

# Power supply for data centres

A significant growth opportunity in new build and service



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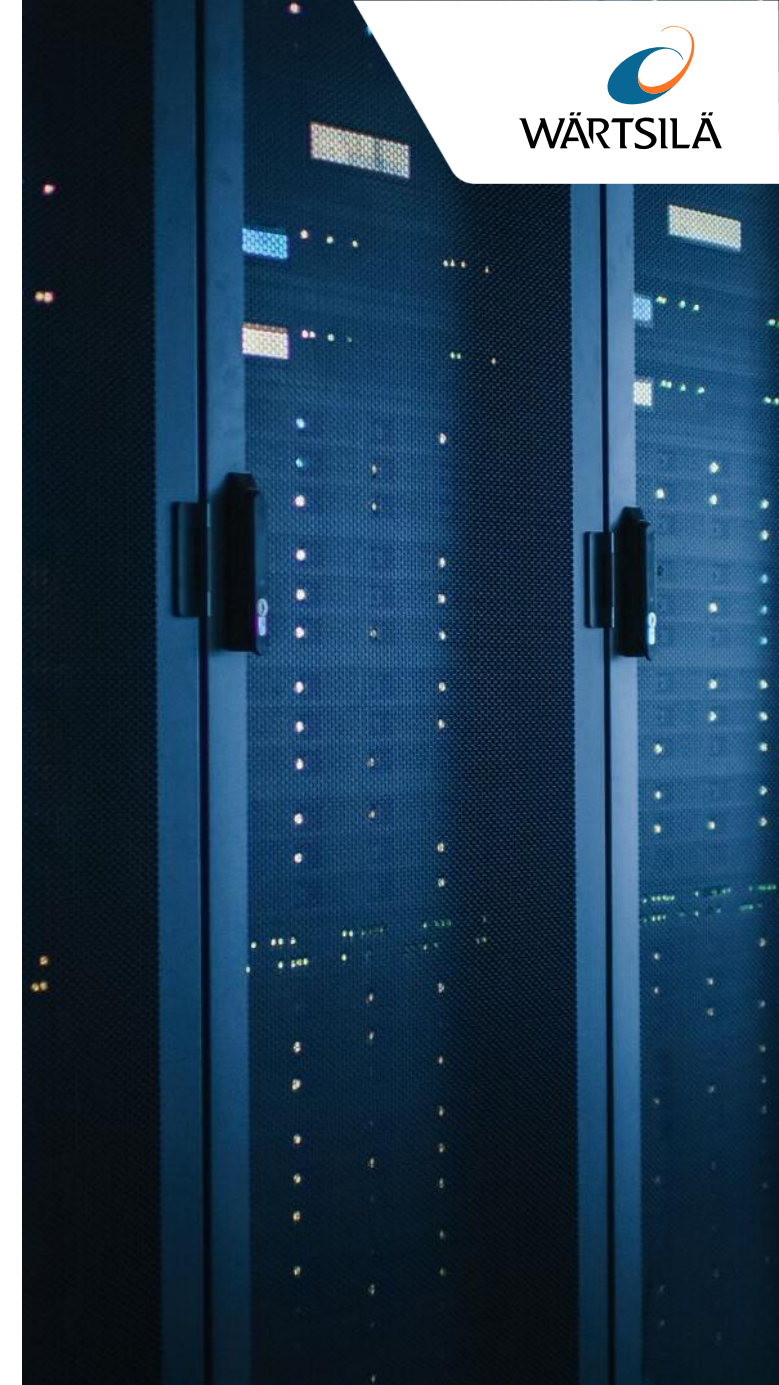
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# Data centre market development



## Wärtsilä is a rapidly emerging player in the market for data centre primary power

- Until recently, data centres required **tens of MWs** for data storage applications, were grid connected, and used backup power with high-speed engines to mitigate power cuts. Wärtsilä engines were **not the right solution** for this application
- The new data centres for AI applications require **hundreds of MWs**, often in the form of off-grid baseload power supply with high uptime and reliability. This application is **very well suited to Wärtsilä's technical strengths and shorter delivery times**
- Wärtsilä's engine solutions are **energy efficient and modular**, do not derate in hot climates, and require **virtually zero water**
- Engines have superior capabilities to operate in tandem with renewables, providing **balancing power for a robust power supply**. This, combined with Wärtsilä's **sustainable fuel development**, supports data centre customers in their emissions commitments
- **Wärtsilä had a breakthrough in the US data centre market in 2025**. Two orders were booked with a **total capacity of 789 MW**. In the **beginning of 2026**, Wärtsilä booked an additional **429 MW** order from a utility for a plant serving a data centre



# The data centre market is shifting towards stand-alone baseload power, driven by long grid connection times and increased power needs

## Historical: grid-connected

- Data centres mainly focused on data storage

20-100 MW

- Typical power supply: grid connection and high-speed engine backup
- Customer focus: power availability, CAPEX

## Now and future: off-grid

- Data centres growing in size, accelerated by AI requiring computing power
- Grid interconnection lead time increasing; 5-7 years in many markets
- Off-grid power solutions growing in importance

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50-400 MW

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### Wärtsilä's sweet spot

Larger projects can also be in Wärtsilä's sweet spot, as they are often built in phases (e.g. 200 MW at a time) and developers are increasingly using a mixture of technologies.

- Typical power supply: medium-speed engines or gas turbines
- Customer focus: delivery time, modularity, OPEX, emissions, water consumption

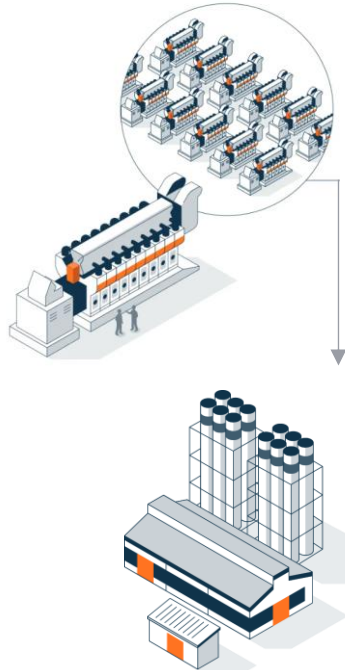
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- Typical power supply: heavy-duty gas turbines (OCGT/CCGT)
- Customer focus: delivery time, OPEX, emissions

# The ongoing data centre build-out generates demand both in traditional customer segments and with new types of customers

## Wärtsilä

### Equipment and Services



## Developers and utilities

### Existing Wärtsilä customer segments

#### Utilities

Investing in additional capacity to address data centre buildout

#### IPPs and Industrial developers

Developing and providing power to data centre clients

### New high growth customer segment

#### Data centre-focused developers

Specialised in data centre power to drive the ongoing AI data centre buildout

## Operators and end users

### Hyperscalers and colocation data centres

Building or leasing the facility and operating the data centres and AI factories

IPPs: Independent power producers

# Wärtsilä data centre solutions meet customer demand for quick access to power while offering flexibility for the future



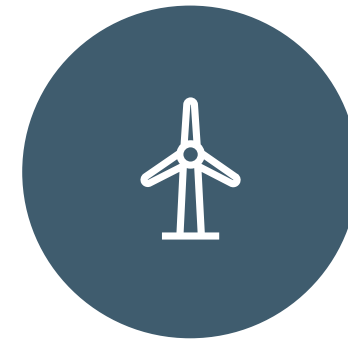
## Step 1

Wärtsilä engines provide dedicated baseload power to meet data centre demand while the grid catches up.



