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The OST Protocol was created to be the foundation of the next generation of decentralized finance. We are not only committed to solving the fragmentation problem through a multi-chain unified liquidity layer, but more importantly, we have designed an economic and governance model that deeply returns protocol ownership, governance rights, and revenue rights to the community. Our goal is not simply to replicate existing systems, but to build a financial oasis with a seamless user experience, aligned incentives, and sustainable evolution, allowing value to circulate efficiently and fairly among creators and participants.

Core objectives:

$100B+

Annual transaction volume

< 0.5%

Average slippage

$1B+

Cross-chain asset volume

1M+

User

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1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

DeFi has proven over the past few years its ability to provide financial services such as lending, trading, and interest generation through code rather than intermediaries. However, with hundreds of protocols built on dozens of different blockchains, a series of serious practical problems are beginning to hinder its widespread adoption.

1.1 Current structural bottlenecks in the market

Inefficient capital utilization and high costs:

Users' assets are trapped within a single blockchain network. To transfer assets from one chain to another in pursuit of better yield opportunities, they must rely on third-party cross-chain bridges, paying high transaction fees and facing potentially long waiting times of several tens of minutes, as well as potential smart contract risks.

This not only results in a poor user experience but also leaves billions of dollars in capital idle or underutilized.

Complex operations and high learning costs:

For an average user to participate in DeFi, they must learn to manage private keys, understand the concept of gas fees, authorize smart contracts, compare interest rates across different protocols, and constantly be wary of phishing and contract vulnerabilities. The process is cumbersome, the interface terminology is obscure, and any mistake can lead to permanent loss of funds. This makes DeFi inaccessible to the vast majority of potential users.

Governance concentration and imbalances in value distribution:

Many protocols initially allocate a large portion of their governance tokens to the founding team and venture capital firms. While seemingly decentralized governance is in place, the passage of key proposals often depends on the votes of a few large token holders.

Meanwhile, a significant portion of the substantial fee revenue generated by the protocol is distributed directly to temporary liquidity providers, while users who hold and stake their governance tokens long-term to secure the protocol often fail to receive commensurate returns. This weakens community loyalty and leads to a disconnect between the token price and the actual usage of the protocol.

1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

1.2 Market Gap and OST's Positioning

The market is not lacking in single-function DeFi protocols; what it lacks is a comprehensive solution that can unify fragmented liquidity, complex operations, and disjointed governance. Users don't need a more complicated tool, but rather a simple, reliable financial gateway that truly empowers them.

The OST Protocol is built to address these specific, real-world pain points. We don't create illusory concepts, but instead are committed to building robust financial infrastructure:



Addressing liquidity fragmentation:

We are building a native, secure cross-chain bridging system that allows assets to flow freely and quickly between multiple mainstream blockchains, aggregating fragmented liquidity to form a deeper, unified market.



Regarding the complexity of the operation:

We designed an intuitive, all-in-one platform interface that simplifies complex operations such as trading and lending. At the same time, we introduced an intelligent yield aggregator that automatically finds and executes the optimal strategies for users.



Regarding governance and value capture:

We deeply integrate the core benefits of the protocol with the interests of long-term token holders. Through mechanisms such as buybacks and burning, and staking rewards, we ensure that the protocol's growth directly benefits community members.

OST Protocol has a clear and specific goal: to build a secure, user-friendly, and open financial protocol stack that truly benefits the community.

We begin with a high-performance multi-chain trading engine, and based on this foundation, we will gradually integrate and develop modules that address the core problems mentioned above, ultimately building a self-sustaining and collaboratively developing DeFi ecosystem. This is a direct correction of the shortcomings of the current market and a necessary foundation for the future of programmable finance.

2. TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE

The technical architecture design of the OST Protocol follows the core principles of "high performance, strong security, and easy scalability," aiming to build a multi-chain ecosystem that can support complex financial operations, ensure user asset security, and evolve sustainably.

2.1 Underlying Layer and Infrastructure Layer

Supported multi-chain environment:

EVM-compatible chain launch:

The initial deployment will be on the Ethereum mainnet (for security), BNB Chain (for low fees and high transaction volume), and Arbitrum (for low costs and EVM compatibility). These chains have the largest developer communities and user bases.

