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# Initial Public Offering on NASDAQ

On November 2, 2016, the Company successfully completed its initial public offering of 20,070,735 ADSs (including shares to be issued on closing of the green-shoe), each representing eight of its Class A ordinary shares, at a price of US\$10.00 per ADS for a total offering size of approximately US\$200.7 million





#### **Financial Results**

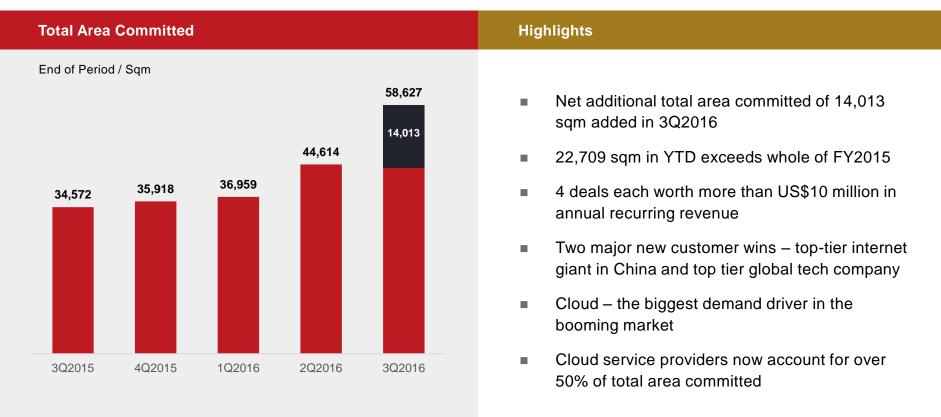
- Net revenue increased by 56.6% Y-o-Y and by 25.9% Q-o-Q to RMB297.2 million (US\$44.6 million)
- Service revenue increased by 58.4% Y-o-Y and by 14.1% Q-o-Q to RMB266.9 million (US\$40.0 million)
- Adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP) increased by 82.7% Y-o-Y and by 65.2% Q-o-Q to RMB78.0 million (US\$11.7 million)
- Adjusted EBITDA margin of 26.2%, +370 bps
  Y-o-Y and +620 bps Q-o-Q
- Capex of RMB386.9 mn (US\$58.0 mn)

#### **Operating Metrics**

- Total area committed increased by 69.6% Y-o-Y and by 31.4% Q-o-Q to 58,627 sgm
- Area utilized (or revenue-generating space) increased by 63.0% Y-o-Y and by 6.9% Q-o-Q to 34,369 sqm
- Area in service increased by 29.7% Y-o-Y and by 0.6% Q-o-Q to 48,822 sqm
- Commitment rate of 93.8%, +300 bps Q-o-Q, and utilization rate of 70.4%, +420 bps Q-o-Q
- Area under construction of 37,194 sqm, 34.5% pre-committed



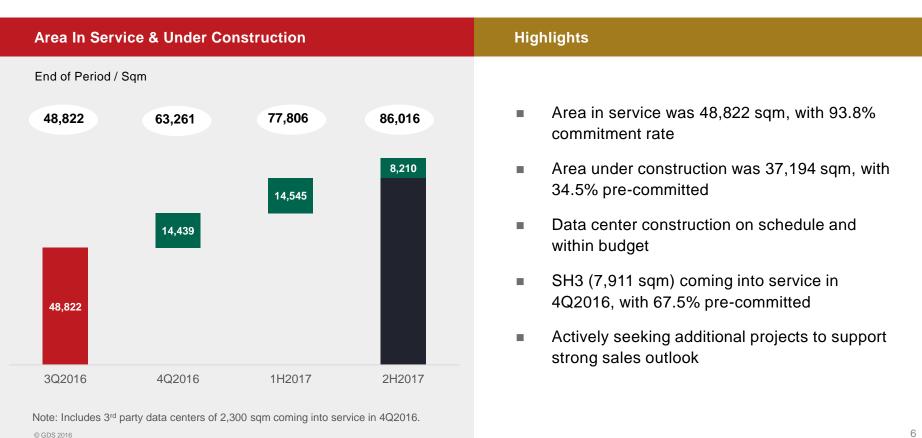




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#### **Summary Statement of Operations**

