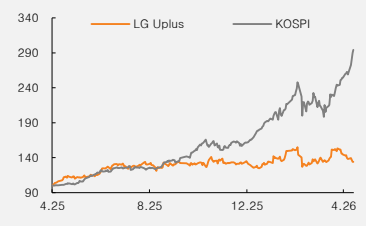


(Maintain)	<b>Buy</b>
Target price	<b>W19,000</b>
Current price (5/7/26)	W15,370
Upside	23.6%

OP (25, Wbn)	892
Consensus OP (25F, Wbn)	-
EPS growth (25, %)	25.4
Market EPS growth (25, %)	-
P/E (25, x)	13.7
Market P/E (25, x)	-
KOSPI	7,490.05

Market cap (Wbn)	6,606
Shares (mn)	424
Free float (%)	60.5
Foreign ownership (%)	41.8
Beta (12M)	0.35
52-week low (W)	12,370
52-week high (W)	17,810

(%)	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	-3.2	-2.2	24.3
Relative	-29.0	-48.4	-57.3



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# LG Uplus

## Growth across all segments; AI data center demand remains strong

### 1Q26 review: Broad-based growth and continued rise in AI data center demand

For 1Q26, LG Uplus reported consolidated revenue of approximately W3.8tr (+1.5% YoY; 1.7% below the consensus), operating profit of W272.3bn (+6.6% YoY; 2.8% below the consensus), and an OP margin of 7.2%.

Consolidated service revenue reached approximately W3tr (+3.3% YoY), driven by growth across all business segments: wireless, smart home/telephony, and enterprise infrastructure.

Wireless service revenue came in at W1.6tr (+3.7% YoY), supported by an increase in high-value subscribers. MNO handset subscribers rose to 11.26mn (+2.7% YoY), while ARPU increased to W36,000 (+0.3% YoY), contributing to revenue growth.

Revenue from the enterprise infrastructure segment continued to grow on higher AI data center revenue, reaching W435.6bn (+6.3% YoY). Key drivers likely included higher usage by existing colocation customers along with continued demand tied to the Gasan and Jangnim DBO projects. As a result, data center revenue reached W114.4bn (+31% YoY).

### 2026 drivers: Cost competitiveness and monetization of AI-related businesses

For 2026, we forecast consolidated revenue at W15.9tr (+3.1% YoY) and operating profit at W1.2tr (+36.3% YoY). Key drivers of operating profit growth will likely include structural cost competitiveness and the monetization of AI-related businesses.

In particular, the monetization of AI-related businesses is a key area to watch. Starting in 3Q26, the company is expected to fully launch the ixi-O Pro service, strengthening its B2C AI capabilities. On the B2B side, expanding AI workloads should drive increased demand for GPU-dedicated data centers.

### Maintain TP of W19,000; 2026 OP likely to grow to W1.2tr on leverage effects

We maintain our Buy rating and target price of W19,000 on LG Uplus. We expect 2026 operating profit to reach W1.2tr (+36.3% YoY), driven by expanding operating leverage. We also expect the company to continue enhancing shareholder returns through flexible share buybacks and cancellations, while further strengthening its high-value AI transformation (AX) services and AI infrastructure competitiveness.

(Dec.)	2023	2024	2025	2026F	2027F
Revenue (Wbn)	14,373	14,625	15,452	15,925	16,323
OP (Wbn)	998	863	892	1,216	1,375
OP margin (%)	6.9	5.9	5.8	7.6	8.4
NP (Wbn)	623	374	467	726	846
EPS (W)	1,426	858	1,076	1,690	1,968
ROE (%)	7.5	4.4	5.4	8.1	8.9
P/E (x)	7.2	12.0	13.7	9.1	7.8
P/B (x)	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Dividend yield (%)	6.4	6.3	4.7	4.7	4.9

Notes: Under consolidated K-IFRS; NP is attributable to owners of the parent  
Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research estimates

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Table 1. Quarterly earnings and forecasts

(Wbn)

