



## Squid (\$QUID) Token

### Token and Sale Disclosures

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## Important Disclosures

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Nothing herein constitutes a promise of future performance or an undertaking to generate profits or returns for token purchasers. \$QUID is designed to support participation, governance, access, and other functionality within the Squid ecosystem and does not represent equity, ownership rights, profit-sharing rights, or any entitlement to dividends or revenue from any entity.

The Squid Foundation undertakes no obligation to update this disclosure as new information becomes available, but reserves the right to modify, supplement, or amend the information contained herein to reflect evolving developments.





## 1. Project Information

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Squid is the cross-chain infrastructure layer for moving digital value across 100+ blockchains and 20,000+ tokens. The protocol has operated on mainnet since January 2023 and has routed over \$6.2B in cumulative cross-chain volume as of June 2026, across more than 4.1 million transactions for over 1.08 million unique users, with a 99% execution-success rate and median quote latency of approximately 0.2 seconds. Squid currently supports 106 chains and aggregates 150+ decentralized exchanges, bridges, and messaging protocols.

The platform is full-stack: Squid Intents is the intent-based execution engine; Squid Aggregator routes across integrated DEXs, bridges, and messaging protocols via graph-based multi-protocol hopping; Squid Token Service / Accounts handles gas, signatures, and account-state abstraction; the Squid SDK provides developer tooling; Squid Bridge is the live consumer surface; and the Squid App is the forthcoming chain-abstracted consumer application. Squid is embedded in 1,000+ integrators including MetaMask Portfolio, Ledger Live, Keplr, Brave, Blockchain.com, MiniPay (Opera), and PancakeSwap, and serves as the cross-chain settlement layer for Ripple's RLUSD payments stack. The protocol generates real fee-based revenue today, with an approximate \$2.8M annualised run-rate across protocol fees and cross-chain-as-a-service engagements.

The \$QUID token is the native token of the Squid protocol. From TGE, it is designed to support ecosystem functions including staking, access to ecosystem features, and governance participation, with additional token-related mechanisms and broader in-app functionality potentially activating post-TGE, subject to governance, product development, legal and regulatory considerations, and applicable constraints.

\$QUID will be issued as an **ERC-20 on Base**. Total supply is permanently fixed at 1,000,000,000 \$QUID. The target launch window is **Q3 2026**. Vesting commences at the TGE / Vesting Commencement Date, with tokens vesting on the 15th of each month.

### Contributing Entities

- **Token Issuer:** Squid (BVI) Ltd, a British Virgin Islands business company – the seller in the token sale. Registered office c/o Walkers Corporate Limited, 171 Main Street, PO Box 92, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG 1110.
- **Operating Company:** Epiphyte AG, a Swiss stock corporation (AG) – the operating entity responsible for protocol development and operations.
- **Foundation:** Squid Foundation, a Cayman Islands exempted foundation – the governance and treasury entity. Unvested allocations are held in timebound smart contracts owned by the Squid Foundation.



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## Audit Partners

The Squid protocol has passed 9 independent security audits across ConsenSys Diligence, Ackee Blockchain, and n-var. Audits can be found at <https://github.com/0xsquid/audits>

## Strategic & Infrastructure Partners

Squid aggregates 150+ third-party liquidity and messaging venues (decentralized exchanges, cross-chain bridges, and interoperability protocols) to execute intent-based routes. The protocol's functionality therefore depends on these integrated third-party systems and on independent solvers and operators (see Section 7, Third-Party Infrastructure Dependency Risk).

- **Integration partners that have integrated Squid's API:** Squid has over 100 active integration partners, including: Ripple, MiniPay, D'Cent Wallet, MetaMask, Rubic, Oku, Jumper, Picnic, Peanut.
- **Solvers / network operators:** Squid has a solver network in combination with an aggregator layer which routes liquidity.
- **Strategic Partners:** the 10% Strategic Partners allocation (Section 3) comprises grants to long-term strategic partners.

