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First Time Fundraising Forum

3 November 2026 | 12:45-17:00
Chicago Booth, London Conference Centre



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Agenda

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12:45 — Arrival and Networking Lunch

13:45 — Welcome remarks
Presentation

Host: **Chris Elphick**, Head of Venture Capital, UK Private Capital

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13:50 — The LP outlook for First Time Fund Managers
Keynote | Presentation

Fergus Dunn, Co-Founder, LP Grid

14:05 — Building a fund that stands out: Thesis, brand and LP proposition
Panel

Moderator: **Ricky Popat,** Business Development Director, KIN
Michael Brennan, Head of UK Operations, Infra One
John Messer, Managing Partner, Copilot Capital
Katrin Wilking, Investment Manager, Cloudberry Ventures

14:30 — Before the raise: Building your VC brand
Fireside

Moderator: **Francis Thomas**, Public Affairs Manager, UK Private Capital
Amardeep Parmar, Co-Founder, Bae HQ & Bae HQ Ventures

14:45 — Networking Break

15:15 — Creating a future-proof fund: Identifying tomorrow's investment themes
Panel

Moderator: **Poppy Bramford,** Policy Manager, UK Private Capital
Dr. Milette Gillow, Founding GP, The Tech Bros
Francesco Perticarari, General Partner, Silicon Roundabout Ventures
Esther Richardot Reynal de Saint-Michel, Founding Managing Partner, THENA Capital

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15:40 — **Update from the British Business Bank**
Keynote

Caroline English, Director of Investment Market Strategy, British Business Bank

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15:55 — **Investing for impact: Building the next generation of private capital funds**
Fireside

Harriet Assem, Head of Sustainability Policy, UK Private Capital
Matt Jenner, Investment Manager,, Better Society Capital

16:10 — **From first meeting to final close: Winning LP conviction**
Panel

Moderator: **Selena Chisholm,** Counsel, Debevoise & Plimpton
Ertan Can, Managing Partner, Multiple Capital
Sam Ettelaie, Chief Investment Officer, Thema
Farid Haque, Venture Partner, AQVC
Megan Phoenix, Investment Manager, British Business Bank

16:40 — **The perils & costs of being a First Time Fund**
Fireside

Chris Elphick, Head of Capital, UK Private Capital
Sarah Kunst, Managing Director, Cleo Capital

16:55 — **Closing remarks**

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17:00 — **Networking Drinks Reception**

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