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As confidentially submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 20, 2016

Registration No. 333-

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form F-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

GDS Holdings Limited

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	7370 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)	Not Applicable (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:
As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered ⁽¹⁾	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Amount of Registration Fee
Ordinary shares, par value US\$0.00005 per share	US\$	US\$

(1) American depositary shares, or ADSs, issuable upon deposit of the ordinary shares registered hereby will be registered under a separate registration statement on Form F-6 (Registration No. 333-). Each ADS represents ordinary shares.

(2) Includes (a) ordinary shares represented by ADSs that may be purchased by the underwriters pursuant to their over-allotment option and (b) all ordinary shares represented by ADSs initially offered and sold outside the United States that may be resold from time to time in the United States either as part of the distribution or within 40 days after the later of the effective date of this registration statement and the date the securities are first bona fide offered to the public.

(3) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to such Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion. Dated _____, 2016.

American Depositary Shares

GDS Holdings Limited

Representing Ordinary Shares

This is an initial public offering of shares of American depositary shares, or ADSs, each representing _____ ordinary shares of GDS Holdings Limited, or GDS Holdings.

GDS Holdings is offering _____ ADSs to be sold in this offering.

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for the ADSs or our shares. It is currently estimated that the initial public offering price per ADS will be between US\$ _____ and US\$ _____. We will apply to list the ADSs on the [New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE]/[NASDAQ], under the symbol "_____."

We are an "emerging growth company" under applicable United States federal securities laws and are eligible for reduced public company reporting requirements.

See "Risk Factors" on page 13 to read about factors you should consider before buying the ADSs.

Neither the United States Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per share	Total
Initial public offering price	US\$ _____	US\$ _____
Underwriting discount	US\$ _____	US\$ _____
Proceeds, before expenses, to GDS Holdings	US\$ _____	US\$ _____

To the extent that the underwriters sell more than _____ ADSs, the underwriters have the option to purchase up to an additional _____ ADSs from GDS at the initial public offering price less the underwriting discount.

The underwriters expect to deliver the ADSs against payment in New York, New York on _____, 2016.

Credit Suisse

J.P. Morgan

(in alphabetical order)

Citi

RBC Capital Markets

Prospectus dated _____, 2016.

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No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent as to anything not contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectus we may authorize to be delivered or made available to you. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representations. This prospectus is an offer to sell, and we are seeking offers to buy, only the ADSs offered hereby, and only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of its date, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of the ADSs.

Neither we nor the underwriters have done anything that would permit this offering or the possession or distribution of this prospectus or any filed free writing prospectus in any jurisdiction where other action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus or any free writing prospectus filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the ADSs and the distribution of this prospectus or any filed free writing prospectus outside of the United States.

Until _____, 2016 (the 25th day after the date of this prospectus), all dealers that buy, sell or trade ADSs, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to the obligation of dealers to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information contained in greater detail elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary may not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our ADSs. You should carefully read the entire prospectus, including "Risk Factors" and the financial statements, before making an investment decision.

Overview

We are a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China. Our facilities are strategically located in China's primary economic hubs where demand for high-performance data center services is concentrated. Our data centers have large net floor area, high power capacity, density and efficiency, and multiple redundancy across all critical systems. We are carrier and cloud neutral, which enables our customers to connect to all major PRC telecommunications carriers, and to access a number of the largest PRC cloud service providers, whom we host in our facilities. We offer colocation and managed services, including a unique and innovative managed cloud value proposition. We have a 15-year track record of consistent high quality service delivery, successfully fulfilling the requirements of some of the largest and most demanding customers for outsourced data center services in China. Our base of over 300 customers consists predominantly of large Internet companies, financial institutions, telecommunications and IT service providers, and large domestic private sector and multinational corporations. As of December 31, 2015, we had an aggregate net floor area of 37,869 sqm in service, 87.5% of which was committed, and an aggregate net floor area of 35,525 sqm under construction. According to 451 Research, an independent research firm, we are the largest service provider in the high-performance carrier-neutral data center services market in China, with 19.7% market share as measured by area committed as of December 31, 2015.

The market for high-performance data center services in China is experiencing strong growth. According to 451 Research, the market is expected to increase from US\$1.5 billion in 2015 to US\$2.4 billion in 2018, representing a compound annual growth rate, or CAGR, of 16.6%. Over the same period, the high-performance carrier-neutral data center services market in China is expected to grow with a higher CAGR of 20.6%. Demand is driven by the confluence of several secular economic and industry trends, including: rapid growth of the Internet, e-commerce and big data; rising adoption of cloud computing and server virtualization, which requires data centers with higher power capacity, density and efficiency; increasing criticality of information technology and data in the enterprise environment which requires data centers with higher reliability; and growing reliance by enterprises on outsourcing as a solution to the increasing complexity and cost of managing mission-critical IT infrastructure. We believe that, as a result of this strong demand and the challenges of sourcing, developing and operating new facilities that meet the required standard, there is a relative scarcity of high-performance data center capacity in China.

Our portfolio of data centers and secured expansion capacity are strategically located to address this growing demand. We operate our data centers to service our customers predominantly in Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Chengdu, the primary financial, commercial, industrial and communications hubs in each region of China. According to 451 Research, approximately 90% of the market in terms of revenue for high-performance data center services in China was concentrated in these markets in 2015. We have also established a presence in Hong Kong which we believe is another important market for our customers. Our data centers are located in close proximity to the corporate headquarters and key operation centers of many large enterprises, providing convenient access for our customers. Furthermore, the extensive multi-carrier telecommunications networks in these markets enable our customers to enhance the performance and lower the cost of connectivity to our facilities.

Our data centers are large-scale, highly reliable and highly efficient facilities that provide a flexible, modular and secure operating environment in which our customers can house, power and cool the computer systems and networking equipment that support their mission-critical IT infrastructure. We install

large power capacity and optimize power usage efficiency, which enables our customers to deploy their IT infrastructure more efficiently and reduce their operating and capital costs. As a result of our advanced data center design, high technical specifications and robust operating procedures, we are able to make service level commitments related to service availability and other key metrics that meet our customers' required standards.

We currently serve over 300 customers, including large Internet companies, a diverse community of approximately 140 financial institutions, telecommunications and IT service providers and large domestic private sector and multinational corporations, many of which are leaders in their respective industries. Within our customer base, we host a number of major cloud service providers, including Aliyun, the cloud computing unit of Alibaba, which is present in several of our data centers. Contracts with our large Internet customers typically have terms of three to six years, while contracts with our enterprise customers typically have terms of one to five years. We achieved an average retention rate of over 95% per annum among our Internet and financial institution customers for colocation services in our current data centers over the past two years.

As of December 31, 2015, we operated six self-developed data centers with an aggregate net floor area of 28,865 sqm in service. We also operated capacity at fifteen third-party data centers with an aggregate net floor area of 9,004 sqm in service, which we lease on a wholesale basis and use to provide colocation and managed services to our customers. As of the same date, we had a further six new self-developed data centers and one phase of an existing data center with an aggregate net floor area of 35,525 sqm under construction. In addition, we had an estimated aggregate developable net floor area in excess of 20,000 sqm held for future development.

Our net revenue grew from RMB468.3 million in 2014 to RMB703.6 million (US\$108.6 million) in 2015, representing an increase of 50.2%. Over the same period, our adjusted EBITDA increased from RMB54.3 million to RMB190.4 million (US\$29.4 million). Our net loss decreased from RMB130.0 million in 2014 to RMB98.6 million (US\$15.2 million) in 2015.

Our Strengths

We believe that the following strengths contribute to our success and differentiate us from our competitors:

- large-scale, high-performance data centers strategically located in China's key markets;
- first-mover with a proven track record and reputation for operational excellence;
- well-established and rapidly expanding relationships with large and fast growing customers;
- large secured expansion capacity and proven ability to source and develop additional data centers;
- unique value proposition in managed cloud services that complements our core colocation services; and
- visionary and experienced management team supported by sophisticated strategic investors.

Our Strategies

We aim to capitalize on the attractive growth opportunities in the data center services market in China. We intend to achieve our goal through the following strategies:

- expand our unique portfolio of strategically located high-performance data centers;
- pursue balanced sourcing strategy to maintain continuous competitive supply;
- increase market share by attracting new customers and leveraging customer relationships;

- capitalize on rising adoption of cloud computing in China; and
- continue to focus relentlessly on operational excellence and capital efficiency.

Our Challenges

Our business and successful execution of our strategies are subject to certain challenges, risks and uncertainties including:

- a potential slowdown in the demand for data center resources or managed services;
- our ability to manage the growth of our operations and successfully implement our expansion plan;
- our capacity to generate capital to meet our anticipated capital requirements while managing our existing indebtedness;
- the possibility that we will continue to incur net losses;
- the potential for a significant or prolonged failure in the data center facilities we operate or services we provide;
- our ability to attract new customers and retain existing customers; and
- our ability to compete effectively.

In addition, we face risks and uncertainties related to our corporate structure and regulatory environment in China, including:

- regulations on foreign investment restriction and value added telecommunications services, according to which we may have been non-compliant in the past;
- risks associated with our control over our consolidated variable interest entities, or VIEs, in China, which is based on contractual arrangements rather than equity ownership; and
- changes in the political and economic policies of the PRC government.

We also face other risks and uncertainties that may materially affect our business, financial conditions, results of operations and prospects. You should consider the risks discussed in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus before investing in our ADSs.

Our Corporate Structure

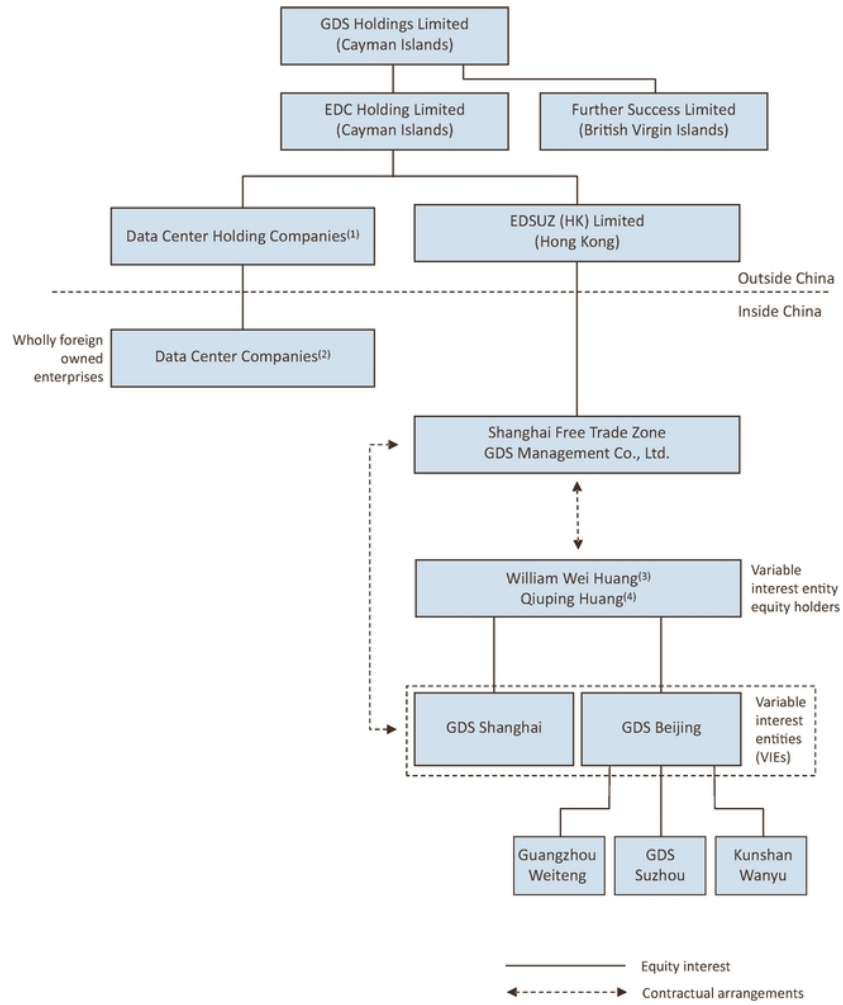
We are an exempted company and were incorporated in the Cayman Islands in 2006. We own 100% of the shares in EDC Holding Limited, or EDC Holding, an exempted company also incorporated in the Cayman Islands, through which we indirectly hold 100% of the equity interests in holding companies in Hong Kong, many of which own our data centers through one or more PRC entities. We refer to these PRC companies as our data center companies. Through EDC Holding we also indirectly hold 100% of the equity interests in Shanghai Free Trade Zone GDS Management Co., Ltd., or GDS Management Company.

Due to PRC regulations that limit foreign equity ownership of entities providing value-added telecommunications services, or VATS, to 50%, and the inclusion of Internet data center services, or IDC services, within the scope of VATS, we conduct a substantial part of our operations in China through contractual arrangements among GDS Management Company, our data center companies, and two VIEs that hold licenses required to operate our business, Beijing Wanguo Chang'an Science & Technology Co., Ltd., or GDS Beijing, and Shanghai Shu'an Data Services Co., Ltd., or GDS Shanghai, and their shareholders. As a result of these contractual arrangements, we control GDS Shanghai, GDS Beijing and its subsidiaries, including Global Data Solutions Co., Ltd., or GDS Suzhou and Kunshan Wanyu Data Service Co., Ltd., or Kunshan Wanyu, and have consolidated the financial information of these VIEs in our consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the

United States, or U.S. GAAP. In May 2016, we, through GDS Beijing, acquired all of the equity interest in Guangzhou Weiteng Construction Co., Ltd., or Guangzhou Weiteng from a third party for an aggregate purchase price of RMB129.5 million (US\$20.0 million), subject to adjustment, if any, pursuant to the terms of conditions of the equity purchase agreement. Guangzhou Weiteng will be included in our consolidated financial statements.

In 2003, some of our principal shareholders, including our founder, Mr. William Wei Huang, established Global Data Solutions Limited, a Cayman Islands exempted company. In 2001, Further Success Limited, or FSL, a limited liability company established in the British Virgin Islands and currently a direct wholly owned subsidiary of GDS Holdings acquired Global Data Solutions Co., Ltd., or GDS Suzhou, which was established by third parties in 2000. In 2006, GDS Beijing and GDS Holdings were established under the laws of the PRC and Cayman Islands, respectively. In 2009, we underwent restructuring with respect to GDS Beijing, which became a consolidated VIE. In 2010, GDS Suzhou was relocated from Shenzhen to Suzhou. In 2014, GDS Shanghai, which was established in 2011, also became a consolidated VIE.

The following diagram illustrates our corporate structure as of the date of this prospectus. It omits certain entities that are immaterial to our results of operations, business and financial condition. Equity interests depicted in this diagram are held as to 100%. The relationships between each of GDS Shanghai and GDS Beijing and GDS Management Company as illustrated in this diagram are governed by contractual arrangements and do not constitute equity ownership.



- (1) Includes 13 subsidiaries and consolidated entities (aside from EDSUZ (HK) Limited, shown above) incorporated in Hong Kong, seven of which hold our PRC-incorporated data center companies, and two additional subsidiaries incorporated in BVI and Macau, but excludes dormant or immaterial entities with no material business. See the chart presented in "Our History and Corporate Structure" for details on the data center holding companies.
- (2) Includes 10 additional subsidiaries and consolidated entities incorporated in China. See the chart presented in "Our History and Corporate Structure" for details on the data center companies.

- (3) Holds equity interests of 99.90% in GDS Shanghai, and of approximately 99.97% in GDS Beijing.
- (4) Holds equity interests of 0.10% in GDS Shanghai, and of approximately 0.03% in GDS Beijing.

Our Corporate Information

Our principal executive offices are located at 2/F Tower 2, Youyou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road, Pudong, Shanghai 200127, People's Republic of China. Our telephone number at this address is +86-21-2033-0303. Our registered office in the Cayman Islands is located at the offices of Codan Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman, KY1-1111, Cayman Islands. Our telephone number at this address is +1 (345) 949 1040. We also have four regional offices in Suzhou, Beijing, Chengdu and Shenzhen. Investors should submit any inquiries to the address and telephone number of our principal executive offices set forth above.

Our main website is www.gds-services.com, and the information contained on this website is not a part of this prospectus. Our agent for service of process in the United States is Law Debenture Corporate Service Inc. located at 400 Madison Avenue, 4th floor, New York, NY 10017.

Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company

As a company with less than US\$1.0 billion in revenue for the last fiscal year, we qualify as an "emerging growth company" pursuant to the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act. An emerging growth company may take advantage of specified reduced reporting and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include exemption from the auditor attestation requirement under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or Section 404, in the assessment of the emerging growth company's internal control over financial reporting. The JOBS Act also provides that an emerging growth company does not need to comply with any new or revised financial accounting standards until such date that a private company is otherwise required to comply with such new or revised accounting standards. However, we have elected to "opt out" of this provision and, as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards as required when they are adopted for public companies. This decision to opt out of the extended transition period under the JOBS Act is irrevocable.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of (a) the last day of our fiscal year during which we have total annual gross revenues of at least US\$1.0 billion; (b) the last day of our fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the completion of this offering; (c) the date on which we have, during the previous three year period, issued more than US\$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt; or (d) the date on which we are deemed to be a "large accelerated filer" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, which would occur if the market value of our ADSs that are held by non-affiliates exceeds US\$700 million as of the last business day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter. Once we cease to be an emerging growth company, we will not be entitled to the exemptions provided in the JOBS Act discussed above.

Conventions That Apply to This Prospectus

Unless we indicate otherwise, references in this prospectus to:

- "ADSs" are to our American depositary shares, each of which represents ordinary shares, and "ADRs" are to the American depositary receipts that evidence our ADSs;
- "area committed" are to the net floor area of data centers in service for which agreements from customers remain in effect;
- "area held for future development" are to the estimated data center net floor area that we expect to be able to develop on land, at buildings and pursuant to development or lease agreements which we have secured, but which are not under construction;

- "area in service" are to the net floor area of data centers in service for which one or more modules have been equipped and fitted out ready for utilization by customers;
- "area pre-committed" are to the net floor area of data centers under construction for which agreements from customers remain in effect;
- "area utilized" are to the net floor area of data centers in service that is also revenue generating pursuant to customer agreements in effect;
- "area under construction" are to the net floor area of data centers which are under construction and are not yet ready for service;
- "China" and the "PRC" are to the People's Republic of China, excluding, for the purposes of this prospectus only, Taiwan, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macao Special Administrative Region;
- "commitment rate" are to the ratio of area committed to area in service;
- "pre-commitment rate" are to the ratio of area pre-committed to area under construction;
- "RMB" or "Renminbi" are to the legal currency of China;
- "self-developed data centers" are to data centers that we have either purpose-built or converted from existing buildings to fit our standards;
- "sqm" are to square meters;
- "third-party data centers" are to data center net floor area that we lease on a wholesale basis from other data center providers and use to provide data center services to our customers;
- "total area committed" are to the sum of area committed and area pre-committed;
- "US\$, "U.S. dollars," or "dollars" are to the legal currency of the United States;
- "utilization rate" are to the ratio of area utilized to area in service; and
- "we," "us," "our company" and "our" are to GDS Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities, as the context requires.

Unless specifically indicated otherwise or unless the context otherwise requires, all references to our ordinary shares exclude (i) ordinary shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options with respect to our ordinary shares under our share incentive plan and (ii) assumes that the underwriters will not exercise their over-allotment option to purchase additional ADSs.

The translations from Renminbi to U.S. dollars and from U.S. dollars to Renminbi in this prospectus for 2015 were made at a rate of RMB6.4778 to US\$1.00, respectively, the exchange rates set forth in the H.10 statistical release of the Federal Reserve Board on December 31, 2015, respectively. We make no representation that the Renminbi or U.S. dollar amounts referred to in this prospectus could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars or Renminbi, as the case may be, at any particular rate or at all. On May 13, 2016, the noon buying rate for Renminbi was RMB6.5285 to US\$1.00.

THE OFFERING

ADSS Offered by Us	ADSS
Price per ADS	We estimate that the initial public offering price will be between US\$ and US\$ per ADS.
ADSS Outstanding Immediately After This Offering	ADSS (or ADSs if the underwriters exercise in full the over-allotment option).
Ordinary Shares Outstanding Immediately After This Offering	ordinary shares (or ordinary shares if the underwriters exercise in full the over-allotment option), excluding ordinary shares issuable upon the exercise of options outstanding under our share incentive plan as of , 2016.
Over-Allotment Option	We have granted to the underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days from the date of this prospectus, to purchase up to an aggregate of additional ADSs at the initial public offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions, solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments.
The ADSs	Each ADS represents ordinary shares. The depositary will be the holder of the ordinary shares underlying the ADSs and you will have the rights of an ADR holder as provided in the deposit agreement among us, the depositary and holders and beneficial owners of ADSs from time to time. You may surrender your ADSs to the depositary to withdraw the ordinary shares underlying your ADSs. The depositary will charge you a fee for such an exchange. We may amend or terminate the deposit agreement for any reason without your consent. Any amendment that imposes or increases fees or charges or which materially prejudices any substantial existing right you have as an ADS holder will not become effective as to outstanding ADSs until 30 days after notice of the amendment is given to ADS holders. If an amendment becomes effective, you will be bound by the deposit agreement as amended if you continue to hold your ADSs. To better understand the terms of the ADSs, you should carefully read the section in this prospectus entitled "Description of American Depositary Shares." We also encourage you to read the deposit agreement, which is an exhibit to the registration statement that includes this prospectus.

Use of Proceeds	We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately US\$ million from this offering, assuming an initial public offering price of US\$ per ADS, the mid-point of the estimated range of the initial public offering price, after deducting estimated underwriter discounts, commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. We anticipate using the net proceeds of this offering to develop and acquire new data centers, to repay certain portions of our indebtedness and for general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds" for more information.
Risk Factors	See "Risk Factors" and other information included in this prospectus for a discussion of the risks relating to investing in our ADSs. You should carefully consider these risks before deciding to invest in our ADSs.
Directed ADS Program	At our request, the underwriters have reserved up to % of the ADSs being offered by this prospectus for sale at the initial public offering price to our directors, officers, employees and other individuals associated with us and members of their families. The sales will be made by an underwriter of this offering, through a directed share program. We do not know if these persons will choose to purchase all or any portion of these reserved ADSs, but any purchases they do make will reduce the number of ADSs available to the general public. Any reserved ADSs not so purchased will be offered by the underwriters to the general public on the same terms as the other ADSs. Certain participants may be subject to the lock-up agreements as described in "Underwriting—Directed ADS Program" elsewhere in this prospectus.
Listing	We have applied to list our ADSs on the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ]. Our ordinary shares will not be listed on any exchange or quoted for trading on any over-the-counter trading system.
Proposed [NYSE/NASDAQ] Trading Symbol	
Depositary	
Lock-up	We, our officers and directors, and all of our shareholders have agreed with the underwriters not to sell, transfer or dispose of any ADSs, ordinary shares or similar securities for a period of 180 days after the date of this prospectus, subject to certain exceptions. See "Shares Eligible for Future Sale" and "Underwriting."

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA

The following consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015 and the summary consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2014 and 2015 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. Our consolidated financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

On June 30, 2014, we acquired EDC Holding from its shareholders whereby we issued shares to EDC Holding's shareholders in exchange for their shares in EDC Holding. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we issued 199,163,164 shares in exchange for approximately 93% of the shares in EDC Holding which we did not already own. Since the date of the acquisition, EDC Holding has been our wholly-owned subsidiary and has been consolidated with our results of operations. See note 8 of our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for any future period. The following summary consolidated financial data for the periods and as of the dates indicated are qualified by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, our consolidated financial statements and related notes and the information under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," both of which are included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2015	
	RMB	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands, except share data and per share data)		
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:			
Net revenue	468,337	703,636	108,623
Cost of revenue	(388,171)	(514,997)	(79,502)
Gross profit	80,166	188,639	29,121
Operating expenses			
Selling and marketing expenses	(40,556)	(57,588)	(8,890)
General and administrative expenses	(113,711)	(128,714)	(19,870)
Research and development expenses	(1,597)	(3,554)	(549)
Loss from operations	(75,698)	(1,217)	(188)
Other income (expenses)			
Net interest expense	(124,973)	(125,546)	(19,381)
Foreign currency exchange (loss) gain, net	(875)	11,107	1,715
Government grants	4,870	3,915	604
Gain on remeasurement of equity investment	62,506	—	—
Others, net	(412)	1,174	181
Loss before income taxes	(134,582)	(110,567)	(17,069)
Income tax benefits	4,583	11,983	1,850
Net loss	(129,999)	(98,584)	(15,219)
Extinguishment of redeemable preferred shares	(106,515)	—	—
Change in redemption value of redeemable preferred shares	(69,116)	(110,926)	(17,124)
Dividends on redeemable preferred shares	(3,509)	(7,127)	(1,100)
Net loss available to ordinary shareholders	(309,139)	(216,637)	(33,443)
Net loss per ordinary share—basic and diluted	(1.91)	(0.99)	(0.15)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding—basic and diluted	162,070,745	217,987,922	217,987,922

	As of December 31,				
	2014		2015		
	Actual RMB	Actual RMB	Actual US\$	Pro Forma ⁽¹⁾ US\$	Pro Forma as Adjusted ⁽²⁾ US\$
(in thousands)					
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:					
Cash	606,758	924,498	142,718		
Accounts receivable, net	73,366	111,013	17,137		
Total current assets	745,831	1,186,699	183,195		
Property and equipment, net	1,694,944	2,512,687	387,892		
Goodwill and intangible assets	1,350,524	1,341,599	207,108		
Total assets	3,854,074	5,128,272	791,669		
Total current liabilities	897,630	925,049	142,803		
Total liabilities	1,706,600	3,073,463	474,460		
Redeemable preferred shares	2,164,039	2,395,314	369,773		
Total shareholders' (deficit) equity	(16,565)	(340,505)	(52,564)	317,209	

- (1) The pro forma column gives effect to the automatic conversion of all of our outstanding preferred shares into 349,087,677 ordinary shares immediately upon the completion of this offering.
- (2) The pro forma as adjusted column gives effect to (i) the automatic conversion of all of our outstanding preferred shares into 349,087,677 ordinary shares immediately prior to the closing of this offering and (ii) the issuance and sale of ordinary shares in the form of ADSs by us in this offering, assuming an initial public offering price of US\$ per ADS, the midpoint of the estimated range of the initial public offering price, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts, commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us and assuming no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option. A US\$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of US\$ per ADS would increase (decrease) total shareholders' equity by US\$.

Key Financial Metrics

We monitor the following key financial metrics to help us evaluate growth trends, establish budgets, measure the effectiveness of our business strategies and assess operational efficiencies:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Other Consolidated Financial Data:		
Gross margin ⁽¹⁾	17.1%	26.8%
Operating loss margin ⁽²⁾	(16.2)%	(0.2)%
Net loss margin ⁽³⁾	(27.8)%	(14.0)%

- (1) Gross profit as a percentage of net revenue.
- (2) Loss from operations as a percentage of net revenue.
- (3) Net loss as a percentage of net revenue.

Non-GAAP Measures

In evaluating our business, we consider and use the following non-GAAP measures as supplemental measures to review and assess our operating performance:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2014	2015	
	RMB	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands, except percentages)		
Other Consolidated Financial Data:			
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	54,261	190,360	29,386
Adjusted EBITDA margin ⁽²⁾	11.6%	27.1%	27.1%

- (1) Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income or net loss excluding net interest expenses, incomes tax benefits, depreciation and amortization, accretion expenses for asset retirement costs, start-up costs, share-based compensation expenses, and gain on remeasurement of equity investment.
- (2) Adjusted EBITDA margin is defined as adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of net revenue.

Our management and board of directors use adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin, which are non-GAAP financial measures, to evaluate our operating performance, establish budgets and develop operational goals for managing our business. In particular, we believe that the exclusion of the expenses eliminated in calculating adjusted EBITDA can provide a useful measure of our core operating performance.

We also present these non-GAAP measures because we believe these non-GAAP measures are frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties as measures of the financial performance of companies in our industry.

These non-GAAP financial measures are not defined under U.S. GAAP and are not presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures have limitations as analytical tools, and when assessing our operating performance, cash flows or our liquidity, investors should not consider them in isolation, or as a substitute for net income (loss), cash flows provided by operating activities or other consolidated statements of operation and cash flow data prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

We mitigate these limitations by reconciling the non-GAAP financial measure to the most comparable U.S. GAAP performance measure, all of which should be considered when evaluating our performance.

The following table reconciles our adjusted EBITDA in the years presented to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which is net income or net loss:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2015	
	RMB	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands)		
Net loss	(129,999)	(98,584)	(15,219)
Net interest expenses	124,973	125,546	19,381
Income tax benefits	(4,583)	(11,983)	(1,850)
Depreciation and amortization	82,753	145,406	22,447
Accretion expenses for asset retirement costs	73	255	39
Start-up costs	16,217	25,659	3,961
Share-based compensation expenses	27,333	4,061	627
Gain on remeasurement of equity investment	(62,506)	—	—
Adjusted EBITDA	54,261	190,360	29,386

RISK FACTORS

You should consider carefully all of the information in this prospectus, including the risks and uncertainties described below and our consolidated financial statements and related notes, before making an investment in our ADSs. Any of the following risks and uncertainties could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. The market price of our ADSs could decline significantly as a result of any of these risks and uncertainties, and you may lose all or part of your investment. Additional risks or uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also harm our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Risk Factors Relating to Our Business and Industry

A slowdown in the demand for data center resources or managed services could have a material adverse effect on us.

Adverse developments in the data center market, in the industries in which our customers operate, or in demand for cloud computing could lead to a decrease in the demand for data center resources or managed services, which could have a material adverse effect on us. We face risks including:

- a decline in the technology industry, such as a decrease in the use of mobile or web-based commerce, business layoffs or downsizing, relocation of businesses, increased costs of complying with existing or new government regulations and other factors;
- a slowdown in the growth of the Internet generally as a medium for commerce and communication and the use of cloud-based platforms and services in particular;
- a downturn in the market for data center space generally, which could be caused by an oversupply of or reduced demand for space, and a downturn in cloud-based data center demand in particular; and
- the rapid development of new technologies or the adoption of new industry standards that render our or our customers' current products and services obsolete or unmarketable and, in the case of our customers, that contribute to a downturn in their businesses, increasing the likelihood of a default under their service agreements or that they become insolvent.

To the extent that any of these or other adverse conditions occurs, they are likely to impact market demand and pricing for our services.

Any inability to manage the growth of our operations could disrupt our business and reduce our profitability.

We have experienced significant growth in recent years. Our net revenue has grown from RMB468.3 million in 2014 to RMB703.6 million (US\$108.6 million) in 2015. We derive net revenue primarily from colocation services and, to a lesser extent, managed services. In addition, we also sell IT equipment either on a stand-alone basis or bundled in a managed service contract arrangement and provide consulting services. Our net revenues for colocation were RMB342.5 million and RMB500.9 million (US\$77.3 million) in 2014 and 2015, representing 73.1% and 71.2% of total net revenue over the same period. Our net revenues for managed services and consulting services were RMB108.4 million and RMB152.7 million (US\$23.6 million) in 2014 and 2015, representing 23.2% and 21.7% of total net revenue over the same period.

Our operations have also expanded in recent years through increases in the number and size of the data center facilities we operate, which we expect will continue to grow. Our rapid growth has placed, and will continue to place, significant demands on our management and our administrative, operational and financial systems. Continued expansion increases the challenges we face in:

- obtaining suitable land to build new data centers;

- establishing new operations at additional data centers and maintaining efficient use of the data center facilities we operate;
- managing a large and growing customer base with increasingly diverse requirements;
- expanding our service portfolio to cover a wider range of services, including managed cloud services;
- creating and capitalizing on economies of scale;
- obtaining additional capital to meet our future capital needs;
- recruiting, training and retaining a sufficient number of skilled technical, sales and management personnel;
- maintaining effective oversight over personnel and multiple data center locations;
- coordinating work among sites and project teams; and
- developing and improving our internal systems, particularly for managing our continually expanding business operations.

If we fail to manage the growth of our operations effectively, our businesses and prospects may be materially and adversely affected.

If we are not successful in expanding our service offerings, we may not achieve our financial goals and our results of operations may be adversely affected.

We have been expanding, and plan to continue to expand, the nature and scope of our service offerings, particularly into the area of cloud infrastructure and managed cloud services. The success of our expanded service offerings depends, in part, upon demand for such services by new and existing customers and our ability to meet their demand in a cost-effective manner. We may face a number of challenges expanding our service offerings, including:

- acquiring or developing the necessary expertise in IT;
- maintaining high-quality control and process execution standards;
- maintaining productivity levels and implementing necessary process improvements;
- controlling costs; and
- successfully attracting existing and new customers for new services we develop.

A failure by us to effectively manage the growth of our service portfolio could damage our reputation, cause us to lose business and adversely affect our results of operations. In addition, because managed cloud services may require significant upfront investment, we expect that continued expansion into these services will reduce our profit margins. In the event that we are unable to successfully grow our service portfolio, we could lose our competitive edge in providing our existing colocation and managed services, since significant time and resources that are devoted to such growth could have been utilized instead to improve and expand our existing colocation and managed services.

We face risks associated with having a long selling and implementation cycle for our services that requires us to make significant capital expenditures and resource commitments prior to recognizing revenue for those services.

We have a long selling cycle for our services, which typically requires significant investment of capital, human resources and time by both our customers and us. Constructing, developing and operating our data centers require significant capital expenditures. A customer's decision to utilize our colocation services, our managed solutions or our other services typically involves time-consuming contract negotiations regarding the service level commitments and other terms, and substantial due diligence on the part of the customer

regarding the adequacy of our infrastructure and attractiveness of our resources and services. Furthermore, we may expend significant time and resources in pursuing a particular sale or customer, and we do not recognize revenue for our services until such time as the services are provided under the terms of the applicable contract. Our efforts in pursuing a particular sale or customer may not be successful, and we may not always have sufficient capital on hand to satisfy our working capital needs between the date on which we sign an agreement with a new customer and when we first receive revenue for services delivered to the customer. If our efforts in pursuing sales and customers are unsuccessful, or our cash on hand is insufficient to cover our working capital needs over the course of our long selling cycle, our financial condition could be negatively affected.

The data center business is capital-intensive, and our capacity to generate capital may be insufficient to meet our anticipated capital requirements.

The costs of constructing, developing and operating data centers are substantial. Further, we may encounter development delays, excess development costs, or delays in developing space for our customers to utilize. We also may not be able to identify suitable land or facilities for new data centers or at a cost on terms acceptable to us. We are required to fund the costs of constructing, developing and operating our data centers with cash retained from operations, as well as from financings from bank and other borrowings. Moreover, the costs of constructing, developing and operating data centers have increased in recent years, and may further increase in the future, which may make it more difficult for us to expand our business and to operate our data centers profitably. There can be no assurance that our future net revenue would be sufficient to offset increases in these costs, or that our business operations will generate capital sufficient to meet our anticipated capital requirements. If we cannot generate sufficient capital to meet our anticipated capital requirements, our financial condition, business expansion and future prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

Our substantial level of indebtedness could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, expose us to interest rate risk to the extent of our variable rate debt and prevent us from meeting our obligations under our indebtedness.

We have substantial indebtedness. As of December 31, 2015, we had total consolidated indebtedness of RMB2,508.7 million (US\$387.3 million), including borrowings, capital lease obligations and convertible bonds. Our high level of indebtedness could, among other consequences:

- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, exposing us to the risk of default, which, in turn, would negatively affect our ability to operate as a going concern;
- require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flows from operations to interest and principal payments on our indebtedness, reducing the availability of our cash flows for other purposes, such as capital expenditures, acquisitions and working capital;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industries in which we operate;
- increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- place us at a disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt;
- expose us to fluctuations in the interest rate environment because the interest rates on borrowings under our project financing agreements are variable;
- increase our cost of borrowing;
- limit our ability to borrow additional funds; and
- require us to sell assets to raise funds, if needed, for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other purposes.

As a result of covenants and restrictions, we are limited in how we conduct our business, and we may be unable to raise additional debt or equity financing to compete effectively or to take advantage of new business opportunities. Our current or future borrowings could increase the level of financial risk to us and, to the extent that the interest rates are not fixed and rise, or that borrowings are refinanced at higher rates, our available cash flow and results of operations could be adversely affected.

We have financing arrangements in place with various lenders to support specific data center construction projects. Certain of these financing arrangements are secured by our accounts receivable, property and equipment and land use rights. The terms of these financing arrangements may impose covenants and obligations on the part of both the borrowing subsidiary of ours and us as guarantor. For example, some of these agreements contain requirements to maintain a specified minimum cash balance at all times or require that the borrower's outstanding loans stay within a "borrowing range." A subsidiary of ours in the past failed to meet the borrowing range requirement and although the subsidiary obtained a waiver letter from the creditor that waived the covenant violations, we cannot provide any assurances that we will always be able to meet any covenant tests under our financing arrangements. For more information regarding covenants arising from our financing arrangements, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Contractual Obligations."

The terms of any future indebtedness we may incur could include more restrictive covenants. A breach of any of these covenants could result in a default with respect to the related indebtedness. If a default occurs, the relevant lenders could elect to declare the indebtedness, together with accrued interest and other fees, to be due and payable immediately. This, in turn, could cause our other debt, to become due and payable as a result of cross-default or acceleration provisions contained in the agreements governing such other debt. In the event that some or all of our debt is accelerated and becomes immediately due and payable, we may not have the funds to repay, or the ability to refinance, such debt.

We may require additional capital to meet our future capital needs, which may adversely affect our financial position and result in additional shareholder dilution.

To grow our operations, we will be required to commit a substantial amount of operating and financial resources. Our planned capital expenditures, together with our ongoing operating expenses, will cause substantial cash outflows. If we are not able to generate sufficient operating cash flows, our ability to fund our expansion plan may be limited. We may need to raise additional funds through equity or debt financings in the future in order to meet our operating and capital needs. Additional debt or equity financing may not be available when needed or, if available, may not be available on satisfactory terms. Our inability to obtain additional debt and/or equity financing or to generate sufficient cash from operations may require us to prioritize projects or curtail capital expenditures and could adversely affect our results of operations.

If we raise additional funds through further issuances of equity or equity-linked securities, our existing shareholders could suffer significant dilution in their percentage ownership of our company, and any new equity securities we issue could have rights, preferences and privileges senior to those of holders of our ordinary shares. In addition, any debt financing that we may obtain in the future could have restrictive covenants relating to our capital raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for us to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities, including potential acquisitions.

Increased power costs and limited availability of power resources may adversely affect our results of operations.

We are a large consumer of power and costs of power account for a significant portion of our cost of revenue. We require power supply to provide many services we offer, such as powering and cooling our customers' servers and network equipment and operating critical data center plant and equipment

infrastructure. Since we rely on two centralized power utility suppliers, State Grid and Southern Grid, to provide our data centers with power, our data centers could have limited or inadequate access to power.

The amount of power required by our customers may increase as they adopt new technologies, for example, for virtualization of hardware resources. As a result, the average amount of power utilized per server is increasing, which in turn increases power consumption required to cool the data center facilities. Pursuant to our colocation service contracts, we provide our customers with a committed level of power supply availability. Although we aim to improve the energy efficiency of the data center facilities that we operate, there can be no assurance such data center facilities will be able to provide sufficient power to meet the growing needs of our customers. Our customers' demand for power may exceed the power capacity in our older data centers, which may limit our ability to fully utilize the net floor area of these data centers. We may lose customers or our customers may reduce the services purchased from us due to increased power costs, and limited availability of power resources, or we may incur costs for data center space which we cannot utilize, which would reduce our net revenue and have a material and adverse effect on our cost of revenue and results of operations.

We attempt to manage our power resources and limit exposure to system downtime due to power outages from the electric grid by having redundant power feeds from the grid and by using backup generators and battery power. However, these protections may not limit our exposure to power shortages or outages entirely. Any system downtime resulting from insufficient power resources or power outages could damage our reputation and lead us to lose current and potential customers, which would harm our financial condition and results of operations.

We have a history of net losses and may continue to incur losses in the future.

We incurred net losses of RMB130.0 million and RMB98.6 million (US\$15.2 million) in 2014 and 2015, respectively, and we may incur losses in the future. We expect our costs and expenses to increase as we expand our operations, primarily including costs and expenses associated with owning and leasing data center space, increasing our headcount and utility expenses. Our ability to achieve and maintain profitability depends on the continued growth and maintenance of our customer base, our ability to control our costs and expenses, the expansion of our service offerings and our ability to provide our services at the level needed to satisfy the stringent demands of our customers. In addition, our ability to achieve profitability is affected by many factors which are beyond our control, such as the overall demand for data center services in China and general economic conditions. If we cannot efficiently manage the data center facilities we operate, our financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. We may continue to incur losses in the future due to our continued investments in leasing data center space, increased headcount and increased utility expenses.

Any significant or prolonged failure in the data center facilities we operate or services we provide would lead to significant costs and disruptions and would reduce our net revenue, harm our business reputation and have a material adverse effect on our results of operation.

The data center facilities we operate are subject to failure. Any significant or prolonged failure in any data center facility we operate or services that we provide, including a breakdown in critical plant, equipment or services, such as the cooling equipment, generators, backup batteries, routers, switches, or other equipment, power supplies, or network connectivity, whether or not within our control, could result in service interruptions and data losses for our customers as well as equipment damage, which could significantly disrupt the normal business operations of our customers and harm our reputation and reduce our net revenue. Any failure or downtime in one of the data center facilities that we operate could affect many of our customers. The total destruction or severe impairment of any of the data center facilities we operate could result in significant downtime of our services and catastrophic loss of customer data. Since our ability to attract and retain customers depends on our ability to provide highly reliable service, even

minor interruptions in our service could harm our reputation and cause us to incur financial penalties. The services we provide are subject to failures resulting from numerous factors, including:

- power loss;
- equipment failure;
- human error or accidents;
- theft, sabotage and vandalism;
- failure by us or our suppliers to provide adequate service or maintenance to our equipment;
- network connectivity downtime and fiber cuts;
- security breaches to our infrastructure;
- improper building maintenance by us or the landlords of the buildings in which our leased facilities are located;
- physical, electronic and cyber security breaches;
- fire, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, flood and other natural disasters;
- extreme temperatures;
- water damage;
- public health emergencies; and
- terrorism.

We have in the past experienced, and may in the future experience, interruptions in service due to power outages or other technical failures or for reasons outside of our control. We have taken and continue to take steps to improve our infrastructure to prevent service interruptions, including upgrading our electrical and mechanical infrastructure and sourcing and designing the best facilities possible. However, service interruptions continue to be a significant risk for us and could affect our reputation, damage our relationships with customers and materially and adversely affect our business.

Delays in the construction of new data centers or the expansion of existing data centers could involve significant risks to our business.

In order to meet customer demand and the continued growth of our business, we need to expand existing data centers, lease new facilities or obtain suitable land to build new data centers. Expansion of existing data centers and/or construction of new data centers are currently underway, or being contemplated and such expansion and/or construction require us to carefully select and rely on the experience of one or more designers, general contractors, and subcontractors during the design and construction process. If a designer or contractor experiences financial or other problems during the design or construction process, we could experience significant delays and/or incur increased costs to complete the projects, resulting in negative impacts on our results of operations.

In addition, we need to work closely with the local power suppliers, and sometimes local governments, where our proposed data centers are located. Delays in actions that require the assistance of such third-parties, or delays in receiving required permits and approvals from such parties, may also affect the speed with which we complete data center projects or result in their not being completed at all. We have experienced such delays in receiving approvals and permits or in actions to be taken by third parties in the past and may experience them again in the future.

If we experience significant delays in the supply of power required to support the data center expansion or new construction, either during the design or construction phases, the progress of the data

center expansion and/or construction could deviate from our original plans, which could cause material and negative effect to our revenue growth, profitability and results of operations.

The occurrence of a catastrophic event or a prolonged disruption may exceed our insurance coverage by significant amounts.

Our operations are subject to hazards and risks normally associated with the daily operations of our data center facilities. Currently, we maintain insurance policies in four categories: business interruption for lost profits, property and casualty, public liability, and commercial employee insurance. Our business interruption insurance for lost profits includes coverage for business interruptions, our property and casualty insurance includes coverage for equipment breakdowns and our commercial employee insurance includes employee group insurance and senior management medical insurance. We believe our insurance coverage adequately covers the risks of our daily business operations. However, our current insurance policies may be insufficient in the event of a prolonged or catastrophic event. The occurrence of any such event that is not entirely covered by our insurance policies may result in interruption of our operations and subject us to significant losses or liabilities and damage our reputation as a provider of business continuity services. In addition, any losses or liabilities that are not covered by our current insurance policies may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may be vulnerable to security breaches which could disrupt our operations and have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

A party who is able to compromise the security measures protecting the data center facilities we operate or any of the data stored in such data center facilities could misappropriate our or our customers' proprietary information or cause interruptions or malfunctions in our operations. As we provide assurances to our customers that we provide the highest level of security, such a compromise could be particularly harmful to our brand and reputation. We may be required to expend significant capital and resources to protect against such threats or to alleviate problems caused by breaches in security. In addition, as we continue expanding our service offerings in the cloud infrastructure and managed cloud services space, we will face greater risks from potential attacks because the provision of cloud-related services will increase the flow of Internet user data through the data center facilities we operate and create broader public access to our system. As techniques used to breach security change frequently and are often not recognized until launched against a target, we may not be able to implement new security measures in a timely manner or, if and when implemented, we may not be certain whether these measures could be circumvented. Any breaches that may occur could expose us to increased risk of lawsuits, regulatory penalties, loss of existing or potential customers, harm to our reputation and increases in our security costs, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, any assertions of alleged security breaches or systems failure made against us, whether true or not, could harm our reputation, cause us to incur substantial legal fees and have a material adverse effect on our business, reputation, financial condition and results of operations.

Our ability to provide data center services depends on the major telecommunications carriers in China providing sufficient network services to our customers in the data center facilities that we operate on commercially acceptable terms.

Our ability to provide data center services depends on the major telecommunications carriers in China, namely China Telecom, China Unicom and China Mobile, providing sufficient network connectivity and capacity to enable our customers to transfer data to and from equipment that they locate in the data center facilities that we operate. Furthermore, given the limited competition among basic service providers in the telecommunications market in China, we depend on the dominant carrier in each location to provide such services to our customers on commercially acceptable terms. Although we believe we have maintained good relationships with China Telecom, China Unicom and China Mobile in the past, there can be no assurance that they will continue to provide the network services that our customers require on commercially acceptable terms at each of the data centers where we operate, if at all. In addition, if China Telecom, China Unicom or China Mobile increases the price of their network services, it would have a negative impact on the overall cost-effectiveness of data center services in China, which could cause our customers' demand for our services to decline and would materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Our leases for self-developed data centers or our agreements for third-party data centers could be terminated early and we may not be able to renew our existing leases and agreements on commercially acceptable terms or our rent or payment under the agreements could increase substantially in the future, which could materially and adversely affect our operations.

Most of our data center operations are located in properties that we have entered into long-term operating leases. Such leases generally have ten to twenty year terms. In some instances, we may negotiate an option to purchase the leased premises and facilities according to the terms and conditions under the relevant lease agreements. However, upon the expiration of such leases, we may not be able to renew these leases on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. Under certain lease agreements, the lessor may terminate the agreement by giving prior notice and paying default penalties to us. However, such default penalties may not be sufficient to cover our losses. Even though the lessors for most of our data centers generally do not have the right of unilateral early termination unless they provide the required notice, the lease may nonetheless be terminated early if we are in material breach of the lease agreements. We may assert claims for compensation against the landlords if they elect to terminate a lease agreement early and without due cause. If the leases for our data centers were terminated early prior to their expiration date, notwithstanding any compensation we may receive for early termination of such leases, or if we are not able to renew such leases, we may have to incur significant cost related to relocation. In addition, we have entered into two lease agreements with parties who have not produced evidence of proper legal title of the premises, and although we may seek damages from such parties, such leases may be void and we may be forced to relocate. Two of our data centers are located in properties that are already mortgaged to third parties before the commencement of the lease. If such third parties claim their rights on the mortgaged properties in case of default or breach under the principal debt by the lessors or other relevant parties, we may not be able to protect our leasehold interest and may be ordered to vacate the affected premises. Any relocation could also affect our ability to provide continuous uninterrupted services to our customers and harm our reputation. As a result, our business and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Furthermore, certain portions of our data center operations are located in third-party data centers that we lease from wholesale data center providers. Our agreements with third parties are typically three years but may also be up to ten years. Under some of such agreements, we have the right of first refusal to renew the agreements subject to mutual agreement with the third parties. Some of such agreements allow the third parties to terminate the agreements early, subject to a notification period requirement and the payment of a pre-determined termination fee, which in some cases may not be sufficient to cover any direct and indirect losses we might incur as a result. Although historically we have successfully renewed all agreements we wanted to renew, and we do not believe that any of our agreements will be terminated early in the future, there can be no assurance that the counterparties will not terminate any of our agreements prior to its expiration date. We plan to renew our existing agreements with third parties upon expiration or migrate our operations to the data centers leased or owned by our company. However, we may not be able to renew these agreements on commercially acceptable terms, if at all, or the space in data centers that we lease or own may not be adequate for us to relocate such operations, and we may experience an increase in our payments under such agreements. Any adverse change to our ability to exert operational control over any of the data center facilities we operate could have a material adverse effect on our ability to operate these data center facilities at the standards required for us to meet our service level commitments to our customers.

We generate significant revenue from data centers located in only a few locations and a significant disruption to any location could materially and adversely affect our operations

We generate significant revenue from data centers located in only a few locations and a significant disruption to any single location could materially and adversely affect our operations. As of the date of this prospectus, the majority of our self-built data centers were located in close proximity to the central

business districts of Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Chengdu. The occurrence of a catastrophic event, or a prolonged disruption in any of these regions, could materially and adversely affect our operations.

Our net revenue is highly dependent on a limited number of customers, and the loss of, or any significant decrease in business from, any one or more of our major customers could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We consider our customer to be the end user of our data center services. We may enter into contracts directly with our end user customer or through an intermediate contracting party. See "Business—Our Customers." We have in the past derived, and believe that we will continue to derive, a significant portion of our net revenue from a limited number of customers. We had one end user customer that generated 26.8% of our total net revenue in 2014 and two end user customers that generated 20.1% and 10.3% of our total net revenue, respectively, in 2015. No other end user customer accounted for 10% or more of our total net revenue during those years. We expect our net revenue will continue to be highly dependent on a limited number of end user customers who account for a large percentage of our total area committed. As of December 31, 2015, we had two end user customers who accounted for 40.8% and 15.9%, respectively, of our total area committed. No other end user customer accounted for 10% or more of total area committed. In addition, if there are delays in the move in of these customers, where the net floor area they are committed to are not utilized as expected, then our net revenue and results of operations would be materially and adversely affected.

There are a number of factors that could cause us to lose major customers. Because many of our contracts involve services that are mission-critical to our customers, any failure by us to meet a customer's expectations could result in cancellation or non-renewal of the contract. Our service agreements usually allow our customers to terminate their agreements with us before the end of the contract period under certain specified circumstances, including our failure to deliver services as required under such agreements, and in some cases without cause as long as sufficient notice is given. In addition, our customers may decide to reduce spending on our services due to a challenging economic environment or other factors, both internal and external, relating to their business such as corporate restructuring or changing their outsourcing strategy by moving more facilities in-house or outsourcing to other service providers. Furthermore, our customers, some of who have experienced rapid changes in their business, substantial price competition and pressures on their profitability, may demand price reductions or reduce the scope of services to be provided by us, any of which could reduce our profitability. In addition, our reliance on any individual customer for a significant portion of our net revenue may give that customer a degree of pricing leverage against us when negotiating contracts and terms of services with us.

The loss of any of our major customers, or a significant decrease in the extent of the services that they outsource to us or the price at which we sell our services to them, could materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

If we are unable to meet our service level commitments, our reputation and results of operation could suffer.

Most of our customer contracts provide that we maintain certain service level commitments to our customers. If we fail to meet our service level commitments, we may be contractually obligated to pay the affected customer a financial penalty, which varies by contract, and the customer may in some cases be able to terminate its contract. Although we have not had to pay any material financial penalties for failing to meet our service level commitments in the past, there is no assurance that we will be able to meet all of our service level commitments in the future and that no material financial penalties may be imposed. In

addition, if such a failure were to occur, there can be no assurance that our customers will not seek other legal remedies that may be available to them, including:

- requiring us to provide free services;
- seeking damages for losses incurred; and
- cancelling or electing not to renew their contracts.

Any of these events could materially increase our expenses or reduce our net revenue, which would have a material adverse effect on our reputation and results of operations. Our failure to meet our commitments could also result in substantial customer dissatisfaction or loss. As a result of such customer loss and other potential liabilities, our net revenue and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Our customer base may decline if our customers or potential customers develop their own data centers or expand their own existing data centers.

Some of our customers may develop their own data center facilities. Other customers with their own existing data centers may choose to expand their data center operations in the future. In the event that any of our key customers were to develop or expand their data centers, we may lose business or face pressure as to the pricing of our services. Although we believe that the trend is for companies in China to outsource their data center facilities and operations to colocation data center service providers, there can be no assurance that this trend will continue. In addition, if we fail to offer services that are cost-competitive and operationally advantageous as compared with services provided in-house by our customers, we may lose customers or fail to attract new customers. If we lose a customer, there is no assurance that we would be able to replace that customer at the same or a higher rate, or at all, and our business and results of operations would suffer.

We may be unable to achieve high contract renewal rates.

We seek to renew customer contracts when those contracts are due for renewal. We endeavor to provide high levels of customer service, support, and satisfaction to maintain long-term customer relationships and to secure high rates of contract renewals for our services. Nevertheless, we cannot assure you that we will be able to renew service contracts with our existing customers or re-commit space relating to expired service contracts to new customers if our current customers do not renew their contracts. In the event of a customer's termination or non-renewal of expired contracts, our ability to enter into services contracts so that new or other existing customers utilize the expired existing space in a timely manner will impact our results of operations. Our quarterly churn rate, which we define as the ratio of quarterly service revenue from contracts which terminated or expired without renewal during the quarter to the total quarterly service revenue for the preceding quarter, averaged 1.4% and 1.0% in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

If we do not succeed in attracting new customers for our services and/or growing revenue from existing customers, we may not achieve our revenue growth goals.

We have been expanding our customer base to cover a range of industry verticals, particularly cloud service providers. Our ability to attract new customers, as well as our ability to grow revenue from our existing customers, depends on a number of factors, including our ability to offer high-quality services at competitive prices, the strength of our competitors and the capabilities of our marketing and sales teams to attract new customers. If we fail to attract new customers, we may not be able to grow our net revenue as quickly as we anticipate or at all.

As our customer base grows and diversifies into other industries, we may be unable to provide customers with services that meet the specific demand of such customers or their industries, or with

quality customer support, which could result in customer dissatisfaction, decreased overall demand for our services and loss of expected revenue. In addition, our inability to meet customer service expectations may damage our reputation and could consequently limit our ability to retain existing customers and attract new customers, which would adversely affect our ability to generate revenue and negatively impact our results of operations.

Customers who rely on us for the colocation of their servers, the infrastructure of their cloud systems, and management of their IT and cloud operations could potentially sue us for their lost profits or damages if there are disruptions in our services, which could impair our financial condition.

As our services are critical to many of our customers' business operations, any significant disruption in our services could result in lost profits or other indirect or consequential damages to our customers. Although our customer contracts typically contain provisions attempting to limit our liability for breach of the agreement, including failing to meet our service level commitments, there can be no assurance that a court would enforce any contractual limitations on our liability in the event that one of our customers brings a lawsuit against us as the result of a service interruption that they may ascribe to us. The outcome of any such lawsuit would depend on the specific facts of the case and any legal and policy considerations that we may not be able to mitigate. In such cases, we could be liable for substantial damage awards. Since we do not carry liability insurance coverage, such damage awards could seriously impair our financial condition.

Our customers operate in a limited number of industries, particularly in the Internet and financial services industries. Factors that adversely affect these industries or information technology spending in these industries may adversely affect our business.

Our customers operate in a limited number of industries, particularly in the Internet and financial services industries. As of December 31, 2015, end user customers from the Internet and financial services industries accounted for 65.1% and 21.7% of our total area committed, respectively. Our business and growth depends on continued demand for our services from our current and potential customers in the Internet and financial services industries. Demand for our services, and technology services in general, in any particular industry could be affected by multiple factors outside of our control, including a decrease in growth or growth prospects of the industry, a slowdown or reversal of the trend to outsource information technology operations, or consolidation in the industry. In addition, serving a major customer within a particular industry may effectively preclude us from seeking or obtaining engagements with direct competitors of that customer if there is a perceived conflict of interest. Any significant decrease in demand for our services by customers in these industries, or other industries from which we derive significant net revenue in the future, may reduce the demand for our services.

We enter into fixed-price contracts with many customers, and our failure to accurately estimate the resources and time required for the fulfillment of our obligations under these contracts could negatively affect our results of operations.

Our data center services are generally provided on a fixed-price basis that requires us to undertake significant projections and planning related to resource utilization and costs. Although our past project experience helps to reduce the risks associated with estimating, planning and performing fixed-price contracts, we bear the risk of failing to accurately estimate our projected costs, including power costs as we may not accurately predict our customer's ultimate power usage once the contract is implemented, and failing to efficiently utilize our resources to deliver our services, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to reduce the risk of estimating, planning and performing our contracts. Any failure to accurately estimate the resources and time required for a project, or any other factors that may impact our costs, could adversely affect our profitability and results of operations.

Our customer contract commitments are subject to reduction and potential cancellation.

Many of our customer contracts allow for early termination, subject to payment of specified costs and penalties, which are usually less than the revenues we would expect to receive under such contracts. Our customer contract commitments could significantly decrease if any of the customer contracts is terminated either pursuant to, or in violation of, the terms of such contract. In addition, our customer contract commitments during a particular future period may be reduced for reasons outside of our customers' control, such as general current economic conditions. If our customer contract commitments are significantly reduced, our results of operations and the price of our ADSs could be materially and adversely affected.

Even if our current and future customers have entered into a binding contract with us, they may choose to terminate such contract prior to the expiration of its terms. Any penalty for early termination may not adequately compensate us for the time and resources we have expended in connection with such contract, or at all, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flows.

We may not be able to compete effectively against our current and future competitors.

We offer a broad range of data center services and, as a result, we may compete with a wide range of data center service providers for some or all of the services we offer.

We face competition from the state-owned telecommunications carriers, namely China Telecom, China Unicom and China Mobile, as well as other domestic and international carrier-neutral data center service providers. Our current and future competitors may vary by size and service offerings and geographic presence. See "Business—Competition."

Competition is primarily centered on reputation and track record, quality and availability of data center space, quality of service, technical expertise, security, reliability, functionality, breadth and depth of services offered, geographic coverage, financial strength and price. Some of our current and future competitors may have greater brand recognition, marketing, technical and financial resources than we do. As a result, some of our competitors may be able to:

- bundle colocation services with other services or equipment they provide at reduced prices;
- develop superior products or services, gain greater market acceptance, and expand their service offerings more efficiently or rapidly;
- adapt to new or emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements more quickly;
- take advantage of acquisition and other opportunities more readily; and
- adopt more aggressive pricing policies and devote greater resources to the promotion, marketing and sales of their services.

We operate in a competitive market, and we face pricing pressure for our services. Prices for our services are affected by a variety of factors, including supply and demand conditions and pricing pressures from our competitors. Although we offer a broad range of data center services, our competitors that specialize in only one of our services offerings may have competitive advantages in that offering. With respect to all of our colocation services, our competitors may offer such services at rates below current market rates or below the rates we currently charge our customers. With respect to both our colocation and managed services offerings, our competitors may offer services in a greater variety that are more sophisticated or that are more competitively priced than the services we offer. We may be required to lower our prices to remain competitive, which may decrease our margins and adversely affect our business prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

An oversupply of data center capacity could have a material adverse effect on us.

A buildup of new data centers or reduced demand for data center services could result in an oversupply of data center space in China's large commercial centers. Excess data center capacity could lower the value of data center services and limit the number of economically attractive markets that are available to us for expansion, which could negatively impact our business and results of operations.

Our failure to comply with regulations applicable to our leased data centers may materially and adversely affect our ability to use such data centers.

