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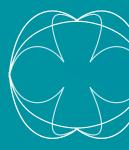


# FORUM SERIES



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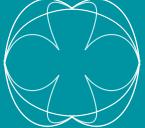
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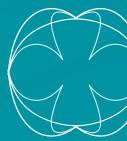




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13:00	Registration & networking lunch
13:35	Welcome address
	Matthew Sabben-Clare, Senior Advisor, Cinven & BVCA Chair
13:45	Growth in the Midlands - local leadership, infrastructure planning and investment Panel
	Moderator: Sarah Adams, Director of 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 Hayley Pepler, Head of Culture, Creative Industries and Digital, West Midlands Combined Authority Seb Saywood, Partner, Investment, BGF
14:25	Vision Fireside Chat - Supporting startups in the Midlands Panel
	Interviewer: Samantha Phipps, Director, Grant Thornton Vlad Gubala, Chief Scientific Officer, PocDoc Steve Roest, Chief Executive Officer, PocDoc Luke Smith, Head of Early Investing, Molten Ventures
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 Rupert Lyle, Investment Director, Midven Dr Lisa Smith, Chief Executive, Midlands Mindforge





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### 15:55 Boosting productivity in the Midlands

Moderator: Karim Palant, Director of External Affairs, BVCA

Chris Handy, Head of West Midlands, LDC

Professor Donato Masi, Professor of Supply Chain Management,

Loughborough University

Professor Rebecca 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 - 17:45

**Networking Drinks Reception** 













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