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Cheil Worldwide

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Detailed growth strategy of China business deserves attention

- Cheil Worldwide unveiled details of China subsidiary Cheil PengTai's growth strategy
- Cheil PengTai plans to pursue growth based on M&A activities and the integration of digital marketing and e-commerce
- Strategy deserves attention, as China business contributes significantly to Cheil Worldwide's enterprise value

China business to drive earnings and stock price

On November 15th, Cheil Worldwide released details regarding the current status and growth strategy of its consolidated subsidiary in China, Cheil PengTai. The subsidiary, which employs roughly 1,000 people (similar to Cheil Worldwide HQ), specializes in digital marketing and is one of the top three digital advertising agencies in China.

Since being acquired in 2009, Cheil PengTai has grown continuously, and is worthy of special attention for three reasons: 1) scale (it is Cheil Worldwide's largest subsidiary); 2) growth potential (its presence in China and focus on the digital business offer great opportunities for growth); and 3) diversification of advertisers (the company attracts many non-Samsung orders).

Cheil PengTai's growth vision can be realized through aggressive investments such as M&A activities and talent recruitment. Going forward, the subsidiary should become increasingly important for Cheil Worldwide in terms of three factors: 1) enterprise value (the China business, including Cheil PengTai, already accounts for more than half of enterprise value); 2) growth strategy (the company will focus its resources on investing in further growth, including via M&A activities); and 3) corporate governance (Cheil Worldwide may emerge as an essential company for the Samsung Group if the China business's importance and competitiveness are reconfirmed after execution of the strategy).

We maintain our Trading Buy call on Cheil Worldwide with a target price of W19,000. We may revise our rating if plans for the China business are well-executed and yield additional results.

Figure 1. Note growth strategy of Cheil PengTai (subsidiary specializing in digital marketing)



With 15 years dedicated to China Digital Marketing Expanded to 6 regions

COMPANY Cheil PengTai
SINCE 2000
H/Q LOCATION Beijing
EMPLOYEE 1,005 persons (based on Nov. 2016)
BUSINESS Digital strategy consulting
Digital marketing
E-commerce marketing

Source: Company data, Cheil PengTai, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

FY (Dec.)	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16F	12/17F	12/18F
Revenue (Wbn)	2,709	2,666	2,807	3,096	3,245	3,353
OP (Wbn)	130	127	127	135	149	155
OP margin (%)	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6
NP (Wbn)	99	102	80	94	103	107
EPS (W)	857	883	691	819	899	932
ROE (%)	14.7	13.2	9.6	11.6	11.8	11.3
P/E (x)	32.1	19.5	29.9	19.9	18.1	17.5
P/B (x)	3.5	2.0	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.5

Note: All figures are based on consolidated K-IFRS; NP refers to profit attributable to controlling interests
Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research estimates

Why the China business is important to Cheil Worldwide

One need only look at the China business's revenue contribution, growth potential, and client base to understand why it is currently of such importance to Cheil Worldwide.

1) Revenue contribution: In 2015, the China business accounted for 31% of Cheil Worldwide's overall revenue. Cheil PengTai took up 80% of Chinese revenue and 25% of the company's overall revenue.

2) Growth potential: Over the past five years, Cheil Worldwide's Chinese revenue grew at a CAGR of 16% (vs. 14% for elsewhere in Asia, 11% for Europe, 10% for the US, and 1% for Korea).

3) Client base: On a consolidated basis, affiliated advertisers are estimated to account for around 65% of Cheil Worldwide's gross profit. By region, we think the China business displays the lowest reliance on affiliated advertisers, and therefore plays an important role in diversifying the company's client base.

