

Greetings, dYdX Community! I'm Alan, the Ecosystem Lead at Nocturnal Labs. It's a pleasure to formally introduce Nocturnal to this vibrant community through this post. We're thrilled to engage and contribute to the discussions here.

#### Validator Profile: Nocturnal Labs

##### Entity Name and Location:

- Nocturnal Labs
- Vilnius, Lithuania

##### Infrastructure Location:

- Primary: Vilnius, Lithuania
- Secondary: Kaunas, Lithuania

##### Hardware Details:

- Nocturnal employs a Tier 3 Data Center Storage solution, complemented by our proprietary hardware infrastructure.

##### Technical Team Overview

- Expertise: Our team consists of dev ops engineers, full-stack developers, and technology leaders, each with specialized skills to deliver high-quality solutions.
- Experience: Collectively, the team has over 10 years of experience in technical development and leadership.
- Blockchain Specialization: Our leadership has served in advisory roles for regulatory bodies in the blockchain sector, giving us a deep understanding of both technology and finance in the crypto ecosystem.
- Investor's Perspective: Years of leading blockchain and digital asset ventures equip us with a unique understanding of decentralized technology and its financial implications.

##### Years of Experience:

- Nocturnal Labs has been in operation for 2 years.

##### Validator Experience:

- Nocturnal Labs stands as a beacon of trust and technical proficiency in the blockchain realm. Our experience spans across validating for several top-tier Cosmos projects, namely Akash, Anoma, Celestia, ChainFlip, Chromia, Cosmos itself, Neutron, Nym, Osmosis, QuickSilver, and Sei Network. This broad spectrum of networks highlights our versatility, commitment, and unwavering dedication to supporting the evolution of the blockchain ecosystem.

##### Testnets, Mainnets, and Best Practices:

- Participated in multiple testnets, gathering invaluable insights to ensure seamless mainnet launches.
- Key takeaways from previous engagements:
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##### Validator Voting Framework and Process:

- At Nocturnal, we see ourselves as more than just a validator - we're an integral member of the community. Our approach is anchored in a dedication to security, transparency, and fostering the continuous growth of the network. Central to our operations is our internal system, which isn't just a tool but a critical asset that diligently monitors all incoming governance proposals. Before we make any moves, our team comes together for deep discussions, ensuring that our decisions align with the community's best interests. In essence, whether we're deliberating on tech nuances, strategizing, or just engaging in community discourse, know that our commitment is unwavering, and our focus is always on serving the community to the best of our abilities.

#### Roles in the dYdX Ecosystem:

- While our cornerstone expertise is in validation, our ambitions within the dYdX ecosystem reach far beyond that. We're proactively evaluating our involvement in roles like indexer, aiming to optimize data queries and transactions, and also potentially stepping into front-end services to enhance user experience and interactions within the platform.

Furthermore, our collaboration with Maven 11, our parent company and a respected name in the venture fund arena, places us in a unique position in the dYdX community. Balancing our tech acumen with Maven 11's investment prowess, we're strategically poised to identify and nurture emerging innovations within the dYdX ecosystem. This means potentially spotting young startups for strategic investments or shepherding innovative ideas to realization. While we aren't currently venturing into roles such as market maker or trader, our ears are always to the ground, eager to embrace opportunities that allow us to contribute comprehensively to the dYdX community."

#### Other Relevant Services for dYdX:

- At Nocturnal Labs, we don't just validate blockchain projects; we collaborate. We provide insights and content for our portfolio companies. Our background in blockchain equips us with the knowledge to support your project's goals. Engaging with us means practical collaboration and targeted content.

#### Notable Contributions in Other Ecosystems:

- Namada Launch and Anoma Testnet Work
- Our team actively assisted several validators on the Anoma testnet, identifying bugs and helping set up robust validators.

Nocturnal Labs brings a rich blend of technical prowess, operational excellence, and a proven track record. Our dedication to enhancing the blockchain ecosystem, coupled with our depth of experience, positions us as an ideal validator for dYdX. We are committed to the long-term success of the dYdX network and its community.