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# Falling substrate prices



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Year to	Sales	OP	Pre-tax	NP	EPS	Growth	BPS	PER	EV/EBITDA	PBR	ROE	Net debt
December	(bn KRW)	(bn KRW)	(bn KRW)	(bn KRW)	(KRW)	(%)	(KRW)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	ratio (%)
2020	1,201.4	89.7	74.9	56.6	1,935	TB	8,840	11.8	5.3	2.6	25.1	49.8
2021	1,365.8	174.3	154.0	117.2	3,616	86.9	11,907	12.6	6.3	3.8	35.1	38.4
2022F	1,732.5	381.4	390.5	290.9	9,132	152.5	20,243	2.9	1.9	1.3	56.8	1.0
2023F	1,529.9	231.1	222.3	170.8	5,363	(41.3)	24,906	5.7	2.7	1.2	23.8	(18.0)
2024F	1,802.3	318.7	314.0	241.3	7,576	41.3	31,783	4.0	1.5	1.0	26.7	(36.4)

34.9%

Rating

Upside

KOSPI	2,386.09p			
KOSDAQ	711.82p			
Market cap	KRW968.4bn/USD849.4mn			
Par value	KRW500			
Outstanding shares	31.9mn			
Free float	20.7mn(65.1%)			
52-week high/low	KRW57,400/KRW25,600			
60-day avg. trading vol	ume 443,087shrs			
60-day avg. turnover	KRW14,411mn			
Foreign ownership	8.51%			
Major shareholders				
Simmtech Holdings and	1 8 others 33.27%			

Absolute performance				
3M	-11.2%			
6M	-19.4%			
12M	-32.1%			
Relative performance to KOSDAQ				
3M	-18.8%			
6M	-13.5%			
12M	-6.3%			



KOSDAQ I ndex = 100

Simmtech (LHS)

05/22

09/22

Relative performance to KOSDAQ (RHS)

60,000

50,000

40,000

30.000

20,000 <del>|</del> 01/22

		Un a positive
	-32.1%	in earnings.
SDAQ		smartphone-
	-18.8%	earlier than

160

140

120

100

Source: Company data, Shinhan Securities / Note: TB = turn black, TR = turn red, RR = remain red

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### Retain BUY for a revised-down target price of KRW41,000

We revise down our target price for Simmtech to KRW41,000, based on 2023F EPS and the average PER low of 7.6x recorded in the turnaround years of 2020-2021.

The gap between supply and demand was the largest for package substrates among the IT parts. As a result, package substrates were the last to see order cuts during the slowdown in market demand last year. Supply-demand conditions should tighten faster than any other parts upon an upturn in demand. In addition, package substrates are poised to benefit from technological advancements. We believe Simmtech warrants attention when the bottom becomes visible in the semiconductor industry. The negatives, in other words sluggish earnings and market conditions, have already come

to light. The company's PER sits at 5.7x based on our revised 2023 forecasts.

other clients. Second, the supply of SiP (system in package) substrates to a smartphone maker is set to begin after years of preparation.

### 2023 earnings forecasts lowered again in 2 months

of KRW1.5tr (-12% YoY), which is a downward revision from KRW369.2bn estimated two months earlier.

At the year-end, we had projected the market will find bottom sometime in the first half and demand will stage a rebound in mid-2023. However, rising uncertainties have made our forecast revision unavoidable. We believe the

market rebound will occur upon easing of inventory correction at chipmakers. On a positive note, Simmtech has momentum that could partly offset the drop First, the company generates a large share of sales from making clients who have begun inventory correction relatively

We now forecast full-year operating profit at KRW231.1bn (-39% YoY) on sales

The pressure to reduce prices is felt across the supply chain including the second and third vendors.

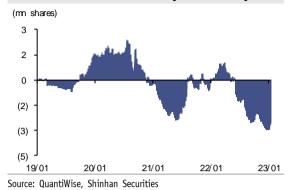
#### Substrate prices fall following declines in shipments

Simmtech is expected to have seen operating profit of KRW65.3bn (-44% QoQ, -16% YoY) in 4022, far short of our previous estimate of KRW90bn and the company's guidance of KRW102.3bn. The earnings shock seems to have been caused by declines in shipments and the USD/KRW exchange rate.

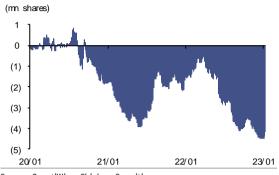
The company may see a sharper dip in earnings in 1023, with substrate prices starting to fall in earnest. It faces price-cut pressure from the chipmakers suffering from weak profitability and intensifying competition among the suppliers. Some suppliers have agreed to price cuts for market share gains.

