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Aniket has spent his career at the intersection of global finance, economic development and climate change. He has worked on six continents and in over 60 countries, advising the world's leading investors, corporations, governments and international organizations on all matters pertaining to investment and corporate strategy, sustainability and economic growth.

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