	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26	2Q26F	3Q26F	4Q26F
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>3,494</b>	<b>3,801</b>	<b>3,753</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>3,844</b>	<b>4,011</b>	<b>3,848</b>	<b>3,804</b>	<b>3,865</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>4,280</b>
YoY	1.0%	1.9%	6.1%	-1.8%	4.8%	10.0%	5.5%	2.5%	1.5%	0.5%	-0.9%	11.2%
<b>Service revenue</b>	<b>2,894</b>	<b>2,944</b>	<b>2,990</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>3,016</b>	<b>3,117</b>	<b>3,191</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>3,083</b>	<b>3,155</b>	<b>3,254</b>
Wireless	1,581	1,593	1,620	1,633	1,612	1,654	1,711	1,689	1,653	1,679	1,716	1,707
Services	1,507	1,520	1,547	1,543	1,543	1,586	1,627	1,615	1,588	1,613	1,643	1,626
Interconnection	73.9	72.5	73.9	90.1	69.4	68.6	84.2	74.1	64.8	66.5	72.7	80.4
Smart home	611.6	618.2	622.9	615.8	626.6	632.7	645.5	649.3	656.3	663.3	686.5	650.2
IPTV	334.1	334.9	335.7	322.9	330.1	330.5	334.2	332.2	656.3	663.3	686.5	650.2
Broadband	277.5	283.3	287.2	292.9	296.5	302.2	311.3	314.3	320.0	324.7	329.0	317.3
Telephony	89.2	90.6	86.5	91.9	83.6	84.6	84.6	87.1	84.5	84.1	83.9	77.6
VoIP	41.8	41.2	40.6	40.9	41.4	41.0	41.3	41.4	40.9	40.3	39.9	39.5
Enterprise/international	47.4	49.4	45.9	51.0	42.2	43.6	43.3	45.7	43.6	43.8	44.0	38.1
Enterprise infrastructure	401.3	431.4	428.5	454.7	409.7	427.7	427.9	542.4	435.6	439.2	438.6	588.9
IDC	85.5	91.7	90.0	89.2	87.3	96.3	103.1	135.3	114.4	115.7	117.4	148.4
Solutions	118.4	130.8	129.4	158.6	118.9	126.0	120.3	185.0	117.9	119.2	117.9	203.4
Enterprise lines	197.4	208.9	209.1	206.9	203.5	205.4	204.5	222.1	203.3	204.3	203.3	237.1
<b>Handset revenue</b>	<b>683.1</b>	<b>549.8</b>	<b>810.9</b>	<b>738.0</b>	<b>809.2</b>	<b>828.0</b>	<b>894.2</b>	<b>657.1</b>	<b>766.8</b>	<b>782.1</b>	<b>821.2</b>	<b>1,026.1</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>3,356.1</b>	<b>3,239.7</b>	<b>3,555.3</b>	<b>3,611.0</b>	<b>3,492.7</b>	<b>3,539.9</b>	<b>3,849.2</b>	<b>3,677.9</b>	<b>3,531.5</b>	<b>3,482.3</b>	<b>3,665.3</b>	<b>4,045.8</b>
YoY	2.3%	3.1%	6.9%	-0.4%	4.1%	9.3%	8.3%	1.9%	1.1%	-1.6%	-4.8%	10.0%
Wages	487.0	493.9	481.9	516.3	490.7	486.7	631.2	522.9	477.9	482.7	485.1	621.9
Depreciation/amortization	666.4	666.2	674.6	656.6	665.9	672.7	669.7	688.9	686.6	684.9	684.9	683.2
Sales commissions	508.4	509.0	526.5	524.5	529.8	540.9	577.1	576.6	600.9	530.3	545.9	453.9
Advertising	42.3	50.5	59.9	58.2	50.3	45.5	53.0	60.8	46.4	46.2	53.6	67.7
COGS	723.6	562.8	833.5	806.3	824.3	815.8	881.9	783.0	759.1	747.0	883.7	1,106.3
<b>OP</b>	<b>220.9</b>	<b>254.0</b>	<b>246.0</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>255.4</b>	<b>304.5</b>	<b>161.7</b>	<b>170.5</b>	<b>272.3</b>	<b>382.7</b>	<b>311.2</b>	<b>253.8</b>
YoY	-15.1%	-11.8%	-3.3%	-27.3%	15.6%	19.9%	-34.3%	19.9%	6.6%	25.7%	92.5%	48.9%
OP margin	6.2%	7.3%	6.5%	3.8%	6.8%	7.9%	4.0%	4.4%	7.2%	9.9%	7.8%	5.9%
Pretax profit	165.8	204.5	196.0	-115.7	200.5	272.3	104.8	102.8	222.5	330.7	258.3	208.0
Tax	35.4	39.9	61.1	-0.4	38.1	55.2	55.7	22.2	46.5	62.8	49.1	70.1
<b>NP</b>	<b>130.4</b>	<b>164.6</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>-115.3</b>	<b>162.5</b>	<b>217.1</b>	<b>49.1</b>	<b>80.6</b>	<b>176.0</b>	<b>267.9</b>	<b>209.2</b>	<b>133.3</b>
Net margin	3.6%	4.7%	3.5%	-3.1%	4.3%	5.6%	1.2%	2.1%	4.6%	6.9%	5.3%	3.1%

