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Agenda

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08:30

Delegate Arrival and Networking Breakfast

09:15

Welcome remarks

Martin Senk, Senior Manager, Research, BVCA

09:20

Market overview – fundraising trends for Emerging Managers

Keynote

Henry Whorwood, Managing Director, Beauhurst

09:35

Shaping the next wave – how emerging funds are redefining UK private capital

Panel

Moderator: Baderin Tejuoso, Senior Venture Capital Executive, BVCA

Dan Bowyer, Partner, SuperSeed

Eyal Malinger, Managing Partner & Co-Founder, Resurge Growth Partners

Esha Vatsa, Partner, Mercuri

10:00

Presentation – BVCA policy update

Keynote

Chris Elphick, Head of Venture Capital, BVCA

10:15

Operational excellence – why the business of your firm can't be overlooked

Panel

Moderator: Richard Hoskins, Co-Founder, Kin Group

Ed Bardos, COO, Volution

Stephanie Orde, CFO, Episode 1



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10:40

Networking Break

11:10

Welcome back

Chris Elphick, Head of Venture Capital, BVCA

11:10

Introducing industrial strategy growth capital

Keynote

Chris Elphick, Head of Venture Capital, BVCA

11:15

The next level – scaling through fund 2 to 3 and beyond

Panel

Moderator: Tom Berry, Counsel, Debevoise & Plimpton

Greg Bennet, Partner, Passion Capital

Kevin Chong, Co-Founder & General Partner, Outward VC

Andrew Wyke, Managing Partner, Salica Investments

11:40

Open forum

11:50

The LP view – what they look for in emerging funds

Panel

Moderator: Jonathan Hollis, Managing Partner, Mountside Ventures

Jamie Hayford, Principal, Pantheon

Gabrielle Joseph, Managing Director, Rede Partners

Freddie Macpherson, Associate, Isomer Capital



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12:15 **Keynote**
Richard Muirhead, Managing Partner, Fabric Ventures

12:30 **Closing remarks**
Martin Senk, Senior Manager, Research, BVCA

12:35 **Networking Lunch**



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Delegate Arrival and Networking Lunch

13:40

Welcome remarks

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13:45

Learnings from Europe's first Emerging Manager Accelerator

Keynote/Presentation

Jonathan Hollis, Managing Partner, Mountside Ventures

14:05

Defining your fund's edge – crafting your investment proposal

Panel

Moderator: Nick Kagan, Counsel, Debevoise & Plimpton

Marc Cohen, Partner, Unbundled VC

Ioto Iotov, Founder & Managing Partner, Main Set

14:30

Open forum

14:40

Networking Break



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15:15	Beyond AI – what strategies & sectors will change the world in 2035 <i>Panel</i> Moderator: Juliette Gerstein, Head of Public Affairs, BVCA Rodney Appiah, Managing Partner, Cornerstone VC Toby Dixon, Managing Director, Growth Fund 1 Esther Reynal de St Michel Richardot, Managing Partner, Thena Capital Nicola Sinclair, General Partner, Twin Track Ventures
15:40	Open forum
15:50	Presentation – introducing investor pathways Mark Sims, Senior Director – Funds, British Business Bank
16:00	Open forum
16:10	Over the finish line – how to engage with LPs and closing your first fund <i>Panel</i> Moderator: Chris Elphick, Head of Venture Capital, BVCA Michael Brennan, Director, Allocator One Farid Haque, Venture Partner, AQVC Nicky Sugarman, Investment Advisor, Blue Future Partners



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16:35 Open forum – audience Q&A

16:45 Closing remarks
Chris Elphick, Head of Venture Capital, BVCA

16:50 Networking Drinks Reception

18:00 Close

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