KotKit Protocol: Social DePIN for Decentralized Content Distribution

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1. Abstract

KotKit is a Social DePIN (Decentralized Physical Infrastructure Network) protocol that coordinates a global network of TikTok content distributors — called node operators — to provide brands with authentic, geo-targeted social media reach at scale. Node operators earn $KOTS tokens on Solana for verified task completion, creating a permissionless marketplace where social distribution capacity is provisioned, measured, and compensated through cryptographic verification. The protocol addresses the fundamental bootstrapping problem of two-sided marketplaces by using token incentives to build supply ahead of demand, while an ecosystem buy-back mechanism driven by brand revenue creates persistent buy pressure and replenishes the worker reward pool, building a sustainable circular token economy.

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2. The Problem

2.1 The Influencer Marketing Gap

The global influencer marketing industry exceeded $21 billion in 2024 and is projected to reach $33 billion by 2027. Despite this growth, a structural inefficiency persists: the vast majority of spend is concentrated on mid-tier and macro influencers, while nano-influencers (accounts with fewer than 10,000 followers) — who consistently demonstrate 2-3x higher engagement rates — remain underserved.

The reason is infrastructure, not demand. Brands want distributed, authentic content across hundreds or thousands of small accounts. No existing platform can coordinate this at scale. Current solutions (CreatorIQ, Grin, AspireIQ) are designed for 1-to-1 brand-influencer relationships: manual

discovery, manual outreach, manual quality control. They break down entirely when a brand needs 500 coordinated posts across 500 accounts in 48 hours.

2.2 The Bootstrapping Problem

Every marketplace attempting to connect brands with micro-influencers faces a chicken-and-egg problem:

- Brands will not commit budgets without a large, reliable worker pool
- Workers will not join without guaranteed income from brand campaigns
- Venture capital can subsidize one side temporarily, but this creates unsustainable unit economics

Traditional approaches burn through capital subsidizing workers while hunting for brands, or sign brands and then scramble to recruit workers. Neither scales.

2.3 The Centralization Problem

Existing influencer platforms are centralized intermediaries that:

- Take 20-40% fees while providing limited value beyond matchmaking
- Control worker payment schedules unilaterally (NET-30/60 is standard)
- Restrict geographic access (most platforms serve only US/EU markets)
- Provide no transparency into pricing, task allocation, or quality scoring

Workers in high-potential markets — India, Latin America, Southeast Asia, Africa — are excluded entirely because payment rails do not reach them and platform operators have no incentive to onboard low-revenue markets.

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3. The KotKit Protocol

3.1 Social DePIN: A New Category

DePIN (Decentralized Physical Infrastructure Networks) use token incentives to bootstrap real-world infrastructure networks. Helium built wireless coverage through home-deployed hotspots. Render built GPU compute through distributed rendering nodes. Hivemapper built mapping data through dashcam-equipped vehicles.

KotKit applies the DePIN model to social media distribution infrastructure:

DePIN Project	Infrastructure	Node Hardware	Token
Helium	Wireless coverage	LoRaWAN hotspot	$HNT
Render	GPU compute	Graphics cards	$RNDR
Hivemapper	Map data	Dashcams	*HONEY‖* * *KotKit * *|*

DePIN Project	Infrastructure	Node Hardware	Token
			* *Socialreach* * *|* * *Mobilephone* * *| **KOTS**

A KotKit node operator contributes their TikTok account and mobile device as infrastructure, providing social distribution capacity to the network. The barrier to entry is minimal: any person with an Android phone and a TikTok account can participate.

3.2 How the Protocol Works

The protocol operates as a three-sided coordination layer connecting brands, node operators, and the Solana blockchain. Brands submit campaigns and pay in fiat or USDT. The protocol's task engine matches campaigns to optimal node operators, who execute content distribution and earn $KOTS rewards. All token balances are tracked off-chain for instant settlement; operators withdraw to Solana when they choose.

Step 1 — Campaign Creation: A brand creates a campaign through the KotKit dashboard, uploads video content, defines targeting parameters (geography, audience demographics, posting schedule), and submits payment in fiat currency or USDT.

Step 2 — AI Task Matching: The protocol's task engine scores all available node operators using a 110-point composite model across six weighted factors — brand rating, success rate, brand affinity, capacity, fairness, and staking tier (see Section 3.4) — and assigns optimal workers to the campaign.

Step 3 — Verified Execution: Node operators receive tasks on their Android device. The KotKit app downloads the content, posts it to TikTok through the native share flow, and confirms delivery. View counts are tracked over 24 hours for verification.

Step 4 — Reward Distribution: At the end of each epoch (24 hours), the Reward Calculator computes $KOTS rewards for all completed tasks. Rewards are credited to operators' off-chain balances instantly. Node operators can withdraw their accumulated $KOTS to their Solana wallet at any time via direct SPL transfer.

3.3 The Node Operator Model

Node operators are the infrastructure providers of the KotKit network. Their contribution is measurable and verifiable:

- **Capacity**: Task throughput and priority level (enhanced by staking tier)
- **Quality**: View performance of posted content (tracked per task)
- **Reliability**: Completion rate and streak consistency (tracked historically)

• **Availability**: Active hours and response latency (tracked per session)

This maps directly to how DePIN networks measure physical infrastructure: uptime, throughput, coverage, and quality of service.

