

A large-scale construction project at a water treatment plant. A long, grey metal truss structure is being lowered into a circular concrete basin filled with dark water. A yellow and grey crane is positioned on the right, with its boom extending over the structure. Several workers in orange high-visibility vests and white hard hats are visible around the basin. In the background, there are green trees and a brick building. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Sustainable Growth

Full year results to 30 June 2024
3 October 2024

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Full year results to 30 June 2024

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Bill Hocking

Chief Executive

Strong start to 2030 strategy

£1.8bn

Revenue
(FY23: £1.4bn)



UP 27%

2.5%

Divisional operating
margin¹ (FY23: 2.4%)



UP 13 BPS

£32.7m

Profit before tax¹
(FY23: £23.4m)



UP 40%

Increased revenue, margin and PBT

27.9p



EPS¹
(FY23: 18.9p)

UP 48%

15.5p



Dividend
(FY23: 10.5p)

UP 48%

£155m



Average
month-end cash
(FY23: £135m)

UP 15%

£10m

Share buyback
of up to £10m
announced

£3.8bn

Order book and 92%
FY25 work secured
(FY23: £3.7bn and 92%)



UP 3%

Strong balance sheet and good shareholder returns; confident outlook

¹Stated before exceptional items and FY23 excludes the £2.8m impairment of financial assets.

Financial review

Kris Hampson

Chief Financial Officer

Strong performance

- Strong revenue growth in all businesses.
- High-quality order book/contract portfolio driving improved operating margins and strong year-on-year profit delivery.
- EPS¹ growth from strong trading and augmented by completion of 2022 share buyback programme.

| | FY24 | FY23 | Var |
|--|----------------|---------|--------|
| Revenue (£m) | 1,772.8 | 1,393.7 | +27.2% |
| Operating profit before amortisation ¹ (£m) | 29.6 | 21.9 | +35.2% |
| Profit before tax ¹ (£m) | 32.7 | 23.4 | +39.7% |
| Effective tax rate ¹ (%) | 14.6 | 15.1 | 50bps |
| Earnings per share ¹ (p) | 27.9 | 18.9 | +47.6% |

¹ Stated before exceptional items of £2.6m (FY23: £10.5m) related to digital investment and FY23 excludes the £2.8m impairment of financial assets. Profit after tax includes non-cash exceptional items relating to the 2019 Group corporation tax relief recovery.

Segmental analysis

- Strong revenue growth across all business segments.
 - Building – strong, consistent demand.
 - Infrastructure revenue growth of 39% driven by strong AMP7 demand in water.
 - Investments benefited from financial close on first PRS development.
- Divisional operating margin up.
- Exceptional costs: £2.6m investment related to new digital ERP systems (2023: £10.5m); now complete. No change since HY24.

| | FY24 | FY23 | Var |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Revenue (£m) | 1,772.8 | 1,393.7 | +27.2% |
| Building | 938.3 | 797.1 | +17.7% |
| Infrastructure | 819.8 | 590.8 | +38.8% |
| Investments | 14.7 | 5.8 | +153.4% |

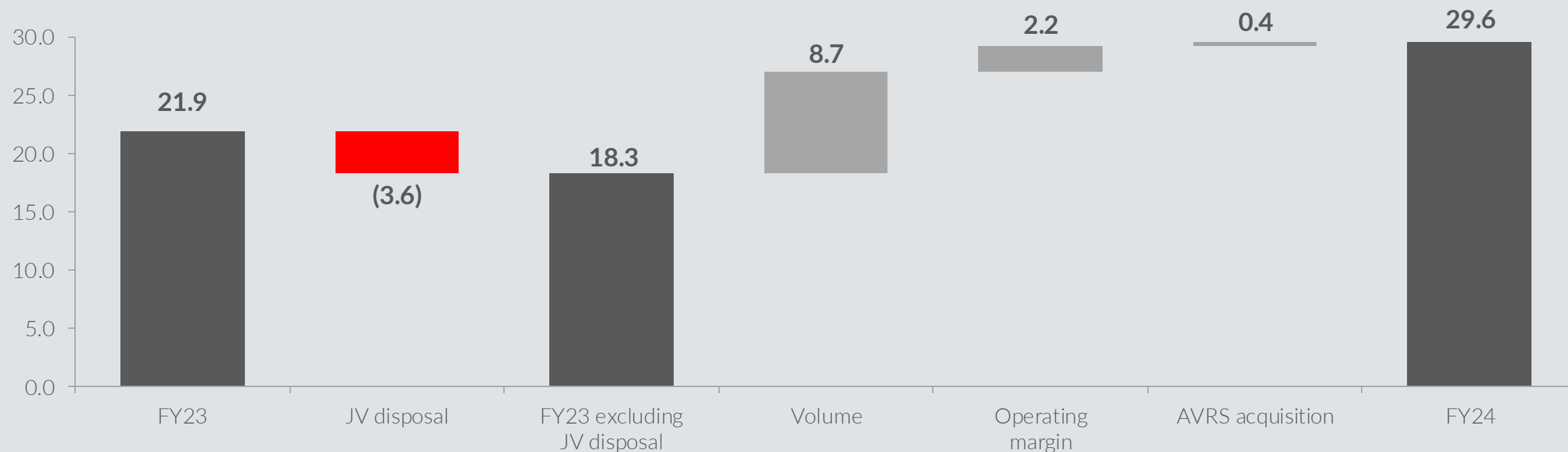
| | FY24 ¹ | FY23 | Var |
|--|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Operating profit /(loss)¹ (£m) | 29.6 | 21.9 | +\$7.7m |
| Building | 24.0 | 18.5 | +\$5.5m |
| Infrastructure | 20.1 | 14.5 | +\$5.6m |
| Investments | (1.0) | 1.4 | £(2.4)m |
| Central | (13.5) | (12.5) | £(1.0)m |

| | FY24 ¹ | FY23 | Var |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------|--------|
| Operating margin (%) | | | |
| Building | 2.6 | 2.3 | +23bps |
| Infrastructure ¹ | 2.5 | 2.5 | - |
| Combined divisional ¹ | 2.5 | 2.4 | +13bps |