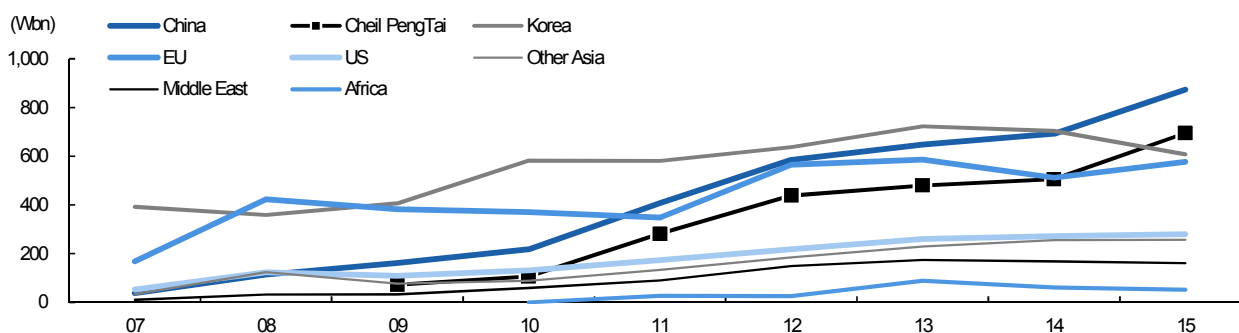
Going forward, we anticipate the China business will take on even more importance in terms of corporate value, growth strategy, and corporate governance.

1) Corporate value: Our target price calculation for Cheil Worldwide fully reflects the China business's operating value in light of its rising revenue contribution, profitability, competitiveness, and growth potential.

2) Growth strategy: Cheil Worldwide has pursued inorganic growth via M&As since the late 2000s. Going forward, Cheil PengTai is likely to acquire local Chinese advertising agencies.

3) Corporate governance: If Cheil Worldwide bolsters the competitiveness of the Chinese digital marketing business via Cheil PengTai, then we can expect to see Cheil Worldwide's Chinese business, including Cheil PengTai, play a more important role in the Samsung Group, easing uncertainties over Cheil Worldwide's share performance.

Figure 2. Cheil Worldwide's annual revenue trend by region: China has contributed the lion's share of revenue since 2015



Note: Sum of regional subsidiaries; China's revenue includes Cheil PengTai; Korea's revenue is derived by subtracting overseas consolidated subsidiaries' revenue from total consolidated revenue. Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

Table 1. 12-month forward TP calculation: China's operating value plays key role

(Wbn, x, W)

Category				Notes
Operating value	1,849			
	2017F net profit	x		Regional contribution based on 2017F net profit
Korea	15	13.0	192	Publicis' 2017F P/E, lowest among peers
China	53	20.0	1,054	Applied 2017F avg. P/E of Chinese ad peers recording revenue over W1tr
US and Europe	11	13.0	137	Publicis' 2017F P/E, lowest among peers
Other	27	17.0	466	2017F avg. P/E of total global adv. peers
Investment assets value	17			
Listed stock	3			Fair price as of end-1H16
Unlisted stock	7			Book value as of end-1H16
Investments in affiliated firms	7			Book value as of end-1H16
Total asset value	1,866			
Net debt	-321			As of end-1H16
Net asset value	2,187			
Number of shares outstanding ('000 shares)	115,041		Number of shares issued	
12-month target price (W)	19,000		Rounded	

Notes: Chinese ad peer group is average of BlueFocus and Guangdong Advertising; Investment in affiliated firms based on consolidated earnings review
Source: Bloomberg, Korea Ratings, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

Cheil PengTai, a digital marketing subsidiary in China

Cheil PengTai, Cheil Worldwide's consolidated subsidiary in China, has been on a steady growth trajectory since its acquisition in 2009. Currently, the company generates a quarter of Cheil Worldwide's revenue. Of note, the company became one of the top three digital marketing firms in China in 2014. As the largest and second-largest firms are local players, the company is the largest foreign-invested digital marketing company in the country.

Headquartered in Beijing, Cheil PengTai has established a business network encompassing Shanghai, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Seoul. The company originally focused on research and consulting, and has steadily expanded its business areas to digital media and e-commerce—now the two major pillars of the company's revenue. Digital media boasts robust profitability, while e-commerce displays strong upside potential.

Cheil PengTai has achieved growth based on strict localization. As the vast majority of staff at headquarters are Chinese (more than 90% out of 650 employees), the company has been able to acquire big name customers, including Industrial and Commercial Bank of China and China Mobile.

Cheil PengTai plans to become a top-tier digital marketing agency in China by 2020 through 1) the expansion of mobile ad platforms, including programmatic buying, and 2) stronger localization efforts. Ultimately, Cheil Peng Tai, as Cheil Worldwide's biggest contributor to overseas revenue, aims to become a foothold for Cheil's global expansion. To meet these goals, the company likely needs to increase investments to forge further M&A deals and attract talent. Indeed, the company's 1Q-3Q cumulative revenue expanded 16.8% this year, but net profit contracted 26.6%. As such, it is believed to be making investments in staff expansion and other areas to further accelerate top-line growth.

