# **Dulcis in Fund**

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### **General Context**

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

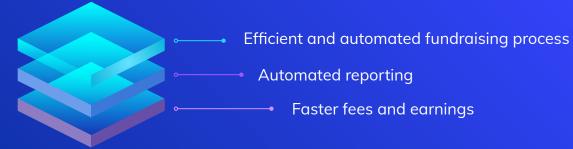
## A Win-Win Solution

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**



- Single or multiple asset class
- Proprietary or Ethereum blockchain
- Basic or Hybrid gain for investors
- Fund Tokonomics 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** is going to grow on a SaaS platform, built by following the paradigm of the Cloud Computing contract.



### 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 and following the rapidly evolving legislation.

# Re-Fungible Token standard

Based on **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

### Software framework

**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 Income
- Buy and Burn mechanism

### **Secondary Market**

- Kick-off for the fund's investment activity
- Opening to qualified Retail
- Trading of outstanding tokens

### 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





### **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 annual management and performance fees

#### **Asset Portfolio**

Benefits from the SGR 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 Stablecoins or fiat currency through an Automated Market Maker.

#### Investors

Deposit cash to buy Re-Fungible tokens.

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**
- Slippage effects are limited by customised investment vesting period and disinvestment caps



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

## **Buy and Burn Mechanism**

To shorten the life of an Alternative Fund, a quarterly repurchase of outstanding RFTs is planned, thanks to asset portfolio proceeds, reducing RFT Supply and offering periodic disinvestment options.



#### **Activation terms:**

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

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

# **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 token 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** can be burned quarterly. With this RFT burn rate, the supply will be brought to 0 in **4 years** from the start of the 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

**OICR**: documentation development and periodic reporting about assets and fund's performance.

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

#### Platform

**OICR**: fundraising support, liquidity management and investor relationship management.

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

#### Settlement

**Fees**: trading fees on investor transaction volumes.



# Roadmap









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