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Increasing operating profit

Operating profit bridge



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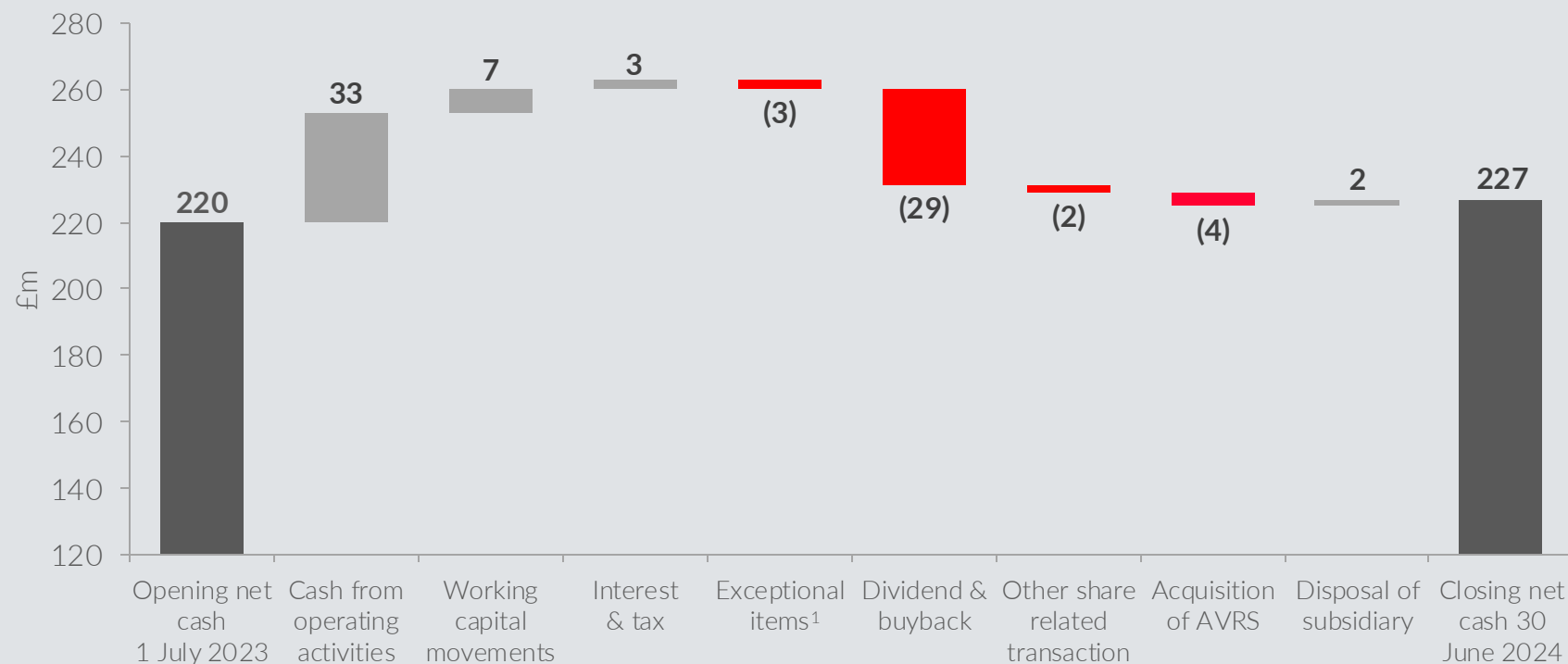
Strong balance sheet

- Growing net asset base.
- Continued balance sheet strength driven by net cash (up 3.1%) and PPP assets.
- Robust cash position.
 - Average month-end cash of £155m.
 - No bank debt.
 - No pension liability.
- PPP portfolio valued at £41.8m.
 - Annuity income stream of £3.8m.

| Balance sheet £m | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Intangible assets & goodwill | 97.9 | 98.3 |
| PPP & other investments | 41.8 | 44.6 |
| Other non-current assets | 71.7 | 61.3 |
| Working capital | (274.6) | (268.5) |
| IFRS 16 | (53.0) | (39.1) |
| Net cash | 227.0 | 220.2 |
| Other | 11.6 | 1.8 |
| Total net assets | 122.4 | 118.6 |
| Average month-end cash | 154.8 | 134.7 |

Robust cash performance

Average month-end cash £155m



¹Excludes non-cash exceptional items relating to the 2019 Group corporation tax relief recovery.

96%

of invoices paid in 60 days, exceeding PPC requirement of 95%

26

average days to pay

How we allocate capital

Prioritising a strong balance sheet

Strong balance sheet to support operations

- Competitive advantage.
- Gives confidence to clients and supply chain.
- Supports disciplined approach to project selection.
- Mitigates against any adverse market conditions.

Average month-end cash £155m

Reinvest in the business

- Ability to invest in technology and training to drive quality and efficiency.
- Accelerates adjacent market opportunities.
- Enables strategic and bolt-on acquisitions to enhance capabilities.

Four acquisitions since 2021

Circa £124m revenue from acquisitions¹

Sustainable dividend policy

- Dividend will increase with earnings growth.
- Delivering sustainable returns to shareholders.