Among the data centers that we lease, including those under construction, a majority of the lease agreements have not been filed with relevant authorities in accordance with the applicable PRC laws and regulations. The failure to register or file the lease will not affect the legal validity of the lease agreements but may subject us to a fine from RMB1,000 to RMB10,000 for each unregistered lease. In respect to one data center in Beijing, a portion of the property has been constructed without obtaining the building ownership certificate, and the part of the lease in relation to such portion may be deemed invalid if the construction has not been duly approved by the government, in which event we would not be able to use that portion of property. In respect of some data centers, the usage of leased properties for data center purposes may be deemed to be inconsistent with the designated usage as stated under the building ownership certificates. If the owners fail to obtain the necessary consents and/or to comply with the applicable legal requirements for the change of usage of these premises, and the relevant authority or the court orders us to use the relevant leased properties for the designated usage only, we may not be able to continue to use these properties for data center purposes and we may need relocate our operation there to other suitable premises. We may also be subject to administrative penalties for lack of fire safety approvals for renovation of the leased premises, and we may be ordered to suspend operations at applicable premises if we fail to timely cure any such defect. Renovation of certain other of our data centers was carried out without obtaining construction related permits, and certain leased premises were put into use without fulfillment of construction inspection and acceptance procedures, which may cause administrative penalties to be incurred, and may cause the use of the leased premises to be deemed illegal, and we may be forced to suspend our operations as a result. See also "—Risks Related to Doing Business in the People's Republic of China—Our business operations are extensively impacted by the policies and regulations of the PRC Government. Any policy or regulatory change may cause us to incur significant compliance costs."

We cannot assure you that we will be able to relocate such operations to suitable alternative premises, and any such relocation may result in disruption to our business operations and thereby result in loss of earnings. We may also need to incur additional costs for the relocation of our operation. There is also no assurance that we will be able to effectively mitigate the possible adverse effects that may be caused by such disruption, loss or costs. Any of such disruption, loss or costs could materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Our failure to maintain our relationships with various cloud service providers may adversely affect our cloud-related services, and as a result, our business, operating results and financial condition.

Our cloud managed services involve providing services to the customers of cloud service providers. If we do not maintain good relationships with cloud service providers, our business could be negatively affected. If these cloud service providers fail to perform as required under our agreements for any reason or suffer service level interruptions or other performance issues, or if our customers are less satisfied than expected with the services provided or results obtained, we may not realize the anticipated benefits of these relationships.

Since our agreements with key cloud service providers in China are non-exclusive, these companies may decide in the future to partner with more of our competitors or they may decide to terminate their

agreements with us, any of which could adversely and materially affect our business expansion plan and expected growth.

Our data center infrastructure may become obsolete or unmarketable and we may not be able to upgrade our power, cooling, security or connectivity systems cost-effectively or at all.

The markets for the data centers we own and operate, as well as certain of the industries in which our customers operate, are characterized by rapidly changing technology, evolving industry standards, frequent new service introductions, shifting distribution channels and changing customer demands. As a result, the infrastructure at our data centers may become obsolete or unmarketable due to demand for new processes and/or technologies, including, without limitation: (i) new processes to deliver power to, or eliminate heat from, computer systems; (ii) customer demand for additional redundancy capacity; (iii) new technology that permits higher levels of critical load and heat removal than our data centers are currently designed to provide; and (iv) an inability of the power supply to support new, updated or upgraded technology. In addition, the systems that connect our self-developed data centers, and in particular, our third-party data centers, to the Internet and other external networks may become outdated, including with respect to latency, reliability and diversity of connectivity. When customers demand new processes or technologies, we may not be able to upgrade our data centers on a cost-effective basis, or at all, due to, among other things, increased expenses to us that cannot be passed on to customers or insufficient revenue to fund the necessary capital expenditures. The obsolescence of our power and cooling systems and/or our inability to upgrade our data centers, including associated connectivity, could reduce revenue at our data centers and could have a material adverse effect on us. Furthermore, potential future regulations that apply to industries we serve may require customers in those industries to seek specific requirements from their data centers that we are unable to provide. If such regulations were adopted, we could lose customers or be unable to attract new customers in certain industries, which could have a material adverse effect on us.

If we are unable to adapt to evolving technologies and customer demands in a timely and cost-effective manner, our ability to sustain and grow our business may suffer.

To be successful, we must adapt to our rapidly changing market by continually improving the performance, features and reliability of our services and modifying our business strategies accordingly, which could cause us to incur substantial costs. We may not be able to adapt to changing technologies in a timely and cost-effective manner, if at all, which would adversely impact our ability to sustain and grow our business.

In addition, new technologies have the potential to replace or provide lower cost alternatives to our services. The adoption of such new technologies could render some or all of our services obsolete or unmarketable. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to identify the emergence of all of these new service alternatives successfully, modify our services accordingly, or develop and bring new services to market in a timely and cost-effective manner to address these changes. If and when we do identify the emergence of new service alternatives and introduce new services to market, those new services may need to be made available at lower profit margins than our then-current services. Failure to provide services to compete with new technologies or the obsolescence of our services could lead us to lose current and potential customers or could cause us to incur substantial costs, which would harm our operating results and financial condition. Our introduction of new alternative services that have lower price points than our current offerings may also result in our existing customers switching to the lower cost products, which could reduce our net revenue and have a material adverse effect on our results of operation.

We have limited ability to protect our intellectual property rights, and unauthorized parties may infringe upon or misappropriate our intellectual property.

Our success depends in part upon our proprietary intellectual property rights, including certain methodologies, practices, tools and technical expertise we utilize in designing, developing, implementing and maintaining applications and processes used in providing our services. We rely on a combination of copyright, trademark, trade secrets and other intellectual property laws, non-disclosure agreements with our employees, customers and other relevant persons and other measures to protect our intellectual property, including our brand identity. Nevertheless, it may be possible for third parties to obtain and use our intellectual property without authorization. The unauthorized use of intellectual property is common in China and enforcement of intellectual property rights by PRC regulatory agencies is inconsistent. As a result, litigation may be necessary to enforce our intellectual property rights. Litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of our management's attention and resources, and could disrupt our business, as well as have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Given the relative unpredictability of China's legal system and potential difficulties in enforcing a court judgment in China, there is no guarantee that we would be able to halt any unauthorized use of our intellectual property in China through litigation.

We may be subject to third-party claims of intellectual property infringement.

Although we currently have registered several trademarks for the "GDS" brand, other third parties have also registered "GDS" as a trademark in categories that may overlap with our business operations. Infringement claims may be asserted against us. In addition, we may be unaware of intellectual property registrations or applications that purport to relate to our services, which could give rise to potential infringement claims against us. Parties making infringement claims may be able to obtain an injunction to prevent us from delivering our services or using trademark or technology containing the allegedly intellectual property. If we become liable to third parties for infringing upon their intellectual property rights, we could be required to pay a substantial damage award. We may also be subject to injunctions that require us to alter our processes or methodologies so as not to infringe upon a third party's intellectual property, which may not be technically or commercially feasible and may cause us to expend significant resources. Any claims or litigation in this area, whether we ultimately win or lose, could be time-consuming and costly, could cause the diversion of management's attention and resources away from the operations of our business and could damage our reputation.

If our customers' proprietary intellectual property or confidential information is misappropriated or disclosed by us or our employees in violation of applicable laws and contractual agreements, we could be exposed to protracted and costly legal proceedings and lose clients.

We and our employees are in some cases provided with access to our customers' proprietary intellectual property and confidential information, including technology, software products, business policies and plans, trade secrets and personal data. Many of our customer contracts require that we do not engage in the unauthorized use or disclosure of such intellectual property or information and that we will be required to indemnify our customers for any loss they may suffer as a result. We use security technologies and other methods to prevent employees from making unauthorized copies, or engaging in unauthorized use or unauthorized disclosure, of such intellectual property and confidential information. We also require our employees to enter into non-disclosure arrangements to limit access to and distribution of our customers' intellectual property and other confidential information as well as our own. However, the steps taken by us in this regard may not be adequate to safeguard our customers' intellectual property and confidential information. Moreover, most of our customer contracts do not include any limitation on our liability with respect to breaches of our obligation to keep the intellectual property or confidential information we receive from them confidential. In addition, we may not always be aware of intellectual property registrations or applications relating to source codes, software products or other intellectual

property belonging to our customers. As a result, if our customers' proprietary rights are misappropriated by us or our employees, our customers may consider us liable for such act and seek damages and compensation from us.

Assertions of infringement of intellectual property or misappropriation of confidential information against us, if successful, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Protracted litigation could also result in existing or potential customers deferring or limiting their purchase or use of our services until resolution of such litigation. Even if such assertions against us are unsuccessful, they may cause us to lose existing and future business and incur reputational harm and substantial legal fees.

We rely on third-party suppliers for key elements of our network infrastructure and software.

We contract with third parties for the supply of hardware, such as servers and other equipment, that we use in the provision of our services to our customers and that we sell to our customers in some cases. The loss of a significant supplier could delay expansion of the data center facilities that we operate, impact our ability to sell our services and hardware and increase our costs. If we are unable to purchase the hardware or obtain a license for the software that our services depend on, our business could be significantly and adversely affected. In addition, if our suppliers are unable to provide products that meet evolving industry standards or that are unable to effectively interoperate with other products or services that we use, then we may be unable to meet all or a portion of our customer service commitments, which could materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

We engage third-party contractors to carry out various services relating to our data center facilities, including security services.

We engage third-party contractors to carry out various services relating to our data center facilities, including security services. We endeavor to engage third-party companies with a strong reputation and proven track record, high-performance reliability and adequate financial resources. However, any such third-party contractor may still fail to provide satisfactory security services at the level of quality required by us, resulting in inappropriate access to our facilities.

Any difficulties in identifying and consummating future acquisitions may expose us to potential risks and have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

We may seek to make strategic acquisitions and enter into alliances to further expand our business. If we are presented with appropriate opportunities, we may acquire additional businesses, services, resources, or assets, including data centers, that are complementary to our core business. Our integration of the acquired entities or assets into our business may not be successful and may not enable us to expand into new services, customer segments or operating locations as well as we expect. This would significantly affect the expected benefits of these acquisitions. Moreover, the integration of any acquired entities or assets into our operations could require significant attention from our management. The diversion of our management's attention and any difficulties encountered in any integration process could have an adverse effect on our ability to manage our business. In addition, we may face challenges trying to integrate new operations, services and personnel with our existing operations. Our possible future acquisitions may also expose us to other potential risks, including risks associated with unforeseen or hidden liabilities, the diversion of resources from our existing businesses and technologies, our inability to generate sufficient revenue to offset the costs, expenses of acquisitions and potential loss of, or harm to, relationships with employees and customers as a result of our integration of new businesses. The occurrence of any of these events could have a material and adverse effect on our ability to manage our business, our financial condition and our results of operations.

The uncertain economic environment may have an adverse impact on our business and financial condition.

The uncertain economic environment could have an adverse effect on our liquidity. While we believe we have a strong customer base, if the current market conditions were to worsen, some of our customers may have difficulty paying us and we may experience increased churn in our customer base and reductions in their commitments to us. We may also be required to make allowances for doubtful accounts and our results would be negatively impacted. Our sales cycle could also be lengthened if customers reduce spending on, or delay decision-making with respect to, our services, which could adversely affect our revenue growth and our ability to recognize net revenue. We could also experience pricing pressure as a result of economic conditions if our competitors lower prices and attempt to lure away our customers with lower cost solutions. Finally, our ability to access the capital markets may be severely restricted at a time when we would like, or need, to do so, which could have an impact on our flexibility to pursue additional expansion opportunities and maintain our desired level of revenue growth in the future.

Our success depends to a substantial degree upon our senior management, including Mr. William Wei Huang, and key personnel, and our business operations may be negatively affected if we fail to attract and retain highly competent senior management.

We depend to a significant degree on the continuous service of Mr. William Wei Huang, our founder, co-chairman and chief executive officer, and our experienced senior management team and other key personnel such as project managers and other middle management. If one or more members of our senior management team or key personnel resigns, it could disrupt our business operations and create uncertainty as we search for and integrate a replacement. If any member of our senior management leaves us to join a competitor or to form a competing company, any resulting loss of existing or potential clients to any such competitor could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Additionally, there could be unauthorized disclosure or use of our technical knowledge, practices or procedures by such personnel. We have entered into employment agreements with our senior management and key personnel. We have also entered into confidentiality agreements with our personnel which contain nondisclosure covenants that survive indefinitely as to our trade secrets. Additionally, pursuant to these confidentiality agreements, any inventions and creations of our employees relating to the company's business that are completed within twelve months after termination of employment shall be transferred to the company without payment of consideration, and the employees shall assist the company in applying for corresponding patents or other rights. However, these employment agreements do not ensure the continued service of these senior management and key personnel, and we may not be able to enforce the confidentiality agreements we have with our personnel. In addition, we do not maintain key man life insurance for any of the senior members of our management team or our key personnel.

Competition for employees is intense, and we may not be able to attract and retain the qualified and skilled employees needed to support our business.

We believe our success depends on the efforts and talent of our employees, including data center design, construction management, operations, engineering, IT, risk management, and sales and marketing personnel. Our future success depends on our continued ability to attract, develop, motivate and retain qualified and skilled employees. Competition for highly skilled personnel is extremely intense. We may not be able to hire and retain these personnel at compensation levels consistent with our existing compensation and salary structure. Some of the companies with which we compete for experienced employees have greater resources than we have and may be able to offer more attractive terms of employment.

In addition, we invest significant time and expenses in training our employees, which increases their value to competitors who may seek to recruit them. If we fail to retain our employees, we could incur

significant expenses in hiring and training their replacements, and the quality of our services and our ability to serve our customers could diminish, resulting in a material adverse effect to our business.

Our operating results may fluctuate, which could make our future results difficult to predict, and may fall below investor or analyst expectations.

Our operating results may fluctuate due to a variety of factors, including many of the risks described in this section, which are outside of our control. You should not rely on our operating results for any prior periods as an indication of our future operating performance. Fluctuations in our net revenue can lead to even greater fluctuations in our operating results. Our budgeted expense levels depend in part on our expectations of long-term future net revenue. Given relatively large fixed cost of revenue for services, other than utility costs, any substantial adjustment to our costs to account for lower than expected levels of net revenue will be difficult. Consequently, if our net revenue does not meet projected levels, our operating performance will be negatively affected. If our net revenue or operating results do not meet or exceed the expectations of investors or securities analysts, the price of our ADSs may decline.

Declining fixed asset valuations could result in impairment charges, the determination of which involves a significant amount of judgment on our part. Any impairment charge could have a material adverse effect on us.

We review our fixed assets for impairment on an annual basis and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Indicators of impairment include, but are not limited to, a sustained significant decrease in the market price of or the cash flows expected to be derived from a property. A significant amount of judgment is involved in determining the presence of an indicator of impairment. If the total of the expected undiscounted future cash flows is less than the carrying amount of a property on our balance sheet, a loss is recognized for the difference between the fair value and carrying value of the asset. The evaluation of anticipated cash flows requires a significant amount of judgment regarding assumptions that could differ materially from actual results in future periods, including assumptions regarding future occupancy, contract rates and estimated costs to service the contracts. Any impairment charge could have a material adverse effect on us.

Failure to commence or resume development of land that we have been granted right to use within the required timeframe may subject us to default liabilities under land use right grant contracts and cause us to lose such land use rights.

We have two parcels of land, one in Chengdu and one in Kunshan, over which we have obtained land use rights, but which may be treated as "idle land" by the respective local government authorities. According to the relevant PRC regulations, the PRC government may impose an "idle land fee" equal to 20% of the land premium on land user if the relevant construction land has been identified as "idle land". The construction land may be identified as "idle land" under any of the following circumstances: (i) where development of and construction on the land fail to commence for more than one year from the construction commencement date prescribed in the land grant contract; or (ii) the development and construction on the land have commenced but have been suspended when the area of the developed land is less than one-third of the total area to be developed or the invested amount is less than 25% of the total amount of investment, and the suspension of development attains one year. Furthermore, the PRC government has the authority to confiscate any land without compensation if the construction does not commence within two years after the construction commencement date specified in the land grant contract, unless the delay is caused by force majeure, governmental action or preliminary work necessary for the commencement of construction.

As of the date of this prospectus, (i) we have not commenced development of one parcel of the land in Kunshan, which was to commence in December 2012; and (ii) we suspended the development of one parcel of the land in Chengdu after completion of the construction of the existing buildings thereon in November 2010 and have not resumed development of such parcel of land, and upon such suspension, the

area of the developed land was less than one-third of the total land area. Therefore, the PRC government may treat such two parcels of land as idle lands, in which case we may be required to pay idle land fees or penalties, change the planned use of the land, find another parcel of land, or even be required to forfeit the land to PRC government. We may further be subject to penalties for breach of relevant land use right grant contracts and be required to pay damages.

We have not been subject to any penalties or required to forfeit any land as a result of failing to commence or resume development pursuant to the relevant land grant contract. However, we cannot assure you that we will not be subject to penalties as a result of any failure to commence development in accordance with the relevant land grant contract. If this occurs, our financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

We may experience impairment of goodwill in connection with our acquisition of entities or other assets.

We are required to perform an annual goodwill impairment test. For example, in connection with acquiring EDC Holding in June 2014, we recorded a substantial amount of goodwill in our consolidated financial statements. However, goodwill can become impaired. We test goodwill for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate possible impairment, but the fair value estimates involved require a significant amount of difficult judgment and assumptions. Our actual results may differ materially from our projections, which may result in the need to recognize impairment of some or all of the goodwill we recorded.

We are subject to China's anti-corruption laws and upon the completion of this offering, will be subject to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Our failure to comply with these laws could result in penalties, which could harm our reputation and have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Upon the completion of this offering, we will be subject to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, or the FCPA, which generally prohibits companies and anyone acting on their behalf from offering or making improper payments or providing benefits to foreign officials for the purpose of obtaining or keeping business, along with various other anti-corruption laws, including China's anti-corruption laws. Our existing policies prohibit any such conduct and we are in the process of implementing additional policies and procedures designed to ensure that we, our employees and intermediaries comply with the FCPA and other anti-corruption laws to which we are subject. There is, however, no assurance that such policies or procedures will work effectively all the time or protect us against liability under the FCPA or other anti-corruption laws for actions taken by our employees and intermediaries with respect to our business or any businesses that we may acquire. We operate in the data center services industry in China and generally purchase our colocation facilities and telecommunications resources from state or government-owned enterprises and sell our services domestically to customers that include state or government-owned enterprises or government ministries, departments and agencies. This puts us in frequent contact with persons who may be considered "foreign officials" under the FCPA, resulting in an elevated risk of potential FCPA violations. If we are found not to be in compliance with the FCPA and other applicable anti-corruption laws governing the conduct of business with government entities or officials, we may be subject to criminal and civil penalties and other remedial measures, which could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Any investigation of any potential violations of the FCPA or other anti-corruption laws by U.S. or foreign authorities, including Chinese authorities, could adversely impact our reputation, cause us to lose customer sales and access to colocation facilities and telecommunications resources, and lead to other adverse impacts on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We face risks related to natural disasters, health epidemics and other outbreaks, which could significantly disrupt our operations.

On May 12, 2008 and April 14, 2010, severe earthquakes hit part of Sichuan province in southeastern China and part of Qinghai province in western China, respectively, resulting in significant casualties and property damage. While we did not suffer any loss or experience any significant increase in cost resulting from these earthquakes, if a similar disaster were to occur in the future that affected Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Chengdu or another city where we have data centers or are in the process of developing data centers, our operations could be materially and adversely affected due to loss of personnel and damages to property. In addition, a similar disaster affecting a larger, more developed area could also cause an increase in our costs resulting from the efforts to resurvey the affected area. Even if we are not directly affected, such a disaster could affect the operations or financial condition of our customers and suppliers, which could harm our results of operations.

In addition, our business could be materially and adversely affected by natural disasters or public health emergencies, such as the outbreak of avian influenza, severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, Zika virus, Ebola virus, or another epidemic. If any of our employees is suspected of having contracted any contagious disease, we may under certain circumstances be required to quarantine such employees and the affected areas of our premises. Therefore, we may have to temporarily suspend part of or all of our operations. Furthermore, any future outbreak may restrict economic activities in affected regions, resulting in temporary closure of our offices or prevent us and our customers from traveling. Such closures could severely disrupt our business operations and adversely affect our results of operations.

If we fail to maintain proper and effective internal controls, our ability to produce accurate financial statements on a timely basis could be impaired.

We will be subject to the reporting requirements of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the rules and regulations of the [NYSE/NASDAQ] after the completion of this offering. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires, among other things, that we maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting. Commencing with our fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, we must perform system and process evaluation and testing of our internal controls over financial reporting to allow management to report on the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting in our Form 20-F filing for that year, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. In addition, once we cease to be an "emerging growth company" as the term is defined in the JOBS Act, our independent registered public accounting firm must attest to and report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. Our management may conclude that our internal control over financial reporting is not effective. Moreover, even if our management concludes that our internal control over financial reporting is effective, our independent registered public accounting firm, after conducting its own independent testing, may issue a report that is qualified if it is not satisfied with our internal controls or the level at which our controls are documented, designed, operated or reviewed, or if it interprets the relevant requirements differently from us. This will require that we incur substantial additional professional fees and internal costs to expand our accounting and finance functions and that we expend significant management efforts. Prior to this offering, we were never required to test our internal controls within a specified period, and, as a result, we may experience difficulty in meeting these reporting requirements in a timely manner. Prior to this offering, we were a private company with limited accounting personnel and other resources with which to address our internal controls and procedures. Our management has not completed an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting and our independent registered public accounting firm has not conducted an audit of our internal control over financial reporting.

In addition, our internal control over financial reporting will not prevent or detect all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. Because of the inherent limitations in

all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud will be detected.

If we are not able to comply with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in a timely manner, or if we are unable to maintain proper and effective internal controls, we may not be able to produce timely and accurate financial statements. If that were to happen, the market price of our ADSs could decline and we could be subject to sanctions or investigations by the [NYSE/NASDAQ], SEC or other regulatory authorities.

Compliance with rules and requirements applicable to public companies may cause us to incur increased costs, which may negatively affect our results of operations.

As a public company, we will incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. In addition, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, as well as rules subsequently implemented by the SEC and the [NYSE/NASDAQ], have required changes in corporate governance practices of public companies. We expect these rules and regulations to increase our legal, accounting and financial compliance costs and to make certain corporate activities more time-consuming and costly. Complying with these rules and requirements may be especially difficult and costly for us because we may have difficulty locating sufficient personnel in China with experience and expertise relating to U.S. GAAP and U.S. public company reporting requirements, and such personnel may command higher salaries relative to what similarly experienced personnel would command in the United States. If we cannot employ sufficient personnel to ensure compliance with these rules and regulations, we may need to rely more on outside legal, accounting and financial experts, which may be expensive. In addition, we will incur additional costs associated with our public company reporting requirements. We are evaluating and monitoring developments with respect to these new rules, and we cannot predict or estimate the amount of additional costs we may incur or the timing of such costs.

Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure

If the PRC government deems that the contractual arrangements in relation to GDS Shanghai or GDS Beijing do not comply with PRC regulatory restrictions on foreign investment in the relevant industries, or if these regulations or the interpretation of existing regulations change in the future, we could be subject to severe penalties or be forced to relinquish our interests in those operations.

The PRC government regulates telecommunications-related businesses through strict business licensing requirements and other government regulations. These laws and regulations also include limitations on foreign ownership of PRC companies that engage in telecommunications-related businesses. Specifically, foreign investors are not allowed to own more than a 50% equity interest in any PRC company engaging in value-added telecommunications businesses, with certain exceptions relating to e-commerce which does not apply to us. Any such foreign investor must also have experience and a good track record in providing value-added telecommunications services overseas.

Because we are a Cayman Islands company, we are classified as a foreign enterprise under PRC laws and regulations, and our wholly owned PRC subsidiaries, GDS Management Company, Shenzhen Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd., Beijing Wanguo Shu'an Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd., Beijing Hengpu'an Data Technology Development Co., Ltd., Guojin Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd., Shanghai Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd., Shenzhen Pingshan New Area Global Data Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd., EDC Technology (Suzhou) Co., Ltd., EDC (Chengdu) Industry Co., Ltd., Shanghai Waigaoqiao EDC Technology Co., Ltd. and EDC Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd., are foreign-invested enterprises, or FIEs. To comply with PRC laws and regulations, we conduct our business in China through contractual arrangements with our consolidated VIEs and their shareholders. These contractual arrangements provide us with effective control over our consolidated VIEs and enable us to receive substantially all of the economic benefits of our consolidated VIEs in consideration for the services provided by our wholly-owned PRC subsidiaries, and have an exclusive option to purchase all of the equity interest in

our consolidated VIEs when permissible under PRC laws. For a description of these contractual arrangements, see "Our History and Corporate Structure—Variable Interest Entity Contractual Arrangements."

We believe that our corporate structure and contractual arrangements comply with the current applicable PRC laws and regulations. Our PRC legal counsel, based on its understanding of the relevant laws and regulations, is of the opinion that each of the contracts among our wholly-owned PRC subsidiaries, our consolidated VIEs and their shareholders is valid, binding and enforceable in accordance with its terms. However, as there are substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of PRC laws and regulations, including the Regulations on Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Enterprises by Foreign Investors, or the M&A Rules, the telecommunications circular described above and the Telecommunications Regulations and the relevant regulatory measures concerning the telecommunications industry, there can be no assurance that the PRC government, such as MOFCOM or MIIT or other authorities that regulates providers of data center service and other participants in the telecommunications industry would agree that our corporate structure or any of the above contractual arrangements comply with PRC licensing, registration or other regulatory requirements, with existing policies or with requirements or policies that may be adopted in the future. PRC laws and regulations governing the validity of these contractual arrangements are uncertain and the relevant government authorities have broad discretion in interpreting these laws and regulations.

If our corporate and contractual structure is deemed by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, or the MIIT, or the Ministry of Commerce, or the MOFCOM, or other regulators having competent authority, to be illegal, either in whole or in part, we may lose control of our consolidated VIEs and have to modify such structure to comply with regulatory requirements. However, there can be no assurance that we can achieve this without material disruption to our business. Further, if our corporate and contractual structure is found to be in violation of any existing or future PRC laws or regulations, the relevant regulatory authorities would have broad discretion in dealing with such violations, including:

- revoking our business and operating licenses;
- levying fines on us;
- confiscating any of our income that they deem to be obtained through illegal operations;
- shutting down a portion or all of our networks and servers;
- discontinuing or restricting our operations in China;
- imposing conditions or requirements with which we may not be able to comply;
- requiring us to restructure our corporate and contractual structure;
- restricting or prohibiting our use of the proceeds from overseas offering to finance our PRC consolidated VIEs' business and operations; and
- taking other regulatory or enforcement actions that could be harmful to our business.

Furthermore, new PRC laws, rules and regulations may be introduced to impose additional requirements that may be applicable to our corporate structure and contractual arrangements. See "—Substantial uncertainties exist with respect to the enactment timetable, interpretation and implementation of the draft PRC Foreign Investment Law, and its enactment may materially and adversely affect our business and financial condition." Occurrence of any of these events could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, if the imposition of any of these penalties or requirement to restructure our corporate structure causes us to lose the rights to direct the activities of our consolidated VIEs or our right to receive their economic benefits, we would no longer be able to consolidate in our consolidated financial statements such VIEs. However, we do not believe that such actions would result in the liquidation or dissolution of our company, our wholly-owned subsidiaries in China or our consolidated VIEs or their subsidiaries. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, our consolidated VIEs contributed 2.0% and 4.3% of our total net revenue. However, following our restructuring, we expect that, going forward, substantially all of our net revenue will be generated from our consolidated VIEs as we shift the revenue-generating aspects of our business to our consolidated VIEs in connection with the restructuring described in this prospectus. See "Our History and Corporate Structure."

Our contractual arrangements with our consolidated VIEs may result in adverse tax consequences to us.

We could face material and adverse tax consequences if the PRC tax authorities determine that our contractual arrangements with our consolidated VIEs were not made on an arm's length basis and adjust our income and expenses for PRC tax purposes by requiring a transfer pricing adjustment. A transfer pricing adjustment could adversely affect us by (i) increasing the tax liabilities of our consolidated VIEs without reducing the tax liability of our subsidiaries, which could further result in late payment fees and other penalties to our consolidated VIEs for underpaid taxes; or (ii) limiting the ability of our consolidated VIEs to obtain or maintain preferential tax treatments and other financial incentives.

We rely on contractual arrangements with our consolidated VIEs and their shareholders for our China operations, which may not be as effective as direct ownership in providing operational control and otherwise have a material adverse effect as to our business.

We rely on contractual arrangements with our consolidated VIEs and their shareholders to operate our business in China. For a description of these contractual arrangements, see "Our History and Corporate Structure—Variable Interest Entity Contractual Arrangements." In 2014 and 2015, 2.0% and 4.3% of our total net revenue, respectively, are attributed to our consolidated VIEs, and we expect this proportion to increase going forward as we shift the revenue-generating aspects of our business to our consolidated VIEs in connection with the restructuring described in this prospectus. See "Our History and Corporate Structure." These contractual arrangements may not be as effective as direct ownership in providing us with control over our consolidated VIEs. If our consolidated VIEs or their shareholders fail to perform their respective obligations under these contractual arrangements, our recourse to the assets held by our consolidated VIEs is indirect and we may have to incur substantial costs and expend significant resources to enforce such arrangements in reliance on legal remedies under PRC law. These remedies may not always be effective, particularly in light of uncertainties in the PRC legal system. Furthermore, in connection with litigation, arbitration or other judicial or dispute resolution proceedings, assets under the name of any of record holder of equity interest in our consolidated VIEs, including such equity interest, may be put under court custody. As a consequence, we cannot be certain that the equity interest will be disposed pursuant to the contractual arrangement or ownership by the record holder of the equity interest.

All of these contractual arrangements are governed by PRC law and provide for the resolution of disputes through arbitration in the PRC. Accordingly, these contracts would be interpreted in accordance with PRC laws and any disputes would be resolved in accordance with PRC legal procedures. The legal environment in the PRC is not as developed as in other jurisdictions, such as the United States. As a result, uncertainties in the PRC legal system could limit our ability to enforce these contractual arrangements. In the event that we are unable to enforce these contractual arrangements, or if we suffer significant time delays or other obstacles in the process of enforcing these contractual arrangements, it would be very difficult to exert effective control over our consolidated VIEs, and our ability to conduct our business and our financial conditions and results of operation may be materially and adversely affected. See "—Risks Related to Doing Business in the People's Republic of China—There are uncertainties regarding the interpretation and enforcement of PRC laws, rules and regulations."

The shareholders of our consolidated VIEs may have potential conflicts of interest with us, which may materially and adversely affect our business and financial condition.

In connection with our operations in China, we rely on the shareholders of our consolidated VIEs to abide by the obligations under such contractual arrangements. In particular, GDS Shanghai is 99.90% owned by William Wei Huang, our co-chairman and chief executive officer, and 0.10% owned by Qiuping Huang, and GDS Beijing is approximately 99.97% owned by William Wei Huang, and approximately 0.03% owned by Qiuping Huang. The interests of William Wei Huang and Qiuping Huang in their individual capacities as the shareholders of GDS Shanghai and GDS Beijing may differ from the interests of our company as a whole, as what is in the best interests of GDS Shanghai and GDS Beijing, including matters such as whether to

distribute dividends or to make other distributions to fund our offshore requirement, may not be in the best interests of our company. There can be no assurance that when conflicts of interest arise, any or all of these individuals will act in the best interests of our company or that conflicts of interest will be resolved in our favor. In addition, these individuals may breach or cause our consolidated VIEs and their subsidiaries to breach or refuse to renew the existing contractual arrangements with us.

Currently, we do not have arrangements to address potential conflicts of interest the shareholders of GDS Shanghai and GDS Beijing may encounter, on one hand, and as a beneficial owner of our company, on the other hand; provided that we could, at all times, exercise our option under the optional share purchase agreement to cause them to transfer all of their equity ownership in GDS Shanghai and GDS Beijing to a PRC entity or individual designated by us as permitted by the then applicable PRC laws. In addition, if such conflicts of interest arise, we could also, in the capacity of attorney-in-fact of the then existing shareholders of GDS Shanghai and GDS Beijing as provided under the power of attorney, directly appoint new directors of GDS Shanghai and GDS Beijing. We rely on the shareholders of our consolidated VIEs to comply with PRC laws and regulations, which protect contracts and provide that directors and executive officers owe a duty of loyalty to our company and require them to avoid conflicts of interest and not to take advantage of their positions for personal gains, and the laws of the Cayman Islands, which provide that directors have a duty of care and a duty of loyalty to act honestly in good faith with a view to our best interests. However, the legal frameworks of China and Cayman Islands do not provide guidance on resolving conflicts in the event of a conflict with another corporate governance regime. If we cannot resolve any conflicts of interest or disputes between us and the shareholders of our consolidated VIEs, we would have to rely on legal proceedings, which could result in disruption of our business and subject us to substantial uncertainty as to the outcome of any such legal proceedings.

If the custodians or authorized users of our controlling non-tangible assets, including chops and seals, fail to fulfill their responsibilities, or misappropriate or misuse these assets, our business and operations may be materially and adversely affected.

Under PRC law, legal documents for corporate transactions, including agreements and contracts such as the leases and sales contracts that our business relies on, are executed using the chop or seal of the signing entity or with the signature of a legal representative whose designation is registered and filed with the relevant local branch of the SAIC. We generally execute legal documents by affixing chops or seals, rather than having the designated legal representatives sign the documents.

We have three major types of chops—corporate chops, contract chops and finance chops. We use corporate chops generally for documents to be submitted to government agencies, such as applications for changing business scope, directors or company name, and for legal letters. We use contract chops for executing leases and commercial, contracts. We use finance chops generally for making and collecting payments, including, but not limited to issuing invoices. Use of corporate chops and contract chops must be approved by our legal department and administrative department, and use of finance chops must be approved by our finance department. The chops of our subsidiaries and consolidated VIEs are generally held by the relevant entities so that documents can be executed locally. Although we usually utilize chops to execute contracts, the registered legal representatives of our subsidiaries and consolidated VIEs have the apparent authority to enter into contracts on behalf of such entities without chops, unless such contracts set forth otherwise.

In order to maintain the physical security of our chops, we generally have them stored in secured locations accessible only to the designated key employees of our legal, administrative or finance departments. Our designated legal representatives generally do not have access to the chops. Although we have approval procedures in place and monitor our key employees, including the designated legal representatives of our subsidiaries and consolidated VIEs, the procedures may not be sufficient to prevent all instances of abuse or negligence. There is a risk that our key employees or designated legal representatives could abuse their authority, for example, by binding our subsidiaries and consolidated VIEs

with contracts against our interests, as we would be obligated to honor these contracts if the other contracting party acts in good faith in reliance on the apparent authority of our chops or signatures of our legal representatives. If any designated legal representative obtains control of the chop in an effort to obtain control over the relevant entity, we would need to have a shareholder or board resolution to designate a new legal representative and to take legal action to seek the return of the chop, apply for a new chop with the relevant authorities, or otherwise seek legal remedies for the legal representative's misconduct. If any of the designated legal representatives obtains and misuses or misappropriates our chops and seals or other controlling intangible assets for whatever reason, we could experience disruption to our normal business operations. We may have to take corporate or legal action, which could involve significant time and resources to resolve while distracting management from our operations, and our business and operations may be materially and adversely affected.

Substantial uncertainties exist with respect to the enactment timetable, interpretation and implementation of the draft PRC Foreign Investment Law, and its enactment may materially and adversely affect our business and financial condition.

The MOFCOM published a discussion draft of the proposed Foreign Investment Law in January 2015 aiming to, upon its enactment, replace the major existing laws and regulations governing foreign investment in China. While the MOFCOM solicited comments on this draft, substantial uncertainties exist with respect to the enactment timetable, interpretation and implementation of the proposed legislation and the extent of revision to the currently proposed draft. The draft Foreign Investment Law, if enacted as proposed, may materially impact the entire legal framework regulating foreign investments in China.

Among other things, the draft Foreign Investment Law purports to introduce the principle of "actual control" in determining whether a company is considered a foreign invested enterprise, or an FIE. The draft Foreign Investment Law specifically provides that entities established in China but "controlled" by foreign investors will be treated as FIEs, whereas an entity organized in a foreign jurisdiction, but cleared by the MOFCOM as "controlled" by PRC entities and/or citizens, would nonetheless be treated as a PRC domestic entity for investment in the "restriction category" or similar category that could appear on any such "negative list." In this connection, "control" is broadly defined in the draft law to cover any of the following summarized categories:

- holding 50% or more of the voting rights or similar rights and interests of the subject entity;
- holding less than 50% of the voting rights or similar rights and interests of the subject entity but having the power to directly or indirectly appoint or otherwise secure at least 50% of the seats on the board or other equivalent decision making bodies, or having the voting power to materially influence the board, the shareholders' meeting or other equivalent decision making bodies; or
- having the power to exert decisive influence, via contractual or trust arrangements, over the subject entity's operations, financial, staffing and technology matters.

Once an entity is determined to be an FIE, and its investment amount exceeds certain thresholds or its business operation falls within a "negative list" purported to be separately issued by the State Council in the future, market entry clearance by the MOFCOM or its local counterparts would be required.

The "variable interest entity" structure, or VIE structure, has been adopted by many PRC-based companies, including us, to obtain necessary licenses and permits in the industries that are currently subject to foreign investment restrictions in China. Under the draft Foreign Investment Law, VIEs that are controlled via contractual arrangements would also be deemed as FIEs, if they are ultimately "controlled" by foreign investors. For any companies with a VIE structure in an industry category that is in the "restriction category" or similar category that could appear on any such "negative list," the existing VIE structure may be deemed legitimate only if the ultimate controlling person(s) is/are of PRC nationality (either PRC state owned enterprises or agencies, or PRC citizens). Conversely, if the actual controlling person(s) is/are of foreign nationalities, then the VIEs will be treated as FIE, in which case, the existing VIE

structures will likely be scrutinized and subject to foreign investment restrictions and approval from the MOFCOM and other supervising authorities such as MIIT. Any operation in the industry category on the "negative list" without market entry clearance may be considered as illegal.

However, there are significant uncertainties as to how the control status of our company, our consolidated VIEs would be determined under the enacted version of the Foreign Investment Law. In addition, it is uncertain whether any of the businesses that we currently operate or plan to operate in the future through our consolidated VIEs and the businesses operated by our equity investees with a VIE structure would be on the to-be-issued "negative list" and therefore be subject to any foreign investment restrictions or prohibitions. We also face uncertainties as to whether the enacted version of the Foreign Investment Law and the final "negative list" would mandate further actions, such as MOFCOM market entry clearance, to be completed by companies with existing VIE structure and whether such clearance can be timely obtained, or at all. If we or our equity investees with a VIE structure were not considered as ultimately controlled by PRC domestic investors under the enacted version of the Foreign Investment Law, further actions required to be taken by us or such equity investees under the enacted Foreign Investment Law may materially and adversely affect our business and financial condition. We are consulting closely with our PRC counsel to evaluate and assess our shareholding and corporate structure to respond to the potential adoption and implementation of the proposed Foreign Investment Law.

In addition, our corporate governance practice may be materially impacted and our compliance costs could increase if we were not considered as ultimately controlled by PRC domestic investors under the Foreign Investment Law, if enacted as currently proposed. For instance, the draft Foreign Investment Law as proposed purports to impose stringent ad hoc and periodic information reporting requirements on foreign investors and the applicable FIEs. Aside from investment implementation report and investment amendment report that would be required for each investment and alteration of investment specifics, an annual report would be mandatory, and large foreign investors meeting certain criteria would be required to report on a quarterly basis. Any company found to be non-compliant with these information reporting obligations could potentially be subject to fines and/or administrative or criminal liabilities, and the persons directly responsible could be subject to criminal liabilities.

Risks Related to Doing Business in the People's Republic of China

We may be regarded as being non-compliant with the regulations on VATS due to the lack of IDC licenses for which penalties may be assessed that may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, growth strategies and prospects and may require us to obtain regulatory approval for this offering.

The laws and regulations regarding VATS licenses in the PRC are relatively new and are still evolving, and their interpretation and enforcement involve significant uncertainties. Investment activities in the PRC by foreign investors are principally governed by the *Industry Catalog Relating to Foreign Investment*, or the Catalog. The Catalog divides industries into three categories: encouraged, restricted and prohibited. Industries not include in the Catalog are permitted industries. Industries such as VATS, including IDC services, restrict foreign investment. Specifically, the *Administrative Regulations on Foreign-Invested Telecommunications Enterprises* restrict the ultimate capital contribution percentage held by foreign investor(s) in a foreign-invested VATS enterprise to 50% or less. See "Regulations—Regulation on Foreign Investment Restrictions" for additional details. Under the *Telecommunications Regulations of the People's Republic of China*, or the Telecom Regulations, telecommunications service providers are required to procure operating licenses prior to their commencement of operations.

Before 2013, the definition of the IDC services was subject to interpretation as to whether our services would fall within its scope. In addition, authorities in different localities had different interpretations. According to the Telecom Catalogue publicized in February 2003 by the Ministry of Information Industry, or MII, the predecessor of the MIIT, which took effect in April 2003, and our consultations with the MIIT, IDC

services should be rendered through the connection with the Internet or other public telecommunications networks.

On May 6, 2013, the "Q&A on the Application of IDC/ISP Business", the Q&A, was published on the website of China Academy of Telecom Research, an affiliate of the MIIT. The Q&A was issued together with the draft revised Telecom Catalogue of the 2013 version, which although not an official law or regulation, reflected the evolving attitude of the MIIT towards the legal requirements as to applications for IDC licenses. A national consulting body and certain telephone numbers, the Designated Numbers, are provided in the Q&A to answer any questions arising from the application of IDC licenses. Since then, even though the definition of IDC services under the Q&A is identical to that under the Telecom Catalogue, whether a business model should be deemed to be IDC services is subject to the unified clarifications under the Q&A and replies obtained from such Designated Numbers, rather than different replies which may be obtained from different officials from MIIT or its local branches. The draft revised Telecom Catalogue did not come into effect until March 2016, when it was further revised to adapt to developments in the telecommunications industry. During such period, we closely followed legislative developments and conducted feasibility studies for restructuring our business. Based on the Q&A and our consultation with both the Designated Numbers and MIIT officials in 2014 and 2015, IDC services which did not utilize public telecommunication networks would also require an IDC license and that IDC services could only be provided by a holder of an IDC license, or a subsidiary of such holder, with the authorization of the holder.

GDS Beijing obtained a cross-regional IDC license in November 2013, the scope of which now includes Shanghai, Suzhou, Beijing, Shenzhen and Chengdu. In order to adapt to the new regulatory requirements and address pre-existing customer contracts, we converted GDS Suzhou into a domestic company wholly owned by GDS Beijing by acquiring all of the equity interests in GDS Suzhou from FSL, in order to enable GDS Suzhou to provide IDC services with the authorization of GDS Beijing, and under the auspices of an IDC license held by GDS Beijing. GDS Beijing has submitted its application to MIIT to expand its IDC license coverage to include GDS Suzhou and Kunshan Wanyu so that they will be authorized to provide IDC services. See "Our History and Corporate Structure—2016 Variable Interest Entity Restructuring." As part of the VIE restructuring, we have also decided to convert and change the shareholding of EDC Shanghai Waigaoqiao in the same way with GDS Suzhou, after which we will apply for the expansion of GDS Beijing's IDC license so that EDC Shanghai Waigaoqiao can also be authorized to provide IDC services. We expect that Guangzhou Weiteng will either apply for its own IDC license or be authorized to provide IDC services by GDS Beijing after GDS Beijing further expands its IDC license coverage to include Guangzhou Weiteng. In addition, with regard to the other WFOEs that have not contributed substantial revenue, we are deliberating different measures to ensure that any business activity that may have to be conducted by IDC license holders will be conducted by our IDC license holders, which are our consolidated VIEs. See "Regulations—Regulations Related to Value-Added Telecommunications Business" for additional details.

However, there can be no assurance that we can complete VIE restructuring in a timely manner or that our contracts signed before the completion of the VIE restructuring with any of our WFOEs as the service provider will not be deemed as historical non-compliance. If the MIIT regards us as existing in a state of non-compliance, penalties could potentially be assessed against us. It is possible that the amount of any such penalties may be several times more than the net revenue generated from these services. Our business, financial condition, expected growth and prospects would be materially and adversely affected if such penalties were to be assessed upon us. It is also possible that the PRC government may prohibit a non-compliant entity from continuing to carry on its business, which would materially and adversely affect our results of operations, expected growth and prospects.

GDS Shanghai may be regarded as being non-compliant with the regulations on VATS, due to operating beyond the permitted geographic scope of its IDC license.

One of our consolidated VIEs, GDS Shanghai, obtained a regional IDC license for the Shanghai area in January 2012. Nevertheless, GDS Shanghai provided IDC services in cities outside of Shanghai, which were

beyond the scope of its then-effective IDC license. GDS Shanghai upgraded its IDC license to a cross-regional license in April 2016, according to which GDS Shanghai is allowed to provide IDC services in Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou, Shenzhen and Chengdu. However, if the MIIT regards GDS Shanghai as being historically non-compliant, penalties which could be several times more than the net revenue generated from these services, could potentially be assessed against us, and as a result, our business, financial condition, expected growth and prospects would be materially and adversely affected. It is also possible that the PRC government may prohibit a historically non-compliant entity from continuing to carry on its business, which would materially and adversely affect our results of operations, expected growth and prospects.

One of our subsidiaries, GDS (HK) Limited, has entered into IDC service agreements with customers outside China, which may be regarded as non-compliance with the regulations on foreign investment restriction and value added telecommunications services, by providing IDC service without qualification.

During the period from 2015 to the first half of 2016, GDS (HK) Limited, or GDS HK, which is one of our Hong Kong—incorporated subsidiaries, entered into IDC service agreements with a few customers outside China, while the actual service provider was intended to be GDS Beijing. These IDC service agreements may be regarded as non-compliant, because the law prohibits foreign entities providing IDC services in the PRC without establishing entities holding the IDC licenses.

We are in the process of amending the IDC service agreements so that GDS Beijing is the contracted service provider and GDS HK is the agent under such agreements. However, we cannot assure you that our agreements as they were in effect prior to such amendment will not be found to have been non-compliant. If the MIIT regards such agreements as non-compliant, penalties could potentially be assessed against us, and as a result, our business, financial condition, expected growth and prospects would be materially and adversely affected.

We may fail to obtain, maintain and update licenses and permits necessary to conduct our operations in the PRC, and our business may be materially and adversely affected as a result of any changes in the laws and regulations governing the VATS industry in the PRC.

There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain our existing licenses or permits necessary to provide our current IDC services in the PRC, renew any of them when their current term expires, or update existing licenses or obtain additional licenses necessary for our future business expansion. The failure to obtain, retain, renew or update any license or permit generally, and our IDC licenses in particular, could materially and adversely disrupt our business and future expansion plans.

For example, the revised Telecom Catalogue came into effect in March 2016 in which the definition of the IDC business also covers the Internet resources collaboration services business to reflect the developments in the telecommunications industry in China and covers cloud-based services. This has resulted in GDS Shanghai providing cloud-based services beyond the scope of its then-effective IDC license. We are currently applying for an amendment of GDS Shanghai's cross-regional IDC license to include Internet resources collaboration services. However, there is no assurance that GDS Shanghai will be granted such expanded service scope, if at all. If the MIIT regards GDS Shanghai as being non-compliant as a result, penalties which could be several times more than the net revenue generated from such cloud-based services could be assessed against us, and our business, financial condition, expected growth and prospectus would be materially and adversely affected.

In addition, if future PRC laws or regulations governing the VATS industry require that we obtain additional licenses or permits or update existing licenses in order to continue to provide our IDC services, there can be no assurance that we would be able to obtain such licenses or permits or update existing licenses in a timely fashion, or at all. If any of these situations occur, our business, financial condition and prospects would be materially and adversely affected.

Third-party data center providers from whom we lease data center space on a wholesale basis may fail to maintain licenses and permits necessary to conduct their operations in the PRC, and our business may be materially and adversely affected.

As of December 31, 2015, we operated an aggregate net floor area of 9,004 sqm that we lease on a wholesale basis from other data center providers, and which we refer to as our third-party data centers. There can be no assurance, that the wholesale data center providers from whom we lease will be able to maintain their existing licenses or permits necessary to provide our current IDC services in the PRC or renew any of them when their current term expires. Their failure to obtain, retain or renew any license or permit generally, and their IDC licenses in particular, could materially and adversely disrupt our business.

In addition, if future PRC laws or regulations governing the VATS industry require that the wholesale data center providers from whom we lease obtain additional licenses or permits in order to continue to provide their IDC services, there can be no assurance that they would be able to obtain such licenses or permits in a timely fashion, or at all. If any of these situations occur, our business, financial condition and prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

Changes in the political and economic policies of the PRC government may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and may result in our inability to sustain our growth and expansion strategies.

Substantially all of our operations are conducted in the PRC and a substantial majority of our net revenue is sourced from the PRC. Accordingly, our financial condition and results of operations are affected to a significant extent by economic, political and legal developments in the PRC.

The PRC economy differs from the economies of most developed countries in many respects, including the extent of government involvement, level of development, growth rate, and control of foreign exchange and allocation of resources. Although the PRC government has implemented measures emphasizing the utilization of market forces for economic reform, the reduction of state ownership of productive assets, and the establishment of improved corporate governance in business enterprises, a substantial portion of productive assets in China is still owned by the government. In addition, the PRC government continues to play a significant role in regulating industry development by imposing industrial policies. The PRC government also exercises significant control over China's economic growth by allocating resources, controlling payment of foreign currency-denominated obligations, setting monetary policy, regulating financial services and institutions and providing preferential treatment to particular industries or companies.

While the PRC economy has experienced significant growth in the past three decades, growth has been uneven, both geographically and among various sectors of the economy. The PRC government has implemented various measures to encourage economic growth and guide the allocation of resources. Some of these measures may benefit the overall PRC economy, but may also have a negative effect on us. Our financial condition and results of operation could be materially and adversely affected by government control over capital investments or changes in tax regulations that are applicable to us. In addition, the PRC government has implemented in the past certain measures to control the pace of economic growth. These measures may cause decreased economic activity, which in turn could lead to a reduction in demand for our services and consequently have a material adverse effect on our businesses, financial condition and results of operations.

There are uncertainties regarding the interpretation and enforcement of PRC laws, rules and regulations.

Substantially all of our operations are conducted in the PRC, and are governed by PRC laws, rules and regulations. Our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated VIEs are subject to laws, rules and regulations applicable to foreign investment in China. The PRC legal system is a civil law system based on written statutes. Unlike the common law system, prior court decisions may be cited for reference but have limited precedential value.

In 1979, the PRC government began to promulgate a comprehensive system of laws, rules and regulations governing economic matters in general. The overall effect of legislation over the past three decades has significantly enhanced the protections afforded to various forms of foreign investment in China. However, China has not developed a fully integrated legal system, and recently enacted laws, rules and regulations may not sufficiently cover all aspects of economic activities in China or may be subject to significant degrees of interpretation by PRC regulatory agencies. In particular, because these laws, rules and regulations are relatively new, and because of the limited number of published decisions and the nonbinding nature of such decisions, and because the laws, rules and regulations often give the relevant regulator significant discretion in how to enforce them, the interpretation and enforcement of these laws, rules and regulations involve uncertainties and can be inconsistent and unpredictable. In addition, the PRC legal system is based in part on government policies and internal rules, some of which are not published on a timely basis or at all, and which may have a retroactive effect. As a result, we may not be aware of our violation of these policies and rules until after the occurrence of the violation.

Any administrative and court proceedings in China may be protracted, resulting in substantial costs and diversion of resources and management attention. Since PRC administrative and court authorities have significant discretion in interpreting and implementing statutory and contractual terms, it may be more difficult to evaluate the outcome of administrative and court proceedings and the level of legal protection we enjoy than in more developed legal systems. These uncertainties may impede our ability to enforce the contracts we have entered into and could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our business operations are extensively impacted by the policies and regulations of the PRC Government. Any policy or regulatory change may cause us to incur significant compliance costs.

We are subject to extensive national, provincial and local governmental regulations, policies and controls. Central governmental authorities and provincial and local authorities and agencies regulate many aspects of Chinese industries, including, among others and in addition to specific industry-related regulations, the following aspects:

- construction or development of new data centers or rebuilding of existing data centers;
- banking regulations, as a result of the colocation services we provide to banks and financial institutions;
- environment laws and regulations;
- establishment of or changes in shareholder of foreign investment enterprises;
- foreign exchange;
- taxes, duties and fees;
- customs; and
- land planning and land use rights.

The liabilities, costs, obligations and requirements associated with these laws and regulations may be material, may delay the commencement of operations at our new data centers or cause interruptions to our operations. Failure to comply with the relevant laws and regulations in our operations may result in various penalties, including, among others the suspension of our operations and thus adversely and materially affect our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations. Additionally, there can be no assurance that the relevant government agencies will not change such laws or regulations or impose additional or more stringent laws or regulations. Compliance with such laws or regulations may require us to incur material capital expenditures or other obligations or liabilities.

The approval of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, or the CSRC, may be required in connection with this offering under a PRC regulation. The regulation also establishes more complex procedures for acquisitions conducted by foreign investors that could make it more difficult for us to grow through acquisitions.

On August 8, 2006, six PRC regulatory agencies, including the MOFCOM, the State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, or the SASAC, the State Administration of Taxation, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, or the SAIC, the CSRC, and the SAFE, jointly adopted the Regulations on Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Enterprises by Foreign Investors, or the M&A Rules, which came into effect on September 8, 2006 and were amended on June 22, 2009. The M&A Rules include, among other things, provisions that purport to require that an offshore special purpose vehicle formed for the purpose of an overseas listing of securities in a PRC company obtain the approval of the CSRC prior to the listing and trading of such special purpose vehicle's securities on an overseas stock exchange. On September 21, 2006, the CSRC published on its official website procedures regarding its approval of overseas listings by special purpose vehicles. However, substantial uncertainty remains regarding the scope and applicability of the M&A Rules to offshore special purpose vehicles.

While the application of the M&A Rules remains unclear, we believe, based on the advice of our PRC counsel, King & Wood Mallesons, that the CSRC approval is not required in the context of this offering because we did not acquire any equity interests or assets of a PRC company owned by its controlling shareholders or beneficial owners who are PRC companies or individuals, as such terms are defined under the M&A Rules. There can be no assurance that the relevant PRC government agencies, including the CSRC, would reach the same conclusion as our PRC counsel. If the CSRC or other PRC regulatory body subsequently determines that we need to obtain the CSRC's approval for this offering or if the CSRC or any other PRC government authorities promulgates any interpretation or implements rules before our listing that would require us to obtain CSRC or other governmental approvals for this offering, we may face adverse actions or sanctions by the CSRC or other PRC regulatory agencies. In any such event, these regulatory agencies may impose fines and penalties on our operations in China, limit our operating privileges in China, delay or restrict the repatriation of the proceeds from this offering into the PRC or take other actions that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, reputation and prospects, as well as our ability to complete this offering. The CSRC or other PRC regulatory agencies may also take actions requiring us, or making it advisable for us, to halt this offering before settlement and delivery of the ADSs offered by this prospectus. Consequently, if you engage in market trading or other activities in anticipation of and prior to settlement and delivery, you do so at the risk that such settlement and delivery may not occur.

The new regulations also established additional procedures and requirements that are expected to make merger and acquisition activities in China by foreign investors more time-consuming and complex, including requirements in some instances that the MOFCOM be notified in advance of any change-of-control transaction in which a foreign investor takes control of a PRC domestic enterprise, or that the approval from the MOFCOM be obtained in circumstances where overseas companies established or controlled by PRC enterprises or residents acquire affiliated domestic companies. We may grow our business in part by acquiring other companies operating in our industry. Complying with the requirements of the new regulations to complete such transactions could be time-consuming, and any required approval processes, including approval from the MOFCOM, may delay or inhibit our ability to complete such transactions, which could affect our ability to expand our business or maintain our market share. See "Regulation—Regulations Related to M&A and Overseas Listings."

PRC regulations relating to investments in offshore companies by PRC residents may subject our PRC-resident beneficial owners or our PRC subsidiaries to liability or penalties, limit our ability to inject capital into our PRC subsidiaries or limit our PRC subsidiaries' ability to increase their registered capital or distribute profits.

SAFE promulgated the Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Control on Domestic Residents' Offshore Investment and Financing and Roundtrip Investment through Special Purpose Vehicles, or SAFE Circular 37, on July 4, 2014, which replaced the former circular commonly known as "SAFE Circular 75" promulgated by SAFE on October 21, 2005. SAFE Circular 37 requires PRC residents to register with local branches of SAFE in connection with their direct establishment or indirect control of an offshore entity, for the purpose of overseas investment and financing, with such PRC residents' legally owned assets or equity interests in domestic enterprises or offshore assets or interests, referred to in SAFE Circular 37 as a "special purpose vehicle." SAFE Circular 37 further requires amendment to the registration in the event of any significant changes with respect to the special purpose vehicle, such as increase or decrease of capital contributed by PRC individuals, share transfer or exchange, merger, division or other material event. In the event that a PRC shareholder holding interests in a special purpose vehicle fails to fulfill the required SAFE registration, the PRC subsidiaries of that special purpose vehicle may be prohibited from making profit distributions to the offshore parent and from carrying out subsequent cross-border foreign exchange activities, and the special purpose vehicle may be restricted in its ability to contribute additional capital into its PRC subsidiary. Moreover, failure to comply with the various SAFE registration requirements described above could result in liability under PRC law for evasion of foreign exchange controls. According to the Notice on Further Simplifying and Improving Policies for the Foreign Exchange Administration of Direct Investment released on February 13, 2015 by SAFE, local banks will examine and handle foreign exchange registration for overseas direct investment, including the initial foreign exchange registration and amendment registration, under SAFE Circular 37 from June 1, 2015.

Mr. William Wei Huang has completed the initial SAFE registration pursuant to SAFE Circular 75 in 2012. We have notified substantial beneficial owners of ordinary shares who we know are PRC residents of their filing obligation. Nevertheless, we may not be aware of the identities of all of our beneficial owners who are PRC residents. We do not have control over our beneficial owners and there can be no assurance that all of our PRC-resident beneficial owners will comply with SAFE Circular 37 and subsequent implementation rules. The failure of our beneficial owners who are PRC residents to register or amend their foreign exchange registrations in a timely manner pursuant to SAFE Circular 37 and subsequent implementation rules, or the failure of future beneficial owners of our company who are PRC residents to comply with the registration procedures set forth in SAFE Circular 37 and subsequent implementation rules, may subject such beneficial owners or our PRC subsidiaries to fines and legal sanctions. Failure to register or comply with relevant requirements may also limit our ability to contribute additional capital to our PRC subsidiaries and limit our PRC subsidiaries' ability to distribute dividends to our company. These risks may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Any failure to comply with PRC regulations regarding our employee equity incentive plans may subject the PRC plan participants or us to fines and other legal or administrative sanctions.

Pursuant to SAFE Circular 37, PRC residents who participate in share incentive plans in overseas non-publicly-listed companies due to their position as director, senior management or employees of the PRC subsidiaries of the overseas companies may submit applications to SAFE or its local branches for the foreign exchange registration with respect to offshore special purpose companies. Our directors, executive officers and other employees who are PRC residents and who have been granted options may follow SAFE Circular 37 to apply for the foreign exchange registration before our company becomes an overseas listed company. After our company becomes an overseas listed company upon completion of this offering, we and our directors, executive officers and other employees who are PRC residents and who have been granted options will be subject to the Notice on Issues Concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration for Domestic Individuals Participating in Stock Incentive Plan of Overseas Publicly Listed Company, issued by

SAFE in February 2012, according to which, employees, directors, supervisors and other management members participating in any stock incentive plan of an overseas publicly listed company who are PRC residents are required to register with SAFE through a domestic qualified agent, which could be a PRC subsidiary of such overseas listed company, and complete certain other procedures. We will make efforts to comply with these requirements upon completion of our initial public offering. However, there can be no assurance that they can successfully register with SAFE in full compliance with the rules. Failure to complete the SAFE registrations may subject them to fines and legal sanctions and may also limit the ability to make payment under our equity incentive plans or receive dividends or sales proceeds related thereto, or our ability to contribute additional capital into our wholly-foreign owned enterprises in China and limit our wholly-foreign owned enterprises' ability to distribute dividends to us. We also face regulatory uncertainties that could restrict our ability to adopt additional equity incentive plans for our directors and employees under PRC law.