## Equity / Token Fundraising

The Squid project has raised approximately \$13.5M across three priced rounds, structured as equity with token warrants (SAFE / SAFT-style instruments). Named investors include North Island Ventures, Polychain Capital, Nomad, Distributed Global, Ripple Labs, Chapter One, and Dialectic. The Investors token allocation in Section 3 derives from these rounds, and all private investors are subject to the same lockup and vesting terms as specified in this document.

## Governance & Approval Thresholds

Protocol-level changes are administered on-chain through multisig councils. The Foundation Treasury is managed by a 3-of-5 multisig, and protocol upgrades are managed by a 3-of-5 multisig (the Security Council).

These multisigs cannot mint tokens beyond the fixed supply of 1,000,000,000 \$QUID or override the smart-contract vesting schedules. Governance is intentionally limited in scope during the initial network phase and decentralizes progressively over time, beginning with non-binding community signaling at Day 1 and expanding toward binding on-chain votes from Q4 2026 (see "Governance" in Section 3).





## 2. Token Sale Information

### Token Sale

- **Sale Open:** Tuesday 30th June at 13:00 UTC
- **Sale Close:** Friday 3rd July at 13:00 UTC
- **Number of Tokens Available for Sale:** 50,000,000 (50 million)
- **Percentage of Total Supply:** 5.00%
- **Public Sale Price:** \$0.045 per token
- **Public Sale Valuation (FDV):** \$45,000,000 (\$45 million)
- **Public Sale Raise:** \$2,250,000 (50,000,000 tokens × \$0.045)
- **Public Sale Soft Cap:** \$1m
- **Public Sale Hard Cap:** \$2.25m
- **Total Supply:** 1,000,000,000 (genesis supply equals maximum supply; capped, no further minting)
- **TGE / Target Launch:** Q3 2026 (target window)
- **Public Sale Unlock:** 100% at TGE
- **Sale Venues:** Kraken and Legion (coordinated Public Sale)

*If the Public Sale does not reach the public sale hard cap, any unsold \$QUID from the Public Sale allocation will be allocated to the Foundation Treasury and will follow the Foundation Treasury unlock and vesting schedule. If the Public Sale is oversubscribed, allocations may be scaled down in accordance with the applicable sale venue's allocation rules. On Legion, eligible Squid users and community members may receive priority allocation during final allocation decisions.*

# \$QUID SALE STRUCTURE

Token	<b>QUID</b>	Total Token Supply	<b>1,000,000,000</b>
Sale Date	<b>June 30, 2026</b>	Allocated Supply for Sale	<b>50,000,000</b> (5% of total token supply)
Public Sale Price	<b>\$0.045</b>	Sale Format	<b>Fixed Price, Pro-Rata, Merit-Based</b>
Fully Diluted Value	<b>\$45,000,000</b>	Unlock Schedule	<b>100% Unlocked at TGE</b>
Raise Soft Cap	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	Purchase Limits	<b>\$100 - \$100,000</b>
Raise Hard Cap	<b>\$2,250,000</b>	TGE Date	<b>Q3 2026</b> (target window)



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## Sale Details

The \$QUID public sale (Public Sale) has a fixed price and fixed supply. It is conducted across two venues – Kraken (MiCA-compliant), Legion (credentialed, KYC-vetted participants) – at \$0.045 per token, implying a \$45,000,000 valuation, with 100% unlocked and liquid at TGE. All purchases are subject to KYC, anti-sybil filtering, and on-chain activity scoring at the venue. The minimum participation amount is \$100 and the maximum participation amount is \$100,000, subject to the applicable venue terms.

## Jurisdictions & Restrictions

Public Sale eligibility and geographic restrictions are applied at the sale-venue level and may vary by platform. Legion and Kraken each apply their own KYC, sanctions-screening, and jurisdiction restrictions. Participants should review the applicable venue terms before participating.

