## Descartes Underwriting

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### **KEYWORDS: Insurance / Climate Risks / Risk modelling**







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Cat-in-circle typhoon index-based covers



Wildfire risk modelling

Year of foundation	2018
Web	www.descartesunderwriting.com
Headquarter location	Paris, France
Number of employees	120
Funding stage	Series A B C D
Experience in global market	Strong experience at a global scale with 12 hubs opened in 8 different countries across Europe, Americas, APAC. Our products reached 40+ countries.
Notable Points	<ul> <li>\$141m up to date</li> <li>250 clients (companies, govt)</li> <li>\$50m GWP in 2021</li> <li>Member of the Next 40</li> </ul>

#### Challenges / Problems

- > Increased frequency, intensity of weather risks that weaken the economy
- > Increasing insurance gap on natural catastrophes
- > Traditional insurance products on weather risks and natural catastrophes are often not transparent, expensive and despite the urgency, claims are processed slowly

#### **Proposed solutions**

- ➤ Parametric insurance covers based on new technologies (satellites, IoTs, AI) on several perils: cyclones, earthquake, flood, wildfire etc. enabling tailor-made insurance and fast claims payment
- ➤ Our policies trigger when the chosen index is exceeded (e.g. wind speed, earthquake magnitude, water level), with a claim that is paid according to a custom-made and pre-agree payout structure.

#### Competitive advantages:

- State-of-the art A.I models for climate risks and natural catastrophes modelling, enabling a complete understanding of risks to build profitable insurance products
- Tailor-made pricing
- Fast claim payments (a few days or weeks vs 18 months on average for traditional insurance) due to a lack of frictional costs (no claims adjusters)

#### Looking for collaboration / partnership with:

- Non-life insurers
- Corporate insurance agencies brokers
- Data providers (meteorological agencies, IoTs providers, satellite companies)

#### Future Business Plan:

- Our Hub in Japan would serve a commercial purpose and would help us radiate over the region
- We will closely collaborate with corporate insurance brokers to create a quick traction and offer parametric covers to corporate and governments
- Our offering will be large and will be extended to propose a wide range of insurance products tackling climate risks (typhoons, flood, wildfires, earthquake)
- Our hub in Japan will scale to become one of our main commercial hub in the world