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Institutional cumulative net buy since January 2019



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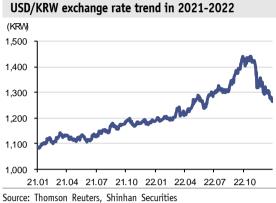


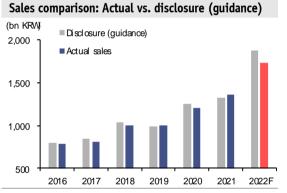
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Earnings trend and outlook											
(bn KRW)	1022	2022	3Q22	4Q22F	1Q23F	2Q23F	3Q23F	4Q23F	2021	2022F	2023F
Sales	417.7	477.4	474.3	363.0	345.8	380.9	414.8	388.5	1,365.9	1,732.5	1,529.9
OP	84.8	114.7	116.6	65.3	48.2	59.2	67.1	56.6	174.3	381.4	231.1
OPM (%)	20.3	24.0	24.6	18.0	13.9	15.5	16.2	14.6	12.8	22.0	15.1
Parent sales	353.3	411.4	412.3	315.5	295.3	327.8	360.9	337.1	1,159.9	1,492.4	1,321.2
Parent OP	75.3	106.5	108.1	61.8	44.7	55.2	62.6	51.6	151.9	351.7	214.1
OPM (%)	21.3	25.9	26.2	19.6	15.1	16.8	17.4	15.3	13.1	23.6	16.2
Subsidiary sales	64.4	66.1	62.1	47.5	50.5	53.0	53.9	51.4	206.0	240.0	208.8
Subsidiary OP	9.5	8.2	8.5	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	22.2	29.7	17.0
OPM (%)	14.8	12.4	13.7	7.4	6.9	7.5	8.4	9.7	10.8	12.4	8.1
Sales by product	417.7	477.4	474.3	363.0	345.8	380.9	414.8	388.5	1,365.9	1,732.4	1,529.9
Module PCB	88.2	103.5	102.5	68.5	67.6	73.5	80.8	72.6	326.9	362.7	294.5
Package substrate	326.6	369.8	367.0	290.7	274.3	303.3	329.8	311.8	1,028.6	1,354.1	1,219.2
Others	2.9	4.2	4.8	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.0	10.3	15.6	16.2
Sales share by product (%)											
Module PCB	21.1	21.7	21.6	18.9	19.6	19.3	19.5	18.7	23.9	20.9	19.2
Package substrate	78.2	77.5	77.4	80.1	79.3	79.6	79.5	80.3	75.3	78.2	79.7
Others	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.1
MSAP sales share (%)	66.6	64.3	62.7	63.5	66.0	69.7	71.6	71.0	63.6	64.3	69.7
Parent	62.0	59.6	57.5	58.3	60.5	65.2	67.7	66.8	58.1	59.3	65.2
Subsidiary	91.6	93.8	97.5	98.2	98.0	97.9	97.7	98.2	94.8	95.0	98.0
Sales share by application (%)											
Mobile	35.8	33.1	31.3	31.3	32.3	32.4	32.1	30.3	35.8	32.9	31.7
PC	30.6	30.1	28.9	28.4	28.8	29.3	28.6	28.4	29.9	29.6	28.8
Server	18.9	19.1	20.2	19.1	18.2	17.2	16.5	18.9	19.1	19.4	17.7
Graphic card	10.4	10.9	12.1	14.1	14.0	12.3	11.1	13.1	9.7	11.8	12.6
Others	4.3	6.8	7.5	7.1	6.6	8.8	11.8	9.3	5.3	6.4	9.3

Source: Company data, Shinhan Securities

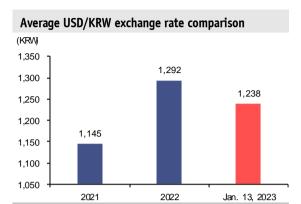
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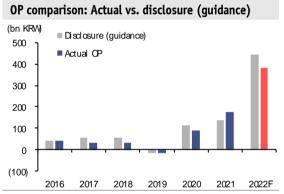


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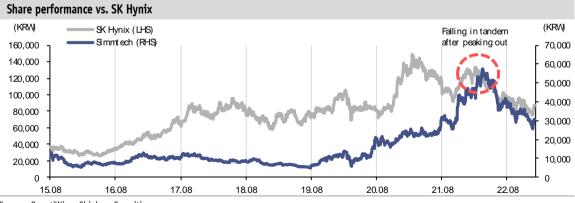


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### Statement of financial position