The enforcement of the Labor Contract Law of the People's Republic of China, or the PRC Labor Contract Law, and other labor-related regulations in the PRC may increase our labor costs, impose limitations on our labor practices and adversely affect our business and our results of operations.

On June 29, 2007, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China enacted the PRC Labor Contract Law, which became effective on January 1, 2008 and was amended on December 28, 2012. The PRC Labor Contract Law introduces specific provisions related to fixed-term employment contracts, part-time employment, probation, consultation with labor unions and employee assemblies, employment without a written contract, dismissal of employees, severance, and collective bargaining, which together represent enhanced enforcement of labor laws and regulations. According to the PRC Labor Contract Law, an employer is obliged to sign an unfix-term labor contract with any employee who has worked for the employer for 10 consecutive years. Further, if an employee requests or agrees to renew a fixed-term labor contract that has already been entered into twice consecutively, the resulting contract must have an unfix-term, with certain exceptions. The employer must pay economic compensation to an employee where a labor contract is terminated or expires in accordance with the PRC Labor Contract Law, except for certain situations which are specifically regulated. In addition, the government has issued various labor-related regulations to further protect the rights of employees. According to such laws and regulations, employees are entitled to annual leave ranging from five to 15 days and are able to be compensated for any untaken annual leave days in the amount of three times their daily salary, subject to certain exceptions. In the event that we decide to change our employment or labor practices, the PRC Labor Contract Law and its implementation rules may also limit our ability to effect those changes in a manner that we believe to be cost-effective. In addition, as the interpretation and implementation of these new regulations are still evolving, our employment practices may not be at all times deemed in compliance with the new regulations. If we are subject to severe penalties or incur significant liabilities in connection with labor disputes or investigations, our business and financial conditions may be adversely affected.

We rely to a significant extent on dividends and other distributions on equity paid by our principal operating subsidiaries to fund offshore cash and financing requirements.

We are a holding company and rely to a significant extent on dividends and other distributions on equity paid by our principal operating subsidiaries and on remittances from the consolidated VIEs, for our offshore cash and financing requirements, including the funds necessary to pay dividends and other cash distributions to our shareholders, fund inter-company loans, service any debt we may incur outside of China and pay our expenses. When our principal operating subsidiaries or the consolidated VIEs incur additional debt, the instruments governing the debt may restrict their ability to pay dividends or make other distributions or remittances to us. Furthermore, the laws, rules and regulations applicable to our PRC subsidiaries and certain other subsidiaries permit payments of dividends only out of their retained earnings, if any, determined in accordance with applicable accounting standards and regulations.

Under PRC laws, rules and regulations, each of our subsidiaries incorporated in China is required to set aside at least 10% of its net income each year to fund certain statutory reserves until the cumulative amount of such reserves reaches 50% of its registered capital. These reserves, together with the registered equity, are not distributable as cash dividends. As a result of these laws, rules and regulations, our subsidiaries incorporated in China are restricted in their ability to transfer a portion of their respective net assets to their shareholders as dividends. In addition, registered share capital and capital reserve accounts are also restricted from withdrawal in the PRC, up to the amount of net assets held in each operating subsidiary. As of December 31, 2015, we had restricted assets of RMB1,323.1 million (US\$204.3 million).

Limitations on the ability of VIEs to make remittance to the wholly-foreign owned enterprise and on the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends to us could limit our ability to access cash generated by the operations of those entities, including to make investments or acquisitions that could be beneficial to our businesses, pay dividends to our shareholders or otherwise fund and conduct our business.

We may be treated as a resident enterprise for PRC tax purposes under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, and we may therefore be subject to PRC income tax on our global income.

Under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law and its implementing rules, enterprises established under the laws of jurisdictions outside of China with "de facto management bodies" located in China may be considered PRC tax resident enterprises for tax purposes and may be subject to the PRC enterprise income tax at the rate of 25% on their global income. "De facto management body" refers to a managing body that exercises substantive and overall management and control over the production and business, personnel, accounting books and assets of an enterprise. The State Administration of Taxation issued the Notice Regarding the Determination of Chinese-Controlled Offshore-Incorporated Enterprises as PRC Tax Resident Enterprises on the Basis of De Facto Management Bodies, or Circular 82, on April 22, 2009. Circular 82 provides certain specific criteria for determining whether the "de facto management body" of a Chinese-controlled offshore-incorporated enterprise is located in China. Although Circular 82 only applies to offshore enterprises controlled by PRC enterprises, not those controlled by foreign enterprises or individuals, the determining criteria set forth in Circular 82 may reflect the State Administration of Taxation's general position on how the "de facto management body" test should be applied in determining the tax resident status of offshore enterprises, regardless of whether they are controlled by PRC enterprises. If we were to be considered a PRC resident enterprise, we would be subject to PRC enterprise income tax at the rate of 25% on our global income. In such case, our profitability and cash flow may be materially reduced as a result of our global income being taxed under the Enterprise Income Tax Law. We believe that none of our entities outside of China is a PRC resident enterprise for PRC tax purposes. However, the tax resident status of an enterprise is subject to determination by the PRC tax authorities and uncertainties remain with respect to the interpretation of the term "de facto management body."

We may not be able to obtain certain benefits under the relevant tax treaty on dividends paid by our PRC subsidiary to us through our Hong Kong subsidiary.

We are a holding company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands and as such rely on dividends and other distributions on equity from our PRC subsidiary to satisfy part of our liquidity requirements. Pursuant to the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, a withholding tax rate of 10% currently applies to dividends paid by a PRC "resident enterprise" to a foreign enterprise investor, unless any such foreign investor's jurisdiction of incorporation has a tax treaty with China that provides for preferential tax treatment. Pursuant to the Arrangement between Mainland China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, or the Double Tax Avoidance Arrangement, such withholding tax rate may be lowered to 5% if a Hong Kong resident enterprise owns no less than 25% of a PRC enterprise. However, the 5% withholding tax rate does not automatically apply and certain requirements must be satisfied, including without limitation that (a) the Hong Kong enterprise must be the beneficial owner of the relevant

dividends; and (b) the Hong Kong enterprise must directly hold no less than 25% share ownership in the PRC enterprise during the 12 consecutive months preceding its receipt of the dividends.

Dividends payable to our foreign investors and gains on the sale of our ADSs or ordinary shares by our foreign investors may become subject to PRC tax.

Under the Enterprise Income Tax Law and its implementation regulations issued by the State Council, a 10% PRC withholding tax is applicable to dividends payable to investors that are non-resident enterprises, which do not have an establishment or place of business in the PRC or which have such establishment or place of business but the dividends are not effectively connected with such establishment or place of business, to the extent such dividends are derived from sources within the PRC. Similarly, any gain realized on the transfer of ADSs or ordinary shares by such investors is also subject to PRC tax at a current rate of 10%, subject to any reduction or exemption set forth in applicable tax treaties or under applicable tax arrangements between jurisdictions, if such gain is regarded as income derived from sources within the PRC. If we are deemed a PRC resident enterprise, dividends paid on our ordinary shares or ADSs, and any gain realized from the transfer of our ordinary shares or ADSs, would be treated as income derived from sources within the PRC and would as a result be subject to PRC taxation. Furthermore, if we are deemed a PRC resident enterprise, dividends payable to individual investors who are non-PRC residents and any gain realized on the transfer of ADSs or ordinary shares by such investors may be subject to PRC tax at a current rate of 20%, subject to any reduction or exemption set forth in applicable tax treaties or under applicable tax arrangements between jurisdictions. If we or any of our subsidiaries established outside China are considered a PRC resident enterprise, it is unclear whether holders of our ADSs or ordinary shares would be able to claim the benefit of income tax treaties or agreements entered into between China and other countries or areas. If dividends payable to our non-PRC investors, or gains from the transfer of our ADSs or ordinary shares by such investors, are deemed as income derived from sources within the PRC and thus are subject to PRC tax, the value of your investment in our ADSs or ordinary shares may decline significantly.

We and our shareholders face uncertainties with respect to indirect transfers of equity interests in PRC resident enterprises or other assets attributed to a Chinese establishment of a non-Chinese company, or immovable properties located in China owned by non-Chinese companies.

On February 3, 2015, the State Administration of Taxation issued the Bulletin on Issues of Enterprise Income Tax on Indirect Transfers of Assets by Non-PRC Resident Enterprises, or Bulletin 7, which replaced or supplemented previous rules under the Notice on Strengthening Administration of Enterprise Income Tax for Share Transfers by Non-PRC Resident Enterprises, or Circular 698, issued by the State Administration of Taxation, on December 10, 2009. Pursuant to this Bulletin, an "indirect transfer" of assets, including equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise, by non-PRC resident enterprises may be recharacterized and treated as a direct transfer of PRC taxable assets, if such arrangement does not have a reasonable commercial purpose and was established for the purpose of avoiding payment of PRC enterprise income tax. As a result, gains derived from such indirect transfer may be subject to PRC enterprise income tax. According to Bulletin 7, "PRC taxable assets" include assets attributed to an establishment in China, immovable properties located in China, and equity investments in PRC resident enterprises, in respect of which gains from their transfer by a direct holder, being a non-PRC resident enterprise, would be subject to PRC enterprise income taxes. When determining whether there is a "reasonable commercial purpose" of the transaction arrangement, features to be taken into consideration include: whether the main value of the equity interest of the relevant offshore enterprise derives from PRC taxable assets; whether the assets of the relevant offshore enterprise mainly consists of direct or indirect investment in China or if its income mainly derives from China; whether the offshore enterprise and its subsidiaries directly or indirectly holding PRC taxable assets have real commercial nature which is evidenced by their actual function and risk exposure; the duration of existence of the business model and organizational structure; the replicability of the transaction by direct transfer of PRC taxable assets; and the tax situation of such indirect transfer and

applicable tax treaties or similar arrangements. In respect of an indirect offshore transfer of assets of a PRC establishment, the resulting gain is to be included with the enterprise income tax filing of the PRC establishment or place of business being transferred, and would consequently be subject to PRC enterprise income tax at a rate of 25%. Where the underlying transfer relates to the immoveable properties located in China or to equity investments in a PRC resident enterprise, which is not related to a PRC establishment or place of business of a non-resident enterprise, a PRC enterprise income tax of 10% would apply, subject to available preferential tax treatment under applicable tax treaties or similar arrangements, and the party who is obligated to make the transfer payments has the withholding obligation. Where the payor fails to withhold any or sufficient tax, the transferor shall declare and pay such tax to the tax authority by itself within the statutory time limit. Late payment of applicable tax will subject the transferor to default interest. Bulletin 7 does not apply to transactions of sale of shares by investors through a public stock exchange where such shares were acquired from a transaction through a public stock exchange.

There is uncertainty as to the application of Bulletin 7, or previous rules under Circular 698. Especially as Bulletin 7 is lately promulgated, it is not clear how it will be implemented. Bulletin 7 may be determined by the tax authorities to be applicable to our offshore restructuring transactions or sale of our shares or those of our offshore subsidiaries where non-resident enterprises, being the transferors, were involved. For example, in the past, we acquired EDC Holding by issuing shares of GDS Holdings to its shareholders in exchange for all of the outstanding shares of EDC Holding that were not held by us then. In addition, certain of our direct and indirect shareholders transferred some or all of their equity interest in us through indirect transfers conducted by their respective overseas holding companies which held shares in us. As a result, the transferors and transferees in these transactions, including us may be subject to the tax filing and withholding or tax payment obligation, while our PRC subsidiaries may be requested to assist in the filing. Furthermore, we, our non-resident enterprises and PRC subsidiaries may be required to spend valuable resources to comply with Bulletin 7 or to establish that we and our non-resident enterprises should not be taxed under Bulletin 7, for our previous and future restructuring or disposal of shares of our offshore subsidiaries, which may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Restrictions on currency exchange may limit our ability to utilize our net revenue effectively.

Substantially all of our net revenue is denominated in Renminbi. The Renminbi is currently convertible under the "current account," which includes dividends, trade and service-related foreign exchange transactions, but not under the "capital account," which includes foreign direct investment and loans, including loans we may secure from our onshore subsidiaries or consolidated VIEs. Currently, certain of our PRC subsidiaries, may purchase foreign currency for settlement of "current account transactions," including payment of dividends to us, without the approval of SAFE by complying with certain procedural requirements. However, the relevant PRC governmental authorities may limit or eliminate our ability to purchase foreign currencies in the future for current account transactions. Foreign exchange transactions under the capital account remain subject to limitations and require approvals from, or registration with, SAFE and other relevant PRC governmental authorities. Since a significant amount of our future net revenue will be denominated in Renminbi, any existing and future restrictions on currency exchange may limit our ability to utilize net revenue generated in Renminbi to fund our business activities outside of the PRC or pay dividends in foreign currencies to our shareholders, including holders of our ADSs, and may limit our ability to obtain foreign currency through debt or equity financing for our subsidiaries and consolidated VIEs.

Fluctuations in exchange rates could result in foreign currency exchange losses and could materially reduce the value of your investment.

The value of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar and other currencies may fluctuate and is affected by, among other things, changes in political and economic conditions and the foreign exchange policy adopted by the PRC government. On July 21, 2005, the PRC government changed its policy of pegging the

value of the Renminbi to the U.S. dollar. Following the removal of the U.S. dollar peg, the Renminbi appreciated more than 20% against the U.S. dollar over the following three years. Between July 2008 and June 2010, this appreciation halted and the exchange rate between the RMB and the U.S. dollar remained within a narrow band. Since June 2010, the RMB has started to appreciate slowly against the U.S. dollar, though there have been periods when the U.S. dollar has appreciated against the RMB. On August 11, 2015, the People's Bank of China, or the PBOC, allowed the RMB to depreciate by approximately 2% against the U.S. dollar. It is difficult to predict how long such depreciation of RMB against the U.S. dollar may last and when and how the relationship between the RMB and the U.S. dollar may change again.

Substantially all of our net revenue and costs are denominated in Renminbi. We are a holding company and we rely on dividends paid by our operating subsidiaries in China for our cash needs. Any significant revaluation of the Renminbi may materially reduce any dividends payable on, our ADSs in U.S. dollars. To the extent that we need to convert U.S. dollars we receive from this offering into Renminbi for our operations, appreciation of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar would have an adverse effect on the Renminbi amount we would receive. Conversely, if we decide to convert our Renminbi into U.S. dollars for the purpose of making payments for dividends on our ordinary shares or ADSs or for other business purposes, appreciation of the U.S. dollar against the Renminbi would have a negative effect on the U.S. dollar amount.

The audit report included in this prospectus is prepared by an auditor who is not inspected by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and, as such, our investors are deprived of the benefits of such inspection.

Our independent registered public accounting firm that issues the audit report included in our prospectus filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, as auditors of companies that are traded publicly in the United States and a firm registered with the U.S. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or the PCAOB, is required by the laws of the United States to undergo regular inspections by the PCAOB to assess its compliance with the laws of the United States and professional standards. Because our auditors are located in the Peoples' Republic of China, a jurisdiction where the PCAOB is currently unable to conduct inspections without the approval of the Chinese authorities, our auditors are not currently inspected by the PCAOB.

Inspections of other firms that the PCAOB has conducted outside China have identified deficiencies in those firms' audit procedures and quality control procedures, which may be addressed as part of the inspection process to improve future audit quality. This lack of PCAOB inspections in China prevents the PCAOB from regularly evaluating our auditor's audits and its quality control procedures. As a result, investors may be deprived of the benefits of PCAOB inspections.

The inability of the PCAOB to conduct inspections of auditors in China makes it more difficult to evaluate the effectiveness of our auditor's audit procedures or quality control procedures as compared to auditors outside of China that are subject to PCAOB inspections. Investors may lose confidence in our reported financial information and procedures and the quality of our financial statements.

If additional remedial measures are imposed on the "big four" PRC-based accounting firms, including our independent registered public accounting firm, in administrative proceedings brought by the SEC alleging such firms' failure to meet specific criteria set by the SEC with respect to requests for the production of documents, we could be unable to timely file future financial statements in compliance with the requirements of the Exchange Act.

Starting in 2011 the Chinese affiliates of the "big four" accounting firms, including our independent registered public accounting firm, were affected by a conflict between U.S. and Chinese law. Specifically, for certain U.S. listed companies operating and audited in mainland China, the SEC and the PCAOB sought to obtain from the Chinese accounting firms access to their audit work papers and related documents. The firms were, however, advised and directed that under Chinese law they could not respond directly to the U.S. regulators on those requests, and that requests by foreign regulators for access to such papers in China had to be channeled through the CSRC.

In late 2012 this impasse led the SEC to commence administrative proceedings under Rule 102(e) of its Rules of Practice and also under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 against the Chinese accounting firms, including our independent registered public accounting firm. In January 2014, the administrative law judge reached an initial decision to impose penalties on the firms including a temporary suspension of their right to practice before the SEC. The accounting firms filed a petition for review of the initial decision. On February 6, 2015, before a review by the commissioners of the SEC had taken place, the firms reached a settlement with the SEC. Under the settlement, the SEC accepts that future requests by the SEC for the production of documents will normally be made to the CSRC. The firms will receive matching Section 106 requests, and are required to abide by a detailed set of procedures with respect to such requests, which in substance require them to facilitate production via the CSRC. If they fail to meet specified criteria, the SEC retains authority to impose a variety of additional remedial measures on the firms depending on the nature of the failure. Remedies for any future noncompliance could include, as appropriate, an automatic six-month bar on a single firm's performance of certain audit work, commencement of a new proceeding against a firm, or in extreme cases the resumption of the current proceeding against all four firms.

In the event that the SEC restarts the administrative proceedings, depending upon the final outcome, listed companies in the United States with major PRC operations may find it difficult or impossible to retain auditors in respect of their operations in the PRC, which could result in financial statements being determined to not be in compliance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, including possible delisting. Moreover, any negative news about any such future proceedings against these audit firms may cause investor uncertainty regarding China-based, United States-listed companies and the market price of our ADSs may be adversely affected.

If our independent registered public accounting firm were denied, even temporarily, the ability to practice before the SEC and we were unable to timely find another registered public accounting firm to audit and issue an opinion on our financial statements, our financial statements could be determined not to be in compliance with the requirements of the Exchange Act. Such a determination could ultimately lead to the delay or abandonment of this offering, delisting of our ordinary shares from the [NYSE/NASDAQ] or deregistration from the SEC, or both, which would substantially reduce or effectively terminate the trading of our ADSs in the United States.

Risks Related to This Offering

There has been no public market for our shares or ADSs prior to this offering, and you may not be able to resell our ADSs at or above the price you paid, or at all.

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our shares or ADSs. We have received approval for listing our ADSs on the [NYSE/NASDAQ]. Our shares will not be listed on any exchange or quoted for trading on any over-the-counter trading system. If an active trading market for our ADSs does not develop after this offering, the market price and liquidity of our ADSs will be materially and adversely affected.

Negotiations with the underwriters determined the initial public offering price for our ADSs which may bear no relationship to their market price after the initial public offering. There can be no assurance that an active trading market for our ADSs will develop or that the market price of our ADSs will not decline below the initial public offering price.

The trading price of our ADSs may be volatile, which could result in substantial losses to you.

The trading prices of our ADSs are likely to be volatile and could fluctuate widely due to factors beyond our control. This may happen because of broad market and industry factors, like the performance and fluctuation in the market prices or the underperformance or deteriorating financial results of other listed companies based in China. The securities of some of these companies have experienced significant volatility since their initial public offerings, including, in some cases, substantial price declines in the trading

prices of their securities. The trading performances of other Chinese companies' securities after their offerings, including Internet and e-commerce companies, may affect the attitudes of investors toward Chinese companies listed in the United States, which consequently may impact the trading performance of our ADSs, regardless of our actual operating performance. In addition, any negative news or perceptions about inadequate corporate governance practices or fraudulent accounting, corporate structure or matters of other Chinese companies may also negatively affect the attitudes of investors towards Chinese companies in general, including us, regardless of whether we have conducted any inappropriate activities. In addition, securities markets may from time to time experience significant price and volume fluctuations that are not related to our operating performance, such as the large decline in share prices in the United States, China and other jurisdictions in late 2008, early 2009, the second half of 2011 and in 2015, which may have a material and adverse effect on the trading price of our ADSs.

In addition to the above factors, the price and trading volume of our ADSs may be highly volatile due to multiple factors, including the following:

- regulatory developments affecting us or our industry, customers or suppliers;
- announcements of studies and reports relating to the quality of our service offerings or those of our competitors;
- changes in the economic performance or market valuations of other data center services companies;
- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our quarterly results of operations and changes or revisions of our expected results;
- changes in financial estimates by securities research analysts;
- conditions in the market for data center services;
- announcements by us or our competitors of new product and service offerings, acquisitions, strategic relationships, joint ventures, capital raisings or capital commitments;
- additions to or departures of our senior management;
- fluctuations of exchange rates between the RMB and the U.S. dollar;
- release or expiry of lock-up or other transfer restrictions on our outstanding shares or ADSs; and
- sales or perceived potential sales of additional ordinary shares or ADSs.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, the market price for our ADSs and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our ADSs will depend in part on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. If research analysts do not establish and maintain adequate research coverage or if one or more of the analysts who covers us downgrades our ADSs or publishes inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, the market price for our ADSs would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our company or fail to publish reports on us regularly, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which, in turn, could cause the market price or trading volume for our ADSs to decline.

Techniques employed by short sellers may drive down the market price of our ADSs.

Short selling is the practice of selling securities that the seller does not own but rather has borrowed from a third party with the intention of buying identical securities back at a later date to return to the lender. The short seller hopes to profit from a decline in the value of the securities between the sale of the borrowed securities and the purchase of the replacement shares, as the short seller expects to pay less in that purchase than it received in the sale. As it is in the short seller's best interests for the price of the

stock to decline, many short sellers publish, or arrange for the publication of, negative opinions regarding the relevant issuer and its business prospects in order to create negative market momentum and generate profits for themselves after selling a stock short. These short attacks have, in the past, led to selling of shares in the market.

Public companies that have substantially all of their operations in China have been the subject of short selling. Much of the scrutiny and negative publicity has centered on allegations of a lack of effective internal control over financial reporting resulting in financial and accounting irregularities and mistakes, inadequate corporate governance policies or a lack of adherence thereto and, in many cases, allegations of fraud. As a result, many of these companies are now conducting internal and external investigations into the allegations and, in the interim, are subject to shareholder lawsuits and/or SEC enforcement actions.

It is not clear what effect such negative publicity could have on us. If we were to become the subject of any unfavorable allegations, whether such allegations are proven to be true or untrue, we could have to expend a significant amount of resources to investigate such allegations and/or defend ourselves. While we would strongly defend against any such short seller attacks, we may be constrained in the manner in which it can proceed against the relevant short seller by principles of freedom of speech, applicable state law or issues of commercial confidentiality. Such a situation could be costly and time-consuming, and could distract our management from growing our business. Even if such allegations are ultimately proven to be groundless, allegations against us could severely impact its business operations and stockholders equity, and any investment in our ADSs could be greatly reduced or rendered worthless.

As our initial public offering price is substantially higher than our net tangible book value per share, you will experience immediate and substantial dilution.

If you purchase ADSs in this offering, you will pay more for your ADSs than the amount paid by existing shareholders for their ordinary shares on a per ADS basis. As a result, you will experience immediate and substantial dilution of approximately US\$ [redacted] per ADS (assuming no exercise of outstanding options to acquire ordinary shares and no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional ADSs), representing the difference between our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per ADS as of [redacted], 2016, after giving effect to this offering, and the public offering price of US\$ [redacted] per ADS. In addition, you will experience further dilution to the extent that our ordinary shares are issued upon the exercise of share options. All of the ordinary shares issuable upon the exercise of currently outstanding share options will be issued at a purchase price on a per ADS basis that is less than the public offering price per ADS in this offering. See "Dilution" for a more complete description of how the value of your investment in our ADSs will be diluted upon completion of this offering.

Because we do not expect to pay dividends in the foreseeable future after this offering, you must rely on price appreciation of our ADSs for return on your investment.

We currently intend to retain most, if not all, of our available funds and any future earnings after this offering to fund the development and growth of our business. As a result, we do not expect to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Therefore, you should not rely on an investment in our ADSs as a source for any future dividend income.

Our board of directors has complete discretion as to whether to distribute dividends. Even if our board of directors decides to declare and pay dividends, the timing, amount and form of future dividends, if any, will depend on, among other things, our future results of operations and cash flow, our capital requirements and surplus, the amount of distributions, if any, received by us from our subsidiaries, our financial condition, contractual restrictions and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors. Accordingly, the return on your investment in our ADSs will likely depend entirely upon any future price appreciation of our ADSs. There is no guarantee that our ADSs will appreciate in value after this offering or

even maintain the price at which you purchased the ADSs. You may not realize a return on your investment in our ADSs and you may even lose your entire investment in our ADSs.

Our ADSs are subject to substantial dilution upon the conversion of our convertible bonds held by certain holders.

We have outstanding convertible bonds in the aggregate principal amount of US\$150.0 million due December 30, 2019. We may, at our option, require the original subscribers, STT GDC Pte. Ltd., or STT GDC, to subscribe for an additional amount of these bonds as to US\$50.0 million, and thereafter, a subsidiary of Ping An Insurance Company of China, Ltd., or Ping An Insurance, to subscribe for an additional amount of these bonds as to US\$50.0 million, at any time until September 30, 2016. In addition, following this offering, we may require the conversion of the bonds assuming the average per-ordinary-share-equivalent closing trading price of our ADSs in any period of ten (10) consecutive trading days following this offering is at least 125% of US\$1.68 and we exercise our right to cause STT GDC and Ping An Insurance to convert the bonds. If the bondholders elect to convert, or we cause the bondholders to convert, their bonds, up to 89,538,233 ordinary shares will be issued. The conversion of the bonds would result in substantial dilution of our ADSs and ordinary shares and a decline in their market price.

Substantial future sales or perceived potential sales of our ADSs in the public market could cause the price of our ADSs to decline.

Sales of our ADSs in the public market after this offering, or the perception that these sales could occur, could cause the market price of our ADSs to decline significantly. Upon completion of this offering, we will have ordinary shares outstanding, including ordinary shares represented by ADSs, assuming the underwriters do not exercise their option to purchase additional shares. All ADSs representing our ordinary shares sold in this offering will be freely transferable by persons other than our "affiliates" without restriction or additional registration under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. All of the other ordinary shares outstanding after this offering will be available for sale, upon the expiration of the lock-up periods described elsewhere in this prospectus beginning from the date of this prospectus (if applicable to such holder), subject to volume and other restrictions as applicable under Rules 144 and 701 under the Securities Act. Any or all of these ordinary shares may be released prior to the expiration of the applicable lock-up period at the discretion of the designated representatives. To the extent shares are released before the expiration of the applicable lock-up period and sold into the market, the market price of our ADSs could decline significantly. See "Shares Eligible for Future Sale—Lock-Up Agreements."

Certain major holders of our ordinary shares after completion of this offering will have the right to cause us to register under the Securities Act the sale of their shares, subject to the applicable lock-up periods in connection with this offering. Registration of these shares under the Securities Act would result in ADSs representing these shares becoming freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act immediately upon the effectiveness of the registration. Sales of these registered shares in the form of ADSs in the public market could cause the price of our ADSs to decline significantly.

We have adopted a share incentive plan, under which we have the discretion to grant a broad range of equity-based awards to eligible participants. See "Management—Share Incentive Plan." We intend to register all ordinary shares that we may issue under this equity compensation plan. Once we register these ordinary shares, they can be freely sold in the public market in the form of ADSs upon issuance, subject to volume limitations applicable to affiliates and the lock-up agreements described in the "Underwriting" section of this prospectus. If a large number of our ordinary shares or securities convertible into our ordinary shares are sold in the public market in the form of ADSs after they become eligible for sale, the sales could reduce the trading price of our ADSs and impede our ability to raise future capital. In addition, any ordinary shares that we issue under an equity incentive plan would dilute the percentage ownership held by the investors who purchase ADSs in this offering.

You, as holders of ADSs, may have fewer rights than holders of our ordinary shares and must act through the depositary to exercise those rights.

Holders of ADSs do not have the same rights of our shareholders and may only exercise the voting rights with respect to the underlying ordinary shares in accordance with the provisions of the deposit agreement. Under the post-offering memorandum and articles of association that will become effective upon the completion of this offering, the minimum notice period required to convene a general meeting is [10] days. When a general meeting is convened, you may not receive sufficient notice of a shareholders' meeting to permit you to withdraw your ordinary shares to allow you to cast your vote with respect to any specific matter. In addition, the depositary and its agents may not be able to send voting instructions to you or carry out your voting instructions in a timely manner. We will make all reasonable efforts to cause the depositary to extend voting rights to you in a timely manner, but there can be no assurance that you will receive the voting materials in time to ensure that you can instruct the depositary to vote your ADSs. Furthermore, the depositary and its agents will not be responsible for any failure to carry out any instructions to vote, for the manner in which any vote is cast or for the effect of any such vote. As a result, you may not be able to exercise your right to vote and you may lack recourse if your ADSs are not voted as you requested. In addition, in your capacity as an ADS holder, you will not be able to call a shareholders' meeting.

Your right to participate in any future rights offerings may be limited, which may cause dilution to your holdings.

We may from time to time distribute rights to our shareholders, including rights to acquire our securities. However, we cannot make rights available to you in the United States unless we register both the rights and the securities to which the rights relate under the Securities Act or an exemption from the registration requirements is available. Under the deposit agreement, the depositary will not make rights available to you unless both the rights and the underlying securities to be distributed to ADS holders are either registered under the Securities Act or exempt from registration under the Securities Act. We are under no obligation to file a registration statement with respect to any such rights or securities or to endeavor to cause such a registration statement to be declared effective and we may not be able to establish a necessary exemption from registration under the Securities Act. Accordingly, you may be unable to participate in our rights offerings and may experience dilution in your holdings.

You may not receive cash dividends if the depositary decides it is impractical to make them available to you.

The depositary will pay cash dividends on the ADSs only to the extent that we decide to distribute dividends on our ordinary shares or other deposited securities, and we do not have any present plan to pay any cash dividends on our ordinary shares in the foreseeable future. To the extent that there is a distribution, the depositary of our ADSs has agreed to pay to you the cash dividends or other distributions it or the custodian receives on our ordinary shares or other deposited securities after deducting its fees and expenses. You will receive these distributions in proportion to the number of ordinary shares your ADSs represent. However, the depositary may, at its discretion, decide that it is inequitable or impractical to make a distribution available to any holders of ADSs. For example, the depositary may determine that it is not practicable to distribute certain property through the mail, or that the value of certain distributions may be less than the cost of mailing them. In these cases, the depositary may decide not to distribute such property to you.

You may be subject to limitations on transfer of your ADSs.

Your ADSs are transferable on the books of the depositary. However, the depositary may close its transfer books at any time or from time to time when it deems expedient in connection with the performance of its duties. In addition, the depositary may refuse to deliver, transfer or register transfers of

ADSs generally when our books or the books of the depositary are closed, or at any time if we or the depositary deems it advisable to do so because of any requirement of law or of any government or governmental body, or under any provision of the deposit agreement, or for any other reason.

Certain judgments obtained against us by our shareholders may not be enforceable.

We are a company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands. We conduct our operations outside the United States and substantially all of our assets are located outside the United States. In addition, all of our directors and executive officers and the experts named in this prospectus reside outside the United States, and most of their assets are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult or impossible for you to bring an action against us or against them in the United States in the event that you believe that your rights have been infringed under the U.S. federal securities laws or otherwise. Even if you are successful in bringing an action of this kind, the laws of the Cayman Islands, the PRC or other relevant jurisdiction may render you unable to enforce a judgment against our assets or the assets of our directors and officers. For more information regarding the relevant laws of the Cayman Islands and China, see "Enforcement of Civil Liabilities."

You may face difficulties in protecting your interests, and your ability to protect your rights through U.S. courts may be limited, because we are incorporated under Cayman Islands law.

We are an exempted company limited by shares incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands. Our corporate affairs are governed by our memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Law (2013 Revision) of the Cayman Islands and the common law of the Cayman Islands. The rights of shareholders to take action against the directors, actions by minority shareholders and the fiduciary duties of our directors to us under Cayman Islands law are to a large extent governed by the common law of the Cayman Islands. The common law of the Cayman Islands is derived in part from comparatively limited judicial precedent in the Cayman Islands as well as from the common law of England, the decisions of whose courts are of persuasive authority, but are not binding, on a court in the Cayman Islands. The rights of our shareholders and the fiduciary duties of our directors under Cayman Islands law are not as clearly established as they would be under statutes or judicial precedent in some jurisdictions in the United States. In particular, the Cayman Islands has a less developed body of securities laws than the United States. Some U.S. states, such as Delaware, have more fully developed and judicially interpreted bodies of corporate law than the Cayman Islands. In addition, Cayman Islands companies may not have standing to initiate a shareholder derivative action in a federal court of the United States.

Shareholders of Cayman Islands exempted companies like us have no general rights under Cayman Islands law to inspect corporate records or to obtain copies of lists of shareholders of these companies. Our directors will have discretion under the post-offering memorandum and articles of association we expect to adopt, to determine whether or not, and under what conditions, our corporate records may be inspected by our shareholders, but are not obliged to make them available to our shareholders. This may make it more difficult for you to obtain the information needed to establish any facts necessary for a shareholder resolution or to solicit proxies from other shareholders in connection with a proxy contest.

As a result of all of the above, our public shareholders may have more difficulty in protecting their interests in the face of actions taken by management, members of the board of directors or controlling shareholders than they would as public shareholders of a company incorporated in the United States. For a discussion of significant differences between the provisions of the Companies Law (2013 Revision) of the Cayman Islands and the laws applicable to companies incorporated in the United States and their shareholders, see "Description of Share Capital—Differences in Corporate Law."

[Our articles of association contain anti-takeover provisions that could discourage a third party from acquiring us, which could limit our shareholders' opportunity to sell their shares, including ordinary shares represented by our ADSs, at a premium.

We have adopted amended and restated articles of association to be effective upon the completion of this offering that contain provisions to limit the ability of others to acquire control of our company or cause us to engage in change-of-control transactions. These provisions could have the effect of depriving our shareholders of an opportunity to sell their shares at a premium over prevailing market prices by discouraging third parties from seeking to obtain control of our company in a tender offer or similar transaction. For example, our board of directors has the authority, without further action by our shareholders, to issue preferred shares in one or more series and to fix their designations, powers, preferences, privileges, and relative participating, optional or special rights and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions, including dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption and liquidation preferences, any or all of which may be greater than the rights associated with our ordinary shares, in the form of ADS or otherwise. Preferred shares could be issued quickly with terms calculated to delay or prevent a change in control of our company or make removal of management more difficult. If our board of directors decides to issue preferred shares, the price of our ADSs may fall and the voting and other rights of the holders of our ordinary shares and ADSs may be materially and adversely affected.]

We are an emerging growth company within the meaning of the Securities Act and may take advantage of certain reduced reporting requirements.

We are an "emerging growth company," as defined in the JOBS Act, and we may take advantage of certain exemptions from various requirements applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies including, most significantly, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for so long as we are an emerging growth company. As a result, if we elect not to comply with such auditor attestation requirements, our investors will not have access to certain information they may deem important.

The JOBS Act also provides that an emerging growth company does not need to comply with any new or revised financial accounting standards until such date that a private company is otherwise required to comply with such new or revised accounting standards. However, we have elected to "opt out" of this provision and, as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards as required when they are adopted for public companies. This decision to opt out of the extended transition period under the JOBS Act is irrevocable.

We are a foreign private issuer within the meaning of the rules under the Exchange Act, and as such we are exempt from certain provisions applicable to U.S. domestic public companies.

Because we qualify as a foreign private issuer under the Exchange Act, we are exempt from certain provisions of the securities rules and regulations in the United States that are applicable to U.S. domestic issuers, including:

- the rules under the Exchange Act requiring the filing with the SEC of quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or current reports on Form 8-K;
- the sections of the Exchange Act regulating the solicitation of proxies, consents, or authorizations in respect of a security registered under the Exchange Act;
- the sections of the Exchange Act requiring insiders to file public reports of their stock ownership and trading activities and liability for insiders who profit from trades made in a short period of time; and
- the selective disclosure rules by issuers of material nonpublic information under Regulation FD.

We are required to file an annual report on Form 20-F within four months of the end of each fiscal year. In addition, we intend to publish our results on a quarterly basis as press releases, distributed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ]. Press releases relating to financial results and material events will also be furnished to the SEC on Form 6-K. However, the information we are required to file with or furnish to the SEC will be less extensive and less timely compared to that required to be filed with the SEC by U.S. domestic issuers. As a result, you may not be afforded the same protections or information that would be made available to you were you investing in a U.S. domestic issuer.

As a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, we are permitted to adopt certain home country practices in relation to corporate governance matters that differ significantly from the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ] corporate governance listing standards; these practices may afford less protection to shareholders than they would enjoy if we complied fully with the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ] corporate governance listing standards.

As a Cayman Islands company listed on the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ], we are subject to the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ] corporate governance listing standards. However, [NYSE]/[NASDAQ] rules permit a foreign private issuer like us to follow the corporate governance practices of its home country. Certain corporate governance practices in the Cayman Islands, which is our home country, may differ significantly from the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ] corporate governance listing standards. Although we do not currently intend to rely on home country practice with respect to our corporate governance after we complete this offering, we may choose to follow home country practice in the future, with regard to committee requirements, shareholder approval requirements or otherwise, our shareholders may be afforded less protection than they otherwise would enjoy under the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ] corporate governance listing standards applicable to U.S. domestic issuers.

We may become a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, which could result in adverse United States tax consequences to United States investors.

Based on the past and projected composition of our income and assets, and the valuation of our assets, including goodwill, we do not believe we were a PFIC for our most recent taxable year and we do not expect to become one in the future, although there can be no assurance in this regard. The determination of whether or not we are a PFIC is made on an annual basis and will depend on the composition of our income and assets from time to time. Specifically, for any taxable year, we will be classified as a PFIC for United States federal income tax purposes if either (i) 75% or more of our gross income in that taxable year is passive income or (ii) the average percentage of our assets (which includes cash) by value in that taxable year which produce, or are held for the production of, passive income is at least 50%. The calculation of the value of our assets will be based, in part, on the quarterly market value of our ADSs, which is subject to change. See "Taxation—Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations—Passive Foreign Investment Company."

In addition, there is uncertainty as to the treatment of our corporate structure and ownership of our consolidated VIEs for United States federal income tax purposes. For United States federal income tax purposes, we consider ourselves to own the stock of our consolidated VIEs. If it is determined, contrary to our view, that we do not own the stock of our consolidated VIEs for United States federal income tax purposes (for instance, because the relevant PRC authorities do not respect these arrangements), we may be treated as a PFIC.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which you hold our ADSs or ordinary shares, our PFIC status could result in adverse United States federal income tax consequences to you if you are a United States Holder, as defined under "Taxation—Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations." For example, if we are or become a PFIC, you may become subject to increased tax liabilities under United States federal income tax laws and regulations, and will become subject to burdensome reporting requirements. See "Taxation—Material United States Federal Income Tax

Considerations—Passive Foreign Investment Company." There can be no assurance that we will not be a PFIC for 2016 or any future taxable year.

We will incur increased costs as a result of being a public company, particularly after we cease to qualify as an "emerging growth company."

Upon completion of this offering, we will become a public company and expect to incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as rules subsequently implemented by the SEC and the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ], impose various requirements on the corporate governance practices of public companies. As a company with less than US\$1.0 billion in net revenue for our last fiscal year, we qualify as an "emerging growth company" pursuant to the JOBS Act. An emerging growth company may take advantage of specified reduced reporting and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include exemption from the auditor attestation requirement under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 in the assessment of the emerging growth company's internal control over financial reporting and permission to delay adopting new or revised accounting standards until such time as those standards apply to private companies. However, we have elected to "opt out" of the provision that allow us to delay adopting new or revised accounting standards and, as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards as required when they are adopted for public companies. This decision to opt out of the extended transition period under the JOBS Act is irrevocable.

We expect these rules and regulations to increase our legal and financial compliance costs and to make some corporate activities more time-consuming and costly. After we are no longer an "emerging growth company," we expect to incur significant expenses and devote substantial management effort toward ensuring compliance with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the other rules and regulations of the SEC. For example, as a result of becoming a public company, we will need to increase the number of independent directors and adopt policies regarding internal controls and disclosure controls and procedures. We also expect that operating as a public company will make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. In addition, we will incur additional costs associated with our public company reporting requirements. It may also be more difficult for us to find qualified persons to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers. We are currently evaluating and monitoring developments with respect to these rules and regulations, and we cannot predict or estimate with any degree of certainty the amount of additional costs we may incur or the timing of such costs.

In the past, shareholders of a public company often brought securities class action suits against the company following periods of instability in the market price of that company's securities. If we were involved in a class action suit, it could divert a significant amount of our management's attention and other resources from our business and operations, which could harm our results of operations and require us to incur significant expenses to defend the suit. Any such class action suit, whether or not successful, could harm our reputation and restrict our ability to raise capital in the future. In addition, if a claim is successfully made against us, we may be required to pay significant damages, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, including statements based on our current expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections about us and our industry. The forward-looking statements are contained principally in the sections entitled "Prospectus Summary," "Risk Factors," "Use of Proceeds," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Industry" and "Business." These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. In some cases, these forward-looking statements can be identified by words or phrases such as "may," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "aim," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "believe," "potential," "continue," "is/are likely to" or other similar expressions. The forward-looking statements included in this prospectus relate to, among others:

- our goals and strategies;
- our expansion plans;
- our future business development, financial condition and results of operations;
- the expected growth of the data center and cloud services market;
- our expectations regarding demand for, and market acceptance of, our services;
- our expectations regarding keeping and strengthening our relationships with customers; and
- general economic and business conditions in the regions where we operate.

This prospectus also contains market data relating to the data center and cloud services industry in China, including market position, market size, and growth rates of the markets in which we participate, that are based on industry publications and reports. This prospectus contains statistical data and estimates published by 451 Research, LLC, or 451 Research, including a report which we commissioned 451 Research to prepare and for which we paid a fee. We have not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of the data contained in these industry publications and reports. The data center and cloud services industry in China may not grow at the rates projected by market data, or at all. The failure of these markets to grow at the projected rates may have a material adverse effect on our business and the market price of our ADSs. If any one or more of the assumptions underlying the market data turns out to be incorrect, actual results may differ from the projections based on these assumptions. In addition, projections, assumptions and estimates of our future performance and the future performance of the industry in which we operate is necessarily subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk due to a variety of factors, including those described in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements made in this prospectus relate only to events or information as of the date on which the statements are made in this prospectus. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statements are made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. You should read this prospectus and the documents that we have referred to in this prospectus and have filed as exhibits to the registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately US\$ [redacted] after deducting underwriting discounts and the estimated offering expenses payable by us and based upon an assumed initial offering price of US\$ [redacted] per ADS (the mid-point of the estimated public offering price range shown on the front cover of this prospectus). A US\$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of US\$ [redacted] per ADS would increase (decrease) the net proceeds to us from this offering by US\$ [redacted], after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated aggregate offering expenses payable by us and assuming no change to the number of ADSs offered by us as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus.

We anticipate using the net proceeds of this offering to develop and acquire new data centers, to repay certain portions of our indebtedness and for general corporate purposes. Under the terms of the RMB530.0 million (US\$81.8 million) loan facilities of our subsidiary Shenzhen Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd. and the RMB120.0 million (US\$18.5 million) loan facilities for our subsidiary Beijing Hengpu'an Data Technology Development Co., Ltd., of which an aggregate of RMB483.9 million (US\$74.7 million) was outstanding as of the date of this prospectus, we are required to repay a portion of the outstanding loan principal in the event of our initial public offering, which amount to approximately RMB116.5 million (US\$18.0 million) based on the principal amount outstanding as of the date of this prospectus. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Contractual Obligations—Beijing and Shenzhen Loan Facilities."

The foregoing represents our intentions as of the date of this prospectus with respect of the use and allocation of the net proceeds of this offering based upon our present plans and business conditions, but our management will have significant flexibility and discretion in applying the net proceeds of the offering. The occurrence of unforeseen events or changed business conditions may result in application of the proceeds of this offering in a manner other than as described in this prospectus.

To the extent that the net proceeds we receive from this offering are not immediately applied for the above purposes, we intend to invest our net proceeds in short-term, interest bearing, debt instruments or bank deposits.

In utilizing the proceeds of this offering, we, as an offshore holding company, are permitted under PRC laws and regulations to provide funding to our PRC subsidiaries only through loans or capital contributions and to our consolidated VIEs only through loans. Subject to satisfaction of applicable government registration and approval requirements, we may extend inter-company loans to our PRC subsidiaries or make additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries to fund their capital expenditures or working capital. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain these government registrations or approvals on a timely basis, if at all.

DIVIDEND POLICY

Since our inception, we have not declared or paid any dividends on our shares. We do not have any present plan to pay any dividends on our ordinary shares or ADSs in the foreseeable future. We intend to retain most, if not all, of our available funds and any future earnings to operate and expand our business.

Any other future determination to pay dividends will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and may be based on a number of factors, including our future operations and earnings, capital requirements and surplus, general financial condition, contractual restrictions and other factors that the board of directors may deem relevant. If we pay any dividends, we will pay our ADS holders to the same extent as holders of our ordinary shares, subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, including the fees and expenses payable thereunder. See "Description of American Depositary Shares." Cash dividends on our ordinary shares, if any, will be paid in U.S. dollars.

We are an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. In order for us to distribute any dividends to our shareholders and ADS holders, we may rely on dividends distributed by our PRC subsidiaries. Certain payments from our PRC subsidiaries to us may be subject to PRC withholding income tax. In addition, regulations in the PRC currently permit payment of dividends of a PRC company only out of accumulated distributable after-tax profits as determined in accordance with its articles of association and the accounting standards and regulations in China. Each of our PRC subsidiaries is required to set aside at least 10% of its after-tax profit based on PRC accounting standards every year to a statutory common reserve fund until the aggregate amount of such reserve fund reaches 50% of the registered capital of such subsidiary. Such statutory reserves are not distributable as loans, advances or cash dividends.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of December 31, 2015 presented on:

- an actual basis;
- on a pro forma basis to reflect the automatic conversion of all our outstanding preferred shares into 349,087,677 ordinary shares upon the closing of this offering; and
- a pro forma as adjusted basis to reflect (i) the automatic conversion of all our outstanding preferred shares into ordinary shares upon the closing of this offering and (ii) the issuance and sale of the ordinary shares in the form of ADSs offered hereby at an assumed initial public offering price of US\$ per ADS, the mid-point of the estimated public offering price range shown on the front cover of this prospectus, after deducting underwriting discounts, commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us and assuming no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option.

The pro forma and pro forma as adjusted information below is illustrative only and our capitalization following the closing of this offering is subject to adjustment based on the initial public offering price of our ADSs and other terms of this offering determined at pricing. You should read this table in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	As of December 31, 2015			Pro Forma
	Actual	Actual	Pro	as
	RMB	US\$	Forma	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
			US\$	
		(in thousands)		
Long-term borrowings, excluding current portion	958,264	147,930	147,930	
Obligations under capital leases, non-current	424,939	65,599	65,599	
Convertible bonds payable	648,515	100,113	100,113	
Redeemable preferred shares	2,395,314	369,773		
Shareholders' (deficit) equity:				
Ordinary shares	76	12	29	
Additional paid-in capital	303,621	46,871	416,627	
Accumulated loss	(61,949)	(9,563)	(9,563)	
Accumulated deficit	(582,253)	(89,884)	(89,884)	
Total (deficit) equity	(340,505)	(52,564)	317,209	
Total	4,086,527	630,851	630,851	

(1) Does not reflect the 18,260,201 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of the options outstanding under our share incentive plan as of the December 31, 2015 or the 10,979,799 ordinary shares available for future issuance under our share incentive plan as of the same date.

DILUTION

If you invest in our ADSs, your interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the initial public offering price per ADS and our net tangible book value per ADS after this offering. Dilution results from the fact that the initial public offering price per ordinary share is substantially in excess of the book value per ordinary share attributable to the existing shareholders for our presently outstanding ordinary shares and holders of our preferred shares which will automatically convert into our ordinary shares upon the completion of this offering.

Our net tangible book value as of December 31, 2015 was approximately US\$110.1 million, or US\$0.5051 per ordinary share as of that date, and US\$ per ADS. Net tangible book value represents the amount of our total consolidated assets, less the amount of our intangible assets, goodwill and total consolidated liabilities. Dilution is determined by subtracting net tangible book value per ordinary share from our consolidated total assets, after giving effect to (i) the automatic conversion of all of our outstanding preferred shares into ordinary shares immediately upon the completion of this offering and (ii) the issuance and sale by us of shares in the form of ADSs in this offering at an assumed initial public offering price of US\$ per ADS (the midpoint of the estimated initial public offering price range shown on the front cover page of this prospectus) after deduction of the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

Without taking into account any other changes in net tangible book value after December 31, 2015, other than to give effect to (i) the automatic conversion of all of our outstanding preferred shares into ordinary shares immediately upon the completion of this offering and (ii) the issuance and sale by us of ordinary shares in the form of ADSs in this offering at an assumed initial public offering price of US\$ per ADS (the midpoint of the estimated initial public offering price range shown on the front cover page of this prospectus) after deduction of the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value as of December 31, 2015 would have been US\$ million, or US\$ per outstanding ordinary share and US\$ per ADS. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of US\$ per ordinary share and US\$ per ADS to the existing shareholders and an immediate dilution in net tangible book value of US\$ per ordinary share and US\$ per ADS to investors purchasing ADSs in this offering.

The following table illustrates such dilution:

	Per Ordinary Share	Per ADS
Actual net tangible book value per share as of December 31, 2015	US\$ 0.5051	
Pro forma net tangible book value per share after giving effect to the automatic conversion of all of our outstanding preferred shares into ordinary shares		
Pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per share after giving effect to (i) the automatic conversion of all of our outstanding preferred shares into ordinary shares and (ii) this offering		
Assumed initial public offering price		
Dilution in net tangible book value per share to new investors in the offering		

The amount of dilution in net tangible book value to new investors in this offering set forth above is calculated by deducting (i) the pro forma net tangible book value after giving effect to the automatic conversion of our outstanding preferred shares from (ii) the pro forma net tangible book value after giving effect to the automatic conversion of our preferred shares and this offering.

The following table summarizes, on a pro forma basis as of December 31, 2015, the differences between existing shareholders, including holders of our preferred shares, and the new investors with respect to the number of ordinary shares (in the form of ADSs or shares) purchased from us, the total

consideration paid and the average price per ordinary share and per ADS paid before deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses. The total number of ordinary shares does not include ordinary shares underlying the ADSs issuable upon the exercise of the option to purchase additional ADSs granted to the underwriters.

	Ordinary Shares		Total		US\$		Average Price per ADS Equivalent
	Number	Percent	Amount	Percent	Average Price per Ordinary Share Equivalent	Average Price per ADS Equivalent	
Existing shareholders		%	US\$	%	US\$	US\$	
New investors		%	US\$	%	US\$	US\$	
Total		%	US\$	%			

If the underwriters were to fully exercise the over-allotment option to purchase additional shares of our ordinary shares from us, the percentage of shares of our ordinary shares held by existing shareholders who are directors, officers or affiliated persons would be %, and the percentage of shares of our common stock held by new investors would be %.

A US\$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed public offering price of US\$ per ADS (the midpoint of the estimated initial public offering price range shown on the front cover page of this prospectus) would increase (decrease) our pro forma net tangible book value after giving effect to the offering by US\$ million, the pro forma net tangible book value per ordinary share and per ADS after giving effect to this offering by US\$ per ordinary share and US\$ per ADS and the dilution in pro forma net tangible book value per ordinary share and per ADS to new investors in this offering by US\$ per ordinary share and US\$ per ADS, assuming no change to the number of ADS offered by us as set forth on the front cover page of this prospectus, and after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other offering expenses.

The pro forma information discussed above is illustrative only. Our net tangible book value following the completion of this offering is subject to adjustment based on the actual initial public offering price of our ADSs and other terms of this offering determined at pricing.

The discussion and tables above take into consideration the automatic conversions of our redeemable preferred shares upon the completion of this offering, and they do not take into consideration of (i) the conversion into ordinary shares of our convertible bonds due 2019 or (ii) any outstanding share options. Following this offering, we may require the conversion of the convertible bonds due 2019 assuming the average per-ordinary-share-equivalent closing trading price of our ADSs in any period of ten (10) consecutive trading days following this offering is at least 125% of US\$1.68 and we exercise our right to cause STT GDC and Ping An Insurance to convert the bonds. If the bondholders elect to convert, or we cause the bondholders to convert, their bonds, up to 89,538,233 ordinary shares will be issued. In addition, as of the date of this prospectus, there are also (i) ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding share options at an exercise price that ranges from US\$ to US\$ per share and (ii) ordinary shares available for future issuance upon the exercise of future grants under our share incentive plan. To the extent that the convertible bonds due 2019 are converted after our IPO or if any of these options are exercised, there will be further dilution to new investors.

EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION

Substantially all of our operations are conducted in China and substantially all of our net revenue is denominated in Renminbi. This prospectus contains translations of Renminbi amounts into U.S. dollars at specific rates solely for the convenience of the reader. Unless otherwise noted, all translations from Renminbi to U.S. dollars and from U.S. dollars to Renminbi in this prospectus for 2015 were made at a rate of RMB6.4778 to US\$1.00, the exchange rate set forth in the H.10 statistical release of the Federal Reserve Board on December 31, 2015. We make no representation that the Renminbi or U.S. dollar amounts referred to in this prospectus could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars or Renminbi, as the case may be, at any particular rate or at all. The PRC government imposes control over its foreign currency reserves in part through direct regulation of the conversion of Renminbi into foreign exchange and through restrictions on foreign trade. On May 13, 2016, the noon buying rate for Renminbi was RMB6.5285 to US\$1.00.

The following table sets forth information concerning exchange rates between the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar for the periods indicated. These rates are provided solely for your convenience and are not necessarily the exchange rates that we used in this prospectus or will use in the preparation of our periodic reports or any other information to be provided to you. For all dates and periods, the exchange rate refers to the exchange rate as set forth in the H.10 statistical release of the Federal Reserve Board.

Period	Noon Buying Rate			
	Period End	Average ⁽¹⁾	(RMB per US\$1.00)	
			Low	High
2011	6.2939	6.4475	6.6364	6.2939
2012	6.2301	6.2990	6.3879	6.2221
2013	6.0537	6.1412	6.2438	6.0537
2014	6.2046	6.1704	6.2591	6.0402
2015	6.4778	6.2869	6.4896	6.1870
November	6.3883	6.3640	6.3945	6.3180
December	6.4778	6.4491	6.4896	6.3883
2016				
January	6.5752	6.5726	6.5932	6.5219
February	6.5525	6.5501	6.5795	6.5154
March	6.4480	6.5027	6.5500	6.4480
April	6.4738	6.4754	6.5004	6.4571
May (through May 13, 2016)	6.5285	6.5021	6.5285	6.4738

Source: Federal Reserve Statistical Release

(1) Annual averages are calculated using the average of the rates on the last business day of each month during the relevant year. Monthly averages are calculated using the average of the daily rates during the relevant month.

ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

We are incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability. We are incorporated in the Cayman Islands because of certain benefits associated with being a Cayman Islands corporation, such as political and economic stability, an effective judicial system, a favorable tax system, the absence of foreign exchange control or currency restrictions and the availability of professional and support services. However, the Cayman Islands has a less developed body of securities laws as compared to the United States and provides protections for investors to a lesser extent. In addition, Cayman Islands companies may not have standing to sue before the federal courts of the United States.

Substantially all of our operations are conducted in China, and substantially all of our assets are located in China. In addition, most of our directors and officers are residents of jurisdictions other than the United States and all or a substantial portion of their assets are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for investors to effect service of process within the United States upon us or these persons, or to enforce against us or them judgments obtained in United States courts, including judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States. It may also be difficult for you to enforce in United States courts judgments obtained in United States courts based on the civil liability provisions of the United States federal securities laws against us and our officers and directors.

We have appointed [Law Debenture Corporate Services Inc.] as our agent to receive service of process with respect to any action brought against us in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York under the federal securities laws of the United States or of any state in the United States or any action brought against us in the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the County of New York under the securities laws of the State of New York.

Conyers Dill & Pearman, our counsel as to Cayman Islands law, and King & Wood Mallesons, our counsel as to PRC law, have advised us that there is uncertainty as to whether the courts of the Cayman Islands or the PRC would, respectively, (1) recognize or enforce judgments of United States courts obtained against us or our directors or officers predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States and (2) entertain original actions brought in the Cayman Islands or the PRC against us or our directors or officers predicated upon the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States.

Conyers Dill & Pearman has informed us that the uncertainty with regard to Cayman Islands law relates to whether a judgment obtained from the United States courts under the civil liability provisions of the securities laws will be determined by the courts of the Cayman Islands as penal or punitive in nature. If such a determination is made, the courts of the Cayman Islands will not recognize or enforce the judgment against a Cayman company. Because the courts of the Cayman Islands have yet to rule on whether such judgments are penal or punitive in nature, it is uncertain whether they would be enforceable in the Cayman Islands. Conyers Dill & Pearman has further advised us that a final and conclusive judgment in the federal or state courts of the United States under which a sum of money is payable, other than a sum payable in respect of taxes, fines, penalties or similar charges, may be subject to enforcement proceedings as a debt in the courts of the Cayman Islands under the common law doctrine of obligation.

In addition, Conyers Dill & Pearman has advised us that there is no statutory recognition in the Cayman Islands of judgments obtained in the United States, although the Cayman Islands will generally recognize as a valid judgment, a final and conclusive judgment in personam obtained in the federal or state courts in the United States under which a sum of money is payable (other than a sum of money payable in respect of multiple damages, taxes or other charges of a like nature or in respect of a fine or other penalty) and would give a judgment based thereon provided that (i) such courts had proper jurisdiction over the parties subject to such judgment; (ii) such courts did not contravene the rules of natural justice of the Cayman Islands; (iii) such judgment was not obtained by fraud; (iv) the enforcement of the judgment would not be contrary to the public policy of the Cayman Islands; (v) no new admissible evidence relevant

to the action is submitted prior to the rendering of the judgment by the courts of the Cayman Islands; and (vi) there is due compliance with the correct procedures under the laws of the Cayman Islands.

King & Wood Mallesons has advised us that the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments are provided for under the PRC Civil Procedure Law. PRC courts may recognize and enforce foreign judgments in accordance with the requirements of the PRC Civil Procedure Law based either on treaties between China and the country where the judgment is made or on principles of reciprocity between jurisdictions. King & Wood Mallesons has advised us further that under PRC law, a foreign judgment, which does not otherwise violate basic legal principles, state sovereignty, safety or social public interest, may be recognized and enforced by a PRC court, based either on treaties between China and the country where the judgment is made or on principles of reciprocity between jurisdictions. As there existed no treaty or other form of reciprocity between China and the United States governing the recognition and enforcement of judgments as of the date of this prospectus, including those predicated upon the liability provisions of the United States federal securities laws, there is uncertainty whether and on what basis a PRC court would enforce judgments rendered by United States courts.

OUR HISTORY AND CORPORATE STRUCTURE

We are an exempted company and were incorporated in the Cayman Islands in 2006. We own 100% of the shares in EDC Holding, an exempted company also incorporated in the Cayman Islands, through which we indirectly hold 100% of the equity interests in holding companies in Hong Kong, many of which own our data centers through one or more data center companies. Through EDC Holding we also indirectly hold 100% of the equity interests in GDS Management Company.

Due to PRC regulations that limit foreign equity ownership of entities providing VATS at 50%, and the inclusion of IDC services within the scope of VATS, we conduct a substantial part of our operations in China through contractual arrangements among GDS Management Company, our data center companies and two VIEs that hold licenses required to operate our business, GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai, and their shareholders. As a result of these contractual arrangements, we control GDS Shanghai, GDS Beijing and its subsidiaries, including GDS Suzhou and Kunshan Wanyu and have consolidated the financial information of these VIEs in our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Guangzhou Weiteng will be included in our consolidated financial statements. GDS Beijing has submitted its application to MIIT to expand its IDC license coverage to include GDS Suzhou and Kunshan Wanyu so that they will be authorized to provide IDC services. See "—2016 Variable Interest Entity Restructuring." As part of the VIE restructuring, we plan to also convert and change the shareholding of EDC Shanghai Waigaoqiao in the same way with GDS Suzhou, after which we will apply for the expansion of GDS Beijing's IDC license so that EDC Shanghai Waigaoqiao will also be authorized to provide IDC services. In addition, with regard to the other WFOEs that have not contributed substantial revenue, we are deliberating different measures to ensure that any business activity that may have to be conducted by IDC license holders will be conducted by our IDC license holders, which are consolidated VIEs. See "Regulations—Regulations Related to Value-Added Telecommunications Business" for additional details.