- On Legion, jurisdiction restrictions apply to the UAE, UK, US, Russia, Iran, Syria, North Korea, Cuba, and the sanctioned regions of Ukraine. [Learn more](#)
- On Kraken, jurisdiction restrictions apply to Canada, Australia, and other specific regions. [Learn more](#)

All participants are required to complete identity verification (KYC) and sanctions screening.

## MiCA Status

A MiCA whitepaper has been notified to the competent national authority under Title II, Article 6(3), with \$QUID classified as a “crypto-asset other than an asset-referenced token or e-money token” (not an ART and not an EMT). \$QUID is not pegged to or backed by any asset and seeks no ART or EMT registration.

## Allocation Mechanics

In the event of oversubscription, allocations may be scaled down or otherwise adjusted in accordance with the applicable sale venue’s allocation rules, so that total allocations align with the available token supply. Any excess contributions will be refunded in accordance with the applicable venue terms.





## 3. Token and Token Distribution Information

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### Token Utility

\$QUID will initially provide three main functions, with further mechanisms activating post-TGE:


1. **Staking.** Holders stake \$QUID into a first-party, non-custodial, permissionless on-chain staking contract (deployed on Base) to earn additional \$QUID from a dedicated, non-inflationary 5,000,000-\$QUID Year-1 allocation. Rewards accrue continuously and are proportional to stake; there is no slashing. Subsequent annual budgets are set by community governance.
2. **Access to ecosystem features.** Staked \$QUID confers tiered access to Squid products, including priority routing tiers in Squid Bridge and via the Squid SDK, plus advanced analytics and other non-financial features.
3. **Governance.** At launch, governance is limited to non-binding community signaling, forums, and temperature checks; there is no binding on-chain token-holder governance at Day 1. Voting weight, where applicable, is determined by staked \$QUID (1:1). Scope expands progressively (see “Governance” below).
4. **Token-related mechanisms.** Following TGE, governance may determine whether a portion of treasury resources is allocated to token-related mechanisms, including the potential purchase of \$QUID on the open market. The timing, scope, implementation, activation, and parameters of any such mechanisms will be determined through applicable governance processes and remain subject to protocol priorities, legal and regulatory considerations, and applicable constraints.
5. **In-App Utility.** \$QUID is intended to play a role within the Squid app and broader ecosystem. Planned functionality may evolve over time and could include enhanced product experiences, ecosystem features, and access-related benefits, subject to product development, governance decisions, and applicable constraints. Specific features, requirements, and eligibility criteria may change.






## \$QUID Token Utility

**Governance**

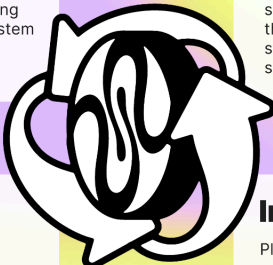


Governance is intended to remain practical and focused, enabling holder participation in ecosystem decisions while supporting protocol development.


**Staking**



\$QUID staking is designed to support ecosystem participation through a simple and transparent staking framework, with parameters subject to governance.




**Buybacks**



Governance may determine whether a portion of treasury resources are used for token-related mechanisms, including potential market purchases of \$QUID.

**In-App Utility**



Planned functionality may evolve over time and could include enhanced product experiences, ecosystem features, and early access opportunities, subject to development and governance.

