

Coway (021240)

4Q23 Review: Re-evaluation of Solid Fundamentals

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Raise target price by 7% to KRW75,000

2024 forecast: Revenue/OP at +7% YoY/+6% YoY, record-high revenue/OP

4Q23 review: In line with market consensus despite various one-offs

We maintain BUY and raise our DCF-based TP by 7% to KRW75,000 (revised 6y OP CAGR estimate: $4.1\% \rightarrow 5.8\%$). For 2024, we anticipate overseas revenue growth to recover at $\sim 8-10\%$ (vs. 2% in 2023) and Berex products to increase their domestic market share. Thus, the stock should continue on its uptrend.

We forecast 2024 consolidated revenue/OP at KRW4.26tn (+7% YoY)/KRW777.8bn (+6% YoY). ▲ Domestic (standalone) revenue/OP should increase 6% YoY/15% YoY (+20% in financial leases, -4% in operating leases, +12% in exports). Water purifier sales growth should be steady, and revenue from highly priced Berex products should grow rapidly, driving overall expansion. ▲ Malaysia revenue/OP should increase 8% YoY/3% YoY, with growth aligning with the company's strategy to expand its customer base. ▲ Thailand should see remarkable revenue growth of 34% YoY. Contributing factors include an increase in market penetration rate for water purifiers, the launch of new products (e.g., ice water purifier) and better brand awareness; we see a turn to black at KRW200mn.

Coway reported 4Q23 consolidated revenue/OP of KRW1.44tn (+3% YoY)/KRW166.2bn (+2% YoY), with OP in line with the market consensus. ▲ <u>Domestic (standalone)</u> revenue totaled KRW716.1bn (+5% YoY) but OP fell 18% YoY to KRW93.1bn. The OP decline is attributable to increased advertising costs related to Berex and execution of R&D investment costs, leading to a 3.5pp YoY decline in OPM. No. of rental accounts rose 17% YoY to 47,000 QoQ (net) thanks to +5% YoY in new rental sales and the monthly avg.

73.2%

61.5%

25.1%

6.5%

12M

10.1

2.9

6M

51.1

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Target Price (Raised)	KRW75,000
Dividend yield*	2.3%
Total return	23.3%
Current price (Feb 8)	KRW62,000
Consensus target price	KRW70,250
Market capitalization	USD3.5bn
* 12-month forward	

Earnings Forecast & Valuation

Fiscal year-end	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue (KRWbn)	3,967	4,259	4,517	4,801
OP (KRWbn)	731	778	835	888
NP to control, int. (KRWbn)	471	530	575	616
EPS (KRW)	6,386	7,183	7,794	8,351
EPS growth (%)	2.9	12.5	8.5	7.1
P/E (x)	9.0	8.6	8.0	7.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.4
P/B (x)	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2
ROE (%)	18.9	18.3	17.2	16.7
Div. yield (%)	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4

Trading Data
Free float

Foreign ownership Major shareholders

(%)

Absolute

Relative

Avg. T/O val. (3m, KRWbn)

Stock Price Performance (total return)

1M

14.8

12.5

Netmarble and 7 others

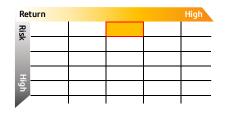
National Pension Service

3M

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Risk & Total Return (annualized over three years)



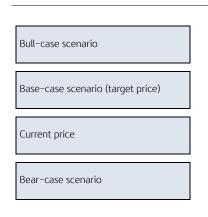
Stock Price & Relative Performance

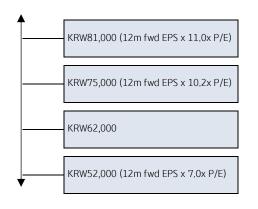


Source(s): Company data, KB Securities

cancellation rate remaining low at 0.5% despite a high no. of account expirations (215,000). ▲ Malaysia revenue fell 5% YoY (1% growth based on localization) on weakened consumer sentiment and a reduced sales force, though OP rose 24% YoY on a temporary decrease in SG&A (e.g., advertising). ▲ U.S. revenue grew 5% YoY on even growth in commercial sales and door-to-door sales, with a turn to black at KRW500mn (+KRW4.5bn YoY; 1% OPM). ▲ Thailand revenue fell 7% YoY on organizational reshuffling, leading to operating loss of KRW4.1bn (KRW3.2bn reflected in loan loss provisions).