## Step 2

After grid connection, customers can run a hybrid setup, both serving the data centre and selling to the grid.



## Step 3

When renewables come to the system, the plant can move to a pure balancing model, maximising customer revenue. Engines have superior balancing capabilities.

# Wärtsilä's sweet spot in the data centre segment is off-grid baseload power plants in the 50-400 MW range with high lifecycle value opportunities

## United States



- **The US market is developing rapidly**, and on-site power is needed as grid connection often takes years
- **Key customer segments** are data centre developers and IPPs
- **Targeted applications** include off-grid and behind-the-meter\* data centres
- In **2025**, Wärtsilä sold **789 MW** of flexible engines to data centres in the US
- In the **beginning of 2026**, Wärtsilä booked a **429 MW** order from a utility for a plant serving a data centre

## Europe



- **The partnership model with AVK** in Europe has offered operational efficiency with lower risk in this emerging market
- **Wärtsilä's scope** is to provide the engineered equipment and maintenance support
- **Three energy centre projects** are under execution in **Ireland**, with further cases in the pipeline
- In addition to Ireland, **Spain, Germany, and the UK** offer new growth opportunities

## Middle East & Asia

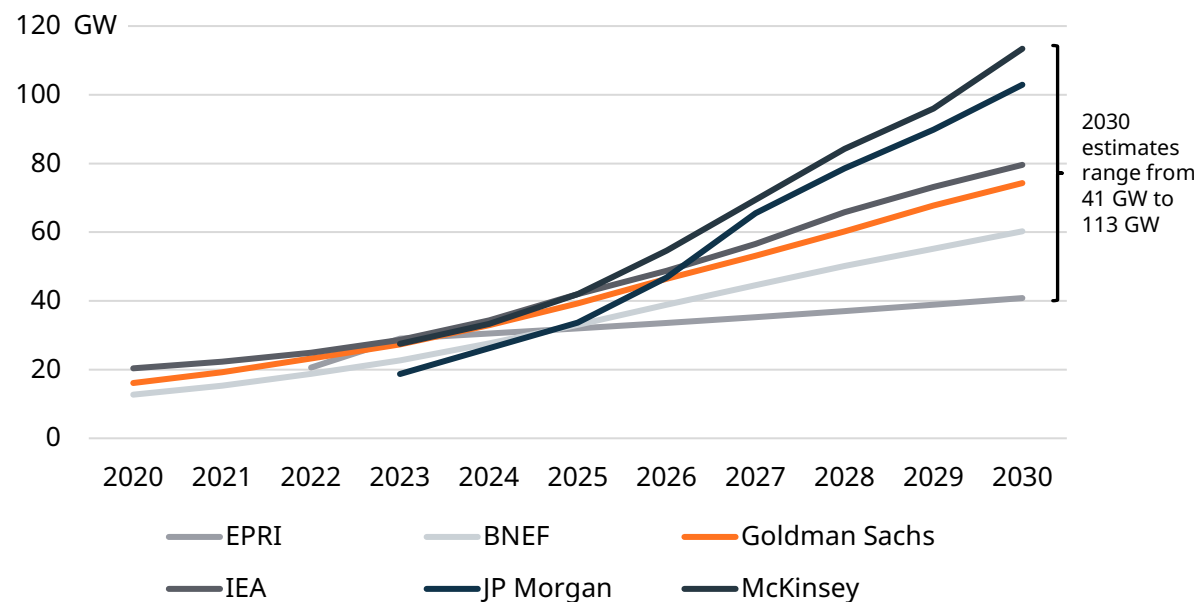


- **Demand is growing** in data centre hot spots, raising concerns about future grid sufficiency
- The **key focus is on emerging off-grid opportunities** in countries where data centre demand is outpacing grid capacity
- There are **mid- to long-term growth opportunities** in Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Australia

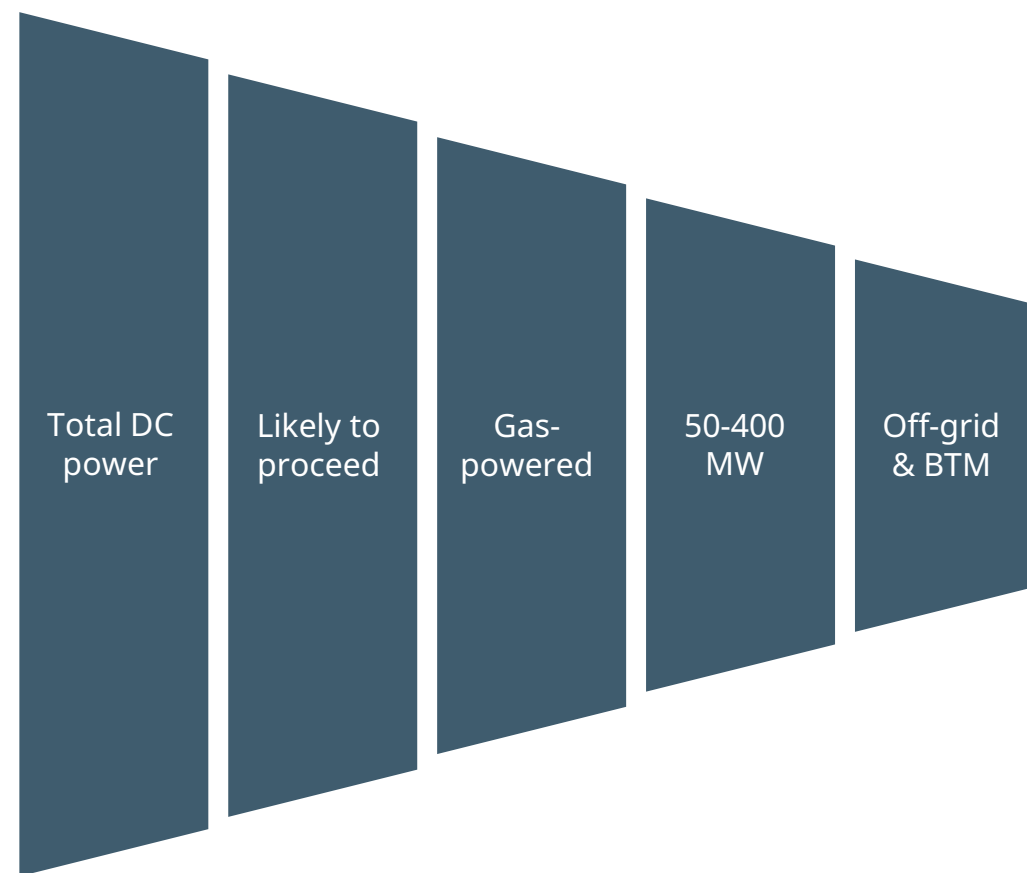
**Behind the meter:** On-site power generation on the customer's side of the meter

