

Internet

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(Maintain)	Buy
Target Price (12M, W)	890,000
Share Price (04/30/15, W)	650,000
Expected Return	37%

(%)	1M	6M	12M
52-Week High			849,000
52-Week Low			626,000
Beta (12M)			0.70
Foreign Ownership (%)			54.2
Free Float (%)			78.2
Shares Outstanding (mr	1)		33
Market Cap (Wbn)			21,426
KOSPI			2,127.17
Market P/E (15F, x)			11.0
P/E (15F, x)			33.4
Market EPS Growth (15	F, %)		38.2
EPS Growth (15F, %)			41.3
Consensus OP (15F, Wb		971	
OP (15F, Wbn))P (15F, Wbn)		



-4.6

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NAVER (035420 KS)

Better outlook for 2Q

1Q review: Earnings disappoint largely due to stock-based compensation

In 1Q, NAVER reported an 18.3% YoY increase in revenue and a 3.0% YoY rise in operating profit, with the latter disappointing the consensus for the second quarter in a row.

In yen terms, LINE's consolidated revenue expanded 69.5% YoY and 8.7% QoQ to JPY28.1bn. However, won-based revenue remained flat YoY (net revenue of W228.6bn in 1Q15 vs. W221.7bn in 1Q14) due to 1) yen depreciation, and 2) an increase in deferred revenue (W45bn in 4Q14 vs. W56bn in 1Q15). Margins also deteriorated on stock-based compensations of W21.1bn. On a positive note, LINE's monthly active users (MAU) grew at a faster rate, rising 7.9% QoQ to 205mn at end-1Q15 (vs. 6.1% in 4Q14 and 5.3% in 3Q14).

2Q preview: Stable expenses, peak-season effects and LINE@ subscriptions

Looking ahead, we expect NAVER to display both top-line growth and margin expansion in 2Q. The company should benefit from 1) a seasonal pickup in domestic ad demand, and 2) the full-fledged sales of new mobile ad and e-commerce offerings. In Japan, LINE is set to begin charging its LINE@ accounts in May (a monthly charge of JPY5,400 per account). The number of LINE@ accounts has increased to 370,000 at end-1Q15. Sticker sales should also grow on the release of audio and animated stickers, which are pricier. Also encouraging is the recent slowdown in the yen's depreciation.

We do not see any significant expense items in 2Q, such as the marketing expenses in 4Q14 and stock options in 1Q15. All in all, we forecast 2Q revenue and operating profit to grow 14.4% and 15.3% YoY to W784.7bn (LINE net revenue of W249.8bn) and W217.9bn, respectively.

Retain Buy, but Lower TP to W890,000

NAVER enjoys among the highest mobile traffic in Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand and Indonesia. The company is expanding its mobile monetization models through its "power link" search ads in Korea, and stickers and official account ads in Japan.

We expect strong revenue growth from new domestic mobile ad and e-commerce offerings in 2Q. The upcoming launch of Naver Pay in June should further complement the company's new monetization models. In Japan, we look for visible results from new profit models such as LINE Pay and LINE Taxi.

We remain Buy on NAVER, but lower our target price to W890,000 (from W1,050,000), as we revised down our 2015-16F EPS by 13.8% and 4.9%, respectively, reflecting several variables revealed in the 1Q results (stock option expenses, higher tax rates, etc.).

FY (Dec.)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15F	12/16F	12/17F
Revenue (Wbn)	1,799	2,312	2,758	3,210	3,575	3,889
OP (Wbn)	521	524	758	948	1,223	1,387
OP margin (%)	29.0	22.7	27.5	29.5	34.2	35.7
NP (Wbn)	546	1,897	454	642	867	963
EPS (W)	11,346	45,425	13,787	19,479	26,306	29,216
ROE (%)	31.4	112.7	27.8	30.5	30.6	25.9
P/E (x)	19.9	15.9	51.6	33.4	24.7	22.2
P/B (x)	3.8	11.3	8.7	6.5	5.2	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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Table 1. 1Q15P earnings results

(Wbn, %, %p)

	1014	4014		1Q15P		Gro	owth
	1Q14	4Q14	Preliminary	KDB Daewoo	Consensus	YoY	QoQ
Revenue	626	747	741	766	756	18.3	-0.8
Operating profit	186	194	192	215	215	3.0	-1.0
OP margin	29.7	26.0	25.9	28.1	28.4	-3.8	0.0
Pretax profit	186	198	223	220	217	20.2	12.7
Net profit	129	131	135	158	156	4.4	3.4

Source: WISEfn, KDB Daewoo Securities Research estimates

Table 2. Quarterly and annual earnings

(Wbn, %)