Dividend cover policy set at 1.8x

£24.2m dividends paid in FY24 including special dividend

11.5p final dividend leading to 15.5p FY dividend

Return excess cash

- Consider cash requirements for future growth.
- Return excess cash to shareholders when appropriate.

Additional returns:

2022: £15.0m share buyback
2023: £12.5m special dividend
2024: £10.0m share buyback announced

¹ Based on last set of pre-acquisition accounts.

Consistent delivery

Fourth year of sequential growth

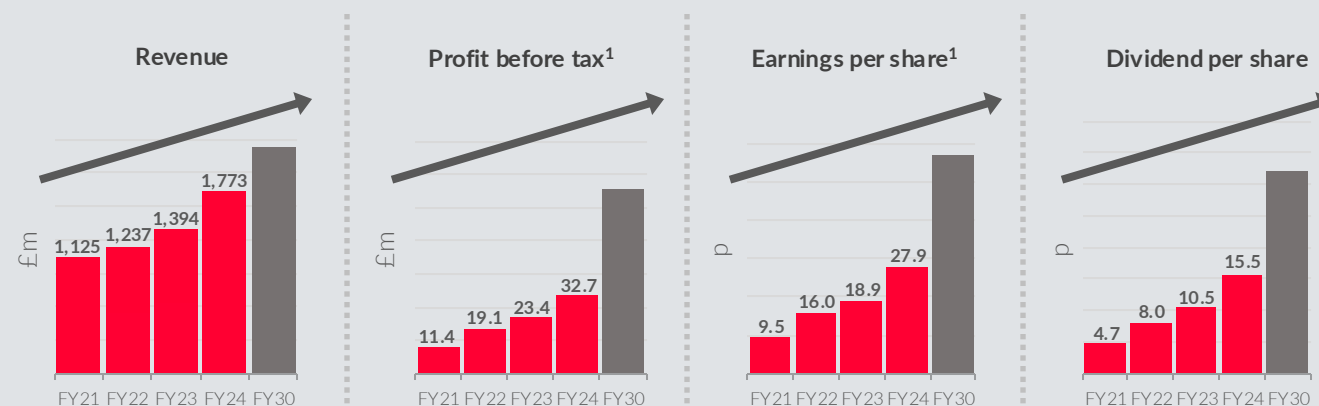
- Excellent start to new strategy period, building on the robust foundations of the business.
- Dividend growing in line with profit and 1.8x cover policy.
- Confident outlook, supported by high-quality order book and strong balance sheet.
- Strong foundations for future sustainable growth.

TSR 144%

From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2024

Positive earnings momentum

Consistent and profitable growth since 2020 demerger



Key ■ Full year ■ Illustrative, not financial guidance

¹ Pre-exceptional items and FY23 stated before one-time contract settlement of £2.8m announced on 8 June 2023.

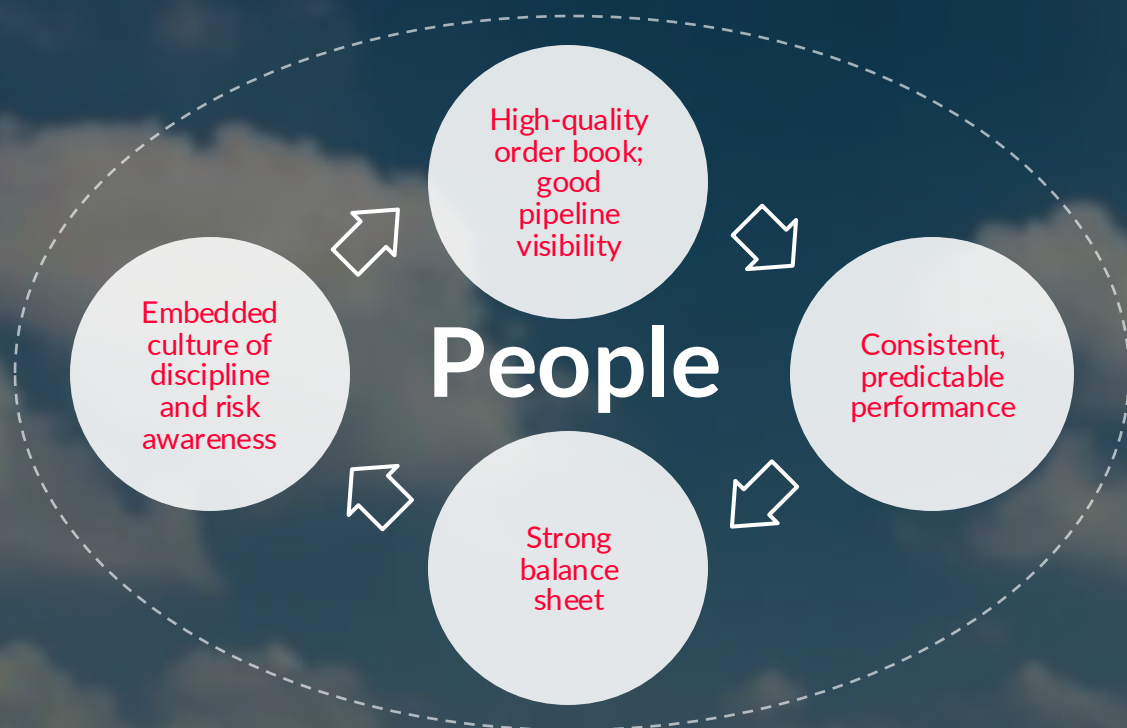
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Bill Hocking

