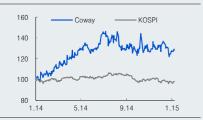


Consumer Services

Earnings Preview January 23, 2015

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Target Price (12M, W)		120,000			
Share Price (01/22/15,	W)	83,200			
Expected Return			44%		
OP (14F, Wbn)			372		
Consensus OP (14F, Wb	n)		380		
EPS Growth (14F, %)		6.0			
Market EPS Growth (14)	-, %)	-1.5			
P/E (14F, x)		24.8			
Market P/E (14F, x)		13.2			
KOSPI			1,920.82		
Market Cap (Wbn)			6,417		
Shares Outstanding (mr	1)		77		
Free Float (%)			65.2		
Foreign Ownership (%)			54.5		
Beta (12M)			-0.21		
52-Week Low			64,000		
52-Week High			94,600		
(%)	1M	6M	12M		
Absolute	-5.2	-12.1	26.6		

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Coway (021240 KS)

Enhanced profitability management

4Q14 preview: Parent OP of W93.5bn (+6.8% YoY), OP margin of 18.5%

For 4Q14, we expect Coway to post non-consolidated revenue of W506.2bn (+4.9% YoY) and operating profit of W93.5bn (+6.8% YoY; OP margin of 18.5%), slightly below the market consensus (revenue of W518.4bn and OP of W100.4bn). Our relatively conservative estimates reflect the impact of the sharp increase in new rental accounts since 2Q14.

For the rental business, revenue is spread out over time, but commission expenses related to new accounts are recorded all at once. Thus, an increase in new accounts can put short-term pressures on earnings. We believe current market expectations do not fully take into account this basic nature of the rental business. Due to the rise in commissions, we do not expect a marked pickup in margins YoY.

Nevertheless, underlying margins to continue to improve

In 2014, we estimate new rental accounts rose 14.1% YoY to 1.33mn, topping the company's guidance (1.25mn) by 6.4%. Coway's strategy of driving top-line growth through new rental accounts appears to be doing better than previously expected.

Despite the sharp rise in new accounts, we believe margins remained steady thanks to cost ratio improvements and continued efforts to reduce other SG&A expenses, such as labor and marketing. We estimate COGS ratio fell 0.7%p YoY, and overall SG&A expense ratio remained flat at 49.3% (+0.4%p) in 4Q14.

In general, it is difficult to aggressively expand sales without sacrificing profits to some degree. Coway's ability to gradually improve margins while outperforming its revenue target once again proves the company's systemic strength.

Retain Buy and TP of W120,000

We maintain our Buy rating and target price of W120,000 on Coway. We believe the company's unique business model of renting environmental home appliances that are internally developed, produced, and distributed makes it well-positioned for sustainable growth over the medium and long term. The company's continued earnings strength supports the case for a valuation premium, especially considering the challenging conditions of the domestic consumer market.

FY (Dec.)	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14F	12/15F	12/16F
Revenue (Wbn)	1,824	1,993	2,118	2,157	2,326	2,489
OP (Wbn)	235	226	339	372	424	480
OP margin (%)	12.9	11.3	16.0	17.2	18.2	19.3
NP (Wbn)	167	94	245	261	302	349
EPS (W)	2,166	1,219	3,178	3,389	3,921	4,526
ROE (%)	22.2	12.3	28.4	26.2	26.7	26.7
P/E (x)	16.9	35.7	20.9	24.8	21.2	18.4
P/B (x)	3.3	3.8	4.9	5.5	4.8	4.2

Notes: All figures are based on consolidated K-IFRS; NP refers to net profit attributable to controlling interests Source: Company data. KDB Daewoo Securities Research estimates

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Earnings forecasts

Table 1. 4Q14 earnings preview (non-consolidated)

(Wbn, %)

	4012	2014	4Q1	4F	Grow	/th
	4Q13	3Q14	KDB Daewoo	Consensus	KDB Daewoo	Consensus
Revenue	482	496	506	518	4.9	2.0
Operating profit	88	97	94	100	6.8	-3.5
OP margin	18.2	19.5	18.5	19.4		
Pretax profit	72	88	87	101	20.9	-1.6
Net profit	50	66	65	75	30.2	-1.6

Source: Company data, KDB Daewoo Securities Research

Table 2. 4Q14 earnings preview (consolidated)

(Wbn, %)