Modular support:

The contract is designed to be easily portable to other EVM chains (such as Optimism, Polygon zkEVM) and important non-EVM chains in the future (through specific adapters).

Key external service integrations:

Decentralized oracle network:

We integrate Chainlink and Pyth as our primary price sources. Key assets (such as stablecoins and major cryptocurrencies) utilize a dual-oracle or even multi-oracle verification mechanism to prevent single-point failures and flash loan price manipulation attacks.

Decentralized storage:

The front-end interface and static resources (such as icons and documents) are deployed on IPFS and Arweave, ensuring censorship resistance and permanent accessibility.

Account abstraction and automation services:

It provides users with a "gas-free" trading experience; utilizing the Gelato Network to automate tasks such as yield reinvestment and limit orders, greatly improving user experience and strategy efficiency.

2.2 Cross-chain communication layer

This is the core technological hub for realizing the vision of "unified liquidity," and we have named it OST Nexus. It is not a simple asset bridge, but a universal, trustless messaging layer.

Status verification (core security):

On each connected chain, a light client contract or zero-knowledge proof verification contract is deployed. When a transaction on another chain needs to be verified, OST Nexus generates a cryptographic proof, which is then verified by the verification contract on the target chain. This ensures that the authenticity of the information does not depend on third-party trust, but rather on mathematics and code.

Decentralized validator network:

The OST Nexus relay chain is run by a set of validator nodes operated by the community and partners, requiring staked tokens. Any cross-chain message (such as "lock 10 ETH on chain A and mint 10 wrapped ETH on chain B") requires signatures from more than 2/3 of the validators to be valid. Malicious behavior (such as double-signing) will result in the forfeiture of their staked tokens.

Universal Messaging Protocol:

It not only supports cross-chain asset transfers but also cross-chain transmission of smart contract invocation instructions. For example, a user can initiate an instruction on Ethereum: "Use my USDC on Arbitrum as collateral to borrow AVAX on Avalanche, and automatically deposit it into a specific yield farming protocol." OST Nexus will securely coordinate these operations across all three chains.

Unified liquidity access point:

On each connected chain, there is a standardized "liquidity entry point" contract. After users deposit assets into the local entry point contract, the status of these assets is "registered" on the Nexus network. Subsequently, these assets can be "borrowed" by users on other chains or used to provide liquidity through the protocol layer without requiring actual cross-chain transfers, thus enabling single deposit and multi-chain utilization.

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2.3 Protocol Layer

This is the smart contract layer that carries all the core financial logic, employing a highly modular design and divided into three core engines:

Unified liquidity pool engine

Centralized liquidity pool:

Mimicking the traditional order book model, it allows liquidity providers (LPs) to provide liquidity within specific price ranges (e.g., when the ETH price is between 1500 and 2000). This ensures that LPs' capital is fully utilized within their designated active trading range, increasing capital efficiency by hundreds of times, and automatically earning transaction fees for all trades within that range.

Managed Liquidity Vaults:

Regular users don't need to manage complex LP positions. They can deposit a single token (such as USDC) into a "stablecoin yield vault," and the vault's smart contract will automatically pair it, provide concentrated liquidity within the optimal price range, and automatically reinvest and rebalance the assets, allowing users to simply collect their earnings.

Intelligent Routing and Aggregation Engine:

Real-time path discovery:

1. When a user initiates a transaction, the engine will simultaneously query the centralized liquidity pools across all of OST's proprietary chains.
2. OST pools on other chains are accessible via OST Nexus.
3. Integrates third-party DEXs . Calculates the final received price for all possible paths using algorithms.

   (including gas fees and bridging costs).

Optimal execution:

The engine automatically selects the best route or performs multi-path splitting and execution to ensure users get the best price. The entire process is completed with a single confirmation from the user, who remains completely unaware of the complex operations happening in the backend.

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2.3 Protocol Layer

Revenue and Risk Management Engine

Isolated lending markets:

Each collateral asset (such as ETH, WBTC) corresponds to an independent liquidity pool. This means that if a niche, long-tail asset (such as a DeFi protocol token) experiences a collapse, the resulting bad debt will only affect that asset's liquidity pool and will not jeopardize the funds of depositors in the ETH or USDC pools. This represents a significant security upgrade compared to the traditional "shared liquidity pool" model.