Chief Executive

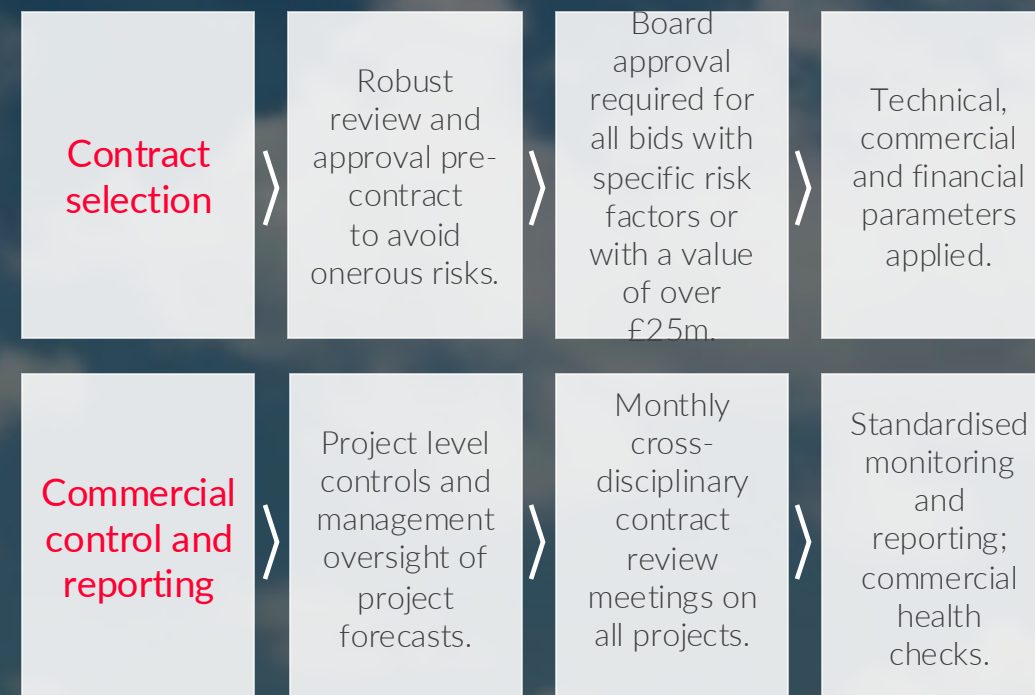
Our engine for Sustainable Growth

An embedded culture of discipline and risk awareness that drives a high-quality order book and selective bidding




Focused risk management

Assessing and managing risks and uncertainties is the central element of our process and business strategy



Strategy to 2030

A photograph of a modern building with a glass facade and a prominent yellow structural element, set against a cloudy sky.

Grow revenue and margin in our three core businesses

A photograph of a large, cylindrical concrete water tower with a spiral staircase on its exterior, situated near a body of water.


Grow our specialist businesses in higher margin, adjacent markets

A photograph of a multi-story brick building with a modern glass balcony, viewed from a low angle.

Re-enter the Affordable Homes market

A photograph of an open-plan office space with people sitting at tables, viewed from a high angle.

Leverage our geographical and client footprint across the UK

A photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue blazer, smiling and shaking hands with another person.

Continue to generate growing shareholder returns



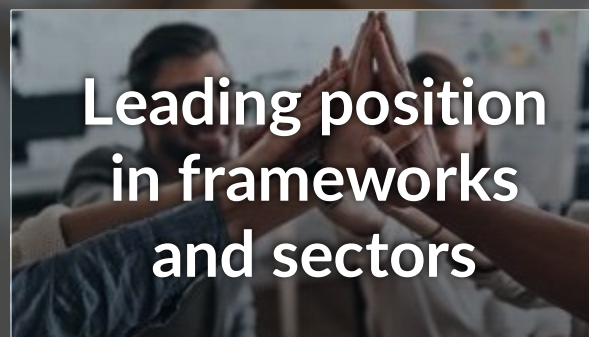
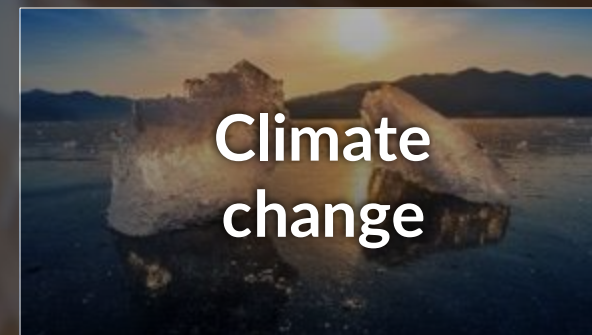
Growth via core markets

Building
Highways
Environment

Growth via adjacent markets

Private Rented Sector | Capital maintenance and asset optimisation within existing Environment sector | Green retrofit | Affordable homes | Specialist Services

