November 11, 2013

Coway (021240)

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12M rating BUY (Maintain)

12M TP **W73,000** from W73,000

Up/downside +21%

Stock Data

KOSPI (Nov 8, pt)	1,985
Stock price (Nov 8, KRW)	60,500
Market cap (USD mn)	4,382
Shares outstanding (mn)	77
52-Week high/low (KRW)	61,400/37,700
6M avg. daily turnover (USD mn)	9.0
Free float / Foreign ownership (%)	65.9/53.3
Major shareholders (%)	
Coway Holdings, Inc. and 16 other	rs 31.1
Lazard Asset Management LLC ar 33 other	

Valuation

	2012A	2013F	2014F
PE (x)	34.3	16.8	16.6
PB (x)	3.8	4.4	3.8
ROE (%)	12.3	30.5	25.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.4	9.7	8.8
EPS (KRW)	1,268	3,598	3,640
BPS (KRW)	11,354	13,822	16,080

Performance

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	0.0	12.9	58.6
Relative to KOSPI (%p)	0.9	11.4	54.9

12MF PE trend



Source: WISEfn consensus

Focus on substantial earnings growth

What's new: Earnings beat consensus

3Q13 separate sales grew 7% YoY to W489.2bn, and OP surged 54% YoY to W97bn. Consolidated sales increased 4.7% YoY and OP 53% YoY. Separate OP beat the consensus by 26%, as OPM climbed 6.1%p to 19.8%. EBT jumped 369% YoY and NP 382% YoY. Net subscribers increased 17.700 QoQ as the average cancellation rate was only 0.82%, while rental sales slipped 12% YoY. Rental sales grew 3.6% YoY and membership sales 5.1% YoY, while exports nearly doubled, growing 90% YoY. However, lump sum payments eroded 9.3% YoY and cosmetics sales 4% YoY.

Pros: Rapid growth, sales trends improve in October

We attribute the OP surprise to: 1) narrowing rental asset losses (W21.2bn in 3Q12 to W9.3bn in 3Q13) on the back of base effect and low cancellation rate, 2) declining sales commissions (W80.2bn in 3Q12 to W73.8bn in 3Q13) and 3) falling SG&A costs, including ad spending. OP growth still reached almost 20%, even excluding positive one-off factors, such as losses on rental assets in 3Q12 and lower commissions in 3Q13. And, OPM would have still reached 81%. Earnings momentum should continue in 4Q13, with OP surging 132% YoY to W82.5bn, despite higher sales commissions and ad costs.

Cons: Subscriber growth needs to pick up, but high potential for overseas sales and new products

Net subscriber growth has been slow due to weak sales. In addition, market share expansion has slowed due to aggressive sales by competitors as Coway increased prices. However, sales trends recovered in October, and Coway is reinforcing midpriced products and channels. Meanwhile, growth potential is high for exports and new businesses. Exports, comprised mainly of air purifier ODM sales to China, are growing sharply, accounting for 8% of total sales in 3Q13. Philips accounts for 50% of total exports, and Sharp is also a major client. Rapid export growth should continue, as: 1) Philips has the leading market share in China's air purifier market, and 2) China's air purifier market should grow at a CAGR of over 30% given low penetration and substantial air pollution. Meanwhile, mattress and healthcare lump sum payment product lineups are being reinforced, and the rental business is growing moderately in Malaysia and the US.

Conclusion: Maintain TP of W73,000 on improved fundamentals and dividend merit

We maintain BUY with a TP of W73,000 (20x 2014 PE, peak PE). Shares currently

(W bn. %, %p)

	3Q13P			Chang	е	2013F		
	KIS est.	Actual	Diff.	Consensus	QoQ	YoY	KIS	Consensus
Sales	495	489	(1)	495	(1.6)	6.8	1,961	1,958
OP	77	97	26	77	22.3	54.2	328	303
OP margin	15.6	19.8	4	16	3.9	6.1	16.7	15.5
EBT	73	83	14	75	2.9	369.2	355	344
NP	55	62	13	57	2.8	382.2	269	256

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trade at 16.6x 2014 PE, which is relatively expensive. However, the yearend dividend yield should be about 2%, and valuations are still attractive compared to major domestic peers. Coway has a dominant domestic market share, and stable subscriber-driven earnings model. Subscribers should grow steadily as demand firms for environmental appliances.