Historically, in 2014 and 2015 prior to our VIE restructuring, our consolidated VIEs, GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai, contributed 2.0% and 4.3% of our total net revenue, and we conducted the substantial majority of our operations through GDS Suzhou when it was a WFOE under PRC law. See "—2016 Variable Interest Entity Restructuring" and "Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in the People's Republic of China—We may be regarded as existing, in a state of historical non-compliance with the regulations on foreign investment restriction and value added telecommunications services, for which penalties may be assessed that may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, growth strategies and prospects and may require us to obtain regulatory approval for this offering." As a result of our internal restructuring, GDS Suzhou became a domestic-owned enterprise under PRC law and an operating subsidiary of GDS Beijing. GDS Suzhou is in the process of receiving approval from the MIIT for providing IDC services with authorization from GDS Beijing under its IDC license. As of the date of this prospectus, we conducted the substantial majority of our operations in China through GDS Suzhou. Accordingly, going forward we expect that substantially all of our net revenue will be generated through our consolidated VIEs, GDS Shanghai, GDS Beijing and its subsidiaries.

In 2003, some of our principal shareholders, including our founder, Mr. William Wei Huang, established Global Data Solutions Limited, a Cayman Islands exempted company. In 2001, FSL acquired GDS Suzhou, which was established by third parties in 2000. In 2006, GDS Beijing and GDS Holdings were established under the laws of the PRC and Cayman Islands, respectively. In 2009, we underwent restructuring with respect to GDS Beijing, which became a consolidated VIE. In 2010, GDS Suzhou was relocated from Shenzhen to Suzhou. In 2014, GDS Shanghai, which was established in 2011, also became a consolidated VIE.

Acquisition of EDC Holding

EDC Holding was established in 2008 and is principally engaged in data center infrastructure services in the PRC. We held approximately 7% equity interests in EDC Holding on a fully diluted basis prior to the

acquisition. In June 2014, in an effort to enhance our service offerings and to increase business synergy, we acquired all the equity interests in EDC Holding (preferred and ordinary shares) we did not already own by issuing 199,163,164 shares to the then-shareholders of EDC Holding.

We were identified as the accounting acquirer for the following reasons: (i) we were the entity that issued the new equity interests; (ii) a shareholder of us held the largest minority voting interest in the combined entity; (iii) our shareholders have the ability to elect or appoint or to remove a majority of the members of the governing body of the combined entity; (iv) our management dominates the management of the combined entity after the acquisition; and (v) we have a significantly larger relative size in terms of net revenue and operations than that of EDC Holding.

Acquisition of Guangzhou Weiteng

In May 2016, we, through GDS Beijing, acquired all the equity interest in Guangzhou Weiteng from a third party for an aggregate purchase price of RMB129.5 million (US\$20.0 million), subject to adjustment, if any, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the equity purchase agreement. Guangzhou Weiteng is a limited liability company organized and existing under the PRC law and operates a data center project in Guangzhou. After the acquisition, Guangzhou Weiteng will either apply for its own IDC license or be authorized to provide IDC services by GDS Beijing after GDS Beijing further expands its IDC license coverage to include Guangzhou Weiteng.

2016 VIE Restructuring

The laws and regulations regarding VATS licenses in the PRC, especially those in relation to IDC services, are relatively new and are still evolving, and their interpretation and enforcement involve significant uncertainties. PRC laws and regulations restrict foreign equity ownership of entities that hold VATS licenses, and such licenses have been denied to entities whose foreign equity ownership exceeds permitted thresholds.

Before 2013, the definition of IDC service did not offer clear guidance as to whether our business at the time fell within its scope. Between 2010 and 2012, in order to comply with then-effective laws and administrative practice, we consulted relevant officials of local branches of the MIIT. Based on such consultations, we understood that we were not required to hold an IDC license in order for us to operate our business lawfully, and we entered into most of our customer contracts through GDS Suzhou, a WFOE, because we believed that restrictions on foreign investment in IDC services did not apply in our case.

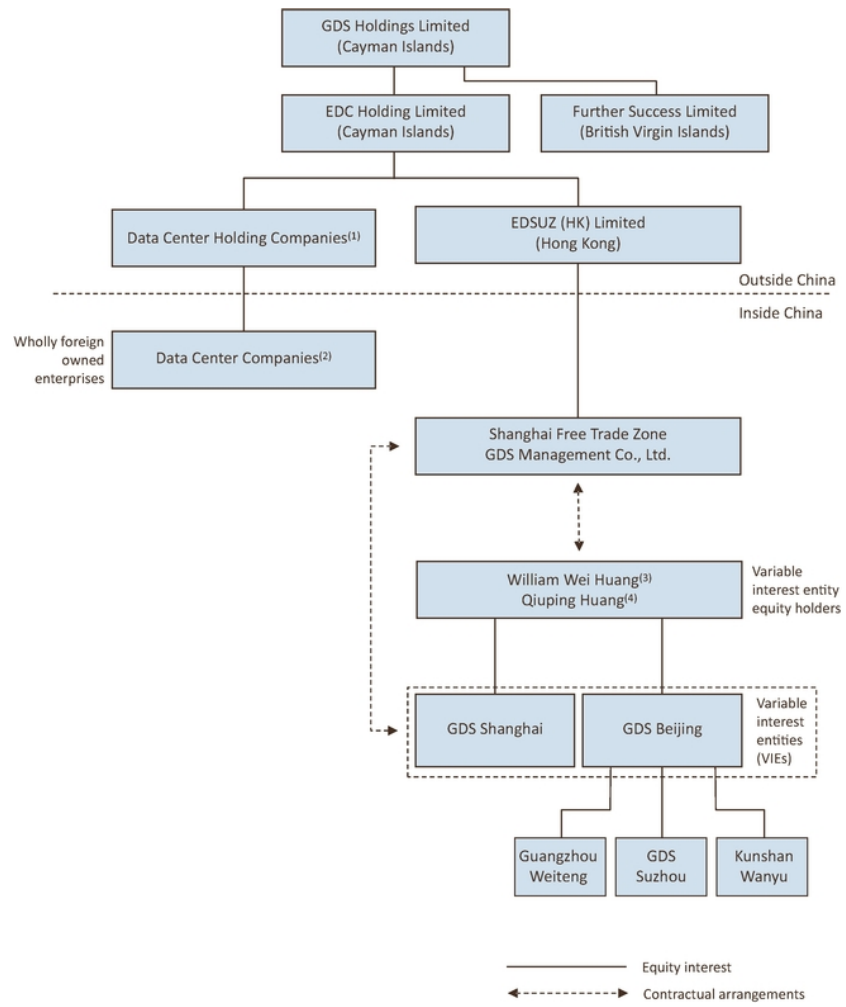
On May 6, 2013, the Q&A was published on the website of China Academy of Telecom Research, an affiliate of the MIIT. The Q&A was issued together with the draft revised Telecom Catalogue of the 2013 version, which although not an official law or regulation, reflected the evolving attitude of the MIIT towards the legal requirements as to applications for VATS licenses, especially with regards to IDC services. A national consulting body and certain Designated Numbers are provided in the Q&A to answer any questions arising from the application of IDC licenses. Since then, even though the definition of IDC services under the Q&A is identical to that under the Telecom Catalogue, whether a business model should be deemed to be an IDC service is subject to the unified clarifications under the Q&A and replies obtained from such Designated Numbers, rather than different replies which may be obtained from different officials from the MIIT or its local branches. The draft revised Telecom Catalogue did not come into effect until March 2016, when it was further revised to adapt to developments in the telecommunications industry. During this period, we closely followed legislative developments and conducted feasibility studies for restructuring our business. Based on the Q&A and our consultation with both the Designated Numbers and MIIT officials in 2014 and 2015, most of our services would be deemed IDC services, and that such services could only be provided by a holder of an IDC license, or a subsidiary of such holder, with the authorization of the holder.

GDS Beijing obtained a cross-regional IDC license in November 2013, the scope of which now includes Shanghai, Suzhou, Beijing, Shenzhen and Chengdu. In order to adapt to the new regulatory requirements and address pre-existing customer contracts, we converted GDS Suzhou into a domestic company wholly owned by GDS Beijing by way of transferring all of the equity interests in GDS Suzhou from FSL to GDS Beijing in order to enable GDS Suzhou to engage in the provision of IDC services with the authorization of GDS Beijing, and under the auspices of an IDC license held by GDS Beijing to be approved by MIIT. As part of the VIE restructuring, we plan to also convert and change the shareholding of EDC Shanghai Waigaoqiao in the same way with GDS Suzhou, after which we will apply for the expansion of GDS Beijing's IDC license so that EDC Shanghai Waigaoqiao will also be authorized to provide IDC services. In addition, with regard to the other WFOEs that have not contributed substantial revenue, we are considering measures to ensure that any services that may have to be provided by IDC license holders will be conducted by our IDC license holders, which are our consolidated VIEs. See "Regulations—Regulations Related to Value-Added Telecommunications Business" for additional details.

Our Corporate Structure

The following diagrams illustrate our corporate structure as of the date of this prospectus. They omit certain entities that are immaterial to our results of operations, business and financial condition. Equity interests depicted in this diagram are held as to 100%. The relationships between each of GDS Shanghai

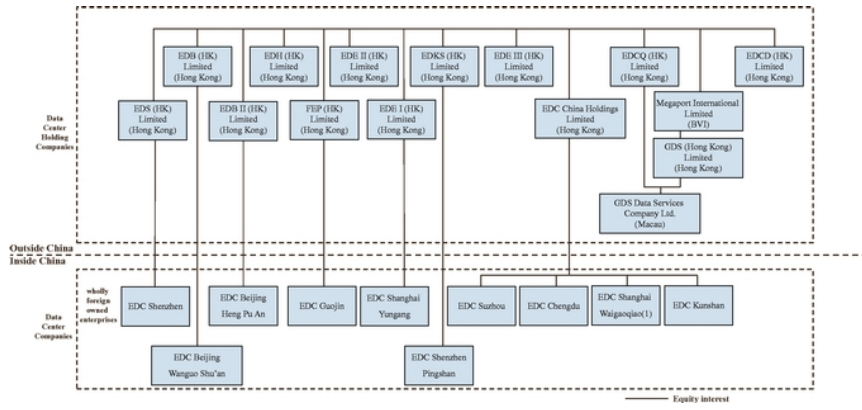
and GDS Beijing and GDS Management Company as illustrated in this diagram are governed by contractual arrangements and do not constitute equity ownership.



(1) Includes 13 subsidiaries and consolidated entities (aside from EDSUZ (HK) Limited, shown above) incorporated in Hong Kong, seven of which hold our PRC-incorporated data center companies, and two additional subsidiaries incorporated in BVI and Macau, but excludes dormant or immaterial entities with no material business. See the chart below for details on the data center holding companies.

- (2) Includes 10 additional subsidiaries and consolidated entities incorporated in China. See the chart below for details on the data center companies.
- (3) Holds equity interests of 99.90% in GDS Shanghai, and of approximately 99.97% in GDS Beijing.
- (4) Holds equity interests of 0.10% in GDS Shanghai, and of approximately 0.03% in GDS Beijing.

The following diagram illustrates the structure of our data center holding companies and data center companies:



- (1) Currently being restructured to become a subsidiary of GDS Beijing.

The following table sets forth the full legal names of the data center holding companies and corresponding project companies:

<u>Data center holding company</u>	<u>Data center company</u>	<u>Data center</u>
EDS (HK) Limited	Shenzhen Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd., or EDC Shenzhen	Shenzhen data centers SZ1, SZ2 and SZ3
EDB (HK) Limited	Beijing Wanguo Shu'an Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd., or EDC Beijing Wanguo Shu'an	Site in Beijing for future development
EDB II (HK) Limited	Beijing Hengpu'an Data Technology Development Co., Ltd., or EDC Beijing Heng Pu An	Beijing data centers BJ1 and BJ2
FEP (HK) Limited	Guojin Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd., or EDC Guojin	Site in Kunshan for future development
EDE I (HK) Limited	Shanghai Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd., or EDC Shanghai Yungang	Shanghai data centers SH2, SH3 and SH4
EDKS (HK) Limited	Shenzhen Pingshan New Area Global Data Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd., or EDC Shenzhen Pingshan	Shenzhen data center SZ4
EDC China Holdings Limited	EDC Technology (Suzhou) Co., Ltd., or EDC Suzhou	—
	EDC (Chengdu) Industry Co., Ltd., or EDC Chengdu	Chengdu data center CD1
	Shanghai Waigaoqiao EDC Technology Co., Ltd., or EDC Shanghai Waigaoqiao	Shanghai data center SH1
	EDC Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd., or EDC Kunshan	Kunshan data center KS1

VIE Contractual Arrangements

Contractual Arrangements among GDS Management Company, GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai

Due to PRC legal restrictions on foreign ownership and investment in VATS, and IDC services in particular, we currently conduct these activities mainly through GDS Suzhou, an operating subsidiary of GDS Beijing that is to be authorized by GDS Beijing to provide IDC services. Each of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai holds an IDC license which is required to operate our business. We effectively control GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai through a series of contractual arrangements between these consolidated VIEs, their shareholders and GDS Management Company. These contractual arrangements allow us to:

- exercise effective control over our consolidated VIEs, namely GDS Shanghai, GDS Beijing and GDS Beijing's subsidiaries, namely GDS Suzhou and Kunshan Wanyu and Guangzhou Weiteng;
- receive substantially all of the economic benefits of our variable interest entities; and
- have an exclusive option to purchase all or part of the equity interests in GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai when and to the extent permitted by PRC law.

As a result of these contractual arrangements, we are the primary beneficiary of GDS Beijing, GDS Shanghai, and their subsidiaries. We have consolidated their financial results in our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

The following is a summary of the currently effective contractual arrangements by and among our wholly-owned subsidiary, GDS Management Company, our consolidated VIEs, GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai, and the shareholders of each of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai.

Agreements that Provide us with Effective Control over our Consolidated VIEs

Equity Interest Pledge Agreements. Pursuant to the equity interest pledge agreements, each shareholder of each of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai has pledged all of his or her equity interest in GDS Beijing or GDS Shanghai as a continuing first priority security interest, as applicable, to respectively guarantee GDS Beijing's and its shareholders' performance of their obligations under the relevant contractual arrangement, which include the exclusive technology license and services agreement, loan agreement, exclusive option agreement, and power of attorney, as well as GDS Shanghai's and its shareholders' performance of their obligations under the other relevant contractual arrangement, which include the exclusive technology license and services agreement, loan agreement, exclusive option agreement, and power of attorney, and intellectual property license agreement. If GDS Beijing or GDS Shanghai or any of its shareholders breaches their contractual obligations under these agreements, GDS Management Company, as pledgee, will be entitled to certain rights regarding the pledged equity interests, including receiving proceeds from the auction or sale of all or part of the pledged equity interests of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai in accordance with PRC law. Each of the shareholders of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai agrees that, during the term of the equity interest pledge agreements, he or she will not dispose of the pledged equity interests or create or allow creation of any encumbrance on the pledged equity interests without the prior written consent of GDS Management Company. The equity interest pledge agreements remain effective until GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai and its shareholders discharge all their obligations under the contractual arrangements. We have registered the equity pledge by both GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai in favor of GDS Management Company with the relevant office of the Administration for Industry and Commerce in accordance with the PRC Property Rights Law.

Powers of Attorney. Pursuant to the powers of attorney, each shareholder of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai has irrevocably appointed the PRC citizen(s) as designated by GDS Management Company to act as such shareholder's exclusive attorney-in-fact to exercise all shareholder rights, including, but not limited to, voting on all matters of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai requiring shareholder approval, disposing of all or part of the shareholder's equity interest in GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai, and appointing directors and executive officers. GDS Management Company is also entitled to change the appointment by designating another PRC citizen(s) to act as exclusive attorney-in-fact of the shareholders of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai with prior notice to such shareholders. Each power of attorney will remain in force for so long as the shareholder remains a shareholder of GDS Beijing or GDS Shanghai, as applicable.

Agreements that Allow us to Receive Economic Benefits from our Consolidated VIEs

Exclusive Technology License and Services Agreements. Under the exclusive technology license and services agreements, GDS Management Company licenses certain technology to each of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai and GDS Management Company has the exclusive right to provide GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai with technical support, consulting services and other services. Without GDS Management Company's prior written consent, each of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai agrees not to accept the same or any similar services provided by any third party. Each of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai agrees to pay service fees on a yearly basis and at an amount equivalent to all of its net profits as confirmed by GDS Management Company. GDS Management Company owns the intellectual property rights arising out of its performance of these agreements. In addition, each of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai has granted GDS Management Company an exclusive right to purchase or to be licensed with any or all of the intellectual property rights of either GDS Beijing or GDS Shanghai at the lowest price permitted under PRC law. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, these agreements will continue remaining effective.

Intellectual Property License Agreement. Pursuant to an intellectual property license agreement between GDS Management Company and GDS Shanghai, dated April 13, 2016, GDS Shanghai has granted GDS Management Company an exclusive license to use for free any or all of the intellectual property rights owned by GDS Shanghai from time to time, and without the parties' prior written consent, GDS Shanghai cannot take any actions, including without limitation to, transferring or licensing outside its ordinary course of business any intellectual property rights to any third parties, which may affect or undermine GDS Management Company's use of the licensed intellectual property rights from GDS Shanghai. The parties have also agreed under the agreement that GDS Management Company should own the new intellectual property rights developed by it regardless whether such development is dependent on any of the intellectual property rights owned by GDS Shanghai. This agreement can only be early terminated by prior mutual consent of the parties and need to be renewed upon GDS Management Company's unilateral request.

Agreements that Provide Us with the Option to Purchase the Equity Interest in GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai

Exclusive Option Agreements. Pursuant to the exclusive option agreements, each shareholder of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai has irrevocably granted GDS Management Company an exclusive option to purchase, or have its designated person or persons to purchase, at its discretion, to the extent permitted under PRC law, all or part of such shareholder's equity interests in GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai. The purchase price should equal to the minimum price required by PRC law or such other price as may be agreed by the parties in writing. Without GDS Management Company's prior written consent, the shareholders of each of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai have agreed that each of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai shall not amend its articles of association, increase or decrease the registered capital, sell or otherwise dispose of its assets or beneficial interest, create or allow any encumbrance on its assets or other beneficial interests, provide any loans, distribute dividends to the shareholders and etc. These agreements will remain effective until all equity interests of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai held by their shareholders have been transferred or assigned to GDS Management Company or its designated person(s).

Loan Agreements. Pursuant to the loan agreements between GDS Management and the shareholders of each of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai, GDS Management has agreed to extend loans in an aggregate amount of RMB310.1 million to the shareholders of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai solely for the capitalization of GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai. Pursuant to the loan agreements, GDS Management Company has the right to require repayment of the loans upon delivery of thirty-day's prior notice to the shareholders, and the shareholders can repay the loans by either sale of their equity interests in GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai to GDS Management Company or its designated person(s) pursuant to their respective exclusive option agreements, or other methods as determined by GDS Management Company pursuant to its articles of association and the applicable PRC laws and regulations.

In the opinion of King & Wood Mallesons, our PRC counsel:

- the ownership structures of GDS Management Company, GDS Shanghai and GDS Beijing, currently do not, and immediately after giving effect to this offering, will not result in any violation of the applicable PRC laws or regulations currently in effect; and
- the contractual arrangements among GDS Management Company, GDS Shanghai, GDS Beijing, and the shareholders of GDS Shanghai and GDS Beijing, are governed by PRC law, and are currently valid, binding and enforceable in accordance with the applicable PRC laws or regulations currently in effect, and do not result in any violation of the applicable PRC laws or regulations currently in effect.

However, there are substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of current and future PRC laws, regulations and rules. In particular, in January 2015, the Ministry of Commerce, or the MOC, published a discussion draft of the proposed Foreign Investment Law for public review and

comments. Among other things, the draft Foreign Investment Law expands the definition of foreign investment and introduces the principle of "actual control" in determining whether a company is considered a foreign-invested enterprise, or an FIE. Under the draft Foreign Investment Law, VIEs would also be deemed as FIEs, if they are ultimately "controlled" by foreign investors, and be subject to restrictions on foreign investments. However, the draft law has not arrived at a position on what actions will be taken with respect to the existing companies with the "variable interest entity" structure, whether or not these companies are controlled by Chinese parties. It is uncertain when the draft may be signed into law, if at all, and whether any final version would have substantial changes from the draft. Accordingly, the PRC regulatory authorities may in the future take a view that is contrary to the above opinion of our PRC counsel. If the PRC government finds that the agreements that establish the structure for providing our IDC services do not comply with PRC government restrictions on foreign investment in IDC services, we could be subject to severe penalties, including being prohibited from continuing operations.

SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA

The following consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015 and the summary consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2014 and 2015 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. Our consolidated financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP.

On June 30, 2014, we acquired EDC Holding from its shareholders whereby we issued shares to EDC Holding's shareholders in exchange for their shares in EDC Holding. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we issued 199,163,164 shares in exchange for approximately 93% of the shares in EDC Holding which we did not already own. Since the date of the acquisition, EDC Holding has been our wholly-owned subsidiary and has been consolidated with our results of operations. See note 8 of our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for any future period. The following summary consolidated financial data for the periods and as of the dates indicated are qualified by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, our consolidated financial statements and related notes and the information under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," both of which are included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2015	
	RMB	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands, except share data and per share data)		
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:			
Net revenue	468,337	703,636	108,623
Cost of revenue	(388,171)	(514,997)	(79,502)
Gross profit	80,166	188,639	29,121
Operating expenses:			
Selling and marketing expenses	(40,556)	(57,588)	(8,890)
General and administrative expenses	(113,711)	(128,714)	(19,870)
Research and development expenses	(1,597)	(3,554)	(549)
Loss from operations	(75,698)	(1,217)	(188)
Net interest expense	(124,973)	(125,546)	(19,381)
Foreign currency exchange (loss) gain, net	(875)	11,107	1,715
Government grants	4,870	3,915	604
Gain on remeasurement of equity investment	62,506	—	—
Others, net	(412)	1,174	181
Loss before income taxes	(134,582)	(110,567)	(17,069)
Income tax benefits	4,583	11,983	1,850
Net loss	(129,999)	(98,584)	(15,219)
Net loss available to ordinary shareholders	(309,139)	(216,637)	(33,443)
Net loss per ordinary share—basic and diluted	(1.91)	(0.99)	(0.15)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding—basic and diluted	162,070,745	217,987,922	217,987,922

The following table presents a summary of our consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2014 and 2015.

	As of December 31,		
	2014	2015	
	Actual	Actual	Actual
	RMB	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands)		
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:			
Cash	606,758	924,498	142,718
Accounts receivable, net	73,366	111,013	17,137
Total current assets	745,831	1,186,699	183,195
Property and equipment, net	1,694,944	2,512,687	387,892
Goodwill and intangible assets	1,350,524	1,341,599	207,108
Total assets	3,854,074	5,128,272	791,669
Short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term borrowings	426,709	428,218	66,105
Obligations under capital leases, current	39,621	48,745	7,525
Total current liabilities	897,630	925,049	142,803
Long-term borrowings, excluding current portion	492,123	958,264	147,930
Convertible bonds payable	—	648,515	100,113
Obligations under capital leases, non-current	246,996	424,939	65,599
Total liabilities	1,706,600	3,073,463	474,460
Redeemable preferred shares	2,164,039	2,395,314	369,773
Total shareholders' deficit	(16,565)	(340,505)	(52,564)

Key Financial Metrics

We monitor the following key financial metrics to help us evaluate growth trends, establish budgets, measure the effectiveness of our business strategies and assess operational efficiencies:

	Year ended	
	December 31,	
	2014	2015
Other Consolidated Financial Data:		
Gross margin ⁽¹⁾	17.1%	26.8%
Operating margin ⁽²⁾	(16.2)%	(0.2)%
Net margin ⁽³⁾	(27.8)%	(14.0)%

(1) Gross profit as a percentage of net revenue.

(2) Loss from operations as a percentage of net revenue.

(3) Net loss as a percentage of net revenue.

In evaluating our business, we consider and use the following measures, including certain non-GAAP measures, as supplemental measures to review and assess our operating performance:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2014	2015	
	RMB	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands, except percentages)		
Other Consolidated Financial Data:			
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	54,261	190,360	29,386
Adjusted EBITDA margin ⁽²⁾	11.6%	27.1%	27.1%

(1) Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income or net loss excluding net interest expenses, income tax benefits, depreciation and amortization, accretion expenses for asset retirement costs, start-up costs, share-based compensation expenses, and gain on remeasurement of equity investment.

(2) Adjusted EBITDA margin is defined as adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of net revenue.

Non-GAAP Measures

Our management and board of directors use adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin, which are non-GAAP financial measures, to evaluate our operating performance, establish budgets and develop operational goals for managing our business. In particular, we believe that the exclusion of the expenses eliminated in calculating adjusted EBITDA can provide a useful measure of our core operating performance.

We also present these non-GAAP measures because we believe these non-GAAP measures are frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties as measures of the financial performance of companies in our industry.

These non-GAAP financial measures are not defined under U.S. GAAP and are not presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures have limitations as analytical tools, and when assessing our operating performance, cash flows or our liquidity, investors should not consider them in isolation, or as a substitute for net income (loss), cash flows provided by operating activities or other consolidated statements of operation and cash flow data prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

We mitigate these limitations by reconciling the non-GAAP financial measure to the most comparable U.S. GAAP performance measure, all of which should be considered when evaluating our performance.

The following table reconciles our adjusted EBITDA in the years presented to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which is net income or net loss:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2015	
	RMB	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands)		
Net loss	(129,999)	(98,584)	(15,219)
Net interest expenses	124,973	125,546	19,381
Income tax benefits	(4,583)	(11,983)	(1,850)
Depreciation and amortization	82,753	145,406	22,447
Accretion expenses for asset retirement costs	73	255	39
Start-up costs	16,217	25,659	3,961
Share-based compensation expenses	27,333	4,061	627
Gain on remeasurement of equity investment	(62,506)	—	—
Adjusted EBITDA	54,261	190,360	29,386

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL
CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial position and results of operations in conjunction with the section entitled "Selected Consolidated Financial and Operating Data" and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results and the timing of selected events could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including those set forth under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus.

Overview

We are a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China. Our facilities are strategically located in China's primary economic hubs where demand for high-performance data center services is concentrated. Our data centers have large net floor area, high power capacity, density and efficiency, and multiple redundancy across all critical systems. We are carrier and cloud neutral, which enables our customers to connect to all major PRC telecommunications carriers, and to access a number of the largest PRC cloud service providers, whom we host in our facilities. We offer colocation and managed services, including a unique and innovative managed cloud value proposition. We have a 15-year track record of consistent high quality service delivery, successfully fulfilling the requirements of some of the largest and most demanding customers for outsourced data center services in China. As of December 31, 2015, we had an aggregate net floor area of 37,869 sqm in service, 87.5% of which was committed, and an aggregate net floor area of 35,525 sqm under construction. According to 451 Research, we are the largest service provider in the high-performance carrier-neutral data center services market in China, with 19.7% market share as measured by area committed as of December 31, 2015.

Our portfolio of data centers and secured expansion capacity are strategically located to address this growing demand. We operate our data centers to service our customers predominantly in Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Chengdu, the primary financial, commercial, industrial and communications hubs in each region of China. We have also established a presence in Hong Kong which we believe is another important market for our customers.

We currently serve over 300 customers, including large Internet companies, a diverse community of approximately 140 financial institutions, telecommunications and IT service providers and large domestic private sector and multinational corporations, many of which are leaders in their respective industries. Within our customer base, we host a number of major cloud service providers, including Aliyun, the cloud computing unit of Alibaba, which is present in several of our data centers. Contracts with our large Internet customers typically have terms of three to six years, while contracts with our enterprise customers typically have terms of one to five years. We achieved an average retention rate of over 95% per annum among our Internet and financial institution customers for colocation services in our current data centers over the past two years.

As of December 31, 2015, we operated six self-developed data centers with an aggregate net floor area of 28,865 sqm in service. We also operated capacity at fifteen third-party data centers with an aggregate net floor area of 9,004 sqm in service, which we lease on a wholesale basis and use to provide colocation and managed services to our customers. As of the same date, we had a further six new self-developed data centers and one phase of an existing data center with an aggregate net floor area of 35,525 sqm under construction. In addition, we had an estimated aggregate developable net floor area in excess of 20,000 sqm held for future development.

As part of our business strategy, we held a minority interest in EDC Holding, a data center provider, prior to June 30, 2014. On June 30, 2014, we acquired the remaining equity interest of EDC Holding and

the results of operations of EDC Holding have been consolidated into our results of operations. Prior to the acquisition, EDC Holding's net revenue was primarily derived from GDS Holdings.

We derive net revenue primarily from colocation services and, to a lesser extent, managed services, which includes managed hosting services and managed cloud services.

Our net revenue grew from RMB468.3 million in 2014 to RMB703.6 million (US\$108.6 million) in 2015, representing an increase of 50.2%. Over the same period, our adjusted EBITDA increased from RMB54.3 million to RMB190.4 million (US\$29.4 million). Our net loss decreased from RMB130.0 million in 2014 to RMB98.6 million (US\$15.2 million) in 2015.

Key Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations

Our business and results of operations are generally affected by the development of China's data center services market. We have benefited from rapid growth in this market during recent years and any adverse changes in the data center services market in China may harm our business and results of operations. In addition, we believe that our results of operations are directly affected by the following key factors.

Ability to Source and Develop Data Centers

Our revenue growth depends on our ability to source and develop additional data centers. As it typically takes a minimum of twelve to eighteen months to develop a data center together with racks and equipment installed, we must commit to development in advance of realizing a benefit from our investment. We endeavor to ensure continuous availability of data center capacity to satisfy customer demand by maintaining a supply of high-performance data centers in various stages of development—from identified sites, to data centers under construction to available net floor areas in existing data centers. We expand our sourcing of new data center area by (1) acquiring or leasing property which we develop for use as data center facilities, whether through constructing on greenfield sites or converting existing industrial buildings, (2) leasing existing data center capacity from third-party wholesale providers, and (3) acquiring high-performance data centers from other companies. Our ability to maintain a growing supply of data center assets directly affects our revenue growth potential.

If we are unable to identify suitable land or facilities for new data centers or to do so at an acceptable cost to us or experience delays or increased costs during the data center design and construction development process, our ability to grow our revenue and improve our results of operations would be negatively affected. Additionally, if demand slows unexpectedly or we source and develop data centers too rapidly, the resulting overcapacity would adversely affect our results of operations.

Ability to Secure Commitments for Data Center Services from Our Customers and Minimize Move-in Periods

Due to the lengthy time period required to build data centers and the long-term nature of these investments, if we overestimate market demand for data center resources, our utilization rates, which is the ratio of area utilized to area in service would be reduced, which would adversely affect our results of operations. Our revenue growth depends on our ability to secure commitments for our data center services. We focus on obtaining these commitments during the construction phase by entering into pre-commitment agreements with customers and endeavor to maximize total area committed. While providing flexibility to customers, we also aim to minimize move-in period so as to provide billable services and to start generating revenue. Accordingly, our results of operations are highly influenced by our ability to maintain a high utilization rate. Our total area committed increased from 20,985 sqm as of December 31, 2014 to 35,918 sqm as of December 31, 2015, while area utilized increased from 15,862 sqm to 22,365 sqm over the same period. Move-in periods, and minimum commitments over the move-in

period, vary significantly from customer to customer. We strive to optimize our customer mix to achieve high commitment rates and utilization rates and a high proportion of long-term relationships.

Pricing Structure and Power Costs

Our results of operations will be affected by our ability to operate our data centers efficiently in terms of power consumption. Our data centers require significant levels of power supply to support their operations. Depending on the contract, we agree with our customer to either charge them for actual power consumed or we factor it into a fixed price. The majority of our customers select pricing for a fixed amount over the contracts' service period. Accordingly, the customer's actual power usage during the life of the contract will affect its profitability to us. Optimal configuration of customers and power usage within each data center will affect our results of operations.

Utilization of Existing Capacity

Our ability to maximize profitability depends on attaining high utilization of data center net floor area and power capacity. A substantial majority of our cost of revenue and operating expenses are fixed in nature. Such costs increase with each new data center and entail additional power commitment costs, depreciation from new property plant and equipment, rental costs on leased facilities, personnel costs and start-up costs. By adopting a modular development approach, we aim to optimize resource utilization and maximize capital efficiency to improve profitability.

Cost Structure Depending on Data Center Tenure and Location

We hold our data centers through a mix of those that we own or lease. The leases typically range from three years for third-party data centers to twenty years for self-developed data centers, all with different renewal periods. The tenure of the leases and the periods during which the amount are fixed or capped under the leases will affect our cost structure in the future. In addition, if many of our data centers continue to be located close to central business districts, where rental costs are generally higher, our cost structure will also be affected.

Data Center Development and Financing Costs

Our revenue growth depends on our ability to develop data centers at commercially acceptable terms. We have historically funded data center development through additional equity or debt financing. We expect to continue to fund future developments through debt financing or through the issuance of additional equity securities if necessary and when market conditions permit. Such additional financing may not be available, may not be on commercially acceptable terms or may result in an increase to our financing costs. In addition, we may encounter development delays, excess development costs, or challenges in attracting or retaining customers to use our data center services. We also may not be able to identify suitable land or facilities for new data centers or at a cost or terms acceptable to us.

Key Performance Indicators

Our net revenue and results of operations are largely determined by the amount of data center area in service, the degree to which data center space is committed or pre-committed as well as its utilization. Accordingly, our management uses the following key performance indicators as measures to evaluate our performance:

- **Area in service:** the net floor area of data centers in service for which one or more modules have been equipped and fitted out ready for utilization by customers.
- **Area under construction:** the net floor area of data centers which are under construction and are not yet ready for service.

- **Area committed:** the net floor area of data centers in service for which agreements from customers remain in effect.
- **Area pre-committed:** the net floor area of data centers under construction for which agreements from customers remain in effect.
- **Total area committed:** the sum of area committed and area pre-committed.
- **Commitment rate:** the ratio of area committed to area in service.
- **Pre-commitment rate:** the ratio of area pre-committed to area under construction.
- **Area utilized:** the net floor area of data centers in service that is also revenue generating pursuant to customer agreements in effect.
- **Utilization rate:** the ratio of area utilized to area in service.

The following table sets forth our key performance indicators as of December 31, 2014 and 2015.

(Sqm, %)	As of December 31,	
	2014	2015
Area in service	27,512	37,869
Area under construction	10,056	35,525
Area committed	20,985	33,140
Area pre-committed	0	2,778 ⁽¹⁾
Total area committed	20,985	35,918
Commitment rate	76.3%	87.5%
Pre-commitment rate	0%	7.8%
Area utilized	15,862	22,365
Utilization rate	57.7%	59.1%

(1) Relates to data center area for which we have entered into a letter of intent with one of our customers.

Description of Selected Statement of Operations Items

The following table sets forth our net revenue, cost of revenue and gross profit, both in an absolute amount and as a percentage of net revenue, for the periods indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2014		2015		
	RMB	% of Net Revenue	RMB	US\$	% of Net Revenue
	(in thousands, except for percentages)				
Net revenue					
Service revenue	450,940	96.3	653,591	100,897	92.9
IT equipment sales	17,397	3.7	50,045	7,726	7.1
Total	468,337	100.0	703,636	108,623	100.0
Cost of revenue	(388,171)	(82.9)	(514,997)	(79,502)	(73.2)
Gross profit	80,166	17.1	188,639	29,121	26.8

Net Revenue

We derive net revenue primarily from colocation services and, to a lesser extent, managed services, including managed hosting services and managed cloud services. In addition, from time to time, we also sell IT equipment on a stand-alone basis or bundled in a managed hosting service contract arrangement to

customers and provide consulting services. Substantially all of our service revenue is recognized on a recurring basis.

Our colocation services primarily comprise the provision of space, power and cooling to our customers for housing servers and related IT equipment. Our customers have several choices for hosting their networking, server and storage equipment. They can place the equipment in a shared or private space that can be customized to their requirements. We offer power options customized to a customer's individual power requirement. Colocation services are provided to customers for a fixed amount over the contract service period. Revenue from colocation services is recognized ratably over the term of the contractual service period.

Our managed services include managed hosting services and managed cloud services. Our managed hosting services offering comprises a broad range of value-added services, covering each layer of the data center IT value chain. Our suite of managed hosting services include technical services, network management services, data storage services, system security services, database services and server middleware services. The majority of our managed hosting services revenue is provided to customers for a fixed amount over the contract service period and billed on a monthly or quarterly basis. Revenue from managed hosting services is recognized ratably over the term of the contractual service period. Our managed cloud services deliver virtual computing and storage services to customers. We also offer solutions to assist our customers in managing their hybrid clouds.

We are subject to VAT at a rate of 6% on the IDC services we provide less any deductible VAT we have already paid or borne. We are also subject to surcharges on VAT payments in accordance with PRC law. During the periods presented, we were not subject to business tax on the services we provide.

We consider our customer to be the end user of our data center services. We may enter into contracts directly with the end user customer or through an intermediate contracting party. We have in the past derived, and believe that we will continue to derive, a significant portion of our total net revenue from a limited number of customers. We had one end user customer that generated 26.8% of our total net revenue in 2014 and two end user customers that generated 20.1% and 10.3% of our total net revenue, respectively, in 2015. No other end user customer accounted for 10% or more of our total net revenue during those years. We expect our total net revenue will continue to be highly dependent on a limited number of end user customers who account for a large percentage of our total area committed. As of December 31, 2015, we had two end user customers who accounted for 40.8% and 15.9%, respectively, of our total area committed. No other end user customer accounted for 10% or more of the total area committed.

Cost of Revenue

Our cost of revenue consists primarily of utility costs, depreciation of property and equipment, rental costs, labor costs and others. Utility costs refer primarily to the cost of power needed to carry out our data center services. Depreciation of property and equipment primarily relates to depreciation of data center property and equipment, such as assets acquired under capital leases, leasehold improvements to data centers and other long-lived assets. Rental costs relate to the data center space we lease and use in providing services to our customers. Labor costs refer to compensation and benefit expenses for our engineering and operations personnel. These costs are largely fixed costs other than utility costs, for which there is a portion that varies proportionally to each customer's power and utility consumption and a fixed portion consisting of a monthly power commitment fee. When a new data center comes into service, we mainly incur a level of fixed utility costs that are not directly correlated with net revenue.

We expect that our cost of revenue will continue to increase as our business expands and we expect that utility costs, depreciation and amortization and rental costs will continue to comprise the largest portion of our cost of revenue. In addition, in any given period, the increase in our cost of revenue may also outpace the growth of our net revenue depending on the timing of the development of our data

centers, our ability to secure customer contracts and the utilization rate of our data centers during the period. While we strive to both secure customer commitments to our data center services so that the most data center space will be utilized as possible and also to minimize the time as to when our data center area becomes operational and the customer occupies that area, these timing differences may result in fluctuation of our cost of revenue as a percentage of our net revenue between periods.

Operating Expenses

Our operating expenses consist of selling and marketing expenses, general and administrative expenses, and research and development expenses. The following sets forth our selling and marketing expenses, general and administrative expenses and research and development expenses, both in an absolute amount and as a percentage of net revenue, for the periods indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2014		2015		
	RMB	% of Net Revenue	RMB	US\$	% of Net Revenue
	(in thousands, except for percentages)				
Selling and marketing expenses	40,556	8.7	57,588	8,890	8.2
General and administrative expenses	113,711	24.3	128,714	19,870	18.3
Research and development expenses	1,597	0.3	3,554	549	0.5
Total operating expenses	155,864	33.3	189,856	29,309	27.0

Selling and Marketing Expenses

Our selling and marketing expenses consist primarily of compensation, including share-based compensation, and benefit expenses for our selling and marketing personnel, business development and promotion expenses and office and traveling expenses. As our business grows, we intend to increase the headcount of our selling and marketing staff and to continue to pursue aggressive branding and marketing campaigns and, as a result, our sales and marketing expenses are expected to increase.

General and Administrative Expenses

Our general and administrative expenses consist primarily of compensation, including share-based compensation, and benefit expenses for management and administrative personnel, start-up costs incurred prior to the operation of new data centers, depreciation and amortization, office and traveling expenses, professional fees and other fees. Depreciation relates primarily to our office equipment and facilities used by our management and staff in the administrative department. Start-up costs associated with opening new facilities primarily consist of rental costs incurred prior to the operation of the new data centers. Professional fees relate primarily to audit and legal expenses. We expect our general and administrative expenses to increase as we continue to increase our staff and office space as our business grows.

In addition, upon becoming a public company, we will incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we have not incurred thus far as a private company, including costs associated with public company reporting requirements. We will also incur costs in order to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the related rules and regulations implemented by the SEC and [NYSE/NASDAQ]. Although we are unable to estimate these costs with any degree of certainty, we expect that such compliance, together with the growth and expansion of our business, will cause our general and administrative expenses to increase.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses consist primarily of compensation and benefit expenses for our research and development personnel.

Share-Based Compensation

The table below shows the effect of the share-based compensation expenses on our cost of revenue and operating expense line items, both in an absolute amount and as a percentage of net revenues, for the periods indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2014		2015	
	RMB	% of Net Revenue	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands, except for percentages)			
Cost of revenue	2,851	0.6	484	75
Selling and marketing	1,957	0.4	325	50
General and administrative	22,525	4.8	3,252	502
Total share-based compensation expenses	27,333	5.8	4,061	627

We incurred higher share-based compensation expenses in 2014 as compared to 2015 which was due to the granting of vested shares in 2014 in compensation for past services. We expect to continue to grant share options, restricted shares and other share-based awards under our share incentive plan and incur further share-based compensation expenses in future periods.

See "—Critical Accounting Policies—Share-based Compensation" in this section for a description of what we account for the compensation cost from share-based payment transactions.

Taxation**Cayman Islands**

We are an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and conduct substantially all of our business through our PRC subsidiaries in the PRC. Under the current laws of the Cayman Islands, we are not subject to tax on income or capital gains. In addition, upon payment of dividends by us to our shareholders, no Cayman Islands withholding tax will be imposed.

British Virgin Islands

Under the current laws of BVI, we are not subject to tax on income or capital gains. In addition, upon payments of dividends by us to our shareholders, no BVI withholding tax will be imposed.

Hong Kong

Our subsidiaries in Hong Kong are subject to the Hong Kong Profits Tax rate of 16.5%.

PRC

Generally, our subsidiaries and consolidated VIEs in China are subject to enterprise income tax on their taxable income in China at a rate of 25%. The enterprise income tax is calculated based on the entity's global income as determined under PRC tax laws and accounting standards.

Dividends paid by our wholly foreign-owned subsidiaries in China to our intermediary holding companies in Hong Kong will be subject to a withholding tax rate of 10%, unless the relevant Hong Kong entity satisfies all the requirements under the Arrangement between Mainland China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and receives approval from the relevant tax authority. If our Hong Kong subsidiary satisfies all the requirements under the tax arrangement and receives approval from the relevant tax authority, then the dividends paid to the Hong Kong subsidiary would be subject to withholding tax at the standard rate of 5%.

If our holding company in the Cayman Islands or any of our subsidiaries outside of China were deemed to be a "resident enterprise" under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, it would be subject to enterprise income tax on its worldwide income at a rate of 25%. See "Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in the People's Republic of China—We may be treated as a resident enterprise for PRC tax purposes under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, and we may therefore be subject to PRC income tax on our global income."

Critical Accounting Policies

We prepare our financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP, which requires us to make judgments, estimates and assumptions. We continually evaluate these estimates and assumptions based on the most recently available information, our own historical experience and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Since the use of estimates is an integral component of the financial reporting process, actual results could differ from our expectations as a result of changes in our estimates.

An accounting policy is considered critical if it requires an accounting estimate to be made based on assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time such estimate is made, and if different accounting estimates that reasonably could have been used, or changes in the accounting estimates that are reasonably likely to occur, could materially impact the consolidated financial statements. We believe that the following accounting policies involve a higher degree of judgment and complexity in their application and require us to make significant accounting estimates. The following descriptions of critical accounting policies, judgments and estimates should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and other disclosures included in this prospectus.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue when delivery of the service or product has occurred, collection of the relevant receivable is probable, persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and the sales price is fixed or determinable.

These criteria as they relate to each of the following major revenue generating activities are described below.

We derive revenue primarily from the delivery of (i) colocation services; (ii) managed hosting services and; (iii) managed cloud services. The remainder of our revenue is from IT equipment sales that are either sold on a stand-alone basis or bundled in a managed hosting service contract arrangement and consulting services.

Colocation services are services where we provide space, power and cooling to customers for housing and operating their IT system equipment in our data centers. Colocation services are provided to customers for a fixed consideration amount over the contract service period, ranging from one to six years. Revenue from colocation services is recognized on a straight line basis over the term of the contract. We have determined that our performance pattern to be straight line since the customer receives value as the

services are rendered continuously during the term of the contract, the earning process is straight-line, and there is no other discernible performance pattern of recognition.

Managed hosting services are services where we provide outsourced services to manage the customers' data center operations, including data migration, IT operations, security and data storage. Managed hosting services are primarily provided to financial institution customers as a business continuity and disaster recovery solution for a fixed amount over the contract service period ranging from one to six years. Revenue from managed hosting services is recognized on a straight line basis over the term of the contract. We have determined that its performance pattern to be straight line since the customer receives value as the services are rendered continuously during the term of the contract, the earning process is straight-line, and there is no other discernible performance pattern of recognition.

In certain colocation and managed hosting service contracts, we agree to charge the customer for actual power consumed. We record the chargeable power consumption as service revenue in the consolidated statements of operations.

Revenue recognized for colocation or managed hosting and cloud services delivered prior to billing is recorded within accounts receivable. We generally bill the customer in equal instalments on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Cash received in advance from customers prior to the delivery of the colocation or managed hosting and cloud services is recorded as deferred revenue.

Managed cloud services are services where we deliver virtual storage and computing services to customers. Managed cloud services are provided to customers for a fixed amount over the subscription period, ranging from one to three years. Revenue from managed cloud services is recognized ratably over the subscription period once all requirements for recognition have been met, including provisioning the service so that it is available to the customers.

The sale of IT equipment is recognized when delivery has occurred and the customer accepts the equipment and we have no performance obligation after the delivery.

In certain managed hosting service contracts, we sell and deliver IT equipment such as servers and computer terminals prior to the delivery of the services. Since the delivered item has value to the customer on a standalone basis and there is no general right of return for the equipment, the equipment is considered a separate unit of accounting. Accordingly, the contract consideration is allocated to the equipment and the managed hosting services based on their relative standalone selling prices. The consideration allocated to the delivered equipment is not contingent on the delivery of the services or meeting other specified performance conditions. That is, payment on the equipment is due upon the delivery of the equipment and is not contingent upon the delivery of the undelivered services.

Consulting services are provided to customers for a fixed consideration amount over the service period, usually less than one year. Our consulting contracts do not specify any interim milestones (other than for payment based on passage of time), or deliverables. We recognize revenue from consulting services using the proportional performance method based on the pattern of service provided to the customers.

Sales taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are excluded from net revenue in the consolidated statements of operations.

Leases

Leases are classified at the lease inception date as either a capital lease or an operating lease. A lease is a capital lease if any of the following conditions exists: (a) ownership is transferred to the lessee by the end of the lease term, (b) there is a bargain purchase option, (c) the lease term is at least 75% of the property's estimated remaining economic life, or (d) the present value of the minimum lease payments at

the beginning of the lease term is 90% or more of the fair value of the leased property to the lessor at the inception date. We record a capital lease as an asset and an obligation at an amount equal to the present value at the beginning of the lease term of minimum lease payments during the lease term.

Rental costs on operating leases are charged to expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Certain operating leases contain rent holidays and escalating rent. Rent holidays and escalating rent are considered in determining the straight-line rent expense to be recorded over the lease term.

Rental costs associated with building operating leases that are incurred during the construction of leasehold improvements and to otherwise ready the property for our intended use are recognized as rental expenses and are not capitalized.

Goodwill

Goodwill is an asset representing the future economic benefits arising from other assets acquired in the acquisition of EDC Holding that are not individually identified and separately recognized.

Goodwill is not amortized but is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired. Goodwill is tested for impairment at the reporting unit level on an annual basis and between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. These events or circumstances could include a significant change in the stock prices, business climate, legal factors, operating performance indicators, competition, or sale or disposition of a significant portion of a reporting unit. Application of the goodwill impairment test requires judgment, including the identification of the reporting unit, assignment of assets and liabilities to the reporting unit, assignment of goodwill to the reporting unit, and determination of the fair value of each reporting unit. Estimating fair value is performed by utilizing various valuation techniques, with a primary technique being a discounted cash flow which requires significant judgments, including estimation of future cash flows, which is dependent on internal forecasts, estimation of the long term rate of growth for our business, estimation of the useful life over which cash flows will occur, and determination of our weighted average cost of capital.

We have the option to perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more-likely-than-not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value prior to performing the two-step goodwill impairment test. If it is more-likely-than-not that the fair value of a reporting unit is greater than its carrying amount, the two-step goodwill impairment test is not required. If the two-step goodwill impairment test is required, first, the fair value of the reporting unit is compared with its carrying amount (including goodwill). If the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, an indication of goodwill impairment exists for the reporting unit and we perform step two of the impairment test (measurement). Under step two, an impairment loss is recognized for any excess of the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill over the implied fair value of that goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined by allocating the fair value of the reporting unit in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation and the residual fair value after this allocation is the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill. Fair value of the reporting unit is determined using a discounted cash flow analysis. We perform our annual impairment review of goodwill at December 31 of each year.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets, such as property and equipment, intangible assets subject to amortization and prepaid land use rights are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If circumstances require a long-lived asset or asset group be tested for possible impairment, we first compare undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by that asset or asset group to its carrying amount. If the carrying amount of the long-lived asset or asset group is not recoverable on an undiscounted cash flow basis, an impairment is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds its fair value. Fair value is determined through various

valuation techniques including discounted cash flow models, quoted market values and third-party independent appraisals, as considered necessary.

Share-based Compensation

We adopted our equity incentive plan in July 2014, or the 2014 Plan, for the granting of share options to key employees, directors and external consultants in exchange for their services. The total number of shares that may be issued under the 2014 Plan is 29,240,000 ordinary shares.

Options to Director, Officers and Employees

In July 2014, we granted 12,394,753 share options to employees, officers and directors at an exercise price of US\$0.7792 per option. The options have a contractual term of five to six years.

The options vest in accordance with the vesting schedules set out in the respective share option agreements as follows: (i) 63% on the date of grant, $\frac{1}{48}$ each month thereafter; (ii) 71% on the date of grant, $\frac{1}{48}$ each month thereafter; (iii) 75% on the date of grant, $\frac{1}{48}$ each month thereafter; or (iv) 95% on the date of grant, $\frac{1}{40}$ each month thereafter.

Options to Non-employee Consultants

In July 2014, we granted the following share options to external consultants at an exercise price of US\$0.7792 per option. The options have a contractual term of five years.

The services performed or to be performed by these external consultants include marketing, technical consultancy, manage telecommunication relationships, strategic, business, operation, and financial planning services.

- 4,158,315 share options to a group of external consultants. Such options vested immediately on the date of grant for services performed and completed by the consultants.
- 1,275,000 share options to a consultant. 75% of the options (or 956,250 options) vested immediately on the date of grant for services performed and completed while the remaining 318,750 options vest monthly thereafter in eleven equal monthly instalments for future ongoing services. As of December 31, 2014, 185,938 options remained unvested. As of December 31, 2015, all options were vested.
- 400,000 share options to a group of external consultants for future services upon a qualified initial public offering, or QIPO. $\frac{1}{3}$ of the options vest upon the completion of a QIPO, $\frac{1}{3}$ vest upon the 2nd anniversary of a QIPO and $\frac{1}{3}$ vest upon the third anniversary of a QIPO. As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, 400,000 options remained unvested.

In January 2015, we granted 1,000,000 share options to an external consultant at an exercise price of US\$0.7792 per option. The options vest every six months in six equal instalments for future ongoing services. The options have a contractual term of five years. As of December 31, 2015, 666,667 options remained unvested.

These consulting service contracts do not contain a performance commitment. Options to non-employees are forfeitable if not vested. We determined that these non-employee options are considered indexed to our own stock and would be equity-classified.

Options that are forfeitable and vest upon the non-employee providing future services are measured at the fair value of the date the performance is completed, which generally coincides with the date on which the options vest and are no longer forfeitable. Such options are treated as unissued for accounting purposes until the future services are performed by the non-employees and received by us (that is, the options are not considered issued until they vest). During reporting periods prior to completion of

performance, we measure the cost of the services based on the fair value of the share options at each reporting date using the valuation model applied in previous periods. The portion of the services that the non-employee has rendered is applied to the current measure of fair value to determine the cost to recognize. Changes in our share price from the grant date to the vesting date result in adjustments to the reported costs of services in each period until performance is completed.

A summary of the share option activities is as follows:

	Number of options
Options outstanding at January 1, 2014	—
Granted	17,642,130
Forfeited	(178,923)
Options outstanding at December 31, 2014	17,463,207
Granted	519,271
Forfeited	(788,944)
Options outstanding at December 31, 2015	17,193,534

As of December 31, 2015, 1,066,667 forfeitable and unvested non-employee options, respectively, were treated as unissued for accounting purposes and were not included in the table above.

We estimated the fair value of share options using the binomial option-pricing model with the assistance from an independent valuation firm. The fair value of each option grant up to January 2015 is estimated on the date of grant with the following assumptions.

Grant date:	July 2014	January 2015
Risk-free rate of return	2.25%	2.27%
Volatility	31.40%	29.80%
Expected dividend yield	—	—
Exercise multiple	2.20	2.20
Fair value of underlying ordinary share	US\$0.8800	US\$0.9000
Expected term	5-6 years	5 years
Discount for lack of marketability	10.00%	10.00%
Discount rate	13.00%	11.40%

Determining the fair value of our ordinary shares required us to make complex and subjective judgments, assumptions and estimates, which involved inherent uncertainty. Had we used different assumptions and estimates, the resulting fair value of our ordinary shares and the resulting share-based compensation expenses could have been different.

The following table sets forth the fair value of our ordinary shares estimated at different times with the assistance from an independent valuation firm.

Date	Fair Value per Ordinary Shares		Discount for Lack of Marketability	Discount Rate	Purpose of Valuation
	(RMB)	(US\$)			
July, 2014	5.4600	0.8800	10%	13.0%	Share options grant
January, 2015	5.8300	0.9000	10%	11.4%	Share options grant

In determining the fair value of our ordinary shares, we applied the income approach / discounted cash flow, or DCF, analysis based on our projected cash flow using management's best estimate as of the valuation date. The determination of the fair value of our ordinary shares requires complex and subjective

judgments to be made regarding our projected financial and operating results, our unique business risks, the liquidity of our shares and our operating history and prospects at the time of valuation.

The major assumptions used in calculating the fair value of ordinary shares include:

- *Weighted average cost of capital, or WACC:* WACCs of 13.0% and 11.4% were used for dates as of July 2014 and January, 2015, respectively. The WACCs were determined based on a consideration of the factors including risk-free rate, comparative industry risk, equity risk premium, company size and non-systematic risk factors.
- *Comparable companies:* In deriving the WACCs, which are used as the discount rates under the income approach, ten publicly traded companies were selected for reference as our guideline companies. The guideline companies were selected based on the following criteria: (i) operate data centers or providing Internet data center services and (ii) China-based companies that are publicly listed in the United States or United States based and publicly listed companies.
- *Discount for lack of marketability, or DLOM:* DLOM was quantified by the binominal option pricing model. The farther the valuation date is from an expected liquidity event, the higher the put option value and thus the higher the implied DLOM. The lower DLOM is used for the valuation, the higher is the determined fair value of the ordinary shares. DLOM remained 10% in the period from 2014 to 2015.

The income approach involves applying appropriate discount rates to estimated cash flows that are based on earnings forecasts. Our net revenue growth rates, as well as major milestones that we have achieved, contributed to the increase in the fair value of our ordinary shares from July 2014 to January 2015. However, these fair values are inherently uncertain and highly subjective. The assumptions used in deriving the fair values are consistent with our business plan. These assumptions include: no material changes in the existing political, legal and economic conditions in China; our ability to retain competent management, key personnel and staff to support our ongoing operations; and no material deviation in market conditions from economic forecasts. These assumptions are inherently uncertain. The risk associated with achieving our forecasts were assessed in selecting the appropriate discount rates.

Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. We recognize the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. We record interest related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in general and administrative expenses.

Uncertainties exist with respect to how the current income tax law in the PRC applies to our overall operations, and more specifically, with regard to tax residency status. The Enterprise Income Tax Law includes a provision specifying that legal entities organized outside the PRC are considered residents for Chinese income tax purposes if the place of effective management or control is within the PRC. The implementation rules to the Enterprise Income Tax Law provide that non-resident legal entities are considered PRC residents if substantial and overall management and control over the manufacturing and business operations, personnel, accounting, properties, etc., occurs within the PRC. Despite the present uncertainties resulting from the limited PRC tax guidance on the issue, we do not believe that the legal entities organized outside the PRC should be treated as residents for Enterprise Income Tax Law purposes. If the PRC tax authorities subsequently determine that we and our subsidiaries registered outside the PRC are deemed resident enterprises, we and our subsidiaries registered outside the PRC will be subject to the PRC income tax at a rate of 25%.

If we were to be non-resident for PRC tax purposes, dividends paid to us from profits earned by the PRC subsidiaries after January 1, 2008 would be subject to a withholding tax. The PRC Corporate Income Tax, or CIT-law, and its relevant regulations impose a withholding tax at 10%, unless reduced by a tax treaty or agreement, for dividends distributed by a PRC-resident enterprise to its non-PRC-resident corporate investor for earnings generated beginning on January 1, 2008. Undistributed earnings generated prior to January 1, 2008 are exempt from such withholding tax. We have not recognized any deferred tax liability for the undistributed earnings of the PRC-resident enterprise as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, as we plan to permanently reinvest these earnings in the PRC. See "Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in the People's Republic of China—Dividends payable to our foreign investors and gains on the sale of our ADSs or ordinary shares by our foreign investors may become subject to PRC tax" and "—We and our shareholders face uncertainties with respect to indirect transfers of equity interests in PRC resident enterprises or other assets attributed to a Chinese establishment of a non-Chinese company, or immovable properties located in China owned by non-Chinese companies."

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth a summary of our consolidated results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015. This information should be read together with our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. The operating results in any period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future period.