3.4 Network Integrity & Anti-Fraud Architecture

A critical concern for any protocol that interfaces with Web2 social platforms is resilience to both external platform enforcement (algorithmic bans, shadowbans) and internal network abuse (Sybil attacks, fake engagement, task fraud). KotKit's architecture provides structural defenses at multiple layers:

Organic Distributed Hardware

Unlike centralized bot farms that operate from data centers using VPNs or emulators, the KotKit DePIN architecture is **naturally resilient to algorithmic detection**. The network consists of 100% real, active mobile devices distributed across diverse residential IP networks with varying behavioral patterns. Because operators post through the native TikTok app on devices with established user histories, the activity is indistinguishable from organic user behavior. Each device has a unique hardware fingerprint, a real SIM card, a genuine browsing history, and natural usage patterns — none of which can be replicated by emulators or cloud-based automation.

Content Uniqueness & Footprint Evasion

To prevent "coordinated inauthentic behavior" flags from platform algorithms, the protocol enforces strict content variance. The system does not rely on mass hashtag coordination or identical metadata. Every video distributed through the network is **unique per campaign**, and the task engine ensures randomized posting intervals (jitter) across the operator pool to eliminate automated footprint detection. No two operators post the same video — each task delivers a distinct creative asset to a distinct account at a randomized time.

Transparent Verification & Brand Auditing

Quality assurance is entirely transparent. Brands receive a real-time dashboard containing **direct URLs to every published video**. This allows brands to independently audit content quality, engagement authenticity, and visual execution, ensuring that 100% of the budget is spent on verifiable, public output. Every task produces a cryptographic proof of delivery: the published video URL, posting timestamp, and subsequent engagement metrics — all auditable by the brand at any time.

Dynamic Scoring & Self-Healing Network

The protocol operates as a **self-healing network** through a sophisticated multi-factor scoring system. The task engine evaluates every eligible operator using a **110-point composite score** across six weighted factors:

Factor	Weight	Description
Brand Rating	40 pts	Per-brand satisfaction score (1-5 stars), power-curve weighted. Dominant factor — brands directly control operator quality through ratings
Success Rate	20 pts	Historical task completion reliability. Operators who consistently deliver get more tasks
Brand Affinity	15 pts	Per-brand task history with logarithmic scaling and 30-day exponential decay. Rewards consistent brand relationships
Remaining Capacity	15 pts	Available daily task slots. Distributes work across the operator pool
Fairness	10 pts	Hours since last task assignment. Prevents monopolization by a small group of operators
Staking Tier	10 pts	$KOTS staking commitment (see Section 6). Rewards long-term protocol alignment

Operators who generate poor engagement, delete videos, or fail brand audits are **algorithmically downgraded**. A low composite score limits their access to future campaigns, effectively pushing bad actors to the bottom of the matching engine, while consistently high-performing nodes receive a larger share of task volume. The scoring algorithm is deterministic and applied uniformly — there is no manual curation or subjective override.

Automated Strike System & Slashing

Beyond scoring, the protocol enforces a **three-strike automatic ban system** with graduated severity levels for protocol violations:

Violation	Severity	Consequence
Video deleted within 24 hours	Major (2)	Strike issued, task earnings forfeited, staked tokens slashed
Verification failure (max retries)	Minor (1)	Strike issued, task earnings forfeited
Shadowban detected (0 views at 24h)	Warning (0)	Rating penalty (-0.1), no strike — benefit of doubt
Video not found on profile	Warning (0)	Rating penalty (-0.2), payment preserved
	Critical (3)	Instant ban, 100% staked tokens slashed and burned

Violation	Severity	Consequence
Detected manipulation (fake views, bots)		

Strikes decay automatically after 30 days, allowing operators to recover from isolated incidents. Three active strikes trigger an automatic network ban. All slashed tokens are **burned permanently**, contributing to permanent supply reduction as described in Section 5.7.

24-Hour Post-Publication Verification

Every completed task undergoes automated verification 24 hours after posting. The verification engine checks:

- **Video existence**: Confirms the video is still publicly accessible via TikTok's oEmbed API
- **View count**: Detects potential shadowbans (zero views after 24 hours indicates algorithmic suppression)
- **Profile discovery**: Independently scrapes the operator's TikTok profile to verify the video appears in their public feed (up to 4 retry attempts)

Task earnings are held in a **7-day verification hold** before becoming withdrawable. If the video is deleted or flagged during this window, earnings are forfeited and a strike is issued. This creates a strong economic disincentive against post-and-delete fraud — operators must maintain published content to receive payment.

The combination of real distributed hardware, content uniqueness enforcement, transparent brand verification, algorithmic scoring, automated strikes, and post-publication auditing creates a multi-layered defense that makes the KotKit network **structurally resistant to both platform-level detection and internal fraud** — without requiring centralized moderation.

