

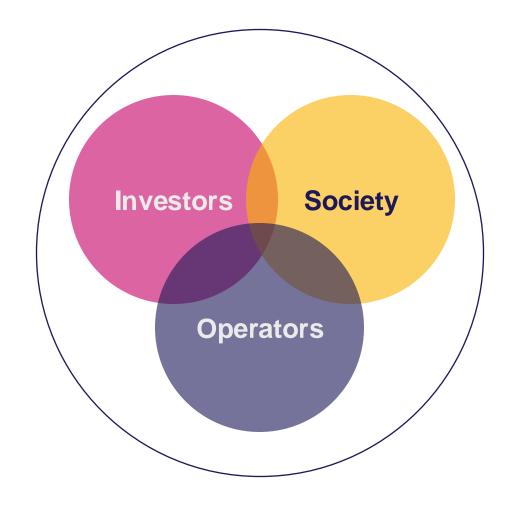
Data-driven products for infrastructure investment

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The Vallorii Mission



The world needs critical infrastructure that supports economic prosperity, social equity, and a sustainable environment.

We help investors, utilities, and regulators understand investment needs, risks, and returns.

Data-driven intelligence for sustainable and inclusive infrastructure investments.



Agenda

- 1. Introduction and vision
- 2. Are energy, rail, telecoms... heading the way of water?
- 3. Exploring ways forward for UK infrastructure
- 4. Vallorii Membership & upcoming meetings



We are building a team with AI, big data, economics and financial analytics



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Fit-for-purpose infrastructure must be based on fit-for-purpose economics, data and models

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Community, meetings & events to exchange ideas and foster new thinking



Thematic reports offering regulatory and investment insights backed by rigorous, academic research



Online platform containing Cost of Capital and Risk & Valuation modelling laboratories



Database of granular information in user-friendly formats



Vallorii's Labs increase modelling flexibility, accuracy, and transparency

Product

Cost of Capital Lab

Risk & Valuation Lab

Research & Insights

Data Lab



CoC Modelling



Cash Flow Modelling



Latest Research Access



Benchmarking

User interface



Scenario analysis Model Comparison







Company Deep Dives



Data Search

Benefits

- Automated delivery
- Customizable risk factors
- Model comparisons

- Automated delivery
- · Standardized methods
- Uncertainty drivers

- Thematic research insights
- International scope

- Single source of information
- · Granular non-financial data

POLL: How investable is UK infrastructure?

A. Highly investable Strong long-term growth potential and stable returns

B. Moderately investable Good opportunities, but with notable risks and challenges

C. Barely investable Significant barriers and risks outweigh potential benefits

D. Not investable

Lack of viable opportunities and severe risks have devalued assets

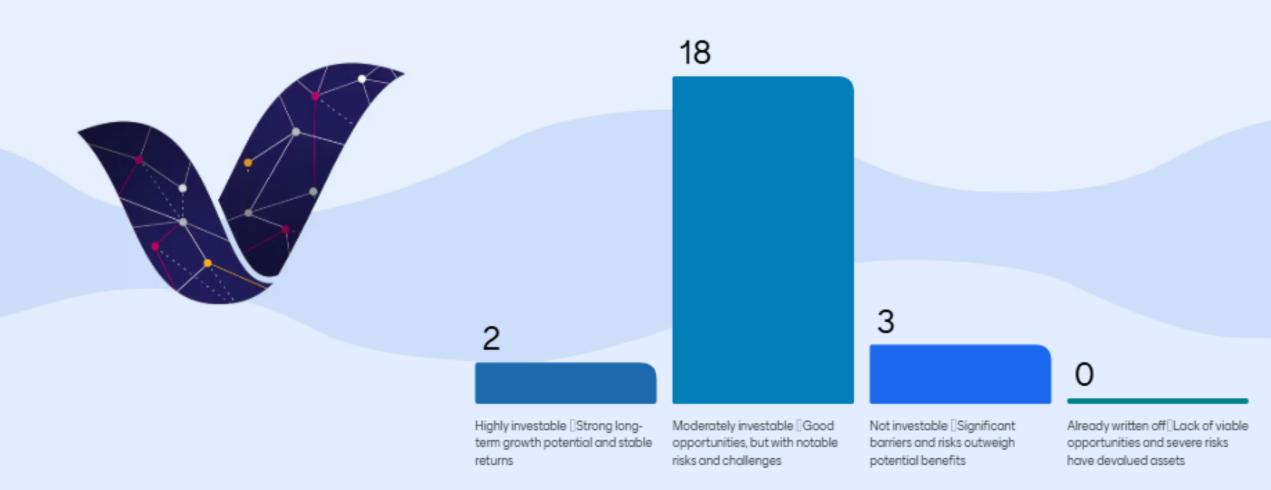


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How investable is UK infrastructure?





















