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14:00 Registration & afternoon tea

14:30 **Welcome address**
Michael Moore, Chief Executive, BVCA

14:40 **The role of private capital in economic growth across the UK**
Karim Palant, Director of External Affairs, BVCA

15:00 **The role of regional leadership in creating a thriving investment ecosystem**
Panel

Moderator: Juliette Gerstein, Head of Public Affairs, BVCA
Hugh Campbell, Managing Partner and Co-Founder, GP Bullhound
Harry Jones, Partner, BGF
Professor Steve Rothberg, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Manchester Met University

15:30 **Vision Panel: Impact of private capital on business growth in North West England**
Fireside

Interviewer: Humza Khan, Director, Private Equity Coverage, Grant Thornton
Tom Davies, CEO, Robiquity

15:50

Networking Break

16:10

Unlocking capital to drive growing businesses in the North West Panel

Moderator: Sarah Adams, Director of Policy, BVCA

Simon Braham, Head of Portfolio, Northern Gritstone

Paddy Dowdall, Assistant Executive Director, Greater Manchester Pension Fund

Lucie Mills, Partner, NorthEdge Capital

Gary Tipper, Managing Partner, Palatine Private Equity

16:40

Closing remarks

16:45

Drinks Reception

17:45

Close of Forum

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