Drivers of revenue growth



Drivers of margin growth

**Maturing client
procurement and
sector attitudes**

**Robust risk
management;
selective approach
to contracts**




**Quality right first-
time; reducing time
and cost of rework**



**Digital tools and
processes to drive
quality, efficiency
and carbon savings**



**Increasing
capabilities in
higher-margin
adjacent markets**



**Modern Methods
of Construction**



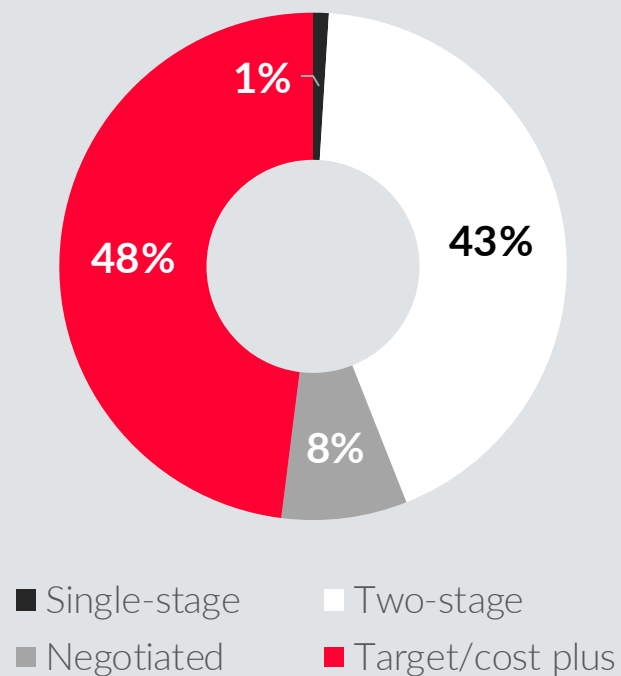
**High-quality
supply chain**



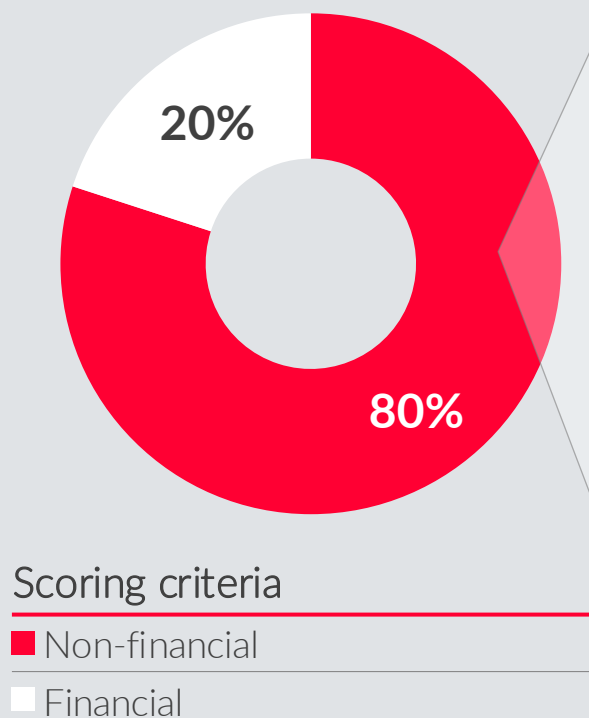
Overhead leverage

Winning work based on quality over cost

Order book procurement route

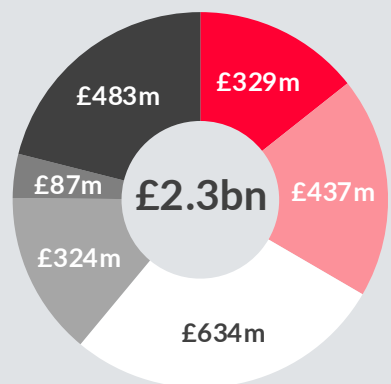


Example of scoring criteria



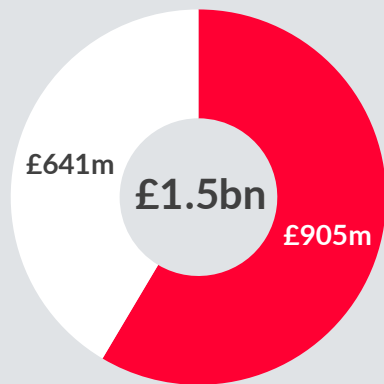
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|--------------------------------|-----|
| Management | 20% |
| Project delivery | 19% |
| Health, Safety and Environment | 6% |
| Quality | 9% |
| Sustainability and carbon | 8% |
| Social value | 8% |
| Contract management | 10% |

High-quality £3.8bn order book



Building order book

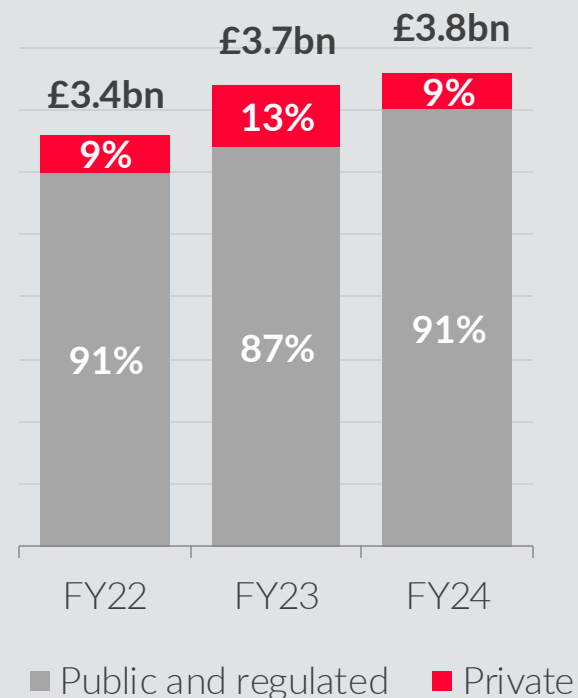
- Custodial
- Defence
- Education
- FM
- Health
- Commercial and other