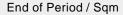
3Q2015	2Q2016	3Q2016	Y-o-Y	Q-o-Q
189.8	236.0	297.2	56.6%	25.9%
168.5	234.0	266.9	58.4%	14.1%
50.8	60.9	74.6	46.8%	22.6%
26.8%	25.8%	25.1%	-170 bps	-70 bps
(53.7)	(126.6)	(62.6)	16.7%	(50.6%)
42.7	47.2	78.0	82.7%	65.2%
22.5%	20.0%	26.2%	+370 bps	+620 bps
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- Revenue increased by 56.6% Y-o-Y, 25.9% Q-o-Q
- Service revenue increased by 58.4% Y-o-Y, 14.1% Q-o-Q
- Adjusted EBITDA increased by 82.7% Y-o-Y, 65.2% Q-o-Q
- Adjusted EBITDA margin increased to 26.2%, +370 bps Y-o-Y and +620 bps Q-o-Q





#### **Total Area Committed & Area Utilized**





- 24,258 sqm of contract backlog at end of 3Q2016
  - ☐ 11,413 sqm relates to area in service
  - ☐ 12,845 sqm relates to area under construction
- Most of backlog to be revenuegenerating within next 4 – 5 quarters
- ASP for contract backlog in line with current MSR per sqm



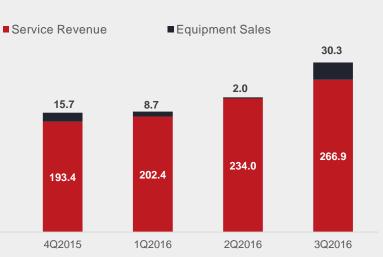


## Revenue (RMB Mn)

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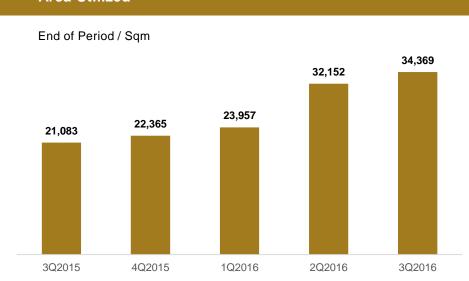
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3Q2015



- Service revenue increased by 58.4% Y-o-Y, 14.1% Q-o-Q
- Growth driven by higher area utilized as customers with commitments moved in

#### **Area Utilized**

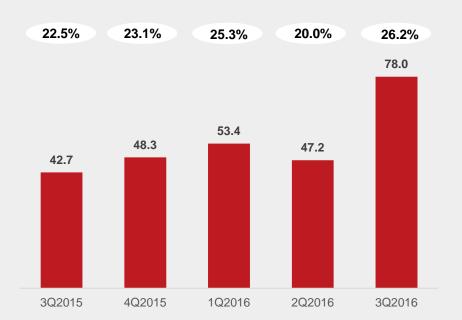


- Increased contribution from GZ1 and SZ2 data centers which commenced operations during 2Q2016
- Slight decrease in MSR per sqm due to lower billing during the move-in period









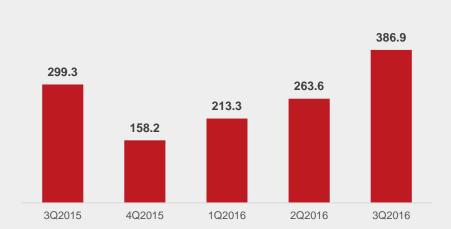
#### Highlights

- Adjusted EBITDA increased by 82.7% Y-o-Y,
  65.2% Q-o-Q
- Utilization rate increased to 70.4%, compared with 66.2% at the end of 2Q2016
- Operating leverage coming through
  - □ Adjusted EBITDA margin increased to 26.2%, compared with 20.0% in 2Q2016
  - Excluding IT equipment sales and related costs, adjusted EBITDA margin for 3Q2016 was 27.4%



## **Capex & On-Going Investment**

#### **Capex Incurred (RMB Mn)**



- Capex increased in 3Q2016 due to data centers under construction (CD1 Phase 2, SH3, SZ3, SZ4) and the remaining payables for data centers in service (SH2, SZ2)
- Development cost per sqm / per kW remained stable

#### **Data Centers Under Construction**

	RFS Date	Area Under Construction (sqm)	Pre- Commitment Rate (%)
CD1 (Phase 2)	4Q16	1,550	100%
SH3	4Q16	7,911	68%
SZ3	4Q16	2,678	21%
BJ2	1H17	6,177	0%
CD1 (Phase 3)	1H17	3,100	100%
SZ4 (Phase 1)	1H17	5,268	0%
SH4	2H17	8,210	0%

- RMB 1,700.5 million (US\$255.0 million) cost to complete as at the end of 3Q2016
- Significant demand in hand and contracts in process for all data centers which will enter service by mid-2017





