

Emerging Managers Forum

Conference Agenda

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- 08:30** Delegate arrival and networking breakfast
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- 09:00** **Welcome remarks**
Denise Typl, Senior Manager, Industry Development, BVCA
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- 09:05** **Market update: data and trends**
Keynote
Synopsis: A summary of Beauhurst data on investment trends in UK startups and scaleups in 2024 and offer some potential interpretations for 2025.
Henry Whorwood, Managing Partner, Beauhurst
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- 09:15** **LP perspective on Emerging Market landscape**
Keynote
Synopsis: Dominic Maier, General Partner at AVP in London, covers several key aspects of fund investing. He will briefly touch on some market data to set the context and will then discuss what emerging managers need to do in order to attract LPs in today's market.
Dominic Maier, Partner – Head of Fund Investing, AXA Venture Partners
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- 09:30** **The macro outlook for 2025 and its impact on Emerging Managers**
Panel sponsored by Debevoise & Plimpton
Synopsis: This session will explore how the macro environment influences the challenges and opportunities currently faced by emerging managers in capital raising and operational efficiency.
Moderator: Matthew Dickman, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton
Alek Safarian, CEO, ALSA Ventures
James Smallridge, Director, Soho Square Capital
Jolie von Arnim, Head of Investor Relations, Freshstream
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- 09:55** **Fit for growth: How to future proof a fund's operational frameworks**
Panel sponsored by Langham Hall
Synopsis: As managers grow, they have a number of operational considerations to think about, from regulation to outsourcing, to technology. In this session, our panel will discuss how to futureproof a fund's operating model to ensure a firm is fit for the future.
Moderator: Tom Pinnel, Head of Commercial - Europe, Langham Hall
Tom Hopkins, COO, BACKED VC
Stephanie Orde, CFO, Episode 1 Ventures
Karen Swain, CFO, Kindred Capital
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10:20

Portfolio diversification in a challenging market

Fireside

Synopsis: As co-investment rights remain a top priority for LPs, how else are emerging managers diversifying their portfolio?

Interviewer: Daria Kalatcheva, Associate Partner, Aon
Till Burges, Managing Director, HarbourVest

10:35

Networking break

11:05

Welcome back

Denise Typl, Senior Manager, Industry Development, BVCA

11:10

Fireside Chat with Mark Sims (British Business Bank – ECF Programme lead)

Fireside

Synopsis: An opportunity to find out more about the British Business Bank, and more specifically the ECF programme, whilst also hearing some first-hand insight and experience from Mark Sims on a variety of points of interest to first time and emerging fund managers.

Interviewer: Mark Coggin, Senior Investment Manager, Enterprise Capital Funds, British Business Bank
Mark Sims, Senior Director, Enterprise Capital Funds, British Business Bank

11:25

AI adoption for the funds of the future – the challenges and benefits

Panel

Synopsis: This session will explore the recent announcements from the Government following the AI Opportunities Action Plan, the use of AI within the private capital industry, and AI as an investment proposition.

Moderator: Juliette Gerstein, Senior Public Affairs Manager, BVCA
James Codling, Managing Partner, Volution
Andrew Drylie, Principal, Quadri Ventures
Dr. Ilian Iliev, CEO, EMV Capital

11:50 **Peer to peer discussion: The challenges and opportunities you are facing, and how the BVCA, or the UK Government, can support you moving forwards. A chance to speak to your peers**
Roundtable

Facilitator: Denise Typl, Senior Manager, Industry Development, BVCA

12:10 **Closing remarks**

Denise Typl, Senior Manager, Industry Development, BVCA

12:15

Networking lunch

13:15 **Event close**

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