	For the Year Ended December 31,					
	2014		2015			
	RMB	%	RMB	US\$	%	
	(in thousands, except for percentages)					
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:						
Net revenue	468,337	100.0	703,636	108,623	100.0	
Cost of revenue	(388,171)	(82.9)	(514,997)	(79,502)	(73.2)	
Gross profit	80,166	17.1	188,639	29,121	26.8	
Operating expenses						
Selling and marketing expenses	(40,556)	(8.7)	(57,588)	(8,890)	(8.2)	
General and administrative expenses	(113,711)	(24.3)	(128,714)	(19,870)	(18.3)	
Research and development expenses	(1,597)	(0.3)	(3,554)	(549)	(0.5)	
Loss from operations	(75,698)	(16.2)	(1,217)	(188)	(0.2)	
Other income (expenses)						
Net interest expense	(124,973)	(26.6)	(125,546)	(19,381)	(17.9)	
Foreign currency exchange (loss) gain, net	(875)	(0.2)	11,107	1,715	1.6	
Government grants	4,870	1.0	3,915	604	0.6	
Gain on remeasurement of equity investment	62,506	13.4	—	—	—	
Others, net	(412)	(0.1)	1,174	181	0.2	
Loss before income taxes	(134,582)	(28.7)	(110,567)	(17,069)	(15.7)	
Income tax benefits	4,583	0.9	11,983	1,850	1.7	
Net loss	(129,999)	(27.8)	(98,584)	(15,219)	(14.0)	

Effect of Acquisition of EDC Holding Limited

On June 30, 2014, we acquired EDC Holding from its shareholders whereby we issued shares to EDC Holding's shareholders in exchange for their shares in EDC Holding. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we issued 199,163,164 shares in exchange for approximately 93% of the shares in EDC Holding which we did not already own. Since the date of the acquisition, EDC Holding has been our wholly-owned

subsidiary and has been consolidated with our results of operations. Prior to the acquisition and for the period from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014, EDC Holding had a net revenue of RMB67.3 million (including net revenue derived from GDS Holdings of RMB55.9 million), incurred operating expenses of RMB28.2 million and interest expenses of RMB29.9 million, which is not included in our results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2014. EDC Holding had a net revenue of RMB17.9 million (excluding net revenue from GDS Holdings which is eliminated upon consolidation), incurred operating expenses of RMB39.7 million and interest expenses of RMB34.1 million for the period from July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, which is included in our results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Year Ended December 31, 2015 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2014

Our net revenue increased by 50.2% to RMB703.6 million (US\$108.6 million) in 2015 from RMB468.3 million in 2014. This increase was due to increases in both service revenue and IT equipment sales. Service revenue increased by RMB202.7 million (US\$31.3 million) due to (i) an increase in area utilized from 15,862 sqm to 22,365 sqm from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015 as customers with commitments physically moved into the data center area, (ii) the signing of new service contracts by customers who commenced utilizing services during the period and (iii) the commencement of operations of one of our Shanghai and one of our Beijing data center facilities that we designate as SH2 and BJ1. IT equipment sales increased by RMB32.6 million (US\$5.0 million) because of sales of equipment to new customers in 2015.

Cost of Revenue

Our cost of revenue increased by 32.7% to RMB515.0 million (US\$79.5 million) in 2015 from RMB388.2 million in 2014. This increase was primarily due to an increase of 22.9% in utility costs to RMB140.0 million (US\$21.5 million) from RMB113.6 million in 2014, and an increase of 84.6% in depreciation and amortization costs to RMB131.1 million (US\$20.2 million) in 2015 from RMB71.0 million in 2014. Increases in both utility costs and depreciation and amortization costs are largely a result of increase in new data center facilities. In addition, the increase in cost of revenue was due to (1) an increase of RMB11.7 million (US\$1.8 million) for the cost of equipment sold in 2015 and (2) an increase in personnel costs of RMB15.0 million (US\$2.3 million) in connection with more data centers coming into service in 2015. Cost of revenue as percentage of net revenue decreased to 73.2% in 2015 from 82.9% in 2014. This decrease was primarily due to improved economies of scale and operating leverage arising from a higher utilization rate.

Operating Expenses

Our operating expenses increased by 21.8% to RMB189.9 million (US\$29.3 million) in 2015 from RMB155.9 million in 2014. This increase was primarily due to increases in selling and marketing expenses. Our operating expenses as a percentage of our net revenue decreased to 27.0% in 2015 from 33.3% in 2014.

Selling and Marketing Expenses. Our selling and marketing expenses increased 42.0% to RMB57.6 million (US\$8.9 million) in 2015 from RMB40.6 million in 2014. This increase was primarily attributable to increased sales and marketing costs mainly due to increased personnel costs for bonuses paid for successful sales and the hiring of two senior sales personnel. Our selling and marketing expenses as a percentage of net revenue decreased slightly to 8.2% in 2015 from 8.7% in 2014.

General and Administrative Expenses. Our general and administrative expenses increased by 13.2% to RMB128.7 million (US\$19.9 million) in 2015 from RMB113.7 million in 2014. This increase was primarily a result of increased personnel costs of RMB6.6 million (US\$1.0 million), start-up costs of RMB9.5 million (US\$1.5 million) incurred prior to the commencement of operation of new data centers, and during the development of a new data center, as well as depreciation and amortization of office-related property and equipment, office, travel and miscellaneous expenses associated with the continued growth of our

operations of RMB18.2 million (US\$2.8 million). The increase in general and administrative expenses were partially offset by a decrease of RMB19.3 million (US\$3.0 million) in share-based compensation expenses related to our 2014 Plan, which was due to the grant of vested shares in 2014 in compensation for past services. Our general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenue decreased to 18.3% in 2015 from 24.3% in 2014, which was primarily due to higher share-based compensation expenses in 2014.

Research and Development Expenses. Our research and development expenses increased by 122.5% to RMB3.6 million (US\$0.5 million) in 2015 from RMB1.6 million in 2014. This increase was primarily a result of increased payroll and related personnel costs. Our research and development expenses as a percentage of net revenue increased slightly to 0.5% in 2015 from 0.3% in 2014.

Other income (expenses)

Interest Income. Our interest income decreased by 80.5% to RMB1.4 million (US\$0.2 million) in 2015 from RMB6.9 million in 2014. The decrease was primarily a result of a lower average cash balance in 2015 as compared with 2014.

Interest Expenses. Our interest expenses decreased by 3.8% to RMB126.9 million (US\$19.6 million) in 2015 from RMB131.9 million in 2014. In 2014, interest expenses included a charge of RMB34.1 million related to the debt discount of our bonds due June 10, 2015 issued to an investor. Excluding this charge, our interest expenses incurred increased from RMB97.8 million in 2014 to RMB126.9 million as a result of an increase in our bank borrowings and capital lease obligations.

Foreign currency exchange (loss) gain, net. Changes in currency rates resulted in a gain of RMB11.1 million (US\$1.7 million) in 2015 as compare to a loss of RMB0.9 million in 2014, primarily due to the appreciation of the U.S. dollar relative to Renminbi in 2015.

Government grants. Income from government grants decreased by 19.6% to RMB3.9 million (US\$0.6 million) in 2015 from RMB4.9 million in 2014.

Gain on remeasurement of equity investment. Gain on remeasurement of equity investment was nil in 2015 and RMB62.5 million in 2014, reflecting the gain arising from the remeasurement of our pre-acquisition equity interests in EDC Holding to fair value.

Income tax benefits. Income tax benefits increased to RMB12.0 million (US\$1.9 million) in 2015 from RMB4.6 million in 2014. This increase was primarily due to a decrease in the valuation allowance on deferred tax asset provided in 2015 compared to 2014.

Net Loss. As a result of the foregoing, net loss decreased to RMB98.6 million (US\$15.2 million) in 2015 from RMB130.0 million in 2014.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary sources of liquidity have been cash flow from short- and long-term borrowings, including borrowings from related parties, and issuance of equity securities and convertible bonds, which have historically been sufficient to meet our working capital and substantially all of our capital expenditure requirements. We have also historically financed capital expenditures through capital leases. As of December 31, 2015, we had cash of approximately RMB924.5 million (US\$142.7 million). In addition, as of December 31, 2015, we also had short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term borrowings and long-term borrowings (excluding current portion) of RMB428.2 million (US\$66.1 million) and RMB958.3 million (US\$147.9 million), respectively.

Based on our current level of operations and available cash, we believe our available cash, cash flows from operations, committed funding from the issuance of convertible bonds due 2019 will provide sufficient liquidity to fund our current obligations, projected working capital requirements, debt service requirements and capital spending requirements at least for the next 12 months. However, we may require additional

cash resources due to changing business conditions or other future developments, including any investments or acquisitions we may decide to selectively pursue. If our existing cash resources are insufficient to meet our requirements, we may seek to sell equity or equity-linked securities, debt securities or borrow from banks. We cannot assure you that financing will be available in the amounts we need or on terms acceptable to us, if at all. The sale of additional equity securities, including convertible debt securities, would result in additional dilution to our shareholders. The incurrence of indebtedness and issuance of debt securities would result in debt service obligations and could result in operating and financial covenants that restrict our operations and our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders. If we were unable to obtain additional equity or debt financing as required, our business, operations and prospects and our ability to maintain our desired level of revenue growth may suffer materially.

As a holding company with no material operations of our own, we are a corporation separate and apart from our subsidiaries and our consolidated VIEs and, therefore, provide for our own liquidity. We conduct our operations primarily through our PRC subsidiaries in China. As a result, our ability to pay dividends and to finance any debt we may incur depends upon dividends paid by our subsidiaries. If our PRC subsidiaries, any newly formed PRC subsidiaries incur debt on their own behalf in the future, the instruments governing their debt may restrict their ability to pay dividends to us. In addition, our PRC subsidiaries are permitted to pay dividends to us only out of their respective retained earnings, if any, as determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. Under applicable PRC laws and regulations, our PRC subsidiaries are each required to set aside a portion of its after-tax profits each year to fund certain statutory reserves, and funds from such reserves may not be distributed to us as cash dividends except in the event of liquidation of such subsidiaries. These statutory limitations affect, and future covenant debt limitations might affect, our PRC subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends to us. We currently believe that such limitations will not impact our ability to meet our ongoing short-term cash obligations although we cannot assure you that such limitations will not affect our ability in the future to meet our short-term cash obligations and to distribute dividends to our shareholders. See "Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in the People's Republic of China—We rely to a significant extent on dividends and other distributions on equity paid by our principal operating subsidiaries to fund offshore cash and financing requirements" and "—Statutory Reserves."

The following table sets forth a summary of our cash flow for the periods indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2015	
	RMB	RMB	US\$
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	27,937	(80,298)	(12,396)
Net cash used in investing activities	(523,749)	(731,905)	(112,987)
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,056,287	1,127,685	174,085
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(2,328)	2,258	349
Net increase in cash	558,147	317,740	49,051
Cash at beginning of year	48,611	606,758	93,667
Cash at end of year	606,758	924,498	142,718

Operating Activities

Cash flow used in operating activities was RMB80.3 million (US\$12.4 million) in 2015 compared to cash provided by operating activities of RMB27.9 million in 2014.

Cash flow used in operating activities was RMB80.3 million (US\$12.4 million) in 2015 and primarily consisted of cash operating income of RMB40.3 million (US\$6.2 million), offset by an increase of accounts receivable of RMB37.6 million (US\$5.8 million), an increase of VAT recoverable of RMB41.4 million (US\$6.4 million), an increase in prepaid expense of RMB15.0 million (US\$2.3 million), an increase in other

current assets of RMB12.3 million (US\$1.9 million), and an increase in non-current assets of RMB22.8 million (US\$3.5 million).

Cash operating income is defined as net income or net loss excluding amortization of debt issuance cost and debt discount, depreciation and amortization, net gain on disposal of property and equipment, share-based compensation expense, gain on remeasurement of equity investment, allowance for doubtful accounts and deferred tax benefits.

Cash flow provided by operating activities was RMB27.9 million in 2014 and primarily consisted of negative cash operating income of RMB51.5 million coupled with an increase of accounts receivable of RMB11.9 million and an increase of VAT recoverable of RMB16.2 million, offset by a decrease in other current assets of RMB81.3 million, primarily due to the receipt of services from EDC Holding amounting to RMB59.2 million prior to the date of our acquisition of EDC Holding.

Investing Activities

Cash flow used in investing activities was RMB731.9 million (US\$113.0 million) in 2015, compared to RMB523.7 million in 2014.

Net cash used in investing activities was RMB731.9 million (US\$113.0 million) in 2015, which was primarily due to payments for purchase of property and equipment of RMB733.0 million (US\$113.2 million) in the development of our data centers, partially offset by the release of restricted cash related to purchase of property and equipment of RMB1.0 million (US\$0.2 million).

Net cash used in investing activities was RMB523.7 million in 2014 and was due primarily to payments for purchase of property and equipment of RMB248.3 million, loans of RMB307.0 million loan made to EDC Holding prior to the acquisition, payments for an acquisition made by EDC Holding of RMB13.6 million, offset by cash received from the acquisition of EDC Holding of RMB41.0 million and the release of restricted cash related to purchase of property and equipment of RMB4.1 million.

Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was RMB1,127.7 million (US\$174.1 million) in 2015, compared to RMB1,056.3 million in 2014.

Net cash provided by financing activities was RMB1,127.7 million (US\$174.1 million) in 2015, which was primarily due to proceeds from short-term borrowing of RMB333.0 million (US\$51.4 million), proceeds from long-term borrowing of RMB584.5 million (US\$90.2 million), proceeds from issuance of bonds payable of RMB649.0 million (US\$100.2 million) and proceeds from a related party loan of RMB64.9 million (US\$10.0 million), which was partially offset by repayment of short-term borrowings of RMB289.0 million (US\$44.6 million), repayment of long-term borrowings of RMB137.7 million (US\$21.3 million), payment of issuance cost of borrowing of RMB24.3 million (US\$3.8 million), repayment of bonds payable of RMB14.3 million (US\$2.2 million) and repurchase of redeemable preferred shares of RMB23.3 million (US\$3.6 million) and payment under capital lease obligations of RMB17.9 million (US\$2.8 million).

Net cash provided by financing activities was RMB1,056.3 million in 2014, which was primarily due to proceeds from short-term borrowing of RMB298.3 million, proceeds from long-term borrowing of RMB200.0 million and proceeds from bonds payable of RMB115.0 million and proceeds from the issuance of redeemable preferred shares of RMB1,521.3 million, which was partially offset by repayment of short-term borrowings of RMB357.3 million, repayment of long-term borrowings of RMB115.9 million, payments of issuance costs of redeemable preferred shares of RMB20.1 million, repurchase of ordinary shares of RMB119.7 million, repurchase of redeemable preferred shares of RMB455.4 million and payment under capital lease obligations of RMB9.1 million.

Statutory Reserves

Under applicable PRC laws and regulations, foreign-invested enterprises in China are required to provide for certain statutory reserves, namely a general reserve, an enterprise expansion fund and a staff welfare and bonus fund. Pursuant to such laws and regulations, we may pay dividends only out of our after-tax profits, if any, determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. Further, we are required to allocate at least 10% of our after-tax profits to fund the general reserve until such reserve has reached 50% of our registered capital. In addition, we may also set aside, at our or our Board's discretion, a portion of our after-tax profits to fund the employee welfare and bonus fund. These reserves may only be used for specific purposes and are not distributable to us in the form of loans, advances, or cash dividends.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, we had nil and nil, respectively, in our statutory reserves.

Capital Expenditures

We had capital expenditures of RMB248.3 million and RMB733.0 million (US\$113.2 million) in 2014 and 2015, respectively. Our capital expenditures were primarily for the purchase of equipment as well as land use rights and leasehold-improvement of data centers. Our capital expenditures have been primarily funded by net cash provided by financing activities. In 2016 and 2017, we expect to incur further capital expenditure in connection with the development of data centers under construction and data center resources held for future development that move into the construction phase.

Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2015:

	Total	Less than 1 Year	Payment due by period		
			1 - 3 Years	3 - 5 Years	More than 5 Years
			(in thousands of RMB)		
Short-term borrowings and interests ⁽¹⁾	343,365	343,365	—	—	—
Long-term borrowings and interests ⁽¹⁾	1,355,864	194,217	633,375	460,401	67,871
Convertible bonds and interests ⁽²⁾	908,924	32,468	64,936	811,520	—
Capital lease obligations ⁽³⁾	812,967	51,591	124,957	241,168	395,251
Operating lease commitments ⁽³⁾	875,819	111,389	166,676	116,300	481,454
Lease commitment but not commenced ⁽⁴⁾	1,189,954	8,565	74,901	106,188	1,000,300
Capital commitments ⁽⁵⁾	272,958	160,448	112,510	—	—
Total	5,759,851	902,043	1,177,355	1,735,577	1,944,876

(1) The interests are calculated using the effective interest rate as of December 31, 2015 for each loan.

(2) Includes cash interest and assumes through 2019 no conversion into ordinary shares of our convertible bonds due 2019.

(3) Represent minimum lease payments.

(4) Lease commitment but not commenced represents the total minimum lease payments of those properties for which the leases commence in 2016 or upon the completion of the construction of the properties.

(5) Capital commitments primarily consist of purchases of equipment and maintenance services.

Long-term borrowings

Certain of our long-term borrowings contain financial covenants. An outstanding loan of RMB7.3 million and RMB2.8 million (US\$0.4 million) as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively, borrowed by a subsidiary of ours contains a financial covenant that requires the subsidiary to keep a minimum cash of RMB1.3 million (US\$0.2 million) at the bank at all times. The loan agreement also

requires that both the subsidiary and we, as a guarantor, maintain minimum quarterly revenues thresholds as specified in the loan agreement. As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, we were in compliance with such covenants.

A subsidiary of ours borrowed an outstanding entrust loan of RMB200.0 million and RMB199.8 million (US\$30.8 million) as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively, through a third party bank that contains financial covenants. The covenants require that the subsidiary's outstanding loans (exclusive of this entrust loan and any other entrust loans) should be within a range of RMB130.0 million (US\$20.1 million) and RMB240.0 million (US\$37.0 million), or the borrowing range, and the total pledged assets cannot exceed RMB20.0 million (US\$3.1 million). On March 31, 2015, the subsidiary's outstanding loans exceeded RMB240.0 million (US\$37.0 million) and total pledged assets exceeded RMB20.0 million (US\$3.1 million). On June 10, 2015, the subsidiary obtained a waiver letter from the creditor that waived the covenant violations. The creditor and the subsidiary also agreed to revise the acceptable outstanding borrowings in a range of RMB130.0 million (US\$20.1 million) and RMB360.0 million (US\$55.6 million). As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, we were in compliance with such covenants.

As of December 31, 2015, we had total working capital and project financing credit facility of RMB1,628.5 million (US\$251.4 million) from various banks, of which the unused amount was RMB279.0 million (US\$43.1 million). The withdrawal from the credit facility is at the discretion of the banks and is subject to the terms and conditions of each agreement.

Convertible Bonds

On December 30, 2015 and January 29, 2016, we issued and sold convertible and redeemable bonds due 2019 in an initial aggregate principal amount of US\$150.0 million, which bonds were subscribed by Ping An Insurance and STT GDC, as to US\$100.0 million and US\$50.0 million, respectively. We may, at our option, require STT GDC to subscribe for an additional amount of these bonds as to US\$50.0 million, and thereafter, Ping An Insurance to subscribe for an additional amount as to US\$50.0 million, at any time until September 30, 2016. Under the terms of the bonds, Ping An Insurance is entitled to appoint one observer to attend meetings of our board of directors.

The bonds are repayable four years from the date of issue, or i.e. on December 30, 2019, and may be converted at a set conversion price of US\$1.68 per share (subject to adjustments arising from any share consolidation, sub-division or distributions by way of shares) at any time between the date on which this offering is completed and December 30, 2019. Any share issued pursuant to the conversion of these bonds by a holder who is not our existing shareholder so converted within twelve months after the closing of this offering will be subject to a lock-up period expiring on the first anniversary of this offering's closing date. We also may mandate each of Ping An Insurance and STT GDC to convert their bonds into shares if the average per-ordinary-share-equivalent closing trading price of our ADSs in any period of ten (10) consecutive trading days following this offering is at least 125% of US\$1.68. The bonds bear two types of interest on the principal amount, (i) interest payable in cash semi-annually at a rate of 5% per annum, and (ii) interest accruing semi-annually at a rate of 5% per annum. Such accrued interest is (i) in the case of redeemed bonds, either payable in cash on December 30, 2019 upon redemption of the bonds, or and (ii) in the case of converted bonds, capitalized and paid in shares upon conversion of the bonds. As security for the bonds, we pledged our entire equity interest in the registered capital of EDC China Holdings Limited, a limited company incorporated in Hong Kong, which is wholly owned by EDC Holding.

Beijing and Shenzhen Loan Facilities

On September 17, 2015, our subsidiary Shenzhen Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd., entered into a term loan facility agreement with United Overseas Bank (China) Limited, Shenzhen Branch and Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank (China) Limited for a principal amount of RMB430.0 million (US\$66.4 million) for the subsidiary's Shenzhen data centers SZ1 and SZ2 and respectively, and an amendment agreement dated March 4, 2016 to extend an addition term loan facility with principal loan

amount of RMB100.0 million (US\$15.4 million) for financing the borrower's Shenzhen data center SZ3. The interest rate agreed under the term loan facility agreements is 1.2x or 1.3x of PBOC's base rate for loans, as applicable, with a tenor of five years from respective facility utilization date, which is to be no later than September 18, 2020. The securities for the loan include, among others, guarantee from ultimate parent company of borrower, GDS Holdings Limited, corporate guarantee provided by GDS Beijing, pledge of all equity interests of the borrower, all the issued shares of EDS (HK) Limited and the receivables under the service contracts with customers with respect to our Shenzhen data centers SZ1, SZ2 and SZ3, mortgage of all movable assets of the borrower and assignment of all insurance interests over such mortgaged assets, assignment of the borrower's rights under the building lease of Shenzhen data centers SZ1, SZ2 and SZ3, among other terms.

October 28, 2015, our subsidiary Beijing Hengpu'an Data Technology Development Co., Ltd. entered into a term loan facility agreement with United Overseas Bank Limited for a principal amount of RMB120.0 million (US\$18.5 million) for financing borrower's Beijing data center phase 2. The interest rate agreed under said term loan facility agreement is a fixed rate of 6.5625% per annum or 1.25x of PBOC's base rate (as applicable based on the tranches of facilities utilized under the agreement) with a tenor of five years from the first utilization date of said facility (which, however, is to be no later than December 21, 2020). The securities for the loan include, among others, guarantee from ultimate parent, GDS Holdings Limited, corporate guarantee provided by GDS Beijing, pledge of all the equity interests of the borrower, all the issued shares of EDB II (HK) Limited and the receivables under the service contracts with customers under Beijing data center phase 1, BJ1, mortgage of all movable assets of the borrowers and assignment of all insurance interests over such mortgaged assets, assignment of the borrower's rights under the building lease of Beijing data center phase 1, BJ1, among other terms.

The terms of the loans of Shenzhen Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd. and Beijing Hengpu'an Data Technology Development Co., Ltd., limited capital expenditures that can be incurred for the construction of the data centers. As of the date of this prospectus, our outstanding long-term loans under the facilities amounted to RMB483.9 million (US\$74.7 million). The loans are required to be repaid in full prior to the maturity date in the event (i) ST Telemedia, the parent company of STT GDC, ceases to own and control, directly or indirectly, at least 40% of our equity interest prior to an initial public offering or 30% of our equity interest after an IPO, or ceases to be our single largest shareholder, (ii) we cease to own and control, directly or indirectly, 100% of the borrowing subsidiaries, or (iii) there are changes in the shareholding structure of a principal operating subsidiary, as defined in the loan agreements. The loan facilities include a cross-default provision which would be triggered if we fail to repay any financial indebtedness of RMB30.0 million or more when due or within any originally applicable grace period. In addition, under the terms of the loans, upon the completion of our initial public offering, we are required to repay RMB116.5 million (US\$18.0 million) of the outstanding loan principal amount based on the principal amount outstanding as at the date of this prospectus.

Off-Balance Sheet Commitments and Arrangements

Other than the obligations set forth in the table above, we have not entered into any financial guarantees or other commitments to guarantee the payment obligations of any third parties. We have not entered into any derivative contracts that are indexed to our shares and classified as shareholder's equity, or that are not reflected in our consolidated financial statements. Furthermore, we do not have any retained or contingent interest in assets transferred to an unconsolidated entity that serves as credit, liquidity or market risk support to such entity. Moreover, we do not have any variable interest in any unconsolidated entity that provides financing, liquidity, market risk or credit support to us or engages in leasing, hedging or research and development services with us.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure about Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

Our exposure to interest rate risk primarily relates to interest expenses incurred in respect of bank borrowings, bonds payable and capital lease obligations and interest income generated by excess cash, which is mostly held in interest-bearing bank deposits. We have not used derivative financial instruments in our investment portfolio. Interest earning instruments and interest-bearing obligations carry a degree of interest rate risk. We have not been exposed to, nor do we anticipate being exposed to, material risks due to changes in market interest rates. However, our future interest income and interest expenses may fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates

Foreign Exchange Risk

All of our revenue and substantially all of our expenses are denominated in Renminbi. We do not believe that we currently have any significant direct foreign exchange risk and have not used any derivative financial instruments to hedge exposure to such risk. Although in general our exposure to foreign exchange risks should be limited, the value of your investment in our ADSs will be affected by the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the Renminbi because the value of our business is effectively denominated in Renminbi, while our ADSs will be traded in U.S. dollars.

The conversion of Renminbi into foreign currencies, including U.S. dollars, is based on rates set by the PBOC. The PRC government allowed the Renminbi to appreciate by more than 20% against the U.S. dollar between July 2005 and July 2008. Between July 2008 and June 2010, the exchange rate between the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar had been stable and traded within a narrow band. Since June 2010, the PRC government has allowed the Renminbi to appreciate slowly against the U.S. dollar, though there have been periods when the Renminbi has depreciated against the U.S. dollar. In particular, on August 11, 2015, the PBOC allowed the Renminbi to depreciate by approximately 2% against the U.S. dollar. It is difficult to predict how long the current situation may last and when and how the relationship between the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar may change again.

To the extent that we need to convert U.S. dollars into Renminbi for our operations, appreciation of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar would have an adverse effect on the Renminbi amount we receive from the conversion. Conversely, if we decide to convert Renminbi into U.S. dollars for the purpose of making payments for dividends on our ordinary shares or ADSs or for other business purposes, appreciation of the U.S. dollar against the Renminbi would have a negative effect on the U.S. dollar amounts available to us.

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately US\$ million from this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and the estimated offering expenses payable by us and assuming no exercise by the underwriters of their over-allotment option, based on the initial offering price of US\$ per ordinary share. Assuming that we convert the full amount of the net proceeds from this offering into Renminbi, a 10% appreciation or depreciation of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar, from a rate of RMB to US\$1.00 to a rate of RMB to US\$1.00 or RMB to US\$1.00, respectively, will result in a decrease or increase, respectively, of RMB million of the net proceeds from this offering.

Inflation

Since our inception, inflation in China has not materially affected our results of operations. According to the National Bureau of Statistics of China, the year-over-year percent changes in the consumer price index for December 2013, December 2014 and December 2015 were increases of 2.5%, 1.5% and 1.6%, respectively. Although we have not been materially affected by inflation in the past, we may be affected if China experiences higher rates of inflation in the future.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Introduction

A data center is a specialized facility designed to house server, storage and networking equipment which is used to deliver mission-critical business applications, data and content. Data centers are strategically located near significant power and network resources to support the computing equipment it houses. Due to the mission-critical nature of the customer equipment it houses, a data center must maintain continuous operations, monitoring and a high level of security. This continuity is achieved using redundant power infrastructure (batteries and generators), specialized cooling equipment (computer room air-conditioning units), environmental control systems and security systems. These critical infrastructure and systems components require significant investment and contribute to the high capital requirement associated with building a data center.

Data centers can be owned and operated in-house by companies or can be outsourced to third-party colocation providers. Companies may choose to own their data center infrastructure for a wide range of reasons such as regulatory considerations, IT being core competency, or an ability to achieve cost efficiency. Companies may choose to outsource their data center infrastructure to third-party colocation providers to avoid the capital cost associated with building their own facility or to gain access to higher quality infrastructure and service levels that colocation providers may offer. Colocation data centers can be designed and configured to serve a wide range of customers, with different space, power and configuration requirements within the same facility. With this flexibility, colocation providers are able to achieve economies of scale and provide customers with a more capital efficient solution than owning their own data centers. Colocation service offerings typically include core data center services such as space and power in a managed environment or may also offer additional value-added services such as remote hands, cross-connects to other tenants of the facility, and managed services such as business continuity and disaster recovery, network management services, among others.

Globally and in China, there are many drivers encouraging companies to increasingly outsource their data center requirements to third party colocation providers, including the significant capital investment required to build a data center, the costs and complexity of operating data centers, regulatory requirements, and the need for disaster recovery space, among others. Unlike in the United States, where there are numerous colocation options available, China is still a developing market where there are relatively few high-quality colocation data center facilities. In 2015, the estimated total colocation data center area in service in China reached 1.2 million sqm, as compared to an estimated 3.7 million sqm in the United States. China continues to be under-served in terms of data center space and in particular, high-quality colocation data centers.

Evolution and Structure of China's Data Center Industry

Similar to the United States, the colocation data center market in China emerged when the incumbent telecommunications carriers built their own data centers to support their network businesses. In 2002, the MIIT started to encourage private investment into VATS and began allowing private companies to resell bandwidth and colocation space within telecommunications carrier data centers, launching the private colocation data center market in China. As the market developed over the following years, some of these resellers began to build their own data center facilities and expand their VATS offerings, creating a more diverse marketplace for data center services in China.

Today, colocation data centers in China can generally be classified as telecommunications carrier data centers or carrier-neutral data centers.

- **Telecommunications carrier data centers.** Since the telecommunications reform in 2008, China has had three major telecom carriers: China Telecom, China Unicom and China Mobile. Each of these carriers has a nationwide telecommunications business license and operates nationwide networks

that serve as common platforms for mobile, fixed-line telephone, broadband and data services. The three telecommunications carriers were encouraged by the government policies to build data center facilities. Due to their focus on network services, these carriers' data centers often relied on their own networks for connectivity and lacked options for customers to connect to other carriers' networks.

- **Carrier-neutral data centers.** Carrier-neutral data centers offer connectivity from multiple telecommunications carriers in their facilities, providing customers the option to choose which carrier to use based on cost and/or network and application requirements. Carrier-neutral providers tend to focus on data center services and may offer more rapid response times, better data center uptime and other value-added services. As the data center industry further develops, carrier-neutral data centers are expected to grow more rapidly than carrier data centers as enterprises prioritize data center connectivity and uptime for mission-critical applications.

The Chinese government has taken multiple actions to improve the transparency and promote the healthy growth of the data center industry, including changing the regulations and guidelines regarding license requirements. Since 2010, the market has grown at an accelerated pace, particularly the high-performance carrier-neutral segment, due to the combination of the rapid increase in Internet penetration, mobile Internet, increasing enterprise outsourcing and the emergence of cloud computing, as well as several favorable government measures. These measures include the economic stimulus plan in 2009 and revised MIIT guidelines in 2009 which encouraged private investment in data centers. According to 451 Research, the colocation data center area in service in China grew from 591,482 sqm in 2010 to 1.2 million sqm in 2015 at a CAGR of 14.7%, and is expected to grow to 1.7 million sqm in 2018 at a CAGR of 13.4%. The average power density for data centers built since 2011 in China is around 1.0 kW/m², according to 451 Research. Colocation data center market revenue in China has grown from US\$1.2 billion in 2010 to US\$3.1 billion in 2015, and is expected to reach US\$4.2 billion in 2018. In addition, in terms of revenue, carrier-neutral data centers comprised 29% of the market in China in 2015, an increase from 18% in 2010, and their market share is expected to further increase to 33% in 2018.

High-Performance Data Centers in China

High-performance data centers, relative to standard data centers, offer customers a higher level of power density, availability and power efficiency. According to 451 Research, high-performance data centers are designed and constructed to achieve high levels of infrastructure availability. Such design categorization is generally adopted in the Chinese market among carrier-neutral data center providers, although most data centers are not certified by a third party. The market in developed countries and regions such as the United States and Europe generally considers data centers that are at or above Tier III (as specified by the Uptime Institute, owned by the 451 Group along with 451 Research LLC) as high-performance data centers. In China, given the maturity of the market, high-performance data centers are considered to consist of data centers that are designed to local five-star and A-level standards as well as to Tier III or higher standards. Due to the growing importance of maintaining uptime for mission-critical computing equipment and applications, high-performance data centers have become more valuable to customers.

Growth Drivers of High-Performance Data Centers in China

- **Rising Internet penetration, e-commerce transactions, and consumption of online content.** Internet penetration continues to rise in China. The Statistical Report on Internet Development in China (January 2016) by the CINNIC (China Internet Network Information Center) notes that Internet penetration in China was 50% in 2015, and is rising between 2% to 3% per year, with 40 million users added in 2015, compared to the United States which has an Internet penetration rate of 88% and an estimated 5 million users added in 2015. In addition, the Cisco Visual Networking Index estimates that China's Internet traffic will grow 20% from 2014 to 2019, largely driven by online

video, which is particularly network intensive. This combination of user penetration and Internet traffic is driving data traffic demand for network and colocation services as data mounts and must be stored. In addition, the growth of e-commerce is driving the requirement for high-performance data centers, as any offline time causes e-commerce websites to forego sales and lose revenue opportunities, so highly available data centers are therefore preferred. The e-commerce market in China measured by gross merchandise value, or GMV, was US\$590 billion in 2015, according to the National Bureau of Statistics in China, compared to US\$342 billion in the United States, according to the Census Bureau of the United States.

- **The growth of cloud computing.** The rapid adoption of public, private and hybrid cloud services by enterprises and government agencies in China is driving demand for high-performance data centers that can provide the reliability and availability to support high-density computing environments. The rapidly growing public cloud market in China has been predominantly served by local public cloud services providers, including Aliyun, Tencent QCloud, UCloud, Kingsoft Cloud, Baidu Cloud and Huawei Cloud, among others. These local cloud providers have generally leased data center space from third party colocation providers to house their cloud computing environments, due to license requirements, infrastructure availability and design requirements and capital deployment considerations. In addition to these local providers, international or non-Chinese cloud providers are required to work with Chinese colocation partners and cannot build or operate in-country data centers.
- **Increasing trends of enterprises toward outsource data center services.** Several recent trends have led enterprises to outsource some or all of their data center requirements to third party colocation providers. Primary drivers for this trend include the rising capital and operating costs of owning data centers, regulatory requirements around the protection and availability of data, the difficulty of finding suitable sites to build data centers, and enterprises' need to focus on their core IT operations for business-specific initiatives rather than operating data center infrastructure.
- **Increasing compliance and regulatory requirements on data security.** Enterprises in regulated industries, such as financial services, often have very specific regulatory requirements for their data and data centers. These can include specifications as to distance from other data centers for disaster recovery purposes, security at the data centers, operating procedures that must be audited, and other specific requirements around data center siting, construction and operations. High-performance data centers are able to satisfy many of these requirements and save enterprises financial and operational resources necessary to adhere to data security requirements.
- **Trend towards higher density.** Servers and other computing equipment require high levels of electricity and cooling to operate and these levels have been growing with advances in server technology and performance levels. A combination of physical size reduction and performance have allowed a larger number of servers to be housed in the same amount of space, which increases the power and cooling required for that space. In addition, virtualization technology has increased server computing performance and density, allowing greater workloads to run on each server. Cloud service providers in particular, as well as firms running data analytics programs, generally require higher than average density.

Major Customer Verticals Driving the Growth of High-Performance Data Centers in China

Demand for high-performance data centers has been growing steadily in China, with cloud and IT services providers, financial institutions, large enterprises and public entities among the top customer verticals.

- **Cloud and IT services providers.** Similar to more developed markets, cloud and IT services providers are increasingly consuming more third-party colocation space. With the rapidly expanding Internet and mobile penetration in China, the IT and cloud industry have grown significantly in the past few

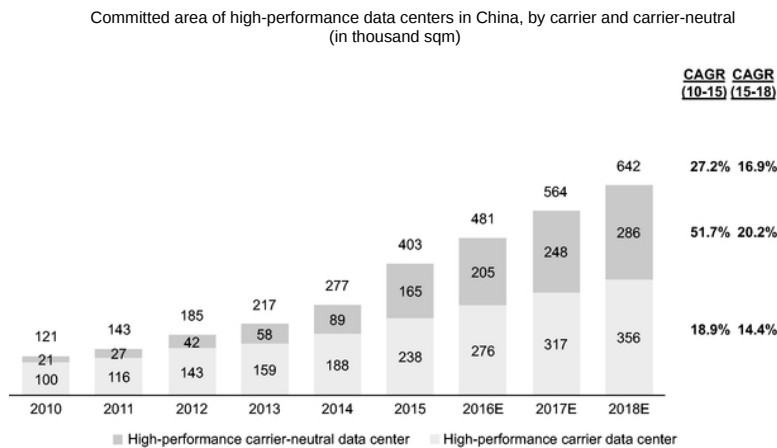
years, forming the biggest, and one of the fastest growing, user group of data centers. These large companies require high availability for their systems in order to differentiate their services and improve customer satisfaction. Flexibility of deployment, time-to-market and greater efficiency are the main drivers for IT companies to use high-performance data centers.

- **Financial institutions.** Banks, securities and insurance companies are typical users of high-performance data centers globally and in China. Financial institutions are required by the government to store their IT systems and data in secured data centers, whether self-built or outsourced. Outsourced data center operators must meet stringent design and operational compliance requirements in order to host the IT systems of financial institutions. Beyond regulations, financial institutions also prefer to use high-performance data centers to ensure uptime of their systems and applications.
- **Large enterprise and public services.** Many businesses in China are transforming to become more Internet-and IT-driven. Reliable operations of IT systems and storage of data are becoming critical to firms. Large enterprises are becoming national and global and the amount of data generated by day-to-day operations can no longer be stored in one data center at headquarters. Companies with nationally or globally distributed employees and customers increasingly need to store and process data near those employees and customers, creating strong demand for more data center facilities. In addition, the e-government initiatives by Chinese government increase public sector demand for data center space.

According to 451 Research, the high-performance data center market in China began a period of high growth in 2010. The high-performance data center market in terms of area in service has been growing consistently from 183,393 sqm in 2010 to 504,399 sqm in 2015 at a CAGR of 22.4%, and is expected to further grow to 926,869 sqm in 2018 at a CAGR of 22.5%. Meanwhile, commitment rates increased from 66% in 2010 to 80% in 2015 and are expected to average 70% to 80% through 2018. The average price for committed area ranges from US\$900 to US\$1,200 per rack per month in 2015 and is expected to remain largely stable from 2015 to 2018.

The revenue of the high-performance data center market in China has grown from US\$446 million in 2010 to US\$1,514 million in 2015, and is expected to reach US\$2,396 million in 2018. Benefiting from the favorable trends, the high-performance data center market as a percentage of the overall outsourced data center market, in terms of revenue, increased from 36% in 2010, to 49% in 2015 and is expected to further increase to 57% in 2018.

The following chart sets forth the historical and expected market size of China's high-performance data center market in terms of committed areas for the periods indicated.



In China, due to the economic difference and telecom network infrastructure difference between various geographical regions and major cities, telecommunications hubs were built in selected cities only, creating the first data center clusters. These primary economic hubs have competitive advantages as data center markets, with more transparent telecommunications markets, skilled labor and infrastructure support to operate data centers, as well as large populations of potential customers. According to 451 Research, the major Chinese data center markets are Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, and, to a lesser degree, Chengdu. While most major cities in China have a small data center market to fulfill local demand, the majority of the high-performance data center market is centered in these primary economic hubs. These five major markets accounted for approximately 90% of the total high-performance data center market of China in terms of revenue in 2015.

Barriers to entry

Data centers are difficult to develop and there are several barriers to entry for potential competitors, particularly in China, including:

- Limited supply of suitable sites and development execution complexity.** Finding suitable sites for data center development is difficult, as data centers require large amounts of power, access to network fiber, and particular types of buildings—ideally with high ceilings, strong floors and large floor plates are not always available in these strategic locations. In addition, many customers prefer facilities that are in secure locations, for example, a certain distance from highways, railroad tracks, chemical plants and other potential sources of hazards and outside of flight paths. In the key economic hubs in China, it is increasingly difficult to find suitable sites for high-performance data centers and the execution complexity proves to be challenging for many companies.
- Significant capital and technical expertise required.** Once a site is developed, a data center is complicated to operate, requiring staff with particular skills that can be difficult to find. According to surveys by 451 Research and the Uptime Institute, most of the outages of data centers are due to

human error. Therefore, operators with a strong operating track record are preferred by customers seeking high-performance facilities.

- **Stringent licensing requirements by regulations.** In China, data center service providers must obtain licenses from the MIIT and fulfill evolving requirements. Once a suitable site is identified, developers also need to obtain the necessary permits from local authorities to develop and operate the property.
- **Customer stickiness and high switching costs.** Once customer equipment is installed in a data center facility, it is difficult and expensive to move it. Therefore customer churn is generally low unless there are extensive outages or poor service. If customers need additional space, they typically seek to stay in the same data center facility or with the same provider.

BUSINESS

Overview

We are a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China. Our facilities are strategically located in China's primary economic hubs where demand for high-performance data center services is concentrated. Our data centers have large net floor area, high power capacity, density and efficiency, and multiple redundancy across all critical systems. We are carrier and cloud neutral, which enables our customers to connect to all major PRC telecommunications carriers, and to access a number of the largest PRC cloud service providers, whom we host in our facilities. We offer colocation and managed services, including a unique and innovative managed cloud value proposition. We have a 15-year track record of consistent high quality service delivery, successfully fulfilling the requirements of some of the largest and most demanding customers for outsourced data center services in China. Our base of over 300 customers consists predominantly of large Internet companies, financial institutions, telecommunications and IT service providers, and large domestic private sector and multinational corporations. As of December 31, 2015, we had an aggregate net floor area of 37,869 sqm in service, 87.5% of which was committed, and an aggregate net floor area of 35,525 sqm under construction. According to 451 Research, we are the largest service provider in the high-performance carrier-neutral data center services market in China, with 19.7% market share as measured by area committed as of December 31, 2015.

The market for high-performance data center services in China is experiencing strong growth. According to 451 Research, the market is expected to increase from US\$1.5 billion in 2015 to US\$2.4 billion in 2018, representing a CAGR of 16.6%. Over the same period, the high-performance carrier-neutral data center services market in China is expected to grow with a higher CAGR of 20.6%. Demand is driven by the confluence of several secular economic and industry trends, including: rapid growth of the Internet, e-commerce and big data; rising adoption of cloud computing and server virtualization, which requires data centers with higher power capacity, density and efficiency; increasing criticality of information technology and data in the enterprise environment which requires data centers with higher reliability; and growing reliance by enterprises on outsourcing as a solution to the increasing complexity and cost of managing mission-critical IT infrastructure. We believe that, as a result of this strong demand and the challenges of sourcing, developing and operating new facilities that meet the required standard, there is a relative scarcity of high-performance data center capacity in China.

Our portfolio of data centers and secured expansion capacity are strategically located to address this growing demand. We operate our data centers to service our customers predominantly in Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Chengdu, the primary financial, commercial, industrial and communications hubs in each region of China. According to 451 Research, approximately 90% of the market in terms of revenue for high-performance data center services in China was concentrated in these markets in 2015. We have also established a presence in Hong Kong which we believe is another important market for our customers. Our data centers are located in close proximity to the corporate headquarters and key operation centers of many large enterprises, providing convenient access for our customers. Furthermore, the extensive multi-carrier telecommunications networks in these markets enable our customers to enhance the performance and lower the cost of connectivity to our facilities.

Our data centers are large-scale, highly reliable and highly efficient facilities that provide a flexible, modular and secure operating environment in which our customers can house, power and cool the computer systems and networking equipment that support their mission-critical IT infrastructure. We install large power capacity and optimize power usage efficiency, which enables our customers to deploy their IT infrastructure more efficiently and reduce their operating and capital costs. As a result of our advanced data center design, high technical specifications and robust operating procedures, we are able to make service level commitments related to service availability and other key metrics that meet our customers' required standards.

We currently serve over 300 customers, including large Internet companies, a diverse community of approximately 140 financial institutions, telecommunications and IT service providers and large domestic private sector and multinational corporations, many of which are leaders in their respective industries. Within our customer base, we host a number of major cloud service providers, including Aliyun, the cloud computing unit of Alibaba, which is present in several of our data centers. Contracts with our large Internet customers typically have terms of three to six years, while contracts with our enterprise customers typically have terms of one to five years. We achieved an average retention rate of over 95% per annum among our Internet and financial institution customers for colocation services in our current data centers over the past two years.

As of December 31, 2015, we operated six self-developed data centers with an aggregate net floor area of 28,865 sqm in service. We also operated capacity at fifteen third-party data centers with an aggregate net floor area of 9,004 sqm in service, which we lease on a wholesale basis and use to provide colocation and managed services to our customers. As of the same date, we had a further six new self-developed data centers and one phase of an existing data center with an aggregate net floor area of 35,525 sqm under construction. In addition, we had an estimated aggregate developable net floor area in excess of 20,000 sqm held for future development.

Our net revenue grew from RMB468.3 million in 2014 to RMB703.6 million (US\$108.6 million) in 2015, representing an increase of 50.2%. Over the same period, our adjusted EBITDA increased from RMB54.3 million to RMB190.4 million (US\$29.4 million). Our net loss decreased from RMB130.0 million in 2014 to RMB98.6 million (US\$15.2 million) in 2015.

Our Strengths

We believe that the following key competitive strengths differentiate us from other data center service providers in China and position us well to capitalize on the rapid growth in demand for high-performance data center services.

Large-Scale, High-Performance Data Centers Strategically Located in China's Key Markets

We plan, design and build our data centers to cater to a range of customer requirements with regards to capacity, power density and usage efficiency, redundancy, and numerous other technical specifications. Many of our customers require: large contiguous net floor area and the ability to expand their presence at the same location; high power capacity, density, and efficiency in order to deploy their IT infrastructure in the most cost effective manner; and high service availability for their mission-critical IT infrastructure, backed up by demanding service level commitments across multiple operating parameters.

We have built our data centers to large-scale. The average net floor area of our self-developed data centers portfolio is approximately 6,000 square meters. In addition, within each market, we have, to the extent possible, strategically grouped our data centers within campuses or clusters so that we are able to provide our customers with conveniently located expansion capacity.

Our self-developed data centers in service and under construction have an average power density of approximately 2.0 kW/m², compared with an average of around 1.0 kW/m² for data centers in China built since 2011, according to 451 Research. Our self-developed data centers are mostly designed to achieve 1.5 times power usage effectiveness, or PUE, in stabilized operation, compared with an average of 1.7 times for data centers built from 2011 to mid-2013 in China and more than 2.0 times for older data centers, according to the MIIT. As a result of our advanced data center design, high technical specifications and robust operating procedures, we are able to provide our customers with service level commitments related to service availability and other key metrics up to their required standards.

A large part of the demand for high-performance data center services in China is location-sensitive. Our facilities are strategically located in key markets with the greatest demand from existing and

prospective customers. All of our self-developed capacity in service and under construction are located in Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, and Chengdu where approximately 90% of the market in terms of revenue for high-performance data center services in China was concentrated in 2015, according to 451 Research. Our remaining capacity is mostly located in Hong Kong where we have established a presence through capacity leased from third-parties. Our self-developed data centers are interconnected, which strengthens our value proposition for customers who increasingly seek a multi-market data center footprint from a single service provider.

First Mover with a Proven Track Record and Reputation for Operational Excellence

We were a first-mover in the data center industry in China and have established a 15-year proven track record of consistent high quality service delivery, successfully fulfilling the requirements of some of the largest and most demanding customers for outsourced data center services in China. We have been involved in providing technically demanding data center-based IT managed services from our inception. We focused initially on providing business continuity and disaster recovery, or BCDR, solutions for financial institutions in response to new regulatory requirements. We have been and continue to be involved in advising various PRC government agencies in setting, and customers in attaining, required standards relating to outsourced data center solutions and services.

The track record and customer relationships which we established as a provider of IT managed services positioned us to expand to data center development. Over time, we have developed expertise across the full spectrum of data center design, construction, commissioning, and operation. We have also continued to expand our managed service offerings to include, more recently, unique and innovative services for managing enterprise hybrid clouds. Our processes, protocols and standards enable us to meet or exceed the demanding performance and quality levels specified in our service level agreements, or SLAs, with the most sophisticated high-end customers. We have been certified ISO9001, ISO20000 and ISO27001 for almost ten years.

Well-Established and Rapidly Expanding Relationships with Large and Fast Growing Customers

We focus on serving customers who require high-performance data center capacity in China's primary economic hubs, such as large Internet companies, financial institutions, telecommunications and IT service providers and large domestic private sector and multinational corporations. Our customers include some of the largest and most demanding users of data centers in China with respect to capacity, power density and usage efficiency, service availability and SLAs, and numerous other technical specifications.

Our Internet customers include some of China's leading Internet companies. As of December 31, 2015, we had over 20,000 sqm net floor area in aggregate committed to the top three Internet companies in China and/or their affiliates across seven of our data centers, including third-party data centers. We believe that large Internet companies house in our data centers the location-sensitive, mission-critical IT infrastructure which supports some of their high growth business activities, such as e-commerce, cloud services, online financial services and online payment services.

We serve a diverse community of approximately 140 PRC and foreign financial institutions across the banking, insurance, asset management, brokerage, digital payment, and financial information verticals. We believe that our 15-year proven track record of serving financial institutions and deep domain knowledge of their IT operating and compliance requirements have made us the leading outsourced data center provider to the financial services sector.

We have long-standing relationships with all the major PRC telecommunications carriers who are both partners providing network services to our customers and intermediate contracting parties for the sale of colocation services to our customers. We also serve a number of foreign telecommunications and IT service providers.

We believe that our data centers are well-suited for the hosting of cloud platforms due to their large-scale, high power capacity and density, high reliability, extensive network connectivity and strategic location in primary economic hubs. These features enable cloud service providers to deploy their IT infrastructure more efficiently, optimize their IT infrastructure and network performance, and reduce their operating and capital costs. We have succeeded in attracting a number of major cloud service providers to collocate their cloud service platforms in our data centers, including those operated by Aliyun, the cloud computing unit of Alibaba, and by certain of our other large Internet, telecommunications and IT service provider customers. We believe that this established presence in our data centers will attract other cloud service providers, as well as enterprise customers, to collocate in our data centers.

Large Secured Expansion Capacity and Proven Ability to Source and Develop Additional Data Centers

There are inherent challenges in China to successfully sourcing and developing large-scale high-performance data centers, including zoning laws, a scarcity of appropriate and sufficiently large sites, access to adequate redundant power supply and high-quality telecommunications connectivity, and the knowledge and know-how associated with designing, building, fitting out and commissioning high-performance facilities.

We have a proven set of skills and procedures that have allowed us to source and develop the data centers we need to grow our business. We have a substantial in-house team dedicated to sourcing, feasibility analysis, technical design, costing and project management. Our team works closely with local government authorities to obtain necessary permits and approvals, with electric utilities to obtain sufficient power infrastructure and supply, and with telecommunications carriers to ensure multi-carrier connectivity to our data centers. We have extensive experience in developing greenfield purpose-built facilities to achieve a high level of performance. We also have the capability to convert existing industrial buildings into data centers without compromising on performance standards. Our diversified approach to sourcing and developing data centers gives us the necessary flexibility to ensure a strong pipeline of high-quality sites for future development.

Over the past five years, we have brought six self-developed data centers into service with an aggregate net floor area of 28,865 sqm and achieved a 89.6% commitment rate for these facilities as of December 31, 2015. Our growth prospects and ability to service our customers are secured by a strong pipeline of expansion capacity in China's primary economic hubs. As of December 31, 2015, we had six new self-developed data centers and one phase of an existing data center with an aggregate net floor area of 35,525 sqm under construction. In addition, we had entered into leases and development agreements and secured land which could potentially be developed into data centers with an estimated aggregate developable net floor area in excess of 20,000 sqm.

Unique Value Proposition in Managed Cloud Services that Complements Our Core Colocation Services

The adoption of cloud computing continues to rise and has become a key element of IT strategy for enterprises globally. We believe that our data centers are well-suited for the hosting of cloud platforms. As a result, we have succeeded in attracting a number of major cloud service providers to collocate their cloud service platforms in our data centers, including those operated by Aliyun, and by certain of our other large Internet, telecommunications and IT service provider customers.

The presence in our data centers of major cloud service providers enables us to offer our enterprise customers efficient and reliable access to the high capacity cloud resources of their choosing. On a reciprocal basis, we are able to assist our cloud service provider customers to access the enterprise customers which are present in our data centers. We believe that this established presence in our data centers creates a network effect which will attract other cloud service providers, as well as additional enterprise customers, to collocate in our data centers.

Large enterprises are increasingly deploying a combination of multiple private, hosted, or public cloud services, a configuration known as hybrid cloud. We expect that hybrid clouds will become increasingly prevalent in China. While this configuration can provide enterprises with greater flexibility, scalability, security and cost efficiency, it also presents new challenges in integrating and operating multiple systems. Leveraging our long track record as a provider of IT managed services, we are developing an innovative service platform to assist our enterprise customers in the management of their hybrid clouds. Our platform, which we refer to as CloudMix, provides a robust management interface enabling enterprises to integrate and control every aspect of their hybrid cloud computing environment across their private servers and one or more public cloud service providers. We also architect cloud-based solutions tailored to the unique requirements of each customer.

We believe that the established presence in our data centers of many high-end enterprise customers and a number of the leading cloud service providers in China, together with the innovative managed cloud services which we offer, is a unique value proposition in the China market.

Visionary and Experienced Management Team Supported by Sophisticated Strategic Investors

Our management team consists of entrepreneurs and professionals, all of whom possess in-depth knowledge and expertise in the IT services industry. Our founder, co-chairman and chief executive officer, William Huang, is a visionary pioneer with 15 years of experience in China's data center industry. Our senior management team has significant experience from previous employment in leading multinational IT service providers.

We also benefit from having major shareholders who provide industry expertise, access to potential customer and supplier relationships, and solid corporate governance guidance. For example, STT GDC Pte. Ltd., or STT GDC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Singapore Technologies Telemedia Pte. Ltd., or ST Telemedia, is an experienced and strategic data center player that owns a portfolio of data centers in Singapore, the United Kingdom and China, either directly or through investments in data center operating companies, such as GDS Holdings. Leveraging STT GDC's integrated data center platform, we have access to STT GDC's customer and supplier relationships. We also benefit from STT GDC's platform through knowledge sharing to enhance our technology, operational performance and customer service.

We believe that the support, relationships, industry expertise and corporate governance best practices that come from having sophisticated strategic investors provides us with competitive advantages in our industry.

Our Strategies

We aim to capitalize on the attractive growth opportunities in the data center services market in China and strengthen our leadership position in the high-performance segment. We intend to achieve our goal by pursuing the following strategies:

Expand Our Unique Portfolio of Strategically Located High-Performance Data Centers

We will continue to expand our unique portfolio of high-performance data centers in the key markets of Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Chengdu so as to address the strong growth in demand. We will continue to grow our presence in Hong Kong by relying initially on capacity at third-party data centers. Where sufficient customer demand exists and contracts can be secured in advance, we may develop data centers in other markets in China. Our approach will take into consideration prevailing demand and utilization trends in each market.

In each of our key markets, our objective is to be in a position to deliver a continuous supply of capacity aligned with the expansion requirements of our existing and prospective customers. We also intend to pursue a strategy of having capacity at two complimentary sites in each key market, so as to better

satisfy the location preferences of major customer segments and to offer a dual-site configuration for those customers who require in-market redundancy. In order to enhance our overall portfolio, we intend to upgrade our inter-data center network connectivity so as to strengthen our value proposition for the increasing number of customers who seek a multi-market data center footprint from a single service provider.

We believe that the combination of continuous supply at one or more sites in all of China's key markets, consistent quality standard of facilities and operations across the entire portfolio, and high quality inter-data center connectivity will give us a sustainable competitive advantage.

Pursue Balanced Sourcing Strategy to Maintain Continuous Competitive Supply

In order to maintain a strong pipeline of expansion capacity, we will leverage our expertise and experience in identifying, sourcing and securing sites in key markets with access to adequate power supply and network connectivity. We will continue to grow our portfolio mainly through the addition of self-developed data centers, and we will use a flexible and varied approach.

Where appropriate greenfield sites can be secured, we may acquire the land and invest in the entire data center real estate ourselves. Alternatively, in order to reduce our capital intensity, we may partner with selected developers for construction of build-to-suit data center shell and core which we will then lease on a long term basis, equip and fit out. Furthermore, given the scarcity of high-quality sites, zoning and other restrictions on development, we will also lease and convert existing industrial buildings into data centers. We carefully select such buildings based on their suitability for use as data centers and have gained significant experience in undertaking conversions in a manner which satisfies our high technical standards. We may also use third-party data centers as a way to enter new markets, as we have done in Hong Kong. We believe our diversified sourcing approach will enable us to maintain a strong supply of data center capacity to meet fast growing customer demand, while ensuring the consistent high-performance level of our facilities and efficient capital allocation.

To further supplement the growth of our business, we intend to prudently pursue acquisitions, investments, alliances or partnerships to secure critical resources, supplement our existing sourcing approach and capture opportunities that are strategically complementary to our operations. We will evaluate potential acquisition opportunities in key data center markets by assessing various factors including geographic location, facility condition, cost, power supply, telecommunications network availability, and compatibility with the needs of our customers.

Increase Market Share by Attracting New Customers and Leveraging Customer Relationships

Our strong customer and industry relationships, combined with our data center presence in key markets in each region and direct sales force, afford us insight into the size, timing, and location of future demand. We intend to leverage this insight to increase our share of the rapidly growing market for high-performance data center services in China. We plan to execute this strategy by attracting new customers, increasing our share of spend by upselling more managed services, capturing demand for large-scale capacity from major customers, and creating a network effect around the enterprises and cloud service providers which we host. We will continue to focus relentlessly on operational excellence and superior customer service to sustain our high customer retention rate.

We will expand our customer base by focusing on new customers in fast growing segments, such as online-to-offline, mobile Internet, cloud and IT services, and healthcare, and by providing colocation services and managed services to fit their specific requirements. We will increase our upsell to existing customers by enhancing our managed service offerings, in particular our solutions for accessing cloud resource and managing enterprise hybrid clouds. We will align our resource development plan to capture a high proportion of the growing demand from existing and new customers, including those which require large-scale capacity.

Capitalize on Rising Adoption of Cloud Computing in China

We intend to capitalize on the growth of cloud computing in China by attracting cloud service providers as hosting customers and by further developing our managed cloud service offerings with the objective of transforming our data centers into key hubs for accessing cloud resources and hybrid cloud management solutions.

We have constructed our data centers with high power capacity, density and efficiency, and other features which support the deployment of large-scale cloud platforms. We continue to enhance our design and technical specifications for this purpose. We have already succeeded in attracting a number of the largest cloud service providers in China to collocate in our data centers. We aim to attract more cloud service providers by providing an optimal carrier and cloud neutral operating environment and by leveraging the network effect of a growing enterprise end-user and cloud service provider ecosystem. We intend to partner with and support our cloud service provider customers to access the enterprise customers which are present in our data centers. We have established such a partnership with Aliyun, the cloud computing unit of Alibaba, and are pursuing similar partnerships with other existing and prospective cloud service provider customers.

We also intend to become the preferred provider of cloud-related managed services to our enterprise customers. We believe that our track record and expertise as a provider of IT managed services positions us well to capture significant opportunities as our enterprise customers transition from private to outsourced cloud solutions. We will continue to work with our enterprise customers to facilitate this transition by providing cloud-based solutions tailored to their specific requirements. We will also continue to develop our innovative CloudMix service platform to assist our customers to integrate and control every aspect of their hybrid cloud computing environment across their private servers and one or more public cloud service providers.

Continue to Focus Relentlessly on Operational Excellence and Capital Efficiency

We will remain at the forefront of the data center industry in China by continuing to set benchmarks for operational excellence. We closely monitor and emphasize measurable operational excellence and remain committed to high SLA fulfillment. We will continue to maintain a high level of customer satisfaction by adopting and automating best-in-class business processes, including further improving our proprietary Data Center Operation Management Platform to provide real-time monitoring and to streamline our data center management processes. We will tailor key performance measures and incentives for our team in order to further enhance productivity and focus on the attainment of our operational goals. We also intend to attract additional highly skilled employees across various business functions to strengthen our resource acquisition and operations management capabilities to support our business growth.

We adopt a modular approach to the construction of our data centers, fitting out and equipping each data center in phases and making available a range of customized options with regards to redundancy, power density, cooling, rack configuration and other technical specifications. This enables us to tailor our product offering to suit the requirements of individual customers, optimize resource utilization, and maximize capital efficiency. Within each market, we have, to the extent possible, strategically grouped our data centers within campuses or clusters, further allowing for capital-efficient phased expansion. We believe this expansion approach combined with our strong development experience will enable us to better manage the timing and scale of our capital expenditure obligations while reducing risk and improving our return on capital.

Our Business Model and the Data Center Lifecycle

Our core business operations entail the planning and sourcing of new data center sites, developing such sites, securing customer commitments, providing our colocation services and managed services to customers, and maintaining high levels of service and customer satisfaction to develop and maintain

long-term relationships with our customers. We focus on developing and operating what we refer to as high-performance data centers. These are data centers that feature large net floor area, high power capacity, density, and efficiency, and multiple redundancy across all critical systems.