# There is a broad span of estimates of growth in power for data centres. Off-grid solutions will be an important market segment

US DC power demand growth to 2030 (estimates)



Wärtsilä's addressable market visualised



BTM: Behind-the-meter

***“Long-term growth will be driven by Corporate AI. This journey is only at the very beginning.”***

***- Data centre power customer***

Source: BNEF Global Data Centre Power Demand Outlook, Wärtsilä calculations

## Wärtsilä has a growing pipeline of data centre opportunities with attractive lifecycle margins

High activity within the off-grid data centre segment, with a continuously increasing pipeline



Data centre customers highly value speed to power, in a market that is short on equipment supply



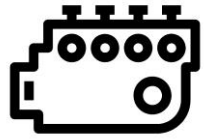
Wärtsilä's revenue recognition is connected to deliveries, with related service business revenue picking up in 2030 and beyond



# Technology comparison



# Wärtsilä Engine Power Plants offer an optimal combination of technical attributes to power DCs



Full-load efficiency



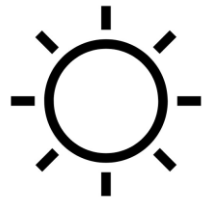
Part-load efficiency



Unlimited stops/starts



Modular design



Heat tolerance



Altitude tolerance



Low CO2 emissions



Low gas pressure



Minimal water use



# In the 50-400 MW sweet spot, Wärtsilä excels in thermal and capacity efficiency, its modular, flexible design, and robust performance in any operating environment

## 300 MW off-grid data centre, Texas

	Efficiency	Ramp-up to full load	Unlimited stops/starts	Modular design	Heat tolerance	Altitude tolerance	CO2 emissions	PM10 emissions	Gas pressure	Water use	Power density
High-speed engine	40%	<2 min	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Medium-speed engine	50%	<2 min	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Aeroderivative gas turbine	40%	<10 min	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Combined-cycle gas turbine	55%	>30 min	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

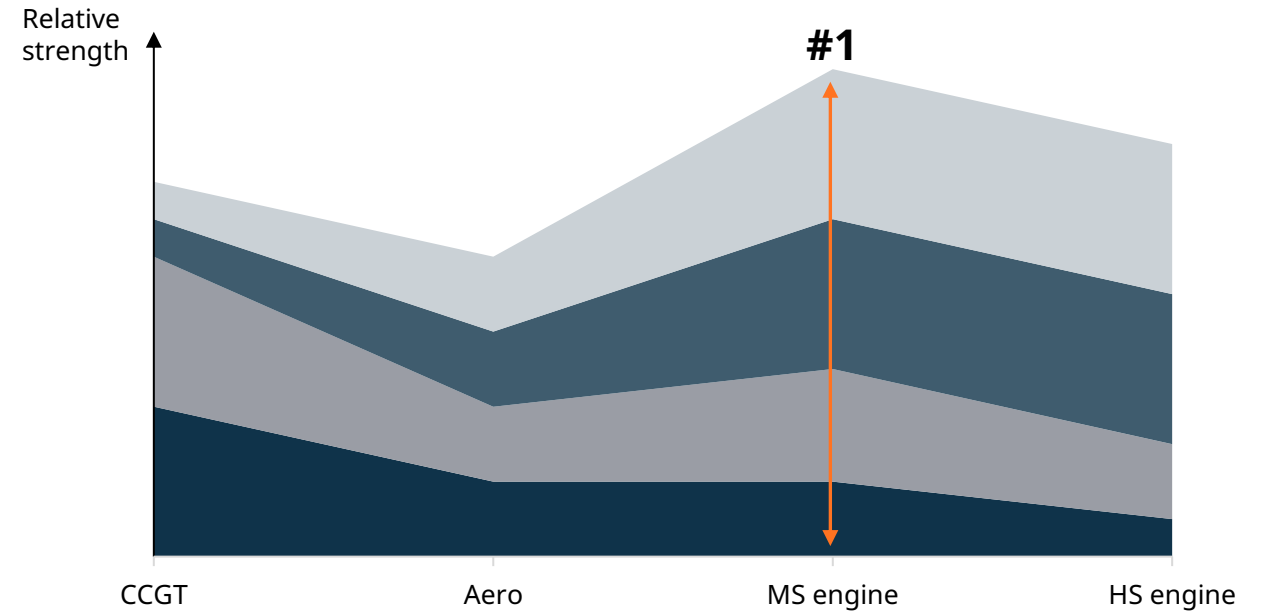
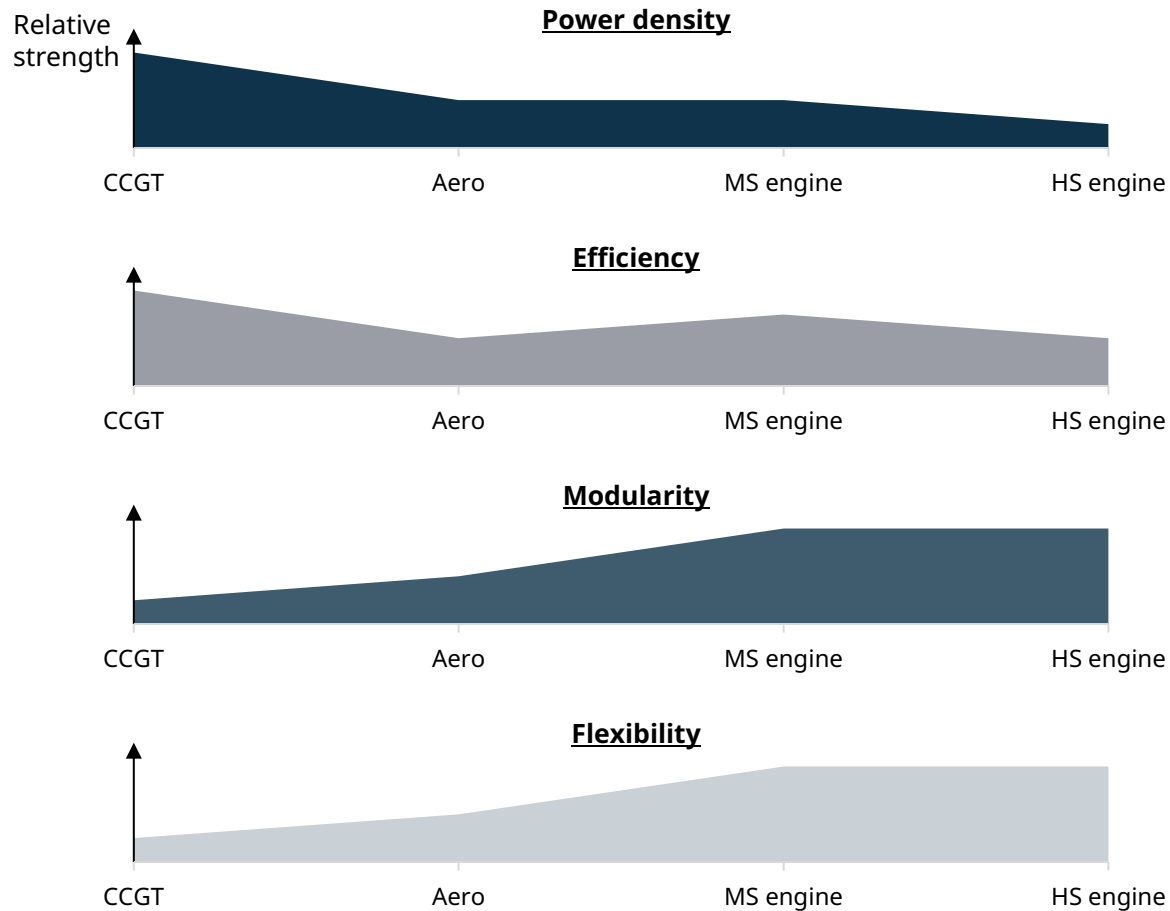
**Source:** Wärtsilä calculations for a 300 MW data centre in Texas, US from internal and external sources. Ramp-up time is from minimum stable load to full load.