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	4013	2014	4Q1	4F	Grow	rth
	4Q13	3Q14	KDB Daewoo	Consensus	KDB Daewoo	Consensus
Revenue	524	526	540	548	3.0	2.7
Operating profit	91	95	89	96	-1.8	-6.1
OP margin	17.4	18.1	16.6	17.6		
Pretax profit	90	86	86	96	-4.4	0.6
Net profit	68	64	65	71	-4.2	1.7

Source: Company data, KDB Daewoo Securities Research

Table 3. Quarterly earnings

(Wbn, %)

	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13	4Q13	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14F
Revenue	507	556	531	524	535	557	526	540
Operating profit	70	82	96	91	90	97	95	89
OP margin	13.7	14.7	18.1	17.4	16.9	17.4	18.1	16.6
Net profit	57	60	60	68	66	66	64	65
Net margin	11	11	11	13	12	12	12	12
Rental asset disposal losses	12	10	9	8	10	11	10	10
(% of rental revenue)	4	3	3	2	3	3	3	3
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Notes: Based on consolidated K-IFRS

Source: Company data, KDB Daewoo Securities Research

Table 4. Earnings forecast revisions

(Wbn, %)

	Previous		Revised		% chg.		Netes
	14F	15F	14F	15F	14F	15F	Notes
Revenue	2,171	2,354	2,157	2,326	-0.6	-1.2	- Revised down lump-sum sales estimate
Operating profit	373	426	372	424	-0.2	-0.7	
Pretax profit	342	391	347	402	1.6	3.0	- Revised non-operating expenses
Net profit	258	295	261	302	1.2	2.5	

Source: Company data, KDB Daewoo Securities Research

Figure 1. Quarterly new rental accounts and YoY growth: Growth resumed in 2014

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New rental accounts (L)

YoY growth (R)

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Source: Company data, KDB Daewoo Securities Research

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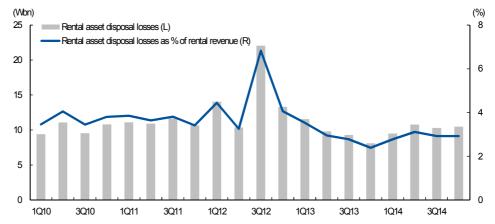
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Figure 2. Rental asset disposal losses are well managed, being close to historical low

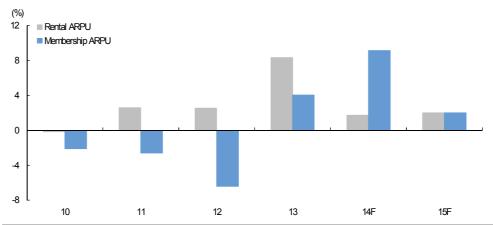
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Source: Company data, KDB Daewoo Securities Research

Figure 3. Structural ARPU growth to be driven by 1) increasing revenue contribution from multifunctional products and 2) new rental accounts



Source: Company data, KDB Daewoo Securities Research

Coway (021240 KS/Buy/TP: W120,000)

Comprehensive Income Statement (Summarized)

(Wbn)	12/13	12/14F	12/15F	12/16F
Revenue	2,118	2,157	2,326	2,489
Cost of Sales	721	712	756	812
Gross Profit	1,397	1,445	1,570	1,677
SG&A Expenses	1,058	1,073	1,147	1,197
Operating Profit (Adj)	339	372	424	480
Operating Profit	339	372	424	480
Non-Operating Profit	-12	-25	-22	-16
Net Financial Income	-14	-9	-9	-8
Net Gain from Inv in Associates	18	0	0	0
Pretax Profit	327	347	402	464
Income Tax	82	86	100	115
Profit from Continuing Operations	245	261	302	349
Profit from Discontinued Operations	0	0	0	0
Net Profit	245	261	302	349
Controlling Interests	245	261	302	349
Non-Controlling Interests	0	0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Profit	244	257	302	349
Controlling Interests	244	257	302	349
Non-Controlling Interests	0	0	0	0
EBITDA	537	575	608	675
FCF (Free Cash Flow)	269	67	178	224
EBITDA Margin (%)	25.4	26.7	26.1	27.1
Operating Profit Margin (%)	16.0	17.2	18.2	19.3
Net Profit Margin (%)	11.6	12.1	13.0	14.0

Statement of Financial Condition (Summarized)

