

Coway (021240)

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12M rating **BUY (Maintain)**12M TP **W82.000** *from W73,000*

Up/downside +17%

Stock Data

KOSPI (Feb 14, pt)	1,940
Stock price (Feb 14, KRW)	70,200
Market cap (USD mn)	5,090
Shares outstanding (mn)	77
52-Week high/low (KRW)	70,200/46,950
6M avg. daily turnover (USD mn)	10.2
Free float / Foreign ownership (%)	65.6/53.2
Major shareholders (%)	
Coway Holdings, Inc. and 12 othe	rs 31.0
Lazard Asset Management LLC at 33 othe	

Valuation

	2012A	2013F	2014F
PE (x)	34.3	19.9	18.5
PB (x)	3.8	4.9	4.4
ROE (%)	12.3	28.5	27.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.4	10.6	9.9
EPS (KRW)	1,268	3,334	3,802
BPS (KRW)	11,354	13,639	15,796

Performance

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	10.4	23.6	49.5
Relative to KOSPI (%p)	10.7	22.7	51.5

12MF PE trend



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Strength confirmed, growth also possible

What's new: Earnings top expectations

Coway posted 4Q13 separate sales of W482.4bn, up 5% YoY, and OP of W88.5bn, up 148% YoY, Even stripping out W27.4bn in one-off costs (W15.6bn bonus, W118bn inventory loss) last year, OP would have surged 31% YoY. Of note, consolidated sales climbed 1% YoY and OP 163% YoY. Separate OP beat the consensus by 10%, and OPM improved 6.1%p YoY to 18.3%. However, EBT and NP missed expectations, on: 1) FX losses and obsolescence losses on tangible assets (about W11bn), 2) Chinese subsidiary losses (W3.8bn), and 3) higher corporate taxes. But, we believe these factors are not related to fundamentals.

Pros: Solid margins confirmed, sales to grow in 2014

4Q13 net subscribers improved 32,000 QoQ as the cancellation rate fell and rental sales increased 13.5% QoQ (but fell 5.6% YoY). Sales of rentals improved 3.6% and memberships 3.2%. In particular, membership ARPU surged 8% YoY as free trial memberships wound down and de-marketing for low-priced memberships worked, despite the subscriber losses. Meanwhile, cosmetics sales climbed 18% YoY on improved home shopping sales and flat exports. Overall, margins exceeded expectations, as: 1) cost-to-sales of exports and lump-sum payment products fell, 2) rental disposal losses narrowed on a low cancellation rate (W8.1bn, down 49% YoY), and 3) tight SG&A cost controls continued as major components were favorable, including labor, sales commissions and marketing costs. We forecast 2014 sales will grow 8% YoY to W2.09tn and OP 12% YoY to W375.4bn, which is in line with guidance (sales W2.08tn, OP W362bn). Overall, Coway should focus on growth in 2014.

Cons: Confirm growth in 2014 after margins normalize in 2013

Net subscriber growth in 2013 was the lowest level since 2009, mostly due to markups and less low-margin subscribers. But, growth should pick up going forward, backed by: 1) recovering sales of water purifiers, led by micro water purifiers, a rapid growth of complex air purifiers (humidifiers/dehumidifiers), led by the launch of pure dehumidifiers, and a reinforced domestic home appliance division with the improvements in the mattress and home care divisions. 2) Exports should grow more than 20% led by air purifiers in China, and 3) US and Malaysian subsidiaries should post growth over 30% over the mid to long term.