Table 1. Earnings breakdown

(W bn, KRW, '000, %YoY, %)

	1Q11	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11	1Q12	2Q12	3Q12	4Q12	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13
Total no. of accounts	5,201	5,333	5,411	5,452	5,484	5,600	5,670	5,741	5,793	5,816	5,834
Increase in total no. of accounts	118	132	78	41	32	116	70	71	53	23	18
%YoY	8.4	9.6	9.7	7.3	5.4	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.6	3.9	2.9
no.of rental account ('000, year-end)	4,234	4,321	4,377	4,450	4,480	4,518	4,551	4,607	4,658	4,717	4,746
Rental account growth rate (YoY)	89	87	55	73	30	38	34	56	50	59	30
no.of membership account ('000, year-end)	967	1,011	1,034	1,002	1,004	1,082	1,118	1,133	1,135	1,100	1,088
Membership account growth rate (YoY)	29	44	23	(32)	2	78	36	15	2	(36)	(12)
No. of new rental sales ('000 units)	330	342	288	313	285	331	294	310	318	298	258
No. of new rental sales (%YoY)	21.3	24.8	4.2	(9.4)	(13.6)	(3.2)	2.0	(1.2)	11.7	(9.9)	(12.3)
Cancel rate (%)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Rental ARPU (Won)	22,218	22,586	22,845	22,993	23,164	23,319	23,325	23,357	23,347	23,468	23,496
Rental ARPU (%YoY)	1.0	2.4	3.4	3.6	4.3	3.2	2.1	1.6	0.8	0.6	0.7
Membership ARPU (KRW)	13,686	13,457	13,347	13,348	12,948	12,594	12,446	12,467	12,573	12,753	13,159
Membership ARPU (%YoY)	(1.9)	(3.0)	(3.8)	(3.0)	(5.4)	(6.4)	(6.8)	(6.6)	(2.9)	1.3	5.7
Sales	400	436	430	444	442	446	458	460	465	497	489
Growth rate (%YoY)	9.4	19.3	15.6	11.3	10.6	2.4	6.5	3.6	5.2	11.3	6.8
Rental	327	340	347	354	356	360	364	370	370	375	378
Growth rate (%YoY)	6.5	9.5	10.2	9.7	8.9	6.1	5.1	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.8
Rental	288	300	306	313	317	321	323	327	327	332	335
Growth rate (%YoY)	6.0	9.5	10.3	10.0	10.1	7.1	5.7	4.6	3.2	3.5	3.6
Membership	39	40	41	41	39	39	41	42	43	43	43
Growth rate (%YoY)	9.8	9.0	9.3	7.3	(0.4)	(1.3)	0.3	3.6	9.8	8.5	5.1
Lump sum payment	32	39	41	32	33	41	39	32	37	48	35
Growth rate (%YoY)	19.2	57.0	67.3	1.6	2.7	4.5	(4.6)	1.6	11.9	18.0	(9.4)
Cosmetics	17	18	18	15	17	16	17	17	18	22	17
Growth rate (%YoY)	NA	NA	878.4	(29.1)	(3.3)	(8.8)	(1.8)	9.7	6.6	35.3	(4.2)
Export	18	23	25	32	30	21	20	31	32	45	38
Growth rate (%YoY)	5.8	33.1	60.1	66.5	63.9	(8.0)	(18.8)	(5.6)	5.0	111.1	90.7
Others	5	17	0	11	7	8	17	11	9	8	21
Growth rate (%YoY)	(63.5)	26.2	(97.7)	167.0	28.9	(50.6)	4711.7	(0.9)	36.7	(5.0)	21.1
COGS	125	141	135	150	145	142	152	166	155	168	170
COGS-to-rate (%)	31.4	32.4	31.3	33.9	32.9	31.8	33.1	36.1	33.2	33.8	34.7
Rental COGS	95	95	96	100	101	102	104	109	107	108	108
Compared to sales (%)	29.0	27.9	27.6	28.3	28.5	28.2	28.7	29.5	28.9	28.9	28.6
Rental	83	82	83	88	89	89	91	95	93	94	95
Compared to sales (%)	28.7	27.4	27.2	28.0	28.1	27.7	28.3	29.2	28.4	28.4	28.4
Membership	12	13	12	13	12	13	13	13	14	14	13
Compared to sales (%)	31.9	31.7	30.4	30.8	31.7	32.3	31.6	31.8	32.9	32.9	29.9
Gross profit	274	295	295	294	297	304	306	294	311	329	319
Gross profit rate	68.6	67.6	68.7	66.1	67.1	68.2	66.9	63.9	66.8	66.2	65.3
OP	70	62	73	28	64	65	62	36	69	79	97
Growth rate (%YoY)	(12.9)	(27.7)	1.3	(59.6)	(7.8)	5.3	(15.2)	27.1	7.9	21.9	56.5
OPM (%)	17.4	14.2	17.0	6.3	14.5	14.6	13.5	7.7	14.9	16.0	19.8
EBT	50	55	65	55	56	56	18	32	115	81	83
%YoY	(22.1)	(27.5)	22.4	10.9	10.3	2.5	(72.6)	(42.5)	106.7	43.1	369.2
NP	39	42	49	47	41	44	13	22	80	61	62
%YoY	(25)	(29)	37	29	6	5	(74)	(54)	95	38	382