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

**Table 2. Annual earnings and forecasts**

(Wbn)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>12,279</b>	<b>12,125</b>	<b>12,382</b>	<b>13,418</b>	<b>13,851</b>	<b>13,906</b>	<b>14,373</b>	<b>14,625</b>	<b>15,452</b>	<b>15,925</b>	<b>16,323</b>	<b>16,612</b>
YoY	7.2%	-1.3%	2.1%	8.4%	3.2%	0.4%	3.4%	1.8%	5.7%	3.1%	2.5%	1.8%
<b>Service revenue</b>	<b>9,406</b>	<b>9,344</b>	<b>9,206</b>	<b>10,591</b>	<b>11,068</b>	<b>11,411</b>	<b>11,636</b>	<b>11,843</b>	<b>12,263</b>	<b>12,529</b>	<b>12,703</b>	<b>12,838</b>
Wireless	5,570	5,438	5,517	5,813	6,055	6,179	6,308	6,427	6,626	6,754	6,771	6,714
Services	5,180	5,060	5,164	5,464	5,693	5,827	5,982	6,117	6,330	6,470	6,495	6,446
Interconnection	390	378	353	349	362	352	327	310	296	284	276	268
Smart home	1,538	1,632	1,844	2,014	2,204	2,345	2,399	2,469	2,590	2,656	2,707	2,766
IPTV	746	885	1,032	1,145	1,256	1,326	1,328	1,328	1,327	1,327	1,329	1,342
Broadband	793	747	811	868	948	1,018	1,070	1,141	1,224	1,291	1,340	1,385
Telephony	587	549	508	454	418	395	367	358	340	330	324	319
VoIP	231	214	200	189	181	176	170	165	165	161	156	153
Enterprise/international	356	336	308	265	237	219	197	194	175	170	168	166
Enterprise infrastructure	1,604	1,652	1,304	1,357	1,494	1,584	1,706	1,716	1,808	1,902	2,015	2,153
IDC	157	163	196	228	259	281	326	356	422	496	591	710
Solutions	729	747	397	410	490	524	584	537	550	558	564	570
Enterprise lines	718	743	711	719	746	779	795	822	836	848	861	874
<b>Handset revenue</b>	<b>2,873</b>	<b>2,781</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>2,827</b>	<b>2,783</b>	<b>2,495</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>3,189</b>	<b>3,396</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>3,775</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>11,453</b>	<b>11,394</b>	<b>11,696</b>	<b>12,531</b>	<b>12,872</b>	<b>12,825</b>	<b>13,375</b>	<b>13,762</b>	<b>14,560</b>	<b>14,709</b>	<b>14,947</b>	<b>15,193</b>
YoY	7.0%	-0.5%	2.6%	7.1%	2.7%	-0.4%	4.3%	2.9%	5.8%	1.0%	1.6%	1.6%
Wages	1,026	1,096	1,153	1,446	1,648	1,706	1,824	1,979	2,132	2,068	2,109	2,151
Depreciation/amortization	1,689	1,672	2,057	2,365	2,441	2,452	2,571	2,664	2,697	2,740	2,653	2,653
Sales commissions	1,819	1,702	1,809	2,082	2,162	2,117	2,059	2,068	2,224	2,131	2,142	2,152
Advertising	433.0	271.1	291.1	236.8	244.4	208.0	220.8	210.9	209.6	214.0	218.3	222.6
COGS	2,930	3,002	3,438	2,980	2,855	2,651	2,872	2,926	3,101	3,496	3,720	3,875
<b>OP</b>	<b>826.3</b>	<b>731.0</b>	<b>686.3</b>	<b>886.2</b>	<b>979.0</b>	<b>1,081.3</b>	<b>998.0</b>	<b>863.1</b>	<b>892.1</b>	<b>1,216.3</b>	<b>1,375.4</b>	<b>1,419.3</b>
YoY	10.7%	-11.5%	-6.1%	29.1%	10.5%	10.5%	-7.7%	-13.5%	3.4%	36.3%	13.1%	3.2%
OP margin	6.7%	6.0%	5.5%	6.6%	7.1%	7.8%	6.9%	5.9%	5.8%	7.6%	8.4%	8.5%
Pretax profit	666.8	648.3	573.9	373.3	905.2	856.8	770.9	450.6	680.4	1,015.9	1,183.1	1,227.0
Tax	119.7	166.7	133.0	120.8	181.0	194.2	140.6	136.0	171.2	228.6	266.2	276.1
<b>NP</b>	<b>547.1</b>	<b>481.6</b>	<b>438.8</b>	<b>478.1</b>	<b>724.2</b>	<b>662.6</b>	<b>630.3</b>	<b>314.6</b>	<b>509.2</b>	<b>787.3</b>	<b>916.9</b>	<b>950.9</b>
Net margin	4.5%	4.0%	3.5%	3.6%	5.2%	4.8%	4.4%	2.2%	61.9%	54.6%	16.5%	3.7%