Conclusion: Revise up forecast to reflect favorable earnings, raise TP to W82,000

We maintain BUY as we revise up our TP to W82,000 (21x 12MF PE) from

(W bn, %, %p)

	4Q13P			Char	nge	2	2014F		
	KIS est.	Actual	Diff.	Consensus	QoQ	YoY	KIS	Consensus	
Sales	483	482	(0)	484	(1.4)	4.9	2,089	2,074	
OP	80	89	11	80	(8.8)	148.3	375	362	
OP margin	16.6	18.4	2	16	(1.5)	10.6	18.0	17.4	
EBT	76	73	(4)	78	(12.4)	129.2	372	344	
NP	66	51	(23)	61	(18.3)	135.7	282	271	

W73,000 (20x 2014 PE). We lifted our EPS by 3% and our target PE to 21x, a 20% premium to the five-year trailing average of 17.3x. We believe Coway merits a premium on steady subscriber growth led by growing demand for environmental appliances, a dominant market share and stable subscriber-led earnings. Meanwhile, Coway announced a DPS of W1,660, suggesting a 49% payout ratio and 2.4% yield. This is a substantial increase from the previous dividend of W1,050, and Coway emphasized it would maintain the current payout ratio and absolute dividend. Share downside should be limited as the current share price reflects a dividend payout of W1,800, assuming a yield of 2.6%.

Table 1. 4Q13 consolidated earnings

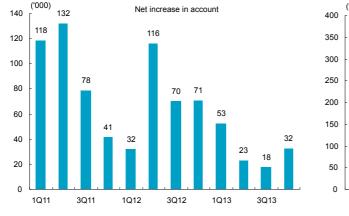
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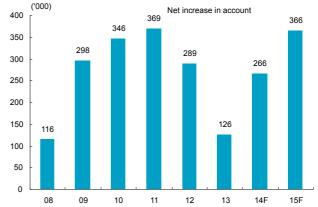
	4Q13P	% change	
	Actual	QoQ	YoY
Sales	524	(1.2)	0.9
OP	90	(6.0)	163.1
OP margin	17.3	(0.9)	10.6
EBT	91	13.6	286.4
NP	69	14.1	407.7

Source: Coway, Korea Investment securities & Investment

Figure 1. Net subscriber growth rebounds in 4Q13

Figure 2. Net account growth should expand in 2014 following efforts to lift margins in 2013





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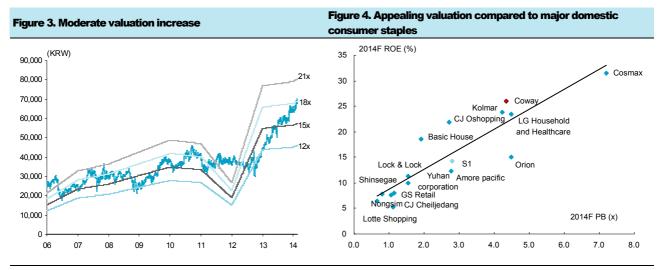
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Table 2. 4Q13 earnings in detail