Source: Coway, Korea Investment securities & Investment

Table 2. Subsidiaries of Coway

(%, W bn)

Subsidiaries	Stake	2012 Sales	2012 OP	2Q13 Sales	3Q13 OP
Malaysia	100	54	1.9	18	1.4
USA	100	30	(1.6)	9	(0.3)
China	100	55	0.0	8	(1.2)
Thailand	100	12	(2.0)	3	0.1
Green Entech	100	53	0.6	13	0.1

Source: Coway, Korea Investment securities & Investment

Table 3. Earnings revisions

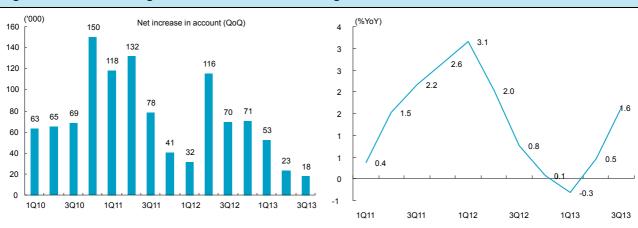
(W bn, %)

	Revised	Previous			Change (%)	
	13F	14F	13F	14F	13F	14F
Sales	1,961	2,133	1,985	2,118	(1.2)	0.7
OP	328	361	304	350	7.9	3.0
EBT	355	359	339	345	4.6	4.0
NP	269	272	260	265	3.4	2.7

Source: Korea Investment securities & Investment

Figure 1. Net subscriber growth slows

Figure 2. ARPU rebounds

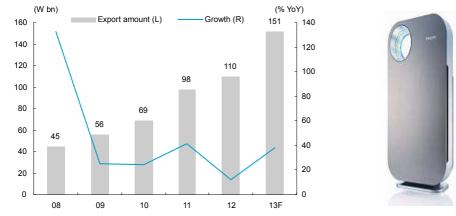


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Figure 3. Rapid export growth

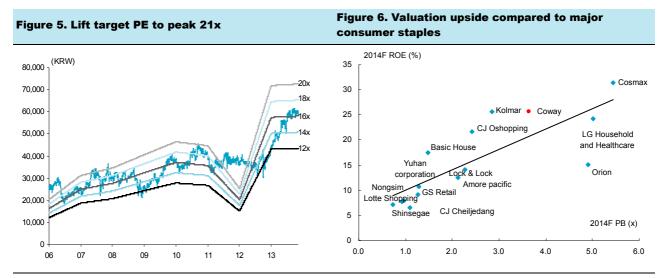
Figure 4. Philips' Chinese air purifiers



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Table 4. Earnings breakdown annual basis

(W bn, KRW, '000, %YoY, %)