Investment Opinion & Risks





Base-case scenario: Catalysts

- 1) 2023-26 domestic revenue CAGR at 6%
- 2) 2023-26 overseas revenue CAGR at 8%

Bull-case scenario: Upside risks

- 1) 2023-26 domestic revenue CAGR above 6%
- 2) 2023-26 overseas revenue CAGR above 8%

Bear-case scenario: Downside risks

- 1) 2023-26 domestic revenue CAGR below 6%
- 2) 2023-26 overseas revenue CAGR below 8%

Revised Earnings Estimates

(KRWbn, %)	Previo	ous	Revis	ed	Change		
	2024E	2025E	2024E	2025E	2024E	2025E	
Revenue	4,246.3	4,489.9	4,259.1	4,517.0	0.3	0.6	
OP	779.3	826.8	777.8	834.9	-0.2	1.0	
NP (to control. int.)	530.6	568.0	530.1	575.2	-0.1	1.3	

Source(s): KB Securities estimates

KB Estimates vs. Consensus

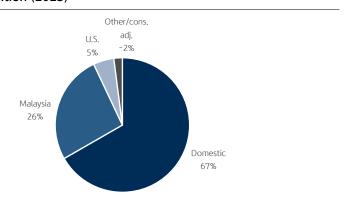
(KRWbn, %)	KB Estin	nates	Conser	nsus	Difference			
	2024E	2025E	2024E	2025E	2024E	2025E		
Revenue	4,259.1	4,517.0	4,157.7	4,365.0	2.4	3.5		
OP	777.8	834.9	774.0	819.7	0.5	1.9		
NP (to control, int.)	530.1	575.2	539.2	572.7	-1.7	0.4		

Source(s): FnGuide, KB Securities estimates

Valuation & Target Price Calculation

- 1) Valuation method:
 Discounted cash flow model
- 2) Target price calculation: 8.00% WACC; 1.50% TGR
- 3) Target price range: KRW52,000 - KRW81,000
- 4) Valuation at target price: 10.2x 12m fwd implied P/E, 1.75x P/B

Revenue Composition (2023)



Source(s): Company data, KB Securities

Earnings Sensitivity Analysis

(%)	EPS change					
	2024E	2025E				
+1pp in interest rate	-0.5	-0.4				
+1% in FX rate	+0.3	+0.3				

Peer Group Comparison

(KRWbn, x, %)	Market Cap.	12m fwd P/E	2y EPS CAGR	12m fwd P/B	12m fwd ROE	12m fwd EV/EBITDA	2y EBITDA CAGR
Coway	4,575.6	8.6	10.5	1.44	16.9	3.9	1.2
Amorepacific	7,569.0	30.0	51.0	1.71	5.7	10.3	49.8
LG H&H	4,818.2	16.3	64.4	0.96	5.9	5.8	6.8

Source(s): KB Securities estimates

Table 1. 4Q23 Earnings Review (consolidated)

(KRWbn)	4Q23P	4Q22	YoY (%)	3Q23	QoQ (%)	Consensus	Diff. (%)	KB Est.	Diff. (%)
Revenue	1,004.4	980.2	2.5	1,007.7	-0.3	1,017.5	-1.3	1,028.9	-2.4
OP	166.2	163.7	1.5	195.3	-14.9	167.5	-0.8	173.8	-4.4
EBT	145.6	103.5	40.7	187.2	-22.2	159.9	-9.0	161.8	-10.0
NP	101.7	76.5	33.0	137.0	-25.7	115.0	-11.5	115.0	-11.5
OPM (%)	16.5	16.7		19.4		16.5		16.9	
EBT margin (%)	14.5	10.6		18.6		15.7		15.7	
NPM (%)	10.1	7.8		13.6		11.3		11.2	

Table 2. Earnings Estimate Revisions

(KRWbn)			Previous			Revised		C	hange (%)	
		2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue		4,246.3	4,489.9	N/A	4,259.1	4,517.0	4,801.1	0.3	0.6	N/A
OP		779.3	826.8	N/A	777.8	834.9	941.8	-0.2	1.0	N/A
EBT		746.5	799.2	N/A	745.9	809.4	920.8	-0.1	1.3	N/A
NP (to control	. int.)	530.6	568.0	N/A	530.1	575.2	616.3	-0.1	1.3	N/A
EPS (KRW)		7,312	7,828	N/A	7,305	7,927	8,494	-0.1	1.3	N/A
YoY (%)	Revenue	5.0	5.7	N/A	5.3	6.1	6.3			
	OP	7.5	6.1	N/A	7.3	7.3	12.8			
	EBT	11.7	7.1	N/A	11.6	8.5	13.8			
	NP (to control. int.)	11.8	7.1	N/A	11.7	8.5	7.1			
	EPS	11.8	7.1	N/A	11.7	8.5	7.1			
OPM (%)		18.4	18.4	N/A	18.3	18.5	19.6			
EBT margin (%	5)	17.6	17.8	N/A	17.5	17.9	19.2			
NPM (to contr	rol. int.) (%)	12.5	12.7	N/A	12.4	12.7	12.8			

