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Hi,

I'm delighted to be introducing this edition of Business Law Today.

I'm Harry, a Partner in Michelmores' Corporate team, acting for scale-up companies on all stages of their equity fundraising journey through to exit, and those who invest in them. I also co-lead MAINstream, our UKBAA registered angel network that connects angel investors with scaleup companies.

My team has produced a series of articles for this edition to provide guidance to entrepreneurs who are considering venture capital investment as a way of turbocharging their growth. Separately, my team has also produced a topical update on the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022 and the associated reforms to Companies House.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) remains a 'hot topic'. This edition of Business Law Today has a couple of articles which continue the AI theme – both from an employment and a competition law perspective. Our Banking, Restructuring & Insolvency team has prepared an article focussing on the 'decline curve', explaining how financial decline can be recognised and what can be done to address it. Finally, we have an article on the extension of the EU-US data bridge, examining the new measures in place to facilitate data transfers from the UK to the US.

Please continue to help shape future editions by telling us which topics you'd like to hear about.

I hope you enjoy this edition!

Harry Trick



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Upcoming events

We hope to see you there

Harnessing the power of AI

Date: Friday 16 February

We are sponsoring this SWBC event on how the South West can harness AI with Shadow Minister for AI and Intellectual Property, Matt Rodda (keynote) and Charlie Courtenay, Partner and Vice-Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group for IP (panel).

Find out more

MAINstream Female Founders Pitch Event

Date: Tuesday 27 February

Four female led businesses will be able to pitch to investors, with the aim that at least 50% of the investors will also be female, followed by a Q&A session about becoming an angel investor. Applications close 7 February.

Find out more

Michelmores Property Awards

Date: Thursday 27 June

The Awards celebrate the best property, development and construction projects in the South West, bringing together the region's exciting property, real estate and construction sectors. Submissions opening November 2023.

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What's keeping you up at night?