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

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	1Q11	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11	1Q12	2Q12	3Q12	4Q12	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13	4Q13
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	5,866
Increase in total account (QoQ)	118	132	78	41	32	116	70	71	53	23	18	32
%YoY	8.4	9.6	9.7	7.3	5.4	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.6	3.9	2.9	2.2
No.of rental account ('000, end of Q)	4,234	4,321	4,377	4,450	4,480	4,518	4,551	4,607	4,658	4,717	4,746	4,800
Increase in rental account (QoQ)	89	87	55	73	30	38	34	56	50	59	30	54
No.of membership account ('000, end of Q)	967	1,011	1,034	1,002	1,004	1,082	1,118	1,133	1,135	1,100	1,088	1,066
Increase in membership accounts (QoQ)	29	44	23	(32)	2	78	36	15	2	(36)	(12)	(21)
No. of new rental sales ('000 units)	330	342	288	313	285	331	294	310	318	298	257	292
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)	(5.6)
Cancel rate (%)	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.6
Rental ARPU (Won)	22,218	22,586	22,845	22,993	23,164	23,319	23,325	23,357	23,347	23,468	23,495	23,547
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	0.8
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	13,498
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	8.3
Sales	400	436	430	444	442	446	458	460	465	497	489	482
%YoY	9.4	19.3	15.6	11.3	10.6	2.4	6.5	3.6	5.2	11.3	6.8	4.9
Rental	327	340	347	354	356	360	364	370	370	375	378	384
%YoY	6.5	9.5	10.2	9.7	8.9	6.1	5.1	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.8	4.0
Rental	288	300	306	313	317	321	323	327	327	332	335	339
%YoY	6.0	9.5	10.3	10.0	10.1	7.1	5.7	4.6	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.6
Membership	39	40	41	41	39	39	41	42	43	43	43	44
%YoY	9.8	9.0	9.3	7.3	(0.4)	(1.3)	0.3	3.6	9.8	8.5	5.1	3.2
Lump sum payment	32	39	41	32	33	41	39	32	37	48	35	29
%YoY	19.2	57.0	67.3	1.6	2.7	4.5	(4.6)	1.6	11.9	18.0	(9.4)	(9.1)
Cosmetics	17	18	18	15	17	16	17	17	18	22	17	20
%YoY	NA	NA	878.4	(29.1)	(3.3)	(8.8)	(1.8)	9.7	6.6	35.3	(4.2)	17.9
Export	18	23	25	32	30	21	20	31	32	45	38	31
%YoY	5.8	33.1	60.1	66.5	63.9	(8.0)	(18.8)	(5.6)	5.0	111.1	90.7	0.5
Others	5	17	0	11	7	8	17	11	9	8	21	18
%YoY	(63.5)	26.2	(97.7)	167.0	28.9	(50.6)	4711.7	(0.9)	36.7	(5.0)	21.1	67.6
COGS	125	141	135	150	145	142	152	166	155	168	170	159
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	32.9
Rental COGS	95	95	96	100	101	102	104	109	107	108	108	109
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	28.5
Rental	83	82	83	88	89	89	91	95	93	94	95	96
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	28.4
Membership	12	13	12	13	12	13	13	13	14	14	13	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	29.6
Lump sum payment COGS	10	13	14	17	13	15	16	23	14	19	14	9
Compared to sales (%)	32	35	33	52	39	37	40	72	38	41	40	32
Cosmetics COGS	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3
Compared to sales (%)	17	19	18	18	16	16	17	18	15	15	15	18
Export COGS	15	18	20	25	24	16	23	26	25	33	29	24
Compared to sales (%)	80	78	80	78	79	75	115	84	80	74	76	78
Others COGS	3	12	3	6	5	7	6	6	6	4	16	13
Compared to sales (%)	50	72	772	53	71	86	33	53	60	52	78	73
Gross profit	274	295	295	294	297	304	306	294	311	329	319	323
GP margin (%)	68.6	67.6	68.7	66.1	67.1	68.2	66.9	63.9	66.8	66.2	65.3	67.0
OP	70	73	73	28	64	65	63	36	69	79	97	89
%YoY	(12.9)	(15.0)	1.3	(59.6)	(7.8)	(10.3)	(14.0)	27.2	7.9	21.9	54.2	148.4
OP margin (%)		16.7	17.0	6.3	14.5	14.6	13.7	7.7	14.9	16.0	19.8	18.3
-: ····	17.4	10.7										
EBT	17.4 50	55	65	55	56	56	18	32	115	81	83	73
					56 10.3	56 2.5	18 (72.6)	32 (42.5)	115 106.7	81 43.1	83 369.2	73 129.4
EBT	50	55	65	55								

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Balance sheet

FY-ending Dec. (W bn)	2011A	2012A	2013F	2014F	2015F
Current assets	511	691	621	671	771
Cash & cash equivalent	65	119	174	178	237
Accounts & other receivables	257	292	300	324	350
Inventory	73	41	41	44	47
Non-current assets	1,065	1,010	1,025	1,061	1,096
Investment assets	285	155	158	171	184
Tangible assets	535	594	604	614	625
Intangible assets	156	158	153	157	158
Total assets	1,576	1,702	1,647	1,732	1,866
Current liabilities	534	720	712	665	620
Accounts & other payables	187	205	220	237	257
ST debt & bond	165	296	196	96	66
Current portion of LT debt	110	110	30	10	10
Non-current liabilities	294	179	81	65	68
Debentures	177	118	18	0	0
LT debt & financial liabilities	90	36	36	36	36
Total liabilities	828	899	793	731	688
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	768	916	1,093
Shareholders' equity	748	803	854	1,002	1,178
Adj. shareholders' equity	738	785	961	1,128	1,311