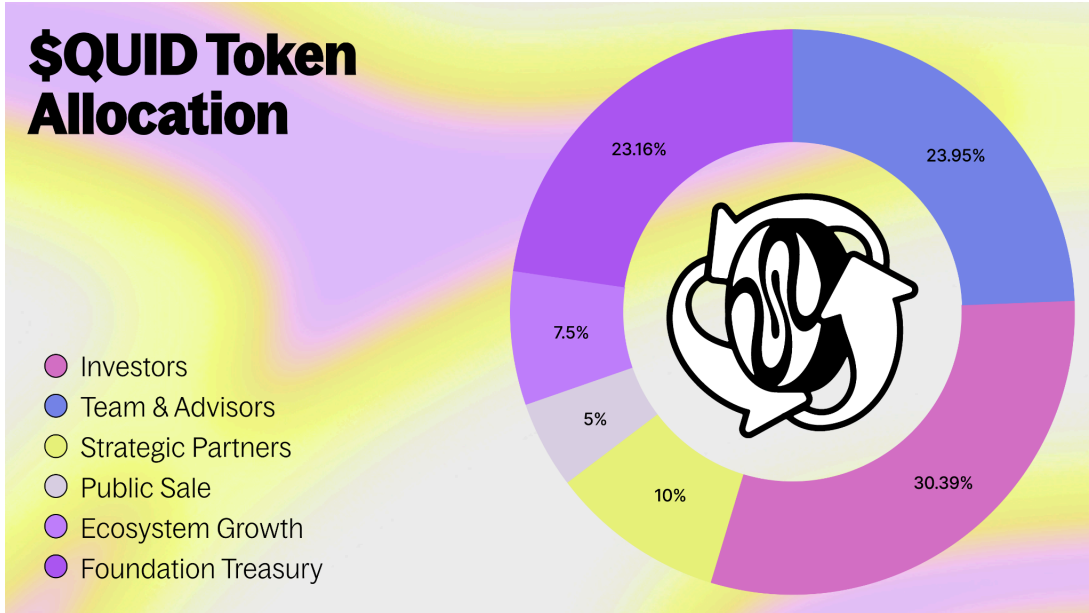
### Token Allocation Overview

Fixed total supply: 1,000,000,000 \$QUID. Genesis supply equals maximum supply – there is no further minting, and no validator or emission rewards are allocated (no inflation). Allocations are fixed at TGE and sum to 100%.

Category	Allocation	Tokens	TGE Unlock	Cliff
Investors	30.39%	303,946,126	0%	12 mo
Team & Advisors	23.95%	239,481,903	0%	12 mo
Strategic Partners	10.00%	100,000,000	0%	12 mo
Public Sale	5.00%	50,000,000	100%	–
Ecosystem Growth	7.50%	75,000,000	~93%	–
Foundation Treasury	23.16%	231,571,971	10%	–
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1,000,000,000</b>		



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## Vesting Schedule

All insider tokens are subject to a 12-month cliff with no TGE unlock, followed by linear vesting enforced by smart contracts.

Category	TGE Unlock	Cliff	Cliff Unlock	Linear Vesting
Investors	0%	12 months	25%	Linear to Month 24
Team & Advisors	0%	12 months	25%	Linear to Month 36
Strategic Partners	0%	12 months	25%	Linear to Month 36
Public Sale	100%	—	—	—
Ecosystem Growth	~93%	—	—	70M at TGE; 5M linear M1–M12 (Year-1 staking)
Foundation Treasury	10%	—	—	90% linear over 36 months





## \$QUID Allocation, Unlock & Vesting

	% ALLOCATION	TOKENS	TGE UNLOCK	CLIFF	LINEAR VESTING
Investors	30.39%	303,946,126	0%	25% at M12	75% to M24
Team & Advisors	23.95%	239,481,903	0%	25% at M12	75% to M36
Strategic Partners	10.00%	100,000,000	0%	25% at M12	75% to M36
Public Sale	5.00%	50,000,000	100%	—	—
Ecosystem Growth	7.50%	75,000,000	~93%	—	5M M1-M12
Foundation Treasury	23.16%	231,571,971	10%	—	90% to M36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1,000,000,000</b>			

### Circulating Supply Milestones

The table below assumes that the Public Sale reaches its hard cap and that all 50,000,000 Public Sale tokens are sold and unlocked at TGE. If fewer Public Sale tokens are sold, initial circulating supply may be lower. Any unsold Public Sale tokens allocated to the Foundation Treasury will follow the Foundation Treasury unlock and vesting schedule.