Table 2. Cheil PengTai status: Focused on "Interactive Advertising" and "e-Commerce" (Wbn, %)

	Cumulative 1Q15-3Q15			Cumulative 1Q16-3Q16			YoY	
	Revenue	Net profit	Net margin	Revenue	Net profit	Net margin	Revenue	Net profit
PengTai Greater China	23	8	32.8	38	2	5.1	64.7	-74.6
PengTai Interactive Advertising	236	14	6.0	243	15	6.3	3.3	7.8
PengTai Taiwan	9	0	4.2	8	0	2.9	-13.3	-40.1
PengTai China	8	0	6.0	5	-1	-25.1	-39.0	TTR
PengTai e-Commerce	199	1	0.6	269	3	1.1	35.2	160.1
PengTai Marketing Service	12	0	3.8	5	-1	-24.8	-55.2	TTR
PengTai cumulative	487	24	4.9	569	18	3.1	16.8	-26.6
Cheil Worldwide's total (consolidated)	2,002	70	3.5	2,260	69	3.0	12.9	-1.4
PengTai's proportion in Cheil Worldwide's total	24.3	34.7		25.2	25.8			

Source: Company data, FSS, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

Figure 3. Cheil PengTai's growth vision: To become a top-tier, full-service digital advertising agency through aggressive investments



Source: Company data, Cheil PengTai, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

Digital media business of Cheil PengTai

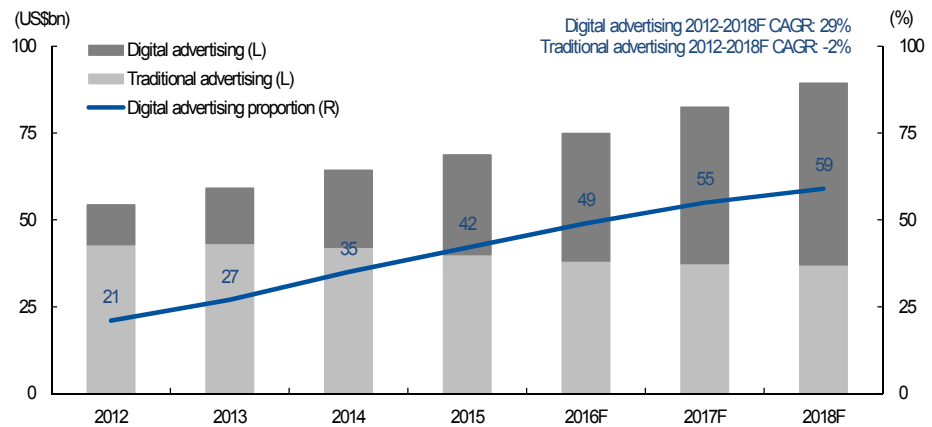
At Cheil PengTai, the digital media business—search engine marketing, social media services, media buying, promotions, and media campaigns—is the biggest revenue and profit contributor. The firm has a broad digital media value chain, including platforms, content, and digital consumer experiences.

Cheil PengTai is one of the leading firms in China’s rapidly expanding digital media market. (Digital media already accounts for more than half of China’s advertising market, and continues to drive advertising market growth.) The company has secured partnerships with over 180 online video steaming sites, internet portals, and shopping malls, including Tencent, Baidu, WeChat, Sina.com, Youku, iQiyi, and JD.com.

In the digital media space, the firm continues to seek new business opportunities such as programmatic media buying to expand its mobile ad platform operations (and M&As are also likely). The monetization of existing businesses is also continuing, including the “韩国ing” app, which is aimed at Chinese travelers in Korea.

The Chinese subsidiary also boasts in-house developed digital media products for use in advertising campaigns, such as Super T, a smart T-shirt embedded with a display and sensors (Yibao), Life Guard Badge, a smart badge (Hua Xia Bank), and Doctor on the Way, a smart bus handle (Yili).

