# Security Audit

of STOKR's Smart Contracts

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### **Foreword**

We first and foremost thank STOKR for giving us the opportunity to audit their smart contracts. This documents outlines our methodology, limitations, and results.

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# **Executive Summary**

The STOKR smart contracts have been analyzed under different aspects, with a variety of tools for automated security analysis of Ethereum smart contracts.

Overall, we found that STOKR has a well written code and extensive tests with 100% code coverage. CHAINSECURITY did not find major issues. Nonetheless, CHAINSECURITY raised some minor issues and suggestions. These issues were all acknowledged or fixed in a professional manner.

CHAINSECURITY extended the audit after completion on request. The extended review now also includes the post-audit added changes listed below.

- Token destruction now emits an event
- The TokenDistribution event's information was extended
- A function to change the closing time of the crowdsale was added

This report was updated in December 2019 because of an issue that was independently reported to STOKR. STOKR made the appropriate code changes, CHAINSECURITY reviewed their correctness and believes that they effectively mitigate the raised issue.

### **Audit Overview**

#### **Scope of the Audit**

The scope of the audit is limited to the following source code files. All of these source code files were received on February 22, 2019.

The corresponding Git commit was: be93ca797a9096fb3f157fbcefe3dee05214e66c.

An update has been received on March 21, 2019.

The corresponding Git commit is: aa0d4dc69087d2d668b921803026644d23c8443c.

The third update has been received on April 29, 2019.

The corresponding Git commit is: 9a967af293168dd1d2773336ada11b3534c6031f.

The latest update has been received on December 11, 2019 as STOKR was alerted to an issue which they then reported to CHAINSECURITY. CHAINSECURITY reviewed the corresponding code updates.

The corresponding Git commit is: 88a9b9c6ba5342391b7581525358924e7ae018e8

File	SHA-256 checksum	
./StokrProjectManager.sol	4158c3220f6558db3368e6e27c8370879e990c60a74f7501a9df3a44e4c0b852	
./ownership/Ownable.sol	5eeea189402b6b8faf82d36305c6f11208d00b609d480369a16eb79f9c0104a6	
./token/StokrToken.sol	b3633d94be89d6ed4e14bb4b30399fa283aeccb65e7079da6f19c77cf14738f4	
./token/TokenRecoverable.sol	1fc8e574d8e1519b40ecf11740fcbf78bce12d9c170cccd3ecf2eed6a1a1586e	
./token/ERC20.sol	285471f24fa8eda2fec6d45bbb7c4bac41788d7085c489e8e95f27c46d5b846c	
./token/StokrTokenFactory.sol	96f3dad89ead696abd768f9a55325884a5204fa868694960b71ad3153a96e04d	
./token/ProfitSharing.sol	3083ca7f62721a5dbce6e795e989484a3db7adffff649645099e327fe2a405a9	
./token/MintableToken.sol	340d7ab55fbd00072242c69f29e5fba72cb470ae66f4b4cab9408cd13b4dca60	
./crowdsale/StokrCrowdsale.sol	187a0e9dd48b5224db254bf506035d2ade29072856170d3471a649dedbe8f42c	
./crowdsale/RateSourceInterface.sol	e403f1aedbbc1158b5cb228e3ae83261647cc2cd46d50bc6c5c5644ee0360e0b	
./crowdsale/MintingCrowdsale.sol	9aba5f7987faa0aa0dc0c76f6e15fc0609cca179b85cf11fc23f76716a1a3648	
./crowdsale/Stokr Crowdsale Factory. sol	b8ba30a0c0be261782e6ddb9f933fcdfb9dd7be81db8a701c11c441cbbc42d0d	
./whitelist/Whitelisted.sol	a5a6828079fe6ea621ec38819dccfb32fad52ea25de2d21b691cdeef582f4d94	
./whitelist/Whitelist.sol	40e5fb39cb6475f02f2fffa4e1c7eaf031484f24708bc3c81ca805d138509c59	
./math/SafeMath.sol	62931a5a942f6440f080bd0afebfb73ba68d96552bc64aa1e602c391ef63ed00	

#### **Depth of Audit**

The scope of the security audit conducted by CHAINSECURITY was restricted to:

- Scan the contracts listed above for generic security issues using automated systems and manually inspect the results.
- Manual audit of the contracts listed above for security issues.

#### **Terminology**

For the purpose of this audit, we adopt the following terminology. For security vulnerabilities, we specify the *likelihood*, *impact* and *severity* (inspired by the OWASP risk rating methodology<sup>1</sup>).