Isolated lending markets:

We offer a range of strategic portfolios, from conservative to aggressive.
For example:

Conservative:	Deposit stablecoins only into blue-chip protocols such as AAVE and Compound.
Balanced:	Provide a wide range of concentrated liquidity on OST and hedge with options.
Aggressive:	Use leveraged borrowing for high-yield liquidity mining. Each vault has clear risk disclosures and a real-time performance dashboard.

2.4 Application Layer

Unified view of multi-chain assets:

Users can view and manage all their assets distributed across multiple chains, including Ethereum and Arbitrum, from a single dashboard, with total asset value and earnings clearly displayed.

Contextualized operational procedures:

The system recommends the simplest and most suitable operation path based on the user's intent and guides the user to complete the task with a single click.

Transaction simulation and preview:

Before confirming any operation (transaction, deposit), the estimated results, fees, slippage, and potential risks are clearly displayed, ensuring complete transparency of information.

3. TOKEN ECONOMICS

3.1 Overview of the OST Token

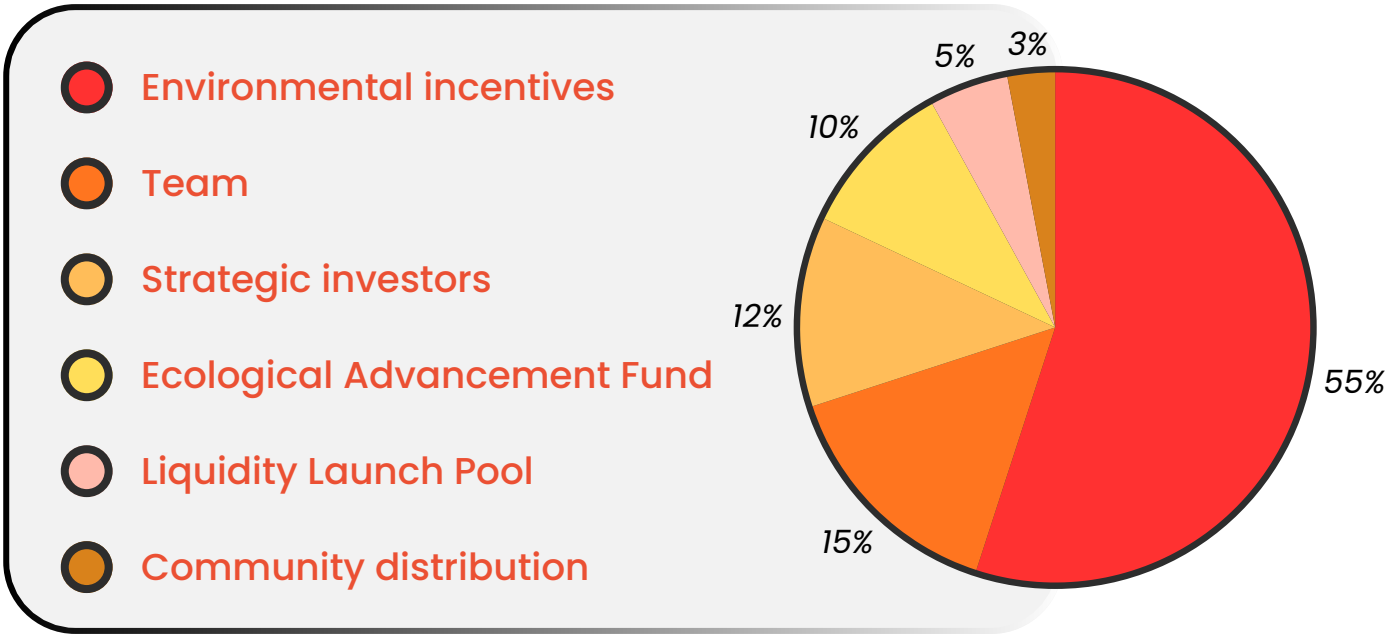
OST is the native utility and governance token of the OST Protocol, serving as the economic core and governance credential of the entire ecosystem. It employs a dual-track design: acting both as the "fuel" driving the protocol's various functions and as the "voting right" for participating in ecosystem decisions. Its design goal is to achieve a deep integration of token value and protocol growth through robust value capture mechanisms and a deflationary model, while ensuring long-term sustainable development.

