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Good afternoon, everyone. Just before we break for lunch, I wanted to introduce myself and welcome you to Frieze Week, and the first edition of the Art Masters Summit. Thank you all for participating in this fabulous event today.

I'm Stephanie Dickinson, and on behalf of the Bermuda Business Development Agency, the BDA, thank you for bringing your time and talents here—we're thrilled to sponsor this inaugural summit...and offer a little bit of our island to London today!

We've enjoyed a morning of stimulating discussion. I've been fascinated by the forward-focused thought leadership and the impressive expertise evident across all these panel conversations. It's certainly been inspiring and instructive to listen to.

The focus on disruption and innovation is particularly relevant to Bermuda—where pioneering things are percolating across all our industries, from fintech and blockchain business to insurance, wealth management and high-net-worth services.

Our jurisdiction is lucky enough to encompass a broad range of mature industry sectors, creating an economic “cluster effect.” Over many decades, that has brought together a combination of skilled personnel, sophisticated infrastructure and deep array of support services that’s hard to match. Those elements are driving a new focus on the future—including some of the areas we’ve examined today, like the habits of “Next Gens” and the revolutionary impact of technology.

You might be interested to learn, for example, that our island recently became the first country to regulate initial coin offerings and virtual asset businesses, and is forging further ahead to clear a legislative path for crypto exchanges and electronic identity. And because Bermuda sets high standards for investment and businesses looking to set up there, we attract quality, not quantity. That’s always been our focus.

My colleague Lynesha Lightbourne will speak in more detail this afternoon on some of the exciting developments underway in Bermuda—freehold storage for fine art, for example, and new incentives for superyachts and private jet registration.

And if anyone would like to learn more about Bermuda and its many offerings, we’re here all day, so please come and talk to us. Our agency

is an independent public-private unit that encourages direct investment in Bermuda and helps investors and companies start up, re-locate or expand their business. We also offer a complimentary concierge service to answer questions and connect you with suitable Bermuda-based contacts so you can explore all the opportunities. There's also a Bermuda Society in London you might like to join.

And if you actually come and visit us—and there are direct BA flights every day to our gorgeous island—we'll also introduce you to our infamous dark 'n' stormies!! (If you don't know what those are, come and see me afterwards—I can tell you, you're missing out!)

So, thanks again, enjoy lunch and I'm sure we're all looking forward to a very interesting afternoon.

Thank you.