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Kinetiq is a liquid staking protocol built natively on Hyperliquid, enabling users to stake the native token of the Hyperliquid blockchain (HYPE) and receive Kinetiq Staked HYPE (kHYPE) in return.

kHYPE enables staking participation while retaining full liquidity and capital efficiency — earning staking rewards while staying active across DeFi.

Behind the scenes, all staked HYPE is automatically delegated to the top-performing Hyperliquid validators, selected by StakeHub— Kinetiq's autonomous validator scoring and delegation system.

This means:

- Your HYPE contributes to network security and decentralization
- You earn rewards passively, without manual validator selection
- Your kHYPE balance accrues value automatically — no claiming or rebasing needed

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- kHYPE is usable across the Hyperliquid ecosystem, giving you the best of both worlds: native staking yield and DeFi utility

Why Kinetiq matters to Hyperliquid

Strengthening network security

Every HYPE staked through Kinetiq directly contributes to Hyperliquid's security and decentralization:

- Stronger economic security for the entire network
- Better resistance to attacks and manipulation
- More robust consensus and faster finality

Solving liquid staking complexity

Traditional staking requires:

- Researching and choosing validators manually
- Monitoring performance continuously
- Managing rewards and rebalancing
- Accepting locked tokens with no DeFi utility

Kinetiq eliminates all these pain points while maximizing your returns.

Accelerating DeFi growth

kHYPE enables immediate DeFi participation:

- Use as collateral for lending/borrowing
- Provide liquidity in AMM pools
- Participate in yield strategies
- Trade positions while maintaining staking exposure

How Kinetiq works

1. You stake HYPE for kHYPE.
2. Kinetiq selects top-performing validators, continuously monitors performances, and rebalances.
3. Your kHYPE grows in value as validator rewards flow to all kHYPE holders causing the exchange rate to improve over time. No claiming or manual actions needed as rewards compound automatically.
4. Use kHYPE anywhere. Some examples: trade on DEXs, use as collateral for loans, provide liquidity for extra yield, keep earning staking rewards throughout, trade yield of kHYPE.
5. Withdraw at any time by queuing a withdrawal request and waiting for the security delay period.

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Kinetiq's key innovations

Autonomous validator management

Automated validator selection and management system:

- Algorithmic selection: Evaluates validator performance metrics
- Continuous monitoring: Tracks and optimizes validator activity
- Automatic rebalancing: Adjusts delegations without user input
- Risk diversification: Delegation across multiple validators

Native L1 integration

Tight integration with Hyperliquid's infrastructure:

- Direct validator communication
- Batch operations for efficiency
- State synchronization
- Leverages Hyperliquid's base security

Security architecture

Kinetiq is built with a multi-layered approach to protocol safety:

- Emergency response system
- Role-based access controls & multi-sig
- 4 independent security audits
- Secure upgrade frameworks

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