

ERGENTUM

Agent Monetary Infrastructure

Work is money. Agent work is Ergentum.

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The first monetary infrastructure built for autonomous agents.

250M
ERGON Hard Cap

Fair Launch
Zero VC · Zero Presale

9.3/10
Independent Review

Live on Testnet
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1. The Problem

Autonomous agents are already working. They write code, analyze documents, book meetings, execute research, and negotiate on behalf of their users. The technology exists. The adoption is accelerating.

But the monetary infrastructure to support this economy does not exist yet.

When an agent needs to hire another agent — who pays? How? With what currency? Who validates the execution? Who arbitrates if something fails? No existing infrastructure answers these questions.

Current AI infrastructure has three critical failures:

FAILURE	CONSEQUENCE
Centralized models	Dependence on APIs from corporations that can change prices, restrict access, or disappear
No agent-to-agent payment layer	Agents cannot transact autonomously — humans must always be in the loop
No private verifiable identity	Agents cannot prove credentials, reputation or solvency without exposing private data

2. The Solution

Ergentum is the monetary infrastructure the agent economy was waiting for. Three layers working together:

LAYER	WHAT IT DOES	TECHNOLOGY
Execution	Distributed nodes that run agents and bots	Cardano + Hydra L2
Settlement	Native token for instant agent-to-agent transactions	ERGON (\$EGT) on Cardano
Privacy	Verifiable credentials without data exposure	Midnight ZKP — live March 2026

The result: any agent — personal, enterprise, or autonomous — can work, transact, and earn without human intervention, without centralised intermediaries, and without exposing private data.

3. How It Works — In 60 Seconds

Imagine a personal agent that needs to book a business trip:

STEP	WHAT HAPPENS	WHO INTERVENES
1	Agent searches all available options — inside and outside the network	No human
2	Reputation system ranks options by quality and price	No human
3	Agent selects best option. Smart contract locks payment automatically	No human
4	Bot executes the booking. Condition verified on-chain.	No human
5	Payment released instantly. User sees value in their local currency.	No human

No human intervened. The process was secure, traceable, private and economically fair to all participants. This is what Ergentum enables — at scale, across millions of agents.

4. ERGON (\$EGT) — The Token

ERGON is not a speculative instrument. It is functional monetary infrastructure — the fuel of the agent economy.

PARAMETER	VALUE
Ticker	\$EGT

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Blockchain	Cardano (native)
Hard Cap	250,000,000 ERGON — immutable forever
Initial Supply	12,500,000 ERGON (5% — testnet contributions only)
Launch Price	Discovered by market — no target price defined
Year 1 Max Issuance	3% of max supply — only with real verified activity
Burn	30% of every transaction fee — permanent deflation
Fair Launch	Zero presale · Zero VC · Zero private allocation
Independent Rating	9.3/10 — three independent evaluators

Token Utility

- Pay for agent services on the network
- Reward nodes for processing tasks
- Reward users for using the network (Presearch model — use = earn)
- Governance — vote on DAO proposals
- Voluntary holding multiplier (up to 1.40x based on behaviour)

Why Fair Launch Matters

90% of crypto projects failed because of the same model: early investors get rich, late adopters pay. Ergentum eliminates this permanently:

- No presale, VC round, or private allocation — ever
- All tokens born from real verified on-chain contribution
- Someone entering in 2035 has exactly the same opportunities as day 1
- Hardware equal for everyone — no timing advantage

5. Who Earns — And How Much

Every participant in the network earns. Base Scenario — Month 12: 2,000 active users · 80 nodes · 8,000 transactions/day.

Node costs include hardware amortization + electricity + internet + AI model (local or API). Two token price scenarios are shown — conservative launch price and growth scenario.

PARTICIPANT	ERGON/MONTH	COST/MONTH	PROFIT @ €0.25	PROFIT @ €1.00
Node Light (VPS + API model)	4,000	~€60	+€40	+€340
Node Standard (RTX 3060 + local 34B)	7,500	~€120	+€68	+€630
Node Professional (RTX 4090 + local 70B)	13,000	~€250	+€75	+€1,050

PARTICIPANT	ERGON/MONTH	COST/MONTH	PROFIT @ €0.25	PROFIT @ €1.00
Node Sovereign (2x RTX 4090 · 100% local · 4x)	32,000	~€430	+€370	+€3,170
Bot Creator (2,000 uses/month)	8,000	€0	+€200	+€800
Daily User (10 uses/day)	150	€0	+€37/year	+€150/year

Why Sovereign? The Sovereign tier runs 4x the reward multiplier because it delivers what the network needs most: 100% local hardware, zero API dependency, maximum decentralization. At €1.00 per token — a realistic 12-18 month target with real network growth — a Sovereign node earns over €3,000/month profit on a €4,000-5,000 hardware investment. ROI under 2 months.

With voluntary 1.40x multiplier (behavior of not selling rewards): all profit values above × 1.40.
 Note: Node Light and Standard may use external AI APIs (Claude, GPT, Grok) which add €20-100/month in API costs depending on usage volume. This is reflected in the cost estimates above.

