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Nikos Avlonas is a recognized leader who has received multiple awards in Corporate Sustainability and Social Entrepreneurship. Nikos is founder and President of the **Centre for Sustainability & Excellence (CSE)** a global Sustainability Strategic Advisory and Training firm with activities in North America, Europe, MENA and Asia. Nikos has been awarded in 2018 by **Silicon Valley Community Foundation**, the largest foundation in US, as Practitioner of the year and in 2017 as '**CSR Professional of the Year**' by PR News for setting new standards of excellence. He was also recognized at one of "**Top 100 Thought Leaders in Trustworthy Business Behavior**" by Trust Across America and awarded for **teaching excellence** from AUEB in 2020.

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Nikos specializes in Sustainability, Corporate Responsibility, Carbon Reduction and Impact Investment (ESG ratings). During the last 20 years he has carried out numerous projects in leading organizations, including Fortune Global 500 Companies, such as Nestle, Heineken Group, Coca Cola, ABM, Pfizer, Deutsche Post, Under Armor, the European Investment Bank and the Lloyds Banking Group. Additionally he has extensive international experience in executive training & coaching having trained over 5,000 managers worldwide including executives from NASA, Shell, WalMart, Home Depot.

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Nikos is a visiting professor at **University of San Francisco** Master of Nonprofit Administration. He was in the past program advisor to **University of Chicago Graham School**, Leadership in Sustainability Certificate and had lectured at a variety of Universities including the **Kellogg School of Management**, **University of Texas in Arlington** and **Sheffield Hallam University (U.K)**. He is co-author of the books "**Practical Sustainability Strategies**" published by Wiley in 2014 & 2020 which become one of the best-selling books in this field and contributor to "Management Models for the future" published in 2009. He has published numerous articles & surveys in international and local magazines and newspapers on issues related to Sustainability, Corporate Social Responsibility & Governance, Climate Change, Business Excellence and he has given many interviews relevant to the above issues to international Media including **Forbes**, **Fortune**, **CNN (GR)**, **CNBC**, **CCTV**, **Voice of America**, **Ethical Performance** and many others.