Infrastructure order book

- Environment
- Highways

Order book by client type



93%

Repeat clients for FY24

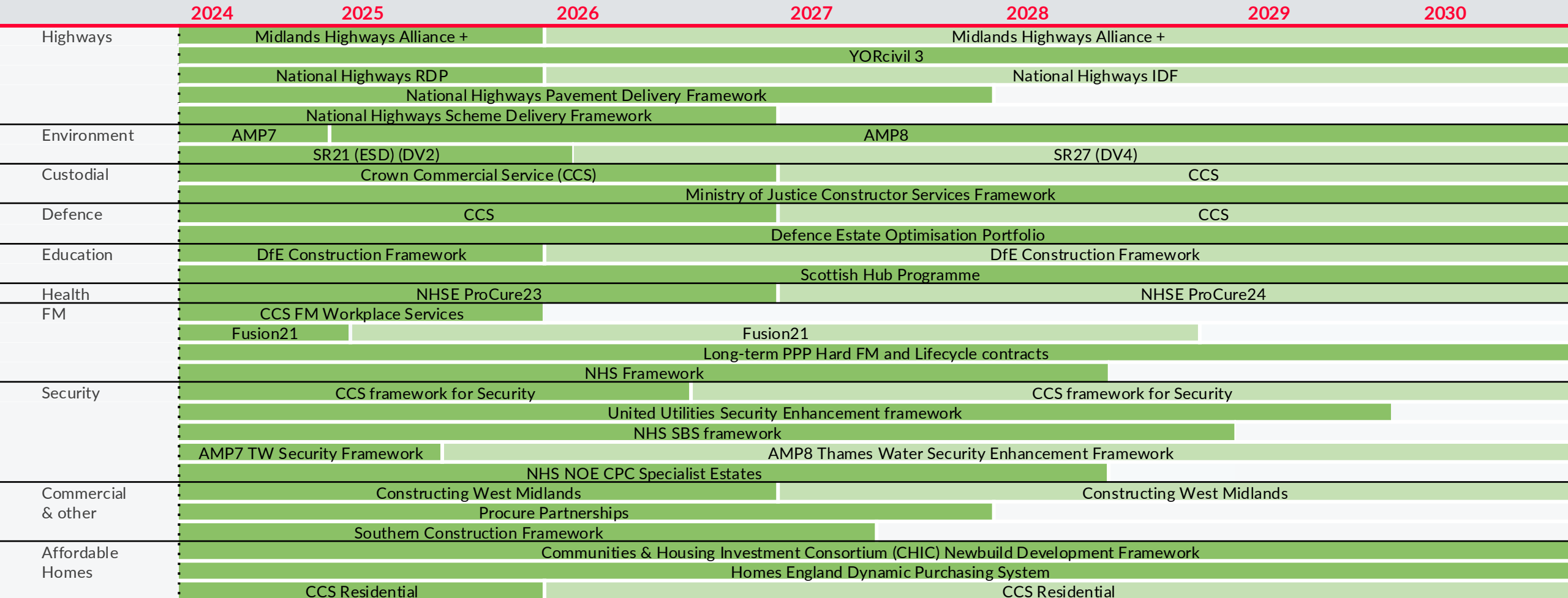
92%

Work secured for FY25

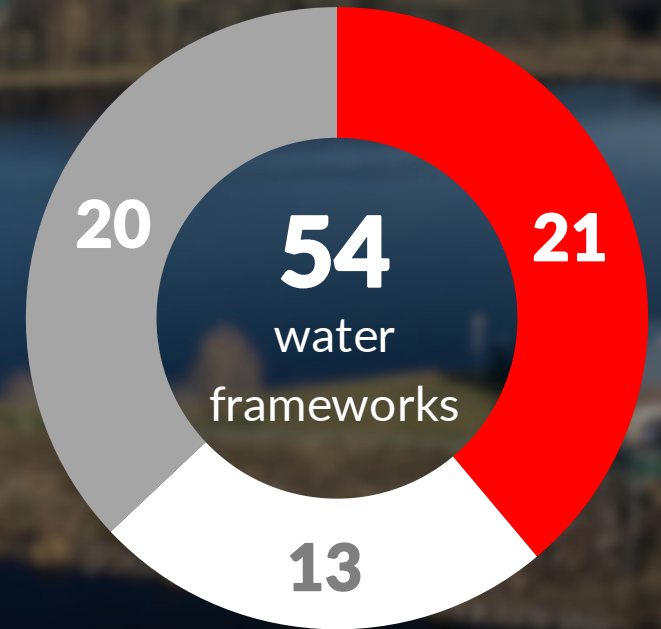
70%

Work secured for FY26

Frameworks provide long-term visibility



Frameworks provide long-term visibility



- Design & Build
- Capital Maintenance
- Water Technologies

13/13

We are working with all 13 of the UK's major water and sewerage companies

Contract wins



Building

£72m remodelling/refurbishment of Adelaide House in London.

£87m build to rent development at Brent Cross Town.

£101m of projects for Ministry of Justice and Defence Infrastructure Organisation.

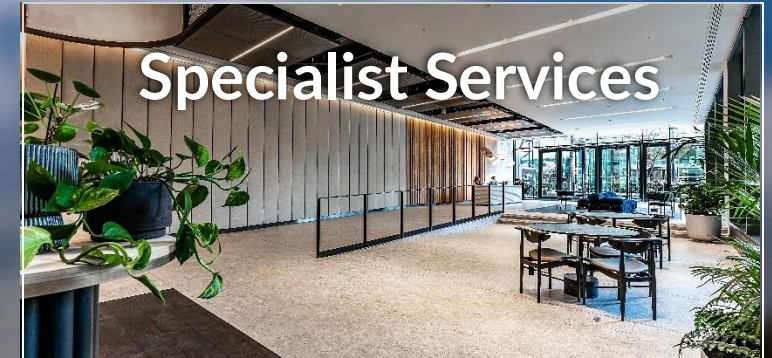
£69m Paisley Grammar School Community Campus.



Infrastructure

£88m contract to complete the South East Aylesbury Link Road.

£34m scheme to redevelop the A629 in Halifax by Calderdale.



Specialist Services

United Utilities Security Enhancement Framework.

NHS SBS Security Services.

Pagabo Small Works Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) framework.

£835m NHS framework.

Southern Water's Tier 2 Delivery Partners.

Strategy to 2030

Excellent progress at strategy start period

Grow revenue and margin in our three core businesses

Strong performance across all operations delivering increased revenue and profit.