Year to December (bn KRW)	2020	2021	2022F	2023F	2024F
Total assets	779.8	857.4	1,060.6	1,222.2	1,493.3
Current assets	198.8	245.1	328.5	485.8	749.4
Cash and equivalents	17.1	16.7	107.1	249.6	475.4
Accounts receivable	47.4	60.3	55.8	59.7	69.7
Inventories	123.8	144.5	133.8	143.2	167.1
Non-current assets	581.0	612.4	732.1	736.4	743.9
Tangible assets	512.5	501.3	560.0	562.7	565.0
Intangible assets	22.1	23.5	28.4	27.7	27.1
Investment assets	4.5	35.7	33.1	35.4	41.2
Other financial assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total liabilities	491.5	476.2	413.2	425.9	477.5
Current liabilities	350.1	342.0	296.4	309.9	354.3
Short-term borrowings	37.5	20.6	16.9	12.9	12.9
Accounts payable	70.5	45.6	42.2	45.1	52.7
Current portion of long-term debt	49.6	7.8	2.5	2.5	2.5
Non-current liabilities	141.4	134.2	116.8	116.0	123.2
Bonds	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long-term borrowings	41.4	54.4	43.0	37.0	31.0
Other financial liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total shareholders' equity	288.3	381.3	647.4	796.3	1,015.8
Capital stock	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1
Capital surplus	118.4	110.6	111.2	111.2	111.2
Other capital	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(2.0)	7.4	17.4	17.4	17.4
Retained earnings	154.5	244.4	500.1	648.6	867.7
Controlling interest equity	287.9	379.3	644.9	793.4	1,012.4
Non-controlling interest equity	0.4	2.0	2.5	2.9	3.4
*Total debt	160.6	165.8	125.9	118.3	118.6
*Net debt (cash)	143.5	146.6	6.4	(143.7)	(369.7)

### Statement of cash flow

Year to December (bn KRW)	2020	2021	2022F	2023F	2024F
Cash flow from operations	215.5	114.6	316.9	251.5	334.1
Net profit	56.5	118.3	291.4	171.2	241.8
Depreciation expense	73.9	77.9	73.1	77.3	77.7
Amortization expense	1.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
FX translation loss (gain)	(0.1)	2.3	(1.0)	0.0	0.0
Asset disposal loss (gain)	(0.9)	1.3	(3.1)	0.0	0.0
Equity method loss (gain)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in working capital	50.5	(119.0)	(92.4)	2.3	14.0
(Payment of income tax)	(6.0)	(23.6)	(63.0)	(51.1)	(72.2)
Others	39.9	56.5	111.1	51.1	72.1
Cash flow from investments	(82.9)	(80.5)	(166.6)	(82.5)	(86.3)
Increase in tangible assets	(86.0)	(76.6)	(128.7)	(80.0)	(80.0)
Decrease in tangible assets	3.9	32.4	1.8	0.0	0.0
Change in intangible assets	(0.0)	(0.7)	(1.0)	0.0	0.0
Change in investment assets	0.0	0.0	(9.7)	(2.3)	(5.9)
Others	(0.8)	(35.6)	(29.0)	(0.2)	(0.4)
Free cash flow	87.5	90.3	229.5	176.3	244.5
Cash flow from financing	(124.9)	(34.6)	(60.6)	(26.6)	(22.0)
Change in borrowings	(185.5)	(0.7)	(41.1)	(7.5)	0.3
Change in treasury stock	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends	(3.7)	(10.4)	(15.9)	(19.1)	(22.3)
Others	64.3	(23.5)	(3.6)	0.0	0.0
Other cash flow	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in consolidated scope	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in FX rates	(0.4)	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.0
Change in total cash	7.4	(0.4)	90.4	142.4	225.8
Beginning cash	9.7	17.1	16.7	107.1	249.5
Ending cash	17.1	16.7	107.1	249.5	475.4

Source: Company data, Shinhan Securities

### **F** Statement of comprehensive income

Year to December (bn KRW)	2020	2021	2022F	2023F	2024F
Sales	1,201.4	1,365.8	1,732.5	1,529.9	1,802.3
Growth (%)	20.1	13.7	26.8	(11.7)	17.8
COGS	1,005.0	1,081.7	1,212.0	1,094.2	1,306.5
Gross profit	196.4	284.1	520.4	435.7	495.9
GPM (%)	16.3	20.8	30.0	28.5	27.5
SG&A	106.7	109.8	139.0	204.6	177.2
Operating profit	89.7	174.3	381.4	231.1	318.7
Growth (%)	TB	94.2	118.8	(39.4)	37.9
OPM (%)	7.5	12.8	22.0	15.1	17.7
Non-operating profit	(14.9)	(20.3)	9.1	(8.8)	(4.6)
Financial profit	(15.1)	(17.5)	10.9	(0.8)	3.4
Other non-operating profit	0.3	(2.8)	(1.9)	(8.0)	(8.0)
Equity method gain (loss)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pre-tax profit	74.9	154.0	390.5	222.3	314.0
Income tax	18.4	35.7	99.0	51.1	72.2
Continuing operations	56.5	118.3	291.4	171.2	241.8
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit	56.5	118.3	291.4	171.2	241.8
Growth (%)	TB	109.4	146.4	(41.3)	41.3
NPM (%)	4.7	8.7	16.8	11.2	13.4
Controlling interest	56.6	117.2	290.9	170.8	241.3
Non-controlling interest	(0.1)	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.5
Comprehensive income	60.0	125.5	301.1	171.2	241.8
Controlling interest	60.6	124.0	300.6	170.9	241.4
Non-controlling interest	(0.6)	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.4
EBITDA	165.4	253.2	455.3	309.1	397.0
Growth (%)	193.7	53.0	79.8	(32.1)	28.4
EBITDA margin (%)	13.8	18.5	26.3	20.2	22.0