4. Protocol Architecture

4.1 Design Philosophy: Off-Chain Speed, On-Chain Truth

The KotKit protocol uses a hybrid architecture optimized for high-throughput task processing with cryptographic settlement guarantees. The system is divided into two layers:

Off-chain layer (FastAPI + SQLite): Handles all high-frequency operations — task scheduling and AI-based worker matching, the token soft ledger for instant balance tracking, epoch-based reward calculation, custodial wallet management (AES-256-GCM encrypted), brand payment processing (YooKassa for RUB, NOWPayments for USDT), and the referral commission engine.

On-chain layer (Solana): Handles settlement and transparency — the $KOTS SPL Token-2022 with metadata extensions (CEX-compatible, no transfer fee), and direct SPL transfers for withdrawals.

The off-chain layer processes all task and reward operations at zero gas cost. The on-chain layer is engaged only when node operators withdraw accumulated $KOTS to their Solana wallets, keeping blockchain costs minimal while preserving cryptographic settlement guarantees.

4.2 Off-Chain Components

Task Engine: The existing production system that handles campaign creation, worker-task matching, execution monitoring, and delivery verification. This component requires no blockchain modification — it manages task lifecycle independently of the reward settlement layer.

Token Soft Ledger: An internal accounting system that tracks $KOTS balances for all node operators in real time. Balances update instantly upon task completion with zero gas costs. This is architecturally equivalent to how centralized exchanges track user balances internally while settling on-chain only for deposits and withdrawals.

Reward Calculator: An epoch-based system that runs daily, aggregating all completed tasks, applying the reward formula (see Section 5.4), and crediting $KOTS rewards to operators' off-chain balances.

Custodial Wallet Service: Automatically generates a Solana keypair for each node operator at registration. Private keys are encrypted with AES-256-GCM using a master key stored in the deployment environment. Operators can export their private key or link an external wallet at any time. This design ensures that non-crypto-native workers can participate without understanding blockchain mechanics.

4.3 On-Chain Components

$KOTS Token (SPL Token-2022): The native protocol token deployed on Solana using the Token-2022 standard. Token-2022 provides metadata extensions natively without requiring Metaplex, and is fully CEX-compatible (no transfer fee).

Direct SPL Transfers: When node operators withdraw their accumulated $KOTS balance, the protocol executes a direct SPL token transfer to the operator's Solana wallet. This approach was chosen over a Merkle Distributor pattern for implementation simplicity at the current network scale. A Merkle-based system can be adopted later if transaction volume warrants it.

Off-Chain Staking: Node tier (Bronze through Diamond) is determined by the operator's $KOTS balance in the off-chain soft ledger. This affects reward multipliers and task priority. No on-chain staking program is required — tier logic runs entirely on the backend, reducing complexity and gas costs to zero for staking operations.

4.4 Why This Architecture

Design Choice	Alternative	Rationale
Off-chain soft ledger	On-chain per-task tx	Zero gas cost per task. At 10,000 tasks/day, on-chain would cost ~$5/day on Solana — manageable but unnecessary. Soft ledger provides instant UX.
Direct SPL transfers	Merkle distributor	Simpler implementation, sufficient at current scale. Merkle pattern can be adopted later if withdrawal volume requires batching.
Custodial wallets	Non-custodial only	80%+ of target workers (India, SEA, LatAm) have never used a crypto wallet. Custodial removes all friction. Export preserves sovereignty.
SPL Token-2022	Custom program	Native metadata extensions, CEX-compatible. No Metaplex dependency. Audited by Solana Labs.
Solana	Base, TON, Polygon	DePIN ecosystem concentration. Lowest transaction costs. Jupiter for ecosystem buy-back. Institutional DePIN investor familiarity.

5. Tokenomics

5.1 Token Overview

Parameter	Value
Token Name	KotKit Token
Symbol	$KOTS
Blockchain	Solana
Standard	SPL Token-2022
Total Supply	1,000,000,000 (1 billion)
Decimals	6
Transfer Fee	None (CEX-compatible)

5.2 Allocation

Pool	Percentage	Tokens	Vesting Schedule
Worker Rewards	40%	400,000,000	Task-based distribution with fiat-denominated dynamic rate (see 5.3)
Investors	20%	200,000,000	Pre-seed: 6-month cliff + 24-month linear. Seed/Strategic: 6-month cliff + 18-month linear
Team & Advisors	15%	150,000,000	12-month cliff, then 36-month linear unlock
Ecosystem & DAO	10%	100,000,000	Governed by community vote (post-DAO launch)
Treasury	10%	100,000,000	Protocol-controlled multisig
Liquidity	5%	50,000,000	Unlocked at TGE for DEX pool seeding

The largest allocation (40%) goes to worker rewards — the protocol's core incentive mechanism. The 20% investor allocation is structured across multiple rounds to support progressive fundraising:

Round	Allocation	FDV	Price per $KOTS	Raise
Pre-seed	5% (50M)	$3,300,000	$0.0033	~$165,000
Seed	10% (100M)	$10,000,000 – $15,000,000	$0.010 – $0.015	$1,000,000 – $1,500,000
Strategic / KOL	5% (50M)		$0.020 – $0.030	

Round	Allocation	FDV	Price per $KOTS	Raise
		$20,000,000 – $30,000,000		$1,000,000 – $1,500,000

Team and investor allocations are subject to multi-year vesting with cliffs to ensure long-term alignment. The ecosystem fund is governed by the community post-DAO launch (grants, partnerships, bounties). Treasury and liquidity allocations support protocol operations and initial DEX pool seeding respectively.