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

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**Income statement (summarized)**

(Wbn)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>14,625</b>	<b>15,452</b>	<b>15,925</b>	<b>16,323</b>
<b>Cost of revenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GP</b>	<b>14,625</b>	<b>15,452</b>	<b>15,925</b>	<b>16,323</b>
<b>SG&amp;A expenses</b>	<b>13,762</b>	<b>14,560</b>	<b>14,709</b>	<b>14,947</b>
<b>OP (adj.)</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>1,375</b>
<b>OP</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>1,375</b>
<b>Non-operating profit</b>	<b>-412</b>	<b>-368</b>	<b>-429</b>	<b>-458</b>
Net financial income	-201	-98	77	245
Net income from associates	-2	0	0	0
Pretax profit	451	524	787	917
Income tax	136	132	177	206
Profit from continuing operations	315	392	610	711
Profit from discontinued operations	0	0	0	0
<b>NP</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>711</b>
Attributable to owners	374	467	726	846
Attributable to minority interests	-60	-75	-116	-135
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>711</b>
Attributable to owners	329	484	753	877
Attributable to minority interests	-62	-92	-143	-166
EBITDA	3,527	3,030	2,933	2,755
FCF	1,420	2,497	2,311	2,077
EBITDA margin (%)	24.1	19.6	18.4	16.9
OP margin (%)	5.9	5.8	7.6	8.4
Net margin (%)	2.6	3.0	4.6	5.2

**Balance sheet (summarized)**

(Wbn)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>5,264</b>	<b>6,678</b>	<b>8,853</b>	<b>10,770</b>
Cash & equivalents	896	2,059	4,092	5,891
AR & other receivables	1,827	1,936	1,995	2,045
Inventory	252	267	275	282
Other current assets	2,289	2,416	2,491	2,552
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>14,444</b>	<b>11,562</b>	<b>9,849</b>	<b>8,471</b>
Investments in associates	73	78	80	82
PP&E	10,709	8,936	7,494	6,322
Intangible assets	1,805	1,440	1,165	957
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>19,708</b>	<b>18,240</b>	<b>18,701</b>	<b>19,241</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>5,116</b>	<b>3,498</b>	<b>3,605</b>	<b>3,695</b>
AP & other payables	206	218	224	230
Short-term financial liabilities	2,024	232	239	245
Other current liabilities	2,886	3,048	3,142	3,220
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>5,823</b>	<b>5,861</b>	<b>5,882</b>	<b>5,900</b>
Long-term financial liabilities	5,158	5,158	5,158	5,158
Other non-current liabilities	665	703	724	742
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>10,939</b>	<b>9,359</b>	<b>9,488</b>	<b>9,596</b>
<b>Equity attributable to owners</b>	<b>8,556</b>	<b>8,744</b>	<b>9,191</b>	<b>9,760</b>
Capital stock	2,574	2,574	2,574	2,574
Capital surplus	872	872	872	872
Retained earnings	5,204	5,392	5,840	6,407
<b>Minority interests</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-114</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>	<b>8,768</b>	<b>8,882</b>	<b>9,213</b>	<b>9,646</b>