92% of planned revenue secured for FY25 and 70% for FY26.

Grow our specialist businesses in higher margin, adjacent markets

Won places on new £835m NHS framework; and secured two further security frameworks.

Re-enter the Affordable Homes market

New Government has come out strongly on delivery of affordable homes.

Well positioned for the good opportunities coming our way.

Leverage our geographical and client footprint across the UK

£3.8bn national order book, with 91% of clients in the public and regulated sectors.

New Water Tech facility in Paisley.

Continue to generate growing shareholder returns

15.5p dividend per share.

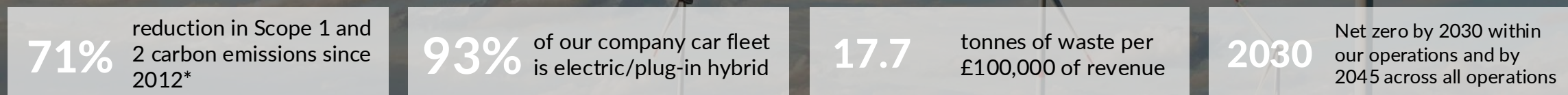
144% TSR from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2024.

Additional share buyback of up to £10.0m announced.

ESG

Supporting our growth strategy

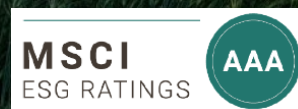
Environment: carbon | biodiversity | resources



Social: No harm | talent | community



Governance and reporting



*Adjusting for acquisitions.

Summary

- Excellent start to new strategy period and strong trading in new financial year.
- Confident outlook, supported by high-quality order book and strong balance sheet.
- Additional capital return through £10m share buyback programme.
- Strong foundations for future sustainable growth, with dividend per share to triple over strategy period.

A compelling investment



High-quality business operating in robust markets generating growing returns

Robust market opportunity

Excellent position in chosen sectors.

Non-cyclical demand driven by ageing infrastructure, growing population and climate change.

Strategy for growth in adjacent markets with higher margins.

Increasing barriers to entry.

Rigorous risk management

Embedded culture of assessing and managing risk.

Rigorous contract selection and delivery.

High-quality, well bid order book; robust pipeline.

Broad, risk managed portfolio.

A progressive culture

Retain, gain and develop employees who share our vision, values and purpose.

Focus on quality and innovation, using digitalisation.

Embedded ESG strategy.

Strong financial position

Track record of financial delivery.

Strong balance sheet; no bank debt or pension liabilities.

Margin growth.

Increasing shareholder returns.

Questions

Bill Hocking

Chief Executive

Kris Hampson

Chief Financial Officer



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1. A platform for sustainable growth



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2. Sustainable Growth Strategy

A people-orientated, progressive culture driven by our values.



Health and safety: Prioritising health, safety and wellbeing and ensuring no harm to anyone linked with our operations.



Our people: Creating an inclusive environment and progressive culture that enables all individuals to reach their potential.

Earn a sustainable return on the value we deliver.

- Taking a disciplined approach to selecting the work we take on and carefully managing risk at every stage of the project.
- Delivering strong, predictable cash flows and margin improvement.
- Generating increasing shareholder returns.



Deliver excellence for our clients.



Clients: Delivering lower carbon, superior buildings and infrastructure with a better social footprint for clients in our chosen markets through a focus on innovation, digitalisation and quality.



Supply chain: Aligning our supply chain with our culture and creating collaborative relationships that deliver best practice, innovation and sustainable outcomes for clients, communities and the environment.

Protect the environment and create greater social value for communities.



Environment and climate change: Adopting sustainable resourcing and consumption practices and taking measures to mitigate carbon production and climate change to protect our environment and biodiversity.



Communities: Making a positive impact in communities where we operate by delivering greater social value and improving lives.

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3. Sustainable Growth Strategy targets

| | 2030 target |
|--|---------------------------|
| Revenue | >£2.2bn |
| Divisional operating margin ¹ | 4.0% |
| Cash | Operating cash generation |
| Dividend | 1.8x covered by earnings |

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4. Our sustainability commitments

| Strategic priorities | Sustainability pillars | | FY23 | FY24 | Ambition |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Progressive culture | Health and safety | Lost Time Frequency Rate | 0.20 | 0.14 | No harm |
| | | Accident Frequency Rate | 0.09 | 0.04 | No harm |
| | Our people | Early careers ¹ as a % of total employees | 10.0% | 10.2% | >9.0% |
| | | Women as a % of total employees | 21.6% | 22.5% | YoY increase |
| Socially responsible delivery | Environment and climate change | Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions market-based(CO ₂ e tonnes) | 10,751 | 10,486 | Net zero by 2030 |
| | | Scope 3 carbon emissions (CO ₂ e tonnes) - estimated | 477,000 | Not reported ² | Net zero by 2045 |
| | | Waste intensity (tonnes/£100K revenue) | 21.8 | 17.7 | YoY reduction |
| | Communities | % of completed projects delivering >25% of Social and Local Economic Value as % of contract value | 94% | 79% | 60% |
| | | CCS performance | 43.4 | 42.9 | >39 and above industry ave |
| Quality and innovation | Clients | % of repeat business in order book | 87% | 92% | >80% |
| | | % of full year planned revenue secured at start of the financial year | 92% | 92% | >85% |
| | Supply chain | % of Business Unit core trades spend with Aligned subcontractors | 58% | 61% | 70%-80% |
| | | Prompt payment – % of invoices paid within 60 days | 98% | 96% | >95% |



¹We have revised the methodology used to calculate our early careers numbers to align to the methodology used by The 5% Club as at 31 July for the respective year. This now includes sponsored students on work placements as well as graduates, apprentices and trainees.