5.3 Task-Based Reward Distribution

Unlike traditional DePIN networks that use fixed daily emission schedules, KotKit distributes $KOTS rewards **only when verified brand tasks are completed**. No brand campaigns = no token distribution. This directly ties token issuance to real economic activity and prevents dilution during low-demand periods.

Fiat-Denominated Dynamic Rate

Each task has a fixed fiat value determined by the operator's geographic tier. The $KOTS amount per task adjusts dynamically based on the current token price:

```
kots_per_task = (geo_tier_rate × era_multiplier) /
kots_price

Where:
  geo_tier_rate = geographic tier base rate (see table
below)
  kots_price    = seed reference ($0.0033) pre-DEX, 24h TWAP
post-DEX
```

This ensures workers always receive consistent fiat-equivalent value appropriate to their local market, regardless of token price fluctuations. As $KOTS price rises, fewer tokens are distributed per task — extending the worker reward pool indefinitely. As price falls, more tokens are distributed, maintaining worker purchasing power.

Geographic Pricing Tiers

Worker reward rates and brand pricing are structured by geographic tier, reflecting local labor markets and audience value:

Geo Tier	Markets	Worker Rate (per task)	Brand Price (per post)
Tier 1 (Premium)	US, UK, CA, AU	$0.50	$8 – $15
		$0.30	$5 – $10

Geo Tier	Markets	Worker Rate (per task)	Brand Price (per post)
Tier 2 (Developed)	EU (DE, FR, ES, IT…)		
Tier 3 (Mid-market)	RU, BR, TR, MX	$0.10	$2 – $5
Tier 4 (Mass)	IN, ID, PH, PK, BD	$0.03	$0.50 – $2

Geographic tier is determined by the node operator's verified location (IP + device locale). Brands select target geographies when creating campaigns, and pricing is calculated automatically based on the operator pool composition.

The protocol launches with Tier 3 (Russia) and expands to additional tiers as operator supply and brand demand develop in new markets. Adding a new country requires only assigning it to an existing tier — no protocol changes needed.

Reward Eras

The era multiplier decreases as the network reaches cumulative task milestones, creating a declining reward curve that incentivizes early participation:

Reward Era	Cumulative Network Tasks	Era Multiplier
Genesis	0 – 10,000	3x
Early	10,001 – 100,000	2x
Growth	100,001 – 1,000,000	1.5x
Mature	1,000,001+	1x

Example: Tier 3 operator (Russia, $0.10 base) at seed price ($0.0033):

Era	Fiat Value	$KOTS per Task
Genesis	$0.30	~90
Early	$0.20	~60
Growth	$0.15	~45
Mature	$0.10	~30

Example: Tier 1 operator (US, $0.50 base) at seed price ($0.0033):

Era	Fiat Value	$KOTS per Task
Genesis	$1.50	~455
Early	$1.00	~303
Growth	$0.75	~227
Mature	$0.50	~152

Early eras provide a premium that rewards network pioneers — operators who join when the network is small and unproven receive proportionally higher fiat-equivalent rewards per task. This mirrors Bitcoin's block reward halvings: early miners earned more BTC per block, creating a natural incentive gradient.

Pool Longevity

Pool consumption depends on geographic mix and token price. Example for a Tier 3-only network (Russia) at seed price ($0.0033):

Era	Tasks	KOTS Consumed	Cumulative	% of Pool (400M)
Genesis	10,000	~900,000	0.9M	0.2%
Early	90,000	~5,400,000	6.3M	1.6%
Growth	900,000	~40,500,000	46.8M	11.7%
Mature	~11,800,000	~353,200,000	400M	100%

At seed price (Tier 3 only): ~12.8 million tasks total, 14+ years at 2,500 tasks/day.

At 3x seed price ($0.01): each task consumes ~1/3 the KOTS → pool lasts ~42+ years.

At 10x seed price ($0.033): each task consumes ~1/10 the KOTS → pool becomes effectively infinite.

Higher-tier geographies consume more KOTS per task (Tier 1 at 5x Tier 3 rate), but also generate proportionally more brand revenue — maintaining the structural buy pressure ratio. A mixed-geo network consumes the pool faster in absolute KOTS terms, but the higher brand revenue per task ensures ecosystem buy-back consistently replenishes the reward pool.

The fiat-denominated model creates a self-regulating system: rising token price naturally extends pool longevity, eliminating the risk of pool exhaustion that plagues fixed-rate models.

Era transitions are irreversible and network-wide: once the network reaches 10,000 cumulative tasks, the Genesis era ends for all operators — including new ones. This creates urgency to join early and a transparent, verifiable reward schedule.

