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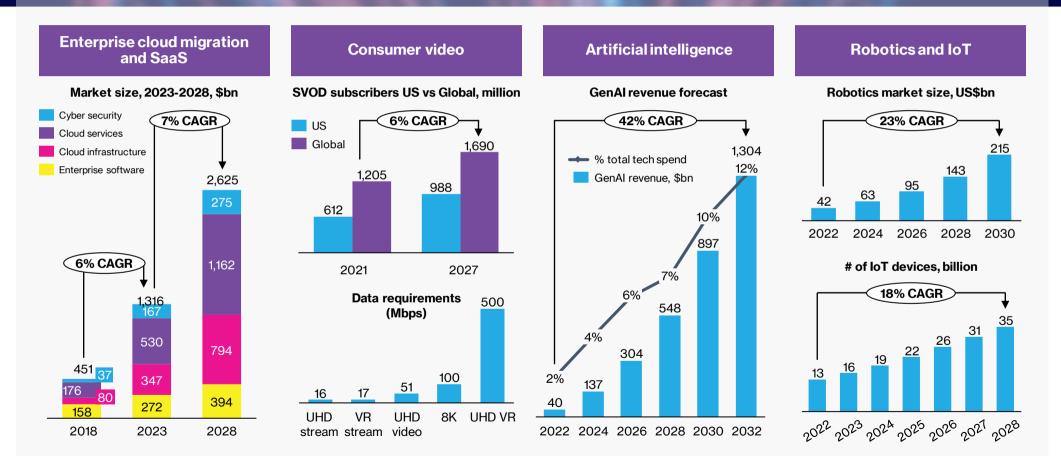
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# Four Engines Driving Digital Demand

Cloud migration and consumer video not yet out of fuel, while AI and automation are starting to fire

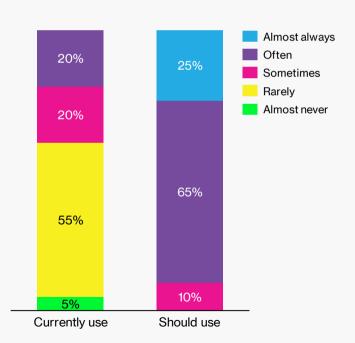


# An Eye On Al

## Buildout of product and interface layers will drive Gen-Al uptake

# Today, 'promise' is greater than 'practice' ...

**Reported use of GenAl, currently use vs should use** % of respondents at leading commercial organisations



... but massive investment in product development in '23...

**US\$50bn** total investments into Al startups

More than **70 rounds of \$100 million or more** went to startups creating models

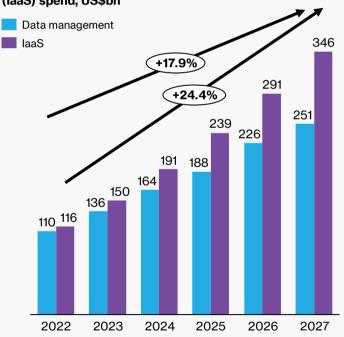
**Microsoft invested \$10bn** into OpenAl in Feb 2023

Google's \$2bn¹ and Amazon's \$4bn announced investment into Anthropic

Sam Altman raises \$7tn?
Some projections look optimistic,
despite the boom

... and as new AI products are adopted, complementary services and adjacent business models flourish

Global data management and Infrastructure as a Service (laaS) spend, US\$bn

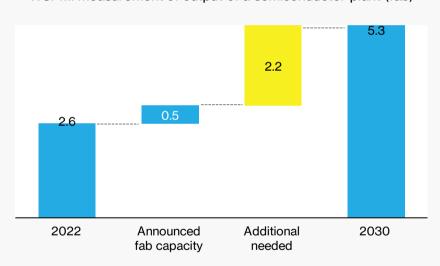


# Physical Infrastructure Implications: Chips

## Gen-Al will shape demand for physical infrastructure

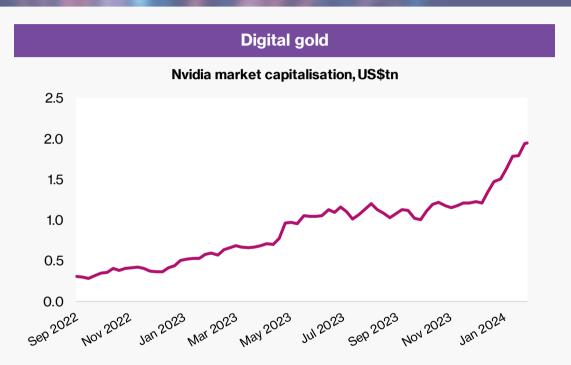
#### **Massive production need**

Fabrication capacity needed, US only, million WSPM WSPM: measurement of output of a semiconductor plant (fab)



#### Al chips shortage is expected to persist for ~18 months

Hyperscalers stockpiling AI chips, e.g. Meta will own 340,000 H100 chips by end of 2024

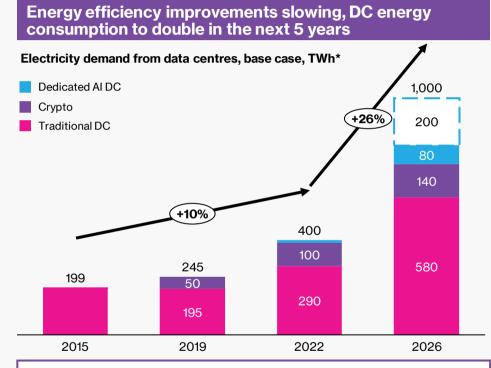


#### \$2tn market cap ... the 4th most valuable company

One day gain of \$277bn on 22 February post Q4 results announcement ... adding more to market cap than the value of Coca-Cola or Bank of America