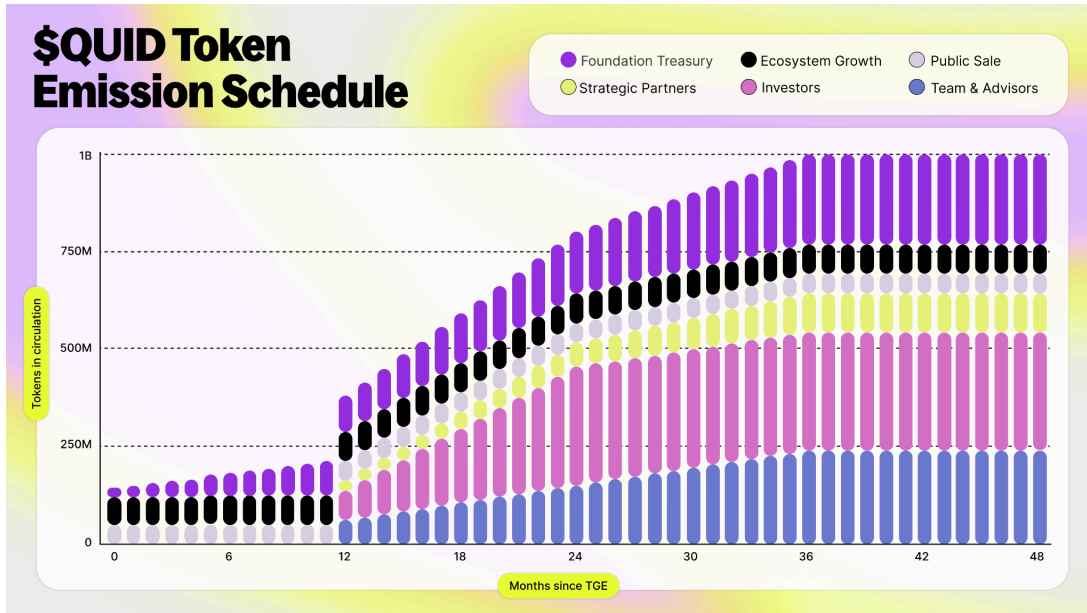
Milestone	Circulating Supply	% of Supply	Key Event
TGE (July 2026)	143,157,197	14.32%	Public Sale + Ecosystem Growth (70M) + 10% Treasury
TGE + 6 months	180,392,993	18.04%	Treasury vesting; Year-1 staking distributing
TGE + 12 months	378,485,796	37.85%	Cliff unlock: Investors, Team, Strategic (25% each)
TGE + 24 months	803,222,695	80.32%	Investors fully vested; Team & Strategic vesting continues
TGE + 36 months	1,000,000,000	100.00%	All allocations fully vested



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## Token Emission Schedule



## Allocation Detail

**Investors (30.39%, 303,946,126).** Participants in the prior private investor round. 12-month cliff, 25% unlock at cliff, remainder linear to Month 24.

**Team (23.95%, 239,481,903).** Founders, employees, contractors, and advisors. 12-month cliff, 25% unlock at cliff, remainder linear to Month 36.

**Strategic Partners (10.00%, 100,000,000).** Strategic allocation aligning key partners with the long-term success of the protocol. 12-month cliff, 25% unlock at cliff, remainder linear to Month 36.

**Public Sale (5.00%, 50,000,000).** Public Sale across Kraken and Legion at \$0.045 per token (\$45M valuation), raising \$2,250,000. 100% unlocked and liquid at TGE.

**Ecosystem Growth (7.50%, 75,000,000).** Supports the growth and success of the Squid ecosystem, including integrator-incentive programmes, liquidity campaigns, exchange listing-event activations, market-maker provisioning, and Year-1 staking rewards. The bulk unlocks at or near TGE; the TGE-unlocked portion represents potential near-term sell pressure. Administered by the Ecosystem Council under on-chain mandates.

