



# The Ascending Arbiters

ASCEND × ARBITER

Two A's. Two Yield Engines. One Cardano.

A Community Partnership Proposal

## Why This Proposal Exists

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I'm an active community member in both the Ascend and Arbiter ecosystems. I've watched both projects build impressive products independently on Cardano and Midnight. What I keep seeing is that each project has exactly what the other needs.

This proposal is not from either team. It's from someone who believes these two projects are stronger together, and wants to put the idea on the table for both founders to explore.

## Meet the Two Projects

A Ascend

**\$ASCEND**



### Ascend Market

**What:** A fully verifiable event perpetuals platform built on Midnight (Cardano partner chain). Traders take leveraged positions on probability outcomes across elections, policy, crypto, commodities, and more.

**Status:** Mainnet launching within the next two weeks on Midnight.

**Token:** \$ASCEND lives on Cardano. 100% of platform trading fees are distributed to \$ASCEND holders via true liquid staking. Fair launch, no VC overhang.

**Unique edge:** ZK-verified execution, multi-chain support, upcoming DEX. Won the Charli3 Hackathon DeFi prize. Cardano Foundation accelerator pipeline.

**What they need:** Day 1 trading volume, DEX liquidity, and engaged users.

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### Arbiter NFT

**What:** 3,000 NFTs on Cardano backed by A.T.S Dubai, a forex/commodities firm via First Prudential Markets. Holders earn quarterly ADA distributions from fund performance.

**Status:** 1,718 of 3,000 minted. "Memory Vault" staking portal live. Fund actively trading.

**Rarity:** 6 tiers via "Arm Insertions" — Phase 0 (common) to Phase 5 (rarest). Higher phases earn multiplied distributions.

**Unique edge:** Real-world yield from professional trading, not emissions. 20% performance fee (vs Web2's 30%).

**What they need:** A path to sell remaining ~1,282 NFTs + additional revenue streams.

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# The Opportunity

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The gap is clear: Ascend needs users and volume on Day 1. Arbiter needs buyers and utility beyond quarterly payouts. A partnership fills both gaps simultaneously, and creates a yield flywheel that neither project can build alone.

## The Core Idea

Arbiter NFTs become membership cards on the Ascend platform, giving holders trading fee discounts and perks that scale with both **quantity held** and **rarity phase**. In return, a portion of Arbiter's treasury acquires and stakes \$ASCEND, creating a second perpetual revenue stream from Ascend's 100% fee-share model. Both communities cross-pollinate, both treasuries grow, and Cardano gets a real example of DeFi composability.

## Why the Timing Is Perfect

- **Ascend mainnet is days away.** A partnership announced at launch creates instant buzz and a built-in user base of existing Arbiter holders ready to trade on Day 1.
- **Arbiter has ~1,282 unminted NFTs.** Bundling Ascend perks with NFT purchase transforms the value proposition from "quarterly forex dividends" to "dividends + daily trading discounts + founding status."
- **Both are Cardano-native.** Wallet integration, on-chain NFT verification, and treasury operations all happen natively. No bridges, no friction.
- **Both communities understand leverage.** Arbiter holders are comfortable with managed trading exposure. Ascend's prediction markets are a natural next step.

## The Flywheel

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NFT Sales Revenue



Arbiter Treasury



Buy & Stake \$ASCEND



Earn 100% Fee Share

Fee Revenue



Fund Forex Trading



ADA Distributions



NFT Demand Grows

More Volume → More Fees → Both Treasuries Grow → Repeat

# Partnership Framework

The partnership has multiple layers that can be adopted incrementally. Exact terms, percentages, and perks are for both teams to brainstorm and agree upon.

## Layer 1: Arbiter NFTs as Ascend Membership Cards

Holding Arbiter NFTs unlocks fee discounts and perks on the Ascend platform and DEX. Benefits scale by **quantity** (more NFTs = greater discount) and **rarity** (higher Arm Insertion phase = additional bonuses).

Arbiter Phase	Rarity	Potential Perk Layer
Phase 0	Common	Base fee discount
Phase 1–2	Uncommon / Rare	Enhanced discount + priority features
Phase 3–4	Very Rare	Premium tier + higher leverage access
Phase 5	Legendary	Maximum perks + VIP status

*Exact discount percentages, leverage tiers, and feature access are open for both teams to brainstorm together.*

## Layer 2: Treasury Cross-Pollination

A portion of revenue from Arbiter NFT sales is used to purchase \$ASCEND and hold it in the Arbiter treasury **with no plans to sell**. This is a long-term strategic hold. In addition, a percentage of ADA earned from royalty fees on secondary NFT trades would also be used to buy \$ASCEND, creating continuous accumulation beyond the initial mint. Ascend distributes 100% of platform fees to stakers, so the staked \$ASCEND generates a **second perpetual revenue stream** for Arbiter. Fee share earnings can fund additional forex trading capital, growing the fund without further NFT sales.