Basic Information:

Property	Parameter
Token Name	Ostra
Token symbol	OST
Standard Protocol	ERC-20 (Ethereum mainnet and EVM-compatible chain)
Total supply	1 billion tokens (fixed limit, never to be augmented).
Accuracy	18-bit
Contract address	An announcement will be made through official channels prior to the mainnet launch.

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3.2 Token Distribution and Release Rules



Project	Quantity	Release mechanism
Environmental incentives	550 million	Four-year linear release
Team	150 million	Locked for 12 months, followed by linear release over 36 months.
Strategic investors	120 million	Locked for 6 months, followed by linear release over 18 months.
Ecological Advancement Fund	100 million	DAO-controlled release, with usage approved by community governance according to quarterly budgets.
Liquidity Launch Pool	50 million	100% TGE distribution
Community distribution	30 million	30% is released during TGE, and the remaining 70% is released linearly over 12 months.

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3.3 Core Functions and Use Cases

Governance Rights (Decentralized Autonomy)

Voting escrow model:

It utilizes an innovative veTokenomics mechanism. Users stake and lock their OST tokens for a specific period (1 month to 4 years) to receive veOST (voting escrow tokens).

Voting weight:

The amount of veOST is directly proportional to the lock-up period. The longer the lock-up period, the greater the voting power, up to a maximum of four times the base amount of OST.

Scope of governance:

- Adjust protocol parameters (transaction fee rate, lending interest rate curve)
- Approval of new asset listings and risk parameter settings.
- Deciding on the use of funds for the ecological fund (quarterly budget)
- Vote on new feature development and product roadmap.
- Select infrastructure providers for cross-chain bridges, oracles, and other related services.

Agreement practicality and cost discounts

- **Transaction Fee Discounts:** Holding OST allows you to enjoy transaction fee discounts on OST DEX, up to 75%. The discount percentage is linked to the amount of OST held (non-linear relationship).
- **Fee Payment:** Users can choose to pay all protocol fees (trading, lending, cross-chain) using OST and receive an additional 5-10% fee reduction.
- **Access to Advanced Features:** Some advanced yield farming strategies, leveraged trading features, and insurance services require holding or staking a minimum amount of OST to access.

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3.3 Core Functions and Use Cases

Collateral and profit distribution

Basic Staking Pool (Security Module):

Users stake $OST into the "Secure Staking Pool," which serves as the protocol's last line of defense. In the event of extreme risk events (such as smart contract vulnerabilities), the staked tokens will be used proportionally to compensate affected users. In return, stakers receive:

- 30% of the total transaction fees of the protocol (distributed in USDC)
- Newly issued OST rewards (from the ecosystem incentive program)

Liquidity-guided staking:

Liquidity providers (LPs) who provide liquidity for specific trading pairs (such as OST/ETH) can stake their LP tokens to earn additional OST rewards, accelerating the cold start of liquidity.

Voting rights pledge rewards:

In addition to governance rights, veOST holders also share 40% of the protocol's total transaction fees (in USDC), with this reward being proportional to the amount of veOST held.

Cross-chain liquidity incentives

Cross-chain mining rewards:

Users can earn additional OST rewards by performing cross-chain transfers or providing cross-chain liquidity through OST Nexus, encouraging the development of a multi-chain ecosystem.

Heterogeneous chain compatibility:

In the future, when deploying on non-EVM chains (such as Solana and Aptos), the circulation and use of $OST will be achieved through a cross-chain messaging protocol, ensuring unified governance rights.

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3.3 Core Functions and Use Cases

Protocol revenue distribution and deflationary mechanism

Basic Staking Pool (Security Module):

All revenue generated by the OST Protocol (primarily from transaction fees, lending interest spreads, and cross-chain bridge fees) is distributed according to the following proportions:

Allocation direction	Proportion	Mechanism
Buyback and destruction	40%	The protocol automatically repurchases OST on the open market using 40% of its daily revenue and immediately destroys it, creating continuous deflationary pressure.
veOST holder dividends	40%	Distributed weekly to all veOST holders in the form of stablecoins (USDC/DAI).
Security staking pool dividends	15%	Distributed to participants in the basic staking pool in the form of stablecoins.
Treasury reserves	5%	Deposited into a DAO-controlled multi-signature wallet, for the long-term development and emergency needs of the protocol.

