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SIMON HAVERS BECOMES THE 27TH CHAIRMAN OF THE BVCA ON MARCH 31st 2009.

Simon Havers will become the 27th Chairman of the British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association on March 31st 2009. He succeeds Jeremy Hand of Lyceum Capital. Simon is the Managing Director of Baird Capital Partners Europe, a leading international private equity institution. Simon took a Double First at Cambridge University in Engineering and Management Studies and an MBA at the Open University Business School. Simon, 43, started his professional career with Plessey working in, among other areas, software development and artificial intelligence research. He then founded his own strategy consulting firm before joining the BBC in 1991 where he was responsible for capital expenditure across the whole of the corporation. He has spent the past fifteen years in the private equity sector.

Simon becomes Chairman of the BVCA at a time of challenging market conditions and unpredictable political circumstances. He has, though, a thorough knowledge of the association having served as Member Services Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman. His internal priorities include wider engagement with the whole of the BVCA membership and his external ones include the threat of damaging regulation being imposed on the industry at the behest of EU institutions.

Of his role Simon Havers asserts:

“I am fortunate that my predecessor, Jeremy Hand, has worked so hard on the overhaul of the BVCA as an organisation. The industry undoubtedly enjoys a better relationship with politicians, press and the public than it did two years ago. I am determined that private equity should be allowed to play its part in promoting the economic recovery that the UK and the wider world so clearly needs and my focus will be on the future, not engaging in blame games about the past. All sections of the industry, global buy-out, mid-market and venture capital have a very positive part to play in the coming year.”

Simon is married with three children. His hobbies include almost any outdoors activity but especially mountain walking and participating in sport (however badly) rather than just watching it.

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