5.4 Reward Formula

Individual task rewards are computed using the fiat-denominated base rate plus loyalty multipliers:

```
reward_kots = (geo_tier_rate × era_multiplier ×
streak_multiplier × tier_multiplier) / kots_price

Where:
  geo_tier_rate     = {tier1: $0.50, tier2: $0.30, tier3:
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$0.10, tier4: $0.03}
  era_multiplier    = {genesis: 3.0, early: 2.0, growth:
1.5, mature: 1.0}
  streak_multiplier = 1.0 + min(0.20, streak_days × 0.01)
  tier_multiplier   = {bronze: 1.0, silver: 1.10, gold:
1.25, diamond: 1.50}
  kots_price        = seed reference ($0.0033) pre-DEX; 24h
TWAP post-DEX
```

- **Geo tier rate** is the fixed dollar value of one verified task for the operator's geographic tier. This anchor ensures workers receive consistent purchasing power appropriate to their local market.
- **Era multiplier** is determined by the current network-wide reward era (see milestone table above). Decreases as the network matures.
- **Streak multiplier** rewards consistent daily participation (+1% per consecutive day, capped at +20%)
- **Tier multiplier** rewards staking commitment (see Section 6)
- **KOTS price** determines the conversion rate: pre-DEX uses seed reference price; post-DEX uses 24-hour time-weighted average price (TWAP) from the primary DEX pool (Raydium)

5.5 Anti-Dump Mechanisms

Token economies fail when early participants dump tokens faster than organic demand absorbs them. KotKit implements four layers of sell-pressure mitigation:

1. Split Vesting: 50% of each task reward is immediately liquid. The remaining 50% vests linearly over 30 days. This halves the instantaneous sell pressure from any single reward event.

2. Staking Utility: Higher staking tiers provide higher reward multipliers and task priority (see Section 6). A rational node operator maintains a high balance to maximize future income through better per-task rewards and priority access — rather than selling.

3. Streak Bonuses: The streak multiplier (+1%/day, up to +20%) is lost if the operator misses a day. Selling all tokens and leaving the network means forfeiting a 20% bonus — creating an opportunity cost to exit.

4. Conditional Vesting: The 50% vesting portion continues to vest only while the operator remains active in the network (minimum 1 task per 7-day rolling window). If an operator goes inactive, vesting pauses and resumes only when they return. Operators who permanently leave the network forfeit any unvested tokens, which are returned to the worker reward pool. This aligns with models used by Fluence Network and other mature DePIN protocols.

5. Whale Prevention: No single node operator can earn more than 2% of daily emission. A minimum number of unique operators must be active per epoch for rewards to be distributed. Monitoring alerts trigger if the top 5 operators receive more than 30% of emission.

5.6 Pre-Exchange Economics

During the first approximately 6 months of protocol operation (Phase 1 and Phase 2 on the roadmap), $KOTS tokens will not be listed on any DEX. Workers accumulate tokens with no external market price. This is a deliberate design choice with several important implications:

Internal Reference Price: The pre-seed round valuation ($3.3M FDV for 1B tokens) establishes an internal reference price of $0.0033 per $KOTS. This reference is used for the fiat-denominated reward formula (see 5.4), dashboard display, and worker communication, but does not represent a tradable market price. After DEX listing, the reference price transitions to a 24-hour TWAP from the primary DEX pool.

Emission-Only Rewards: All worker compensation comes from the 40% emission pool (400M tokens). No brand revenue is used to pay workers — brand payments flow entirely to the protocol treasury during this phase. This cleanly separates the worker incentive layer (tokens) from the business revenue layer (fiat/USDT).

Accumulation Incentive: Workers who join during the pre-exchange period earn at the highest per-task rates (Genesis and Early reward eras). When DEX listing occurs, early accumulators hold the largest positions relative to their effort. This mirrors the Helium model: early hotspot deployers earned the most HNT before it was tradable.

No Sell Pressure on DEX: With no DEX listing, there is zero external sell pressure during the critical network bootstrapping phase. The protocol uses this window to build a robust worker base, establish reliability metrics, and onboard initial brand campaigns — all without token price volatility as a distraction.

Protocol Buyback Program (Pre-DEX Liquidity): A critical challenge for any pre-DEX token economy is worker retention — particularly for node operators in Tier 3 and Tier 4 markets, where high time preference makes illiquid tokens unattractive. KotKit addresses this directly through a **Protocol Buyback Program** that operates throughout the pre-DEX period.

The protocol allocates a portion of brand revenue from the treasury to purchase $KOTS back from node operators at the internal reference price ($0.0033). This creates an always-available liquidity floor:

- **Immediate cash-out**: Operators who need fiat can sell accumulated $KOTS back to the protocol at any time, receiving payment in local currency or USDT
- **Self-selection**: Operators with lower time preference choose to hold for potential post-DEX appreciation; operators with immediate financial needs sell at the reference price — both behaviors are rational and encouraged
- **Treasury token accumulation**: Tokens bought back by the protocol are retained in the treasury, augmenting the liquidity pool allocation for DEX listing. This means early brand revenue directly strengthens the eventual DEX launch

- **Price floor signal**: The standing buyback offer at the reference price establishes a credible minimum value — workers know their earned tokens are never worthless, even pre-DEX

The buyback budget scales with brand revenue: as more campaigns run, more treasury funds are available for buybacks, naturally matching liquidity supply to operator demand. In practice, the revenue-to-distribution ratio (see Section 7.4) ensures that brand revenue far exceeds worker distribution value across all tiers (10:1 to 17:1), so the treasury can comfortably fund buybacks while maintaining operational reserves.

