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SUBJECT TO CHANGE

09:30 **REGISTRATION & NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS**

10:30 **INTRODUCING THE ARL AI STRATEGY FOR BUILD TO RENT**

In a period of constant change - from the EU AI Act to the rise of 'agentic flooding' for operators, ARL Chief Executive Brendan Geraghty will welcome delegates to the Summit with an update for members on the evolving AI Strategy for the rental living sector.

SPEAKER:

Brendan Geraghty
Chief Executive
ARL

10:55 **BEYOND CHATGPT - THE FUTURE OF AI IN RENTAL**

AI is moving beyond basic prompts and admin support. Led by Antony Slumbers, one of the property sector's leading thinkers on technology, innovation and AI, this keynote will show BTR operators how intelligent systems can transform performance, resident experience and long-term asset value.

SPEAKER:

Antony Slumbers
Real Estate Innovation Strategist

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11:25

DESIGNING SMARTER COMMUNITIES FROM DAY ONE

Outstanding communities begin with better decisions. Drawing on Gensler's design expertise, Quod's planning insight and Shared Voice's resident engagement perspective, this session explores how smarter AI use can help rental living professionals shape places that are better planned, more responsive and built around real community needs.

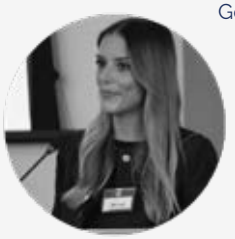
SPEAKERS:

CHAIR

Brendan Geraghty
Chief Executive
ARL

John Badman
Residential Practice Leader
Gensler

Richard Frudd
Planning Consultant
Quod



Millie Dodd
Account Director
Shared Voice

12:05

DELIVERING SMARTER INVESTMENTS

Long-term returns depend on better decisions from first appraisal to final delivery. This session explores how strategic AI use can strengthen investment modelling, cost control, risk management and funding decisions, helping rental living investors and developers protect value and improve performance across the asset lifecycle.

SPEAKERS:

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Brendan Geraghty
Chief Executive
ARL

Tom France MD, Head of Development & UK Investment Roundhill Capital

RupertParker
CEO & Founder
Building Passport

12:50

LUNCH & NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

13:40

WHY MANCHESTER LEADS THE UK'S BUILD TO RENT REVOLUTION

Manchester demonstrates how aligned planning, regeneration leadership and technology innovation can turn investor confidence into institutional capital. With perspectives from Greystar, Chapman Taylor, Planit and L&G, this session explores why locally rooted expertise makes the city a benchmark for scalable rental living growth.

SPEAKERS:

CHAIR

Chloe Sachikonye
Senior Account Executive
Yardi

Adam Burney Head of
BTR & PBSA, Asset Management, Private Markets L&G

Bex Hetherington
Head of Operations
Greystar

DR Catalina Ionita
Urban Design Studio Director
Planit

Michael Swiszczowski
UK Group Board Director
Chapman Taylor

14:20

MAKING THE MOST OF AI IN THE LEASE UP JOURNEY

AI can transform leasing from a reactive process into a strategic driver of NOI and resident satisfaction. This session explores how smarter lead management, dynamic pricing, onboarding and engagement can accelerate stabilisation, improve retention and create better experiences throughout the rental living journey.

SPEAKERS:

CHAIR

Brendan Geraghty
Chief Executive
ARL

Dan Smith
Chief Business Officer
Verbaflo

Dorota Pawlowski
Partner
Trowers & Hamlins

Jackie Robinson
Managing Director
Colby River

15:00

COFFEE & NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

15:20

DELIVERING OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE THROUGH AI

Operational excellence is where AI can deliver sustained value after stabilisation. This session explores how smarter data, predictive maintenance, automation and asset optimisation can improve building performance, resident retention, compliance and NOI, helping BTR teams make better decisions throughout the operational lifecycle.

SPEAKERS:

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Chloe Sachikonye
Senior Account Executive
Yardi

Sam Hay
CEO LivingWay
UK

Dave Chadderton
Chief Marketing Officer
VervLife

Louise Bangee
Operations Director
urbanbubble

David Hills
Senior Director Ark
Workplace Risk

16:00

THE FUTURE OF THE AI-ENABLED BUILD TO RENT LIFECYCLE

After his barnstorming session at ARL's Rental Living Tech Conference earlier in the year, we have asked itBox CTO Marcel Plummer to round off the Summit with an interactive session combining live AI demonstrations with future predictions and practical tools delegates can implement immediately in their businesses. Brendan will join him onstage to close the event.

SPEAKERS:

Brendan Geraghty
Chief Executive
ARL

Marcel Plummer
Chief Techology Officer
itBox

16:30

DRINKS AND NETWORKING

17:30

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