Cash flow

FY-ending Dec. (W bn)	2011A	2012A	2013F	2014F	2015F
C/F from operating	318	429	505	536	418
Net profit	177	120	253	282	318
Depreciation	145	165	149	153	155
Amortization	8	7	7	7	7
Net incr. in W/C	(112)	(38)	96	95	(62)
Others	100	175	0	(1)	0
C/F from investing	(344)	(301)	(170)	(193)	(194)
CAPEX	(299)	(295)	(162)	(166)	(169)
Decr. in fixed assets	9	3	3	3	3
Incr. in investment	(42)	(3)	(3)	(12)	(12)
Net incr. in intangible assets	(7)	(8)	(2)	(11)	(8)
Others	(5)	2	(6)	(7)	(8)
C/F from financing	36	(74)	(280)	(340)	(164)
Incr. in equity	0	12	0	0	0
Incr. in debts	213	21	(280)	(138)	(30)
Dividends	(80)	(78)	0	(202)	(134)
Others	(97)	(29)	0	0	0
C/F from others	(0)	(1)	0	0	0
Increase in cash	8	54	55	4	59

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

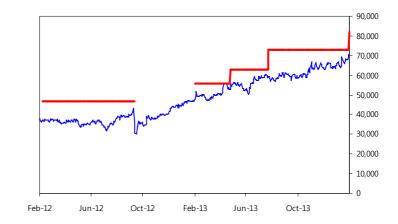
2011A	2012A	2013F	2014F	2015F
1,710	1,807	1,934	2,089	2,258
552	605	651	694	745
1,158	1,201	1,282	1,396	1,513
915	974	949	1,020	1,095
243	228	334	375	418
2	4	6	4	5
2	1	4	4	5
26	62	16	9	5
25	29	16	9	5
6	(5)	27	0	0
0	(3)	0	1	2
225	161	350	372	420
48	42	97	90	102
177	120	253	282	318
(4)	(2)	0	0	0
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Key financial data

FY-ending Dec.	2011A	2012A	2013F	2014F	2015F
per share data (KRW)					
EPS	2,235	1,268	3,334	3,802	4,285
BPS	10,962	11,354	13,639	15,796	18,179
DPS	1,050	0	2,710	1,800	1,900
Growth (%)					
Sales growth	13.9	5.7	7.0	8.1	8.0
OP growth	(20.7)	(6.4)	46.4	12.5	11.2
NP growth	(5.6)	(43.7)	164.6	13.8	12.7
EPS growth	(3.9)	(43.3)	163.0	14.0	12.7
EBITDA growth	(11.1)	1.0	22.4	9.3	8.4
Profitability (%)					
OP margin	14.2	12.6	17.3	18.0	18.5
NP margin	9.8	5.2	12.9	13.6	14.1
EBITDA margin	23.1	22.1	25.3	25.6	25.7
ROA	12.1	7.3	15.1	16.7	17.7
ROE	22.2	12.3	28.5	27.1	26.2
Dividend yield	2.9	0.0	4.1	2.6	2.7
Stability					
Net debt (W bn)	468	473	138	(4)	(93)
Debt/equity ratio (%)	72.4	73.8	36.6	17.4	12.2
Valuation (X)					
PE	16.4	34.3	19.9	18.5	16.4
PB	3.3	3.8	4.9	4.4	3.9
PS	1.7	1.9	2.6	2.6	2.4
EV/EBITDA	8.0	9.4	10.6	9.9	9.0

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
	02-16-14	BUY	W82,000



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