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# Molten Ventures Investor Day 2025

Event Guide



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# We are a leading venture capital firm investing in and developing disruptive, high-growth technology companies.

We inject visionary companies with energy to help them transform and grow. This energy comes in many forms — including capital, knowledge, experience, and relationships.

We believe it is our role to support the entrepreneurs who will invent the future, and that future is being built, today, in Europe.



# Molten Ventures

# Investor Day 2025

## Welcome to the Ham Yard Hotel

Each year, we bring together some of the brightest minds from our portfolio to share their journeys and insights. Investor Day is an opportunity to hear directly from those driving technology and innovation across Europe, while also connecting with fellow investors, founders, and the Molten team. This booklet contains everything you need to navigate today's event, including the agenda, speaker details, and more.

To explore our full portfolio and learn more about Molten Ventures, please visit our [website](#).

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# Event Agenda

**9:00**

AM

**Welcome**

Check-in, grab some breakfast and find your seat.

**9:30**

AM

**Introduction & Molten Update**

Opening remarks with [Ben Wilkinson](#).

**9:50**

AM

**Molten Realisations**

Update from [Richard Marsh](#).

**10:10**

AM

**Company Presentations**

Freetrade, Form3 and Riverlane.

**10:55**

AM

**Break**

Time for a quick break for coffee & pastries.

**11:25**

AM

**Thematic Investing in the Age of AI**

Panel discussion with Molten's [investment team](#).

**12:05**

PM

**Company Presentations**

CausaLens and MostlyAi.

12:35

PM

**Lunch**

Break for lunch and networking.

1:35

PM

**Keynote Speaker**

Kevin Light: Leadership in times of uncertainty.

1:50

PM

**Portfolio Presentations**

Sightline and Altruistiq.

2:20

PM

**Portfolio Development**Insights from [Andrea Kerwat](#).

2:35

PM

**Break**

Time for a last break for refreshments.

3:05

PM

**Portfolio Presentations**

Material Exchange, Makers and ICEYE.

3:50

PM

**Closing Remarks**Final thoughts from [Ben Wilkinson](#).

4:00

PM

**Finish & Drinks**

Join us at the end of the day for a drink at the bar.

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# Molten Speakers



## Ben Wilkinson

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ben Wilkinson was appointed CEO of Molten Ventures in October 2024, having joined the Group as CFO in 2016 and the Board in June 2019. As CFO, he was pivotal in building Molten's balance sheet through equity and debt financing, broadening the shareholder register, and leading Molten's transition to the Main Market. His efforts supported the company's scale and resilience during a period of extensive growth and transformation, including multiple secondary portfolio investments. Before joining Molten, Ben served as CFO for five years at AIM-listed President Energy PLC. Earlier in his career, he worked in M&A investment banking at ABN Amro/RBS, gaining significant cross-border transaction and corporate financing experience. Ben is a Chartered Accountant (FCA) with a BSc in Economics from Royal Holloway, University of London. He also serves as a member of Molten's ESG Committee.

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## Richard Marsh

### CHIEF PORTFOLIO OFFICER

Richard is an experienced entrepreneur and venture capital investor. At Molten Ventures, he serves as Chief Portfolio Officer in addition to investing and working as a Board member with portfolio companies. He is an Engineering graduate of Cambridge University where he also received his PhD. Richard holds an MBA from IMD, Lausanne, where he was a Sainsbury Management Fellow.

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## Nicola McClafferty

### PARTNER

Nicola heads up Molten's Dublin-based office in Ireland. She also serves as a Board Director for NDRC. Prior to Molten, Nicola was co-founder and CEO of online fashion marketplace, Covetique, sold to ASOS plc in 2015. Nicola spent 5 years as a venture capital investor with Balderton Capital and media-consultancy Ravensbeck, focussing on early-stage technology and digital media investments. She graduated from University College Dublin with a degree in International Business & French.

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## Vinoth Jayakumar

### PARTNER

Vinoth is a Partner at Molten Ventures, having joined the team in 2016. Prior to that he worked at a boutique management consulting firm in London and was an angel investor in various startups. He leads Fintech investing at Molten, leading investments into companies like Thought Machine, Form3, PrimaryBid, Revolut, Freetrade and Ravelin. He is focused on investing against a thesis that is built around the future of financial services covering how people interact with money, all the way through to the infrastructure software behind the architecture of banks.

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## Christoph Hornung

### PARTNER

Prior to Molten Ventures, Christoph was with Rocket Internet in Asia and Australia, where he helped build The Iconic and Lazada. Previously, Christoph worked as an Investment manager at Seven Ventures, where he focused on consumer and e-commerce investments. Christoph is also the founder of a data company in the Sports and Entertainment industry. Christoph is from Germany and graduated from Bayes Business School in London.

