Media FAQ

A quick reference guide for media covering the launch of SODAX Swaps and technology behind it.

1. What is SODAX?

SODAX is a next-generation DeFi platform, powering the chain agnostic app layer. Built on the Sonic blockchain, SODAX offers a unified liquidity layer for cross-chain swaps, lending and borrowing, powered by protocol-owned liquidity and intent-based execution. The platform currently supports 12+ chains, including Solana, Sui, Stellar, and a range of EVM-based networks.

SODAX provides access to its unified liquidity layer to partner protocols through its full-featured SDKs. Builders can now access the best rates from across supported chains, tapping into leading liquidity sources and routing through intent-based execution – with user trades settled by Solvers, which scour leading liquidity pools from across integrated chains, and return the best available swap.

SODAX SDKs accelerate the launch of cross-chain features, or improve quotes for existing solutions. Cutting development time from months to weeks by providing all the necessary DeFi primitives, wallet/chain integrations, and front-end hooks to builders. For users, this means more products with a clean, chain agnostic experience, reducing the barriers for entry to DeFi.

2. What Makes SODAX Different?

- **Protocol-Owned Liquidity:** Liquidity is owned and managed by SODAX, held in money markets as working capital while still accessible to the intent-based, Solver infrastructure to power swaps.
- **Intent-Based Execution:** Users describe what they want; the system handles how it gets done - protecting the user from slippage and MEV attacks.
- **Unified product suite:** Trading, lending and borrowing in one experience.
- **Builder-first SDKs:** Easy integrations for wallets, DEXs and apps.

3. What benefits does intent-based execution bring?

The launch of intent-based cross-chain swaps makes predictable, low-cost liquidity across chains practical, not theoretical. By pairing its Solver engine with protocol-owned liquidity, SODAX transforms the economics of multichain trading, eliminating slippage uncertainty, opaque bridge fees, and dependency on third-party liquidity providers.

With fixed 0.1% fees, 0.1% output variation, and MEV-protected routing, SODAX makes efficiency a feature, not a trade-off. SODAX and the wallets, DEXs, and DeFi apps integrating the SODAX SDK can now deliver seamless, cross-chain swaps that undercut traditional aggregators by over 1% – a direct boost to user outcomes.

More than a swap aggregator, SODAX is redefining how liquidity moves through DeFi. By standardizing intent-based execution and anchoring it in owned reserves, it converts liquidity fragmentation into composable flow—accelerating the shift toward a unified, low-friction financial network where interoperability is built-in, not bridged on.

4. How is Protocol-Owned Liquidity leveraged for swaps?

Assets held by SODAX as Protocol-Owned Liquidity (POL) are held within SODAX's own money market (not yet released to the public). When a swap is made through SODAX Swap or partner products, the Solver can leverage this liquidity immediately. For instance, for a user wishing to swap ETH for USDC, the solver is able to immediately borrow the USDC balance from the money market right on the hub-chain and settle the trade. After the user receives their USDC, the Solver can then rebalance the trade through the optimal route it identified to acquire and pay down the loan. This ensures that swaps are settled as quickly as possible for users, and also generates yield for the supply side of the SODAX money market through borrowing.

All volume produced by the SODAX Unified Liquidity Layer also produces fees, of which 50% is used to acquire more assets for POL–further growing the benefits of this sovereign wealth.

6. Key Terms and Technology

Solver SDK

Part of the core SODAX SDK. A developer toolkit that enables intent-based, cross-chain transaction routing. Handles gas abstraction, slippage optimization, and best-path execution.

Bridge SDK

Part of the core SODAX SDK. A developer toolkit that provides seamless access to cross-chain tokens across integrated chains and protocols.

Intent-Based Routing

Instead of specifying every step, users express intent (e.g., swap A for B), and SODAX finds the optimal path across supported chains — abstracting away complexity like bridges, wrapping and fees. Intent-based execution also protects the user from risks such as slippage and MEV attacks, that they would encounter interacting with swap pools themselves.

Protocol-Owned Liquidity (POL)

Capital that is owned and deployed by the protocol rather than external liquidity providers. POL ensures deep, persistent liquidity and reduces reliance on third-party TVL or emissions.

Unified Liquidity Layer

A system that aggregates liquidity across 12+ chains by leveraging protocol-owned liquidity and intent-based execution.

Composable SDK Stack

Modular tools for developers to integrate SODAX's functionality into their own dApps, wallets, or frontends.

SODA Variants

SODA variant tokens are representative of cross-chain native tokens while held in the SODAX unified liquidity layer on Sonic. For example, native SOL is held on Sonic as SODA-SOL as a SODA variant token.

7. What Apps Are Part of SODAX?

App	Function	Status
SWAP	Cross-chain token trades	Live
LEND	Borrow/lend assets at ~2% APR	Planned
Balanced	Partner cross-chain stablecoin engine and DeFi platform	Live
Hana	Partner wallet app, featuring in-app swaps and payment card funding.	Live

Amped Finance	Partner DeFi protocol, offering cross-chain indices through the SODAX SDK.	Live
LightLink L1	Accessing SODA variant tokens to access cross-chain assets (eg. SUI.LL, BTC.LL, AVAX.LL etc.)	Live
REWARDS	Loyalty system for users	Planned
DCA	Automated dollar-cost averaging	Planned

8. What Chains Does SODAX Support?

SODAX is natively integrated with:

- **EVM Chains:** Arbitrum, Avalanche, Base, BNB, Optimism, Polygon, Sonic
- **Cosmos:** Injective, Archway
- **Non-EVM:** Solana, Sui, Stellar, ICON