Likelihood represents the likelihood of a security vulnerability to be encountered or exploited in the wild.

**Impact** specifies the technical and business related consequences of an exploit.

**Severity** is derived based on the likelihood and the impact calculated previously.

<sup>1</sup>https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\_Risk\_Rating\_Methodology

We categorize the findings into 4 distinct categories, depending on their severities:

- Low: can be considered as less important
- Medium: should be fixed
- High: we strongly suggest to fix it before release
- Critical: needs to be fixed before release

These severities are derived from the likelihood and the impact using the following table, following a standard approach in risk assessment.

	IMPACT				
LIKELIHOOD	High	Medium	Low		
High		Н	M		
Medium	H	M	L		
Low	M	L	L		

During the audit concerns might arise or tools might flag certain security issues. After careful inspection of the potential security impact, we assign the following labels:

- ✓ No Issue : no security impact
- Fixed: during the course of the audit process, the issue has been addressed technically
- ◆ Addressed: issue addressed otherwise by improving documentation or further specification

Findings that are labelled as either Fixed or Addressed are resolved and therefore pose no security threat. Their severity is still listed, but just to give the reader a quick overview what kind of issues were found during the audit.

### Limitations

Security auditing cannot uncover all existing vulnerabilities, and even an audit in which no vulnerabilities are found is not a guarantee for a secure smart contract. However, auditing allows to discover vulnerabilities that were overlooked during development and areas where additional security measures are necessary.

In most cases, applications are either fully protected against a certain type of attack, or they lack protection against it completely. Some of the issues may affect the entire smart contract application, while some lack protection only in certain areas. We therefore carry out a source code review trying to determine all locations that need to be fixed. Within the customer-determined timeframe, ChainSecurity has performed auditing in order to discover as many vulnerabilities as possible.

# System Overview

STOKR is as crowd-investing platform based on smart contracts on the Ethereum blockchain. STOKR enables ventures to create projects and investors to invest into these projects. For this purpose STOKR implemented a system which has built-in features to support investors and ventures. Each project launched on STOKR's platform has a crowdsale contract to manage the sale of a dedicated security token with profit sharing and a global whitelist. Thus, only whitelisted investors can invest.

The profit sharing schemes distributes all deposited profits among the token holders according to their token balance at the time of deposit. A user's profit share is tracked automatically and can be withdrawn at any time using the corresponding function.

The crowdsale has multiple configurable parameters such as an individual purchase cap or start and end times. In case a crowdsale, doesn't reach its defined investment goal, then all investor can obtain a refund. In case of a successful crowdsale, investors can withdraw their tokens after the completion of the crowdsale.

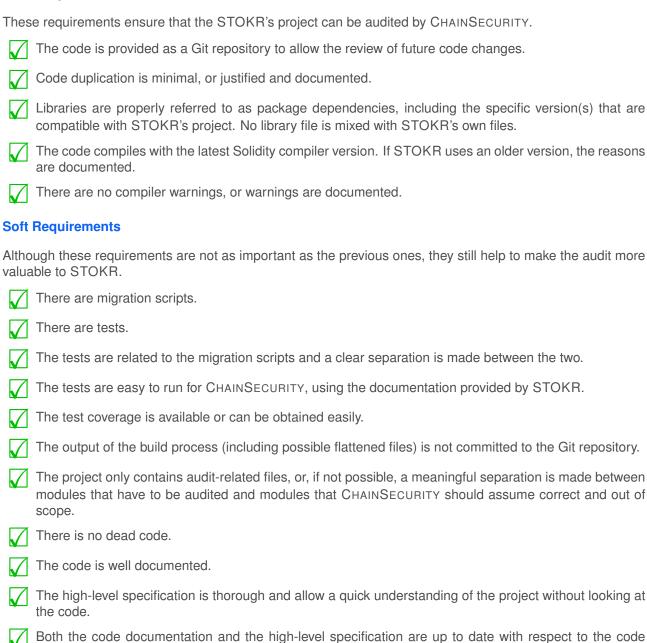
# Best Practices in STOKR's project

Projects of good quality follow best practices. In doing so, they make audits more meaningful, by allowing efforts to be focused on subtle and project-specific issues rather than the fulfillment of general guidelines.

Avoiding code duplication is a good example of a good engineering practice which increases the potential of any security audit.

We now list a few points that should be enforced in any good project that aims to be deployed on the Ethereum blockchain. The corresponding box is ticked when STOKR's project fitted the criterion when the audit started.