Ascend's treasury could acquire Arbiter NFTs — earning quarterly distributions and serving as competition prizes to move remaining inventory.

## Layer 3: Coordinated Launch Event

A joint campaign timed with Ascend's mainnet launch to create urgency around the remaining ~1,282 NFTs. Potential incentives: bonus \$ASCEND for early minters, "Founding Trader" status, cross-referral programs. Exact structure for both teams to define.

## Layer 4: Fund Performance Prediction Markets

The most unique angle. Ascend creates event perpetual markets around Arbiter's quarterly fund performance:

- Arbiter holders can **hedge** if they expect fund underperformance
- Non-holders can **speculate** on fund returns without buying an NFT — synthetic exposure
- Resolution is transparent — Memory Vault distributions are verifiable on-chain
- Every trade generates fees flowing back to \$ASCEND stakers, including Arbiter's treasury
- A market category that Polymarket and Kalshi simply don't have

**Note:** This layer requires collaboration with **Charli3** to build a reliable oracle data feed for A.T.S Dubai fund NAV or distribution data. Ascend already has a relationship with Charli3 from winning their Hackathon DeFi prize, making this technically feasible.

## Layer 5: DEX Liquidity Incentives

Arbiter holders who provide liquidity on Ascend's DEX receive boosted LP rewards, tiered by NFT holdings and rarity phase. Directly addresses Day 1 DEX liquidity needs while adding another earning layer for holders.

## Layer 6: Shared Oracle Infrastructure (Charli3)

Longer term, A.T.S Dubai publishes fund NAV as a Cardano oracle feed via Charli3. Automates market resolution and opens the door for any verified fund to list on Ascend — with Arbiter as the proof of concept.

# Mutual Benefits

## What Ascend Gets

- Engaged users on Day 1 who already understand leveraged products
- DEX liquidity from incentivized NFT holders
- A unique market category (fund performance perps) no competitor offers
- Treasury diversification into real-world yield exposure
- NFT-gated perks only possible on-chain
- Perpetual buy pressure on \$ASCEND from NFT trading royalties and a percentage of remaining NFT mint revenue

## What Arbiter Gets

- A clear acquisition channel for remaining ~1,282 NFTs
- Daily NFT utility beyond quarterly payouts
- A second perpetual revenue stream via \$ASCEND fee share
- Rarity phases gain real platform utility
- Association with a launching mainnet product

## What Cardano & Midnight Get

- A template for protocol-to-protocol DeFi partnerships
- Proof the ecosystem is composable and collaborative
- Cross-community on-chain activity and volume
- A narrative: "only possible on Cardano"

# Suggested Rollout

Phase	Action	Effort
<b>Phase 0</b> <i>This Week</i>	Founders connect. Explore alignment. Joint Twitter Space to introduce the concept.	Low
<b>Phase 1</b> <i>Mainnet Launch</i>	NFT-gated fee discounts (wallet check for Arbiter policy ID). Co-branded launch campaign.	Medium
<b>Phase 2</b> <i>Launch + 30d</i>	Arbiter treasury buys \$ASCEND. First "Ascending Arbiters" competition. DEX liquidity program.	Medium
<b>Phase 3</b> <i>Launch + 90d</i>	Fund performance markets (requires Charli3 oracle). Combined quarterly yield report.	Higher

## The Bottom Line

This partnership turns two independent Cardano projects into a compounding yield ecosystem. Arbiter gets the users and utility it needs to sell out. Ascend gets Day 1 volume and a loyal trading community. Both treasuries grow through each other's success.

The pieces are already built. The timing is right. All that's needed is a conversation between two founders. The specific numbers, tiers, splits, and mechanics are for both teams to brainstorm together — this proposal is the starting point.

## Next Step

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I'd love to facilitate an introduction between the Ascend and Arbiter teams. This proposal is intentionally high-level — the specifics are for both teams to negotiate based on what makes sense for their roadmaps and treasuries.

I'm happy to hop on a call, moderate a Twitter Space, or simply make the introduction and step back. Whatever works best.

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*This proposal was prepared independently and does not represent either project's official position.*