

Project Research Dossier

Variational (\$VAR) | Pre-TGE research | Prepared 30 Sep 2026

STATUS	Q4 2026 TGE announced No active \$VAR ICO/TGE. No public \$VAR token sale was identified in the reviewed primary sources.
RESEARCH BASIS	Primary sources only: Variational Docs, published contract addresses, audit disclosures, and the verified Variational GitHub organization.

1. Project Goal

Variational provides infrastructure for peer-to-peer derivatives trading. Its protocol combines on-chain and off-chain components to automate booking, clearing, margin management, liquidation, funding, and settlement. Applications built on top include Omni for perpetual futures and Pro for customizable institutional OTC derivatives. The protocol uses segregated settlement pools rather than a single commingled exchange pool, with a custom pricing oracle and automated margin/liquidation engine. [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#)

2. Tokenomics and Key Metrics

Variational states that \$VAR will launch in Q4 2026. The disclosed allocation is:

Bucket	Share	Unlock / control
Genesis Distribution	32%	Airdropped proportional to points; 100% unlocked at TGE.
Ecosystem Reserve	18%	Held by the Variational Foundation for ecosystem growth; allocated at Foundation discretion. No fixed release schedule is stated.
Team + Investors	50%	12-month lock after TGE, then unlocking over a minimum of 3 years. Team members also have individual vesting.

FDV: Not currently modelable from disclosed primary-source data because the reviewed \$VAR documentation does not publish an official TGE price or absolute token supply.

Circulating supply at TGE: A precise figure cannot be determined. The Genesis bucket equals 32% of total supply and is fully unlocked at TGE, while the 18% Ecosystem Reserve has no fixed public release schedule in the cited tokenomics page.

Emissions / value capture: The disclosed page does not state an ongoing token-emission schedule. Variational says it intends to use 100% of revenue directed to the treasury to buy and burn \$VAR. [\[3\]](#)

3. Dilution / Unlock Risk Model

TGE: 32% of total supply is immediately unlocked through the Genesis Distribution. This is the clearest short-term liquid-supply event and may create early sell-side pressure.

Months 0-12: The 50% Team + Investors bucket remains locked. This materially limits insider-related dilution during the first year, but does not resolve uncertainty around the 18% Ecosystem Reserve.

Month 12 onward: Team + Investor tokens begin unlocking over at least three years. If the 50% bucket were released evenly after the cliff, the average rate would be no more than roughly 16.7% of total supply per year over a three-year minimum period; the actual curve may be slower and cannot be finalized until the detailed schedule and team/investor split are published.

Key modeling gap: The Foundation-controlled 18% reserve has no stated fixed vesting curve in the cited tokenomics page. This prevents a precise forward circulating-supply model and is therefore itself a dilution-risk variable. [\[3\]](#)

4. Team and Verification Signals

Variational identifies Lucas Schuermann and Edward Yu as co-founders. Its official contributor page describes their backgrounds at Columbia, Qu Capital and Genesis Trading, and states that they later built Variational from proprietary trading experience. The official docs also list institutional backers. [\[4\]](#)

Verification extends beyond biographies: Variational publishes mainnet contract addresses for the Protocol Treasury, Core OLP Vault, Loss Refund Pool, Settlement Pool Factory and Oracle. [\[5\]](#)

The protocol reports audits by Zellic (completed Nov 2024) and Spearbit (completed Mar 2025), and maintains an Immunefi bug-bounty program. [\[6\]](#) [\[7\]](#)

Variational also operates a GitHub organization under variational-research. Its public repository includes the Variational Python SDK and API client code. The public GitHub does not expose the entire core protocol implementation, so independent code-level verification is more limited than for a fully open-source protocol. [\[8\]](#) [\[9\]](#)

5. Key Risks

Token concentration	50% is allocated jointly to team and investors. The 12-month lock reduces first-year insider liquidity, but the size of the bucket makes post-cliff dilution important to monitor.
Genesis liquidity	32% is unlocked at TGE. A large immediately liquid distribution can increase early volatility and sell pressure.
Reserve discretion	The 18% Ecosystem Reserve is controlled by the Foundation without a fixed release schedule stated in the tokenomics page, limiting circulating-supply forecasting.
Technical / oracle	The system relies on custom pricing, margin, liquidation and settlement infrastructure. Published audits and bug bounties reduce but do not eliminate implementation and oracle risk.
Transparency	The public GitHub exposes the SDK rather than the complete protocol codebase, limiting independent review of some core infrastructure.
Execution	Variational Pro is described as not yet live in the official docs, so part of the institutional OTC thesis remains dependent on future delivery. [10]

6. Disclosure

\$VAR has not launched, so I hold no \$VAR token. This report is prepared for the Legion Republic research mission and is not financial advice. Any Variational points, reward eligibility, employment, advisory role, investment, or other incentive should be disclosed before final submission if applicable.

Primary Sources

[\[1\] Variational Docs - What Is Variational](#)

[\[2\] Variational Protocol - Overview](#)

[\[3\] \\$VAR - Tokenomics / TGE / Vesting](#)

[\[4\] Core Contributors](#)

[\[5\] Mainnet Contracts](#)

[\[6\] Audits](#)

[\[7\] Bug Bounties](#)

[\[8\] Variational GitHub Organization](#)

[\[9\] Variational Python SDK](#)

[\[10\] Variational Pro - About Pro](#)

Research note: The quest requires primary sources only. No third-party valuation, market-cap forecast, prediction-market probability, or unofficial token-sale claim is used in this dossier. Where official data is not yet disclosed, the report marks the metric as not modelable rather than estimating it.