Source(s): Company data, KB Securities estimates

Note: Previous estimates based on data as of Nov 20, 2023

Table 3. Earnings & Estimates (consolidated)

4	ings & Estimates													
(KRWbn)		1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23P	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	2022	2023P	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue		948.3	1,006.2		1,004.4	1,042.7	1,070.0	1,070.4	1,076.0	3,856.1	3,966.5	4,259.1	4,517.0	
Standalone		653.8	678.8	710.4	716.1	712.0	726.3	738.3	749.8	2,813.5	2,759.0	2,926.4	3,095.0	
Malaysia		268.2	285.6	269.8	263.5	289.7	302.7	291.4	284.6	1,091.5	1,087.1	1,168.4	1,238.5	
U.S.		38.8	61.1	53.2	52.2	54.3	55.0	55.9	54.8	199.8	205.3	220.0	231.0	
Other subsidiaries	S	59.5	65.4	76.9	79.4	83.5	85.4	84.4	86.7	244.4	281.2	340.0	399.3	457.
Cons. adj.		-72.0	-84.7	-102.6	-106.8	-96.9	-99.4	-99.4	-100.0	-493.1	-366.1	-395.7	-446.7	
YoY (%)	Revenue	2.2	2.9	3.9	2.5	10.0	6.3	6.2	7.1	5.2	2.9	7.4	6.1	6.
	Standalone	-7.9	-3.0	-1.5	5.0	8.9	7.0	3.9	4.7	-0.0	-1.9	6.1	5.8	5.
	Malaysia	2.1	4.0	-2.4	-5.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	11.4	-0.4	7.5	6.0	5.
	U.S.	-15.3	13.8	4.9	5.2	40.0	-10.0	5.0	5.0	17.7	2.8	7.2	5.0	5.
	Other subsidiaries	18.8	0.2	28.2	15.1	40.4	30.5	9.7	9.2	43.9	15.1	20.9	17.5	14.
	Cons. adj.	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	R
Proportion (%)	Revenue	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.
	Standalone	68.9	67.5	70.5	71.3	68.3	67.9	69.0	69.7	73.0	69.6	68.7	68.5	68.
	Malaysia	28.3	28.4	26.8	26.2	27.8	28.3	27.2	26.4	28.3	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.
	U.S.	4.1	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.
	Other subsidiaries	6.3	6.5	7.6	7.9	8.0	8.0	7.9	8.1	6.3	7.1	8.0	8.8	9.
	Cons. adj.	-7.6	-8.4	-10.2	-10.6	-9.3	-9.3	-9.3	-9.3	-12.8	-9.2	-9.3	-9.9	-9.
Operating profit		175.6	194.2	195.3	166.2	186.1	202.6	203.3	185.8	677.4	731.3	777.8	834.9	888.
Standalone		115.6	143.4	144.9	93.1	135.3	148.9	151.3	135.0	514.7	497.0	570.5	611.0	646.
Malaysia		45.1	46.7	35.0	59.8	47.8	50.0	48.1	47.0	202.0	186.6	192.8	202.8	213.
U.S.		-2.8	10.2	1.7	0.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	6.6	9.6	9.9	10.9	12.
Other subsidiaries	S	-6.3	-2.3	-1.7	-4.9	-1.2	-0.8	-0.7	-0.5	-25.9	-15.2	-3.1	1.9	7.
Cons. adj.		24.0	-3.8	15.4	17.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.8	-20.1	53.2	7.7	8.3	8.