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## George Chalmers

### HEAD OF CLIMATE

Before joining Molten Ventures, George was a founder of an energy-tech start-up. Prior to being an entrepreneur George worked in public market equities at Credit Suisse for 6 years and is a Chartered Financial Analyst. Within Molten Ventures, George leads direct investments focusing on energy and climate-tech.

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## Inga Deakin

### PRINCIPAL

Inga has experience investing in life science and digital health companies emerging from top UK universities. She spent some time in the US, gaining international industry and healthcare experience, as Chief of Staff in a commercial-stage genetic molecular diagnostics company, and as an Entrepreneur in Residence at Duke University. Her scientific training includes a DPhil and MSc in Neuroscience from the University of Oxford, and a BA from the University of Cambridge.

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## Andrea Kerwat

### PORTFOLIO & ECOSYSTEM DEVELOPMENT LEAD

Andre is the Portfolio & Ecosystem Development Lead at Molten Ventures, where he built and leads the firm's portfolio acceleration function. Over the course of his tenure, he has worked with 200+ operators across Molten's portfolio, developing programs to support them with scaling GTM, talent, and internationally. He also plays a key role in centralizing the firm's network, including developing a corporate network of 125+ C-suite and innovation leaders seeking commercial engagements with portfolio companies. Before venture capital, he worked with high-growth scale-ups like TikTok and Byju's advising on product strategy and go-to-market execution. He also structured open innovation programs for global enterprises, including Unilever and the BBC helping them better engage with early-stage businesses. Andrea holds an MSc in Innovation and Management from Imperial College London.

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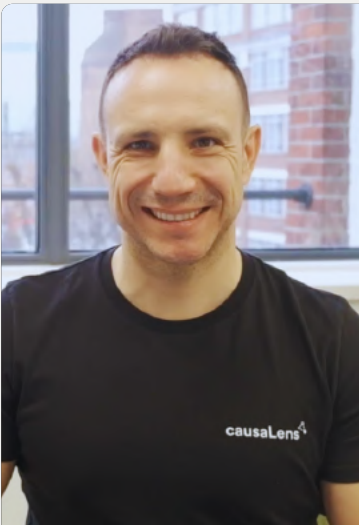
## Claudia Harris

CEO



Claudia Harris is the CEO of Makers, the UK's leading tech talent and training platform. Claudia has previously worked as a partner at McKinsey & Company, as the founding CEO of The Careers & Enterprise Company and as part of Tony Blair's Delivery Unit. She has degrees from Oxford and Harvard and an OBE for her work in education. She lives with her family in London.

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## Darko Matovski

FOUNDER & CEO



AI scientist turned tech entrepreneur Dr Darko Matovski is creating the world's first AI Data Scientists. He is the co-founder and CEO of causalens - a fast-growing Series A London startup enabling enterprises to build AI agents that work alongside human data science teams as autonomous digital workers. Darko has made transformative contributions to AI at several respected institutions, such as the UK's National Physical Laboratory. Darko continues his mission to develop ethical AI through his role as a Global Innovator at the World Economic Forum and as a member of the Milken Institute's Young Leaders Circle.

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## Darren Glenister

CEO & FOUNDER



Darren Glenister has 20 years of experience in fashion technology, digital innovation, and supply chain transformation. He began in digital experiences for leading advertising agencies before serving as technology lead at one of the world's largest font companies, where he created a pioneering font rental business. He later bootstrapped a 20-person company connecting PLM to design, securing major clients like Adidas and Victoria's Secret. After its acquisition by a PTC a \$15 billion U.S. company, he founded Material Exchange to revolutionise sourcing. Originally from London, he continues to drive innovation at the intersection of technology and fashion.

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## Kim Zou

CEO & CO-FOUNDER



Kim is the CEO and Co-founder of Sightline Climate, the market intelligence platform bringing clarity to the new climate economy. Sightline Climate provides data, tools, and frameworks to help investors, corporates, and governments build and finance the new climate economy and powers CTVC, the industry-leading free newsletter trusted by 60,000 climate leaders. She was previously a climate tech investor at Energy Impact Partners, a \$3B AUM venture capital firm investing in a sustainable future backed by a coalition of 40+ energy & industrial companies. Prior to joining EIP, Kim was an investment banker at JPMorgan and graduated from Johns Hopkins University.