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	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14	1Q15P	2Q15F	3Q15F	4Q15F	2013	2014P	2015F
Revenue	626	686	700	747	741	785	794	891	2,287	2,759	3,210
- Advertisements	477	504	498	540	530	545	548	634	1,742	2,019	2,256
- Content	131	168	191	196	200	227	232	243	431	687	902
- Other	17	13	11	11	11	13	14	15	114	53	52
LINE											
- LINE (gross)	229	286	328	384	369	403	424	456	578	1,227	1,652
- LINE (net)	145	183	209	222	229	250	263	282	454	759	1,023
Revenue breakdown											
Advertisements	76.2	73.5	71.1	72.3	71.6	69.4	69.0	71.1	76.2	73.2	70.3
Content	21.0	24.5	27.3	26.2	27.0	29.0	29.2	27.2	18.8	24.9	28.1
Other	2.8	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.7	5.0	1.9	1.6
LINE											
- LINE (gross)	36.6	41.7	46.9	51.4	49.8	51.4	53.4	51.1	25.3	44.5	51.5
- LINE (net)	23.2	26.7	29.8	29.7	30.9	31.8	33.1	31.7	19.9	27.5	31.9
Operating expenses	439	497	511	553	549	567	558	589	1,772	2,000	2,263
Operating profit	186	189	189	194	192	218	236	302	515	758	948
OP margin (%)	29.8	27.6	27.0	26.0	25.9	27.8	29.7	33.9	22.5	27.5	29.5
Non-operating profit	15	13	28	40	48	34	34	34	87	96	151
Non-operating expenses	15	135	9	36	17	20	15	17	154	196	69
Taxes	59	46	64	68	89	94	101	127	127	237	411
Net profit	129	39	154	130	135	148	159	197	1,895	452	638
Net margin (%)	20.6	5.7	22.0	17.4	18.2	18.8	20.0	22.1	82.9	16.4	19.9
YoY growth											
Revenue	21.5	20.1	22.3	18.8	18.3	14.4	13.4	19.4	22.6	20.6	16.4
- Advertisements	15.5	18.2	16.5	13.6	11.1	8.0	10.1	17.3	44.1	15.9	11.8
- Content	92.8	48.3	62.8	48.8	52.1	35.0	21.4	23.8	22.9	59.4	31.3
- Other	-48.7	-56.0	-60.1	-50.8	-39.2	-4.9	23.1	41.5	93.1	-53.8	-0.9
LINE											
- LINE (gross)	240.2	144.2	82.4	80.0	61.1	40.8	29.3	18.8	880.4	112.4	34.6
- LINE (net)	115.6	56.2	57.2	61.9	57.4	36.3	26.0	27.3	670.9	67.0	34.9
Operating expenses	13.0	14.8	8.3	15.6	24.8	14.1	9.2	6.6	31.5	12.9	13.1
Operating profit	47.7	36.9	87.9	28.7	3.0	15.3	24.8	55.9	-0.5	47.1	25.0
Net profit	-17.9	-68.0	-90.2	139.7	4.3	275.4	3.2	52.1	368.6	-76.2	41.3

Notes: All figures are based on consolidated K-IFRS; Net profit is attributable to controlling interests

Source: Company data, KDB Daewoo Securities Research estimates

Table 3. Earnings forecast revisions

(Wbn, W, %, %p)

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	Previous		Revis	ed	Change	
	2015F	2016F	2015F	2016F	2015F	2016F
Revenue	3,321	3,794	3,210	3,575	-3.3	-5.8
Operating profit	1,046	1,292	948	1,223	-9.4	-5.3
Pretax profit	1,016	1,242	927	1,214	-8.8	-2.3
Net profit	744	910	638	862	-14.2	-5.3
EPS	22,587	27,648	19,479	26,306	-13.8	-4.9
OP margin	31.5	34.1	29.5	34.2	-2.0	0.2
NP margin	22.4	24.0	19.9	24.1	-2.5	0.1

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NAVER (035420 KS/Buy/TP: W890,000)

Comprehensive Income Statement (Summarized)

(Wbn)	12/14	12/15F	12/16F	12/17F
Revenue	2,758	3,210	3,575	3,889
Cost of Sales	0	0	0	0
Gross Profit	2,758	3,210	3,575	3,889
SG&A Expenses	2,000	2,263	2,352	2,502
Operating Profit (Adj)	758	948	1,223	1,387
Operating Profit	758	948	1,223	1,387
Non-Operating Profit	-99	-21	-9	11
Net Financial Income	17	28	44	63
Net Gain from Inv in Associates	-1	0	0	0
Pretax Profit	659	927	1,214	1,398
Income Tax	237	289	352	441
Profit from Continuing Operations	422	638	862	957
Profit from Discontinued Operations	30	0	0	0
Net Profit	452	638	862	957
Controlling Interests	454	642	867	963
Non-Controlling Interests	-3	-4	-5	-6
Total Comprehensive Profit	563	638	862	957
Controlling Interests	565	641	866	962
Non-Controlling Interests	-3	-3	-4	-5
EBITDA	902	1,068	1,324	1,471
FCF (Free Cash Flow)	508	914	1,091	1,157
EBITDA Margin (%)	32.7	33.3	37.0	37.8
Operating Profit Margin (%)	27.5	29.5	34.2	35.7
Net Profit Margin (%)	16.5	20.0	24.3	24.8