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(Wbn)	12/13	12/14F	12/15F	12/16F
Current Assets	691	573	681	802
Cash and Cash Equivalents	239	103	179	269
AR & Other Receivables	227	226	244	260
Inventories	66	77	83	89
Other Current Assets	159	167	175	184
Non-Current Assets	976	1,021	1,088	1,151
Investments in Associates	0	0	0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	638	671	733	792
Intangible Assets	177	175	175	175
Total Assets	1,668	1,594	1,769	1,953
Current Liabilities	677	465	470	463
AP & Other Payables	191	182	197	210
Short-Term Financial Liabilities	335	279	269	249
Other Current Liabilities	151	4	4	4
Non-Current Liabilities	50	76	83	91
Long-Term Financial Liabilities	0	8	8	8
Other Non-Current Liabilities	50	68	75	83
Total Liabilities	727	542	553	554
Controlling Interests	941	1,052	1,216	1,398
Capital Stock	41	41	41	41
Capital Surplus	126	126	126	126
Retained Earnings	868	1,002	1,166	1,349
Non-Controlling Interests	0	1	1	1
Stockholders' Equity	941	1,053	1,217	1,399

Cash Flows (Summarized)

(Wbn)	12/13	12/14F	12/15F	12/16F
Cash Flows from Op Activities	537	358	468	526
Net Profit	245	261	302	349
Non-Cash Income and Expense	374	362	277	301
Depreciation	191	196	184	195
Amortization	8	6	0	0
Others	175	160	93	106
Chg in Working Capital	-41	-145	-11	-9
Chg in AR & Other Receivables	67	-7	-17	-15
Chg in Inventories	19	-10	-6	-6
Chg in AP & Other Payables	-82	-2	3	3
Income Tax Paid	-41	-120	-100	-115
Cash Flows from Inv Activities	-76	-274	-233	-239
Chg in PP&E	-258	-274	-246	-255
Chg in Intangible Assets	-2	0	0	0
Chg in Financial Assets	-4	-1	-5	-4
Others	188	1	18	20
Cash Flows from Fin Activities	-373	-221	-159	-196
Chg in Financial Liabilities	-260	-48	-10	-20
Chg in Equity	0	0	0	0
Dividends Paid	-78	-124	-138	-166
Others	-35	-49	-11	-10
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	86	-136	76	90
Beginning Balance	152	239	103	179
Ending Balance	239	103	179	269

Source: Company data, KDB Daewoo Securities Research estimates

Forecasts/Valuations (Summarized)

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	12/13	12/14F	12/15F	12/16F
P/E (x)	20.9	24.8	21.2	18.4
P/CF (x)	8.3	10.4	11.1	9.9
P/B (x)	4.9	5.5	4.8	4.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.7	11.6	10.7	9.5
EPS (W)	3,178	3,389	3,921	4,526
CFPS (W)	8,030	8,077	7,507	8,430
BPS (W)	13,535	15,338	17,464	19,835
DPS (W)	2,710	1,866	2,241	2,587
Payout ratio (%)	82.4	53.0	55.0	55.0
Dividend Yield (%)	4.1	2.2	2.7	3.1
Revenue Growth (%)	6.3	1.8	7.8	7.0
EBITDA Growth (%)	31.0	7.1	5.7	11.0
Operating Profit Growth (%)	50.0	9.7	14.0	13.2
EPS Growth (%)	160.7	6.6	15.7	15.4
Accounts Receivable Turnover (x)	9.5	10.2	10.6	10.6
Inventory Turnover (x)	30.8	30.2	29.1	29.0
Accounts Payable Turnover (x)	17.4	19.8	20.7	20.7
ROA (%)	14.3	16.0	18.0	18.8
ROE (%)	28.4	26.2	26.7	26.7
ROIC (%)	23.0	25.2	25.3	27.0
Liability to Equity Ratio (%)	77.3	51.5	45.4	39.6
Current Ratio (%)	102.2	123.1	145.0	173.1
Net Debt to Equity Ratio (%)	9.5	16.8	7.5	-1.4
Interest Coverage Ratio (x)	18.2	30.7	38.8	46.7

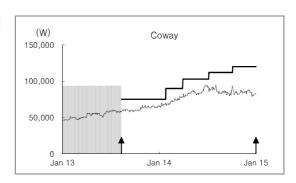
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Company (Code)	Date	Rating	Target Price
Coway(021240)	10/26/2014	Buy	120,000
	07/28/2014	Buy	112,000
	04/21/2014	Buy	103,000
	02/16/2014	Buy	90,000
	09/01/2013	Buy	75,000
		No Coverage	



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