

Digital Asset Research & Valuation Analysis

Kyber Network Crystal (KNC)

Intro

Kyber is a decentralized exchange (DEX) aggregator, that allows users to source the best price across many DEXs for Ethereum-based tokens. Kyber Network Crystal is the governance token that is used to vote on proposals and decide the future plans of the project. Users who actively vote on proposals are rewarded. To be able to vote on proposals a user must first stake their KNC tokens, becoming a member of the Kyber DAO (Decentralised Autonomous Organization). Staking rewards are distributed once every two weeks with the reward increasing per person based on the token amount staked and voting activity. The reward pool increases when more people use Kyber’s DEX.

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Top 5 Exchanges by volume

KNC/BTC Pair: Binance, OKX, Kucoin, Huobi, Coinbase

KNC/USDT Pair: Binance, OKX, DigiFinex, AAX, Huobi

KNC/USD Pair: Coinbase, FTX, Binance US, Currency.com, Kraken

Tokenomics

Disclaimer that this info is not updated and is only relevant as of writing it

Name	Kyber Network Crystal
Ticker	KNC
Market Capitalization (Price x max supply)	\$191M
Circulating Supply	102,000,000 KNC
Total Supply	198,917,385 KNC
30 Day 24HR Volume Average	\$13,431,949

Emission Schedule (Rate of coin issuance)	Unknown
Cryptographic Algorithm	ERC-20
Blockchain Security	Proof of Stake
Date of Inception	2021
Owned by a company?	Run by KyberDAO (token holders)
Based in	Worldwide
DEV Fee/Tax	Unknown
Premine	Unknown
Github Activity	Good
Community Size	250k Twitter & Reddit
Irregularities/Red Flags	The Whitepaper is hidden; when asked about it, the staff said they would forward it to the appropriate people.

Tokenomics Summary

The Good:

- Decent-sized community
- Uses a Decentralised Autonomous Organization for governance allowing users to make the decisions
- Decent Github activity

The Bad:

- No Whitepaper, which hides any mention of pre-mine, dev-tax, and token emission (checked 1 month after talking to Kyber staff and still no whitepaper)
- Since token distribution is hidden the founders could be in control of most of the tokens

Utility

Kyber's utility is being used as a governance token in the KyberDAO deciding what happens to the network, staking by providing liquidity to the DEX and being rewarded with transaction fees, and used as the fee for the transactions on the KyberDEX.

Promise Coin?

Kyber Network Crystal is not a promise coin as it has a working product, the Kyberswap

Devs

KNC has 59 code contributors with an active developer team

Competitors

Kyber Network: \$8B Trading Volume

1inch: \$221B Total Volume

ParaSwap: \$30B Total Volume

Valuation

Disclaimer: There is no current standardized valuation mechanism, and there is no guarantee that said coin/token will ever reach this price.

With a conservative growth rate of 1.5x a year in the Defi space over the next 5 years and increased exchange demand, we expect KNC to have over \$1B market cap which would put a valuation target of \$8 a coin, a 5.7x increase over current prices. The bullish case where Kyber establishes itself as a market leader capturing market share from its competitors would put it at a \$5B market cap which would put a valuation target of \$49 a coin, a 35x increase over current prices.

Final Analysis

Kyber aims to solve the problem of exchange liquidity, by being a DEX aggregator, gathering liquidity from several exchanges, and giving the end-user the best conversion rate possible. Its tokenomics are ok, possess good utility, isn't a promise coin, has a strong development team, and a promising future in a fast-growing sector.

Score (0-5)

3.6/5

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