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## Mike Walters

CEO

**FORM3**  
FINANCIAL CLOUD

Mike was appointed CEO in October 2023, having joined Form3 as CPO and co-founder in 2016. During his roles as CPO he was responsible for strategy, product development, product management as well as strategic initiatives, playing a key role in the business' funding activities and key client relationships. Prior to Form3, Mike held senior Product roles within Barclays as Product Director for Barclaycard Payment Acceptance and as Head of UK Corporate Payments for Barclays Corporate Bank. Earlier in his career he managed client relationship teams responsible globally for the North American Financial Institutions and FTSE 250 sectors providing him with significant product and enterprise client experience domestically and internationally.

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## Paul Brooking

CFO

**Freetrade**

Paul Brooking is a seasoned financial professional with over two decades of experience in leadership roles within regulated financial services businesses. He began his career at PwC (1999-2009), specializing in Audit and Advisory before transitioning into financial services businesses. Paul held a number of senior finance roles at IG Group Holdings (2009-2017), gaining listed company expertise, and as SVP Group Financial Controller at Paysafe Group (2017-2020), through its private ownership under CVC and Blackstone to a successful US IPO. Subsequently, he held leadership roles at Revolut (Deputy CFO, 2020-2021) and Freetrade, where he currently serves as CFO and a Board Director with responsibility for Finance, Legal, Risk and Compliance.

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## Saif Hameed

CEO & FOUNDER

**ALTRUISTIQ®**

Saif Hameed is the founder and CEO of Altruistiq, a market-leading GHG emissions data management platform. Over a ~20-year career in sustainability, Saif has supported governments, industry associations, non-profit organisations, and Fortune 500 companies in managing sustainability transition. Prior to founding Altruistiq, Saif was an Associate Partner at McKinsey and a leader in the firm's sustainability practice, as well as the co-founder of both a vertically integrated agricultural business and a non-profit carbon project developer.

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## Steve Brierley

CEO & FOUNDER

**river  
lane**

Steve Brierley founded Riverlane in 2016 to build the error correction stack for quantum computers. Driven by his conviction that fault-tolerant quantum computers will accelerate human progress, Riverlane partners with leading quantum hardware companies to make that happen sooner. Steve has worked in quantum for over 20 years and is an expert advisor to the UK government. He holds a PhD in quantum information, spent a decade in the intelligence community and worked as a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge leading major research projects in quantum computing. In January 2024, Steve was awarded an OBE for his services to quantum computing.

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## Steve Young

PRESIDENT - SATELLITE MISSIONS

**ICEYE**

A physicist and fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, Steve started his career as an engineer on military aircraft. Moving into international Business Development, Steve progressed to be a director with BAE Systems. Moving to Surrey Satellite Technology Limited (SSTL) in 2008 as Head of Business Development and Sales, Steve helped quadruple the size of the company before leaving in 2015 to help establish a satellite imaging start-up called Earth-i. Following a brief return to BAE SYSTEMS in 2017 as Chief of Staff, Steve moved to ICEYE in 2019 and is now the President of the satellite 'Missions' division.

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## Tobias Hann

CEO

**MOSTLY AI**

Tobias is the CEO of MOSTLY AI, the leader in privacy-preserving synthetic data. Originally from Vienna, Austria, he is currently based in Munich, Germany. Before joining MOSTLY AI, Tobias worked as a management consultant with the Boston Consulting Group and in tech start-ups in different leadership roles. He earned a PhD from the Vienna University of Business and Economics and an MBA from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. With his extensive background in strategy and technology, Tobias drives MOSTLY AI's mission to revolutionize data access and data insights across industries.

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# External Speakers



## Kevin Light

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Kevin Light is a leadership and organisational development specialist who helps investors, founders, and leadership teams build effective ways of working that drive both performance and healthy relationships. He supports boards and management teams in navigating complexity, aligning strategically, and strengthening decision-making. His global experience spans from working with grass-roots organisations, supporting non-executive directors and boards, to working alongside founders and investor-backed leadership teams. A published author, seasoned facilitator, and business-school teacher, Kevin combines sharp insight with practical action, ensuring leaders deliver results while fostering trust and resilience. Born in South Africa, based in Ireland, and working globally, he brings a cross-cultural perspective to every engagement, making his work impactful and purpose-driven. In his personal life, Kevin loves to run far and cook slowly.



## Ryan Browne

PANEL MODERATOR - TECHNOLOGY  
CORRESPONDENT, CNBC

Ryan Browne is a technology correspondent based out of CNBC's main European bureau in London, covering the technology sector with a primary focus on corporate news in Europe. Ryan's beat is varied but covers a broad range of areas, including financial technology, tech regulation, video games and artificial intelligence.









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