**CO2:** Carbon dioxide **PM10:** Particulate matter above 10um

# Technology choice in the market for data centre primary power is driven by the best combination of crucial attributes

There are inherent trade-offs among key attributes

Medium-speed engines win on aggregate



In addition, medium-speed engines perform well on secondary attributes such as:

- Heat tolerance
- Altitude
- Low CO2 emissions
- Low gas pressure
- Minimal water use

Source: Wärtsilä calculations

# Wärtsilä competitiveness



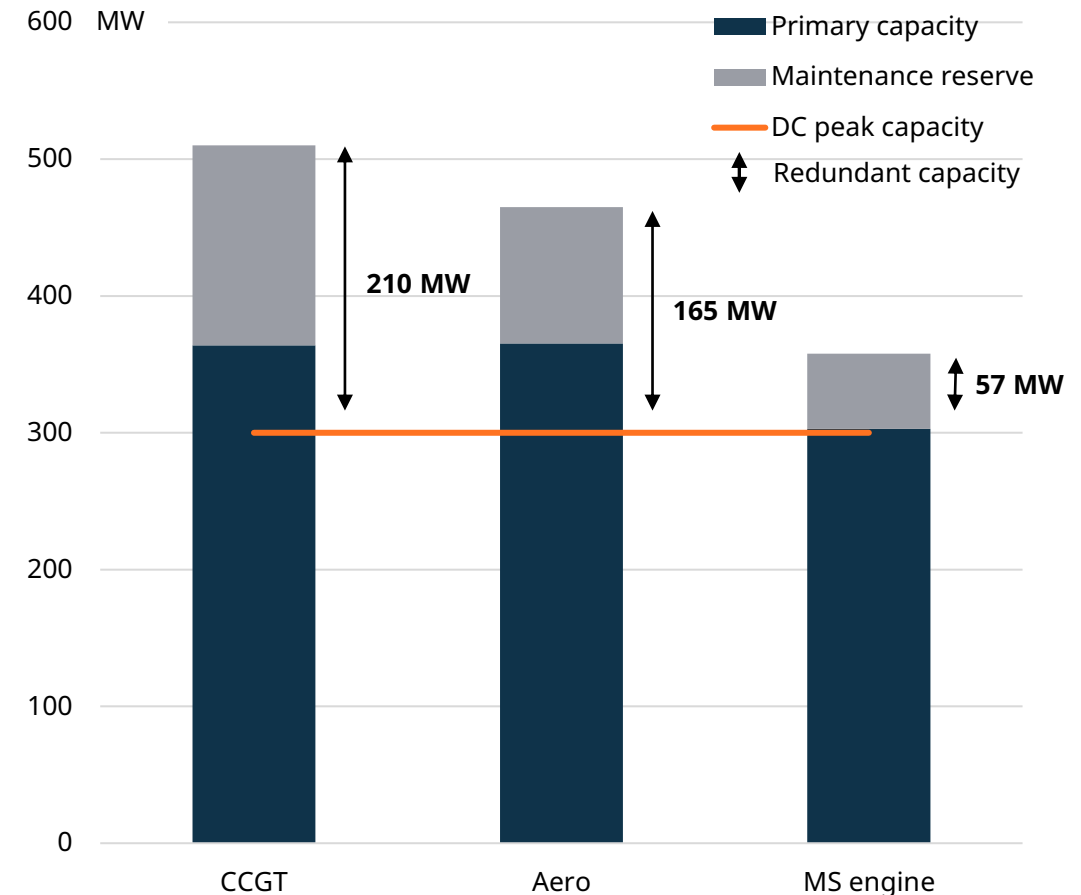
# Wärtsilä engines can meet data centre reserve requirements without the need for costly additional capacity

## Higher reserve requirements reduce turbine competitiveness

- Increased reserve requirements for off-grid data centres make gas turbines less competitive due to higher CAPEX
- Example:** 300 MW off-grid DC equipped with 5 × 72.8 MW CCGT units (364 MW), or 11 × 33.2 MW Aero units (365 MW), where the prime power solution must meet 99.9% uptime and availability requirements
- To reach **300 MW** with these uptime and availability requirements, you need the following installed capacity:
 