Our strong customer and industry relationships afford us insight into the size, timing, and location of future demand which is reflected in our data center resource development plan. We source new data center resources by: (1) acquiring or leasing property which we develop for use as data center facilities, whether through constructing on greenfield sites or converting existing industrial buildings; (2) leasing existing data center capacity from third-party wholesale providers; and, (3) acquiring high performance data centers from other companies. Regardless of the source of our data center resource, we ensure that the facilities meet the high-performance standards required by our target customers. After procuring greenfield sites or existing buildings for conversion, we design and, through cooperation with developers, contractors, and suppliers, build out the facility to our advanced design and high technical specifications.

We take a modular approach to developing, commissioning, equipping and fitting out of facilities, so that we can cater to a range of customer requirements with regard to redundancy, power density, cooling, rack configuration and other technical specifications. In addition, by taking a modular approach, we are able to phase our capital expenditures related to equipping and fitting out resource in accordance with proven sales demand or contractual delivery commitments to customers.

We commence marketing new data center facilities several quarters prior to completion of construction. We aim to secure pre-commitments from customers for a portion of the area under construction, typically from anchor customers who require large-scale capacity. Through securing such pre-commitments, we are able to reduce investment risk and optimize resource planning. Our contracts provide flexibility to our customers with regard to utilization and the commencement of billing. Anchor customers with large-scale commitments usually move in over 12 to 24 months, whereas enterprise customers usually move in over a period of three to six months. During the period when customers are moving into our data centers, we bill our customers for services based on a fixed amount which is the higher of actual utilization and minimum contractual customer commitments. See "—Contracts Terms and Pricing."

Once data center resource becomes billable, customers are charged a fixed price over the life of the contract for colocation services and managed services. In certain contracts, the customer are also charged for actual power consumed. Area committed is included in area utilized when the customer is being billed under the terms of the contract.

For our in-service data centers, we aim to maintain high levels of long-term utilization. As of December 31, 2015, our commitment rate was 87.5% of aggregate net floor area in service, while our utilization rate was 59.1%. The difference between commitment rate and utilization rate reflects the contracts which were still in the process of moving into our data centers. If we secure pre-commitments from customers, particularly large-scale capacity commitments from anchor customers, we expect that our utilization rate will continue to lag our commitment rate due to the longer time taken to move in associated with these types of contracts.

Our business model provides us with high levels of revenue visibility due to the long-term nature of our customer contracts and substantial backlog. We endeavor to provide high levels of customer service, support, and satisfaction so as to maintain long-term customer relationships and high rates of contract renewals for our services. We achieved an average retention rate of over 95% per annum among our Internet and financial institution customers for colocation services in our current data centers over the past two years.

Our Data Centers

Our data centers are large-scale, highly reliable and highly efficient facilities that provide a flexible, modular and secure operating environment in which our customers can house, power and cool the computer systems and networking equipment that support their mission-critical IT infrastructure. We install large power capacity, together with engineering technologies to optimize power usage efficiency, enabling our customers to deploy their IT infrastructure more efficiently and reduce their operating and capital costs. Our data centers are located in close proximity to the corporate headquarters and key operations centers of many large enterprises, providing convenient access for our customers, as well as in areas where there are extensive telecommunications networks enabling our customers to enhance the performance and lower the cost of connectivity to our data centers. Our data centers are strategically located in Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Chengdu, which are the primary financial, commercial, industrial and communications hubs in each region of China, and where demand is concentrated. We continue to source and secure additional data center resources in China's primary economic hubs.

The following table presents certain information relating to our data center portfolio as of December 31, 2015:

(Sqm, %)	Area in service	Area under construction	Area held for development
Location			
Shanghai	20,716	15,544	4,800
Shenzhen	5,628	12,254	5,268
Beijing	9,177	6,177	8,970
Hong Kong	793	—	—
Chengdu	1,555	1,550	3,100
Total	37,869	35,525	22,138
Type			
Self-developed	28,865	35,525	22,138
Third party	9,004	—	—
Total	37,869	35,525	22,138

As of December 31, 2015, our total area committed was 35,918 sqm, of which 33,140 sqm and 2,778 sqm related to data centers in service and data centers under construction, respectively. In May 2016, through GDS Beijing, we acquired all the equity interest in Guangzhou Weiteng, which operates a data center in Guangzhou. As the acquisition was completed in May 2016, operating data related to the data center it operates has not been included in the above table.

Self-developed Data Centers

As of December 31, 2015, we operated six self-developed data centers with an aggregate net floor area of 28,865 sqm in service. We also operated capacity at fifteen third-party data centers with an aggregate net floor area of 9,004 sqm in service, which we source on a wholesale basis and use to provide colocation and managed services to our customers. As of the same date, we had a further six new self-developed data centers and one phase of an existing data center with an aggregate net floor area of 35,525 sqm under construction. In addition, we had entered into leases and development agreements and secured land which could potentially be developed into data centers with an estimated aggregate developable net floor area in excess of 20,000 sqm.

High-Performance Features. Our self-developed data centers generally feature:

- *High Availability.* Our data centers are equipped with redundant delivery paths for power, cooling and other critical systems, sufficient to satisfy or exceed the Tier 3 standard as defined by the Uptime Institute. High availability data centers are suitable for housing mission-critical IT infrastructure. We operate our facilities so as to deliver the levels of service availability required by the most demanding customers.
- *High Power Density.* Our self-developed data centers in service and under construction have an average power density of approximately 2.0 kW/m², compared with an average of around 1.0 kW/m² for data centers in China built since 2011, according to 451 Research. High power density enables customers to deploy their IT infrastructure more efficiently and to optimize their IT infrastructure performance.
- *High Power Efficiency.* Our self-developed data centers are designed to achieve high power efficiency, which is expressed coveresly by a low PUE ratio. Our self-developed data centers had around 1.5 times PUE in stabilized operation, compared with an average of 1.7 times for data centers built from 2011 to mid-2013 in China and more than 2.0 times for older data centers, according to the MIT. High power efficiency reduces operating costs, for the benefit of our customers and ourselves.

In addition to the high-performance features described above, our data centers provide flexible fit-out, sufficient floor load bearing strength and clear slab-to-slab height to support dense deployment of IT hardware, multiple layers of physical security, early fire detection monitoring and fire suppression systems, diverse connectivity, and other amenities.

This combination of high availability, high power density, high power efficiency and other features enables us to serve the most sophisticated and demanding users of data center services who seek cost efficient solutions for their requirements, without compromise on performance across multiple operating parameters.

Types of Data Centers. We have a diversified and flexible approach to developing our data center portfolio. We categorize our data centers into the following two types:

- *Purpose-Built.* Purpose-built data centers are facilities which are designed and constructed specifically for use as data centers. Our purpose-built facilities comprise those that we design ourselves and for which we directly oversee the construction and fit out, as well as certain of the facilities that we lease or have acquired from third-parties. Purpose-built facilities represent approximately 61.1% by aggregate net floor area of our self-developed data centers in service and under construction as of December 31, 2015.
- *Converted.* Conversion involves repurposing existing industrial buildings for use as data centers. We undertake conversions in order to fulfill demand where time-to-market and site opportunity do not allow us to purpose-build. We carefully select such buildings based on their suitability for use as data centers. We design and construct to the same high technical specifications as our purpose-built data centers, so as to ensure that the end-product is of a comparable standard. Converted facilities represent approximately 38.9% by aggregate net floor area of our self-developed data centers in service and under construction as of December 31, 2015.

Data Center Tenure. We hold our data centers either through direct ownership or lease. In China, land cannot be owned outright, but is secured through land use rights. For self-developed data centers that we own, we have rights to use the underlying land for up to 45 years, which is close to the longest permissible period, plus ownership of the buildings and other fixed assets comprising the data center. For self-developed data centers that we lease, we enter into long-term leases with the owners of the building for periods of ten to twenty years, which is the longest permitted lease period under PRC law. For third-

party data centers where we lease capacity on a wholesale basis, we typically enter into leases for fixed terms of three to ten years.

Stage of Development. We categorize our data centers, and the corresponding net floor area, according to the following stages of development:

- *In Service.* Data centers are categorized as in service once the construction of the building is complete, critical systems have been installed, the facility has passed rigorous integrated system testing, and one or more modules have been equipped and fitted out ready for utilization by customers. Once this stage has been reached, we categorize the net floor area of the data center as area in service, including the net floor area which may require additional capex for equipping and fitting out prior to utilization by customers.
- *Under Construction.* Data centers are categorized as under construction once we have secured control of the site, obtained the necessary construction and other permits, established the design, and building and engineering works are in progress. Where we successfully secure pre-commitments from customers, we calculate pre-commitment rate based on the area under construction.
- *Held for Future Development.* Area held for future development consist of the estimated data center net floor area that we expect to be able to develop on land which we have secured, at buildings which we have constructed or leased and pursuant to development or lease agreements we have entered into, but which, in each case, are not under construction. The developable net floor area estimates are subject to a number of contingencies and uncertainties.

Self-Developed Data Centers in Service: The following table sets forth additional details concerning our portfolio of self-developed data centers in service as of December 31, 2015:

	Shanghai			Shenzhen	Beijing	Chengdu
	KS1	SH1	SH2	SZ1	BJ1	CD1 (Phase 1) ⁽³⁾
Date ready for service (HHYY)	2H10	2H11	2H15	2H14	2H15	1H11
Type	Purpose-built	Purpose-built	Purpose-built	Converted	Converted	Purpose-built
Tenure	Owned	Leased	Leased	Leased	Leased	Owned
Area in service	6,546	6,432	7,712	4,281	2,344	1,550
Area committed	6,514	6,062	6,491	4,278	2,344	172
Commitment rate ⁽¹⁾	100%	94%	84%	100%	100%	11%
Area utilized	5,954	4,620	104	3,487	767	154
Utilization rate ⁽²⁾	91%	72%	1%	81%	33%	10%

(1) The ratio of area committed to area in service.

(2) The ratio of area utilized to area in service.

(3) We are developing our CD1 data center in phases. The categorization of data centers by stage of development is applied to each phase of CD1 development.

As of December 31, 2015, we had invested an aggregate RMB1,915.2 million (US\$295.7 million) in our data centers in service and expect to invest an additional RMB47.0 million (US\$7.3 million) to achieve full ramp-up in these data centers.

Self-Developed Data Centers Under Construction. The following data table presents certain information relating to our self-developed data centers under construction as of December 31, 2015:

	Shanghai		Shenzhen			Beijing	Chengdu
	SH3	SH4	SZ2	SZ3	SZ4 (Phase 1) ⁽³⁾	BJ2	CD1 (Phase 2) ⁽³⁾
Estimated date ready for service (HHYY)	2H16	2H17	2H16	2H16	1H17	1H17	2H16
Type	Purpose-built	Purpose-built	Converted	Converted	Converted	Converted	Purpose-built
Tenure	Leased	Leased	Leased	Leased	Leased	Leased	Owned
Area under construction	7,334	8,210	4,308	2,678	5,268	6,177	1,550
Area pre-committed	0	0	2,778 ⁽²⁾	0	0	0	0
Pre-commitment rate ⁽¹⁾	0%	0%	64%	0%	0%	0%	0%

(1) The ratio of area pre-committed divided by the area under construction.

(2) Relates to data center area for which we have entered into a letter of intent with one of our customers.

(3) We are developing our SZ4 and CD1 data centers in phases. The categorization of data centers by stage of development is applied to each phase of SZ4 and CD1 development.

As of December 31, 2015, we had invested RMB78.1 million (US\$12.0 million) in our data centers under construction and expect to invest an additional RMB2,498.9 million (US\$385.8 million) to complete construction and ramp-up in these data centers.

Self-Developed Data Center Resources Held for Future Development. We have also secured data center resources that we classify as held for future development. We have entered into leases and development agreements or secured land which could potentially be developed into data centers with an estimated aggregate developable net floor area in excess of 20,000 sqm. We are developing SZ4 and CD1 data centers in phases. The categorization of data centers by stage of development is applied to each phase of SZ4 and CD1 development. Self-developed data center resources held for future development include: (1) SZ4 (Phase 2), a building in Shenzhen which we have leased and which we are developing in two phases; (2) a site in Beijing for a purpose-built facility that is subject to the local power bureau relocating overhead power supply lines which affect the use of the site; (3) a site in Kunshan for which we have secured land use rights; and (4) CD1 (Phase 3), a building in Chengdu which we own and which we are developing in three phases.

Third-party data centers

In addition to operating and providing services in our self-developed data centers, we also provide data center services with respect to net floor area that we lease from third-party data center providers on a wholesale basis and use to provide colocation and managed services to our customers. As of December 31, 2015, we operated capacity at fifteen third-party data centers with an aggregate net floor area of 9,004 sqm in service.

The third-party data centers where we lease capacity on a wholesale basis were not purpose-built or converted according to our design and technical specification. However, on a selective basis, we may carry out improvement work at third-party data centers in order to attain the performance levels required to serve our customers. In particular, one of our third-party data centers is a facility in which we leased increasing amounts of space over time, so that we now lease the entire data center. As we accumulated leased data center space in the data center over time, and we never conducted any comprehensive conversion or repurposing of the facility, we continue to categorize that data center as a third-party data center.

Our Services

We offer a broad range of services including colocation services and managed services, which includes managed hosting services and managed cloud services. We also provide certain other services, including consulting services.

Colocation Services

We offer our customers a highly secure, reliable and fault-tolerant environment in which to house their servers and related IT equipment. Our core colocation services primarily comprise the provision of critical facilities space, customer-available power, racks and cooling. Our customers have several choices for hosting their servers, networking and storage equipment. They can place their equipment in a shared or private space that can be customized to their requirements. We offer a variety of power options to suit individual customer requirements, including high power density racks.

Managed Services

Managed Hosting Services. Our managed hosting services comprise a broad range of value-added services, covering each layer of the data center IT value chain. Our suite of managed hosting services includes business continuity and disaster recovery, or BCDR, solutions, network management services, data storage services, system security services, operating system services, database services and server middleware services. Our managed hosting services are tailored to meet the specific objectives of individual customers. We help our customers reduce their costs, re-engineer existing processes, improve the quality of service delivery and realize a better return on their investment.

Our network management services help our customers to design and maintain their private network systems. Our data storage services provide storage architecture design and customization for specific requirements. Our system security services include identity and access control, firewall management, intrusion protection and vulnerability protection services. Our operating system services provide pro-active administration, management, monitoring and reporting across a wide range of operating systems. Our database services provide database customization and performance tuning operation, administration and monitoring services across a range of database platforms. Our server middleware services provide customization and performance tuning services across a range of platforms. These services are provided on a continuous basis over the term of the contract.

Managed Cloud Services. The adoption of cloud computing continues to rise and has become a key element of IT strategy for enterprises globally. We believe that our data centers are well-suited for the hosting of cloud platforms. As a result, we have succeeded in attracting a number of major cloud service providers to colocate their cloud service platforms in our data centers, including those operated by Aliyun, the cloud computing unit of Alibaba, and by certain of our other large Internet, telecommunications and IT service provider customers.

The presence in our data centers of major cloud service providers enables us to offer our enterprise customers efficient and reliable access to the high capacity cloud resources of their choosing. On a reciprocal basis, we are able to assist our cloud service provider customers to access the enterprise customers which are present in our data centers. We believe that this established presence in our data centers creates a network effect which will attract other cloud service providers, as well as additional enterprise customers, to colocate in our data centers.

Large enterprises are increasingly deploying a combination of multiple private, hosted, or public cloud services, a configuration known as hybrid cloud. We expect that hybrid clouds will become increasingly prevalent in China. While this configuration can provide enterprises with greater flexibility, scalability, security and cost efficiency, it also presents new challenges in integrating and operating multiple systems. Leveraging our long track record as a provider of IT managed services, we are developing an innovative

service platform to assist our enterprise customers in the management of their hybrid clouds. Our platform, which we refer to as CloudMix, provides a robust management interface enabling enterprises to integrate and control every aspect of their hybrid cloud computing environment across their private servers and one or more public cloud service providers. We also architect cloud-based solutions tailored to the unique requirements of each customer.

Data Center Sourcing and Development

We believe that the size, location, and quality of our facilities are key to maintaining our competitiveness. We apply the same rigor to the process of sourcing, design and construction as we do to our operations. We have a substantial in-house team dedicated to sourcing, feasibility analysis, technical design, costing and project management. The process is comprised of the following steps:

- *Planning and Sourcing.* Our strong customer and industry relationships, combined with our data center presence in key markets in each region and direct sales force, afford us insight into the size, timing, and location of future demand. We incorporate this insight into a multi-year resource plan for each of the key markets. Our in-house team begins sourcing potential sites up to three or more years in advance of planned delivery. We seek to secure sites both in close proximity to central business districts or to areas where there is a concentration of enterprise operations centers so as to satisfy the location preferences of our target customer segments. We consider both greenfield sites when available, and also existing industrial buildings suitable for conversion. We require security of tenure for a minimum of ten years. Our team works closely with local government authorities to obtain necessary permits and approvals, with electric utilities to obtain sufficient power infrastructure and supply, and with telecommunications carriers to ensure multi-carrier connectivity to our data centers. We generally seek to secure sites that can support a net floor area of at least 5,000 square meters per data center building and sufficient power capacity to fulfill the requirements of the customer segments which we expect to serve in the facility.
- *Design and Construction.* We undertake the technical design, specification and costing in-house as we believe that these are important to ensuring the data center meets our strategic requirements. This also enables us to achieve a level of design standardization. We continuously study new engineering and technologies to maintain an advanced design. Our in-house team also takes responsibility for construction project management, which includes scheduling, vendor selection, procurement, budget control and cost analysis, and quality supervision and assurance. We believe that these elements are important to ensuring the project is completed on time, within budget and to the required quality standard.
- *Commissioning and Fit Out.* After the shell and core of a building are completed, we work with our contractors and suppliers to make the data center ready for service, or RFS. This involves: (1) obtaining necessary operating permits and approvals; (2) equipping and fitting out the critical facilities area for utilization by customers; and, (3) pre-operational testing, also referred to as commissioning, to ensure that the facility is fully functioning and capable of providing the required service levels. We have a team dedicated to testing and commissioning before operations commence.

Operations

We have separate teams for data center operations and service delivery. Our data center operations team is responsible for directing, coordinating and monitoring the daily operation of our data center facilities. Our service delivery team is responsible for delivery of the services which we provide to customers on a 24/7 basis. Our teams are deployed in regional operations centers, as well as on site, in order to provide two layers of management and support.

We undertake in-house all technical functions which impact data center performance, including floor planning, equipment lifecycle management, optimizing data center efficiency, surveillance of the critical facilities environment and network performance, incident response management and rectification. We also undertake in-house all activities which have a direct bearing on customers, including support for set up of customer IT equipment, remote hands services, outsourced IT operations, incident and compliance reporting, and response to customer requests.

We have developed a proprietary Data Center Operation Management Platform which provides real-time information on many aspects of data center operating performance and enables us to streamline our data center management processes. We also have developed robust operating procedures, protocols and standards which enable us to meet or exceed the performance and quality levels specified in our service level agreements, or SLAs, with the most sophisticated customers. We have been certified ISO9001, ISO20000 and ISO27001 for almost 10 years. We believe that our standard of data center operations, which reflects our history and culture as an IT service provider, set us apart from many data center service providers in China.

Our Customers

We consider our customer to be the end user of our data center services. We may enter into contracts directly with our end user customer or through an intermediate contracting party. We have long-standing relationships with all the major PRC telecommunications carriers who are both partners providing network services to our customers as well as intermediate contracting parties for the sale of colocation services to our customers. Because we negotiate with, maintain and support each of the end users of our services, even where the actual data center contract is made with the telecommunications carrier, we consider the end user to be our end customer. The end user customer generally has separate decision-making authority and a services procurement budget that is distinct from that of the telecommunications carriers with whom we contract.

We currently serve over 300 customers, including large Internet companies, a diverse community of approximately 140 PRC and foreign financial institutions as well as telecommunications and IT service providers and large domestic private sector and multinational corporations, many of which are leaders in their respective industry verticals. Within our customer base, we host a number of major cloud service providers, including Aliyun, the cloud computing unit of Alibaba, which is present in several of our data centers.

Our Internet and financial institution end user customers accounted for 65.1% and 21.7% of our total area committed as of December 31, 2015. Our two largest end user customers accounted for 40.8% and 15.9%, respectively, of our total area committed as of December 31, 2015. No other end user customer accounted for 10% or more of our total area committed as of that date.

We endeavor to establish strategic relationships with key customers, particularly large Internet companies and cloud service providers who have large data center capacity requirements and who can help enhance the value of our data center ecosystem.

Contract Terms and Pricing

Pricing in our contracts is for a fixed amount which usually includes a stated amount of space, power commitment and other bundled services. Power commitment means the right to use a stated amount of power. Pricing is generally flat over the contract term but subject to adjustments when power tariffs change. Where power tariffs change, we adjust the pricing to reflect the change in power cost going forward. For some customers, we charge for actual power consumed.

A substantial majority of our customer contracts are multi-year contracts. Contracts for our large Internet customers typically have terms of three to six years, while contracts with our enterprise customers

are for between one to five years. Our typical service contract provides a notice period of one to six months for early termination, and in certain cases, we are entitled to a substantial amount of early termination damages equivalent to up to 12 months' service fee, in addition to payment for our services already provided before such early termination.

Sales and Marketing

Sales. Our sales activities are mainly conducted through our direct sales force. We organize our direct sales force into four geographic regions, Northern China, Southern China, Eastern China and Western China. We incentivize our sales force to meet their annual targets through performance-based bonuses. For new customers, our sales cycle typically begins with creating a sales plan for a particular region or industry and then identifying new customers in these regions or industries. We also receive referrals from our vendors and other relationships, and often our reputation attracts customers to our services without any directed sales efforts. For our existing customers, our sales team focuses on identifying upsell opportunities.

Many of our customer contracts are won through a competitive bidding process. For new customers, the bidding process begins with evaluation of the potential customer's requirements. We formulate a service proposal based on these requirements. Our team representing multiple departments prepares a proposal to meet the required service scope and level. We negotiate the contract and service details.

Marketing. To support our sales effort and to actively promote our brand, we conduct wide-ranging marketing programs. Our marketing strategies include active public relations and ongoing customer communications programs. We participate in a variety of IT industry and financial services industry conferences and workshops to raise awareness about the value of data center services. We also build our brand recognition by participating in industry and government workshops and industry standard-setting bodies, such as the China National Institute of Standardization Committee on Disaster Recovery for Information Systems.

Technology and Intellectual Property

We rely on a combination of copyright, trademark, trade secrets and other intellectual property laws, nondisclosure agreements and other measures to protect our intellectual property, such as our proprietary storage and management system, for which we have registered a copyright. We also promote protection through contractual prohibitions, such as requiring our employees to enter into confidentiality and non-compete agreements which are applicable to selected employees.

Competition

We offer a broad range of data center services and, as a result, we may compete with a wide range of data center service providers for some or all of the services we offer.

We face competition from the state-owned telecommunications carriers, namely China Telecom, China Unicom and China Mobile. As of December 31, 2015, these carriers had a 59% share in aggregate of the high performance data center services market in China based on area committed, according to 451 Research. One of the main purposes for which these carriers develop data centers is in order to facilitate the sale of related telecommunications services. In locations outside of the key economic hubs, these three carriers may sometimes be the only available provider of data center services. We distinguish ourselves from these carriers because we are carrier-neutral, enabling our customers to connect within our facilities with all three carriers based on their cost and/or network and application requirements. We compete on the basis of our data center quality, operating track record and differentiated managed and cloud service capabilities. Although we compete with carriers for colocation customers, our customers also rely on the connectivity that carriers provide. We believe that we also have a mutually beneficial relationship with these carriers since our data center services often help carriers attract more customers for their telecommunications services.

We also compete with other carrier-neutral data center service providers, including:

- *Domestic carrier neutral data center service providers.* We compete with domestic carrier-neutral data center service providers with a presence in some or all of our markets, such as Sinnet, Dr. Peng and 21Vianet. We believe that we are well positioned in terms of our operational track record and our ability to: deliver high-performance data center services in all key markets; maintain consistently high facility and service quality; continue capacity expansion in all key markets to accommodate growing demand; and provide differentiated managed service offerings with a unique value proposition.
- *International carrier neutral data center service providers.* We compete to a lesser extent with foreign carrier-neutral data center service providers such as Equinix, KDDI and NTTCom, each of which has a presence in Shanghai and/or Beijing and primarily serve their international customers. We believe that we distinguish ourselves by our larger capacity and more extensive market presence across the key economics hubs in China, deep operating knowledge and long track record in the China market, and long-term relationships with the telecommunications carriers.

Employees and Training

We had 461 and 617 employees as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively. The following table sets forth the number of our employees by function as of December 31, 2015:

	Number of Employees	% of Total
Colocation services	314	51%
Managed services	127	21%
Sales and marketing	71	11%
Management, finance and administration	105	17%
Total	<u>617</u>	<u>100%</u>

To maintain the highest level of service, employee training and certification is essential to ensure that our employees meet and exceed industry requirements. Many of our engineering employees have received training and certifications from globally-recognized IT service organizations, such as IBM AS/400 certifications.

We pay most of our employees a base salary and performance-based bonuses and provide welfare and other benefits required by law. In addition, we plan to provide some of our employees with stock option to align their interests more closely with our shareholders. We believe that our compensation and benefits packages are competitive within our industry. We have not had any labor disputes that materially interfered with our operations and we believe that our employee relations are good.

We also outsource certain operations, primarily on-site security, to reputable third-party service providers. As of December 31, 2015, we used the services of approximately 180 such personnel.

Facilities

Our headquarters are located at 2/F, Tower 2, Youyou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road, Pudong, Shanghai 200127, People's Republic of China. We have additional offices in Beijing, Suzhou, Shenzhen and Chengdu.

Our offices are located on leased premises totaling approximately 2,900 sqm across China. We lease our office premises from unrelated third parties.

Insurance

We have in place insurance coverage up to a level which we consider to be reasonable and which covers the type of risks usually insured by companies on the same or similar types of business as ours in China. Our insurance broadly falls under the following four categories: business interruption for lost profits, property and casualty, public liability, and commercial employee insurance.

Legal Proceedings

We may become subject to legal proceedings, investigations and claims incidental to the conduct of our business from time to time. We are not currently a party to, nor are we aware of, any legal proceeding, investigation or claim which, in the opinion of our management, is likely to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operation.

REGULATIONS

This section sets forth a summary of the material laws and regulations or requirements that affect our business activities in China or the rights of our shareholders to receive dividends and other distributions from us.

Our Internet data center businesses are classified as value-added telecommunication businesses by the PRC government. Current PRC laws, rules and regulations restrict foreign ownership in value-added telecommunication services. As a result, we operate our Internet data center businesses through our consolidated VIEs, each of which is owned by PRC citizens and certain of which hold the licenses associated with these businesses. As the development of the Internet and telecommunications industry in China is still evolving, new laws and regulations may be adopted from time to time that will require us to obtain additional licenses and permits in addition to those that we currently have, and to address new issues that arise from time to time. As a result, substantial uncertainties exist regarding the interpretation and implementation of current and future Chinese laws and regulations applicable to the data center services industry. See "Risk Factors—Risk Relating to Doing Business in the People's Republic of China."

Regulation on Foreign Investment Restrictions

Investment activities in the PRC by foreign investors are principally governed by the Industry Catalog Relating to Foreign Investment, or the Catalog, which was promulgated and is amended from time to time by the Ministry of Commerce and the National Development and Reform Commission. The Catalog divides industries into three categories: encouraged, restricted and prohibited. Industries not listed in the Catalog are generally deemed as constituting a fourth "permitted" category and open to foreign investment unless specifically restricted by other PRC regulations. Industries such as value-added telecommunication services, including Internet data center services, are restricted to foreign investment.

According to the *Administrative Regulations on Foreign-Invested Telecommunications Enterprises* issued by the PRC State Council on December 11, 2001 and amended on September 10, 2008 and February 6, 2016 respectively, foreign-invested value-added telecommunications enterprises must be in the form of a Sino-foreign equity joint venture. The regulations restrict the ultimate capital contribution percentage held by foreign investor(s) in a foreign-invested value-added telecommunications enterprise to 50% or less and require the primary foreign investor in a foreign invested value-added telecommunications enterprise to have a good track record and operational experience in the VATS industry.

In July 2006, the MIIT issued the *Circular of the Ministry of Information Industry on Strengthening the Administration of Foreign Investment in Value-added Telecommunications Business*, or the MIIT Circular, according to which, a foreign investor in the telecommunications service industry of China must establish a foreign invested enterprise and apply for a telecommunications businesses operation license. The MIIT Circular further requires that: (i) PRC domestic telecommunications business enterprises must not, through any form, lease, transfer or sell a telecommunications businesses operation license to a foreign investor, or provide resources, offices and working places, facilities or other assistance to support the illegal telecommunications services operations of a foreign investor; (ii) value-added telecommunications business enterprises or their shareholders must directly own the domain names and trademarks used by such enterprises in their daily operations; (iii) each value-added telecommunications business enterprise must have the necessary facilities for its approved business operations and to maintain such facilities in the regions covered by its license; and (iv) all VATS providers are required to maintain network and Internet security in accordance with the standards set forth in relevant PRC regulations. If a license holder fails to comply with the requirements in the MIIT Circular and cure such non-compliance, the MIIT or its local counterparts have the discretion to take measures against such license holder, including revoking its value-added telecommunications business operation license.

In light of the above restrictions and requirements, we conduct our value-added telecommunications businesses through our consolidated VIEs.

Regulations Related to Value-Added Telecommunications Business

Among all of the applicable laws and regulations, the *Telecommunications Regulations of the People's Republic of China*, or the Telecom Regulations, promulgated by the PRC State Council in September 2000 and amended on July 29, 2014 and February 6, 2016 respectively, is the primary governing law, and sets out the general framework for the provision of telecommunications services by domestic PRC companies. Under the Telecom Regulations, telecommunications service providers are required to procure operating licenses prior to their commencement of operations. The Telecom Regulations distinguish "basic telecommunications services" from "VATS." VATS are defined as telecommunications and information services provided through public networks.

The Telecom Catalogue, was issued as an attachment to the Telecom Regulations to categorize telecommunications services as either basic or value-added. In February 2003 and December 2015, the Catalogue was updated respectively, categorizing online data and transaction processing, on-demand voice and image communications, domestic Internet virtual private networks, Internet data centers, message storage and forwarding (including voice mailbox, e-mail and online fax services), call centers, Internet access and online information and data search and etc. as VATS. The "internet data center" business is categorized as a value-added telecommunications business and is defined under the Telecom Catalogue as a business that (i) uses relevant infrastructure facilities in order to render outsourcing services for housing, maintenance, system configuration and management services for clients' Internet or other network related equipment such as servers, (ii) provides the leasing of equipment, such as database systems or servers, and the storage space housing the equipment and (iii) provides lease agency services of connectivity lines and bandwidth of infrastructure facilities and other application services. Also, Internet resources collaboration services business is incorporated into the definition of internet data center business under the 2015 Telecom Catalogue (which took effect from March 1, 2016), and defined as "the data storage, Internet application development environment, Internet application deployment and running management and other services provided for users through Internet or other networks in the manners of access at any time and on demand, expansion at any time and coordination and sharing, by using the equipment and resources built on database centers".

On March 1, 2009, the MIIT promulgated the *Administrative Measures for Telecommunications Business Operating License*, or the Telecom License Measures, which took effect on April 10, 2009. The Telecom License Measures set forth the types of licenses required to provide telecommunications services in China and the procedures and requirements for obtaining such licenses. With respect to licenses for value-added telecommunications businesses, the Telecom License Measures distinguish between licenses for business conducted in a single province, which are issued by the provincial-level counterparts of the MIIT and licenses for cross-regional businesses, which are issued by the MIIT. The licenses for foreign invested telecommunications business operators need to be applied with MIIT. An approved telecommunications services operator must conduct its business in accordance with the specifications stated on its telecommunications business operating license. Pursuant to the Telecom License Measures, cross-regional VATS licenses shall be approved and issued by the MIIT with five-year terms.

On December 1, 2012, the MIIT issued the *Circular of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China on Further Standardizing the Market Access-related Work for Businesses Concerning Internet Data Centers and Internet Service Providers* which clarifies the application requirements and verification procedures for the licensing of IDC and internet service provider, or ISP, businesses and states that entities intending to engage in the IDC or ISP business could apply for a license since December 1, 2012.

On May 6, 2013, the Q&A was published on the website of China Academy of Telecom Research. The Q&A, although not an official law or regulation, is deemed by the market as a guideline in practice which reflected the attitude of MIIT as to the application for VATS licenses, especially as to IDC services.

To comply with the above restrictions and requirements, both GDS Beijing and GDS Shanghai have obtained cross-regional value added telecommunications licenses which permit them to provide data center services across five cities in China: Beijing, Chengdu, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Suzhou.

Regulations Related to Information Technology Outsourcing Services Provided to Banking Financial Institutions

On June 4, 2010, China Banking Regulatory Commission, or the CBRC, issued the *Guidelines on the Management of Outsourcing Risks of Banking Financial Institutions*, or the Guidelines, which requires that the banking financial institutions should manage risks in relation to outsourcing services, and thus, outsourcing services providers should meet the relevant standards and requirements with respect to their technical strength, service capacity, emergency response capacity, familiarity to the banking industry and etc., to pass the due diligence investigations conducted by the banking financial institutions pursuant to the Guidelines, and should also make commitments as to fulfilling reporting, cooperating, or other obligations as may be required by the banking financial institutions under the Guidelines.

On February 16, 2013, CBRC issued the *Circular of the China Banking Regulatory Commission on Printing and Distributing the Guidelines for the Regulation of Information Technology Outsourcing Risks of Banking Financial Institutions*, or Circular 5. According to Circular 5, CBRC is responsible for supervising banking financial institutions in their access management of information technology outsourcing service providers, organizing relevant banking financial institutions to establish service management records for such service providers, and conducting risk assessment and rating of them. For the outsourcing services providers, including those that are engaged in providing outsourcing services of system operation and maintenance, such as outsourcing of operation and maintenance of data centers, disaster recovery centers, machine room ancillary facilities, and etc., a banking financial institution shall submit a report to the CBRC or the local CBRC office 20 business days before entering into an outsourcing contract, and the CBRC or the local CBRC office may take measures, such as risk alert, interview or regulatory inquiry, for outsourcing risks of the banking financial institution. In the event where the outsourcing services providers are in serious violation of the applicable PRC laws, regulations or regulatory policies, they would be prohibited by CBRC from conducting banking information technology outsourcing services, and the prohibition period should at least be two years, and may be extended if such outsourcing service providers have not made rectification within two years.

In addition, CBRC promulgated the *Notice of the General Office of China Banking Regulatory Commission on Strengthening the Management of Risks Involved in the Offsite and Centralized Information Technology Outsourcing of Banking Financial Institutions* on July 1, 2014, and the *Circular of the General Office of the China Banking Regulatory Commission on Performing Supervision over and Evaluation on Offsite and Centralized Information Technology Outsourcing of Banking Financial Institutions* on December 2, 2014. Pursuant to these regulations, in order to further administrate and supervise the offsite and centralized information technology outsourcing provided by the outsourcing services providers to the banking financial institutions, CBRC requires the contracts between the outsourcing services providers and the banking financial institutions specify, among other things, that outsourcing services providers should comply with the banking regulations and accept the supervision and review as conducted by CBRC, the failure of which would cause such outsourcing services providers to be disqualified for incorporating their services into the supervision and evaluation scope of CBRC, and CBRC will not accept their applications for incorporating their outsourcing services into its supervision and evaluation scope within five years.

Regulations Related to Land Use Rights

On June 11, 2003, the Ministry of Land and Resources, or the MLR promulgated the *Regulation on Grant of State-owned Land Use Rights by Agreement*, which became effective on August 1, 2003. According to such regulation, the land use rights (excluding land use rights used for business purposes, such as commercial, tourism, entertainment and commodity residential properties) may be granted by way of

agreement. The local land bureau and the intended user will negotiate the land premium which shall not be lower than the minimum price approved by the relevant government and enter into the grant contract. Upon signing of the contract for the grant of land use rights, the grantee is required to pay the land premium pursuant to the terms of the contract and the contract is then submitted to the relevant local land bureau for the issue of the land use right certificate. Upon expiration of the term of grant, the grantee may apply for renewal of the term. Upon approval by the relevant local land bureau, a new contract shall be entered into to renew the grant, and a grant premium shall be paid.

If two or more entities are interested in the land use rights proposed to be granted, such land use rights shall be granted by way of tender, auction or putting up for bidding. Furthermore, according to the *Rules Regarding the Grant of State-owned Land Use Rights by Way of Tender, Auction and Listing-for-Sale*, or the Land Use Grant Rules, which are effective from July 1, 2002, land use rights for properties for commercial use, tourism, entertainment and commodity residential purposes can only be granted through tender, auction and listing-for-sale.

After land use rights relating to a particular area of land have been granted by the State, unless any restriction is imposed, the party to whom such land use rights are granted may transfer (for a term not exceeding the term which has been granted by the State), lease or mortgage such land use rights on the conditions provided by laws and regulations. Upon a transfer of land use rights, all rights and obligations contained in the contract pursuant to which the land use rights were originally granted by the State are assigned from the transferor to the transferee.

According to the *Land Registration Regulations* promulgated by the State Land Administration Bureau, the predecessor of the MLR, on December 28, 1995 and implemented on February 1, 1996, the Land Registration Measures promulgated by MLR on December 30, 2007 and effective on February 1, 2008, all land use rights which are duly registered are protected by the law, and the land registration is achieved by the issue of a land use right certificate by the relevant authority to the land user.

Under the *Administration Law of Urban Real Property of the People's Republic of China*, which was issued by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on August 30, 2007 and amended on August 27, 2009, the land must be developed in line with the purposes of the land and the deadline for commencement of construction as stipulated in the grant contract. Where construction does not commence within one year of commencement of construction as stipulated in the grant contract, an idle land fee may be charged at a rate of not more than 20% of the fee for the grant of land use rights. Where construction does not commence within two years, land use rights may be forfeited without compensation, except where the commencement of construction is delayed due to force majeure, an act of the government or relevant government departments, or preliminary work necessary for the commencement of construction.

Regulations Related to Leases

According to the *Contract Law of the People's Republic of China* promulgated by the National People's Congress on March 15, 1999 and effective from October 1, 1999, the lease agreement shall be in writing if its term is over six months, and the term of any lease agreement shall not exceed twenty years. During the lease term, any change of ownership to the leased property does not affect the validity of the lease contract. The tenant may sub-let the leased property if it is agreed by the landlord and the lease agreement between the landlord and the tenant is still valid and binding. When the landlord is to sell a leased housing under a lease agreement, it shall give the tenant a reasonable advance notice before the sale, and the tenant has the priority to buy such leased housing on equal conditions. The tenant must pay rent on time in accordance with the lease contract. In the event of default of rental payment without reasonable cause, the landlord may ask the tenant to pay within a reasonable period of time, failing which the landlord may terminate the lease. The landlord has the right to terminate the lease agreement if the tenant sub-lets the property without consent from the landlord, or causes loss to the leased properties resulting from its using the property not in compliance with the usage as stipulated in the lease agreement,

or defaults in rental payment after the reasonable period as required by the landlord, or other circumstances occurs allowing the landlord terminate the lease agreement under relevant PRC laws and regulations, or otherwise, if the landlord wishes to terminate the lease before its expiry date, prior consent shall be obtained from the tenants.

On December 1, 2010, Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development promulgated the *Administrative Measures for Leasing of Commodity Housing*, which became effective on February 1, 2011. According to the *Administrative Measures for Leasing of Commodity Housing*, the landlords and tenants are required to enter into lease contracts which must contain specified provisions, and the lease contract should be registered with the relevant construction or property authorities at municipal or county level within 30 days after its conclusion. If the lease contract is extended or terminated or if there is any change to the registered items, the landlord and the tenant are required to effect alteration registration, extension of registration or deregistration with the relevant construction or property authorities within 30 days after the occurrence of the extension, termination or alteration.

Regulations Related to Intellectual Property Rights

The State Council and the National Copyright Administration, or the NCAC, have promulgated various rules and regulations relating to the protection of software in China. Under these rules and regulations, software owners, licensees and transferees may register their rights in software with the NCAC or its local branches and obtain software copyright registration certificates. Although such registration is not mandatory under PRC law, software owners, licensees and transferees are encouraged to go through the registration process to enjoy the better protections afforded to registered software rights.

On March 1, 2009, the MIIT promulgated the *Administrative Measures on Software Products*, or the Software Measures, which replaced the original *Administrative Measures on Software Measures* promulgated by MIIT in October 2000, to regulate software products and promote the development of the software industry in China. Pursuant to the Software Measures, software products which are developed in China and registered with the local provincial government authorities in charge of the information industry and filed with MIIT may enjoy the relevant encouragement policies. Software developers or producers may sell or license their registered software products independently or through agents. Upon registration, the software products will be granted registration certificates. Each registration certificate is valid for five years and may be renewed upon expiration.

The *PRC Trademark Law*, adopted in 1982 and revised in 1993, 2001 and 2013 respectively, with its implementation rules adopted in 2002 and revised in 2014, protects registered trademarks. The PRC Trademark Office of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, or the SAIC, handles trademark registrations and grants a protection term of ten years to registered trademarks.

The MIIT amended its *Administrative Measures on China Internet Domain Names* in 2004. According to these measures, the MIIT is in charge of the overall administration of domain names in China. The registration of domain names in PRC is on a "first-apply-first-registration" basis. A domain name applicant will become the domain name holder upon the completion of the application procedure.

Regulations Related to Employment

On June 29, 2007, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, or SCNPC, adopted the *Labor Contract Law*, or LCL, which became effective as of January 1, 2008 and was revised in 2012. The LCL requires employers to enter into written contracts with their employees, restricts the use of temporary workers and aims to give employees long-term job security.

Pursuant to the LCL, employment contracts lawfully concluded prior to the implementation of the LCL and continuing as of the date of its implementation will continue to be performed. Where an employment

relationship was established prior to the implementation of the LCL but no written employment contract was concluded, a contract must be concluded within one month after the LCL's implementation.

According to the *Social Insurance Law* promulgated by SCNPC and effective from July 1, 2011, the *Regulation of Insurance for Work-Related Injury*, the *Provisional Measures on Insurance for Maternity of Employees*, *Regulation of Unemployment Insurance*, the *Decision of the State Council on Setting Up Basic Medical Insurance System for Staff Members and Workers in Cities and Towns*, the *Interim Regulation on the Collection and Payment of Social Insurance Premiums and the Interim Provisions on Registration of Social Insurance*, an employer is required to contribute the social insurance for its employees in the PRC, including the basic pension insurance, basic medical insurance, unemployment insurance, maternity insurance and injury insurance.

Under the *Regulations on the Administration of Housing Funds*, promulgated by the State Council on April 3, 1999 and as amended on March 24, 2002, an employer is required to make contributions to a housing fund for its employees.

Regulations Related to Foreign Currency Exchange and Dividend Distribution

Foreign Currency Exchange

The principal regulations governing foreign currency exchange in China are the *Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations*, as amended in August 2008. Under this regulation, the Renminbi is freely convertible for current account items, including the trade and service-related foreign exchange transactions and other current exchange transactions, but not for capital account items, such as direct investments, loans, repatriation of investments and investments in securities, unless the prior approval of the SAFE is obtained and prior registration with the SAFE is made.

Pursuant to the *Administration Rules of the Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange* promulgated on June 20, 1996 by the People's Bank of China, foreign-invested enterprises in China may purchase or remit foreign currency for settlement of current account transactions without the approval of the SAFE. Foreign currency transactions under the capital account are still subject to limitations and require approvals from, or registration with, the SAFE and other relevant PRC governmental authorities.

In addition, the *Notice of the General Affairs Department of SAFE on The Relevant Operation Issues Concerning the Improvement of the Administration of Payment and Settlement of Foreign Currency Capital of Foreign-invested Enterprises*, or Circular 142, which was promulgated on August 29, 2008 by SAFE, regulates the conversion by foreign-invested enterprises of foreign currency into Renminbi by restricting how the converted Renminbi may be used. Circular 142 requires that Renminbi converted from the foreign currency-denominated capital of a foreign-invested enterprise may only be used for purposes within the business scope approved by the relevant government authority and may not be used to make equity investments in PRC, unless specifically provided otherwise. The SAFE further strengthened its oversight over the flow and use of Renminbi funds converted from the foreign currency-denominated capital of a foreign-invested enterprise. The use of such Renminbi may not be changed without approval from the SAFE, and may not be used to repay Renminbi loans if the proceeds of such loans have not yet been used. Any violation of Circular 142 may result in severe penalties, including substantial fines.

In November 2012, SAFE promulgated the *Circular of Further Improving and Adjusting Foreign Exchange Administration Policies on Foreign Direct Investment*, which substantially amends and simplifies the current foreign exchange procedure. Pursuant to this circular, the opening of various special purpose foreign exchange accounts, such as pre-establishment expenses accounts, foreign exchange capital accounts and guarantee accounts, the reinvestment of Renminbi proceeds by foreign investors in the PRC, and remittance of foreign exchange profits and dividends by a foreign-invested enterprise to its foreign shareholders no longer require the approval or verification of SAFE, and multiple capital accounts for the same entity may be opened in different provinces, which was not possible previously. In addition, SAFE

promulgated the *Circular on Printing and Distributing the Provisions on Foreign Exchange Administration over Domestic Direct Investment by Foreign Investors and the Supporting Documents* in May 2013, which specifies that the administration by SAFE or its local branches over direct investment by foreign investors in the PRC shall be conducted by way of registration and banks shall process foreign exchange business relating to the direct investment in the PRC based on the registration information provided by SAFE and its branches.

In July 2014, SAFE decided to further reform the foreign exchange administration system in order to satisfy and facilitate the business and capital operations of foreign invested enterprises, and issued the *Circular on the Relevant Issues Concerning the Launch of Reforming Trial of the Administration Model of the Settlement of Foreign Currency Capital of Foreign-Invested Enterprises in Certain Areas*, or Circular 36, on August 4, 2014. This circular suspends the application of Circular 142 in certain areas and allows a foreign-invested enterprise registered in such areas to use the Renminbi capital converted from foreign currency registered capital for equity investments within the PRC.

On March 30, 2015, SAFE released the *Notice on the Reform of the Management Method for the Settlement of Foreign Exchange Capital of Foreign-invested Enterprises*, or Circular 19, which has made certain adjustments to some regulatory requirements on the settlement of foreign exchange capital of foreign-invested enterprises, lifted some foreign exchange restrictions under Circular 142, and annulled Circular 142 and Circular 36. However, Circular 19 continues to, prohibit foreign-invested enterprises from, among other things, using Renminbi fund converted from its foreign exchange capitals for expenditure beyond its business scope, providing entrusted loans or repaying loans between non-financial enterprises.

Circular 37

On July 4, 2014, SAFE promulgated the *Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Control on Domestic Residents' Offshore Investment and Financing and Roundtrip Investment through Special Purpose Vehicles*, or Circular 37, which replaced the former circular commonly known as Circular 75 promulgated by SAFE on October 21, 2005. Circular 37 requires PRC residents to register with local branches of SAFE in connection with their direct establishment or indirect control of an offshore entity, for the purpose of overseas investment and financing, with such PRC residents' legally owned assets or equity interests in domestic enterprises or offshore assets or interests, referred to in Circular 37 as a "special purpose vehicle." Circular 37 further requires amendment to the registration in the event of any significant changes with respect to the special purpose vehicle, such as increase or decrease of capital contributed by PRC individuals, share transfer or exchange, merger, division or other material event. In the event that a PRC shareholder holding interests in a special purpose vehicle fails to fulfill the required SAFE registration, the PRC subsidiaries of that special purpose vehicle may be prohibited from making profit distributions to the offshore parent and from carrying out subsequent cross-border foreign exchange activities, and the special purpose vehicle may be restricted in its ability to contribute additional capital into its PRC subsidiary. Furthermore, failure to comply with the various SAFE registration requirements described above could result in liability under PRC law for evasion of foreign exchange controls.

On February 13, 2015, SAFE released the *Notice on Further Simplifying and Improving Policies for the Foreign Exchange Administration of Direct Investment*, or Circular 13, which has amended Circular 37 by requiring PRC residents or entities to register with qualified banks rather than SAFE or its local branch in connection with their establishment or control of an offshore entity established for the purpose of overseas investment or financing.

Share Option Rules

Under the *Administration Measures on Individual Foreign Exchange Control* issued by the PBOC on December 25, 2006, all foreign exchange matters involved in employee share ownership plans and share option plans in which PRC citizens participate require approval from SAFE or its authorized branch. Pursuant

to Circular 37, PRC residents who participate in share incentive plans in overseas non-publicly-listed companies may submit applications to SAFE or its local branches for the foreign exchange registration with respect to offshore special purpose companies. In addition, under the *Notices on Issues concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration for Domestic Individuals Participating in Share Incentive Plans of Overseas Publicly-Listed Companies* issued by SAFE on February 15, 2012, or the Share Option Rules, PRC residents who are granted shares or share options by companies listed on overseas stock exchanges under share incentive plans are required to (i) register with SAFE or its local branches, (ii) retain a qualified PRC agent, which may be a PRC subsidiary of the overseas listed company or another qualified institution selected by the PRC subsidiary, to conduct the SAFE registration and other procedures with respect to the share incentive plans on behalf of the participants, and (iii) retain an overseas institution to handle matters in connection with their exercise of share options, purchase and sale of shares or interests and funds transfers.

Dividend Distribution

The principal regulations governing distribution of dividends of foreign holding companies include the *Foreign Investment Enterprise Law*, issued in 1986 and amended in 2000, and the *Implementation Rules under the Foreign Investment Enterprise Law*, issued in 1990 and amended in 2001 and 2014 respectively. Under these regulations, foreign investment enterprises in the PRC may pay dividends only out of their accumulated profits, if any, determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. In addition, foreign investment enterprises in the PRC are required to allocate at least 10% of their respective accumulated profits each year, if any, to fund certain reserve funds unless these reserves have reached 50% of the registered capital of the enterprises. These reserves are not distributable as cash dividends. A PRC company is not permitted to distribute any profits until any losses from prior fiscal years have been offset. Profits retained from prior fiscal years may be distributed together with distributable profits from the current fiscal year.

Regulations Related to Taxation

Enterprise Income Tax

Prior to January 1, 2008, entities established in the PRC were generally subject to a 30% national and 3% local enterprise income tax rate. Various preferential tax treatments promulgated by PRC tax authorities were available to foreign-invested enterprises.

In March 2007, the National People's Congress enacted the Enterprise Income Tax Law, and in December 2007, the State Council promulgated the *Implementing Rules of the Enterprise Income Tax Law*, or the Implementing Rules, both of which became effective on January 1, 2008. The Enterprise Income Tax Law (i) reduces the top rate of enterprise income tax from 33% to a uniform 25% rate applicable to both foreign-invested enterprises and domestic enterprises and eliminates many of the preferential tax policies afforded to foreign investors, (ii) permits companies to continue to enjoy their existing tax incentives, subject to certain transitional phase-out rules and (iii) introduces new tax incentives, subject to various qualification criteria.

The Enterprise Income Tax Law also provides that enterprises organized under the laws of jurisdictions outside China with their "de facto management bodies" located within China may be considered PRC resident enterprises and therefore be subject to PRC enterprise income tax at the rate of 25% on their worldwide income. The Implementing Rules further define the term "de facto management body" as the management body that exercises substantial and overall management and control over the production and operations, personnel, accounts and properties of an enterprise. If an enterprise organized under the laws of jurisdiction outside China is considered a PRC resident enterprise for PRC enterprise income tax purposes, a number of unfavorable PRC tax consequences could follow. First, it would be subject to the PRC enterprise income tax at the rate of 25% on its worldwide income. Second, a 10% withholding tax would be

imposed on dividends it pays to its non-PRC enterprise shareholders and with respect to gains derived by its non-PRC enterprise shareholders from transfer of its shares.

Prior to January 1, 2008, dividends derived by foreign enterprises from business operations in China were exempted from PRC enterprise income tax. However, such exemption was revoked by the Enterprise Income Tax Law and dividends generated after January 1, 2008 and payable by a foreign-invested enterprise in China to its foreign enterprise investors are subject to a 10% withholding tax, unless any such foreign investor's jurisdiction of incorporation has a tax treaty with China that provides for a preferential withholding arrangement. Pursuant to the *Notice of the State Administration of Taxation on Negotiated Reduction of Dividends and Interest Rates*, which was issued on January 29, 2008 and supplemented and revised on February 29, 2008, and the *Arrangement between Mainland China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income*, which became effective on December 8, 2006 and applies to income derived in any year of assessment commencing on or after April 1, 2007 in Hong Kong and in any year commencing on or after January 1, 2007 in the PRC, such withholding tax rate may be lowered to 5% if a Hong Kong enterprise is deemed the beneficial owner of any dividend paid by a PRC subsidiary by PRC tax authorities and holds at least 25% of the equity interest in that particular PRC subsidiary at all times within the 12-month period immediately before distribution of the dividends. Furthermore, the State Administration of Taxation promulgated the *Notice on the Interpretation and Recognition of Beneficial Owners in Tax Treaties* in October 2009, which stipulates that non-resident enterprises that cannot provide valid supporting documents as "beneficial owners" may not be approved to enjoy tax treaty benefits. Specifically, it expressly excludes an agent or a "conduit company" from being considered as a "beneficial owner" and a "beneficial owner" analysis shall be conducted on a case-by-case basis following the "substance-over-the-form" principle.

Value-Added Tax and Business Tax

Pursuant to applicable PRC tax regulations, any entity or individual conducting business in the service industry is generally required to pay a business tax at the rate of 5% on the revenues generated from providing such services. However, if the services provided are related to technology development and transfer, such business tax may be exempted subject to approval by the relevant tax authorities. Whereas, pursuant to the *Provisional Regulations on Value-Added Tax* of the PRC and its implementation regulations, unless otherwise specified by relevant laws and regulations, any entity or individual engaged in the sales of goods, provision of processing, repairs and replacement services and importation of goods into China is generally required to pay a value-added tax, or VAT, for revenues generated from sales of products, while qualified input VAT paid on taxable purchase can be offset against such output VAT.

In November 2011, the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation promulgated the *Pilot Plan for Imposition of Value-Added Tax to Replace Business Tax*. In March 2016, the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation further promulgated the *Notice on Fully Promoting the Pilot Plan for Replacing Business Tax by Value-Added Tax*, which became effective on May 1, 2016. Pursuant to the pilot plan and relevant notices, VAT is generally imposed in the modern service industries, including the VATS, on a nationwide basis. VAT of a rate of 6% applies to revenue derived from the provision of some modern services. Unlike business tax, a taxpayer is allowed to offset the qualified input VAT paid on taxable purchases against the output VAT chargeable on the modern services provided.

Regulations Related to M&A and Overseas Listings

On August 8, 2006, six PRC regulatory agencies, including the Ministry of Commerce, the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, the SAT, the SAIC, the China Securities Regulatory Commission, or CSRC, and the SAFE, jointly issued the *Regulations on Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Enterprises by Foreign Investors*, or the M&A Rules, which became effective on September 8, 2006 and was amended on June 22, 2009. The M&A Rules, among other things, require that (i) PRC entities or individuals

obtain MOFCOM approval before they establish or control a special purpose vehicle, or SPV, overseas, provided that they intend to use the SPV to acquire their equity interests in a PRC company at the consideration of newly issued share of the SPV, or Share Swap, and list their equity interests in the PRC company overseas by listing the SPV in an overseas market; (ii) the SPV obtains MOFCOM's approval before it acquires the equity interests held by the PRC entities or PRC individual in the PRC company by Share Swap; and (iii) the SPV obtains CSRC approval before it lists overseas.

MANAGEMENT

Directors and Executive Officers

The following table sets forth certain information relating to our directors and executive officers upon closing of this offering.

Name	Age	Position/Title
William Wei Huang	48	Co-chairman and chief executive officer
Daniel Newman	55	Chief financial officer
Sio Tat Hiang	68	Co-chairman
Erik Ho Ping Siao	65	Director
Peter Ping Hua	52	Director
Hua Chen	51	Director
Satoshi Okada	57	Director
Bruno Lopez	51	Director
Lee Choong Kwong	59	Director
Lim Ah Doo	66	Director

Mr. William Wei Huang is our founder, a co-chairman of our board of directors and, since 2002, has served as our chief executive officer. Since 2004, Mr. Huang has also served as a director of Haitong-Fortis Private Equity Fund Management Co., Ltd., a domestic private equity fund management company in China. Prior to founding our company, he served as a senior vice president of Shanghai Meining Computer Software Co., Ltd., which operates StockStar.com, a website primarily providing finance and securities related information and services in China, as a vice president of Ego Electronic Commerce Co., Ltd., and as general manager of Shanghai Huayang Computer Co., Ltd.

Mr. Daniel Newman has served as the chief financial officer of GDS since September 2011. Prior to joining us in this capacity, Mr. Newman acted as an advisor to GDS from 2009 to 2011. From 2008 to 2009, Mr. Newman served as a managing director at Bank of America Merrill Lynch with responsibility for investment banking clients in the telecom, media, and technology sectors in Asia. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Newman acted as an advisor in the chairman's office of Reliance Communications in Mumbai, India. From 2001 to 2005, Mr. Newman served as a managing director at Deutsche Bank with responsibility for investment banking clients in the telecom and media sectors in Asia. Mr. Newman previously worked as an investment banker at Salomon Brothers (and its successors) from 1997 to 2001 and at S.G. Warburg (and its successors) from 1983 to 1997 in London and Hong Kong. Mr. Newman received his bachelor's degree in history from Bristol University in the UK in 1983.

Mr. Sio Tat Hiang has been co-chairman of the board of directors of our company since 2014. Mr. Sio is the Executive Director of ST Telemedia. In this role, he provides strategic direction and overall leadership of ST Telemedia. Under his guidance, ST Telemedia has redefined and broadened its business focus into strategic areas that better position ST Telemedia's portfolio for continued growth and long-term success in the digital economy. Mr. Sio currently also sits on the Board of Asia Mobile Holdings Pte. Ltd., StarHub Ltd, TeleChoice International Limited and U Mobile Sdn Bhd. Prior to ST Telemedia, Mr. Sio served as Vice President of Corporate Finance at Singapore Technologies Pte. Ltd., or ST, where he oversaw ST's treasury and investment management functions. His role was later expanded to include Director of Strategic Investment and Group Treasurer. He graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration with Honours from the National University of Singapore and attended the London Business School Senior Management Programme.

Mr. Erik Ho Ping Siao has been a director of our company since 2007. Between 2002 and 2007, Mr. Siao worked as an investment consultant. For more than ten years prior to 2002, Mr. Siao served as the Senior Vice President and Director of China Operation at Ecoban Finance Limited in New York, which was a member of SK Group of South Korea. Prior to 1987, Mr. Siao served as the Vice President of ContiTrade

Services Corp. in New York, aka Merban Corp., which was a member of Continental Grain Company. Mr. Siao received a master's degree in international management with distinction from The American Graduate School of International Management, also known as Thunderbird, in 1982.

Dr. Peter Ping Hua has been a director of our company since 2007. Dr. Hua is currently a managing partner of SB China Capital (previously known as SB China Venture Capital). Since joining SB China Capital in 2000, he has led the investment into many high-tech companies in IT, healthcare, and cleaner technologies sectors, including Dian Diagnostics, BGI, Edan, Navinfo, Shenwu, Longxin, GDS Holdings and PPTV. Prior to joining SBCVC, he was with McKinsey & Company and Siemens (USA). Dr. Hua holds B.S. from Shanghai Jiao Tong University, MBA from Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Ph. D. from University of Wisconsin.

Ms. Hua Chen has been a director of our company since May 2016. Ms. Chen has been the chief financial officer and operating partner of SBCVC since 2010. Ms. Chen currently serves as a director at various entities, including serving as an independent director of Technovator International Limited, director of Xi'an Kanghong New Material Technology Co. Ltd., director of Zhangjiagang Glory Biomaterial Co., Ltd., director of Zhangjiagang Meijingrong Chemical Co., Ltd., and director of Tianjin Century Dragon Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. Prior to join SBCVC, Ms. Chen was a director and chief financial officer in the asset management division of Credit Suisse. She was a Tax Consulting Manager of Arthur Andersen LLP and Ernst & Young LLP. Ms. Chen holds B.S. degrees in accounting and finance from New York University Stern Business School, and M.S. degree in taxation from Fordham University. Ms. Chen is a certified public accountant in the United States.