	08	09	10	11	12	13F	14F
Total no. of accounts	4,439	4,736	5,083	5,452	5,741	5,897	6,187
Increase in total no. of accounts	116	298	346	369	289	157	290
%YoY	2.7	6.7	7.3	7.3	5.3	2.7	4.9
no.of rental account ('000, year-end)	3,640	3,899	4,145	4,450	4,607	4,779	5,014
Rental account growth rate (YoY)	27	259	246	305	157	171	235
no.of membership account ('000,	799	838	938	1,002	1,133	1,119	1,174
year-end) Membership account growth rate	199	030	930	1,002	1,100	1,119	1,174
(YoY)	88	39	100	64	131	(15)	55
No. of new rental sales ('000 units)	1,045	1,190	1,168	1,273	1,219	1,193	1,275
No. of new rental sales (%YoY)	(6.2)	13.8	(1.9)	9.0	(4.2)	(2.1)	6.9
Cancel rate (%)	14	14	13	12	12	10	10
Rental ARPU (Won)	22,086	22,341	22,458	23,362	23,093	23,246	23,743
Rental ARPU (%YoY)	1.8	1.2	0.5	4.0	(1.1)	0.7	2.1
Membership ARPU (KRW)	15,054	13,914	13,738	13,723	12,427	12,616	12,852
Membership ARPU (%YoY)	6.6	(7.6)	(1.3)	(0.1)	(9.4)	1.5	1.9
Sales	1,314	1,412	1,502	1,710	1,807	1,961	2,133
Growth rate (%YoY)	8.4	7.4	6.4	13.9	5.7	8.5	8.7
Rental	1,158	1,196	1,272	1,394	1,437	1,500	1,590
Growth rate (%YoY)	5.8	3.3	6.4	9.6	3.1	4.3	6.0
Rental	1,022	1,059	1,126	1,235	1,278	1,329	1,413
Growth rate (%YoY)	4.3	3.7	6.3	9.7	3.5	4.0	6.3
Membership	136	137	146	160	159	170	177
Growth rate (%YoY)	17.7	0.2	7.1	9.1	(0.3)	7.1	3.7
Lump sum payment	72	76	93	102	145	180	188
Growth rate (%YoY)	32.7	6.3	22.4	9.8	41.4	24.4	4.7
Cosmetics			23	68	67	75	87
Growth rate (%YoY)				191.4	(1.5)	12.0	15.0
Export	45	56	69	98	110	151	204
Growth rate (%YoY)	132.3	24.9	24.2	41.6	11.8	38.0	35.0
Others	40	84	44	47	48	55	63
Growth rate (%YoY)	(10.5)	109.2	(48.0)	6.9	2.1	15.0	15.0
cogs	407	460	491	552	605	663	719
COGS-to-rate (%)	31.0	32.6	32.7	32.3	33.5	33.8	33.7
Rental COGS	323	337	348	386	416	419	440
Compared to sales (%)	27.9	28.2	27.4	27.7	29.0	27.9	27.7
Rental	283	294	302	335	365	364	383
Compared to sales (%)	27.7	27.8	26.9	27.2	28.5	27.4	27.1
Membership	40	42	46	50	51	55	57
Compared to sales (%)	29.5	31.0	31.4	31.4	32.3	32.3	32.3
Gross profit	907	952	1,011	1,158	1,201	1,298	1,414
Gross profit rate	69.0	67.4	67.3	67.7	66.5	66.2	66.3
OP	190	204	254	243	228	328	361
Growth rate (%YoY)	17.9	7.4	24.1	(4.0)	(6.4)	44.0	9.9
OPM (%)	14.5	14.5	16.9	14.2	12.6	16.7	16.9
EBT	185	203	243	225	161	355	359
%YoY	18.7	9.7	20.0	(7.4)	(28.3)	119.6	1.3
NP	129	153	183	177	120	269	272
%YoY	11.0	18.8	19.6	(3.4)	(32.4)	124.4	1.3

Source: Coway, Korea Investment securities & Investment

Balance sheet

FY-ending Dec. (W bn)	2011A	2012A	2013F	2014F	2015F
Current assets	511	691	616	713	806
Cash & cash equivalent	65	119	59	107	138
Accounts & other receivables	257	292	317	344	373
Inventory	73	41	44	48	52
Non-current assets	1,065	1,010	1,059	1,117	1,173
Investment assets	285	155	166	181	189
Tangible assets	535	594	624	654	685
Intangible assets	156	158	157	160	168
Total assets	1,576	1,702	1,676	1,830	1,980
Current liabilities	534	720	625	609	564
Accounts & other payables	187	205	223	242	262
ST debt & bond	165	296	196	156	106
Current portion of LT debt	110	110	110	110	110
Non-current liabilities	294	179	151	154	156
Debentures	177	118	118	118	118
LT debt & financial liabilities	90	36	6	6	6
Total liabilities	828	899	776	763	720
Paid-in capital	41	41	41	41	41
Capital surplus	131	131	131	131	131
Capital adjustments	(99)	(85)	(85)	(85)	(85)
Retained earnings	678	717	814	981	1,174
Shareholders' equity	748	803	900	1,067	1,260
Adj. shareholders' equity	738	785	975	1,150	1,350