#### **Debt & Cash Outstanding**

As at September 30, 2016

RMB Mn	Short Term	Long Term	Total
Loan	574.5	1,407.7	1,982.2
Capital Lease	83.2	864.6	947.8
Convertible Bond	0.0	1,001.7	1,001.7
Gross Debt	657.7	3,274.0	3,931.7
Cash			798.7

#### Highlights

- Gross debt at September 30, 2016 of RMB3,931.7
  million (US\$589.6 million), of which 83% was long term
- IPO proceeds of US\$180.6 million net of underwriting discount and expenses
- Pro-forma Net Debt / LQA Adjusted EBITDA of 6.2x
- Project loans secured on data center assets and backed by multi-year customer contracts
- Capital lease amortization up to 20 years
- Convertible bond not redeemable until end of 2019 with conditional issuer's call









#### **Shares Outstanding Before & After IPO**

Shares Outstanding Before IPO						
Ordinary Shares	217,987,922					
Preferred Shares	349,087,677					
Total	567,075,599					

#### **Ordinary Shares Outstanding After IPO\***

Ordinary Shares	217,987,922
Preferred Shares Converted	349,087,677
Ordinary Shares Issued As Preferred Dividends	31,490,164
Ordinary Shares Issued in IPO (Including Greenshoe)	160,565,880
Total	759,131,643

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding: 29,189,800 ordinary shares issuable upon the exercise of share options outstanding as of the date of IPO; 877,400 vested but not yet issued restricted shares; and 55,880,360 ordinary shares reserved for future issuance under our share incentive plans.



## **Historical Financial Results**

#### **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations**

Amounts in thousands	For the Three Months Ended,								
	Mar 31, 2015	Jun 30, 2015	Sept 30, 2015	Dec 31, 2015	Mar 31, 2016	Jun 30, 2016	Sept 30	2016	
	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	USD	
Net Revenue									
Service revenue	144,462	147,315	168,441	193,373	202,384	234,010	266,890	40,022	
Equipment sales	5,061	7,956	21,309	15,719	8,715	2,026	30,266	4,539	
Total net revenue	149,523	155,271	189,750	209,092	211,099	236,036	297,156	44,561	
Cost of revenue	(107,854)	(113,665)	(138,911)	(154,567)	(156,896)	(175,138)	(222,514)	(33,368)	
Gross profit	41,669	41,606	50,839	54,525	54,203	60,898	74,642	11,193	
Operating expenses									
Selling and marketing expenses	(10,133)	(13,361)	(15,550)	(18,544)	(13,734)	(20,829)	(17,109)	(2,566)	
General and administrative expenses	(28,397)	(30,440)	(37,301)	(32,576)	(28,489)	(102,963)	(43,323)	(6,497)	
Research and development expenses	(599)	(658)	(801)	(1,496)	(1,987)	(2,778)	(2,156)	(323)	
(Loss) Income from operations	2,540	(2,853)	(2,813)	1,909	9,993	(65,672)	12,054	1,807	
Other income (expenses)									
Net interest expenses	(30,516)	(29,924)	(29,620)	(35,486)	(52,963)	(57,329)	(69,404)	(10,408)	
Foreign currency exchange gain (loss), net	3,137	1,319	5,258	1,393	(1,391)	5,492	2,645	398	
Others, net	1,655	737	1,169	1,528	662	547	503	75	
Loss before income taxes	(23,184)	(30,721)	(26,006)	(30,656)	(43,699)	(116,962)	(54,202)	(8,128)	
Income tax benefits	2,954	3,687	2,861	2,481	4,921	1,543	1,626	244	
Net loss	(20,230)	(27,034)	(23,145)	(28,175)	(38,778)	(115,419)	(52,576)	(7,884)	



