



Agenda

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14 May 2025 | Aon Offices, Birmingham

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Featuring Vision 2025 -
Leaders Driving Growth Awards

13:00 Registration & networking lunch

13:35 Welcome address

Michael Moore, Chief Executive, BVCA

13:45 Growth in the Midlands - local leadership, infrastructure planning and investment

Panel

Moderator: Sarah Adams, Director of Policy, BVCA
Jon Baty, Head of Inward Investment, West Midlands Growth Company
Andy Green, Investment Director, Mercia (FDC)
Joshua Hawkins, Head of Global and Investment, Midlands Engine

14:25 Vision Fireside Chat - Supporting startups in the Midlands

Panel

Speakers to be confirmed shortly

14:55

Networking break

15:15 Scale ups, spin outs and innovation

Panel

Moderator: Rena Sandhu, Head of Regional M&A and Mid-Market, Aon
Ken Cooper, Managing Director - Venture Solutions, British Business Bank
Katharine Fuller, Chief Operating Officer, TechWM
Kiu Kim, Investment Manager, Beringea
Rupert Lyle, Investment Director, Midven
Lisa Smith, Chief Executive, Midlands Mindforge

15:55

Boosting productivity in the Midlands

Panel

Moderator: Karim Palant, Director of External Affairs, BVCA

Chris Handy, Head of West Midlands, LDC

Donato Masi, Professor of Supply Chain Management, Loughborough University

Rebecca O'Riley, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Regional Engagement,
University of Birmingham

Matthew Way, CEO, Clamason

Gemma Whitehouse, CFO, Kingswood Mobility Group (LDC)

16:35

Closing remarks

Michael Moore, Chief Executive, BVCA

16:45

Networking



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