YoY (%)	OP	1.7	10.3	18.3	1.5	6.0	4.3	4.1	11.8	5.8	8.0	6.4	7.3	6.
	Standalone	-19.2	16.2	7.0	-17.5	17.0	3.8	4.4	45.0	14.0	-3.4	14.8	7.1	5.
	Malaysia	-16.0	-7.3	-29.3	23.6	6.0	7.0	37.4	-21.5	1.3	-7.6	3.3	5.2	5.
	U.S.	TTR	22.9	TTB	TTB	TTB	-75.7	47.9	393.3	-15.4	45.5	3.1	9.7	11.
	Other subsidiaries	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	TTB	304.
	Cons. adj.	TTB	TTR	TTB	39.9	-92.3	TTB	-86.9	-89.6	TTR	TTB	-85.5	7.3	6.
OPM (%)	OP	18.5	19.3	19.4	16.5	17.9	18.9	19.0	17.3	17.6	18.4	18.3	18.5	18.
	Standalone	17.7	21.1	20.4	13.0	19.0	20.5	20.5	18.0	18.3	18.0	19.5	19.7	19.
	Malaysia	16.8	16.4	13.0	22.7	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	18.5	17.2	16.5	16.4	16.
	U.S.	-7.2	16.7	3.2	1.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.3	4.7	4.5	4.7	5.
	Other subsidiaries	-10.6	-3.5	-2.2	-6.2	-1.5	-0.9	-0.8	-0.5	-10.6	-5.4	-0.9	0.5	1.
	Cons. adj.	-33.3	4.5	-15.0	-16.6	-1.9	-2.0	-2.0	-1.8	4.1	-14.5	-1.9	-1.9	-1.
Proportion (%)	OP	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.
	Standalone	65.8	73.8	74.2	56.0	72.7	73.5	74.4	72.7	76.0	68.0	73.4	73.2	72.
	Malaysia	25.7	24.1	17.9	36.0	25.7	24.7	23.6	25.3	29.8	25.5	24.8	24.3	24.
	U.S.	-1.6	5.3	0.9	0.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.
	Other subsidiaries	-3.6	-1.2	-0.9	-2.9	-0.7	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-3.8	-2.1	-0.4	0.2	0.
Gross profit		612.1	645.9	658.7	654.7	672.0	685.9	698.7	700.3	2,486.5	2,571.5	2,756.8	2,919.3	3,098.
EBT		174.3	153.4	187.2	145.6	178.2	194.6	195.3	177.8	683.3	660.6	745.9	809.4	920.
NP (to control. in	t.)	125.3	107.2	137.0	101.7	126.6	138.3	138.8	126.4	458.2	471.3	530.1	575.2	616.
EBITDA		288.6	305.3	302.4	272.0	284.3	300.7	301.5	283.9	1,160.3	1,168.3	1,170.4	1,196.3	1,284.
YoY (%)	Gross profit	2.1	3.1	7.5	1.1	9.8	6.2	6.1	7.0	4.1	3.4	7.2	5.9	6.
	EBT	-9.1	-21.0	-3.4	40.7	2.2	26.8	4.3	22.1	3.8	-3.3	12.9	8.5	
	NP (to control, int.)	-7.2	-19.2	20.2	33.0	1.0	29.0	1.3	24.2	-1.6	2.9	12.5	8.5	
	EBITDA	-3.2	2.6	6.2	-2.8	-1.5	-1.5	-0.3	4.4	-0.2	0.7	0.2	2.2	
GPM (%)		64.5	64.2	65.4	65.2	64.4	64.1	65.3	65.1	64.5	64.8	64.7	64.6	
EBT margin (%)		18.4	15.3	18.6	14.5	17.1	18.2	18.2	16.5	17.7	16.7	17.5	17.9	
	int) (%)	13.2	10.7	13.6	10.1	12.1	12.9	13.0	11.7	11.9	11.9	12.4	12.7	12.
NPM (to control.														14.