Deflation calculation example:

Assuming the agreement generates an annual revenue of $100 million:

- Annual amount allocated for buyback and burning: $40 million
- Based on the current market capitalization, the theoretical annual burning rate can reach 5-15% (depending on the market capitalization size).
- This means that the actual circulating supply of OST will decrease annually, creating a "deflationary asset" characteristic.

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3.4 Value Capture and the Flywheel Effect

Positive value cycle:

Increased use of the protocol	1	Protocol revenue (transaction fees) increased.
Increased income	2	Increased buyback and burning of OST + increased staking rewards
Buyback and destruction	3	Reduced supply in circulation leads to increased deflationary pressure.
Dividend increase	4	Increased attractiveness leads to more tokens being locked.
Token lock-up increased	5	Circulating supply is further reduced, and governance becomes more decentralized.
Deflation + high returns	6	Increased market demand for OST is driving stronger upward momentum.
Prices are rising	7	The protocol's market capitalization increased, and user trust improved.
Increased trust	8	More users and funds are entering the protocol, leading to increased usage.

Key indicators:

- Protocol Capture Rate: The goal is to achieve 0.3-0.5% of the total protocol value as annual revenue during the mature phase.
- Staking Participation Rate: The goal is for over 60% of circulating OST to be staked or locked.
- Average Locking Time: The goal is for the average locking time of veOST to exceed 2 years.

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4.1 High-performance decentralized trading hub

Core technology: Centralized liquidity pool

Mechanism:

Liquidity providers can specify a custom price range when providing liquidity (for example, ETH/USDC between 1,800 and 2,200). Their funds will be 100% concentrated within this range for trading, and if the price moves outside this range, the liquidity will be temporarily inactive until the price returns.

Advantages:

- **Hundreds of times greater capital efficiency:** Compared to traditional AMMs where capital is evenly distributed across the entire price range, concentrated liquidity focuses capital on the most active trading range, providing greater market depth with the same amount of capital and attracting large traders.
- **Higher fee revenue:** LPs earn fees only within their specified price range, and due to high capital efficiency, the return on capital is significantly increased.
- **Professional market making:** This design is naturally suited for professional market makers and algorithmic trading bots, who can dynamically adjust the price range to optimize returns.

Supporting features

Dynamic transaction fee rate (0.01%-1%):

The protocol automatically adjusts transaction fees based on market volatility and arbitrage opportunities, lowering fees in stable markets to attract trading volume and increasing fees in volatile markets to compensate LPs for the greater risk.

Built-in limit order:

Users can place limit orders directly on the DEX, and the trades will be executed automatically when the market price reaches the set level, without the need for third-party bots.

4.2 Trustless Cross-Chain Liquidity Layer

Workflow

Let's take the example of a user transferring assets from Ethereum to Arbitrum:

- Users deposit their assets into Nexus's source chain escrow contract on Ethereum.
- Nexus's decentralized validator network (composed of nodes that have staked OST) monitored the deposit event and reached a consensus.
- The group of validators generates and signs a valid minting instruction for the target contract on the Arbitrum chain.
- After the target contract verifies the signature's validity, it mints the corresponding cross-chain asset (such as "nexUSDC") at a 1:1 ratio.
- The entire process is usually completed within 2 minutes, and users do not need to trust any centralized intermediary.

Key Features

Unified liquidity access point:

Assets deposited via Nexus on any chain will have their "liquidity rights" recorded in a shared state layer. This allows lending protocols within the ecosystem (such as OST Lend) to securely lend USDC liquidity from Arbitrum to users on Ethereum, enabling true cross-chain capital utilization.

Universal messaging:

Beyond simply transferring assets, in the future it will be possible to transmit arbitrary contract call instructions, such as "trigger a flash loan arbitrage execution on Polygon."

