



# World Economic Forum names Akila to its 2022 Technology Pioneers cohort

## Award recognizes top 100 innovative startups worldwide

**Shanghai, 10 May 2022** – The World Economic Forum has recognized Akila, a real-estate data and management platform which uses digital twin and AI technologies to empower data-driven decision making and ESG for large and multinational portfolios, as one of 100 “Technology Pioneers” in its 2022 cohort. Uniquely positioned in Asia, Akila is additionally leveraging the advanced 3D and simulation tools of Dassault Systemes to build a powerful ‘cockpit’ to help its clients to accelerate their path to net zero carbon with optimization and actionable data.

The highly selective [World Economic Forum’s Technology Pioneers](#) award recognizes early- to growth-stage companies from around the world that are shaping the future by advancing technologies such as AI, IoT, robotics, blockchain, biotechnology and are poised to have a significant impact on business and society. As part of the 2022 cohort, Akila will be invited to participate in World Economic Forum events and discussions throughout the year, also contributing to Forum initiatives and working with global leaders to help address in particular the critical issue of decarbonization.

This is a prestigious award that places Akila in a strata of global tech leaders. The Technology Pioneers award has a long list of notable alumni including Airbnb, Google, Kickstarter, Mozilla, Palantir Technologies, Twitter, and Wikimedia. Technology Pioneers have been selected based on the community’s selection criteria, which includes innovation, impact and leadership as well as the company’s relevance with the World Economic Forum’s [Platforms](#). The full list of Technology Pioneers can be found [here](#).

“We’re excited to welcome Akila to our 2022 cohort of Technology Pioneers,” says Saemoon Yoon, Community Lead, Technology Pioneers, World Economic Forum. “Akila and its fellow pioneers are at the forefront of industries that are critical to solving some of our world’s most complex issues today. We look forward to their contribution to the World Economic Forum in its commitment to improving the state of the world.”

“It’s a wonderful honor to be recognized by the World Economic Forum,” said Francois Amman, Co-President and Co-Founder of Akila. “It’s a milestone in itself, showing how far we’ve come, and how fast. It feels like this journey just started, but this kind of recognition says to me that our ESG-first vision for digital twin technologies is the right one. We hope we can use this as a platform to connect with innovators and decision-makers around the world and meet one of humanity’s greatest challenges, the climate crisis, head on.”



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**About Akila:** Akila is an Asia-based digital twin platform harnessing real-time data and AI to streamline ESG reporting and optimize the performance, sustainability and human-centricity of buildings and cities. Backed by strategic partnerships with Microsoft, Dassault Systèmes and Aden Group, Akila currently manages 3.5M square meters of real estate in China and Southeast Asia.

**About World Economic Forum:** The World Economic Forum, committed to improving the state of the world, is the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation. The Forum engages the foremost political, business and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas. ([www.weforum.org](http://www.weforum.org)).

**About the Technology Pioneers:**

The World Economic Forum believes that innovation is critical to the future well-being of society and to driving economic growth. Launched in 2000, the [Technology Pioneer](#) community is composed of early to growth-stage companies from around the world that are involved in the design, development and deployment of new technologies and innovations, and are poised to have a significant impact on business and society.

The World Economic Forum provides the Technology Pioneers community with a platform to engage with the public- and private-sector leaders and to contribute new solutions to overcome the current crisis and build future resiliency.