W34 engine:	<b>358 MW</b>
Aero	<b>465 MW</b>
CCGT	<b>510 MW</b>
- Engine startup times are a major advantage, and have a significant impact on the needed scale of backup and reserve solutions
- Gas turbines may in some cases need a backup power plant, which is not needed for a Wärtsilä solution

## Case example: 300 MW off-grid data centre, Texas



**Note:** Combinations of different generating technologies (e.g. CCGT + engines) are possible

\*Calculations for 358 MW: (33 x 9.2 MW + 6 x 9.2 MW) , W34SG engine

**Source:** Wärtsilä calculations from internal and external sources

**Assumptions:** SGT-800 (CCGT), LM2500 (Aero) vs. W34SG (engine)

# An engine-based solution is more cost-effective due to better modularity and smaller capacity sizing

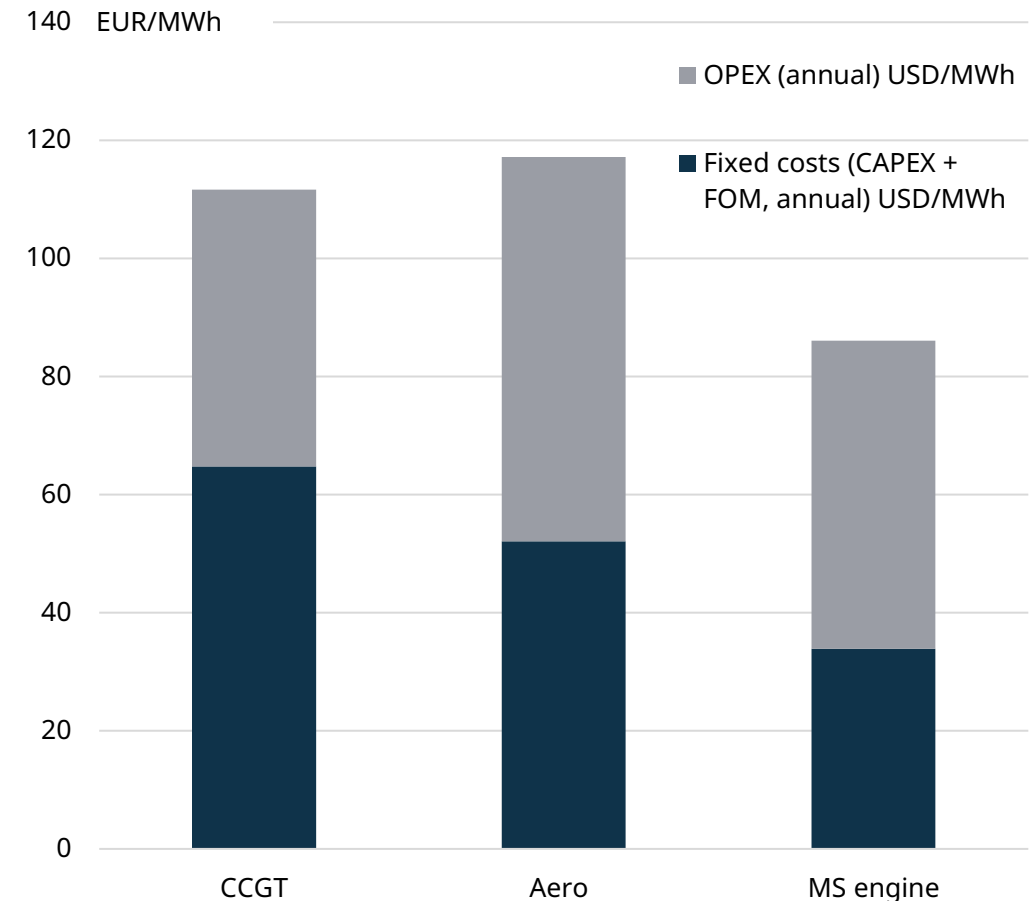
## Higher fuel efficiency does not guarantee the lowest cost

- The additional reserve capacity significantly increases CAPEX for the CCGT and Aero options
- While a CCGT may have better fuel efficiency, an engine-based solution has a much lower LCOE due to significant CAPEX savings
- Assuming a 4.3 USD/MMBtu fuel price, a CCGT plant would have approximately 30% higher LCOE than an engine power plant
- Even if the fuel price doubled to 8.6 USD/MMBtu, a CCGT plant would have around 16% higher LCOE than an engine power plant
- Over a 20-year project lifetime, CCGTs remain more expensive than engines despite lower running costs, while Aeros spend about 265 million USD more on fuel

**Note:** BESS included in both cases

**LCOE:** Levelised cost of energy **FOM:** fixed operational and maintenance expenses **BESS:** Battery energy storage system

## Case example: 300 MW off-grid data centre, Texas



**Source:** Wärtsilä calculations from internal and external sources

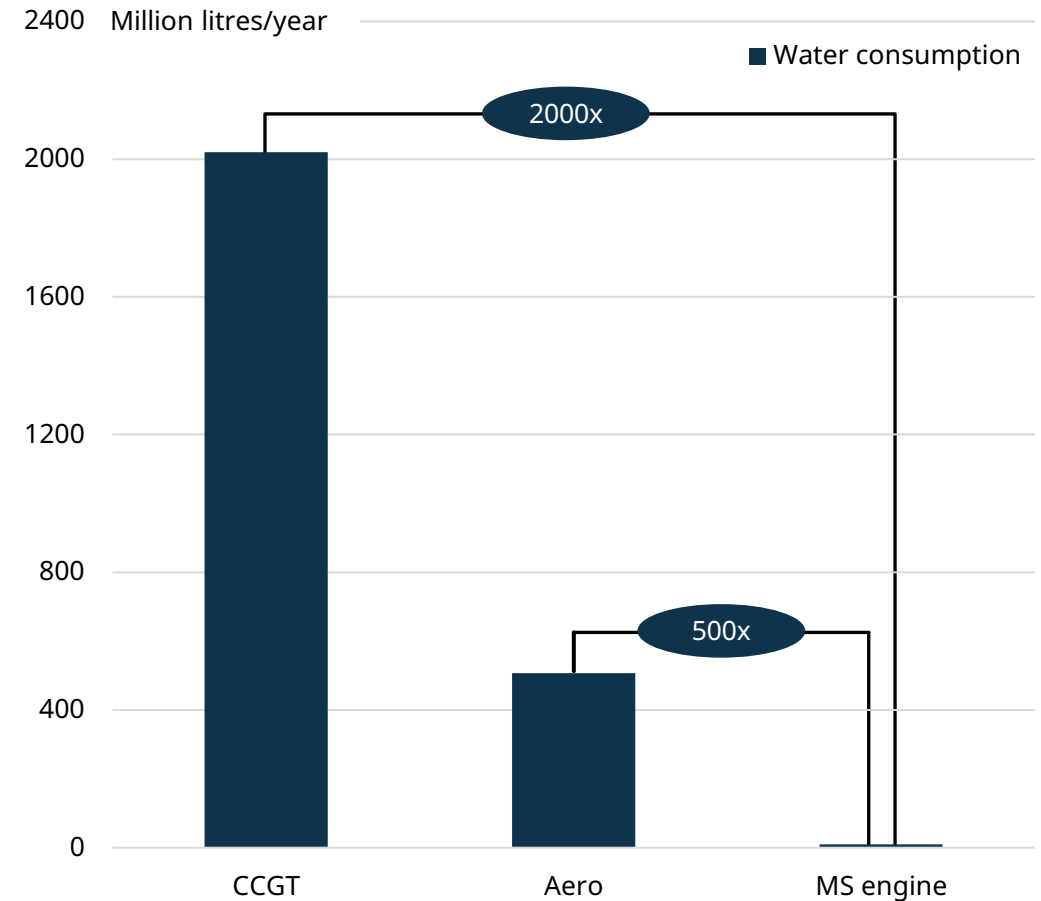
**Assumptions:** SGT-800 (CCGT), LM2500 (Aero) vs. W34SG (engine), gas price 4.3 USD/MMBtu, 20-year project life