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4.3 OST Lend: Isolated Credit Market

Isolated market model

Each supported collateral asset (such as ETH, WBTC, or even a specific LP token) corresponds to an independent liquidity pool. For example, the "ETH lending pool" and the "niche DeFi token ABC pool" are completely separate.

Advantages:

When collateral asset ABC plummets in value due to extreme market conditions or an oracle attack, the resulting bad debt will be confined within the "ABC pool," and the losses will be covered by liquidating the collateral in that pool and potentially using an insurance fund. This ensures the absolute safety of depositors' funds in major pools such as ETH and USDC, preventing risk contagion.

Featured product: Interest-free loan "Greenhouse"

Mechanism:

Users can borrow up to 10,000 stablecoins at zero interest by over-collateralizing with OST (for example, staking 15,000 worth of OST).

Source of subsidies:

Borrowers' interest is subsidized by protocol revenue (derived from DEX transaction fees and profits from conventional lending markets).

Purpose:

- Creating powerful utility scenarios for OST holders – enabling access to liquidity without selling tokens.
- Encouraging long-term holding and locking of OST, reducing selling pressure on the market.
- Introducing low-cost funding for ecosystem development.

4. OST ECOSYSTEM PROTOCOL SYSTEM

4.4 Community-Driven Governance and Treasury

Governance Process

01

Governance forum discussion



Any user holding OST tokens can initiate a proposal for discussion.

02

Snapshot temperature detection



Conduct off-chain, gas-free voting on mature proposals to test community sentiment.

03

On-chain formal voting



On-chain voting will be conducted by veOST holders.

04

Time lock execution



The approved proposals will be implemented 48 hours after they are publicly announced.

Community Treasury Management

Funding sources:

5% of the ecological development fund and agreement revenue.

Use:

Decisions are made by DAO voting, including:

- Developer Funding: Rewards teams that develop new tools, integrations, or perform audits for the ecosystem.
- Liquidity Incentives: Providing additional rewards for liquidity provision on emerging chains or for new asset pairs.
- Strategic acquisitions: Acquiring promising, complementary technologies or teams.
- Funding for Public Goods: Supporting open-source development and research reports that benefit the environment.

5. DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP

Phase 1: Foundation Laying (Q4 2025 - Q2 2026)

2025

Protocol Development and Auditing

- Completed the smart contract development for OST DEX (including concentrated liquidity pools) and the basic staking contract.
- Contracted with two top auditing firms, CertiK and PeckShield, to complete the first round of comprehensive security audits and fixed all critical issues based on the audit reports.
- Deployed a public bug bounty program.

2026

Mainnet V1.0 launch and token distribution

- OST DEX V1.0 has launched on the Arbitrum One mainnet.
- The initial distribution of $OST was completed through a fair liquidity launch pool.
- An initial liquidity pool was established on Uniswap V3 (Arbitrum), and a 12-week liquidity mining incentive program was launched with an initial APR of 300%, which will gradually decrease.

Phase 2: Expansion (Q3 2026 - Q4 2026)

2026

Multi-chain deployment

- Based on the same audited codebase, OST DEX was deployed to both BNB Chain and the Ethereum mainnet (Layer 1).
- Cross-chain liquidity incentives were launched to encourage users to provide balanced liquidity across the three chains.
- The Nexus V1 testnet was released, supporting cross-chain transfers of test assets between Arbitrum and BNB Chain.

2026

Value capture

- Smart contracts automatically enable the protocol revenue distribution mechanism.
- The veOST (voting escrow) locking interface is launched, formally linking governance rights and revenue rights.
- OST Lend V1 (isolated market model) is launched on the mainnet, initially supporting ETH, wBTC, ARB, and BNB as collateral assets.

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Phase 3: Interconnection (Q1 2027 - Q3 2027)

2027

Unified liquidity and upgraded aggregated trading

- The mainnet launches a decentralized cross-chain bridge, initially supporting the secure transfer of mainstream assets between Arbitrum, BNB Chain, and Ethereum.
- It enables "single-chain deposit, multi-chain yield generation," allowing users to deposit assets on one chain, which are then automatically allocated by the protocol to the optimal yield strategies across multiple chains.

2027

Advanced product release

- Launched the beta version of the interest-free lending product "Greenhouse," available to long-term stakers of veOST.
- Introduced aggressive strategy vaults (such as leveraged liquidity mining strategies) in OST Earn.
- Researched and released a prototype of a fixed-rate lending product or interest rate swap product.