#### **Hard Requirements**



There are no getter functions for public variables, or the reason why these getters are in the code is given.

Function are grouped together according either to the Solidity guidelines<sup>2</sup>, or to their functionality.

version CHAINSECURITY audits.

<sup>2</sup>https://solidity.readthedocs.io/en/latest/style-guide.html#order-of-functions

### Security Issues

This section relates our investigation into securify issues. It is meant to highlight whenever we found specific issues but also mention what vulnerability classes do not appear, if relevant.

#### Batch function call may fail



✓ Acknowledged

distributeRefunds() calls the untrusted address\_investor provided in the function argument. Even though the transfer() function is considered safe regarding reentrancy, a malicious address could intentionally make the transfer() call fail. As a result, the function distributeRefunds() is blocked because the loop cannot be executed anymore. But distributeRefunds() is just the "batch" version of claimRefund() and therefore the impact is low as each investor can still use claimRefund() to get their refund. The same issue occurs in withdrawProfitShares(), but again the impact is low as the non-batch version could still be called individually by each investor.

STOKR could consider preventing one failing ETH transfer in the loop from reverting the entire transaction.

Likelihood: Low Impact: Low

Acknowledged: STOKR acknowledged that they are aware of this issue.

#### Potential overflow in setRate()



√ Fixed

STOKR does not use SafeMath to verify the new rate to be set. This could lead to an overflow in the multiplication part of the check, newRate < 10 \* rate. If rate is near the maximum uint256 value, multiplying by 10 might cause an overflow. This function can only be called by rateAdmin, which is set by the owner.

STOKR should consider using SafeMath.mul() to prevent overflow.

Likelihood: Low Impact: Low

**Fixed:** STOKR solved the problem by adding end enforcing a maximum rate of uint(-1)/10.

### Adjusting Allowance can lead to front-running \_\_\_\_



✓ Fixed

Inside the ERC20 token standard, there is a well-documented³ issue with front-running when it comes to the approve function. When changing a particular allowance from X to Y, where  $X \neq 0$  and  $Y \neq 0$  using a single transaction, this transaction is susceptible to front-running. The spender of the allowance can send a competing transferFrom transaction and therefore transfer X + Y tokens.

This issue can either be addressed in client applications by performing two transactions, where the first transaction resets the allowance to 0, or increaseAllowance and decreaseAllowance functions can be introduced to allow a safe allowance adjustment in a single transaction.

Likelihood: Low Impact: Medium

**Fixed:** STOKR solved the issue by adding the two functions increaseAllowance and decreaseAllowance. STOKR also added a require() to check for over- and underflows.

<sup>3</sup>https://github.com/ethereum/EIPs/issues/20#issuecomment-263524729

### **Design Issues**

This section lists general recommendations about the design and style of STOKR's project. They highlight possible ways for STOKR to further improve the code.

#### Functions visbility can be set to external



✓ Fixed

There are a number of functions declared as **public** when they could also be set to **external**. A non-exhaustive list of these functions is:

- distributeTokensViaPublicSale()
- distributeTokensViaPrivateSale()
- addToWhitelist()
- removeFromWhitelist()
- withdrawProfitShares()
- distributeRefunds()
- createNewProject()

Functions with visibility external can directly read from calldata<sup>4</sup> and do not copy function arguments to memory. Thus, declaring these functions external might optimize the gas costs. If and how much gas is saved, depends on the compiler version and the optimization done by the compiler.

**Fixed:** STOKR fixed the issue by setting the visibility from public to external.

#### Failing checks silently continue L



✓ Acknowledged

STOKR uses an **if** in multiple places to perform a check when a **require** would make more sense. For example the second condition in TokenRecoverable.sol on line 39.

```
function setTokenRecoverer(address _newTokenRecoverer) public onlyOwner {
    require(_newTokenRecoverer != address(0x0), "New_token_recoverer_is_zero");

if (tokenRecoverer!=address(0x0) && _newTokenRecoverer != tokenRecoverer) {
    emit TokenRecovererChange(_newTokenRecoverer);
    }
    tokenRecoverer = _newTokenRecoverer;
}
```

CHAINSECURITY sees no reason to allow token recoverer to be updated to a new address if the new address is the same as the current address. STOKR is advised to reevaluate the usage of if statements vs throwing an error in such cases as described above.

**Acknowledged:** STOKR partially solved the problem by only updating the value if it it differs from the current value. However, calling this function to update the value to the same value does still not result in an error.