Statement of Financial Condition (Summarized)

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(Wbn)	12/14	12/15F	12/16F	12/17F
Current Assets	1,946	2,821	3,870	4,977
Cash and Cash Equivalents	723	1,405	2,293	3,261
AR & Other Receivables	414	475	529	575
Inventories	17	19	21	23
Other Current Assets	792	922	1,027	1,118
Non-Current Assets	1,449	1,371	1,305	1,251
Investments in Associates	36	42	47	51
Property, Plant and Equipment	901	791	700	623
Intangible Assets	121	110	101	93
Total Assets	3,394	4,192	5,176	6,227
Current Liabilities	1,081	1,218	1,333	1,432
AP & Other Payables	315	366	408	444
Short-Term Financial Liabilities	213	209	209	209
Other Current Liabilities	553	643	716	779
Non-Current Liabilities	516	561	597	628
Long-Term Financial Liabilities	243	243	243	243
Other Non-Current Liabilities	273	318	354	385
Total Liabilities	1,597	1,779	1,930	2,060
Controlling Interests	1,796	2,415	3,253	4,180
Capital Stock	16	16	16	16
Capital Surplus	133	133	133	133
Retained Earnings	2,584	3,203	4,040	4,968
Non-Controlling Interests	1	-2	-8	-13
Stockholders' Equity	1,797	2,413	3,245	4,167

Cash Flows (Summarized)

(Wbn)	12/14	12/15F	12/16F	12/17F
Cash Flows from Op Activities	779	914	1,091	1,157
Net Profit	452	638	862	957
Non-Cash Income and Expense	503	412	440	493
Depreciation	132	110	92	76
Amortization	12	11	9	8
Others	359	291	339	409
Chg in Working Capital	35	116	88	76
Chg in AR & Other Receivables	-107	-51	-41	-36
Chg in Inventories	-17	-3	-2	-2
Chg in AP & Other Payables	206	0	0	0
Income Tax Paid	-234	-289	-352	-441
Cash Flows from Inv Activities	-379	-159	-128	-110
Chg in PP&E	-260	0	0	0
Chg in Intangible Assets	-6	0	0	0
Chg in Financial Assets	-178	-159	-128	-110
Others	65	0	0	0
Cash Flows from Fin Activities	-112	-28	-29	-35
Chg in Financial Liabilities	104	-5	0	0
Chg in Equity	0	0	0	0
Dividends Paid	-22	-23	-29	-35
Others	-194	0	0	0
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	287	682	889	968
Beginning Balance	435	723	1,405	2,293
Ending Balance	723	1,405	2,293	3,261

Source: Company data, KDB Daewoo Securities Research estimates

Forecasts/Valuations (Summarized)

	12/14	12/15F	12/16F	12/17F
P/E (x)	51.6	33.4	24.7	22.2
P/CF (x)	24.6	20.4	16.5	14.8
P/B (x)	8.7	6.5	5.2	4.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	24.9	18.4	14.1	11.9
EPS (W)	13,787	19,479	26,306	29,216
CFPS (W)	28,959	31,876	39,489	44,000
BPS (W)	81,551	100,331	125,743	153,886
DPS (W)	782	1,000	1,200	1,400
Payout ratio (%)	5.1	4.6	4.1	4.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Revenue Growth (%)	19.3	16.4	11.4	8.8
EBITDA Growth (%)	37.5	18.4	24.0	11.1
Operating Profit Growth (%)	44.7	25.1	29.0	13.4
EPS Growth (%)	-69.6	41.3	35.0	11.1
Accounts Receivable Turnover (x)	10.1	9.5	9.3	9.2
Inventory Turnover (x)				
Accounts Payable Turnover (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ROA (%)	14.8	16.8	18.4	16.8
ROE (%)	27.8	30.5	30.6	25.9
ROIC (%)	68.3	110.8	208.0	342.8
Liability to Equity Ratio (%)	88.9	73.8	59.5	49.4
Current Ratio (%)	180.0	231.5	290.4	347.6
Net Debt to Equity Ratio (%)				
Interest Coverage Ratio (x)				

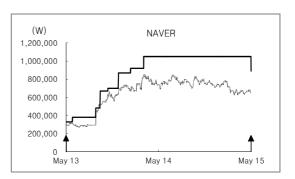
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Company (Code)	Date	Rating	Target Price
NAVER(035420)	05/03/2015	Buy	890,000
	03/06/2014	Buy	1,050,000
	01/13/2014	Buy	920,000
	11/26/2013	Buy	870,000
	10/16/2013	Buy	700,000
	09/15/2013	Buy	670,000
	08/29/2013	Buy	483,000
	05/29/2013	Buy	382,000
	03/11/2013	Buy	330,000



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