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08:00 **VC CFO/COO Breakfast (invite only)**

Moderator: **Chris Elphick**, Head of VC, UK Private
Rebekah Kasumu, Founder & Managing Director, Plug Capital
Stephanie Orde, CFO, Episode 1 Ventures
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08:30 **Registration**

09:00 **Welcome**

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

09:05 **Venture capital in the UK 2026**
Keynote

Suzi Gillespie, Head of Research, UK Private Capital

Angel

09:15 **From first cheque to first term sheet - what VCs look for in an angel round**
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Moderator: **Roderick Beer,** Managing Director, UKBAA
Videesha Böeckle, General Partner, āltitude
Kirsten Connell, Partner & Investor, Octopus Ventures
Tim Mills, Managing Partner, ACF Investors
Simon Thorpe, Chair, Cambridge Angels

09:45 **Women backing women - turning commitments to investment**
Fireside sponsored by UKBAA

Interviewer: **Jenny Tooth OBE**, Executive Chair, UKBAA
Hannah Bernard OBE, Co-Chair of the Invest in Women Taskforce, Group Director of Business Banking, Nationwide
Stéphanie Heller, Managing Partner, Bootstrap

10:00 **NextGen VC - what LPs look for from first time and emerging funds**
Fireside

Interviewer: **Michael Brennan**, Director, Infra One
Mahir Sahin, Founder & General Partner, Cloudberry Ventures

Seed-Series A

10:10 — Turning research into returns - turbocharging spinouts and UK research base
Fireside

Interviewer: **Juliette Gerstein**, Head of Public Affairs, UK Private Capital
Barry Downes, Managing Partner, SVV (Sure Valley Ventures)
Jonathan Pollock (JP), CEO & Managing Partner, Elbow Beach

10:25 — Networking Break

10:45 — Biotech breakout
Breakout

Moderator: **Baderin Tejuoso**, Senior Executive, Venture Capital, UK Private Capital
Carmine Circelli, Director, Life Sciences, British Business Bank

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10:45 — Sovereignty, security & strategic technologies - the future of deeptech
Panel

Moderator: **Karim Palant**, Director of External Affairs, UK Private Capital
Eric Arnould, General Partner & Chief IR Officer, Jolt Capital
Dr. Manjari Chandran-Ramesh, Partner, Amadeus Capital Partners
Rob Desborough, General Partner and Chair of the Seraphim Space Accelerator, Seraphim Space

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11:10 — Fintech 3.0 & regulated innovation - open banking, digital assets, and how the UK maintains global fintech leadership
Panel

Moderator: **Kaushalya Somasundaram,** Non-Executive Director & Senior Advisor, Endurance Ventures
Ashish Aggarwal, Partner, Paypal Ventures
Steve Gibson, Partner, 13books Capital
Ioto Iotov, Founder & Managing Partner, Main Set
Devin Kohli, Co-Founder & General Partner, Outward VC

11:40 — The AI consumer - does brand still matter?
Panel

Moderator: **Baderin Tejuoso**, Senior Executive, Venture Capital, UK Private Capital
Angela Chou, Investor, Felix Capital
Yasha Estraikh, Associate Partner, Piper

11:55 **Founder fireside - AI**
Fireside

Russ Tucker, Co-Founder & CEO, twig
Malin Posern, Partner, Managing Director UK, Project A

12:05 **Networking Lunch**

12:10 **Lunch - The Data Layer Underneath - What AI is demanding of investment operations and where to start**
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Series A+

13:05 **Welcome back**

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

13:10 **Shadow minister fireside**

Interviewer: **Michael Moore**, Chief Executive, UK Private Capital
Julia Lopez MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, Conservative Party

13:25 **Pricing the next cycle - deals, valuations & exits in the age of AI**
Panel

Moderator: **Chris Elphick**, Head of Venture Captial, UK Private Capital
Ben Blume, Partner, Atomico
Itxaso del Palacio, General Partner, Notion Capital
Katie Ramsey, Head of the Global Venture Capital Unit, Office for Investment
Claudia Rowe, Principal, Balderton Capital

13:55 **Build in Britain, List in America - can the UK win the IPO battle?**
Debate

Mads Jensen, Managing Partner & Co-Founder, SuperSeed
Neil Shah, Head of Tech Sector, Primary Markets, LSEG

14:10 **Healthcare 2035: Transformative science and the capital to match it**
Panel

Moderator: **Carmine Circelli**, Director, Life Sciences, British Business Bank
Charlotte Barttelot, Partner, MMC Ventures
Inga Deakin, Partner, Molten Ventures
Elizabeth Young, Investment Manager, PXN Group

Series A+

14:35 **Unlocking Mansion House - can UK institutions deliver for VC?**
Panel

Moderator: **Isobel Clarke**, Director of Policy, UK Private Capital
Joanne Bugg, Head of Manager Selection, Future Growth Capital
Dave Neumann, Investment Manager, Schroders Capital

14:50 **Founder fireside - late stage**

Interviewer: **Callum Stewart**, Principal, Bullhound Capital
Niall Moroney, Lead Solutions Engineer, Q-CTRL

15:05 **Networking Break**

15:30 **Beyond Equity - the rise of growth credit**
Fireside

Interviewer: **Leon de Bono**, Managing Director, Industry Development, UK Private Capital
Usman Ali, Partner - Venture Debt, Salica Investments
Daniel Mallon, Principal, Claret Capital Partners

15:45 **Emerging or established - where LPs are looking for value in VC**
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Moderator: **Simon Witney**, Senior Consultant, Travers Smith
Chloe Dagnell, Principal, Isomer Capital
Sion Evans, Managing Director, VenCap
Andreas Schmidt, Principal, Multiple Capital

16:05 **Capital at the frontline - funding Europe's defence & security**
Panel

Moderator: **Edmund Phillips**, Senior Investment Partner, NSSIF
Alex Leigh, Managing Director (National), Future Planet Capital
Nick Nelson, Founder & General Partner, Archangel
Nicola Sinclair, General Partner, Twin Track Ventures

16:30 **Minister fireside**

Interviewer: **Michael Moore**, Chief Executive, UK Private Capital
The Rt Hon Liz Kendall MP, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, Labour Party

16:50 **Building & scaling in the UK - turbocharging talent, capital and operations**
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Moderator: **Malcolm MacDougall**, Partner, Stephenson Harwood
James Codling, Managing Partner, Volution
Matthew Connor, Investor, BGF
Joanne Hosker, Head of NG Innovation Services, Northern Gritstone
Llewellyn John, Partner & Co-Founder, FPE Capital

17:20 **Closing remarks**

17:25 **Networking Drinks Reception** Sponsored by Core Fund Services

19:00-19:30 **Event Close**

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