#### Key ratios

- Rey ratios					
Year to December	2020	2021	2022F	2023F	2024F
EPS (KRW)	1,932	3,650	9,149	5,374	7,591
EPS of controlling interest (KRW)	1,935	3,616	9,132	5,363	7,576
BPS (KRW)	8,853	11,969	20,323	24,997	31,889
BPS of controlling interest (KRW)	8,840	11,907	20,243	24,906	31,783
DPS (KRW)	320	500	600	700	700
PER (x)	11.8	12.5	2.9	5.7	4.0
PER of controlling interest (x)	11.8	12.6	2.9	5.7	4.0
PBR (x)	2.6	3.8	1.3	1.2	1.0
PBR of controlling interest (x)	2.6	3.8	1.3	1.2	1.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.3	6.3	1.9	2.7	1.5
Dividend payout ratio (%)	18.4	13.6	6.6	13.0	9.2
Dividend yield (%)	1.4	1.1	2.3	2.3	2.3
Profitability					
EBITDA margin (%)	13.8	18.5	26.3	20.2	22.0
OPM (%)	7.5	12.8	22.0	15.1	17.7
NPM (%)	4.7	8.7	16.8	11.2	13.4
ROA (%)	7.0	14.5	30.4	15.0	17.8
ROE (%)	25.1	35.1	56.8	23.8	26.7
ROIC (%)	14.0	25.4	52.4	30.4	41.9
Stability					
Debt to equity ratio (%)	170.5	124.9	63.8	53.5	47.0
Net debt ratio (%)	49.8	38.4	1.0	(18.0)	(36.4)
Cash ratio (%)	4.9	4.9	36.1	80.5	134.2
Interest coverage ratio (x)	8.3	18.3	49.8	45.9	65.0
Activity (%)					
Working capital turnover (times)	(33.9)	(49.3)	(376.3)	(333.9)	(351.1)
Inventory turnover (days)	41.2	35.8	29.3	33.0	31.4
Receivable turnover (days)	19.2	14.4	12.2	13.8	13.1

Source: Company data, Shinhan Securities

# Target price & rating history

ntech (222800 KS)		Rating	Target price	Target price	gap (%)
			(KRW)	Average	Max/Mii
BOI	2019.11.15	BUY	14,747	(25.0)	(9.0)
	2020.02.10	BUY	17,601	(31.5)	(21.4)
) Trading BUY	2020.03.11	BUY	15,698	(50.0)	(39.9)
	2020.04.03	BUY	12,000	(19.5)	(2.1)
PM. The second s	2020.05.21	BUY	15,000	(23.6)	(17.0)
нар	2020.07.03	BUY	13,500	(12.3)	(5.9)
	2020.07.14	BUY	16,500	(5.5)	(1.2)
0 01/21 01/22 01/23	2020.07.30	BUY	22,500	(15.3)	(4.0)
	2020.10.08	BUY	23,500	(16.1)	2.3
LHS) ———— Simmtech (LHS) ———— Rating (RHS)	2021.01.19	BUY	28,000	(15.6)	(8.9)
	2021.02.24	BUY	30,000	(24.7)	(20.7)
	2021.04.15	BUY	31,000	(24.2)	(13.7)
	2021.08.05	BUY	37,500	-	-
	2021.08.06	BUY	40,000	(25.2)	(18.3)
	2021.10.07	BUY	37,000	(21.7)	(15.0)
	2021.11.05	BUY	46,500	(11.0)	(1.2)
	2021.12.30	BUY	60,000	(24.4)	(17.1)
	2022.02.25	BUY	70,000	(23.9)	(18.0)
	2022.04.06	BUY	72,000	(26.9)	(23.5)
	2022.05.04	BUY	80,000	(46.0)	(35.8)
	2022.07.22	BUY	60,000	(39.5)	(30.3)
	2022.10.11	BUY	51,000	(37.0)	(29.1)
	2023.01.16	BUY	41,000	-	-

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<ul> <li>SELL: Expected 6-month loss of 20% or more</li> </ul>	

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