**Foundation Treasury (23.16%, 231,571,971).** Protocol-held treasury for grants, partnerships, future budgets, and strategic initiatives. 10% unlocked at TGE, remainder linear over 36 months. Governed progressively by \$SQUID stakers.

## In-App Utility



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Holding \$QUID unlocks functionality within the Squid app that is unavailable to non-holders. Exact tiers, features and thresholds will be defined as the product develops. The in-app utility will be disclosed at a later date, with examples of potential features including but not limited to, Fee discounts, enhanced staking, access to ecosystem features, yield, loyalty points, and more.

## Staking and Illustrative Year-1 Rewards

Staking will happen through a first-party, non-custodial, permissionless on-chain staking contract deployed on Base. Holders retain self-custody throughout; there is no slashing and the principal is never reduced. Unstaking is permissionless. The Year-1 staking reward budget is 5,000,000 \$QUID (0.5% of supply). The Year-2 reward budget is set by community governance. **Locked and unvested tokens cannot be staked.**

Staking Participation	Tokens Staked	Illustrative APY*
10% of circulating supply	~22.4M	~22.3%
25% of circulating supply	~55.9M	~8.9%
50% of circulating supply	~111.9M	~4.5%

*\*Illustrative Year-1 APY depends on staking participation and assumes the fixed Year-1 staking allocation is distributed over a 12-month period. These figures are illustrative only, are not guaranteed, are not a promise of return, and may change based on participation levels, program parameters, and other factors.*

## Revenue and Buyback

Squid generates real fee revenue today across three streams: routing / protocol fees on cross-chain transactions, cross-chain-as-a-service (CCaaS) engagements, and ecosystem grants from L1/L2 chain foundations. Protocol fees accrue to the Foundation treasury, not to the team.

Following TGE, governance may determine whether a portion of treasury resources is allocated to token-related mechanisms, including the potential purchase of \$QUID on the open market. The timing, scope, implementation, activation, and parameters of any such mechanisms will be determined through applicable governance processes and remain subject to protocol priorities, legal and regulatory considerations, visible protocol activity, and applicable constraints. Total supply remains capped at 1,000,000,000 \$QUID.



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## **Governance**

Governance is progressively decentralized, following a path from a foundation-led toward a community-governed protocol. At Day 1, holder participation is limited to non-binding community signaling, forums, working groups, and temperature checks; protocol upgrades are managed by an appointed Security Council.

Over time and subject to maturity, security, and regulatory considerations, stakers are expected to gain the ability to elect the Security Council, propose and approve protocol parameter changes and upgrades, and direct Foundation capital allocation. Governance scope is expected to expand to binding votes on protocol parameters, treasury allocation, the annual staking-reward budget, chain onboarding, solver allowlists, and major protocol upgrades. Voting weight is determined by staked \$QUID; unstaked tokens carry no governance weight, and these are protocol-level rights over on-chain parameters, not corporate-governance rights over any Squid legal entity.

## **Equity vs. Token Distinction**

\$QUID tokens are distinct from equity or ownership interests in any legal entity associated with the Squid protocol. \$QUID does not confer ownership rights, governance rights over any legal entity, rights to dividends or revenue, claims on entity assets, or fiduciary protections associated with shareholders. \$QUID is designed to support participation, governance, access, and other functionality within the Squid ecosystem and does not represent an investment contract or ownership in any enterprise.

## **Token Supply Changes**

Total supply is permanently fixed at 1,000,000,000 \$QUID; no new tokens can be minted under any circumstance. Staking rewards are sourced from the dedicated, non-inflationary Year-1 allocation and, thereafter, from budgets set by governance – not from new issuance. No validator or emission rewards are allocated, so there is no protocol inflation.





## 4. Conflicts of Interest Information

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No related-party token allocations exist outside the distributions described in this disclosure and no insider tokens are unlocked at TGE.