Note: RR=remain in red, TTB=turn to black, TTR=turn to red

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Table 4. Earnings & Estimates (standalone)

(KRWbn)		1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23P	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	2022	2023P	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue		653.8	678.8	710.4	716.1	712.0	726.3	738.3	749.8	2,813.5	2,759.0	2,926.4	3,095.0	3,275.5
Domestic hor	ne appliance	580.4	590.4	601.1	601.6	609.1	622.1	634.8	635.8	2,277.0	2,373.5	2,501.8	2,631.0	2,776.4
Operating L	ease	333.4	329.7	340.6	317.2	320.2	316.7	329.3	301.9	1,418.9	1,320.9	1,268.1	1,221.9	1,189.4
Finance Lea	ase	215.6	230.0	229.8	253.2	258.7	276.1	275.8	303.8	727.5	928.7	1,114.4	1,292.8	1,473.7
Membershi	р	22.8	22.3	22.2	22.4	22.5	22.0	21.9	22.2	89.3	89.7	88.7	87.6	85.8
Lump-sum	payment	5.0	5.0	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.5	27.2	18.8	14.9	12.7	11.1
Other		3.6	3.3	4.2	4.4	3.6	3.4	4.2	4.4	14.0	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.4
Exports		67.1	82.2	103.4	109.3	97.3	98.7	98.3	109.3	501.5	362.1	403.6	444.0	479.5
Cosmetics		6.2	6.1	5.8	5.2	5.6	5.5	5.2	4.7	35.0	23.4	21.0	20.0	19.6
YoY (%)	Revenue	-7.9	-3.0	-1.5	5.0	8.9	7.0	3.9	4.7	-0.0	-1.9	6.1	5.8	5.8
	Domestic HA	3.7	2.9	5.2	5.1	4.9	5.4	5.6	5.7	1.4	4.2	5.4	5.2	5.5
	Operating Lease	-8.7	-8.8	-2.5	-7.6	-4.0	-3.9	-3.3	-4.8	-8.0	-6.9	-4.0	-3.6	-2.7
	Finance Lease	34.8	27.6	21.4	27.8	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	34.0	27.6	20.0	16.0	14.0
	Membership	0.5	0.5	-0.7	1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1,1	-1.1	-4.4	0.4	-1.1	-1.2	-2.0
	Lump-sum	-41.2	-20,4	-35.2	-21.3	-21.0	-21.0	-21.0	-21.0	-49.4	-30.8	-21.0	-14.5	-12.7
	Other	13.9	-7.4	10.7	23.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	9.4	10.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	Exports	-52.6	-29.7	-27.0	7.9	45.0	20.0	-5.0	0.0	-4.7	-27.8	11.5	10.0	8.0
	Cosmetics	-31.6	-34.6	-29.3	-37.4	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-19.0	-33.2	-10.0	-5.0	-2.0
Proportion	Revenue	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
(%)	Domestic HA	88.8	87.0	84.6	84.0	85.5	85.7	86.0	84.8	80.9	86.0	85.5	85.0	84.8
(%)			48.6											
	Operating Lease	51.0		47.9	44.3	45.0	43.6	44.6	40.3	50.4	47.9	43.3	39.5	36.3
	Finance Lease	33.0	33.9	32.4	35.4	36.3	38.0	37.4	40.5	25.9	33.7	38.1	41.8	45.0
	Membership	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.6
	Lump-sum	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3
	Other	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
	Export	10.3	12.1	14.6	15.3	13.7	13.6	13.3	14.6	17.8	13.1	13.8	14.3	14.6
	Cosmetics	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6
OP		115.6	143.4	144.9	93.1	135.3	148.9	151.3	135.0	514.7	497.0	570.5	611.0	646.7
YoY (%)		-19.2	16.2	7.0	-17.5	17.0	3.8	4.4	45.0	14.0	-3.4	14.8	7.1	5.8
OPM (%)		17.7	21.1	20.4	13.0	19.0	20.5	20.5	18.0	18.3	18.0	19.5	19.7	19.7
Key rental ass	sumptions													
Total account	ts ('000)	6,206.8	6,258.5	6,302.1	6,349.0	6,431.7	6,509.5	6,554.2	6,616.4	6,155.8	6,349.0	6,616.4	7,010.1	7,388.1
New ('000)		393.4	394.6	353.2	360.3	417.0	418.3	374.4	381.9	1,381.5	1,501.5	1,591.6	1,639.3	1,663.9
Churn ('000)		125.4	110.9	105.6	98.4	101.6	102.9	104.2	104.9	498.1	440.3	413.5	460.4	516.7
Expiries ('00	00)	217.0	232.0	204.0	215.0	232.7	237.6	225.5	214.9	746.0	868.0	910.7	785.2	769.3
Monthly ARP	U (KRW)	29,605	29,936	30,276	30,059	30,197	30,534	30,881	30,660	29,385	29,983	30,626	30,757	30,827
Monthly avg.	churn (%)	0.68	0.60	0.56	0.52	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.69	0.60	0.54	0.58	0.61
Expiries (%)		57.5	59.7	63.4	59.4	57.0	57.0	58.0	60.0	54.0	59.9	57.9	58.0	58.0
Key members	ship assumptions													
Total account	ts ('000)	446.6	441.8	440.7	437.6	428.7	424.1	423.1	420.1	456.1	437.6	420.1	407.5	395.3
Monthly ARP	U ('000 KRW)	16.8	16.7	16.7	17.0	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.5	15.8	16.7	17.2	17.6	17.8
Key lump-sur	m assumptions													
New sales ('0	•	8.6	9.9	7.7	7.1	7.3	8.4	6.5	6.0	40.8	33.2	28.2	25.4	22.9
ARPU ('000 K		590.0	507.1	571.0	619.5	548.7	471.6	531.1	576.2	666.7	567.1	527.4	501.1	486.0
Obsolescence	e (cons.; KRWbn)	11.8	11.4	11.3	9.5	11.6	11.9	11.9	11.9	53.1	44.1	47.3	50.4	53.6
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Note: "Churn" and "expiries" based on KB Securities estimates