# Wärtsilä's engine technology consumes up to 2000 times less water than comparable gas turbines

## Low water consumption from power generation

- Medium-speed engines require less cooling than gas turbines due to thermodynamic and mechanical differences and higher efficiency
- Engines have a closed-loop cooling system that only requires the occasional top-up
- Engines are an inherently water-efficient solution, with negligible water consumption compared to gas turbines
  - **Example:** 300 MW off-grid DC equipped with a Wärtsilä engine solution consumes a negligible amount of water every year
  - To meet cooling and power augmentation needs, the CCGT and Aero options require 2000 and 500 times more water per year, respectively
- The ultra-low water footprint of reciprocating engines is a major advantage in an era of growing water scarcity and rising scrutiny of industrial water use

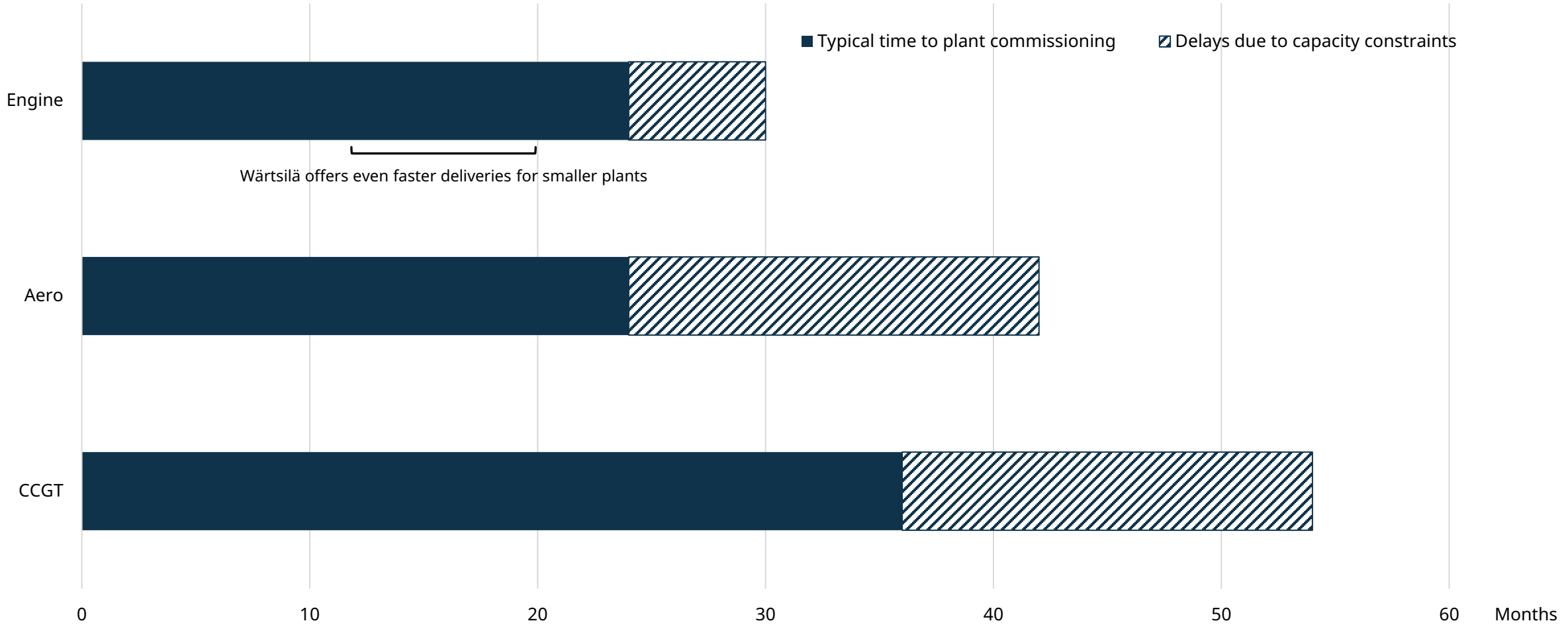
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# Wärtsilä offers faster delivery and construction times than the competition