The three-entity structure creates inter-entity relationships conducted on arm's-length terms. Following TGE, Epiphyte AG (the Swiss operating entity) is expected to provide protocol development, maintenance, security, and ecosystem-support services to the Squid Foundation under a services agreement, for which the Foundation compensates Epiphyte AG. Protocol fees accrue to the Foundation treasury, not to the team; the team's economic exposure to protocol growth is indirect, through team token allocations (subject to the 12-month cliff and 36-month vesting) and the Foundation services agreement. Team members are engaged via an Employer-of-Record arrangement (Toku), and token distribution at TGE is handled by Toku.

Ripple Labs is both an investor in the priced rounds (Section 1) and an integration partner, with Squid serving as the cross-chain settlement layer for Ripple's RLUSD payments stack. This dual relationship is disclosed for completeness.





## 5. Market Makers & Liquidity Information

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Approximately 0.5% of supply funds CEX and DEX liquidity. Third-party market makers have been engaged, and will manage this inventory to support orderly market formation and ensure sufficient liquidity is available on listing venues. Final terms and details of the market maker are yet to be disclosed. The tokens allocated to market makers and liquidity are included under the Ecosystem Growth allocation.

### Listing Venues

Targeted centralized launch venues include tier-1 centralized exchanges in addition to a public sale conducted via a reputable third party. The full list of exchanges will be disclosed at a later date. In addition to centralized exchanges, the \$QUID token will launch on several DEX venues (as an ERC-20 token on Base), including Squid. Aggregator listings (CoinMarketCap, CoinGecko, DefiLlama) go live in the same window.





## 6. Security Information

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### Audits

The Squid protocol's core contracts and related codebases have passed 9 independent security audits across ConsenSys Diligence, Ackee Blockchain, and n-var. Audits can be found at <https://github.com/0xsquid/audits>

### Open Source Code & Documentation

Developer documentation is published at <https://docs.squidrouter.com>, and the protocol's code is hosted in Squid's public GitHub organisation (SDK, widget, integration libraries).

### Compliance Controls

Network-layer compliance controls are enforced live today and will continue post-TGE: on-chain address screening via TRM Labs at the router and frontend layers, OFAC / UN / EU sanctions-list enforcement, and geo-IP blocking of comprehensively sanctioned jurisdictions. Squid is a non-custodial protocol and does not collect or register personally identifiable information for protocol use; KYC is applied at the Public Sale venues.

### Architecture & Cross-Chain Execution

Squid executes intent-based routes by aggregating 150+ third-party decentralized exchanges, cross-chain bridges, and messaging protocols across the networks it supports, with execution carried out by independent solvers on a request-for-quote auction layer. Cross-chain operations therefore inherit the security properties and trust assumptions of those integrated systems, the solvers, and the chains being bridged, in addition to Squid's own routing contracts. Cross-chain transactions involve more components, and more failure modes, than single-chain transactions.





## 7. Risks

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Key risks relating to the \$QUID token sale, the Squid protocol, and the underlying technology include, but are not limited to, the following.

### **Sale-Related Risks**

The Foundation neither operates nor controls the token sale platform or the exchanges where \$QUID will be admitted for trading. The structure of the protocol may evolve due to ongoing technical, regulatory, and industry developments.

### **Regulatory Compliance Risks**

Although the \$QUID token and the Squid protocol are designed to comply with existing regulations, evolving regulatory landscapes could affect the classification, trading status, or market acceptance of \$QUID. Authorities in relevant jurisdictions could reach different conclusions about the application of legal requirements to the distribution, which could affect the ability to execute the sale, deliver tokens, or transact in \$QUID on secondary markets. Formal securities-law opinions (US Howey, EU MiCA, Singapore, and Korea) are in late-stage preparation and not yet finalized; \$QUID has been notified under MiCA as a crypto-asset other than an ART or EMT, but no securities registration has been filed in any jurisdiction, and a regulator could disagree with the project's characterization.

### **Market Volatility**

\$QUID is subject to significant price fluctuations influenced by speculation, market sentiment, and broader industry trends, potentially leading to financial losses for holders.