This mechanism directly addresses the bootstrapping concern: workers in emerging markets are not asked to wait 6 months on faith. They earn tokens for verified work and can convert to cash at any time via the protocol buyback — while early believers retain the option to hold for post-DEX upside.

Transition to DEX: At DEX listing (target: Month 3-4), liquidity is seeded from the 5% Liquidity allocation (50M $KOTS + protocol-accumulated tokens from buybacks + USDT from treasury). The Protocol Buyback Program transitions to the open-market Ecosystem Buy-Back mechanism (see Section 5.7). Staking must be operational before listing to ensure workers have utility beyond selling. The 50% vesting schedule on task rewards provides additional sell-pressure dampening at launch.

5.7 Sustainable Circular Economy

Once brand revenue enters the system and a DEX listing is live, the protocol establishes a sustainable circular token economy through two mechanisms:

Ecosystem Buy-Back (Phase 1-3, Pre-DAO)

After DEX listing, 50% of all brand payments (fiat/USDT) are used to programmatically purchase $KOTS on the open market via Jupiter aggregator. Instead of burning the purchased tokens, they are **recycled directly back into the Worker Reward Pool**, replenishing the emission reserve. This creates persistent buy pressure on the DEX proportional to protocol revenue — the same market impact as a burn — while extending the longevity of the reward pool and maintaining the protocol's ability to incentivize node operators long-term.

Workers are not paid from brand revenue — their compensation comes exclusively from the $KOTS emission pool. The ecosystem buy-back creates a closed loop: brand payments fund token purchases on the open market, purchased tokens flow back to the reward pool, workers earn those tokens for verified tasks, and the cycle repeats.

Slashing: Tokens slashed from operators who violate protocol rules (video deletion, repeated task failures, banned accounts) are removed from circulation via burn. Slashing is a punitive mechanism unrelated to revenue allocation — it is a protocol enforcement action, not a value-return event.

Forfeited Vesting: Tokens from inactive operators whose conditional vesting has expired are returned to the Worker Reward Pool. This is an operational recovery of unearned tokens, not a discretionary action.

Transition to Decentralized Governance (Phase 4+, Post-DAO)

As the network matures and achieves sufficient decentralization, revenue allocation authority transitions from the Foundation to a DAO governed by $KOTS holders. The DAO will have on-chain authority to vote on how purchased tokens are allocated:

- **Reward Pool Replenishment**: Continue recycling purchased $KOTS into the Worker Reward Pool (default behavior)
- **Supply Reduction**: Redirect purchased $KOTS to a verified burn contract ("Fire Pit"), permanently reducing total supply
- **Ecosystem Grants**: Fund developer grants, partnership incentives, or community programs
- **Ratio Adjustment**: Modify the 50/30/20 revenue split based on network needs

This follows the Progressive Decentralization model established by leading protocols: the Uniswap DAO's December 2025 "UNIfication" vote (99.9% approval for protocol fee activation via community governance) demonstrated that decentralized revenue allocation is both legally and operationally viable. The Foundation will not unilaterally execute token burns — any permanent supply reduction requires explicit DAO authorization.

Structural Buy Pressure

Because token distribution is tied directly to brand-paid tasks, the protocol has a natural buy-pressure advantage: every task that distributes $KOTS also generates brand revenue for ecosystem buy-back. The per-task buy-back value (50% of brand payment) consistently exceeds the per-task token distribution value across all geographic tiers (10:1 to 17:1 ratio — see Section 7.4), meaning the protocol generates **structurally positive buy pressure from day one** of DEX trading.

The fiat-denominated reward model reinforces this advantage: as $KOTS price rises, fewer tokens are distributed per task while buy-back revenue remains constant — widening the buy-pressure gap. Geographic expansion to lower-tier markets further strengthens this dynamic, as these markets have the highest buy-back-to-distribution ratios (Tier 4: 17:1).

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6. Staking and Node Tiers

6.1 Tier Structure

Node operators stake $KOTS to access higher-tier benefits:

Tier	Minimum Stake	Reward Multiplier	Priority Score
Bronze	0 $KOTS	1.0x	0
Silver	100,000 $KOTS	1.10x	3
Gold	500,000 $KOTS	1.25x	7
Diamond	2,000,000 $KOTS	1.50x	10

- **Reward Multiplier**: Applied to the base reward for every task, compounding with other multipliers in the reward formula. Higher tiers earn proportionally more per task.
- **Priority Score**: When the task engine assigns workers to a campaign, higher-tier operators receive a priority boost in the scoring algorithm — ensuring they are more likely to receive the most valuable campaigns.

