



GDS Holdings Limited Starts Construction of its Fifth Data Center in Shanghai

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Strategically located to meet fast-growing demand from FSI customers

SHANGHAI, China, July 05, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- GDS Holdings Limited ("GDS Holdings", "GDS" or the "Company") (NASDAQ:GDS), a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China, today announced that it has started construction of its fifth self-developed data center in Shanghai ("SH5"). The data center will have an IT capacity of 4,734 square meters, to be developed in two phases, and is targeted mainly at financial service institution ("FSI") customers. SH5 is located in the Tangzhen district of Shanghai where there is a concentration of FSI processing centers. It is also close to the Company's highly successful Waigaoqiao data center campus, where more than 100 blue-chip FSI customers are currently co-locating their critical IT systems. SH5 Phase 1 is scheduled to come into service in the first half of 2018.

"We are excited to add a new project in Shanghai, SH5, to our high-performance data center portfolio," stated Mr. William Huang, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GDS Holdings. "Strategically located within a cluster of bank and credit card processing centers, SH5 will enable us to grow our ecosystem of FSI customers, while also fulfilling fast-growing demand from our existing FSI customers. The project will add over 15 percent to our total capacity in the Shanghai market and further strengthen our market leadership position."

About GDS Holdings Limited

GDS Holdings Limited (Nasdaq:GDS) is a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China. The Company's facilities are strategically located in China's primary economic hubs where demand for high-performance data center services is concentrated. The Company's data centers have large net floor area, high power capacity, density and efficiency, and multiple redundancy across all critical systems. GDS is carrier and cloud neutral, which enables customers to connect to all major PRC telecommunications carriers, and to access a number of the largest PRC cloud service providers, whom GDS hosts in its facilities. The Company offers colocation and managed services, including a unique and innovative managed cloud value proposition. The Company has a 16-year track record of service delivery, successfully fulfilling the requirements of some of the largest and most demanding customers for outsourced data center services in China. The Company's base of customers consists predominantly of large Internet companies, financial institutions, telecommunications and IT service providers, and large domestic private sector and multinational corporations.

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