#### Crowdsale continues if sold out \_\_\_\_



✓ Acknowledged

In case a crowdsale is sold out, it continues until the hasClosed condition is fulfilled, which is that the closingTime has passed. Up until that time the finalize function is not callable. Hence, during this time tokens are not transferable and no deposits can be made even though no more tokens can be purchased.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>https://solidity.readthedocs.io/en/v0.5.3/types.html?highlight=external#data-location%7D

Acknowledged: STOKR acknowledged the issue and explained that this behavior is intended.

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The crowdsale enforces a tokenPurchaseMinimum for each token purchase. This can lead to issues towards the end of a crowdsale in case the crowdsale is close to selling out. In particular, it might be impossible to purchase remaining tokens.

As an example let's say that tokenPurchaseMinimum = 100 and that tokenRemainingForPublicSale = 80. Hence, 80 tokens are still for sale. If a buyer tries to purchase 80 tokens, the purchase will fail as it is below the minimum. If a buyer tries to purchase the minimum of 100 tokens, it will fail, because there are only 80 tokens left. Obviously, the impact and likelihood of this issue depend on the choice of the parameters.

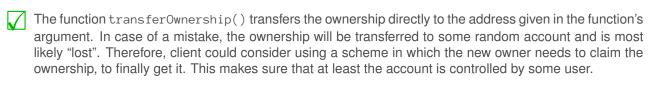
**Acknowledged:** STOKR is aware of this issue and acknowledges it.

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In the documentation, STOKR states that the whitelist defines which addresses "are able to send or receive tokens". This is ensured during regular transfers. However, as part of the recoverToken function, tokens can also be transferred and there no whitelist check is performed.

**Fixed:** STOKR solved the problem by adding the onlyWhitelisted modifier to the recoverTokens function.

# Recommendations / Suggestions



- In MintingCrowdSale.sol and ProfitSharing.sol STOKR makes use of the fallback function to catch ether sent to the contract and call buyTokens(). Since the fallback function is not only called for plain ether transfers (without data) but also when no other function matches, STOKR should check that the data is empty if the fallback function is intended to be used only for the purpose of forwarding ether to buyTokens(). Otherwise, callers will not notice if your contract is used incorrectly and functions that do not exist are called<sup>5</sup>.
- The storage variable deploymentBlockNumber in StokrProjectManager is only set once in the constructor. The variable is not used anywhere else. If it is not required urgently by any other interacting contract ChainSecurity is not aware of, STOKR could consider removing the variable.
- STOKR might consider using the indexed keyword in some logged events. This might make sense to later better search through the events.
- The token contract has a special role called token recoverer. In most places of the code, it is referred to as tokenRecoverer. However, there are also multiple occurrences where this role is called keyRecoverer. This naming could be harmonized.
- There are different implementations of the ERC20 token standard, but some have started emitting a Approval event whenever the token allowance has been changed. In case, STOKR wants to adapt this, an additional Approval event could be emitted from the transferFrom function.
- In the code, there are two semantically identical getter functions. The two functions mintingFinished() and totalSupplyIsFixed() both return the value of the variable totalSupplyIsFixed. Therefore, one of the two getter functions could be omitted to achieve some gas savings during deployment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>https://consensys.github.io/smart-contract-best-practices/recommendations/#check-data-length-in-fallback-functions

### **Notes**

This section highlights additional remarks about the behaviour of the smart contracts. These are not considered as issues. However, ChainSecurity still wants to point them out for completeness and for educational purposes.

#### Rounding Errors Acknowledged

(Unsigned) integer divisions generally suffer from rounding errors. The same holds true for divisions inside the EVM. Therefore, the results of arithmetic operations can be imprecise. The effects of these errors can be reduced by ordering arithmetic operations in a numerically stable manner. However, even then minor errors (e.g. in the order of one token wei) can occur.

In the STOKR contracts, any user can call <code>updateProfitShare(A)</code> on another user A to trigger additional rounding errors and therefore effectively lower the token balance of A. Furthermore, the rounding errors during the calculation of profit shares will lead to an accumulated amount of "lost" tokens inside the <code>ProfitSharing</code> contract over time. However, <code>CHAINSECURITY</code> expects both of these errors to have a negligible effect due to use of 18 decimals.

**Acknowledged:** STOKR acknowledged the theoretical possibility, but also correctly pointed out that a potential attacker has no economic incentive to perform such an attack, as it: (i) only incurs a tiny damage on the victim, (ii) incurs gas costs on the attacker, and (iii) does not provide any direct benefit to the attacker.

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