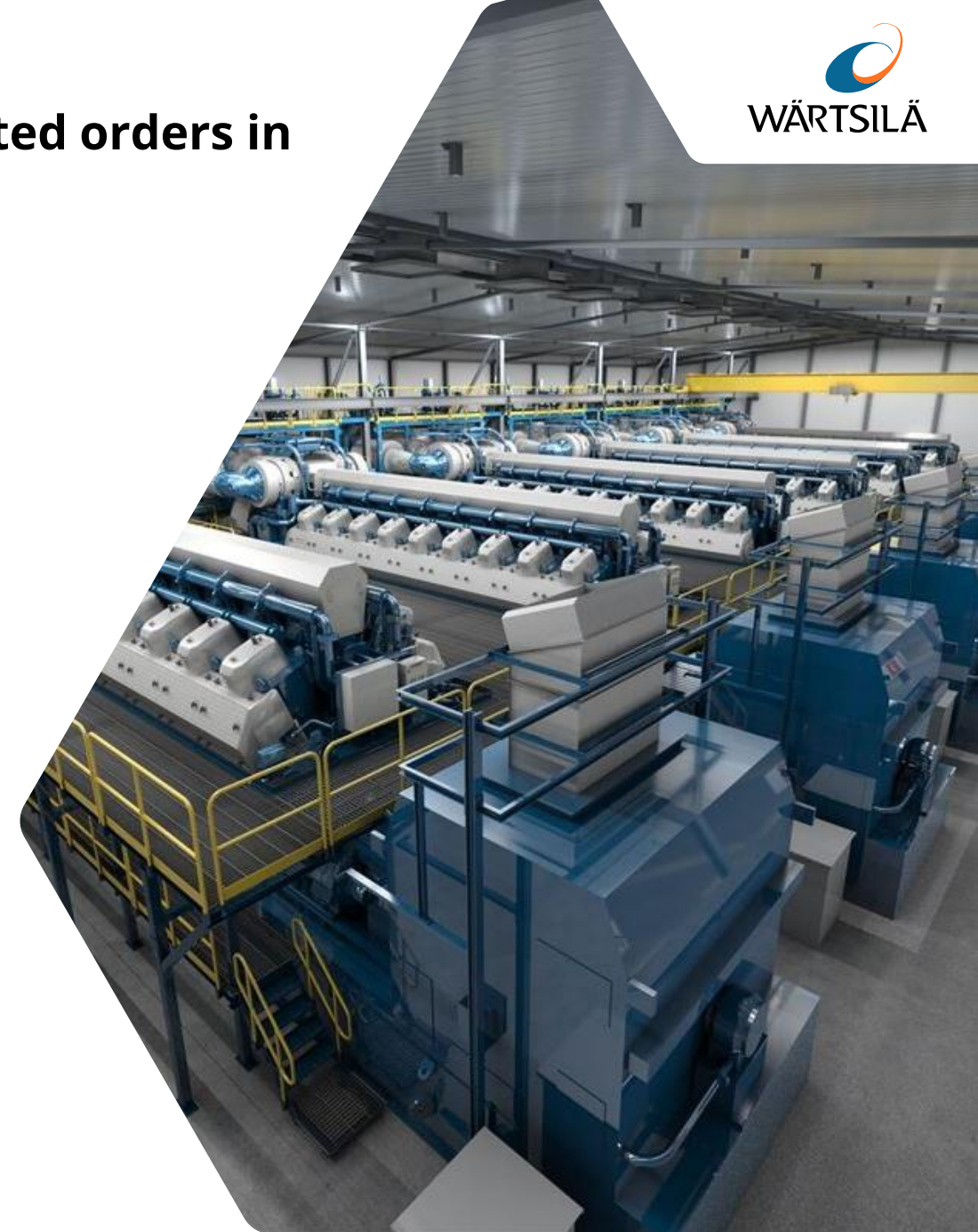
Source: McCoy Power Reports (averages), competitor disclosures, Wärtsilä calculations. Assumes total plant capacity of 300-400 MW.

## Off-grid engine power plants benefit from Wärtsilä's strong service offering and global network

- **Wärtsilä's strong end-to-end solution portfolio and global service operations** offer data centre developers a competitive advantage by providing expertise and peace of mind in operations
- Wärtsilä's broad service offering includes **parts** agreements, full **operation and maintenance** agreements, and **performance and outcome-based** agreements, delivered through a strong global service network
- **Data centre customer key focus areas are reliability and security**, which are delivered through optimised service agreements and on-site support, contributing to climbing the services value ladder
- **Off-grid power plant operations yield high running hours** to provide prime baseload power for data centres and strong service potential

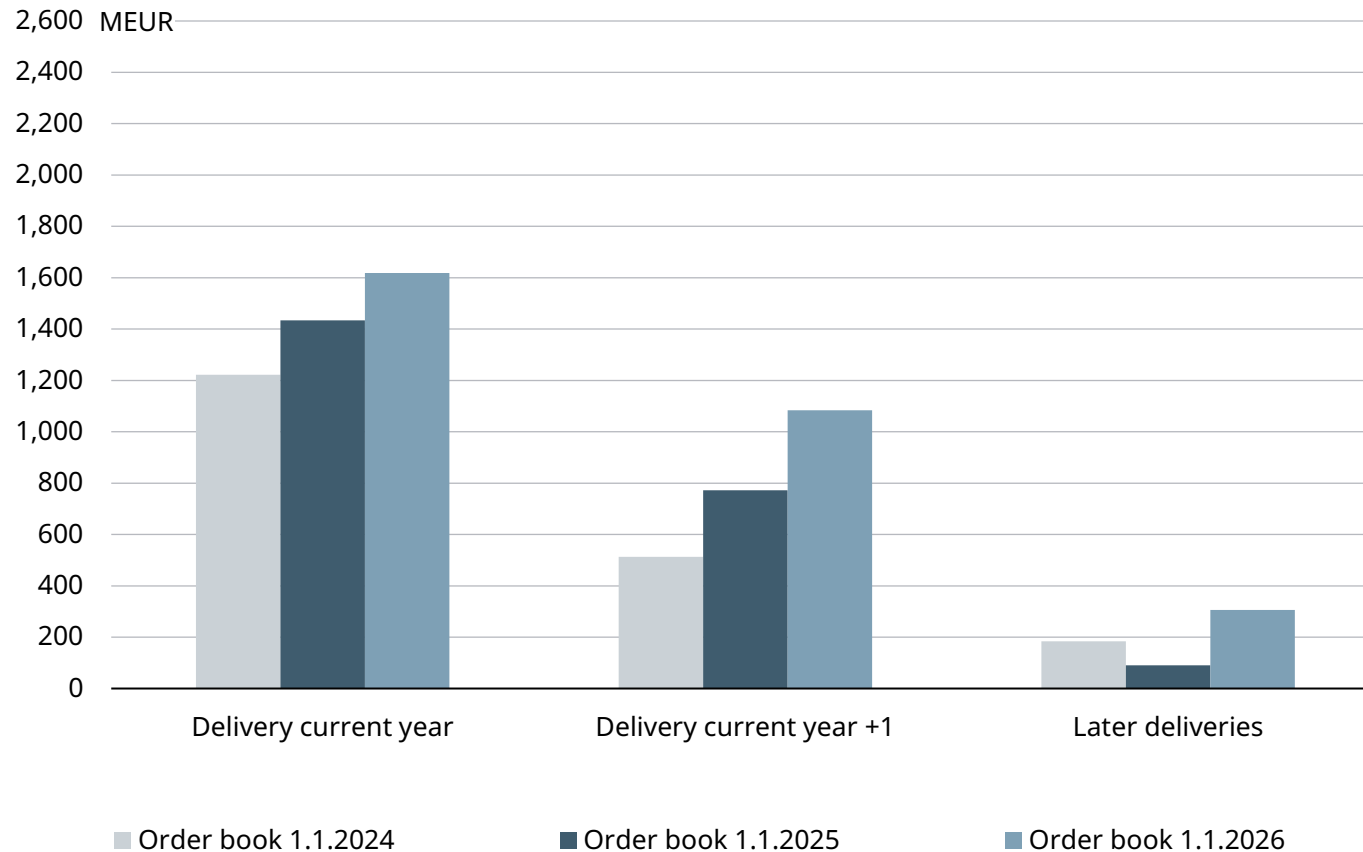
## Wärtsilä has recently booked three data centre-related orders in the United States with a total capacity of 1.2 GW

