



Capital for Enterprise Fund - Outline Description

Following the announcement of the government's Real Help for Business Programme in January, Capital for Enterprise Fund Managers ('CfEFM') announced in April the final closing of the Capital for Enterprise Fund ('CFE Fund') - a £75m fund of funds. Investors in the fund are the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform ('BERR') along with HSBC, Barclays, Lloyds Banking Group and The Royal Bank of Scotland.

The CFE Fund has committed £30m each to established venture capital providers Maven Capital Partners ("Maven") and Octopus Private Equity ("Octopus PE") with which to make investments; the remaining £15m is to be managed flexibly by CfEFM as a co-investment fund, available to invest alongside established fund managers into SMEs that fit the fund's investment strategy. For co-investments the fund will provide up to 50% of capital in funding rounds of between £200,000 and £2m.

The Maven and Octopus funds will be making new investments over the next 12 months. The focus is on fundamentally sound businesses with existing cash flows and genuine growth potential but which are currently unable to access the funding they need. The funds offer equity or mezzanine investment aimed at releasing and sustaining growth and can invest between £200,000 and £2 million in businesses which meet the European Union's definition of a Small to Medium Sized Enterprise.

Businesses seeking further information about their eligibility for CFE Fund investment can either call the CFE Registration Helpline on **0845 459 9780** or contact the managers directly:

Maven: 0141 306 7400 or 0161 233 3500 or at www.mavencp.com;

Octopus: 0800 294 6859 or at www.octopuspe.com

Established investment managers interested in the co-investment fund should contact Capital for Enterprise Fund Managers on +44(0)114 206 2131 or cfefund@capitalforenterprise.gov.uk

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