² Following our initial full Scope 3 footprinting exercise, we are now focusing on developing a quantity-based approach to estimating emissions and have therefore ceased reporting of estimated full Scope 3 emissions using the spend based methodology.

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5. A destination employer

4,200

Employees in our business

87%

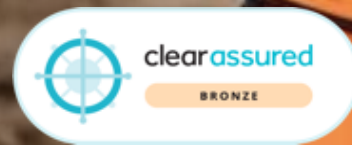
Employee advocacy score

No1

Construction & civil engineering employer for apprentices and No2 for graduates

11.4%

Churn



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6. Why we target frameworks

Improved risk and favourable outcomes

- Improved risk allocation:
 - Established and well-understood terms and conditions.
 - Long-term client relationships.
 - Predictable behaviours.
 - Certainty in tendering and typically reduced cost of tenders.
- Frameworks allow strategic planning:
 - Long-term visibility.
 - Continuous improvement.
 - Enhanced project outcomes.



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7. Forward order book

- <£20m average contract size.

Forward order book distribution – Building (excluding FM)



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8. Contract types

Target cost/cost reimbursable

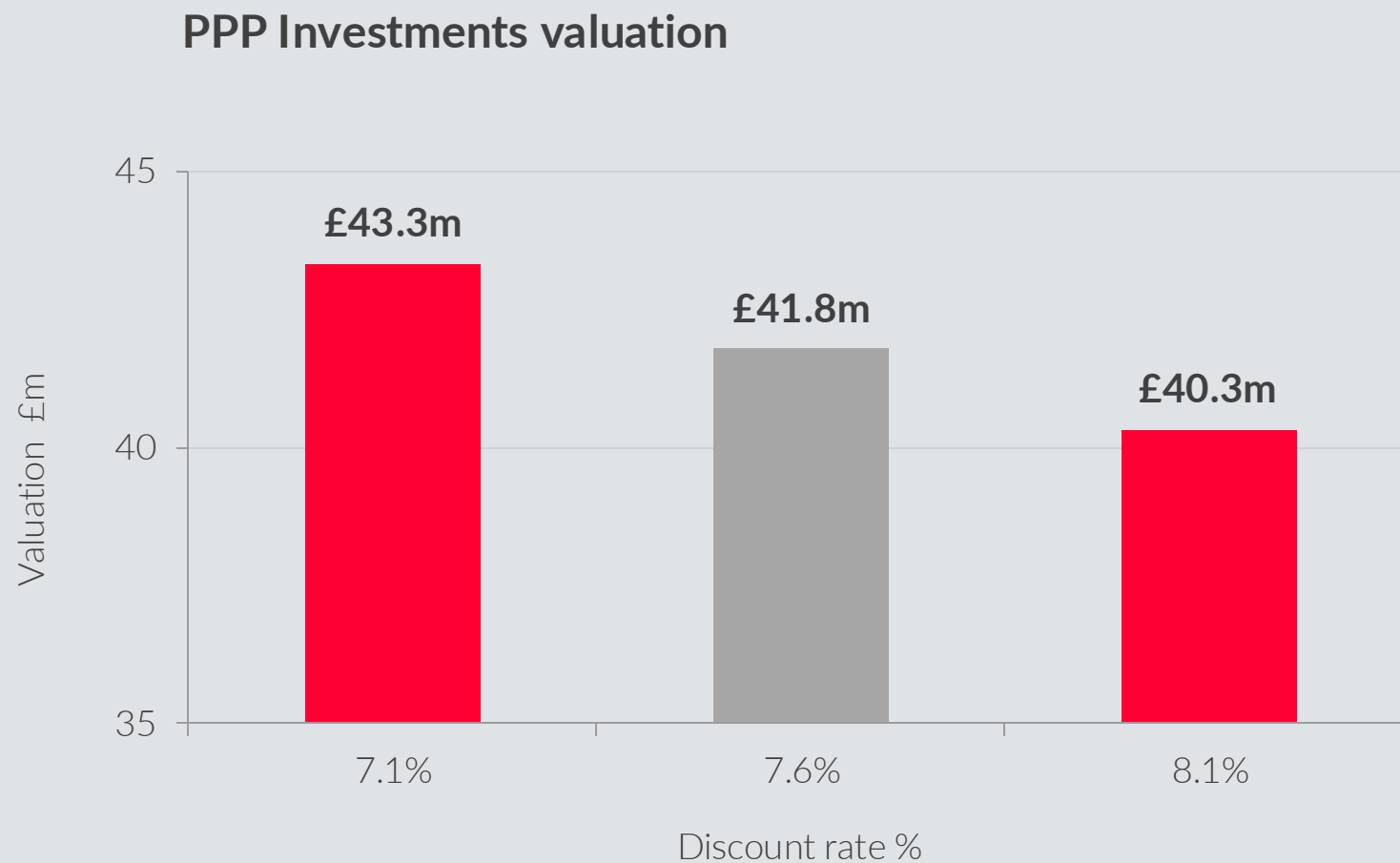
Where an overall target contract value is agreed with the client, including margin, risk and inflation contingencies, and the actual cost of the work plus agreed fee is paid by the client. Any cost savings or overspends against the target are shared.

Two-stage tendering

An initial information stage facilitates early collaboration between client and contractor, helping to ensure design, cost certainty and project timescales. This initial phase allows us to submit details under a pre-construction agreement and includes aspects regarding project preliminaries, method statements, design, overheads and profit. The second stage of the process is a package pricing exercise, using the criteria agreed in the first stage, and where the contract is negotiated by us, subject to the approval of the design team.

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9. PPP Investments valuation



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