

Measuring divisional performance without distorting behaviour.

Return on investment

- Profit ÷ capital employed, as a percentage
- Easy to compare across divisions
- Rejects projects below current ROI
- Can discourage good investment

Residual income

- Profit minus a capital charge
- Absolute figure, not a ratio
- Accepts any project above the charge
- Harder to compare across sizes

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

A manager on ROI will reject a project earning above the cost of capital if it is below their current average. RI does not have that fault.

The balanced scorecard adds customer, process and learning measures, on the argument that financial results are lagging indicators.