**Cash flow statement (summarized)**

(Wbn)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
<b>Operating cash flow</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>2,077</b>
NP	315	392	610	711
Non-cash income/expenses	5,760	2,366	1,816	1,340
Depreciation	2,180	1,773	1,442	1,172
Amortization	484	365	275	208
Other	3,096	228	99	-40
Chg. in working capital	-2,355	-33	-16	-14
Chg. in AR & other receivables	-67	-96	-55	-46
Chg. in inventory	107	-14	-8	-7
Chg. in AP & other payables	79	12	7	6
Income tax	-174	-132	-177	-206
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>-2,391</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-4</b>
Chg. in PP&E	-1,896	0	0	0
Chg. in intangible assets	-485	0	0	0
Chg. in financial assets	11	-8	-4	-4
Other	-21	0	0	0
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>-611</b>	<b>-2,072</b>	<b>-271</b>	<b>-272</b>
Chg. in financial liabilities	-206	-1,793	7	6
Chg. in equity	35	0	0	0
Dividends	-284	-279	-278	-278
Other	-156	0	0	0
<b>Chg. in cash</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>1,799</b>
Beginning balance	560	896	2,059	4,092
Ending balance	896	2,059	4,092	5,891

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research estimates

**Key valuation metrics/ratios**

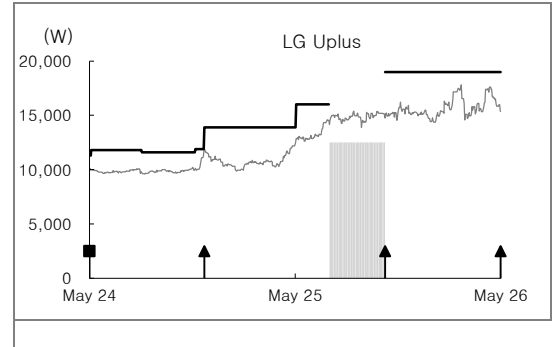
	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
P/E (x)	12.0	13.7	9.1	7.8
P/CF (x)	0.7	2.3	2.7	3.2
P/B (x)	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.1	3.2	2.7	2.1
EPS (W)	858	1,076	1,690	1,968
CFPS (W)	13,914	6,357	5,645	4,772
BPS (W)	19,825	20,575	21,617	22,938
DPS (W)	650	690	720	750
Dividend payout ratio (%)	88.8	51.8	36.0	33.6
Dividend yield (%)	6.3	4.5	4.6	4.8
Revenue growth (%)	1.8	5.7	3.1	2.5
EBITDA growth (%)	-1.2	-14.1	-3.2	-6.1
OP growth (%)	-13.5	3.4	36.3	13.1
EPS growth (%)	-39.9	25.4	57.1	16.5
AR turnover (x)	8.5	8.9	8.8	8.7
Inventory turnover (x)	48.2	59.6	58.8	58.7
AP turnover (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ROA (%)	1.6	2.1	3.3	3.7
ROE (%)	4.4	5.4	8.1	8.9
ROIC (%)	4.0	5.0	8.2	10.6
Debt-to-equity ratio (%)	124.8	105.4	103.0	99.5
Current ratio (%)	102.9	190.9	245.5	291.5
Net debt-to-equity ratio (%)	70.3	36.1	12.8	-6.4
Interest coverage ratio (x)	3.1	3.8	6.0	6.7

# Appendix 1

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### Two-year rating and TP history

Company	Date	Rating	TP (₩)
LG Uplus (032640)	10/14/25	Buy	19,000
	07/07/25	No Coverage	
	05/09/25	Buy	16,000
	11/27/24	Buy	13,900
	11/11/24	Trading Buy	11,900
	08/08/24	Trading Buy	11,600
	05/10/24	Trading Buy	11,800
	04/25/24	Trading Buy	11,300



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Buy	Expected 12-month return: +20% or greater
Hold	Expected 12-month return: Greater than -10% and less than +10%
Sell	Expected 12-month return: -10% or less

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Overweight	Expected to outperform the market over 12 months
Neutral	Expected to perform in line with the market over 12 months
Underweight	Expected to underperform the market over 12 months

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Rating and TP history: Share price (—), TP (—), Not Rated (■), Buy (▲), Trading Buy (■), Hold (●), Sell (◆)

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