creation of a solid liquidity pool

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## **Technical Chart**



#### O.I.C.R.

Manages the investment and growth process on the asset portfolio represented by NFT.

Holds Re-Fungible Token and earns periodic management and performance fees.

#### **Asset Portfolio**

Benefits from the O.I.C.R. ecosystem and receives funding from the pool.

Enjoys a periodic reinvestment structure linked to Buy and Burn timing.

#### **Smart Contract**

Contains the NFT representative of the asset portfolio.

From the NFT, produces Security RFTs exchangeable for Stablecoin or Fiat currency through an Automated Market Maker.

#### Investors

Deposit Stablecoin or Fiat currency to buy RFTs.

Earn Interest and capital gains via the pool and redeeming Stablecoin or Fiat currency.

# 1 NFT per Partner Fund

Breakable into a tailored number of RFTs based on Net Asset Value.

No new tokens will be minted after the initial issue.

NAV before fees = Liquidity Pool Value + Equity Investment Ptf + Accruals

## **Liquidity Pool**

**Automated Market Maker,** decentralised management of the capital raised and its allocation over time, act as a solid counterparty for trading activities and avoid RFTs manipulation.

- Investors will also be Liquidity Providers, a function that will allow them to earn a **Liquidity Mining Fee** based on transaction volume.
- Slippage effects are limited by customised investment vesting period and disinvestment caps.



Liquidity Pool Value = (w1 • RFT) • (w2 • Euro Coin) • (w3 • Fiat Currency)

**Source:** Euro Coin (EUROC), issued by Circle according to the same full-reserve model as the USD Coin (USDC), offering 1:1 stability with Euro. Planned issuance on Ethereum scheduled for 30/06/2022.

## **Buy-and-Burn Mechanism**

To offer periodic disinvestment options, a quarterly repurchase of outstanding RFTs is planned, thanks to asset portfolio proceeds.



#### \* The Performance and Platform fees are subject to a contractual cap. Annual management fee payable to the fund is 1.5% per annum of the net assets, accrued on a monthly basis.

#### **Activation terms:**

- Quarterly NAV exceeds a pre-determined threshold value.
- Quarterly NAV higher than the previous NAV adjusted.

## **Quarterly Buy-and-Burn**

Description	EUR
Q2 NAV (before fees)	€ 200 mln
Q2 Token supply	50 mln
Q1 RFT value	€ 3,5
Q2 RFT value	€ 4
Q2 EUR Performance = (€4 - €3,5) x 50 mln RFTs	€ 25 mln
Performance, Platform Fees = (€ 25 mln x 11%) + (€ 25 mln x 1%)	€3 mln
<b>Q3 Buy-and-Burn</b> 50% of Q2 EUR Performance = (€25 mln x 50%) / € 4	3.125 mln

Once the Buy-and-Burn RFT mechanism is activated, 50% of the Fund's quarterly return is used to buy-back RFTs from market and remove them from supply.

Potentially, **3.125 million RFTs** could be burned quarterly. With this RFT burn rate, the supply will be brought to 0 in **4 years** from the start of Buy-and-Burn, optimising the lifetime expectation of a Fund.

New RFTs Supply: (50 mln - 3.125 mln) = **46.875 mln** 

NAV after Buy-and-Burn: € 200 mln - € 12.5 mln - € 3 mln = € 184.5 mln

New RFT value: € 184.5 mln / 46.875 mln = € 3,93

The RFT becomes cheaper for new investors and will not penalise pre-existing investors that benefit from the RFT's pre-burn value freeze.

### **Revenue Stream**

#### Reporting

**Investor**: complete transparency and easy access to all required documentation.

**O.I.C.R.**: documentation development and periodic reporting about assets and fund's performance.

#### Platform

**Investor**: innovative access to a classic illiquid, expensive and inaccessible investment.

**O.I.C.R.**: fundraising support, liquidity management and investor relationship management.

#### Settlement

**Investor**: trading fees on each transaction volume.



## Roadmap



## **Our Team**



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