- Wärtsilä has been awarded two orders to provide continuous primary power for to data centres under construction in the United States
- The two orders include 42 Wärtsilä 50SG flexible engines which will run on natural gas and can be converted to run on sustainable fuels in the future
- The orders were booked by Wärtsilä in Q2 and Q4/2025, and engines will be delivered in phases, starting in late 2026 and continuing into 2027
- These orders were followed in the beginning of 2026 by an order to supply engines for an American power plant owned and operated by an investor-owned utility
- This order was for 24 Wärtsilä 50SG engines delivering an output of 429 MW for a power plant located in the United States, serving a data centre



# The existing order book will generate sales that are distributed further into the future

## Distribution in time of the existing Energy backlog, MEUR



Source: Wärtsilä Q4/2025 interim report

## Wärtsilä is taking orders with deliveries further into the future

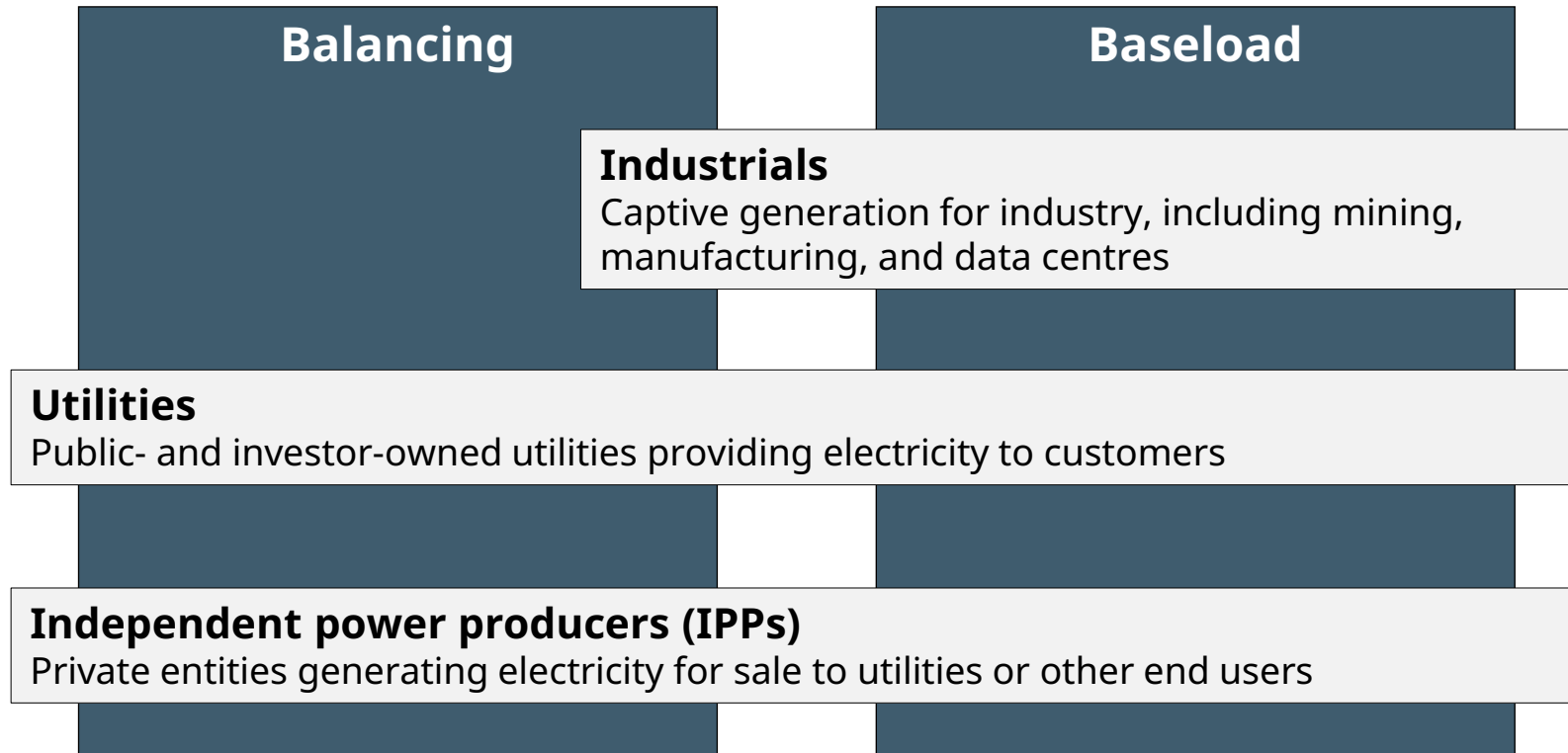
- Incoming orders will deliver a higher share of EEQ with revenue recognition connected to milestone events rather than EPC with Percentage of Completion revenue recognition
- US data centre deliveries will begin towards the end of 2026, with revenue recognition connected to deliveries and the related service business expected to pick up in 2030 and beyond

## Wärtsilä will further expand its industrial capacity in Finland by 35% to meet a global increase in demand

- Wärtsilä will invest approximately EUR 140 million to further expand its production capacity by 35% at Sustainable Technology Hub (STH) in Vaasa, Finland and the associated global supply chain
- This expansion will increase Wärtsilä's industrial capacity and strengthen the capacity of the associated global supply chain, positioning Wärtsilä to meet growing market demand in energy and marine
- The expanded capacity will enable Wärtsilä to deliver a higher volume of engines, and better support customer needs and continued business growth long-term
- The new production capacity will be installed within the STH facility expansion announced in April 2025 and is expected to be commissioned in Q1/2028



# Wärtsilä is well positioned to grow across multiple customer segments in both balancing and baseload



**Wärtsilä focus:**

**Maximising customer value with profitable growth in both new build and service in a highly dynamic market for thermal power**



# Power for data centres is a significant growth opportunity in new build and service

**Growth through new, rapidly expanding off-grid power segment**

**Strong demand in existing grid markets due to load growth**

**Baseload power and high-value service potential**



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