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'ANGEL INVESTING' IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The final event in the 2016 Institute of Directors' Seminar Series, sponsored by JT, will explore how angel investing enables small and start-up businesses to source capital.

IoD members and guests are invited to meet at 12.15pm at the Digital Greenhouse on Friday 13th May, when a guest panel will discuss the issues surrounding angel investing globally and in the context of those seeking to raise capital or invest in early stage companies in the Channel Islands.

Visiting panelist and CEO of the UK Business Angels Association, Jenny Tooth OBE will be joined by; Jennifer Strachan, Angel Investor and Executive Director of Startup Guernsey; and Paul Wilkes, Partner at Collas Crill.

James Ede-Golightly, IoD Committee member and series organiser, said: "Accessing capital is a key challenge for start-up and early stage companies, yet necessary to foster growth and entrepreneurship in the economy. In this final seminar of the series we have brought together three experts to lead the conversation around this topic, offering members an insight into angel investment as an asset class for individuals with the financial capability and business experience to invest in the growth of early stage businesses. The IoD are grateful to JT for their ongoing support and to all those who have taken part as panelists during this successful seminar series which has sparked some very lively and interesting debates."

Tamara O'Brien, JT's Deputy MD for Guernsey, said: "We congratulate the IoD on another successful seminar series which has provided the audience with panel discussions around some key topics. We are pleased to provide support to the IoD in delivering these events and also offer our own people as contributing panelists where discussion relates to our area of expertise. We are very much looking forward to this final event and remain committed to playing a key part in

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getting right to the heart of bringing leading local business figures together for thought-provoking discussions.”

The UK Business Angels Association is the trade body for angel and early stage investing, representing over 15,000 investors around the UK. Jenny Tooth has over 20 years’ experience of facilitating SMEs access to investment, both in the UK and internationally. She sits on the Steering Group for Emerging Technologies and Innovations for Innovate UK, is on the Advisory Group for the Enterprise Research Centre, member of the Mayor of London’s SME and Finance Working Group and sits on the Advisory Board for the new London Co Investment Fund.

Sponsored since launch in 2013 by JT, the Seminar Series is organised by the Institute of Directors to provide an open-forum panel discussion around some of the key issues affecting the Bailiwick for members and guests.

Event details can be found at www.iod.gg/events

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For further information or to arrange interviews please contact Pauline Ramskill at Direct Input, telephone 01534 735253 or email: pauline@directinput.je

Notes to editor

- The seminar starts at 12.15pm and runs for two hours to include a light lunch. For event details and to book a space, please contact: Tony Brassell on branchofficer@iod.gg for further information.
- The Guernsey branch of the IoD has around 750 members, representing the interests of Directors from Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm.

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