<u>IOHK Refreshes Plutus Playground as Cardano Smart Contracts Rollout Continues</u>

Cardano developer IOHK has upgraded the Plutus Playground for developers to test building smart contracts.

- Plutus is a programming platform for writing and testing smart contracts as if they were on the mainnet before they are released on the Cardano blockchain
- Plutus is set to become a platform for building DApps for industries including supply chains, track and trace, medical records, identity voting, property registration, P2P payments, and financial systems
- Improvements to the Playground include a new interface design, improved backend software and easier navigation
- The platform includes a simulator, which shows how a contract will behave on the Cardano blockchain. This can act as a training tool for people who do not have advanced developer skills because it demonstrates the working principles, further lowering the barriers to entry for blockchain development
- The refresh continues the Goguen rollout, the stage of the Cardano roadmap focusing on smart contract support and native token issuance