Mr. Satoshi Okada has been a director of our company since 2014. Mr. Okada previously served as executive vice president of SOFTBANK Group's e-commerce business planning in Japan since April 2000. Prior to that, he held various management positions within the SOFTBANK Group. He also previously held directorship in Ariba Japan and Deecorp Limited, companies engaging in the businesses of technology and software, respectively. Mr Okada also was represented SoftBank serves as a director on the board of Alibaba.com while it was a public company in Hong Kong. Before joining the SOFTBANK Group, Mr. Okada was chief executive officer and president of NetIQ KK, the Japanese subsidiary of NetIQ Corporation, a provider of e-business infrastructure management software. Mr. Okada is also renowned in the storage management industry for his success in establishing Cheyenne Software KK and Computer Associates Japan as industry leaders in the Japanese market.

Mr. Bruno Lopez has been a director of our company since 2014. Mr. Lopez is the chief executive officer of ST Telemedia's Data Centre business—STT Global Data Centres. In the past two years, Mr. Lopez led ST Telemedia in its strategy to build a portfolio of integrated data centres across a global platform in Singapore, UK and also in China through GDS Holdings. Prior to joining ST Telemedia, Mr Lopez held several senior operational and management positions in the telecommunications arm of Singapore-listed conglomerate, Keppel T&T from 1995 to April 2014. In his last position in Keppel T&T, as the executive director and chief executive officer of Keppel Data Centres, Mr Lopez was responsible for developing Keppel's data centre business in Asia and Europe across key first tier cities servicing some of the largest blue chip customers. In 2010, Mr. Lopez set up Securus Data Property Fund, a data centre-specific investment fund focused on the acquisition of high quality data centre assets in Asia-Pacific and Europe. Prior to his departure from Keppel T&T, Mr Lopez also played a key role in preparing the business of Keppel Data Centres for a REIT listing on the Singapore Exchange after establishing a data centre development platform for future growth. He holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honours from National University of Singapore and a Masters in Human Resource from Rutgers University, US.

Mr. Lee Choong Kwong has been a director of our company since 2014. Mr. Lee is ST Telemedia's executive vice president for China. He is responsible for China investments and business development. Mr. Lee brings with him more than 15 years of China business experience. He played a key role in ST Telemedia's investments in the Chinese market with China Unicom and China Huaneng. Prior to joining

ST Telemedia, Mr. Lee led ST Electronics & Engineering's research and development team, and held various senior managerial positions in project management and operations with ST Ventures. Mr. Lee holds a Bachelor of Electrical & Electronic Engineering degree from the National University of Singapore (NUS), and a UCLA-NUS Executive MBA.

Mr. Lim Ah Doo has been a director of our company since 2014. Mr. Lim is currently an independent non-executive director of ARA-CWT Trust Management (Cache) Limited, GP Industries Limited, SM Investments Corporation, Sembcorp Marine Ltd, U Mobile Sdn Bhd, Bracell Limited (formerly known as Sateri Holdings Limited) and Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd. He also chairs the audit committees of ARA-CWT Trust Management (Cache), GP Industries and U Mobile, and is also a member of the audit committee of Singapore Technologies Engineering, Sembcorp Marine and SM Investments Corporation. He is also a member of the Ethics Sub-Committee, Public Accountants Oversight Committee, Singapore. During his 18-year distinguished banking career in Morgan Grenfell, Mr. Lim held several key positions including chairing Morgan Grenfell (Asia). He also chaired the Singapore Investment Banking Association in 1994. From 2003 to 2008, he was president and then vice chairman of the RGM group, a leading global resource-based group. Mr. Lim holds an honours degree in Engineering from the Queen Mary College, University of London in 1971, and a Master in Business Administration from the Cranfield School of Management in 1976.

Duties of Directors

Under Cayman Islands law, our directors have a fiduciary duty to act honestly in good faith with a view to our best interests. Our directors also have a duty to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. In fulfilling their duty of care to us, our directors must ensure compliance with our Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association. A shareholder has the right to seek damages if a duty owed by our directors is breached.

The functions and powers of our board of directors include, among others:

- conducting and managing the business of our company;
- representing our company in contracts and deals;
- appointing attorneys for our company;
- select senior management such as managing directors and executive directors;
- providing employee benefits and pension;
- managing our company's finance and bank accounts;
- exercising the borrowing powers of our company and mortgaging the property of our company; and
- exercising any other powers conferred by the shareholders meetings or under our Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Terms of Directors and Executive Officers

We may by ordinary resolution elect any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board. Any Director so appointed by the Board holds office until the next following annual general meeting of our company and would be eligible for re-election. A director may be removed by way of an ordinary resolution of the Members before the expiration of his period of office. We may increase or reduce the number of Directors in general meeting by ordinary resolution but the number of Directors shall never be less than two (2). There is no maximum number of Directors.

Board Committees

Our board of directors has established an audit committee, a remuneration committee and an executive committee. We currently do not plan to establish a nominating committee. As a foreign private issuer, we are permitted to follow home country corporate governance practices under . This home country practice of ours differs from regarding implementation of a nominating committee and the director nomination process, because there are no specific requirements under Cayman Islands law on the establishment of a nominating committee and the director nomination process.

Audit Committee

Our audit committee will initially consist of , and . will be the chairman of our audit committee. and satisfy the criteria of an audit committee financial expert as set forth under the applicable rules of the SEC. and satisfy the requirements for an "independent director" within the meaning of and will meet the criteria for independence set forth in Rule 10A-3 of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. Our audit committee will consist solely of independent directors within one year of this offering.

The audit committee oversees our accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of our financial statements. Our audit committee is responsible for, among other things:

- selecting the independent auditor;
- pre-approving auditing and non-auditing services permitted to be performed by the independent auditor;
- annually reviewing the independent auditor's report describing the auditing firm's internal quality control procedures, any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review, or peer review, of the independent auditors and all relationships between the independent auditor and our company;
- setting clear hiring policies for employees and former employees of the independent auditors;
- reviewing with the independent auditor any audit problems or difficulties and management's response;
- reviewing and, if material, approving all related party transactions on an ongoing basis, including transactions with EDC Holding or any of its subsidiaries;
- reviewing and discussing the annual audited financial statements with management and the independent auditor;
- reviewing and discussing with management and the independent auditors major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentations;
- reviewing reports prepared by management or the independent auditors relating to significant financial reporting issues and judgments;
- discussing earnings press releases with management, as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies;
- reviewing with management and the independent auditors the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures, on our financial statements;
- discussing policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management with management, internal auditors and the independent auditor;
- timely reviewing reports from the independent auditor regarding all critical accounting policies and practices to be used by our company, all alternative treatments of financial information within

U.S. GAAP that have been discussed with management and all other material written communications between the independent auditor and management;

- establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received from our employees regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and the confidential, anonymous submission by our employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
- annually reviewing and reassessing the adequacy of our audit committee charter;
- such other matters that are specifically delegated to our audit committee by our board of directors from time to time;
- meeting separately, periodically, with management, internal auditors and the independent auditor; and
- reporting regularly to the full board of directors.

Remuneration Committee

Our remuneration committee will initially consist of _____, and _____. _____ is the chairman of our remuneration committee, and satisfy the requirements for an "independent director" within the meaning of _____.

Our remuneration committee is responsible for, among other things:

- reviewing, evaluating and, if necessary, revising our overall compensation policies;
 - reviewing and evaluating the performance of our directors and senior officers and determining the compensation of our senior officers;
 - reviewing and approving our senior officers' employment agreements with us;
 - setting performance targets for our senior officers with respect to our incentive—compensation plan and equity-based compensation plans;
 - administering our equity-based compensation plans in accordance with the terms thereof; and
- such other matters that are specifically delegated to the remuneration committee by our board of directors from time to time.

Executive Committee

Our executive committee will initially consist of _____, and _____. _____ William Wei Huang, our chief executive officer, is the chairman of our executive committee.

The executive committee functions primarily as an advisory body to our board of directors to oversee the business of our group companies. The executive committee shall also provide consultation and recommendations to our board of directors on operating and strategic matters for any of our group companies, acting within authorities delegated to it by our board of directors. In addition, the executive committee shall have such other authority as may be delegated to it by our board of directors from time to time. Our executive committee is responsible for, among other things, advising, providing consultation and recommendations to our board of directors on:

- operational performance of any of our group companies;
- appropriate strategies for any of our group companies;

- strategic business and financing plans and annual budget of any of the group companies;
- acquisitions, dispositions, investments and other potential growth and expansion opportunities for any of our group companies;
- capital structure and financing strategy of our group companies, including any debt, equity or equity-linked financing transactions, as well as any issuance, repurchase, conversion or redemption of any equity interests or debt of any of our group companies;
- any material litigation or other legal or administrative proceedings to which any of our group companies is a party;
- entry into any material contracts exceeding the approval authority of our chief executive officer or its equivalent, the chief financial officer, and all the other senior officers of any of our group companies reporting directly to the chief executive officer;
- entry into or agreeing to any transaction between any of our group companies and any shareholder, director, officer or affiliate of us or of any affiliate thereof;
- reporting regularly to our board of directors; and
- any other responsibilities as are delegated to the executive committee by our board of directors from time to time.

Corporate Governance

Our board of directors has adopted a code of ethics, which is applicable to our senior executive and financial officers. In addition, our board of directors has adopted a code of conduct, which is applicable to all of our directors, officers and employees. We will make our code of ethics and our code of conduct publicly available on our web site.

In addition, our board of directors has adopted a set of corporate governance guidelines. The guidelines reflect certain guiding principles with respect to our board's structure, procedures and committees. The guidelines are not intended to change or interpret any law, or our amended and restated memorandum and articles of association.

Remuneration and Borrowing

The directors may determine remuneration to be paid to the directors. The remuneration committee will assist the directors in reviewing and approving the compensation structure for the directors. The directors may exercise all the powers of our company to borrow money, mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital and issue debentures or other securities whether outright or as security for any debt obligations of our company or of any third party.

Qualification

There is no requirement for our directors to own any shares in our company in order for them to qualify as a director.

Employment Agreements.

We have entered into employment agreements with each of our executive officers. We may terminate their employment for cause at any time without remuneration for certain acts, such as a material breach of our company's employment principles, policies or rules, a material failure to perform his or her duties or misappropriation or embezzlement or a criminal conviction. We may also terminate any executive officer's employment without cause or due to a change of control event involving our company by giving a thirty-day written notice. In such cases, an executive officer is entitled to severance payments and benefits.

An executive officer may terminate his or her employment at any time by giving a one-month written notice under certain specified circumstances, in which case the executive officer is entitled to the same severance benefits as in the situation of termination by us without cause.

Our executive officers have also agreed not to engage in any activities that compete with us or to directly or indirectly solicit the services of any of our employees, for a period of years after the termination of employment. Each executive officer has agreed to hold in strict confidence any trade secrets of our company, including technical secrets, marketing information, management information, legal information, third-party business secrets and other kinds of confidential information. Each executive officer also agrees to perform his or her confidentiality obligation and protect our company's trade secrets in a way consistent with the policies, rules and practices of our company. Breach of the above confidentiality obligations would be deemed as material breach of our company's employment policies and we are entitled to seek legal remedies.

Compensation of Directors and Executive Officers.

In 2015, we and our subsidiaries paid aggregate cash compensation of approximately US\$1,324,680 to our directors and executive officers as a group. We did not pay any other cash compensation or benefits in kind to our directors and executive officers. We set aside an aggregate of US\$95,539 for pensions, retirement or other benefits for our directors and executive officers in 2015.

For information regarding options granted to our directors and executive officers, see "—Share Incentive Plan."

Share Incentive Plan

Our equity incentive plan adopted in 2014, or the share incentive plan, provides for the grant of options, share appreciation rights or other share-based awards, which we refer to collectively as equity awards. Up to 29,240,000 ordinary shares upon exercise of equity awards may be granted under our share incentive plan. We believe that the plan will aid us in recruiting, retaining and motivating key employees, directors and consultants of outstanding ability through the granting of equity awards.

Administration

Our share incentive plan is administered by our board of directors (only with respect to options to be granted on the date of the completion of this offering), the remuneration committee, or any subcommittee thereof to whom the board or the remuneration committee shall delegate the authority to grant or amend equity awards. The plan administrator is authorized to interpret the plan, to establish, amend and rescind any rules and regulations relating to the plan, and to make any other determinations that it deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the plan, as well as determine the provisions, terms and conditions of each award consistent with the provisions of the plan.

Change in Control

In the event of a change in control, any outstanding awards that are unexercisable or otherwise unvested or subject to lapse restrictions, as determined by the plan administrator, will automatically be deemed exercisable or otherwise vested or no longer subject to lapse restrictions, as the case may be, immediately prior to such change in control. The plan administrator may also, in its sole discretion, decide to cancel such awards for fair value, provide for the issuance of substitute awards that will substantially preserve the otherwise applicable terms of any affected awards previously granted or provide that affected options will be exercisable for a period of at least 15 days prior to the change in control but not thereafter. A "change in control" under the share incentive plan is defined as (1) the sale of all or substantially all of our assets, (2) any person or group (other than certain permitted holders) becomes the beneficial owner of

more than 50% of the total voting power of our voting stock or (3) a majority of our board of directors cease to be continuing directors during any period of two consecutive years.

Term

Unless terminated earlier, our share incentive plan will continue in effect for a term of five years from the date of its adoption.

Vesting Schedule

In general, the plan administrator determines, or the award agreement specifies, the vesting schedule.

Amendment and Termination of Plan

Our board of directors may at any time amend, alter or discontinue our share incentive plan, subject to certain exceptions.

Granted Options

The total number of shares that may be issued under our share incentive plan is 29,240,000. As of the date of this prospectus, options to purchase 29,240,000 ordinary shares were granted and outstanding, out of which 28,173,333 share options were fully vested and 1,066,667 share options were not vested.

The table below summarizes, as of the date of this prospectus, the options we have granted to our directors and executive officers.

Name	Position	Number of Securities underlying unexercised options exercisable ⁽¹⁾	Option Exercise Price	Grant Date	Option Expiration Date
William Wei Huang	Co-chairman and chief executive officer	4,186,253	US\$ 0.7792	July 1, 2014	July 1, 2019
		7,114,840	US\$ 0.7792	May 1, 2016	May 1, 2021
Daniel Newman	Chief financial officer	*	US\$ 0.7792	July 1, 2014	July 1, 2020
Satoshi Okada	Director	*	US\$ 0.7792	July 1, 2014	July 1, 2019

* Less than 1% of our outstanding shares assuming conversion of all convertible redeemable preferred shares into ordinary shares.

(1) Note: Fully vested.

As of the date of this prospectus, individuals other than our directors and executive officers as a group hold options to purchase a total of 13,696,907 ordinary shares of our company, with an exercise price of US\$0.7792 per ordinary share.

PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

The following table sets forth information as of the date of this prospectus with respect to the beneficial ownership of our ordinary shares by:

- each of our directors and executive officers; and
- each person known to us to own beneficially 5.0% or more of our ordinary shares.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to the securities. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, we have included shares that the person has the right to acquire within 60 days, including through the exercise of any option or other right or the conversion of any other security.

The total number of ordinary shares outstanding as of the date of this prospectus is 567,075,599, assuming conversion of all convertible redeemable preferred shares into ordinary shares.

The total number of ordinary shares outstanding after completion of this offering will be _____, assuming no change in the number of ADSs offered by us as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus. The underwriters may choose to exercise the over-allotment option in full, in part or not at all.

	Ordinary Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to This Offering		Ordinary Shares Beneficially Owned After This Offering	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Directors and Executive Officers**:				
William Wei Huang ⁽¹⁾	78,891,429	13.6%		
Daniel Newman ⁽²⁾	9,072,000	1.6%		
Sio Tat Hiang	—	—		
Erik Ho Ping Siao	—	—		
Peter Ping Hua	—	—		
Hua Chen	—	—		
Satoshi Okada ⁽³⁾	*	*		
Bruno Lopez	—	—		
Lee Choong Kwong	—	—		
Lim Ah Doo	*	*		
Directors and Executive Officers as a Group ⁽⁴⁾	90,971,076	15.6%		
Principal Shareholders:				
STT GDC ⁽⁵⁾	238,526,241	42.1%		
SoftBank China Venture Capital ⁽⁶⁾	102,770,490	18.1%		
Global Data Solutions Limited ⁽⁷⁾	91,237,709	16.1%		
EDC Group Limited ⁽⁸⁾	42,975,884	7.6%		

* Beneficially owns less than 1% of our outstanding shares.

** The business address for our directors and executive officers is at 2/F, Tower 2, Youyou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road, Pudong, Shanghai 200127, People's Republic of China.

- (1) Represents (i) 3,286,144 of the ordinary shares held by Global Data Solutions Limited, a limited liability company established in the Cayman Islands, (ii) 42,975,884 of the ordinary shares held by EDC Group Limited, a limited liability company established in the British Virgin Islands, (iii) 21,328,308 of the ordinary shares held by GDS Enterprises Limited, a limited liability company established in the British Virgin Islands, and (iv) 11,301,093 of ordinary shares underlying share options exercisable within 60 days after the date of this prospectus held by Treasure Luck Investment Corporation, a limited liability company established in the British Virgin Islands, which Mr. Huang is the sole beneficial owner. Mr. Huang indirectly holds approximately 3.60% of the ordinary shares of Global Data Solutions Limited, which holds approximately 16.09% of our ordinary shares. Mr. Huang is the sole beneficial owner of both EDC Group Limited and GDS Enterprises Limited. Global Data Solutions Limited and EDC Group Limited are further described in footnotes 7 and 8 below, respectively.
- (2) Represents (i) 6,000,000 of the ordinary shares held by Ofira Capital Limited, a limited liability company established in the British Virgin Islands, and (ii) 3,072,000 of ordinary shares underlying share options exercisable within 60 days after the date of this prospectus held by Mr. Newman. Mr. Newman is the sole beneficial owner of Ofira Capital Limited.
- (3) Represents ordinary shares underlying share options exercisable within 60 days after the date of this prospectus held by Mr. Okada.
- (4) Represents ordinary shares beneficially held by all of our directors and executive officers as a group and ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of options within 60 days after the date of this prospectus held by all of our directors and executive officers as a group.
- (5) Represents 238,526,241 ordinary shares upon conversion of 238,526,241 Series C preferred shares that are beneficially owned by STT GDC, a limited liability company established in Singapore and wholly owned subsidiary of ST Telemedia. The registered address of STT GDC is 1 Temasek Avenue, #33-01, Millenia Tower, Singapore 039192.
- (6) Represents 21,844,099 ordinary shares upon conversion of 21,844,099 Series A preferred shares held by SBCVC Fund II, L.P., 6,916,645 ordinary shares upon conversion of 6,916,645 Series A* preferred shares held by SBCVC Company Limited, 2,576,483 ordinary shares upon conversion of 2,576,483 Series B preferred shares held by SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P., 5,763,871 ordinary shares upon conversion of 5,763,871 Series B1 preferred shares held by SBCVC Company Limited, 5,763,871 ordinary shares upon conversion of 5,763,871 Series B1 preferred shares held by SBCVC Venture Capital, 10,435,639 ordinary shares upon conversion of 10,435,639 Series B2 preferred shares held by SBCVC Company Limited, 14,076,620 ordinary shares upon conversion of 14,076,620 Series B4 preferred shares held by SBCVC Fund III L.P., and 35,393,262 ordinary shares upon conversion of 35,393,262 Series B5 preferred shares held by SBCVC Fund III L.P. We collectively refer to SBCVC Fund II, L.P., SBCVC Company Limited, SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P., SBCVC Venture Capital and SBCVC Fund III L.P. as SoftBank China Venture Capital. The registered address of SoftBank China Venture Capital is Suite 15 A-C, 15/F HuaMin Empire Plaza, 728 West Yan An Road, Shanghai 200050, PRC.
- (7) Represents 91,237,709 ordinary shares held by Global Data Solutions Limited, a limited liability company established in the Cayman Islands. Global Data Solutions Limited is owned by its respective shareholders, including, among others, Mr. William Wei Huang, our co-chairman and chief executive officer. Voting and investment power of the shares held by Global Data Solutions Limited is exercised by its board of directors, which consists of William Wei Huang, Alan Song, Erik Ho Ping Siao, Qihang Chen and Xu Zhang, each of whom disclaims beneficial ownership of the ordinary shares held by Global Data Solutions Limited except to the extent of their respective pecuniary interest therein. The registered address of Global Data Solutions Limited is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681GT, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-1111.
- (8) Represents 42,975,884 ordinary shares held by EDC Group Limited, a limited liability company established in the British Virgin Islands. Mr. Huang is the sole beneficial owner EDC Group Limited. The registered address of EDC Group Limited is OMC Chambers, Wickhams Cay 1, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

As of the date of this prospectus, none of our outstanding ordinary shares or preferred shares are held by record holders in the United States. Except as stated in the footnotes to the table above, we are not aware of any of our shareholders being affiliated with a registered broker-dealer or being in the business of underwriting securities.

None of our existing shareholders has voting rights that will differ from the voting rights of other shareholders after the completion of this offering. We are not aware of any arrangement that may, at a subsequent date, result in a change of control of our company.

We have outstanding convertible bonds in the aggregate principal amount of US\$150.0 million due December 30, 2019. We may, at our option, require the original subscribers, STT GDC to subscribe for an additional amount of these bonds as to US\$50.0 million, and thereafter, Ping An Insurance to subscribe for an additional amount as to US\$50.0 million, at any time until September 30, 2016. In addition, following this offering, we may require the conversion of the bonds assuming the average per-ordinary-share-

equivalent closing trading price of our ADSs in any period of ten (10) consecutive trading days following this offering is at least 125% of US\$1.68 and we exercise our right to cause STT GDC and Ping An Insurance to convert the bonds. If the bondholders elect to convert, or we cause the bondholders to convert, their bonds, up to 89,538,233 ordinary shares will be issued. The conversion of the bonds would result in substantial dilution of our ADSs and ordinary shares and a decline in their market price. There can be no certainty as to whether the bondholders will elect to convert, or if we will be entitled to cause the bondholders to convert, their bonds at the time of or after the completion of this offering.

Historical Changes in Our Shareholding

See "Description of Share Capital—History of Securities Issuances" for historical changes in our shareholding.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with Certain Directors, Shareholders, Affiliates and Key Management Personnel

In December 2013, we made a prepayment of RMB320.0 million to EDC Holding under a service agreement where we were a customer of EDC Holding. The prepayment covered a two-year service period from 2014 to 2015. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, EDC Holding provided services to us amounting to RMB55.9 million.

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, the Company provided loans to EDC Holding amounting to RMB307.0 million. Interest income on the loans amounted to RMB4.3 million.

In January 2013, EDC Holding provided a loan of US\$8.0 million to the Company. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, interest expenses on the loan amounted to RMB0.2 million.

At the acquisition date, such balances were effectively settled and eliminated upon consolidation.

Short-term loans of RMB259.0 million and RMB247.0 million (US\$38.1 million) as of December 31, 2014 and 2015 were guaranteed by Mr. William Wei Huang.

Long-term loans of RMB15.0 million and RMB195.0 million (US\$30.1 million) as of December 31, 2014 and 2015 were guaranteed by Mr. William Wei Huang.

Transactions with Our Shareholders

In August 2014, we repurchased 13,905,901 Series A preferred shares, 4,403,119 Series A* preferred shares, 1,640,183 Series B preferred shares, 7,338,532 Series B1 preferred shares, 6,643,303 Series B2 preferred shares and 8,961,143 Series B4 preferred shares at US\$1.0365 per share, for a cash consideration of US\$44.5 million, from SBCVC Company Limited, SBCVC Venture Capital, SBCVC Fund II, L.P., and SBCVC Fund III, L.P. As of December 31, 2014, outstanding consideration payable to certain of these SBCVC entities amounted to RMB23.3 million (US\$3.8 million), which was fully settled in 2015.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, we borrowed a loan of US\$10.0 million from STT GDC. The interest expenses on the loan amounted to US\$0.4 million. As of December 31, 2015, the amount due to STT GDC comprised an outstanding short-term loan balance of US\$10.0 million and accrued loan interest of US\$0.4 million.

On January 29, 2016, we received the second tranche of US\$50.0 million from STT GDC to subscribe for convertible and redeemable bonds due 2019, of which US\$10.0 million was used to settle the outstanding short-term loan of US\$10.0 million.

Contractual Arrangements with Our Consolidated VIEs and their Shareholders

See "Our History and Corporate Structure—Variable Interest Entity Contractual Arrangements."

Private Placement

See "Description of Share Capital—History of Securities Issuances."

Members (Shareholders) Agreements

See "Description of Share Capital—Registration Rights."

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DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

We are a Cayman Islands exempted company with limited liability and our affairs are governed by our memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Law (2013 Revision), as amended, of the Cayman Islands, which is referred to as the Companies Law below, and the common law of the Cayman Islands.

As of the date of this prospectus, our authorized share capital was US\$51,310 divided into 675,636,564 ordinary of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 29,635,045 Series A preferred shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 6,916,645 Series A* preferred shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 2,576,483 Series B preferred shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 11,527,742 Series B1 preferred shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 10,435,639 Series B2 preferred shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 14,076,620 Series B4 preferred shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 35,393,262 Series B5 preferred shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, and 240,000,000 Series C preferred shares of a nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each. As of the date of this prospectus, there were 217,987,922 ordinary shares and 349,087,677 preferred shares issued and outstanding. Upon the closing of this offering, we will have ordinary shares issued and outstanding (or ordinary shares if the underwriters exercise in full the over-allotment option), excluding ordinary shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options under our share incentive plan as of the closing of this offering. All of our ordinary shares issued and outstanding prior to the completion of the offering are and will be fully paid, and all of our shares to be issued in the offering will be issued as fully paid. Our authorized share capital post-offering will be US\$ divided into ordinary shares with a par value of US\$0.00005 each.

Our memorandum and articles of association will become effective upon completion of this offering. The following are summaries of material provisions of our memorandum and articles of association and the Companies Law insofar as they relate to the material terms of our ordinary shares.

Ordinary Shares

General

All of our outstanding ordinary shares are fully paid and non-assessable. Certificates representing the ordinary shares are issued in registered form. Our shareholders who are non-residents of the Cayman Islands may freely hold and vote their ordinary shares.

Dividends

The holders of our ordinary shares are entitled to such dividends as may be declared by our shareholders or board of directors subject to the Companies Law and to the articles of association.

Voting Rights

Each ordinary share is entitled to one vote on all matters upon which the ordinary shares are entitled to vote. Voting at any meeting of shareholders is by show of hands unless a poll is demanded. A poll may be demanded by the chairman of such meeting or any one shareholder present in person or by proxy.

An ordinary resolution to be passed by the shareholders requires the affirmative vote of a simple majority of votes attached to the ordinary shares cast in a general meeting, while a special resolution requires the affirmative vote of no less than two-thirds of votes cast attached to the ordinary shares. A special resolution will be required for important matters such as a change of name or making changes to our memorandum and articles of association.

Transfer of Ordinary Shares

Subject to the restrictions contained in our articles of association, as applicable, any of our shareholders may transfer all or any of his or her ordinary shares by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or any other form approved by our board of directors.

Our board of directors may, in its absolute discretion, decline to register any transfer of any ordinary share. Our board of directors may also decline to register any transfer of any ordinary share unless:

- the instrument of transfer is lodged with us, accompanied by the certificate for the ordinary shares to which it relates and such other evidence as our board of directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
- the instrument of transfer is in respect of only one class of ordinary shares;
- the instrument of transfer is properly stamped, if required;
- the ordinary shares transferred are fully paid and free of any lien in favor of us; and
- any fee related to the transfer has been paid to us; and
- the transfer is not to more than four joint holders.

If our directors refuse to register a transfer they shall, within three months after the date on which the instrument of transfer was lodged, send to each of the transferor and the transferee notice of such refusal.

Liquidation

On a return of capital on winding up or otherwise (other than on conversion, redemption or purchase of ordinary shares), assets available for distribution among the holders of ordinary shares shall be distributed among the holders of the ordinary shares on a *pro rata* basis. If our assets available for distribution are insufficient to repay all of the paid-up capital, the assets will be distributed so that the losses are borne by our shareholders proportionately.

Calls on Ordinary Shares and Forfeiture of Ordinary Shares

Our board of directors may from time to time make calls upon shareholders for any amounts unpaid on their ordinary shares. The ordinary shares that have been called upon and remain unpaid are subject to forfeiture.

Redemption of Ordinary Shares

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Law and other applicable law, we may issue shares on terms that are subject to redemption, at our option or at the option of the holders, on such terms and in such manner, including out of capital, as may be determined by the board of directors.

Variations of Rights of Shares

If at any time, our share capital is divided into different classes of shares, all or any of the special rights attached to any class of shares may, subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, be varied with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class. Consequently, the rights of any class of shares cannot be detrimentally altered without a majority of two-thirds of the vote of all of the shares in that class. The rights conferred upon the holders of the shares of any class issued with preferred or other rights shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares ranking *pari passu* with such existing class of shares.

General Meetings of Shareholders

Shareholders' meetings may be convened by a majority of our board of directors or our chairman. Advance notice of at least ten clear days is required for the convening of our annual general shareholders' meeting and any other general meeting of our shareholders. A quorum required for a meeting of shareholders consists of at least two shareholders present or by proxy, representing not less than one-third in nominal value of the total issued voting shares in our company.

Inspection of Books and Records

Holders of our ordinary shares will have no general right under Cayman Islands law to inspect or obtain copies of our list of shareholders or our corporate records. However, we will in our articles provide our shareholders with the right to inspect our list of shareholders and to receive annual audited financial statements. See "Where You Can Find More Information."

Changes in Capital

We may from time to time by ordinary resolution:

- increase the share capital by such sum, to be divided into shares of such classes and amount, as the resolution shall prescribe;
- consolidate and divide all or any of our share capital into shares of a larger amount than our existing shares;
- sub-divide our existing shares, or any of them into shares of a smaller amount; or
- cancel any shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of our share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

We may by special resolution reduce our share capital or any capital redemption reserve in any manner permitted by law.

Exempted Company

We are an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands. The Companies Law in the Cayman Islands distinguishes between ordinary resident companies and exempted companies. Any company that is registered in the Cayman Islands but conducts business mainly outside of the Cayman Islands may apply to be registered as an exempted company. The requirements for an exempted company are essentially the same as for an ordinary company except for the exemptions and privileges listed below:

- an exempted company does not have to file an annual return of its shareholders with the Registrar of Companies;
- an exempted company's register of members is not open to inspection;
- an exempted company does not have to hold an annual general meeting;
- an exempted company may issue no par value, negotiable or bearer shares;
- an exempted company may obtain an undertaking against the imposition of any future taxation (such undertakings are usually given for 20 years in the first instance);
- an exempted company may register by way of continuation in another jurisdiction and be deregistered in the Cayman Islands;
- an exempted company may register as a limited duration company; and
- an exempted company may register as a segregated portfolio company.

"Limited liability" means that the liability of each shareholder is limited to the amount unpaid by the shareholder on the shares of the company. Upon the closing of this offering, we will be subject to reporting and other informational requirements of the Exchange Act, as applicable to foreign private issuers. We currently intend to comply with the [NYSE/NASDAQ] rules in lieu of following home country practice after the closing of this offering. The [NYSE/NASDAQ] rules require that every company listed on the [NYSE/NASDAQ] hold an annual general meeting of shareholders. In addition, our articles of association [allow] directors to call special meeting of shareholders pursuant to the procedures set forth in our articles.

Differences in Corporate Law

The Companies Law is modeled after that of England and Wales but does not follow recent statutory enactments in England. In addition, the Companies Law differs from laws applicable to United States corporations and their shareholders. Set forth below is a summary of the significant differences between the provisions of the Companies Law applicable to us and the laws applicable to companies incorporated in the State of Delaware.

Mergers and Similar Arrangements

A merger of two or more constituent companies under Cayman Islands law requires a plan of merger or consolidation to be approved by the directors of each constituent company and authorization by a special resolution of the members of each constituent company.

A merger between a Cayman parent company and its Cayman subsidiary or subsidiaries does not require authorization by a resolution of shareholders. For this purpose a subsidiary is a company of which at least ninety percent (90%) of the issued shares entitled to vote are owned by the parent company.

The consent of each holder of a fixed or floating security interest over a constituent company is required unless this requirement is waived by a court in the Cayman Islands.

Save in certain circumstances, a dissenting shareholder of a Cayman constituent company is entitled to payment of the fair value of his shares upon dissenting to a merger or consolidation. The exercise of appraisal rights will preclude the exercise of any other rights save for the right to seek relief on the grounds that the merger or consolidation is void or unlawful.

In addition, there are statutory provisions that facilitate the reconstruction and amalgamation of companies, provided that the arrangement is approved by a majority in number of each class of shareholders and creditors (representing 75% by value) with whom the arrangement is to be made, and who must, in addition, represent three-fourths in value of each such class of shareholders or creditors, as the case may be, that are present and voting either in person or by proxy at a meeting, or meetings, convened for that purpose. The convening of the meetings and subsequently the arrangement must be sanctioned by the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands. While a dissenting shareholder has the right to express to the court the view that the transaction ought not to be approved, the court can be expected to approve the arrangement if it determines that:

- the statutory provisions as to the required majority vote have been met;
- the shareholders have been fairly represented at the meeting in question and the statutory majority are acting bona fide without coercion of the minority to promote interests adverse to those of the class;
- the arrangement is such that may be reasonably approved by an intelligent and honest man of that class acting in respect of his interest; and
- the arrangement is not one that would more properly be sanctioned under some other provision of the Companies Law.

When a take over offer is made and accepted by holders of 90% of the shares within four months, the offeror may, within a two-month period commencing on the expiration of such four month period, require the holders of the remaining shares to transfer such shares on the terms of the offer. An objection can be made to the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands but this is unlikely to succeed in the case of an offer which has been so approved unless there is evidence of fraud, bad faith or collusion.

If an arrangement and reconstruction is thus approved, the dissenting shareholder would have no rights comparable to appraisal rights, which would otherwise ordinarily be available to dissenting shareholders of Delaware corporations, providing rights to receive payment in cash for the judicially determined value of the shares.

Shareholders' Suits

In principle, we will normally be the proper plaintiff and as a general rule a derivative action may not be brought by a minority shareholder. However, based on English authorities, which would in all likelihood be of persuasive authority in the Cayman Islands, there are exceptions to the foregoing principle, including when:

- a company acts or proposes to act illegally or ultra vires;
- the act complained of, although not ultra vires, could only be effected duly if authorized by more than a simple majority vote that has not been obtained; and
- those who control the company are perpetrating a "fraud on the minority."

Indemnification of Directors and Executive Officers and Limitation of Liability

Cayman Islands law does not limit the extent to which a company's articles of association may provide for indemnification of officers and directors, except to the extent any such provision may be held by the Cayman Islands courts to be contrary to public policy, such as to provide indemnification against civil fraud or the consequences of committing a crime. Our memorandum and articles of association permit indemnification of officers and directors for losses, damages, costs and expenses incurred in their capacities as such unless such losses or damages arise from dishonesty or fraud which may attach to such directors or officers. This standard of conduct is generally the same as permitted under the Delaware General Corporation Law for a Delaware corporation. In addition, we intend to enter into indemnification agreements with our directors and senior executive officers that will provide such persons with additional indemnification beyond that provided in our memorandum and articles of association.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers or persons controlling us under the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Anti-Takeover Provisions in the Memorandum and Articles of Association

[Some provisions of our memorandum and articles of association may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company or management that shareholders may consider favorable, including provisions that authorize our board of directors to issue preferred shares in one or more series and to designate the price, rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of such preferred shares without any further vote or action by our shareholders.]

However, under Cayman Islands law, our directors may only exercise the rights and powers granted to them under our memorandum and articles of association, as amended and restated from time to time, for what they believe in good faith to be in the best interests of our company.

Directors' Fiduciary Duties

Under Delaware corporate law, a director of a Delaware corporation has a fiduciary duty to the corporation and its shareholders. This duty has two components: the duty of care and the duty of loyalty. The duty of care requires that a director act in good faith, with the care that an ordinarily prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances. Under this duty, a director must inform himself of, and disclose to shareholders, all material information reasonably available regarding a significant transaction. The duty of loyalty requires that a director act in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation. He or she must not use his or her corporate position for personal gain or advantage. This duty prohibits self-dealing by a director and mandates that the best interest of the corporation and its shareholders take precedence over any interest possessed by a director, officer or controlling shareholder and not shared by the shareholders generally. In general, actions of a director are presumed to have been made on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that the action taken was in the best interests of the corporation. However, this presumption may be rebutted by evidence of a breach of one of the fiduciary duties. Should such evidence be presented concerning a transaction by a director, a director must prove the procedural fairness of the transaction, and that the transaction was of fair value to the corporation.

As a matter of Cayman Islands law, a director of a Cayman Islands company is in the position of a fiduciary with respect to the company and therefore it is considered that he owes the following duties to the company—a duty to act *bona fide* in the best interests of the company, a duty not to make a profit based on his or her position as director (unless the company permits him to do so) and a duty not to put himself in a position where the interests of the company conflict with his or her personal interest or his or her duty to a third party. A director of a Cayman Islands company owes to the company a duty to act with skill and care. It was previously considered that a director need not exhibit in the performance of his or her duties a greater degree of skill than may reasonably be expected from a person of his or her knowledge and experience. However, English and Commonwealth courts have moved towards an objective standard with regard to the required skill and care and these authorities are likely to be followed in the Cayman Islands.

Shareholder Action by Written Consent

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation may eliminate the right of shareholders to act by written consent by amendment to its certificate of incorporation. Cayman Islands law and our articles of association provide that shareholders may approve corporate matters by way of a unanimous written resolution signed by or on behalf of each shareholder who would have been entitled to vote on such matter at a general meeting without a meeting being held.

Shareholder Proposals

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a shareholder has the right to put any proposal before the annual meeting of shareholders, provided it complies with the notice provisions in the governing documents. A special meeting may be called by the board of directors or any other person authorized to do so in the governing documents, but shareholders may be precluded from calling special meetings.

Neither Cayman Islands law nor our articles of association allow our shareholders to requisition a shareholders' meeting. As an exempted Cayman Islands company, we are not obliged by law to call shareholders' annual general meetings. However, our articles of association require us to call such meetings every year.

Cumulative Voting

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, cumulative voting for elections of directors is not permitted unless the corporation's certificate of incorporation specifically provides for it. Cumulative voting

potentially facilitates the representation of minority shareholders on a board of directors since it permits the minority shareholder to cast all the votes to which the shareholder is entitled on a single director, which increases the shareholder's voting power with respect to electing such director. As permitted under Cayman Islands law, our articles of association do not provide for cumulative voting. As a result, our shareholders are not afforded any less protections or rights on this issue than shareholders of a Delaware corporation.

Removal of Directors

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a director of a corporation with a classified board may be removed only for cause with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Under our articles of association, directors may be removed by ordinary resolution.

Transactions with Interested Shareholders

The Delaware General Corporation Law contains a business combination statute applicable to Delaware corporations whereby, unless the corporation has specifically elected not to be governed by such statute by amendment to its certificate of incorporation, it is prohibited from engaging in certain business combinations with an "interested shareholder" for three years following the date that such person becomes an interested shareholder. An interested shareholder generally is a person or a group who or which owns or owned 15% or more of the target's outstanding voting stock within the past three years. This has the effect of limiting the ability of a potential acquirer to make a two-tiered bid for the target in which all shareholders would not be treated equally. The statute does not apply if, among other things, prior to the date on which such shareholder becomes an interested shareholder, the board of directors approves either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the person becoming an interested shareholder. This encourages any potential acquirer of a Delaware corporation to negotiate the terms of any acquisition transaction with the target's board of directors.

Cayman Islands law has no comparable statute. As a result, we cannot avail ourselves of the types of protections afforded by the Delaware business combination statute. However, although Cayman Islands law does not regulate transactions between a company and its significant shareholders, it does provide that such transactions must be entered into *bona fide* in the best interests of the company and for a proper corporate purpose and not with the effect of constituting a fraud on the minority shareholders.

Dissolution; Winding Up

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, unless the board of directors approves the proposal to dissolve, dissolution must be approved by shareholders holding 100% of the total voting power of the corporation. Only if the dissolution is initiated by the board of directors may it be approved by a simple majority of the corporation's outstanding shares. Delaware law allows a Delaware corporation to include in its certificate of incorporation a supermajority voting requirement in connection with dissolutions initiated by the board. Under Cayman Islands law, a company may be wound up by either an order of the courts of the Cayman Islands or by a special resolution of its members or, if the company is unable to pay its debts as they fall due, by an ordinary resolution of its members. The court has authority to order winding up in a number of specified circumstances including where it is, in the opinion of the court, just and equitable to do so.

Under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands and our articles of association, our company may be dissolved, liquidated or wound up by the vote of holders of two-thirds of our shares voting at a meeting or the unanimous written resolution of all shareholders.

Variation of Rights of Shares

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation may vary the rights of a class of shares with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares of such class, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Under Cayman Islands law and our articles of association, if our share capital is divided into more than one class of shares, we may vary the rights attached to any class only with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class.

Amendment of Governing Documents

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation's governing documents may be amended with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. As permitted by Cayman Islands law, our memorandum and articles of association may only be amended by special resolution or the unanimous written resolution of all shareholders.

Rights of Non-Resident or Foreign Shareholders

There are no limitations imposed by our memorandum and articles of association on the rights of non-resident or foreign shareholders to hold or exercise voting rights on our shares. In addition, there are no provisions in our memorandum and articles of association governing the ownership threshold above which shareholder ownership must be disclosed.

Directors' Power to Issue Shares

Subject to applicable law, our board of directors is empowered to issue or allot shares or grant options and warrants with or without preferred, deferred, qualified or other special rights or restrictions.

History of Securities Issuances

The following is a summary of our securities issuances since our inception.

Ordinary Shares

On December 1, 2006, we issued one share to Codan Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, and such share was transferred to Alan Song the same day. On December 19, 2006, we issued a total of 110,000,000 ordinary shares, with nominal or par value of US\$0.00005, to Global Data Solutions Limited.

On June 30, 2014, we issued 88,352,558 ordinary shares to Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited as part of consideration to acquire EDC Holding.

Preferred Shares

Series A Preferred Shares. On January 31, 2007, we issued 63,250,000 Series A preferred shares for an aggregate purchase price of US\$23,000,000, or at US\$0.363636 per share to certain investors, including to SBCVC Fund II, L.P. and International Finance Corporation.

Series B Preferred Shares. On March 18, 2011, we issued 11,550,000 Series B preferred shares for an aggregated purchase price of US\$9,000,000, or at US\$0.77922 per share to certain investors, including SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P. and International Finance Corporation.

Series A, B1, B2, B3 and B4 Preferred Shares.* In connection with our acquisition of EDC Holding, we altered our authorized share capital from comprising ordinary shares, Series A and Series B preferred shares, to comprising ordinary shares, Series A, Series B, Series A*, Series B1, Series B2, Series B3 and

Series B4 preferred shares. Accordingly, Series A*, Series B1, Series B2, Series B3 and Series B4 preferred shares were newly added to our previously authorized share capital.

On June 30, 2014, we acquired EDC Holding from its shareholders whereby we issued shares to EDC Holding's shareholders in exchange for their shares in EDC Holding. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we issued 199,163,164 shares in exchange for approximately 93% of the shares in EDC Holding which we did not already own. Accordingly, we issued 88,352,558 ordinary shares to Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited, 11,319,764 Series A* preferred shares to SBCVC Company Limited, 2,829,941 Series A* preferred shares to International Finance Corporation, 9,433,137 Series B1 preferred shares to SBCVC Company Limited, 9,433,137 Series B1 preferred shares to SBCVC Venture Capital, 15,093,019 Series B1 preferred shares to International Finance Corporation, 8,539,471 Series B2 preferred shares to International Finance Corporation, 17,078,942 Series B2 preferred shares to SBCVC Company Limited, 14,045,432 Series B3 preferred shares to International Finance Corporation, and 23,037,763 Series B4 preferred shares to SBCVC Fund III L.P.

Series B5 and Series C Preferred Shares. In connection with our issuance of Series C preferred shares, we altered our authorized share capital from comprising ordinary shares, Series A, Series B, Series A*, Series B1, Series B2, Series B3 and Series B4 preferred shares, to comprising ordinary shares, Series A, Series B, Series A*, Series B1, Series B2, Series B3, Series B4, Series B5 and Series C preferred shares. Accordingly, Series B5 and Series C preferred shares were newly added to our previously authorized share capital.

On August 13, 2014, SBCVC Fund III L.P. purchased 18,698,485 of our Series A, Series A* and Series B3 preferred shares from certain of our investors, all of which preferred shares were redesignated as Series B5 preferred shares.

On August 13, 2014, we repurchased 93,811,462 shares from certain of our investors, which include 18,762,292 ordinary shares, 23,533,064 Series A preferred shares, 5,503,899 Series A* preferred shares, 8,413,412 Series B preferred shares, 13,209,358 Series B1 preferred shares, 9,964,954 Series B2 preferred shares, 5,463,340 Series B3 preferred shares and 8,961,143 Series B4 preferred shares for a total consideration of US\$97,237,644.

On August 13, 2014, we issued 238,526,241 Series C preferred shares for an aggregate purchase price of US\$247,237,696, or at US\$1.036522 per share to STT GDC.

On December 22, 2014, International Finance Corporation transferred and sold its equity interests in GDS Holdings Limited in the form of 1,310,083 Series A, 560,105 Series B, 9,222,193 Series B1, 5,217,820 Series B2 and 384,576 Series B3 preferred shares to SBCVC Fund III, L.P. All of the preferred shares so transferred were reclassified and re-designated as 16,694,777 Series B5 preferred shares.

In connection with and subsequent to the issuance of Series C preferred shares, holders of our preferred shares entered into voting agreements and agreements regarding rights of first refusal and co-sale rights. These voting agreements and the rights of first refusal and co-sale rights will terminate upon the closing of this offering.

Prior to the closing of this offering, holders of each series of preferred shares may elect to convert part or all of the preferred shares held by them into our ordinary shares at a 1:1 share conversion ratio. Each preferred share not so converted will automatically convert into our ordinary shares at the 1:1 share conversion ratio immediately prior to the closing of this offering. All preferred shares converted into ordinary shares within twelve months after the closing of this offering will be subject to a lock-up period of 180 days after the date of this prospectus.

Note Financing

On December 11, 2012, we issued and sold an aggregate principal amount of US\$10.5 million bonds due 2014, par value US\$10,000 per note, in a private placement to Best Million Group Limited. The bonds due 2014 had a maturity date of June 10, 2014 and carried interest at 10% per annum. Upon maturity, the carrying amount of the bonds due 2014 was US\$10.5 million and we repaid a portion of the bonds due 2014 amounting to US\$0.7 million. On June 11, 2014, we issued and sold to the same investor in an aggregate principal amount of US\$30.2 million bonds due 2015 of which a portion was to settle the remaining unpaid portion of the bonds due 2014 of US\$9.8 million and unpaid interest payable on the bonds due 2014 of US\$1.6 million.

Prior to June 10, 2015, the holder of bonds due 2015 had the right to exchange the bonds into our ordinary shares in the event of a QIPO or private placement. The price used to determine the number of ordinary shares issued in exchange for the bonds is equal to 70% of the QIPO price or 70% of the share issuance price of the private placement.

In August 2014, we conducted a private placement of 238,526,241 Series C redeemable preferred shares, or Series C preferred shares. Upon the issuance of Series C preferred shares, the holder of the bonds due 2015 exchanged outstanding principal amount of the bonds due 2015 of US\$27.9 million for 38,397,655 ordinary shares. The number of ordinary shares issued was based on US\$0.72557, or 70% of the issuance price of Series C preferred shares of US\$1.036522. The holder waived its right to exchange the remaining bonds due 2015 of US\$2.3 million for ordinary shares of the Company.

On June 10, 2015, we fully redeemed the remaining bonds due 2015 of US\$2.3 million upon maturity.

Convertible Bonds

On December 30, 2015 and January 29, 2016, we issued and sold convertible and redeemable bonds due 2019 in aggregate principal amount of US\$150.0 million, which bonds were subscribed by Ping An Insurance and STT GDC as to US\$100.0 million and US\$50.0 million, respectively. We may, at our option, require STT GDC to subscribe for an additional amount of these bonds as to US\$50.0 million, and thereafter, Ping An Insurance to subscribe for an additional amount of these bonds as to US\$50.0 million, at any time within the nine month period following the date of issue, or until September 30, 2016. Under the terms of the bonds, Ping An Insurance is entitled to appoint one observer to attend meetings of our board of directors.

The bonds are repayable four years from the date of issue, i.e. on December 30, 2019, and may be converted at a set conversion price of US\$1.68 per share (subject to adjustments arising from any share consolidation, sub-division or distributions by way of shares) at any time between the date on which this offering is completed and December 30, 2019. Any share issued pursuant to the conversion of these bonds by a holder who is not our existing shareholder within twelve months after the closing of this offering will be subject to a lock-up period expiring on the first anniversary of this offering's closing date. We also may mandate each of Ping An Insurance and STT GDC to convert their bonds into shares if our post-offering share price is US\$2.10 (i.e. the set conversion price of US\$1.68 × 125%) or higher for a period of ten (10) consecutive trading days following this offering.

The bonds bear two components of interest on the principal amount, (i) interest payable in cash semi-annually at a rate of 5% per annum, and (ii) interest accruing semi-annually at a rate of 5% per annum. Such accrued interest is (i) in the case of cash redemption, payable in cash on December 30, 2019, and (ii) in the case of conversion, capitalized and paid in shares upon conversion of the bonds.

We plan to use the proceeds of the bonds for data center development, repayment of indebtedness, and to fund our working capital. As security for the bonds, we pledged our entire equity interest in the registered capital of EDC China Holdings Limited, a limited company incorporated in Hong Kong, which is wholly owned by EDC Holding.

Registration Rights

Pursuant to our amended members agreement entered into in May 19, 2016, we have granted certain registration rights to holders of our registrable securities, which include our preferred shares and ordinary shares converted from preferred shares, for a period of up to five years from the closing of the offering. Set forth below is a description of the registration rights under this agreement.

Demand Registration Rights

Under the terms of the amended members agreement dated May 19, 2016, among us and our existing shareholders, certain holders of our registrable securities, at any time from after the earlier of (i) 6 months after this offering and (ii) 3 years after August 13, 2014, until the date that is five years after the closing of this offering, have the right to demand that we file a registration statement under the Securities Act covering the registration of all or part of their registrable securities. We, however, are not obligated to effect a demand registration if, among other things, we have already effected two demand registrations. We have the right to defer filing of a registration statement for up to 90 days if our board of directors determine in good faith that filing of a registration will be materially detrimental to us, but we cannot exercise the deferral right more than once in any twelve-month period.

Piggyback Registration Rights

If we propose to file a registration statement in connection with a public offering of securities of our company other than relating to an employee incentive plan, corporate reorganization or demand registration then we must offer each holder of the registrable securities the opportunity to include their shares in the registration statement. Such requests for registrations are not counted as demand registrations.

Form S-3/F-3 Registration Rights

When eligible for use of form S-3/F-3, holders of our registrable securities then outstanding may request in writing that we effect a registration on Form S-3/F-3 so long, among other things, the gross proceeds of the securities to be sold under the registration statement exceeds US\$1 million. We, however, are not obligated to effect a registration on Form S-3/F-3 if, among other things, we have already effected a registration within any six-month period preceding the date of the registration request. We have the right to defer filing of a registration statement for up to 90 days if our board of directors determine in good faith that filing of a registration will be materially detrimental to us, but we cannot exercise the deferral right more than once in any twelve-month period.

Registration pursuant to Form F-3 registration rights is not deemed to be a demand registration, and there is no limit on the number of times the holders may exercise their Form F-3 registration rights.

Expenses of Registration

We will pay all expenses incurred by us relating to any demand, piggyback or Form F-3 registration, except that the requesting holders shall bear the expense of any underwriting discounts and selling commissions relating to the offering of their securities. We will not be required to pay for any expenses of any registration proceeding begun pursuant to demand registration rights, unless subject to certain exception, if the registration request is subsequently withdrawn at the request of a majority of the holders of the registrable securities to be registered.

Differences in Corporate Law

The Companies Law is modeled after that of England and Wales but does not follow recent statutory enactments in England. In addition, the Companies Law differs from laws applicable to United States

corporations and their shareholders. Set forth below is a summary of the significant differences between the provisions of the Companies Law applicable to us and the laws applicable to companies incorporated in the State of Delaware.

Mergers and Similar Arrangements

A merger of two or more constituent companies under Cayman Islands law requires a plan of merger or consolidation to be approved by the directors of each constituent company and authorization by a special resolution of the members of each constituent company.

A merger between a Cayman parent company and its Cayman subsidiary or subsidiaries does not require authorization by a resolution of shareholders. For this purpose a subsidiary is a company of which at least ninety percent (90%) of the issued shares entitled to vote are owned by the parent company.

The consent of each holder of a fixed or floating security interest over a constituent company is required unless this requirement is waived by a court in the Cayman Islands.

Save in certain circumstances, a dissenting shareholder of a Cayman constituent company is entitled to payment of the fair value of his or her shares upon dissenting to a merger or consolidation. The exercise of appraisal rights will preclude the exercise of any other rights save for the right to seek relief on the grounds that the merger or consolidation is void or unlawful.

In addition, there are statutory provisions that facilitate the reconstruction and amalgamation of companies, provided that the arrangement is approved by a majority in number of each class of shareholders and creditors (representing 75% by value) with whom the arrangement is to be made, and who must, in addition, represent three-fourths in value of each such class of shareholders or creditors, as the case may be, that are present and voting either in person or by proxy at a meeting, or meetings, convened for that purpose. The convening of the meetings and subsequently the arrangement must be sanctioned by the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands. While a dissenting shareholder has the right to express to the court the view that the transaction ought not to be approved, the court can be expected to approve the arrangement if it determines that:

- the statutory provisions as to the required majority vote have been met;
- the shareholders have been fairly represented at the meeting in question and the statutory majority are acting bona fide without coercion of the minority to promote interests adverse to those of the class;
- the arrangement is such that may be reasonably approved by an intelligent and honest man of that class acting in respect of his interest; and
- the arrangement is not one that would more properly be sanctioned under some other provision of the Companies Law.

When a takeover offer is made and accepted by holders of 90% of the shares within four months, the offeror may, within a two-month period commencing on the expiration of such four month period, require the holders of the remaining shares to transfer such shares on the terms of the offer. An objection can be made to the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands but this is unlikely to succeed in the case of an offer which has been so approved unless there is evidence of fraud, bad faith or collusion.

If an arrangement and reconstruction is thus approved, the dissenting shareholder would have no rights comparable to appraisal rights, which would otherwise ordinarily be available to dissenting shareholders of Delaware corporations, providing rights to receive payment in cash for the judicially determined value of the shares.

Shareholders' Suits

In principle, we will normally be the proper plaintiff and as a general rule a derivative action may not be brought by a minority shareholder. However, based on English authorities, which would in all likelihood be of persuasive authority in the Cayman Islands, there are exceptions to the foregoing principle, including when:

- a company acts or proposes to act illegally or *ultra vires*;
- the act complained of, although not *ultra vires*, could only be effected duly if authorized by more than a simple majority vote that has not been obtained; and
- those who control the company are perpetrating a "fraud on the minority."

Indemnification of Directors and Executive Officers and Limitation of Liability

Cayman Islands law does not limit the extent to which a company's articles of association may provide for indemnification of officers and directors, except to the extent any such provision may be held by the Cayman Islands courts to be contrary to public policy, such as to provide indemnification against civil fraud or the consequences of committing a crime. Our memorandum and articles of association permit indemnification of officers and directors for losses, damages, costs and expenses incurred in their capacities as such unless such losses or damages arise from dishonesty or fraud which may attach to such directors or officers. This standard of conduct is generally the same as permitted under the Delaware General Corporation Law for a Delaware corporation. In addition, we intend to enter into indemnification agreements with our directors and senior executive officers that will provide such persons with additional indemnification beyond that provided in our memorandum and articles of association.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers or persons controlling us under the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Anti-Takeover Provisions in the Memorandum and Articles of Association

Some provisions of our memorandum and articles of association may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company or management that shareholders may consider favorable, including provisions that authorize our board of directors to issue preferred shares in one or more series and to designate the price, rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of such preferred shares without any further vote or action by our shareholders.

However, under Cayman Islands law, our directors may only exercise the rights and powers granted to them under our memorandum and articles of association, as amended and restated from time to time, for what they believe in good faith to be in the best interests of our company.

Directors' Fiduciary Duties

Under Delaware corporate law, a director of a Delaware corporation has a fiduciary duty to the corporation and its shareholders. This duty has two components: the duty of care and the duty of loyalty. The duty of care requires that a director act in good faith, with the care that an ordinarily prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances. Under this duty, a director must inform himself of, and disclose to shareholders, all material information reasonably available regarding a significant transaction. The duty of loyalty requires that a director act in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation. He or she must not use his or her corporate position for personal gain or advantage. This duty prohibits self-dealing by a director and mandates that the best interest of the corporation and its shareholders take precedence over any interest possessed by a director, officer or controlling shareholder.

and not shared by the shareholders generally. In general, actions of a director are presumed to have been made on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that the action taken was in the best interests of the corporation. However, this presumption may be rebutted by evidence of a breach of one of the fiduciary duties. Should such evidence be presented concerning a transaction by a director, a director must prove the procedural fairness of the transaction, and that the transaction was of fair value to the corporation.

As a matter of Cayman Islands law, a director of a Cayman Islands company is in the position of a fiduciary with respect to the company and therefore it is considered that he owes the following duties to the company—a duty to act bona fide in the best interests of the company, a duty not to make a profit based on his or her position as director (unless the company permits him to do so) and a duty not to put himself in a position where the interests of the company conflict with his or her personal interest or his or her duty to a third party. A director of a Cayman Islands company owes to the company a duty to act with skill and care. It was previously considered that a director need not exhibit in the performance of his or her duties a greater degree of skill than may reasonably be expected from a person of his or her knowledge and experience. However, English and Commonwealth courts have moved towards an objective standard with regard to the required skill and care and these authorities are likely to be followed in the Cayman Islands.

Shareholder Action by Written Consent

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation may eliminate the right of shareholders to act by written consent by amendment to its certificate of incorporation. Cayman Islands law and our articles of association provide that shareholders may approve corporate matters by way of a unanimous written resolution signed by or on behalf of each shareholder who would have been entitled to vote on such matter at a general meeting without a meeting being held.

Shareholder Proposals

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a shareholder has the right to put any proposal before the annual meeting of shareholders, provided it complies with the notice provisions in the governing documents. The Delaware General Corporation Law does not provide shareholders an express right to put any proposal before the annual meeting of shareholders, but in keeping with common law, Delaware corporations generally afford shareholders an opportunity to make proposals and nominations provided that they comply with the notice provisions in the certificate of incorporation or bylaws. A special meeting may be called by the board of directors or any other person authorized to do so in the governing documents, but shareholders may be precluded from calling special meetings.

Neither Cayman Islands law nor our articles of association allow our shareholders to requisition a shareholders' meeting. As an exempted Cayman Islands company, we are not obliged by law to call shareholders' annual general meetings. However, our articles of association require us to call such meetings every year.

Cumulative Voting

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, cumulative voting for elections of directors is not permitted unless the corporation's certificate of incorporation specifically provides for it. Cumulative voting potentially facilitates the representation of minority shareholders on a board of directors since it permits the minority shareholder to cast all the votes to which the shareholder is entitled on a single director, which increases the shareholder's voting power with respect to electing such director. As permitted under Cayman Islands law, our articles of association do not provide for cumulative voting. As a result, our shareholders are not afforded any less protections or rights on this issue than shareholders of a Delaware corporation.

Removal of Directors

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a director of a corporation with a classified board may be removed only for cause with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Under our articles of association, directors may be removed by ordinary resolution.

Transactions with Interested Shareholders

The Delaware General Corporation Law contains a business combination statute applicable to Delaware public corporations whereby, unless the corporation has specifically elected not to be governed by such statute by amendment to its certificate of incorporation or bylaws that is approved by its shareholders, it is prohibited from engaging in certain business combinations with an "interested shareholder" for three years following the date that such person becomes an interested shareholder. An interested shareholder generally is a person or a group who or which owns or owned 15% or more of the target's outstanding voting stock or who or which is an affiliate or associate of the corporation and owned 15% or more of the corporation's outstanding voting stock within the past three years. This has the effect of limiting the ability of a potential acquirer to make a two-tiered bid for the target in which all shareholders would not be treated equally. The statute does not apply if, among other things, prior to the date on which such shareholder becomes an interested shareholder, the board of directors approves either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the person becoming an interested shareholder. This encourages any potential acquirer of a Delaware corporation to negotiate the terms of any acquisition transaction with the target's board of directors.