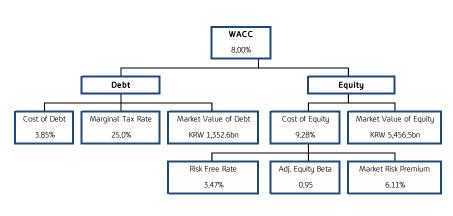
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Table 5. Target Price Calculation: Discounted Cash Flow Model

(KRWbn)		2023P	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
Cash flow estimates									
OP	а	731.3	777.8	834.9	888.2	973.7	1,002.6	1,022.0	1,031.6
Effective tax rate (%)	b	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
NOPLAT	C=a*(1-b)	548.4	583.3	626.2	666.2	730.3	751.9	766.5	773.7
D&A	d	437.0	392.6	361.4	342.2	321.9	302.8	284.8	270.6
Total cash flow	E=C+d	985.5	976.0	987.6	1,008.4	1,052.2	1,054.7	1,051.3	1,044.3
Total investment	F=g+h	-781.2	-630.1	-520.6	-447.6	-680.0	-690.0	-690.0	-690.0
Change in working capital	9	-526.2	-360.1	-250.6	-167.6	-400.0	-400.0	-400.0	-400.0
Capex	h	-255.0	-270.0	-270.0	-280.0	-280.0	-290.0	-290.0	-290.0
FCFF	I=E+F	204.2	345.8	467.0	560.8	372.2	364.7	361.3	354.3
PV of cash flows									
Discount rate				7.1%	15.7%	25.0%	35.0%	45.8%	
PV of FCFF				389.3	484.7	297.8	270.2	247.9	
Total PV of FCFF (2025E-29E)	j		1,689.8						
Terminal growth rate (%)			1.50%		30y KTB yield				
Terminal value (2030E)			5,453.2		2030E FCFF /	(WACC - TGR)		
PV of terminal value	k		3,741.3		8.00% WACC	(3.47% risk-fr	ee rate; 6.11%	market risk p	remium)
Valuation									
Total cash flow (PV)	L=j+k		5,431.1						
Net cash	m		-3.9		12m fwd				
Investments in non-consolidated affiliates	n		33.3		End-3Q23				
Non-controlling interests	0		-2.1		End-3Q23				
Fair value	P=L+(m+n+o)		5,462.5						
No. of shares ('000)	q		72,564						
Target price (KRW)	R=P/q		75,000						
Current price (KRW)			62,000		Feb 8, 2024				
Upside (%)			21.0						
12m fwd implied P/E (x)			10.2						
12m fwd implied P/B (x)			1.75						

- (1) Cost of debt is 3.85% (YTD return of Coway's 1y KRW-based bonds); market value of debt based on total financial liabilities as of end-3Q23
- (2) Cost of equity derived using CAPM; riskfree rate is 1y monetary stabilization bond yield; equity beta is Coway's 52w adj. beta; market risk premium is difference between historical avg. total return of WMI500 and 1y market stabilization bonds
- (3) Shareholders' equity derived by multiplying total no. of outstanding shares by target price

Fig 1. WACC Calculation



Source(s): KB Securities estimates

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Table 6. WACC Revision

(I/D)Who 9/)		Previous	Revised	Notes
(KRWbn, %)		(Nov 20, 2023)	(Feb 13, 2024)	Notes
Cost of equity	A = B + C x D	8.81	9.28	
Risk-free rate	В	3.68	3.47	Avg. 1y MSB yield (last three months)
Adj. beta	С	0.95	0.95	52w adj. beta
Raw beta		0.47	0.52	
R^2		0.10	0.10	
Risk premium	D = E - F	5.41	6.11	
Market return	E	8.72	9.41	2001-23 annual avg. WMI500 total return
Risk-free rate	F	3.32	3.30	2001–23 annual avg. 1y MSB total return
Cost of debt	G	4.35	3.85	YTD yield of KRW-based 1y bonds
Fair shareholder value (KRWbn)		5,108.8	5,456.5	Value of outstanding shares based on TP
Debt (KRWbn)		1,349.4	1,352.6	Total financial liabilities as of end-3Q23
Weight of equity	Н	0.08	80.0	
Weight of debt	1	20.0	20.0	
WACC	$J = (A \times H) + (G \times I)$	7.70	8.00	

