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Acurast Raises \$11 Million as Genesis Mainnet Launches to Turn Smartphones Into a Global Compute Network

Following recent funding rounds and network milestones, Acurast has raised \$11 million ahead of its Genesis Mainnet, fueling its mission to build a decentralized, verifiable compute network.



Zug, Switzerland – 13 November 2025 – [Acurast](#), the first decentralized physical infrastructure network (DePIN) that turns smartphones into a global mesh of verifiable, confidential compute, today announced that it has raised a total of **\$11 million** to date. The company also confirmed that its **Genesis Mainnet** will become publicly available on November 17, 2025, alongside the debut of its native \$ACU token.

The \$11 million total combines non-dilutive grants and token-based rounds across 2023-2025, including an oversubscribed public token sale on [CoinList](#) in May 2025, which raised \$5.4 million. Acurast's backers include notable angels such as **Dr. Gavin Wood (Co-founder, Ethereum; Founder, Polkadot)**, **Leonard Dörloch (Founder, peaQ)**, **Michael van de Poppe (Founder, MN Capital)**, **Scytale Digital**, **Ogle (Founder, GlueNet; CoinDesk's Most Influential)**, and **Vineet Budki (CEO, Sigma Capital)**.

Alessandro De Carli, Founder of Acurast, said:

"Mainnet marks the moment Acurast becomes a genuinely open, global compute fabric ready for real-world integration. Billions of smartphones are the most battle-tested hardware on earth. By turning idle phones into verifiable, confidential compute, we remove the gatekeepers, reduce the costs, and bring secure, trustless computation to anyone, anywhere, and all without a data center."

Acurast's product traction has been proven in an incentivized testnet that reached enterprise-grade scale. Over [146,443+ phones](#) have been onboarded to supply compute; developers have executed more than [85,784+](#) deployments; the network has processed

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upwards of [489M+ million](#) on-chain transactions; and 179,000 on-chain accounts have been created.



These real devices are already powering mission-critical workloads with strict confidentiality and integrity requirements. This is supported by programs like the Cloud Rebellion, which expand the network's overall footprint while rewarding early contributors for their efforts.

At the core of Acurast's advantage is the combination of tamper-resistant execution on consumer phones and secure hardware verification. Unlike raw compute marketplaces that rely on self-reported server specifications (or server-based TEE solutions), Acurast cryptographically verifies each device's authenticity and executes workloads within enclaves. This process ensures that even the device owner cannot access sensitive data, resulting in censorship-resistant, highly distributed compute.

Vineet Budki, CEO of Sigma Capital, said:

"Acurast is creating a new, user-owned compute layer that aligns perfectly with where AI is heading. Hardware verification, enclave-based confidentiality, and a massive potential footprint of smartphones combine into a defensible moat that server-centric models can't compete with."

"What stands out about Acurast is execution. They've shipped, they've grown real usage, and they've proven demand before mainnet," said Michael van de Poppe, Founder of MN Capital. "Turning everyday phones into revenue-generating, verifiable compute nodes is a powerful unlock for inclusion and for scale. We're excited to back a team that's building for real-world adoption."

Mainnet also arrives with native integrations designed to meet developers where they build, from Web3 protocols to enterprise systems, embedding directly into major blockchain and traditional infrastructures so teams can trigger secure off-chain execution inside familiar

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environments. Beyond powering decentralized applications (dApps), Acurast's architecture provides enterprises with censorship-resistant, verifiable backends that unlock automation, AI workloads, web crawling, infrastructure resilience testing and much more. This eliminates single-point dependencies and enables a new class of mission-critical, privacy-preserving compute for businesses operating in regulated or data-sensitive environments.

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About Acurast

Acurast is redefining compute by utilizing billions of smartphones – no data centers required. This verifiable, scalable, and confidential compute network enables users to run secure applications on decentralized infrastructure at scale—without compromising speed or privacy.

Acurast has already onboarded 146,443+ phones worldwide on its incentivized testnet, making it the most decentralized verifiable compute network available today. With more than 85,784+ compute deployments powering mission-critical workloads, and over 489M+ million on-chain transactions processed to date, Acurast is setting a new benchmark for decentralized compute. This scale enables high-security and AI-driven applications to run seamlessly across a global, community-powered network.

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