# Physical Infrastructure Implications: Energy

## Digital and Energy infrastructure increasingly entwined

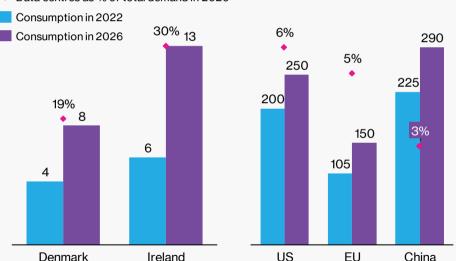


PUE improvements, Koomey's law and cloud migration have partially offset surging demand to moderate DC energy usage. Going forward, these efficiency factors face headwinds

## Data centers are becoming the largest electricity consumers in some countries

#### DC electricity consumption (TWh); share of total electricity demand



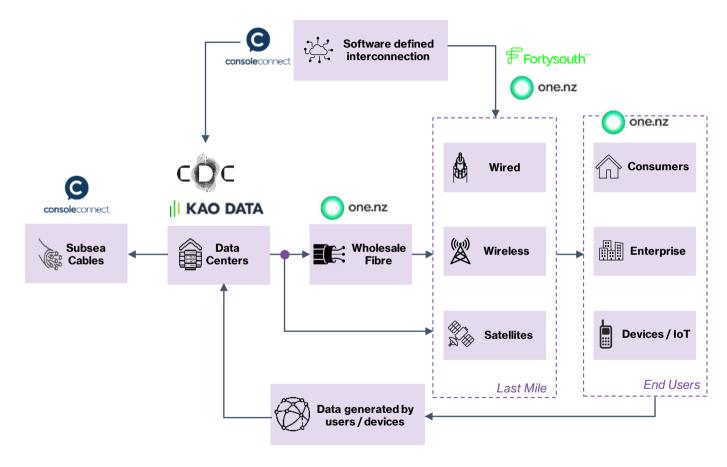


Hyperscalers are already the biggest renewable energy off-takers, e.g. in 2010-2022, total PPAs from Amazon is 20,000+ MW

# Digital Infrastructure Ecosystem

A network of physical, defensive infrastructure assets underpin the delivery of the essential connectivity services that power the modern economy and our societies





## Console Connect and Kao Data

Seeding new platforms to ride the next wave of digital growth

### **European Data Center platform**



#### Global, configurable connectivity



#### **Business model**

#### **UK-based colocation datacenters**

Development platform, with 3 sites and ~20MW operating

#### **Customers**

High performance compute, Al, enterprise and hyperscale

#### Investment drivers

#### Market tailwinds

Strong demand and planned capacity expansion. 20MW installed, 60MW current capacity, visibility to grow to 150MW+ with Manchester

#### Leadership renewal

Douglas Loewe started as CEO January 2024; New COO joining

#### **Business model**

#### Global connectivity platform

Instantly self-provision secure, private connections across a global network and flexibly purchase bandwidth on-demand

#### **Customers**

Enterprise connectivity

#### Investment drivers

#### **Evolving customer needs**

Inexpensive, flexible and configurable connectivity as enterprises increasingly adopt multi-cloud and multi-region networks

#### Powerful network effects

World-leading network of global subsea cables, 900+ enabled DCs, public cloud providers, major SaaS providers and 1000+ mobile networks, enhancing economics and value proposition

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# Digital Infrastructure: Dynamics Driving Opportunity

Deep understanding of market and technology dynamics translates into...

### ...opportunities offering attractive risk-adjusted returns



#### Subsea cables

#### Data growth

East / West volume shifts as emerging economies become content creation hubs

#### Route dynamics

Individual route-level supply demand dynamics are critical



#### **Data centers**

#### Volume growth

Hyperscalers seeking rapid deployment to meet AI demand growth

#### Platform value

Existing platforms provide proven ability to deploy at scale and engender customer trust

#### **Location dynamics**

Green energy availability, security and data sovereignty increasingly important buying factors

## Evolving network architectures, edge models and cloud zones

Driving deployment in developed and developing markets



#### Wholesale fibre

#### Capacity growth

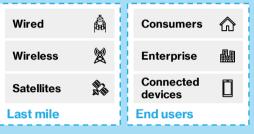
To accommodate Al demand and changes to demand density

#### Hyperscale dark fibre

Growth in dark fibre market to serve hyperscale inter-DC demand

#### **New cloud zones**

Densification in developed markets and new zones in developing markets driving deployment



#### Capital release

Corporate sell-down of non-core assets e.g. TowerCo and InfraCo spin-offs

#### FTTP and enterprise rollouts

Government backed FTTP rollout

#### 5G rollout and active sharing

Densification of mobile networks creating active sharing models

#### **Defensive IoT networks**

Growth in energy, safety and industrial applications



#### Data businesses

#### Defensive data assets

Data assets offering privileged positions growing increasingly defensive as scale, technological complexity and regulatory requirements increase

### Financial infrastructure

Critical infrastructure underpinning operation of financial markets



#### Software defined networking

Ability to abstract physical infrastructures, variabilize bandwidth purchases, offer value-added network services increasingly valuable as multi-cloud architecture become common

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