6. Why Cardano

FEATURE	WHAT IT MEANS FOR ERGENTUM
eUTXO Model	Deterministic transactions — agents predict exact results before committing. Eliminates MEV, reentrancy and integer overflow.
Aiken Smart Contracts	Formally verifiable language. Entire bug categories impossible by design. Already deployed on testnet.
Hydra L2 (native)	Thousands of micro-transactions per second without blockchain congestion — and without bridge security risks.
Midnight (ZKP)	Privacy layer launched March 2026. Agents verify credentials without exposing data. Ergentum's privacy foundation.
Zero downtime since 2017	Cardano has never had network downtime. Critical for an always-on agent economy.
PoS Consensus	Energy efficient. No proof-of-work arms race. Decentralisation through stake pools, not mining hardware.

7. What Is Already Built

On 17 April 2026, an AI agent trained specifically for Cardano/Aiken deployed Ergentum's first smart contracts on Cardano testnet — autonomously, without a human programmer. This is the product building itself.

4 Smart Contracts Live	8 Compiled Validators	1 Sovereign Node Active	Verified On-Chain Proof
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ITEM	DETAIL
Node Registration Contract	✓ Live — addr_test1wrymtz3fpqqt2...
Rewards Distribution Contract	✓ Live — compiled and validated
Bot Registry Contract	✓ Live — compiled and validated
Fee & Burn Contract	✓ Live — 30% burn mechanism encoded
Founding Node (Tier Sovereign)	✓ Registered — TX: 6310fdc0e543...
Explorer Verification	✓ preview.cardanoscan.io — public

8. The Product Ecosystem

Every product within Ergentum shares the same naming root — built from the same foundation:

PRODUCT	ROLE	STATUS
ERGENTUM	Base Protocol — the infrastructure layer	Live on Testnet
ERGON (\$EGT)	Native Token — utility and governance	Defined · Fair Launch
ARGENTUM	Stablecoin — stable unit of the network	Phase 2
VAULT	Agent Custody Infrastructure	Phase 2
GRID	Settlement Layer between agents	Phase 3
FORGE	SDK and Developer Tools	Phase 2

9. How We Differ

	Ergentum	Bittensor	Fetch.ai	Olas
Sovereign user memory	✓	✗	✗	✗
ZKP privacy (operational)	✓ Midnight	✗	⚠	✗
Pure fair launch	✓	✗	✗	✗
Specialised agents (RAG)	✓ Core	⚠	⚠	✗
Node operator privacy	✓ ZKP	✗	✗	✗

	Ergentum	Bittensor	Fetch.ai	Olas
Native MCP architecture	☑	✗	⚠	✗
Rewards users for use	☑ Presearch model	✗	✗	⚠
Native monetary infrastructure	☑ Main product	✗	⚠	✗

Ergentum does not compete with these projects — it fills the layer all of them assume already exists.

10. Roadmap

PHASE	KEY MILESTONES	STATUS
Phase 1 — Foundation	Smart contracts on testnet · Founding node · Core infrastructure	☑ Complete
Phase 2 — Ecosystem	Mainnet · Bot creation wizard · First vertical bots · ARGENTUM stablecoin	In Progress
Phase 3 — Scale	Enterprise integrations · Active DAO governance · Midnight enterprise privacy	Planned
Phase 4 — Autonomy	Machine-to-machine economy at scale · Self-sustaining ecosystem	Future

11. The Founding Team

The founding team is anonymous by design — aligned with the philosophy of the project: the infrastructure matters, not the individuals who built it. Just as Satoshi's identity is irrelevant to Bitcoin's value, the founders' identity is irrelevant to Ergentum's value.

What is public and verifiable: the code on-chain, the smart contracts, the transaction hashes, the tokenomics documentation, and this litepaper. The project speaks for itself.

COMMITMENT	MECHANISM
No exit scam possible	12-month cliff + 3-year linear vesting — locked in smart contract
No governance capture	Founding team has same voting weight as any other participant after mainnet
No special allocation	Tokens only through contribution — same rules as everyone
Power transfer is automatic	4 objective on-chain conditions — no human decision required

12. How to Participate

ROLE	WHAT YOU NEED	HOW TO START	MULTIPLIER
Node Light	VPS €20-60/month + AI model via API (Claude, GPT, Grok) or local 3-7B model	Register on testnet · Deploy node software · Connect AI model	1x
Node Standard	GPU RTX 3060+ · Local model 13-34B or hybrid local+API · €500-1,500 hardware	Register on testnet · Install local model · Deploy node	1.3x
Node Professional	RTX 4090 · Local model 70B+ · €2,000-3,000 hardware	Register on testnet · Run full local stack · Deploy node	2x
Node Sovereign	2x RTX 4090+ · 100% local 70B+ · Zero external APIs · €4,000-5,000 hardware	Register on testnet · Full sovereign stack · Maximum rewards	4x
Bot Creator	Domain knowledge in your field (law, medicine, finance, tech...) · No code required	Use self-service wizard · Define bot speciality · Deploy to marketplace	—
Daily User	Just an email address	Create account · Start using bots for real tasks · Earn ERGON automatically	—
Developer	Cardano/Aiken knowledge · Smart contract skills	Fork ergentum-protocol on GitHub · Build on existing contracts · Deploy bots as products or businesses	—

All nodes earn ERGON per processed task + tier multiplier. Bot Creators earn ERGON per usage. Daily Users earn ERGON automatically per interaction.

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The agent economy needs infrastructure. Ergentum is that infrastructure.

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