6.2 Staking Mechanics

- Staking is off-chain via the token soft ledger (balance-based tier determination)
- Tier is determined by the operator's staked $KOTS balance — no explicit lock or unstake action required
- Tier upgrades take effect immediately when balance crosses a threshold
- Tier downgrades occur immediately when balance drops below a threshold (e.g., after withdrawal)

6.3 Slashing Conditions

Staked tokens can be partially or fully slashed for protocol violations:

Violation	Penalty
Video deleted within 24 hours of posting	50% of task reward forfeited
3+ consecutive failed tasks	5% of staked tokens slashed
Account banned from TikTok	100% of staked tokens slashed
Detected manipulation (fake views, bots)	100% of staked tokens slashed

All slashed tokens are burned (permanent supply reduction). Slashing is a punitive protocol enforcement mechanism — distinct from revenue-driven operations.

6.4 Streak Rewards

Consecutive daily activity is rewarded with a compounding bonus:

- +1% per consecutive active day (minimum 1 task completed)
- Maximum bonus: +20% at 20 consecutive days
- Streak resets to 0 if an operator completes 0 tasks in a 24-hour window
- Streak counter is tracked off-chain (soft ledger) for gas efficiency

The streak system creates a behavioral lock-in that rewards consistency over sporadic participation, aligning operator incentives with brand expectations for reliable distribution capacity.

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7. Revenue Model

7.1 Brand Payment Flow

Brands interact with the protocol through a standard SaaS interface. Payment is accepted in:

- **Fiat (RUB)**: Via YooKassa payment processor (live in production)
- **Stablecoins (USDT)**: Via NOWPayments (live in production)
- **Future**: Direct USDC/USDT on Solana

Brands are never exposed to $KOTS tokens or blockchain mechanics. Their experience is a conventional campaign management dashboard with performance reporting.

7.2 Revenue Distribution

Workers are compensated exclusively in $KOTS tokens from the emission pool (see Section 5.3). Brand payments do not flow to workers directly — the protocol retains 100% of brand revenue. This clean separation between the worker incentive layer and business revenue is a core design principle: brands pay fiat for a service, the protocol captures that value, and workers are incentivized through token emission with built-in appreciation mechanics.

Revenue distribution changes as the protocol matures:

Pre-DEX (first ~6 months):

Component	Share	Destination	Purpose
Protocol Treasury	100%	Multisig wallet	Operations, development, growth, liquidity preparation

During the pre-exchange period, all brand revenue flows to the treasury. There is no DEX to execute buy-backs against, and the emission pool fully covers worker rewards.

Post-DEX (after DEX listing):

Component	Share	Destination	Purpose
Ecosystem Buy-Back	50%	DEX purchase via Jupiter	Purchased $KOTS recycled to

Component	Share	Destination	Purpose
			Worker Reward Pool (pre-DAO); allocation governed by DAO vote post-DAO
Treasury and Operations	30%	Multisig wallet	Operations, development, partnerships, runway
Growth	20%	Growth fund	Worker acquisition, brand partnerships, market expansion

7.3 Unit Economics

Metric	KotKit Protocol	Traditional Nano-Influencer Platform
Cost per verified post	$1.00 - $10.00	$5.00 - $50.00
Worker settlement	Instant $KOTS (soft ledger)	NET-30 to NET-60 (fiat)
Geographic coverage	Global (any Android + TikTok market)	US/EU primarily
Minimum campaign size	10 posts	50-100 posts
Protocol revenue retention	100% of brand payments	60-80% after worker payouts

The cost advantage stems from token-incentivized labor: node operators earn $KOTS tokens with long-term appreciation potential rather than per-task cash payments. This is the same economic dynamic that allows DePIN networks like Helium to price wireless coverage below carrier rates — miners accept HNT instead of dollars because the token captures the value of the network they are building.

7.4 Buy-Pressure Economics

Because $KOTS distribution is task-based (not time-based) and fiat-denominated, the protocol generates structurally positive buy pressure across all geographic tiers. The buy-back-to-distribution ratio is determined by brand pricing vs. worker rate — and remains favorable regardless of token price:

Geo Tier	Brand Pays	Worker Receives (Mature)	Buy-Back (50%)	Buy-Back : Distribution
Tier 1 (US)	$10	$0.50	$5.00	**10:1**
Tier 2 (EU)	$7	$0.30	$3.50	**12:1**
Tier 3 (RU)	$3	$0.10	$1.50	**15:1**
Tier 4 (IN)	$1	$0.03	$0.50	**17:1**

Example: Tier 3 (Russia), Growth era, 20,000 tasks/month:

Token Price	KOTS Distributed	Distribution Value	Revenue	Buy-Back (50%)	Net Buy Pressure
$0.0033 (seed)	900,000	$2,970	$60,000	$30,000	**10x** positive
$0.01 (3x)	300,000	$2,970	$60,000	$30,000	**10x** positive
$0.033 (10x)	90,000	$2,970	$60,000	$30,000	**10x** positive

The fiat-denominated model has a unique structural advantage: the buy-back-to-distribution ratio remains **constant** regardless of token price (since both the distribution value and the token quantity adjust proportionally). Lower-tier geographies actually have *better* ratios because brand pricing scales faster than worker rates — making protocol expansion to emerging markets structurally accretive.

Purchased tokens are recycled into the Worker Reward Pool (pre-DAO), extending pool longevity and sustaining the network's ability to incentivize operators. Post-DAO, the community may vote to redirect purchased tokens to a burn contract for permanent supply reduction, ecosystem grants, or other uses.