Figure 4. Digital advertising is a growth driver in the Chinese advertising market



Source: Company data, Cheil PengTai, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

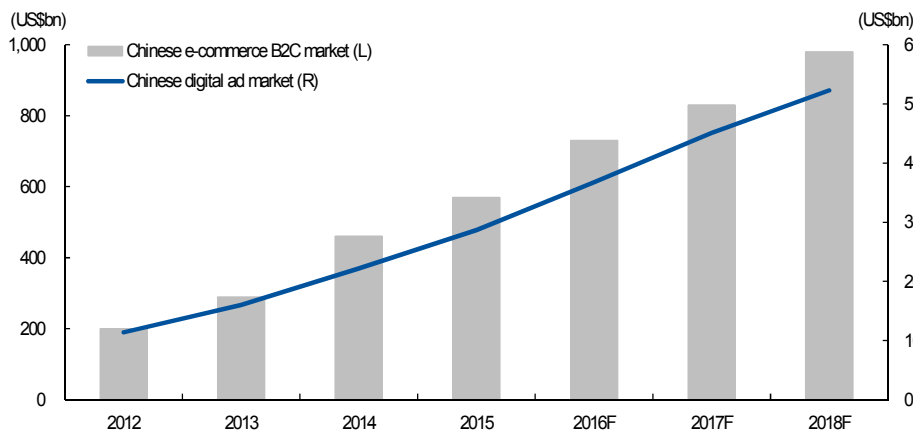
E-commerce in China

While the digital media business serves as a cash cow for Cheil PengTai, the e-commerce unit is a rising star. Despite late entry into the market, its revenue has outstripped digital media revenue.

Cheil PengTai provides eight e-commerce services, which support almost all processes necessary to sell products online in China. For example, for Korean firms entering the Chinese online shopping business, Cheil PengTai provides services such as: 1) translation, 2) website design, 3) warehousing in Korea, 4) warehousing in China, 5) operation of a return center in China, 6) a Chinese office, 7) operation of a call center, and 8) development and operation of IT services.

Online B2C transactions in China are expected to display a CAGR of 20% from 2015. Growth could even pick up speed once the e-commerce market converges with the digital advertising market. Among Cheil PengTai's business units, the e-commerce unit is expected to become more important going forward.

Figure 5. Growth of China's e-commerce market is also benefiting digital advertising market



Source: iResearch, Cheil PengTai, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

Table 3. China's ad and e-commerce markets to converge as digital ads take center stage

	1 st generation	2 nd generation	3 rd generation
Target	Branding 100%	Branding 70% + e-commerce 30%	Branding 30% + e-commerce 70%
Features	Late 1990s – mid-2000s - Led by person in charge of corporate marketing - Based on banners on major platforms - Mainly push marketing	Mid-2000s – mid-2010s - Growing importance of word-of-mouth marketing due to increase in consumer-to-consumer communication - Stronger branding thanks to improved communication with consumers based on social platforms	Mid-2010s – future - Growth of e-commerce platforms such as Alibaba, Jingdong - Growing importance of e-commerce for entry into and growth in China - Accelerating convergence of digital advertising and e-commerce (advent of Bluefocus, &C, Baozun)

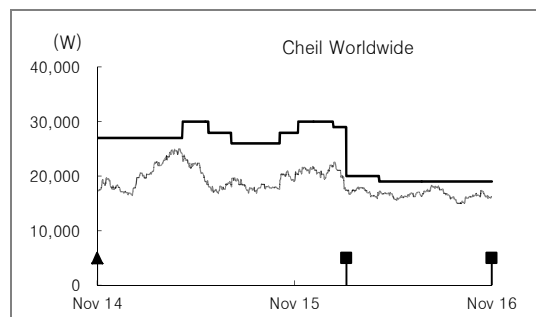
Source: PengTai, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

APPENDIX 1

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Company (Code)	Date	Rating	Target Price
Cheil Worldwide(030000)	04/22/2016	Trading Buy	19,000
	02/21/2016	Trading Buy	20,000
	01/28/2016	Buy	29,000
	11/24/2015	Buy	30,000
	10/21/2015	Buy	28,000
	07/23/2015	Buy	26,000
	06/11/2015	Buy	28,000
	04/24/2015	Buy	30,000
	10/24/2014	Buy	27,000



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