Phase 4: Ecosystem Prosperity (Q4 2027 - 2028+)

2027

Full-chain expansion and integration

- Integration with mainstream Layer 2 solutions such as Polygon zkEVM, Optimism, and Base.
- We are beginning to explore integration solutions for non-EVM chains such as Solana, Sui, and Aptos, potentially through the establishment of dedicated cross-chain message relays.

2028+

Open financial protocol layer

- We will release a complete Software Development Kit (SDK), allowing any third-party team to build proprietary applications (such as structured products and options protocols) based on OST's liquidity and credit layers.
- We will establish an ecosystem grant program to provide substantial funding to promising derivative protocols and innovative projects.

6. RISKS AND DISCLAIMER

6.1 Key Risk Factors

Technology and smart contract risks

Irreversible Vulnerabilities and Attacks: Although the OST protocol has undergone multiple professional audits and established a bug bounty program, smart contracts are inherently code and may contain undiscovered errors, vulnerabilities, or design flaws.

Reliance on Underlying Infrastructure: The security and availability of the protocol depend on the security, stability, and consensus mechanism of the blockchain network on which it is deployed (such as Ethereum, Arbitrum). If the underlying chain suffers a 51% attack, network congestion, hard fork, or systemic failure, the OST protocol will be unable to function properly.

Private Key Loss and Operational Errors: DeFi requires users to manage their own private keys or mnemonic phrases. If these are lost, stolen, or compromised through phishing or fraud, your assets will be permanently lost and cannot be recovered by any centralized institution. Furthermore, operational errors such as incorrect transaction authorization or address input can also lead to asset loss.

Market and liquidity risk

Extreme Price Volatility: The cryptocurrency market is extremely volatile. The price of $OST and other related assets may experience sharp and unpredictable declines in a short period, leading to a significant decrease in the value of your investment.

Insufficient Liquidity: If there is insufficient liquidity in the protocol or a specific liquidity pool, it may result in extremely high slippage for your trades, or make it difficult to sell assets at a reasonable price when needed. During market panic, liquidity can dry up quickly, and a vicious cycle of falling asset prices, liquidity withdrawal, and token selling can ensue.

Impermanent Loss (for liquidity providers): When providing liquidity to an automated market maker (AMM), you may suffer "impermanent loss" if the price ratio of the two assets in the pool changes.

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6.1 Key Risk Factors

Regulatory and legal risks

Global Regulatory Uncertainty: Regulatory frameworks for cryptocurrencies, DeFi, and token issuance are still rapidly evolving and vary significantly across the globe. Any unfavorable regulatory policies in any jurisdiction in the future (such as defining them as securities, imposing strict licensing requirements, or prohibiting related activities) could have a significant negative impact on the operation, accessibility, and market value of the OST protocol and the $OST token.

Tax Compliance Risks: Participating in DeFi activities (such as trading, staking, mining, and airdrops) may generate complex taxable events. You are responsible for understanding and complying with the tax laws in your jurisdiction, and any tax liabilities or reporting errors are your personal responsibility.

Uncertain Legal Liability: As a decentralized protocol, its legal status, developer liability, and the legal validity of DAO governance are not clearly defined globally, and there is a possibility of being held liable.

Protocol-specific risks

Governance Attacks and Centralization Risks: Although decentralized governance (DAO) is designed into the system, early token distribution may still lead to a relatively concentrated distribution of voting power. Furthermore, malicious actors may attempt to control the protocol by manipulating votes or exploiting vulnerabilities in the governance mechanism for their own benefit, harming other users.

Economic Model Failure Risk: The OST tokenomics model is designed based on specific assumptions. If actual usage, revenue, and market demand fall significantly below expectations, the model may become unsustainable, leading to ineffective incentives and inflationary pressures.

Product Design Risks: Financial products such as yield vaults, lending, and derivatives are inherently complex, and their strategies may fail, resulting in the inability to achieve expected returns.

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6.2 Important Disclaimer

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- You fully assume all risks associated with participating in the OST ecosystem and all consequences of your decisions.
- You comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules in your jurisdiction.