Table 7. Target Price Sensitivity to WACC & TGR

(KRW)					TGR			
		0.9%	1.1%	1.3%	1.5%	1.7%	1.9%	2.1%
	7.00%	81,797	83,747	85,834	88,072	90,480	93,077	95,885
	7.20%	79,347	81,157	83,089	85,157	87,375	89,761	92,334
	7.40%	77,047	78,730	80,523	82,438	84,487	86,685	89,049
	7.60%	74,884	76,452	78,119	79,896	81,793	83,824	86,002
	7.80%	72,845	74,309	75,863	77,515	79,275	81,156	83,168
WACC	8.00%	70,921	72,289	73,740	75,000	76,917	78,661	80,524
	8.20%	69,101	70,383	71,739	73,176	74,702	76,324	78,053
	8.40%	67,378	68,580	69,850	71,194	72,619	74,131	75,738
	8.60%	65,743	66,873	68,065	69,323	70,655	72,067	73,565
	8.80%	64,190	65,253	66,373	67,554	68,802	70,122	71,520
	9.00%	62,714	63,715	64,769	65,878	67,049	68,285	69,593

Source(s): Company data, KB Securities estimates

Income Statement						Statement of Financial Position					
(KRWbn)	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	(KRWbn)	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
(Reporting standard)	(IFRS-C)	(IFRS-C)	(IFRS-C)	(IFRS-C)	(IFRS-C)	(Reporting standard)	(IFRS-C)	(IFRS-C)	(IFRS-C)	(IFRS-C)	(IFRS-C)
Revenue	3,856	3,967	4,259	4,517	4,801	Total assets	4,365	4,755	4,828	5,119	5,222
Cost of revenue	1,370	1,395	1,502	1,598	1,703	Current assets	1,375	1,589	1,775	2,148	2,302
Gross profit	2,486	2,571	2,757	2,919	3,098	Cash and cash equivalents	116	262	213	302	278
SG&A expenses	1,809	1,840	1,979	2,084	2,210	Current financial assets	709	815	897	987	1,036
Operating profit	677	731	778	835	888	Trade receivables	250	238	309	402	402
EBITDA	1,160	1,168	1,170	1,196	1,230	Inventory	254	228	297	386	502
Non-operating accounts	6	-71	-32	-26	-21	Other current assets	45	45	59	71	85
Interest income	3	5	5	6	7		2,991				2,920
Interest expenses	33	53	51	46	42	Non-current assets Investment assets	64	3,166 69	3,053	2,972 69	69
Profit on equity method	-6	-10	-6	-6	-6				69		
Net other non-operating income	42	-13	20	20	20	Property, plant and equipment	1,051	968	855	774	721
						Intangible assets	195	189	189	189	189
Profit before tax	683	661	746	809	867	Other non-current assets	1,680	1,940	1,940	1,940	1,940
Income tax expense	226	190	216	235	251	Total liabilities	2,053	2,073	1,714	1,532	1,433
Net profit	458	471	530	575	616	Current liabilities	1,130	1,383	1,044	881	801
NP attributable to controlling interests	458	471	530	575	616	Trade payables	77	77	62	49	52
Adj. net profit	458	471	530	575	616	Short-term financial liabilities	307	661	529	423	381
						Other current liabilities	747	645	453	409	369
Operating Statistics & Ratios						Non-current liabilities	923	690	671	651	632
(%)	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	Non-current financial liabilities	869	638	618	598	578
Revenue growth	5.2	2.9	7.4	6.1	6.3	Other non-current liabilities	54	52	53	53	54
OP growth	5.8	8.0	6.4	7.3	6.4	Total equity	2,312	2,682	3,114	3,587	3,789
EBITDA growth	-0.2	0.7	0.2	2,2	2.9	Issued capital	41	41	41	41	41
NP growth of parent	-1.6	2.9	12.5	8.5	7.2	Share premium	148	148	148	148	148
GP margin	64.5	64.8	64.7	64.6	64.5	Other equity interest	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48
OP margin	17.6	18.4	18.3	18.5	18.5	Accumulated other comprehensive income	11	13	13	13	13
EBITDA margin	30.1	29.5	27.5	26.5	25.6	Retained earnings	2,161	2,530	2,963	3,436	3,639
EBT margin	17.7	16.7	17.5	17.9	18.1	Controlling interests	2,314	2,685	3,117	3,590	3,793