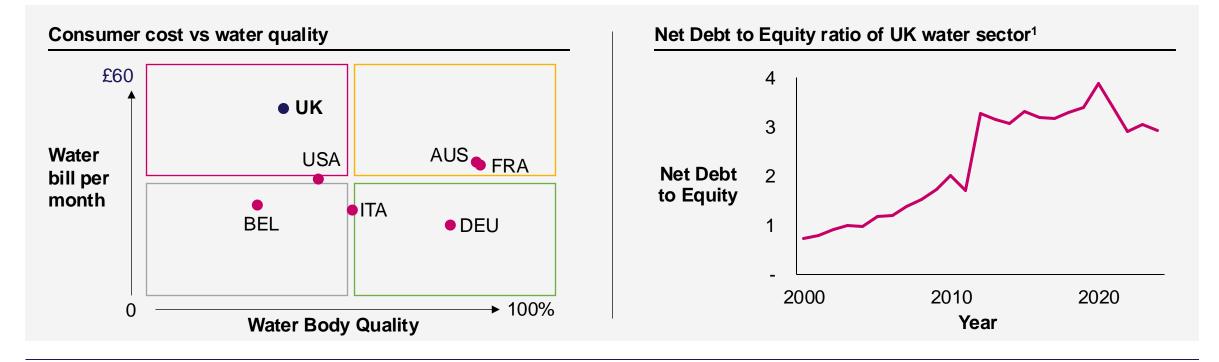


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Water is the first regulated sector to boost its capital program Other sectors will follow shortly







Water challenges are greater than ever – Ofwat responds by doubling expenditure allowance and incentives, marginal changes to the WACC

Political pressures
Consumer inflation and
government goals

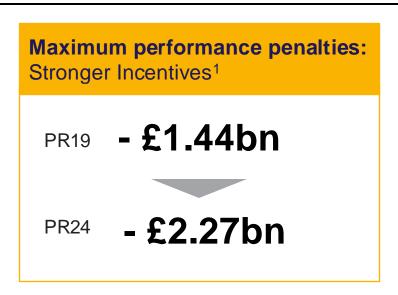
Heavy scrutiny
Increased attention on
investor compensation

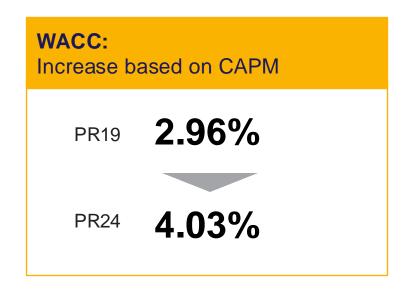
Macro environment
Continuing high interest
rates

Competition for infrastructure capital E.g., Net Zero

Ofwat regulation 2025-2030

Total expenditure: Doubling of investment PR19 £51bn PR24 £109bn







PR24 is overshadowed by heightened global risk...

 PR19
 20
 21
 22
 23
 PR24

Global Covid-19 pandemic

Ukraine War

Record inflation and structural shift in interest rates

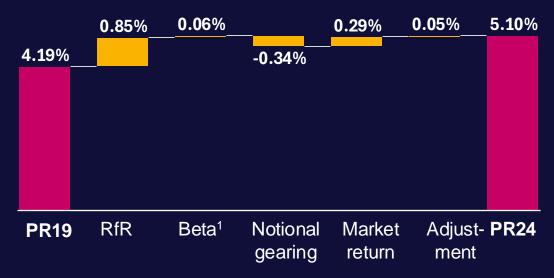
2024 average temperature breaches 1.5deg

UK political upheaval

Expected tariffs and trade wars

...but CAPM does not reflect that

Real Cost of Equity



- RfR: -1.39% → 1.52%, positive impact on CoE is offset by reduction in market risk premium
- Beta: debt beta decreases, equity beta increases
- Notional gearing: 60% → 55%
- Market return: 6.50% → 6.98%
- Adjustment: 0.05% uplift

Source: Ofwat



Infrastructure Doom Loop How do we break out of growing risks, underinvestment, and poorer consumer outcomes?

4 Higher equity risk from diminishing performance and over-gearing



1 WACC does not reflect equity risks and puts stress on highly geared balance sheets

3 Poorer outcomes for consumers and the environment



Higher III

Worse consumer



2 Underinvestment, insufficient to maintain asset health



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POLL: How do we solve it – what is the right model for sustainable investment in infrastructure?