8. Roadmap

Phase 1: Foundation (Weeks 1-6)

Objective: Establish the token accounting layer on top of the existing production platform.

Deliverable	Description
$KOTS on Solana devnet	SPL Token-2022 deployment with metadata extensions (CEX-compatible)
Database migration	Add token balance, staking tier, streak, and wallet fields to existing models
Reward Calculator	Epoch-based computation engine implementing the multi-factor reward formula
Token Soft Ledger	Internal transaction log (KotsTransaction model) for instant balance tracking
Balance API	`GET /api/v1/token/balance` endpoint returning $KOTS balances
Dashboard Integration	$KOTS balance and reward history displayed in worker dashboard

Does not include: On-chain distribution, staking, DEX listing, or mainnet deployment.

Phase 2: On-Chain (Weeks 7-12)

Objective: Deploy to Solana mainnet and enable real token distribution.

Deliverable	Description
Solana mainnet deployment	$KOTS token creation on mainnet with initial supply minting
Direct SPL transfers	Withdrawal endpoint sends $KOTS directly to operator's Solana wallet
Custodial wallets	Automatic Solana keypair generation, AES-256-GCM encryption, export functionality
Withdrawal endpoint	`POST /api/v1/token/withdraw` for on-chain token claims
DEX liquidity	Initial pool on Raydium (50M $KOTS + USDT from treasury)
Smart contract audit	Third-party security audit of all on-chain programs before mainnet

Phase 3: Staking (Weeks 13-18)

Objective: Implement off-chain staking with tier-based protocol access.

Deliverable	Description
Off-chain staking	Balance-based tier determination in soft ledger (no Anchor program)
Tier integration	Staking tier feeds into task scheduler as 6th scoring factor
Slashing engine	Automated detection and execution of slashing conditions
Streak tracking	Off-chain streak counter with multiplier applied to reward formula
Android staking UI	Staking, unstaking, and tier status in mobile app

Critical sequencing: Staking must be operational 1-2 weeks before DEX trading volume increases, ensuring token utility exists before liquidity.

Phase 4: Circular Economy & DAO Governance (Weeks 19-24)

Objective: Close the economic loop with revenue-driven buy-back and reward pool replenishment. Prepare DAO governance framework.

Deliverable	Description
Buy-back engine	Automated $KOTS purchase via Jupiter API using 50% of brand payments
Reward Pool recycling	Purchased tokens routed to Worker Reward Pool (replenishment)
Public recycling tracker	Dashboard widget showing cumulative buy-backs, daily recycling rate, and reward pool status
Brand dashboard	"Network Impact" card showing recycled $KOTS and rewarded operators per campaign
DAO governance framework	Specification for future on-chain governance of revenue allocation (burn vs. recycle vs. grants)

9. Legal and Compliance

9.1 Jurisdiction: AIFC, Kazakhstan

KotKit will establish its legal entity within the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC), which provides:

- **English common law** legal framework (based on the law of England and Wales)
- **0% corporate tax** for registered entities (guaranteed for 50 years)
- **Crypto regulatory sandbox** with clear guidelines for digital asset issuance
- **International arbitration** through the AIFC Court (staffed by common law judges)

9.2 Token Classification

$KOTS is classified as a **utility token** under AIFC regulations:

- Tokens are **earned** through verified work, not sold in a public offering
- Staking provides **access to protocol services** (reward multipliers, priority matching) — not financial returns
- Token value derives from **network utility** (enhanced rewards, priority access, staking benefits) rather than expectation of profit from the efforts of others
- There is no ICO, IEO, or public token sale. Seed investor tokens are subject to vesting and cliff provisions under a SAFT (Simple Agreement for Future Tokens) structure

9.3 Regulatory Language

In all official documentation and communications, the following terminology is used:

Internal Term	Official Term	Rationale
Ecosystem Buy-Back	Reward Pool Replenishment	Revenue-funded buy-back is operational expenditure (network fuel), not value return. Burn only via DAO vote post-decentralization
Workers	Node Operators	Aligns with DePIN terminology; avoids employment classification risk

Internal Term	Official Term	Rationale
Bot / Automation	Assisted Distribution	Neutral framing of the posting mechanism
Fake / Artificial	Organic Amplification	Describes the network effect accurately

9.4 Compliance Roadmap

- **Phase 1**: AIFC entity registration, legal opinion on utility token classification
- **Phase 2**: SAFT agreements for seed investors, smart contract audit report
- **Phase 3**: Terms of service for node operators, privacy policy, data processing agreements
- **Phase 4**: Ongoing compliance monitoring, jurisdictional expansion analysis

10. Team

[Section reserved for team bios, LinkedIn profiles, and relevant experience. To be completed before investor distribution.]

Key roles required:

Role	Responsibility
Founder / CEO	Product vision, investor relations, strategic partnerships
CTO	Protocol architecture, Solana smart contracts, security
Head of Growth	Worker acquisition, brand partnerships, market expansion
Solana Engineer	SPL token operations, on-chain transfers, wallet infrastructure
Backend Engineer	FastAPI integration, reward calculator, soft ledger
Legal Counsel	AIFC registration, token classification, compliance

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