### **Liquidity, Delisting & Exchange Insolvency Risks**

The ability to buy and sell \$QUID after the sale depends on trading activity on decentralized and centralized exchanges. Limited liquidity may make large trades difficult without significant price impact. There is no guarantee that \$QUID will remain listed on any exchange, and exchanges where \$QUID is listed may become insolvent or cease operations, potentially resulting in loss of access to funds or tokens.

### **Entity Risks**

Entities associated with the Squid protocol may have been recently established or restructured for the token launch. There is no assurance they will continue operating successfully or deliver their planned contributions.

### **Third-Party Infrastructure & Solver Dependency Risk**

Squid's routing depends on 150+ third-party decentralized exchanges, cross-chain bridges, and messaging protocols that it aggregates, on independent solvers that fulfil user intents, and on the



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underlying blockchains it supports. Disruption, downtime, security failure, solver withdrawal, or governance action at any of these dependencies could impair the operability of the Squid protocol, result in loss of user funds in transit, or negatively affect the market for \$QUID. The security of cross-chain operations is only as strong as the weakest component in the route, which is outside the direct control of the protocol.

## **Buyback Risk**

The buyback mechanism depends on protocol revenue and on a governance decision to activate it. In periods of low activity or if the protocol uses revenue to fund growth instead of buybacks, buyback volume may be minimal or negligible, and governance may decline to activate buybacks or may modify the allocation percentage or cadence. Bought-back \$QUID is distributed to stakers rather than burned, so buybacks do not reduce total supply. The buyback contract and fee-routing infrastructure remain in development, and execution on thin liquidity may result in unfavorable pricing or market impact.

## **Governance Limitation Risk**

Governance is intentionally limited during the initial phase, with executive authority retained until scope expands progressively. Token holders should not expect meaningful protocol control at launch, and only staked tokens carry voting weight. As governance decentralizes, processes may be subject to low participation, capture by large holders, or contentious decisions affecting token economics.

## **Adoption and Demand Risks**

Long-term success depends on widespread adoption by users, integration partners, and the growth of the Squid app and its in-app utility. There is no guarantee of sufficient demand for \$QUID or the protocol; if adoption fails to grow as expected, \$QUID utility or value may be significantly impacted.

## **Competition and Obsolescence Risks**

The cross-chain routing and bridging sector is competitive and rapidly evolving. Competing protocols, native interoperability standards, or changes in how value moves between chains could render Squid less competitive.

## **Speculative Nature**

No assurances of future value, performance, or rewards are made regarding \$QUID. The token's value depends entirely on protocol utility, user adoption, market demand, and community engagement, and is highly speculative.





## Security Risks

1. **Smart Contract Vulnerabilities.** Despite third-party audits, unforeseen vulnerabilities could lead to security breaches impacting token security and staking mechanisms.
2. **Private Key Management.** Holders are solely responsible for safeguarding private keys and recovery phrases. Loss of credentials results in permanent loss of tokens.
3. **Scam and Fraud Risks.** Holders are exposed to phishing, fake giveaways, impersonation, counterfeit tokens, and fraudulent airdrops.
4. **Cybercrime and Theft Risks.** Compromised wallets, exchanges, or smart contracts could lead to asset theft or loss.

## Wallet and Storage Risks

Holders must use blockchain-compatible wallets. The chosen storage method carries inherent risks including software incompatibility, network malfunctions, or wallet-provider shutdowns. There is no recovery mechanism for lost private keys.

## Taxation Risks

The tax treatment of \$QUID varies by jurisdiction. Holders are solely responsible for compliance with applicable tax laws and should consult their own tax advisers prior to participating.

## Data Corruption Risks

The reliability of blockchain data could be compromised due to software bugs, human error, or deliberate tampering, affecting transaction records and network integrity.

## Unanticipated Risks

Unforeseen risks may arise, including unexpected variations or combinations of the risks described herein.

## Please Note

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