NP margin of parent	11.9	11.9	12.5	12.7	12.8	Non-controlling interests	-2	-2	-3	-3	-4
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Statement of Cash Flows						Key Ratios					
(KRWbn)	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	(x, %, KRW)	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Cash flow from operating activities	164	471	568	691	796	Multiples					
Net profit	458	471	530	575	616	P/E	9.0	9.0	8.6	8.0	7.4
Depreciation & amortization	483	437	393	361	342	P/B	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2
Other non-cash adjustments	304	317	222	241	257	P/S	1,1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
Investments in working capital	-788	-526	-360	-251	-168	EV/EBITDA	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.4
Decrease(Increase) in receivables	25	54	-71	-93	0	EV/EBIT	6.6	6.1	5.9	5.2	4.7
Decrease(Increase) in inventory	-18	32	-68	-89	-116	Dividend yield, ordinary (%)	2.3	2,4	2.3	2.3	2,4
Increase(Decrease) in payables	-35	-36	-15	-12	2	EPS	6,208	6,386	7,183	7,794	8,351
Investments in other working capital	-759	-576	-205	-56	-54	BVPS	31,353	36,377	42,232	48,650	51,397
Other operating cash flow	-293	-229	-216	-235	-251	SPS	52,251	53,747	57,712	61,207	65,057
Cash flow from investing activities	-282	-268	-362	-370	-339	DPS (annual, ordinary)	1,300	1,350	1,400	1,450	1,500
Capital expenditure	-269	-255	-270	-270	-280	Cash dividends payout ratio (%)	20.6	20.8	19.2	18.3	17.7
Investments in intangibles	-16	-8	-10	-10	-10	Operating performance	20,0	20,0	17.2	10.3	17.7
Changes in investment assets	-8	-17	0	0	0	ROE	21,7	18.9	18.3	17.2	16.7
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Other investment cash flow	10		-82 -256	-90 -233	-49 -491	ROA ROIC	11.2	10.3	11.1	11.6	11.9
Cash flow from financing activities	161	-57	-256	-233	-481		14.1	13.2	13.6	13.5	13,8
Proceeds from (repayment of) debt	272	71	-152	-126	-62	Financial structure (%)	00.0	-			
Changes in equity	0	0	0	0	0	Total liab./equity	88.8	77.3	55.1	42.7	37.8
Dividends paid	-91	-94	-98	-102	-312	Net debt/equity	15.1	8.2	1.2	Net Cash	Net Cash
Other financing cash flow	-21	-34	-6	-6	-107	Current ratio	1.2	1.2	1.7	2.4	2.9
Other cash flow	0	1	0	0	0	Interest coverage (x)	20.5	13,8	15.2	18.3	21,4
Increase/decrease in cash	43	146	-49	89	-24	Activity ratios					
Cash and cash equivalents at FYE	116	262	213	302	278	Asset turnover (x)	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Free cash flow	-104	216	298	421	516	Receivables turnover (x)	15.4	16.2	15.6	12.7	11.9
Net cash flow	-49	129	185	304	87	Payables turnover (x)	46.9	51.5	61.4	81.4	95.0
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Net cash (net debt)

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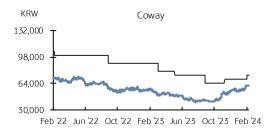
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Coway (021240)						
Date	Rating	Analyst	TP C	Differential	(%)	
			(KRW)	Avg.	Max/Min	
Feb-03-2022	Buy	Shinay Park	105,000	-31.03		
Feb-17-2022	Buy	Shinay Park	100,000	-33.47	-27.50	
Sep-07-2022	Buy	Shinay Park	90,000	-38,36	-33.78	
Mar-16-2023	Buy	Shinay Park	80,000	-36,80	-34,38	
May-16-2023	Buy	Shinay Park	75,000	-40.95	-34,20	
Sep-07-2023	Buy	Shinay Park	65,000	-32,03	-16.77	
Nov-20-2023	Buy	Shinay Park	70,000	-21,51	-11.43	
Feb-13-2024	Buy	Shinay Park	75,000			

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