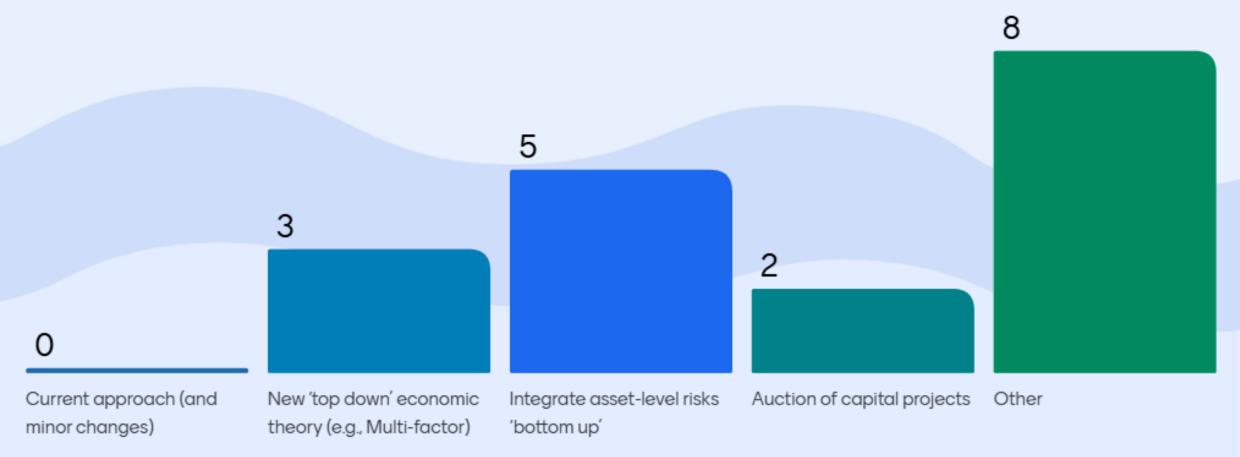
- A. Current approach (and minor changes)
- B. New 'top down' **economic theory** (e.g., Multi-factor)
- C. Integrate asset-level risks 'bottom up'
- **D.** Auction of capital projects
- E. Other



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Option C 'bottom-up' We can model investor exposure explicitly and set a fair compensation for risks (CoE)



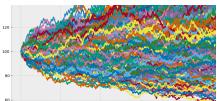


For example:

- Construction costs
- Supply Chain
- Interest rates
- Extreme weather

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Model cashflows



Simulate 1000s of potential scenarios using historical benchmarks and detailed bottom-up analysis

Determine investor exposure



Evaluate how the regulatory framework allocates risks (e.g. pass-through)

4 Derive fair CoE



Calculate the fair risk-return trade-offs to through the CoE

We can use CAPM to calibrate against the current model.

5 Aggregate to company level

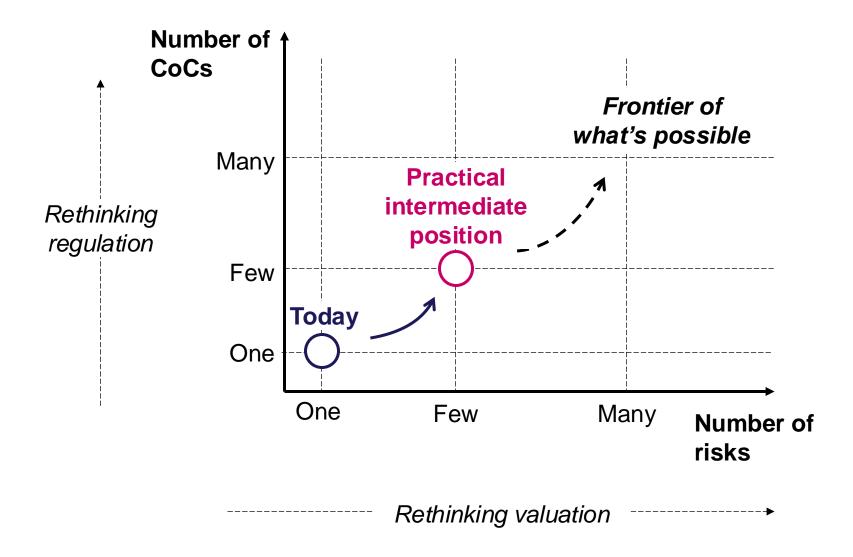




Combine CoEs across the company, account for diversification and correlation

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'Art of the possible' needs to be applied pragmatically and in stages to achieve progressive change



Granular assessment of every project is possible.

But 'academic rigour' must be balanced with the real constraints on regulators and companies

Initial practical changes could include improvements in market-based models as well as pragmatically applied bottom-up models

OFWAT PR24 EXAMPLE

Simple

CoC based on capital structure

Full balance sheet

4.03% WACC

60% notional gearing

3.70% WACC

75% actual gearing

CoE based on opportunity costs All new equity

5.10% CoE

6.64% CoE

Long-term risk-premium¹ to reflect opportunity costs

CoE based on granular risks Risky assets

5.10% CoE

~7.5% CoE²

Higher CoE for large construction projects (cost-overrun risk)

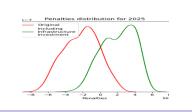
Vallorii case study:

Investments in storm overflow infrastructure improve outcomes but carry the equity risk of cost overrun

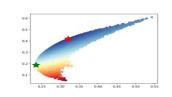
Asset risks



Cash flow uncertainty



Risk-return trade-off



Source: Vallorii analysis

Complex

CoE estimated for fair risk-return tradeoff for 5000 of cash flow scenarios in case of performing infrastructure investment to improve asset health and reduce storm overflow penalties. Estimates discounting rate at current PR24



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How are we taking things forward?

Next steps Member involvement Membership Invitation-only Founding Members Join the forum Roundtables throughout 2025 **Events** Publication of research insights Build in your feedback and develop Thematic reports Provide feedback research base Release alpha/beta test versions Online risk & • Build in your feedback and continue to Shape development of tools valuation tools develop functionality useful to you Link together relevant disparate data Develop ML/Al tools to link risk drivers Work with us on data **Database** to CoC