## **Historical Financial Results**

#### **Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

Amounts in thousands	As of Dec 31, 2014	As of Dec 31, 2015	As of Jun 30, 2016	As of Se	pt 30, 2016
	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	USD
Cash	606,758	924,498	834,477	798,732	119,777
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	73,366	111,013	170,149	190,033	28,497
Total current assets	745,831	1,186,699	1,183,231	1,256,179	188,375
Property and equipment, net	1,694,944	2,512,687	3,591,456	3,949,420	592,250
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	1,350,524	1,341,599	1,442,125	1,437,891	215,625
Total assets	3,854,074	5,128,272	6,334,066	6,761,558	1,013,955
Short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term borrowings	426,709	428,218	699,394	574,459	86,145
Obligations under capital leases, current	39,621	48,745	71,919	83,198	12,476
Total current liabilities	897,630	925,049	1,478,315	1,368,589	205,232
Long-term borrowings, excluding current portion	492,123	958,264	825,392	1,407,700	211,097
Convertible bonds payable	_	648,515	994,243	1,001,670	150,209
Obligations under capital leases, non-current	246,996	424,939	873,972	864,609	129,656
Total liabilities	1,706,600	3,073,463	4,380,909	4,868,748	730,114
Redeemable preferred shares	2,164,039	2,395,314	2,499,117	2,534,943	380,137
Total shareholders' deficit	(16,565)	(340,505)	(545,960)	(642,133)	(96,296)



## **Historical Financial Results**

#### **Cash Flow Statement**

Amounts in thousands	Year Ended		Six Months Ended	Three Months Ended		
	Dec 31, 2014	Dec 31, 2014 Dec 31, 2015		Sept 30, 2016		
	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	USD	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	27,937	(80,298)	(22,069)	(100,501)	(15,072)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(523,749)	(731,905)	(476,918)	(386,874)	(58,015)	
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,056,287	1,127,685	395,346	451,976	67,777	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(2,328)	2,258	13,620	(346)	(50)	
Net increase (decrease) in cash	558,147	317,740	(90,021)	(35,745)	(5,360)	
Cash at beginning of year / period	48,611	606,758	924,498	834,477	125,137	
Cash at end of year / period	606,758	924,498	834,477	798,732	119,777	





#### **Key Performance Indicators**

End of Period	3Q 2015	4Q 2015	1Q 2016	2Q 2016	3Q 2016
Area In Service (Sqm)	37,645	37,869	37,869	48,548	48,822
Area Under Construction (Sqm)	13,163	35,525	35,525	31,794	37,194
Area Committed (Sqm)	31,794	33,140	33,629	44,062	45,782
Area Pre-Committed (Sqm)	2,778	2,778	3,330	552	12,845
Total Area Committed (sqm)	34,572	35,918	36,959	44,614	58,627
Commitment Rate (%)	84.5%	87.5%	88.8%	90.8%	93.8%
Pre-Commitment Rate (%)	21.1%	7.8%	9.4%	1.7%	34.5%
Area Utilized (sqm)	21,083	22,365	23,957	32,152	34,369
Utilization Rate	56.0%	59.1%	63.3%	66.2%	70.4%

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## **Self-Developed Data Centers In Service**

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		RFS Date	Туре	Tenure	Area In Service (Sqm)	Area Committed (Sqm)	Commitment Rate	Area Utilized (Sqm)	Utilization Rate
к	KS1	2H10	Purpose-Built	Owned	6,546	6,516	100%	5,867	90%
Shanghai	SH1	2H11	Purpose-Built	Leased	6,432	6,188	96%	5,601	87%
	SH2	2H15	Purpose-Built	Leased	7,712	7,255	94%	3,908	51%
011	SZ1	2H14	Converted	Leased	4,281	4,271	100%	4,234	99%
Shenzhen	SZ2	1H16	Converted	Leased	4,308	3,446	80%	1,807	42%
Guangzhou	GZ1	1H16	Converted	Leased	6,608	6,608	100%	3,777	57%
Beijing	ВЈ	2H15	Converted	Leased	2,344	2,306	98%	1,179	50%
Chengdu	CD1 (Phase 1)	1H11	Purpose-Built	Owned	1,550	1,286	83%	387	25%
Total					39,781	37,876		26,760	



## **Self-Developed Data Centers Under Construction**

#### **Self-Developed Data Centers Under Construction**

		RFS Date	Туре	Tenure	Area Under Construction (Sqm)	Area Pre-Committed (Sqm)	Pre-Commitment Rate
Shanghai	SH3	2H16	Purpose-Built	Leased	7,911	5,343	68%
Onlanghai	SH4	2H17	Purpose-Built	Leased	8,210	0	0%
Shenzhen	SZ3	2H16	Converted	Leased	2,678	552	21%
Silenzhen	SZ4 (Phase 1)	1H17	Converted	Leased	5,268	0	0%
Beijing	BJ2	1H17	Converted	Leased	6,177	0	0%
Chengdu	CD1 (Phase 2)	2H16	Purpose-Built	Owned	1,550	1,550	100%
Chenguu	CD1 (Phase 3)	1H17	Purpose-Built	Owned	3,100	3,100	100%
Total					34,894	10,545	