

On december 2021 begins unlock of LDO founders tokens. Considering that fact I propose:

Pair some of the founders LDO tokens (quantity of tokens discussable) with ETH from treasury in a 50/50 proportion and add it to LDO/ETH Uniswap v3 full range position. In Uniswap v3 trading fees are not auto-claimed, the position holder needs to claim fees every time. The trading fees from LDO/ETH pool will be distributed in 50/50 proportion to Lido founders (and they are free to spend this income as they wish), since they provided personal LDO tokens and other half of trading fees goes to LDO treasury, since ETH is from there.

What this will accomplish?

1 - LDO founders are showing long term commitment to the protocol, since they are putting their own tokens to work (skin in the game). Also dispels fears about founders dumping tokens.

2 - LDO treasury becomes productive. With full range position and 1% trading fees I expect APR to be in the 10-15% region. And the best thing is that income is from pure trading fees and doesn't rely on LM. Both in bull and bear markets there will be people trading LDO tokens → constant stream of trading fees to Uni v3 position holder, as long as LDO or ETH doesn't go to 0.

3 - Deep liquidity. Good for LDO farmNdumpers and good for potential big buyers. Also having deep liquidity on dex is a prestigious thing for a protocol IMO.

Downsides? I can only think of one: if LDO goes to 0, then ETH added to Uni v3 from treasury will be rekt.