Cash flow

FY-ending Dec. (W bn)	2011A	2012A	2013F	2014F	2015F
C/F from operating	318	429	379	432	449
Net profit	177	120	269	272	305
Depreciation	145	165	176	189	202
Amortization	8	7	7	7	8
Net incr. in W/C	(112)	(38)	(73)	(36)	(64)
Others	100	175	0	0	(2)
C/F from investing	(344)	(301)	(231)	(251)	(263)
CAPEX	(299)	(295)	(209)	(222)	(235)
Decr. in fixed assets	9	3	3	3	3
Incr. in investment	(42)	(3)	(11)	(13)	(6)
Net incr. in intangible assets	(7)	(8)	(6)	(10)	(16)
Others	(5)	2	(8)	(9)	(9)
C/F from financing	36	(74)	(209)	(133)	(155)
Incr. in equity	0	12	0	0	0
Incr. in debts	213	21	(130)	(40)	(50)
Dividends	(80)	(78)	(78)	(93)	(105)
Others	(97)	(29)	(1)	0	0
C/F from others	(0)	(1)	0	0	0
Increase in cash	8	54	(60)	48	32

Note: 1. Based on K-IFRS (non-consolidated)
2. EPS and BPS are calculated using adjusted net profit and shareholders' equity that includes equity-method gains/losses

Income statement

FY-ending Dec. (W bn)	2011A	2012A	2013F	2014F	2015F
Sales	1,710	1,807	1,961	2,133	2,308
COGS	552	605	663	719	773
Gross profit	1,158	1,201	1,298	1,414	1,535
SG&A expense	915	974	970	1,053	1,135
Operating profit	243	228	328	361	400
Financial income	2	4	4	4	5
Interest income	2	1	2	2	3
Financial expense	26	62	21	18	16
Interest expense	25	29	21	18	16
Other non-operating profit	6	(5)	43	11	12
Gains (Losses) in associates, subsidiaries and JV	0	(3)	0	1	2
Earnings before tax	225	161	355	359	402
Income taxes	48	42	86	87	97
Net profit	177	120	269	272	305
Other comprehensive profit	(4)	(2)	0	0	0
Total comprehensive profit	173	118	269	272	305
EBITDA	396	400	511	556	609
Adj. net profit	167	94	269	272	305

Key financial data

FY-ending Dec.	2011A	2012A	2013F	2014F	2015F
per share data (KRW)					
EPS	2,235	1,268	3,598	3,640	4,078
BPS	10,962	11,354	13,822	16,080	18,683
DPS	1,050	0	2,300	1,400	1,500
Growth (%)					
Sales growth	13.9	5.7	8.5	8.7	8.2
OP growth	(20.7)	(6.4)	44.0	9.9	10.8
NP growth	(5.6)	(43.7)	185.7	1.3	12.0
EPS growth	(3.9)	(43.3)	183.8	1.2	12.0
EBITDA growth	(11.1)	1.0	27.8	8.9	9.4
Profitability (%)					
OP margin	14.2	12.6	16.7	16.9	17.3
NP margin	9.8	5.2	13.7	12.8	13.2
EBITDA margin	23.1	22.1	26.0	26.1	26.4
ROA	12.1	7.3	15.9	15.5	16.0
ROE	22.2	12.3	30.5	25.6	24.4
Dividend yield	2.9	0.0	3.9	2.4	2.6
Stability					
Net debt (W bn)	468	473	403	315	233
Debt/equity ratio (%)	72.4	73.8	51.4	39.6	29.5
Valuation (X)					
PER	16.4	34.3	16.8	16.6	14.8
PBR	3.3	3.8	4.4	3.8	3.2
PSR	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.2	2.0
EV/EBITDA	8.0	9.4	9.7	8.8	7.9

Changes to recommendation and price target

Company (Code)	Date	Recommendation	Price target
Coway (021240)	02-23-12	BUY	W47,000
	09-28-12	Hold	-
	02-18-13	BUY	W56,000
	05-11-13	BUY	W63,000
	08-09-13	BUY	W73,000



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