Cayman Islands law has no comparable statute. As a result, we cannot avail ourselves of the types of protections afforded by the Delaware business combination statute. However, although Cayman Islands law does not regulate transactions between a company and its significant shareholders, it does provide that such transactions must be entered into bona fide in the best interests of the company and for a proper corporate purpose and not with the effect of constituting a fraud on the minority shareholders.

Dissolution; Winding Up

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, unless the board of directors approves the proposal to dissolve, dissolution must be approved by shareholders holding 100% of the total voting power of the corporation. Only if the dissolution is initiated by the board of directors may it be approved by a simple majority of the corporation's outstanding shares. Delaware law allows a Delaware corporation to include in its certificate of incorporation a supermajority voting requirement in connection with dissolutions initiated by the board. Under Cayman Islands law, a company may be wound up by either an order of the courts of the Cayman Islands or by a special resolution of its members or, if the company is unable to pay its debts as they fall due, by an ordinary resolution of its members. The court has authority to order winding up in a number of specified circumstances including where it is, in the opinion of the court, just and equitable to do so.

Under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands and our articles of association, our company may be dissolved, liquidated or wound up by the vote of holders of two-thirds of our shares voting at a meeting or the unanimous written resolution of all shareholders.

Variation of Rights of Shares

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation may vary the rights of a class of shares with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares of such class, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Under Cayman Islands law and our articles of association, if our share capital is divided into more than one class of shares, we may vary the rights attached to any class only

with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class.

Amendment of Governing Documents

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation's certificate of incorporation may be amended only if adopted and declared advisable by the board of directors and approved by a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote, and the bylaws may be amended with the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote and may, if so provided in the certificate of incorporation, also be amended by the board of directors. As permitted by Cayman Islands law, our memorandum and articles of association may only be amended by special resolution or the unanimous written resolution of all shareholders.

Rights of Non-Resident or Foreign Shareholders

There are no limitations imposed by our memorandum and articles of association on the rights of non-resident or foreign shareholders to hold or exercise voting rights on our shares. In addition, there are no provisions in our memorandum and articles of association governing the ownership threshold above which shareholder ownership must be disclosed.

Directors' Power to Issue Shares

Subject to applicable law, our board of directors is empowered to issue or allot shares or grant options and warrants with or without preferred, deferred, qualified or other special rights or restrictions.

Inspection of Books and Records

Holders of our ordinary shares will have no general right under Cayman Islands law to inspect or obtain copies of our list of shareholders or our corporate records. However, we will provide our shareholders with annual audited financial statements. See "Where You Can Find More Information."

DESCRIPTION OF AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES

American Depositary Shares

, as depositary, will register and deliver the ADSs. Each ADS will represent an ownership interest in ordinary shares deposited with, as custodian for the depositary. Each ADS will also represent an ownership interest in any other securities, cash or other property which may be held by the depositary. The depositary's corporate trust office at which the ADSs will be administered is located at . The principal executive office of the depositary is located at .

The Direct Registration System, or DRS, is a system administered by The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, pursuant to which the depositary may register the ownership of uncertificated ADSs, which ownership shall be evidenced by periodic statements issued by the depositary to the ADS holders entitled thereto.

We will not treat ADS holders as our shareholders and accordingly, you, as an ADS holder, will not have a shareholder's rights. Cayman Islands law governs shareholders' rights. The depositary will be the holder of the ordinary shares underlying your ADSs. As a holder of ADSs, you will have an ADS holder's rights. A deposit agreement among us, the depositary and you, as an ADS holder, and the beneficial owners of ADSs sets out ADS holders' rights as well as the rights and obligations of the depositary. The laws of the State of New York govern the deposit agreement and the ADSs.

The following is a summary of the material provisions of the deposit agreement. For more complete information, you should read the entire deposit agreement and the form of American Depositary Receipt. For directions on how to obtain copies of those documents, see "Where You Can Find More Information."

Holding the ADSs

How will you hold your ADSs?

You may hold ADSs either (1) directly (a) by having an American Depositary Receipt, or ADR, which is a certificate evidencing a specific number of ADSs, registered in your name, or (b) by holding ADSs in the DRS, or (2) indirectly through your broker or other financial institution. If you hold ADSs directly, you are an ADS holder. This description assumes you hold your ADSs directly. If you hold the ADSs indirectly, you must rely on the procedures of your broker or other financial institution to assert the rights of ADS holders described in this section. You should consult with your broker or financial institution to find out what those procedures are.

Dividends and Other Distributions

How will you receive dividends and other distributions on the shares?

The depositary has agreed to pay to you the cash dividends or other distributions it or the custodian receives on ordinary shares or other deposited securities, after deducting its fees and expenses. You will receive these distributions in proportion to the number of ordinary shares your ADSs represent as of the record date (which will be as close as practicable to the record date for our ordinary shares) set by the depositary with respect to the ADSs.

- **Cash.** The depositary will convert any cash dividend or other cash distribution we pay on the ordinary shares or any net proceeds from the sale of any ordinary shares, rights, securities or other entitlements into U.S. dollars if it can do so on a reasonable basis, and can transfer the U.S. dollars to the United States. If that is not possible or lawful or if any government approval is needed and cannot be obtained, the deposit agreement allows the depositary to distribute the foreign currency only to those ADS holders to whom it is possible to do so. It will hold the foreign currency it cannot convert for the account of the ADS holders who have not been paid. It will not invest the foreign currency and it will not be liable for any interest.

- Before making a distribution, any taxes or other governmental charges, together with fees and expenses of the depositary, that must be paid, will be deducted. See "Taxation." It will distribute only whole U.S. dollars and cents and will round fractional cents to the nearest whole cent. *If the exchange rates fluctuate during a time when the depositary cannot convert the foreign currency, you may lose some or all of the value of the distribution.*
- **Shares.** The depositary may, upon our timely instruction, distribute additional ADSs representing any ordinary shares we distribute as a dividend or free distribution to the extent reasonably practicable and permissible under law. The depositary will only distribute whole ADSs. It will try to sell ordinary shares which would require it to deliver a fractional ADS and distribute the net proceeds in the same way as it does with cash. If the depositary does not distribute additional ADSs, the outstanding ADSs will also represent the new ordinary shares. The depositary may sell a portion of the distributed ordinary shares sufficient to pay its fees and expenses in connection with that distribution.
- **Elective Distributions in Cash or Shares.** If we offer holders of our ordinary shares the option to receive dividends in either cash or shares, the depositary, after consultation with us and having received timely notice of such elective distribution by us, has discretion to determine to what extent such elective distribution will be made available to you as a holder of the ADSs. We must first instruct the depositary to make such elective distribution available to you and furnish it with satisfactory evidence that it is legal to do so. The depositary could decide it is not legal or reasonably practical to make such elective distribution available to you, or it could decide that it is only legal or reasonably practical to make such elective distribution available to some but not all holders of the ADSs. In such case, the depositary shall, on the basis of the same determination as is made in respect of the ordinary shares for which no election is made, distribute either cash in the same way as it does in a cash distribution, or additional ADSs representing ordinary shares in the same way as it does in a share distribution. The depositary is not obligated to make available to you a method to receive the elective dividend in shares rather than in ADSs. There can be no assurance that you will be given the opportunity to receive elective distributions on the same terms and conditions as the holders of ordinary shares.

- **Rights to Purchase Additional Shares.** If we offer holders of our ordinary shares any rights to subscribe for additional shares or any other rights, the depositary may after consultation with us and having received timely notice of such distribution by us, make these rights available to you. We must first instruct the depositary to make such rights available to you and furnish the depositary with satisfactory evidence that it is legal to do so. If the depositary decides it is not legal and practical to make the rights available but that it is practical to sell the rights, the depositary will use reasonable efforts to sell the rights and distribute the net proceeds in the same way as it does with cash. The depositary will allow rights that are not distributed or sold to lapse. In that case, you will receive no value for them.

If the depositary makes rights available to you, it will exercise the rights and purchase the shares on your behalf. The depositary will then deposit the shares and deliver ADSs to you. It will only exercise rights if you pay it the exercise price and any other charges the rights require you to pay.

U.S. securities laws may restrict transfers and cancellation of the ADSs represented by shares purchased upon exercise of rights. For example, you may not be able to trade these ADSs freely in the United States. In this case, the depositary may deliver restricted depositary shares that have the same terms as the ADSs described in this section except for changes needed to put the necessary restrictions in place.

- **Other Distributions.** Subject to receipt of timely notice from us with the request to make any such distribution available to you, and provided the depositary has determined such distribution is lawful and reasonably practicable and feasible and in accordance with the terms of the deposit agreement,

the depositary will send to you anything else we distribute on deposited securities by any means it thinks is legal, fair and practical. If it cannot make the distribution in that way, the depositary has a choice: it may decide to sell what we distributed and distribute the net proceeds in the same way as it does with cash; or, it may decide to hold what we distributed, in which case ADSs will also represent the newly distributed property. However, the depositary is not required to distribute any securities (other than ADSs) to you unless it receives satisfactory evidence from us that it is legal to make that distribution. The depositary may sell a portion of the distributed securities or property sufficient to pay its fees and expenses in connection with that distribution.

The depositary is not responsible if it decides that it is unlawful or impractical to make a distribution available to any ADS holders. We have no obligation to register ADSs, shares, rights or other securities under the Securities Act. We also have no obligation to take any other action to permit the distribution of ADSs, shares, rights or anything else to ADS holders. This means that you may not receive the distributions we make on our shares or any value for them if it is illegal or impractical for us to make them available to you.

Deposit, Withdrawal and Cancellation

How are ADSs issued?

The depositary will deliver ADSs if you or your broker deposit ordinary shares or evidence of rights to receive ordinary shares with the custodian. Upon payment of its fees and expenses and of any taxes or charges, such as stamp taxes or stock transfer taxes or fees, the depositary will register the appropriate number of ADSs in the names you request and will deliver the ADSs to or upon the order of the person or persons entitled thereto.

Except for ordinary shares deposited by us in connection with this offering, no shares will be accepted for deposit during a period of 180 days after the date of this prospectus. The 180-day lock-up period is subject to adjustment under certain circumstances as described in the section entitled "Shares Eligible for Future Sale—Lock-up Agreements."

How do ADS holders cancel an American Depositary Share?

You may turn in your ADSs at the depositary's corporate trust office or by providing appropriate instructions to your broker. Upon payment of its fees and expenses and of any taxes or charges, such as stamp taxes or stock transfer taxes or fees, the depositary will deliver the ordinary shares and any other deposited securities underlying the ADSs to you or a person you designate at the office of the custodian. Or, at your request, risk and expense, the depositary will deliver the deposited securities at its corporate trust office, if feasible.

How do ADS holders interchange between Certificated ADSs and Uncertificated ADSs?

You may surrender your ADR to the depositary for the purpose of exchanging your ADR for uncertificated ADSs. The depositary will cancel that ADR and will send you a statement confirming that you are the owner of uncertificated ADSs. Alternatively, upon receipt by the depositary of a proper instruction from a holder of uncertificated ADSs requesting the exchange of uncertificated ADSs for certificated ADSs, the depositary will execute and deliver to you an ADR evidencing those ADSs.

Voting Rights

How do you vote?

You may instruct the depositary to vote the deposited securities. Otherwise, you won't be able to exercise your right to vote unless you withdraw the ordinary shares your ADSs represent. However, you may not know about the meeting enough in advance to withdraw the ordinary shares.

If we ask for your instructions and upon timely notice from us, the depositary will notify you of the upcoming vote and arrange to deliver our voting materials to you. The materials will (1) describe the matters to be voted on and (2) explain how you may instruct the depositary to vote the ordinary shares or other deposited securities underlying your ADSs as you direct, including an express indication that such instruction may be given or deemed given in accordance with the second to last sentence of this paragraph if no instruction is received, to the depositary to give a discretionary proxy to a person designated by us. For instructions to be valid, the depositary must receive them on or before the date specified. The depositary will try, as far as practical, subject to the laws of the Cayman Islands and the provisions of our constitutive documents, to vote or to have its agents vote the ordinary shares or other deposited securities as you instruct. The depositary will only vote or attempt to vote as you instruct. If we timely requested the depositary to solicit your instructions but no instructions are received by the depositary from an owner with respect to any of the deposited securities represented by the ADSs of that owner on or before the date established by the depositary for such purpose, the depositary shall deem that owner to have instructed the depositary to give a discretionary proxy to a person designated by us with respect to such deposited securities, and the depositary shall give a discretionary proxy to a person designated by us to vote such deposited securities. However, no such instruction shall be deemed given and no such discretionary proxy shall be given with respect to any matter if we inform the depositary we do not wish such proxy given, substantial opposition exists or the matter materially and adversely affects the rights of holders of the ordinary shares.

We cannot assure you that you will receive the voting materials in time to ensure that you can instruct the depositary to vote the ordinary shares underlying your ADSs. In addition, the depositary and its agents are not responsible for failing to carry out voting instructions or for the manner of carrying out voting instructions. This means that you may not be able to exercise your right to vote and there may be nothing you can do if the ordinary shares underlying your ADSs are not voted as you requested.

In order to give you a reasonable opportunity to instruct the depositary as to the exercise of voting rights relating to deposited securities, if we request the depositary to act, we will try to give the depositary notice of any such meeting and details concerning the matters to be voted upon sufficiently in advance of the meeting date.

Fees and Expenses

<u>Persons Depositing or Withdrawing Shares Must Pay:</u>	<u>For:</u>
\$0.05 (or less) per ADS	Issuance of ADSs, including issuances resulting from a distribution of shares or rights or other property
	Cancellation of ADSs for the purpose of withdrawal, including if the deposit agreement terminates
\$0.05 (or less) per ADS	Any distribution of cash proceeds to you
A fee equivalent to the fee that would be payable if securities distributed to you had been ordinary shares and the ordinary shares had been deposited for issuance of ADSs	Distribution of securities distributed to holders of deposited securities which are distributed by the depositary to ADS holders
\$0.05 (or less) per ADS per calendar year	Depositary services
Registration or transfer fees	Transfer and registration of ordinary shares on our share register to or from the name of the depositary or its agent when you deposit or withdraw ordinary shares
Expenses of the depositary	Cable, telex and facsimile transmissions (when expressly provided in the deposit agreement)
	Converting foreign currency to U.S. dollars
Taxes and other governmental charges the depositary or the custodian has to pay on any ADS or share underlying an ADS, including any applicable interest and penalties thereon and any share transfer or other taxes on governmental charges, for example, stock transfer taxes, stamp duty or withholding taxes	As necessary
Any charges incurred by the depositary or its agents for servicing the deposited securities	As necessary

, as depositary, has agreed to reimburse us for a portion of certain expenses we incur that are related to establishment and maintenance of the ADR program, including investor relations expenses. There are limits on the amount of expenses for which the depositary will reimburse us, but the amount of reimbursement available to us is not related to the amounts of fees the depositary collects from investors. Further, the depositary has agreed to reimburse us certain fees payable to the depositary by holders of ADSs. Neither the depositary nor we can determine the exact amount to be made available to us because (i) the number of ADSs that will be issued and outstanding, (ii) the level of service fees to be charged to holders of ADSs and (iii) our reimbursable expenses related to the program are not known at this time.

The depositary collects its fees for issuance and cancellation of ADSs directly from investors depositing shares or surrendering ADSs for the purpose of withdrawal or from intermediaries acting for them. The depositary collects fees for making distributions to investors by deducting those fees from the amounts distributed or by selling a portion of distributable property to pay the fees. The depositary may collect its annual fee for depositary services by deduction from cash distributions, or by directly billing investors, or by charging the book-entry system accounts of participants acting for them. The depositary may generally refuse to provide fee-attracting services until its fees for those services are paid.

Payment of Taxes

You will be responsible for any taxes or other governmental charges payable on your ADSs or on the deposited securities represented by any of your ADSs. The depositary may refuse to register any transfer of your ADSs or allow you to withdraw the deposited securities represented by your ADSs until such taxes or other charges are paid. It may apply payments owed to you or sell deposited securities represented by your ADSs to pay any taxes owed and you will remain liable for any deficiency. If the depositary sells deposited securities, it will, if appropriate, reduce the number of ADSs to reflect the sale and pay to you any net proceeds, or send to you any property, remaining after it has paid the taxes. You agree to indemnify us, the depositary, the custodian and each of our and their respective agents, directors, employees and affiliates for, and hold each of them harmless from, any claims with respect to taxes (including applicable interest and penalties thereon) arising from any tax benefit obtained for you.

Reclassifications, Recapitalizations and Mergers

If we:	Then:
Change the nominal or par value of our ordinary shares	The cash, shares or other securities received by the depositary will become deposited securities
Reclassify, split up or consolidate any of the deposited securities	Each ADS will automatically represent its equal share of the new deposited securities
Distribute securities on the ordinary shares that are not distributed to you or Recapitalize, reorganize, merge, liquidate, sell all or substantially all of our assets, or take any similar action	The depositary may distribute some or all of the cash, shares or other securities it received. It may also deliver new ADSs or ask you to surrender your outstanding ADRs in exchange for new ADRs identifying the new deposited securities

Amendment and Termination

How may the deposit agreement be amended?

We may agree with the depositary to amend the deposit agreement and the form of ADR without your consent for any reason. If an amendment adds or increases fees or charges, except for taxes and other governmental charges or expenses of the depositary for registration fees, facsimile costs, delivery charges or similar items, including expenses incurred in connection with foreign exchange control regulations and other charges specifically payable by ADS holders under the deposit agreement, or materially prejudices a substantial existing right of ADS holders, it will not become effective for outstanding ADSs until 30 days after the depositary notifies ADS holders of the amendment. At the time an amendment becomes effective, you are considered, by continuing to hold your ADSs, to agree to the amendment and to be bound by the ADRs and the deposit agreement as amended.

How may the deposit agreement be terminated?

The depositary will terminate the deposit agreement if we ask it to do so, in which case the depositary will give notice to you at least 90 days prior to termination. The depositary may also terminate the deposit agreement if the depositary has told us that it would like to resign and we have not appointed a new depositary within 90 days. In such case, the depositary must notify you at least 30 days before termination.

After termination, the depositary and its agents will do the following under the deposit agreement but nothing else: collect distributions on the deposited securities, sell rights and other property and deliver ordinary shares and other deposited securities upon cancellation of ADSs after payment of any fees, charges, taxes or other governmental charges. Six months or more after termination, the depositary may

sell any remaining deposited securities by public or private sale. After that, the depositary will hold the money it received on the sale, as well as any other cash it is holding under the deposit agreement, for the pro rata benefit of the ADS holders that have not surrendered their ADSs. It will not invest the money and has no liability for interest. The depositary's only obligations will be to account for the money and other cash. After termination, our only obligations will be to indemnify the depositary and to pay fees and expenses of the depositary that we agreed to pay.

Books of Depositary

The depositary will maintain ADS holder records at its depositary office. You may inspect such records at such office during regular business hours but solely for the purpose of communicating with other holders in the interest of business matters relating to the ADSs and the deposit agreement.

The depositary will maintain facilities in New York to record and process the issuance, cancellation, combination, split-up and transfer of ADRs.

These facilities may be closed from time to time, to the extent not prohibited by law or if any such action is deemed necessary or advisable by the depositary or us, in good faith, at any time or from time to time because of any requirement of law, any government or governmental body or commission or any securities exchange on which the ADRs or ADSs are listed, or under any provision of the deposit agreement or provisions of, or governing, the deposited securities, or any meeting of our shareholders or for any other reason.

Limitations on Obligations and Liability

Limits on our Obligations and the Obligations of the Depositary; Limits on Liability to Holders of ADSs

The deposit agreement expressly limits our obligations and the obligations of the depositary. It also limits our liability and the liability of the depositary. We and the depositary:

- are only obligated to take the actions specifically set forth in the deposit agreement without gross negligence or willful misconduct;
- are not liable if either of us is prevented or delayed by law or circumstances beyond our control from performing our obligations under the deposit agreement, including, without limitation, requirements of any present or future law, regulation, governmental or regulatory authority or share exchange of any applicable jurisdiction, any present or future provisions of our memorandum and articles of association, on account of possible civil or criminal penalties or restraint, any provisions of or governing the deposited securities or any act of God, war or other circumstances beyond our control as set forth in the deposit agreement;
- are not liable if either of us exercises, or fails to exercise, discretion permitted under the deposit agreement;
- are not liable for the inability of any holder of ADSs to benefit from any distribution on deposited securities that is not made available to holders of ADSs under the terms of the deposit agreement, or for any indirect, special, consequential or punitive damages for any breach of the terms of the deposit agreement;
- have no obligation to become involved in a lawsuit or other proceeding related to the ADSs or the deposit agreement on your behalf or on behalf of any other party;
- may rely upon any documents we believe in good faith to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party;
- disclaim any liability for any action/inaction in reliance on the advice or information of legal counsel, accountants, any person presenting ordinary shares for deposit, holders and beneficial owners

(or authorized representatives) of ADSs, or any person believed in good faith to be competent to give such advice or information;

- disclaim any liability for inability of any holder to benefit from any distribution, offering, right or other benefit made available to holders of deposited securities but not made available to holders of ADSs; and
- disclaim any liability for any indirect, special, punitive or consequential damages.

The depositary and any of its agents also disclaim any liability for any failure to carry out any instructions to vote, the manner in which any vote is cast or the effect of any vote or failure to determine that any distribution or action may be lawful or reasonably practicable or for allowing any rights to lapse in accordance with the provisions of the deposit agreement, the failure or timeliness of any notice from us, the content of any information submitted to it by us for distribution to you or for any inaccuracy of any translation thereof, any investment risk associated with the acquisition of an interest in the deposited securities, the validity or worth of the deposited securities, the creditworthiness of any third party, or for any tax consequences that may result from ownership of ADSs, ordinary shares or deposited securities.

In the deposit agreement, we and the depositary agree to indemnify each other under certain circumstances.

Requirements for Depositary Actions

Before the depositary will issue, deliver or register a transfer of an ADS, make a distribution on an ADS, or permit withdrawal of ordinary shares, the depositary may require:

- payment of stock transfer or other taxes or other governmental charges and transfer or registration fees charged by third parties for the transfer of any ordinary shares or other deposited securities and payment of the applicable fees, expenses and charges of the depositary;
- satisfactory proof of the identity and genuineness of any signature or other information it deems necessary; and
- compliance with regulations it may establish, from time to time, consistent with the deposit agreement, including presentation of transfer documents.

The depositary may refuse to issue and deliver ADSs or register transfers of ADSs generally when the register of the depositary or our transfer books are closed or at any time if the depositary or we think it is necessary or advisable to do so.

Your Right to Receive the Shares Underlying Your ADSs

- You have the right to cancel your ADSs and withdraw the underlying ordinary shares at any time except:
- when temporary delays arise because: (1) the depositary has closed its transfer books or we have closed our transfer books; (2) the transfer of ordinary shares is blocked to permit voting at a shareholders' meeting; or (3) we are paying a dividend on our ordinary shares;
- when you owe money to pay fees, taxes and similar charges; or
- when it is necessary to prohibit withdrawals in order to comply with any laws or governmental regulations that apply to ADSs or to the withdrawal of ordinary shares or other deposited securities.

This right of withdrawal may not be limited by any other provision of the deposit agreement.

Pre-release of ADSs

The deposit agreement permits the depositary to deliver ADSs before deposit of the underlying ordinary shares. This is called a pre-release of the ADSs. The depositary may also deliver ordinary shares upon cancellation of pre-released ADSs (even if the ADSs are cancelled before the pre-release transaction has been closed out). A pre-release is closed out as soon as the underlying ordinary shares are delivered to the depositary. The depositary may receive ADSs instead of ordinary shares to close out a pre-release. The depositary may pre-release ADSs only under the following conditions: (1) before or at the time of the pre-release, the person to whom the pre-release is being made represents to the depositary in writing that it or its customer (a) owns the ordinary shares or ADSs to be deposited, (b) assigns all beneficial rights, title and interest in such ordinary shares or ADSs to the depositary for the benefit of the owners, (c) will not take any action with respect to such ordinary shares or ADSs that is inconsistent with the transfer of beneficial ownership, (d) indicates the depositary as owner of such ordinary shares or ADSs in its records and (e) unconditionally guarantees to deliver such ordinary shares or ADSs to the depositary or the custodian, as the case may be; (2) the pre-release is fully collateralized with cash or other collateral that the depositary considers appropriate; and (3) the depositary must be able to close out the pre-release on not more than five business days' notice. Each pre-release is subject to further indemnities and credit regulations as the depositary considers appropriate. In addition, the depositary will limit the number of ADSs that may be outstanding at any time as a result of pre-release, although the depositary may disregard the limit from time to time, if it thinks it is appropriate to do so, including (1) due to a decrease in the aggregate number of ADSs outstanding that causes existing pre-release transactions to temporarily exceed the limit stated above or (2) where otherwise required by market conditions.

Direct Registration System

In the deposit agreement, all parties to the deposit agreement acknowledge that the DRS and Profile Modification System, or Profile, will apply to uncertificated ADSs upon acceptance thereof to DRS by DTC. DRS is the system administered by DTC pursuant to which the depositary may register the ownership of uncertificated ADSs, which ownership shall be evidenced by periodic statements issued by the depositary to the ADS holders entitled thereto. Profile is a required feature of DRS which allows a DTC participant, claiming to act on behalf of an ADS holder, to direct the depositary to register a transfer of those ADSs to DTC or its nominee and to deliver those ADSs to the DTC account of that DTC participant without receipt by the depositary of prior authorization from the ADS holder to register such transfer.

In connection with and in accordance with the arrangements and procedures relating to DRS/ Profile, the parties to the deposit agreement understand that the depositary will not verify, determine or otherwise ascertain that the DTC participant which is claiming to be acting on behalf of an ADS holder in requesting registration of transfer and delivery described in the paragraph above has the actual authority to act on behalf of the ADS holder (notwithstanding any requirements under the Uniform Commercial Code). In the deposit agreement, the parties agree that the depositary's reliance on, and compliance with, instructions received by the depositary through the DRS/Profile System and in accordance with the deposit agreement, shall not constitute negligence or bad faith on the part of the depositary.

SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

Upon closing of this offering, we will have ADSs outstanding representing approximately % of our ordinary shares (or ADS outstanding representing approximately % of our ordinary shares if the underwriters exercise in full the over-allotment option). In addition, options to purchase an aggregate of approximately ordinary shares will be outstanding as of the closing of this offering. Of these options, will have vested at or prior to the closing of this offering and approximately will vest over the next years. Furthermore, we have outstanding convertible bonds in the aggregate principal amount of US\$150.0 million due December 30, 2019. We may, at our option, require the original subscribers, STT GDC to subscribe for an additional amount of these bonds as to US\$50.0 million, and thereafter, Ping An Insurance to subscribe for an additional amount of these bonds as to US\$50.0 million, at any time until September 30, 2016. In addition, following this offering, we may require the conversion of the bonds assuming the average per-ordinary-share-equivalent closing trading price of our ADSs in any period of ten (10) consecutive trading days following this offering is at least 125% of US\$1.68 and we exercise our right to cause STT GDC and Ping An Insurance to convert the bonds. If the bondholders elect to convert, or we cause the bondholders to convert, their bonds, up to 89,538,233 ordinary shares will be issued. The conversion of the bonds would result in substantial dilution of our ADSs and ordinary shares and a decline in their market price. There can be no certainty as to whether the bondholders will elect to convert, or if we will be entitled to cause the bondholders to convert, their bonds at the time of or after the completion of this offering.

All of the ADSs sold in this offering and the ordinary shares they represent will be freely transferable by persons other than our "affiliates" without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act. Rule 144 of the Securities Act defines an "affiliate" of a company as a person that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, our company. All outstanding ordinary shares prior to this offering are "restricted securities" as that term is defined in Rule 144 because they were issued in a transaction or series of transactions not involving a public offering. Restricted securities, in the form of ADSs or otherwise, may be sold only if they are the subject of an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or if they are sold pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirement of the Securities Act such as those provided for in Rules 144 or 701 promulgated under the Securities Act, which rules are summarized below. Restricted ordinary shares may also be sold outside of the United States to non-U.S. persons in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S under the Act. This prospectus may not be used in connection with any resale of our ADSs acquired in this offering by our affiliates.

Pursuant to Rule 144, ordinary shares will be eligible for sale at various times after the date of this prospectus, subject to the lock-up agreements.

Sales of substantial amounts of our ADSs in the public market could adversely affect prevailing market prices of our ADSs. Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our ordinary shares or ADSs, and while our application has been made to list our ADSs on the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ], we cannot assure you that a regular trading market will develop in the ADSs. We do not expect that a trading market will develop for our ordinary shares not represented by ADSs.

Lock-up Agreements

We, our directors, executive officers, existing shareholders and existing holders of our convertible and redeemable bonds have agreed, subject to some exceptions, not to sell, transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any of our ordinary shares, in the form of ADSs or otherwise, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our ordinary shares, in the form of ADSs or otherwise, for a period of 180 days after the date this prospectus becomes effective. After the expiration of the 180-day period, the ordinary shares or ADSs held by our directors, executive officers or existing shareholders may be sold subject to the restrictions under Rule 144 under the Securities Act or by means of registered public offerings.

Rule 144

In general, under Rule 144 as currently in effect, a person who has beneficially owned our restricted securities for at least six months is entitled to sell the restricted securities without registration under the Securities Act, subject to certain restrictions. Persons who are our affiliates (including persons beneficially owning 10% or more of our outstanding shares) may sell within any three-month period a number of restricted securities that does not exceed the greater of the following:

- 1% of the number of our ordinary shares then outstanding, in the form of ADSs or otherwise, which will equal approximately ordinary shares immediately after this offering; and
- the average weekly trading volume of our ADSs on the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ] during the four calendar weeks preceding the date on which notice of the sale is filed with the SEC.

Such sales are also subject to manner-of-sale provisions, notice requirements and the availability of current public information about us. The manner-of-sale provisions require the securities to be sold either in "brokers' transactions" as such term is defined under the Securities Act, through transactions directly with a market maker as such term is defined under the Exchange Act or through a riskless principal transaction as described in Rule 144. In addition, the manner-of-sale provisions require the person selling the securities not to solicit or arrange for the solicitation of orders to buy the securities in anticipation of or in connection with such transaction or make any payment in connection with the offer or sale of the securities to any person other than the broker or dealer who executes the order to sell the securities. If the amount of securities to be sold in reliance upon Rule 144 during any period of three months exceeds 5,000 shares or other units or has an aggregate sale price in excess of US\$50,000, three copies of a notice on Form 144 should be filed with the SEC. If such securities are admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, one copy of such notice also must be transmitted to the principal exchange on which such securities are admitted. The Form 144 should be signed by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold and should be transmitted for filing concurrently with either the placing with a broker of an order to execute a sale of securities or the execution directly with a market maker of such a sale.

Persons who are not our affiliates and have beneficially owned our restricted securities for more than six months but not more than one year may sell the restricted securities without registration under the Securities Act subject to the availability of current public information about us. Persons who are not our affiliates and have beneficially owned our restricted securities for more than one year may freely sell the restricted securities without registration under the Securities Act.

Rule 701

Beginning 90 days after the date of this prospectus, persons other than affiliates who purchased ordinary shares under a written compensatory plan or contract may be entitled to sell such shares in the United States in reliance on Rule 701 under the Securities Act, or Rule 701. Rule 701 permits affiliates to sell their Rule 701 shares under Rule 144 without complying with the holding period requirements of Rule 144. Rule 701 further provides that non-affiliates may sell these shares in reliance on Rule 144 subject only to its manner-of-sale requirements. However, the Rule 701 shares would remain subject to lock-up arrangements and would only become eligible for sale when the lock-up period expires.

Registration Rights

Upon closing of this offering, the holders of _____ of our ordinary shares or their transferees (or the holders of _____ of our ordinary shares or their transferees if the underwriters exercise in full the over-allotment option) will be entitled to request that we register their ordinary shares under the Securities Act, following the expiration of the lock-up agreements described above. See "Description of Share Capital—Registration Rights."

TAXATION

The following is a general summary of the material Cayman Islands, People's Republic of China and United States federal income tax consequences relevant to an investment in our ADSs and ordinary shares. The discussion is not intended to be, nor should it be construed as, legal or tax advice to any particular prospective purchaser. The discussion is based on laws and relevant interpretations thereof in effect as of the date of this prospectus, all of which are subject to change or different interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect. The discussion does not address U.S. state or local tax laws, or tax laws of jurisdictions other than the Cayman Islands, the People's Republic of China and the United States. You should consult your own tax advisors with respect to the consequences of acquisition, ownership and disposition of our ADSs and ordinary shares.

Cayman Islands Taxation

The Cayman Islands currently levies no taxes on individuals or corporations based upon profits, income, gains or appreciation and there is no taxation in the nature of inheritance tax or estate duty or withholding tax applicable to us or to any holder of our ADSs and ordinary shares. There are no other taxes likely to be material to us levied by the Government of the Cayman Islands except for stamp duties which may be applicable on instruments executed in, or after execution brought within the jurisdiction of the Cayman Islands. No stamp duty is payable in the Cayman Islands on transfers of shares of Cayman Islands companies except those which hold interests in land in the Cayman Islands. The Cayman Islands is a party to a double tax treaty entered with the United Kingdom in 2010 but is otherwise not party to any double tax treaties. There are no exchange control regulations or currency restrictions in the Cayman Islands.

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Tax Concessions Law (1999 Revision) of the Cayman Islands, we have obtained an undertaking from the Governor-in-Council:

- (1) that no law which is enacted in the Cayman Islands imposing any tax to be levied on profits or income or gains or appreciation shall apply to us or our operations; and
- (2) that the aforesaid tax or any tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax shall not be payable on our shares, debentures or other obligations.

The undertaking for us is for a period of twenty years from June 8, 2004.

People's Republic of China Taxation

In March 2007, the National People's Congress of China enacted the Enterprise Income Tax Law, which became effective on January 1, 2008. The Enterprise Income Tax Law provides that enterprises organized under the laws of jurisdictions outside China with their "de facto management bodies" located within China may be considered PRC resident enterprises and therefore subject to PRC enterprise income tax at the rate of 25% on their worldwide income. The Implementing Rules of the Enterprise Income Tax Law further defines the term "de facto management body" as the management body that exercises substantial and overall management and control over the business, personnel, accounts and properties of an enterprise. While we do not currently consider our company or any of our overseas subsidiaries to be a PRC resident enterprise, there is a risk that the PRC tax authorities may deem our company or any of our overseas subsidiaries as a PRC resident enterprise since a substantial majority of the members of our management team as well as the management team of some of our overseas subsidiaries are located in China, in which case we or the overseas subsidiaries, as the case may be, would be subject to the PRC enterprise income tax at the rate of 25% on worldwide income. If the PRC tax authorities determine that our Cayman Islands holding company is a "resident enterprise" for PRC enterprise income tax purposes, a number of unfavorable PRC tax consequences could follow. One example is a 10% withholding tax would be imposed on dividends we pay to our non-PRC enterprise shareholders and with respect to gains derived by our non-PRC enterprise shareholders from transferring our shares or ADSs. It is unclear whether, if we are

considered a PRC resident enterprise, holders of our shares or ADSs would be able to claim the benefit of income tax treaties or agreements entered into between China and other countries or areas.

Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following summary describes the material United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our ADSs and ordinary shares as of the date hereof. This summary is only applicable to ADSs and ordinary shares held as capital assets by a United States Holder (as defined below).

As used herein, the term "United States Holder" means a beneficial owner of our ADSs or ordinary shares that is for United States federal income tax purposes:

- an individual citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust if it (1) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (2) has a valid election in effect under applicable United States Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.

The discussion below is based upon the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions thereunder as of the date hereof, and such authorities may be replaced, revoked or modified so as to result in United States federal income tax consequences different from those discussed below. In addition, this summary is based, in part, upon representations made by the depository to us and assumes that the deposit agreement, and all other related agreements, will be performed in accordance with their terms.

This summary does not represent a detailed description of the United States federal income tax consequences applicable to you if you are subject to special treatment under the United States federal income tax laws, including if you are:

- a dealer in securities or currencies;
- a financial institution;
- a regulated investment company;
- a real estate investment trust;
- an insurance company;
- a tax-exempt organization;
- a person holding our ADSs or ordinary shares as part of a hedging, integrated or conversion transaction, a constructive sale or a straddle;
- a trader in securities that has elected the mark-to-market method of accounting for your securities;
- a person liable for alternative minimum tax;
- a person who owns or is deemed to own 10% or more of our voting stock;
- a partnership or other pass-through entity for United States federal income tax purposes; or
- a person whose "functional currency" is not the United States dollar.

If a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) holds our ADSs or ordinary shares, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner of a partnership holding our ADSs or ordinary shares, you should consult your tax advisors.

This summary does not contain a detailed description of all the United States federal income tax consequences to you in light of your particular circumstances and does not address the Medicare tax on net investment income or the effects of any state, local or non-United States tax laws. If you are considering the purchase, ownership or disposition of our ADSs or ordinary shares, you should consult your own tax advisors concerning the United States federal income tax consequences to you in light of your particular situation as well as any consequences arising under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

ADSs

If you hold ADSs, for United States federal income tax purposes, you generally will be treated as the owner of the underlying ordinary shares that are represented by such ADSs. Accordingly, deposits or withdrawals of ordinary shares for ADSs will not be subject to United States federal income tax.

Taxation of Dividends

Subject to the discussion under "—Passive Foreign Investment Company" below, the gross amount of any distributions on the ADSs or ordinary shares (including any amounts withheld to reflect PRC withholding taxes) will be taxable as dividends, to the extent paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under United States federal income tax principles. Such income (including withheld taxes) will be includable in your gross income as ordinary income on the day actually or constructively received by you, in the case of the ordinary shares, or by the depository, in the case of ADSs. Such dividends will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction allowed to corporations under the Code.

With respect to non-corporate United States Holders, certain dividends received from a qualified foreign corporation may be subject to reduced rates of taxation. A foreign corporation is treated as a qualified foreign corporation with respect to dividends received from that corporation on ordinary shares (or ADSs backed by such shares) that are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States. We will apply to list the ADSs on the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ]. Provided that the listing is approved, United States Treasury Department guidance indicates that our ADSs will be readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States. Thus, subject to the discussion under "—Passive Foreign Investment Company" below, we believe that dividends we pay on our ADSs will meet the conditions required for the reduced tax rate. Since we do not expect that our ordinary shares will be listed on an established securities market, we do not believe that dividends that we pay on our ordinary shares that are not represented by ADSs will meet the conditions required for these reduced tax rates. There also can be no assurance that our ADSs will continue to be readily tradable on an established securities market in later years. Consequently, there can be no assurance that our ADSs will continue to be afforded the reduced tax rates. A qualified foreign corporation also includes a foreign corporation that is eligible for the benefits of certain income tax treaties with the United States. In the event that we are deemed to be a PRC resident enterprise under the PRC tax law (see "Taxation—People's Republic of China Taxation" above), we may be eligible for the benefits of the income tax treaty between the United States and the PRC, or the Treaty. In that case, dividends we pay on our ordinary shares would be eligible for the reduced rates of taxation whether or not the shares are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States, and whether or not the shares are represented by ADSs. Non-corporate United States Holders that do not meet a minimum holding period requirement during which they are not protected from the risk of loss or that elect to treat the dividend income as "investment income" pursuant to Section 163(d)(4) of the Code will not be eligible for the reduced rates of taxation regardless of our status as a qualified foreign

corporation. In addition, the rate reduction will not apply to dividends if the recipient of a dividend is obligated to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property. This disallowance applies even if the minimum holding period has been met. You should consult your own tax advisors regarding the application of these rules given your particular circumstances.

Non-corporate United States Holders will not be eligible for reduced rates of taxation on any dividends received from us if we are a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, in the taxable year in which such dividends are paid or in the preceding taxable year (see "—Passive Foreign Investment Company" below).

In the event that we are deemed to be a PRC resident enterprise under the PRC tax law, you may be subject to PRC withholding taxes on dividends paid to you with respect to the ADSs or ordinary shares. See "Taxation—People's Republic of China Taxation." In that case, subject to certain conditions and limitations (including a minimum holding period requirement), PRC withholding taxes on dividends may be treated as foreign taxes eligible for credit against your United States federal income tax liability. For purposes of calculating the foreign tax credit, dividends paid on the ADSs or ordinary shares will be treated as foreign-source income and will generally constitute passive category income. The rules governing the foreign tax credit are complex. You are urged to consult your tax advisor regarding the availability of the foreign tax credit under your particular circumstances.

To the extent that the amount of any distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under United States federal income tax principles, the distribution ordinarily would be treated, first, as a tax-free return of capital, causing a reduction in the adjusted basis of the ADSs or ordinary shares (thereby increasing the amount of gain, or decreasing the amount of loss, to be recognized by you on a subsequent disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares), and, second, the balance in excess of adjusted basis ordinarily would be taxed as capital gain recognized on a sale or exchange. However, we do not expect to determine our earnings and profits in accordance with United States federal income tax principles. Therefore, you should expect that distributions will generally be reported to the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, and taxed to you as dividends (as discussed above), even if they might ordinarily be treated as a tax-free return of capital or as capital gain.

Passive Foreign Investment Company

Based on the past and projected composition of our income and assets, and the valuation of our assets, including goodwill, we do not believe we were a PFIC for our taxable year ended December 31, 2015 and we do not expect to be a PFIC for our taxable year ending December 31, 2016 or in future taxable years, although there can be no assurance in this regard, since the determination of our PFIC status cannot be made until the end of a taxable year and depends significantly on the composition of our assets and income throughout the year.

In general, we will be a PFIC for any taxable year in which:

- at least 75% of our gross income is passive income, or
- at least 50% of the value (based on a quarterly average) of our assets is attributable to assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income.

For this purpose, passive income generally includes dividends, interest, royalties and rents (other than royalties and rents derived in the active conduct of a trade or business and not derived from a related person), as well as gains from the sale of assets (such as stock) that produce passive income, foreign currency gains, and certain other categories of income. If we own at least 25% (by value) of the stock of another corporation, we will be treated, for purposes of determining whether we are a PFIC, as owning our proportionate share of the other corporation's assets and receiving our proportionate share of the other corporation's income. However, it is not entirely clear how the contractual arrangements between us and our consolidated VIEs will be treated for purposes of the PFIC rules. For United States federal income tax purposes, we consider ourselves to own the stock of our consolidated VIEs. If it is determined, contrary to

our view, that we do not own the stock of our consolidated VIEs for United States federal income tax purposes (for instance, because the relevant PRC authorities do not respect these arrangements), that would alter the composition of our income and assets for purposes of testing our PFIC status, and may cause us to be treated as a PFIC.

The determination of whether we are a PFIC is made annually. Accordingly, it is possible that we may become a PFIC in the current or any future taxable year due to changes in our asset or income composition. The calculation of the value of our assets will be based, in part, on the quarterly market value of our ADSs, which is subject to change. The composition of our income and our assets will also be affected by how, and how quickly, we spend the cash raised in this offering. If the cash is not deployed for active purposes, our risk of becoming a PFIC may increase.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which you hold our ADSs or ordinary shares and you do not make a timely mark-to-market election, as described below, you will be subject to special—and generally very unfavourable—tax rules with respect to any "excess distribution" received and any gain realized from a sale or other disposition, including a pledge, of ADSs or ordinary shares. Distributions received in a taxable year that are greater than 125% of the average annual distributions received during the shorter of the three preceding taxable years or your holding period for the ADSs or ordinary shares will be treated as excess distributions. Under these special tax rules:

- the excess distribution or gain will be allocated ratably over your holding period for the ADSs or ordinary shares,
- the amount allocated to the current taxable year, and any taxable year prior to the first taxable year in which we were a PFIC, will be treated as ordinary income, and
- the amount allocated to each other year will be subject to tax at the highest tax rate in effect for that year and the interest charge generally applicable to underpayments of tax will be imposed on the resulting tax attributable to each such year.

Although the determination of whether we are a PFIC is made annually, if we are a PFIC for any taxable year in which you hold our ADSs or ordinary shares, you will generally be subject to the special tax rules described above for that year and for each subsequent year in which you hold the ADSs or ordinary shares (even if we do not qualify as a PFIC in any subsequent years). However, if we cease to be a PFIC, you can avoid the continuing impact of the PFIC rules by making a special election to recognize gain as if your ADSs or ordinary shares had been sold on the last day of the last taxable year during which we were a PFIC. You are urged to consult your own tax advisor about this election.

In certain circumstances, in lieu of being subject to the special tax rules discussed above, you may make a mark-to-market election with respect to your ADSs or ordinary shares provided such ADSs or ordinary shares are treated as "marketable stock." The ADSs or ordinary shares generally will be treated as marketable stock if the ADSs or ordinary shares are "regularly traded" on a "qualified exchange or other market" (within the meaning of the applicable Treasury regulations). Under current law, the mark-to-market election may be available to holders of ADSs if the ADSs are listed on the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ], which constitutes a qualified exchange, although there can be no assurance that the ADSs will be "regularly traded" for purposes of the mark-to-market election. It should also be noted that it is intended that only the ADSs and not the ordinary shares will be listed on the [NYSE]/[NASDAQ]. Consequently, if you are a holder of ordinary shares that are not represented by ADSs, you generally will not be eligible to make a mark-to-market election.

If you make an effective mark-to-market election, for each taxable year that we are a PFIC, you will include as ordinary income the excess of the fair market value of your ADSs at the end of the year over your adjusted basis in the ADSs. You will be entitled to deduct as an ordinary loss in each such year the excess of your adjusted basis in the ADSs over their fair market value at the end of the year, but only to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the mark-to-market election. If

you make an effective mark-to-market election, any gain you recognize upon the sale or other disposition of your ADSs in a year that we are a PFIC will be treated as ordinary income and any loss will be treated as ordinary loss, but only to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the mark-to-market election.

Your adjusted basis in the ADSs will be increased by the amount of any income inclusion and decreased by the amount of any deductions under the mark-to-market rules. If you make a mark-to-market election it will be effective for the taxable year for which the election is made and all subsequent taxable years unless the ADSs are no longer regularly traded on a qualified exchange or other market, or the IRS consents to the revocation of the election. You are urged to consult your tax advisor about the availability of the mark-to-market election, and whether making the election would be advisable in your particular circumstances.

A different election, known as the "qualified electing fund" or "QEF" election is generally available to holders of PFIC stock, but requires that the corporation provide the holders with a "PFIC Annual Information Statement" containing certain information necessary for the election, including the holder's pro rata share of the corporation's earnings and profits and net capital gains for each taxable year, computed according to United States federal income tax principles. We do not intend, however, to determine our earnings and profits or net capital gain under United States federal income tax principles, nor do we intend to provide United States Holders with a PFIC Annual Information Statement. Therefore, you should not expect to be eligible to make this election.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which you hold our ADSs or ordinary shares and any of our non-United States subsidiaries is also a PFIC, you will be treated as owning a proportionate amount (by value) of the shares of the lower-tier PFIC for purposes of the application of these rules. You are urged to consult your tax advisors about the application of the PFIC rules to any of our subsidiaries.

You will generally be required to file IRS Form 8621 if you hold our ADSs or ordinary shares in any year in which we are classified as a PFIC. You are urged to consult your tax advisors concerning the United States federal income tax consequences of holding ADSs or ordinary shares if we are considered a PFIC in any taxable year.

Taxation of Capital Gains

For United States federal income tax purposes, you will recognize taxable gain or loss on any sale or exchange of ADSs or ordinary shares in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized for the ADSs or ordinary shares and your adjusted basis in the ADSs or ordinary shares. Subject to the discussion under "—Passive Foreign Investment Company" above, such gain or loss will generally be capital gain or loss and will generally be long-term capital gain or loss if you have held the ADSs or ordinary shares for more than one year. Long-term capital gains of non-corporate United States Holders (including individuals) are eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. Any gain or loss recognized by you will generally be treated as United States source gain or loss. However, if we are treated as a PRC resident enterprise for PRC tax purposes and PRC tax is imposed on any gain, and if you are eligible for the benefits of the Treaty, you may elect to treat such gain as PRC source gain. If you are not eligible for the benefits of the Treaty or you fail to make the election to treat any gain as PRC source, then you may not be able to use the foreign tax credit arising from any PRC tax imposed on the disposition of our ADSs or ordinary shares unless such credit can be applied (subject to applicable limitations) against United States federal income tax due on other income derived from foreign sources in the same income category (generally, the passive category). You are urged to consult your tax advisors regarding the tax consequences if any PRC tax is imposed on gain on a disposition of our ordinary shares or ADSs, including the availability of the foreign tax credit and the election to treat any gain as PRC source, under your particular circumstances.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

In general, information reporting will apply to dividends in respect of our ADSs or ordinary shares and the proceeds from the sale, exchange or other disposition of our ADSs or ordinary shares that are paid to you within the United States (and in certain cases, outside the United States), unless you are an exempt recipient such as a corporation. A backup withholding tax may apply to such payments if you fail to provide a taxpayer identification number or certification of other exempt status or fail to report in full dividend and interest income.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax and any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against your United States federal income tax liability provided the required information is furnished to the IRS in a timely manner.

Certain United States Holders are required to report information relating to our ADSs or ordinary shares by attaching a complete Form 8938, Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets, with their tax returns for each year in which they hold ADSs or ordinary shares. Significant penalties can apply if you are required to file this form and you fail to do so. You are urged to consult your own tax advisor regarding this and other information reporting requirements relating to your ownership of the ADSs or ordinary shares.

UNDERWRITING

We are offering the ADSs described in this prospectus through a number of underwriters. [] are acting as joint book-running managers of the offering and as representatives of the underwriters. We have entered into an underwriting agreement with the underwriters. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each underwriter has severally agreed to purchase, at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, the number of ADSs listed next to its name in the following table:

Name	Number of ADSs
[]	
[]	
[]	
[]	
Total	

The underwriters are committed to purchase all the ADSs offered by us if they purchase any ADSs. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting underwriters may also be increased or the offering may be terminated.

The underwriters propose to offer the ADSs directly to the public at the initial public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus and to certain dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of US\$ per ADS. Any such dealers may resell ADSs to certain other brokers or dealers at a discount of up to US\$ per ADS from the initial public offering price. After the initial offering of the ADSs to the public, the offering price and other selling terms may be changed by the underwriters.

[Sales of ADSs made outside of the United States may be made by affiliates of the underwriters.]

Option to Purchase Additional ADSs

The underwriters have an option to buy up to additional ADSs from us. The underwriters have 30 days from the date of this prospectus to exercise this option to purchase additional ADSs. If any ADSs are purchased with this option to purchase additional ADSs, the underwriters will purchase ADSs in approximately the same proportion as shown in the table above. If any additional ADSs are purchased, the underwriters will offer the additional ADSs on the same terms as those on which the ADSs are being offered.

Commissions and Expenses

The underwriting fee is equal to the public offering price per ADS less the amount paid by the underwriters to us per ADS. The underwriting fee is US\$ per ADS. The following table shows the per ADS and total underwriting discounts and commissions to be paid to the underwriters assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional ADSs.

Per ADS	Without exercise of option to purchase additional ADSs	With full exercise of option to purchase additional ADSs
Total	US\$	US\$

We estimate that the total expenses of this offering, including registration, filing and listing fees, printing fees and legal and accounting expenses, but excluding the underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately US\$.

Electronic Distribution

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the web sites maintained by one or more underwriters, or selling group members, if any, participating in the offering. The underwriters may agree to allocate a number of ADSs to underwriters and selling group members for sale to their online brokerage account holders. Internet distributions will be allocated by the representatives to underwriters and selling group members that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations.

Lock-Up Agreements

[We have agreed that we will not (i) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, or file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement under the Securities Act relating to, any of our ordinary shares or the ADSs, or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any of our ordinary shares or the ADSs, or publicly disclose the intention to make any offer, sale, pledge, disposition or filing, or (ii) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers all or a portion of the economic consequences associated with the ownership of any of our ordinary shares or the ADSs or any such other securities (regardless of whether any of these transactions are to be settled by the delivery of ordinary shares, ADSs or such other securities, in cash or otherwise), in each case without the prior written consent of [] for a period of [] days after the date of this prospectus, other than the ADSs to be sold hereunder and any ADSs issued upon the exercise of options granted under our existing management incentive plans.]

[Our directors and executive officers, and certain of our significant shareholders have entered into lock-up agreements with the underwriters prior to the commencement of this offering pursuant to which each of these persons or entities, with limited exceptions, for a period of [] days after the date of this prospectus, may not, without the prior written consent of [], (1) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any of our ordinary shares or the ADSs, or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our ordinary shares or the ADSs (including, without limitation, ordinary shares or ADSs or such other securities which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by such directors, executive officers, managers and members in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC and securities which may be issued upon exercise of an option or warrant) or (2) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of our ordinary shares or the ADSs, or such other securities, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of ordinary shares or ADSs or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, or (3) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to the registration of any of our ordinary shares or the ADSs, or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our ordinary shares or the ADSs.]

Relationships

[Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have provided in the past to us and our affiliates and may provide from time to time in the future certain commercial banking, financial advisory, investment banking and other services for us and such affiliates in the ordinary course of their business, for which they have received and may continue to receive customary fees and commissions. In addition, from time to time, certain of the underwriters and their affiliates may effect transactions for their own account or the account of customers, and hold on behalf of themselves or their customers, long or short positions in our debt or equity securities or loans, and may do so in the future.]

Indemnification

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

[New York Stock Exchange or NASDAQ] Listing

We will apply to have our ADSs approved for listing/quotation on the [NYSE/NASDAQ] under the symbol " _____."

Stabilization, Short Positions and Penalty Bids

In connection with this offering, the underwriters may engage in stabilizing transactions, which involves making bids for, purchasing and selling ADSs in the open market for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the ADSs while this offering is in progress. These stabilizing transactions may include making short sales of ADSs, which involves the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of ADSs than they are required to purchase in this offering, and purchasing ADSs on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales may be "covered" shorts, which are short positions in an amount not greater than the underwriters' option to purchase additional ADSs referred to above, or may be "naked" shorts, which are short positions in excess of that amount. The underwriters may close out any covered short position either by exercising their option to purchase additional ADSs, in whole or in part, or by purchasing ADSs in the open market. In making this determination, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of ADSs available for purchase in the open market compared to the price at which the underwriters may purchase ADSs through the option to purchase additional ADSs. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the ADSs in the open market that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering. To the extent that the underwriters create a naked short position, they will purchase ADSs in the open market to cover the position.

The underwriters have advised us that, pursuant to Regulation M of the Securities Act of 1933, they may also engage in other activities that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the ADSs, including the imposition of penalty bids. This means that if the representatives of the underwriters purchase ADSs in the open market in stabilizing transactions or to cover short sales, the representatives can require the underwriters that sold those ADSs as part of this offering to repay the underwriting discount received by them.

These activities may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the ADSs or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the ADSs, and, as a result, the price of the ADSs may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If the underwriters commence these activities, they may discontinue them at any time. The underwriters may carry out these transactions on the [NYSE/NASDAQ], in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Pricing of the Offering

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our ordinary shares or ADSs. The initial public offering price will be determined by negotiations between us and the representatives of the underwriters. In determining the initial public offering price, we and the representatives of the underwriters expect to consider a number of factors including:

- the information set forth in this prospectus and otherwise available to the representatives;
- our prospects and the history and prospects for the industry in which we compete;
- an assessment of our management;
- our prospects for future earnings;

- the general condition of the securities markets at the time of this offering;
- the recent market prices of, and demand for, publicly traded common stock or ADSs of generally comparable companies; and
- other factors deemed relevant by the underwriters and us.

Neither we nor the underwriters can assure investors that an active trading market will develop for our ADSs, or that the ADSs will trade in the public market at or above the initial public offering price.

Selling Restrictions

Other than in the United States, no action has been taken by us or the underwriters that would permit a public offering of the securities offered by this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. The securities offered by this prospectus may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, nor may this prospectus or any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the offer and sale of any such securities be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of that jurisdiction. Persons into whose possession this prospectus comes are advised to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to the offering and the distribution of this prospectus. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities offered by this prospectus in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or a solicitation is unlawful.

Canada. The ADSs may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* or subsection 73.3(1) of the *Securities Act* (Ontario), and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*. Any resale of the ADSs must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this prospectus (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

Pursuant to section 3A.3 (or, in the case of securities issued or guaranteed by the government of a non-Canadian jurisdiction, section 3A.4) of National Instrument 33-105 *Underwriting Conflicts* (NI 33-105), the underwriters are not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of NI 33-105 regarding underwriter conflicts of interest in connection with this offering.

European Economic Area. In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a "Relevant Member State"), no offer of ADSs may be made to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

- A. to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- B. to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives; or
- C. in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of ADSs shall require the Company or the representatives to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

Each person in a Relevant Member State who initially acquires any ADSs or to whom any offer is made will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that it is a "qualified investor" within the meaning of the law in that Relevant Member State implementing Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive. In the case of any ADSs being offered to a financial intermediary as that term is used in Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, each such financial intermediary will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that the ADSs acquired by it in the offer have not been acquired on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in circumstances which may give rise to an offer of any ADSs to the public other than their offer or resale in a Relevant Member State to qualified investors as so defined or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the representatives has been obtained to each such proposed offer or resale.

The Company, the representatives and their affiliates will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations, acknowledgements and agreements.

This prospectus has been prepared on the basis that any offer of ADSs in any Relevant Member State will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of ADSs. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of ADSs which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Company or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive in relation to such offer. Neither the Company nor the underwriters have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of ADSs in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Company or the underwriters to publish a prospectus for such offer.

For the purpose of the above provisions, the expression "an offer to the public" in relation to any ADSs in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the ADSs to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the ADSs, as the same may be varied in the Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in the Relevant Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member States) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

Hong Kong. The ADSs have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than (a) to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance. No advertisement, invitation or document relating to the ADSs has been or may be issued or has been or may be in the possession of any person for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to ADSs which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance and any rules made under that Ordinance.

People's Republic of China. This prospectus does not constitute a public offer of the ADSs, whether by sale or subscription, in the PRC. The ADSs are not being offered or sold directly or indirectly in the PRC to or for the benefit of, legal or natural persons of the PRC.

Further, no legal or natural persons of the PRC may directly or indirectly purchase any of the ADSs or any beneficial interest therein without obtaining all prior PRC governmental approvals that are required, whether statutorily or otherwise. Persons who come into possession of this document are required by the issuer and its representatives to observe these restrictions.

Singapore. This prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of ADSs may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the ADSs be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the "SFA"), (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275, of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the ADSs are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the ADSs pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (a) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- (b) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (c) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (d) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (e) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

United Kingdom. This document is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are "qualified investors" (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19 (5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "Order") and/or (ii) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons").

Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a relevant person should not act or rely on the information included in this document or use it as basis for taking any action. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity that this document relates to may be made or taken exclusively by relevant persons. Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

EXPENSES RELATED TO THIS OFFERING

Set forth below is an itemization of the total expenses, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions, which are expected to be incurred in connection with the offer and sale of the ADSs by us. With the exception of the SEC registration fee and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority filing fee, all amounts are estimates.

SEC registration fee	US\$
[NYSE]/[NASDAQ] listing fee	
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority filing fee	
Printing and engraving expenses	
Legal fees and expenses	
Accounting fees and expenses	
Miscellaneous	
Total	<u>US\$</u>

These expenses will be borne by us, except for underwriting discounts and commissions, which will be borne by us in proportion to the numbers of ADSs sold in the offering by us, respectively.

LEGAL MATTERS

We are being represented by Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP with respect to certain legal matters of United States federal securities and New York state law. Certain legal matters of United States federal securities and New York state law in connection with this offering will be passed upon for the underwriters by Fenwick & West LLP. The validity of the ordinary shares represented by the ADSs offered in this offering and legal matters as to Cayman Islands law will be passed upon for us by Conyers Dill & Pearman. Certain legal matters as to PRC law will be passed upon for us by King & Wood Mallesons and for the underwriters by Fangda Partners. Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and Conyers Dill & Pearman may rely upon King & Wood Mallesons with respect to matters governed by PRC law. Fenwick & West LLP may rely upon Fangda Partners with respect to matters governed by PRC law.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of GDS Holdings Limited as of December 31, 2014 and 2015 and for the years then ended have been included herein and in the registration statement, in reliance upon the report of KPMG Huazhen LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, appearing elsewhere herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated statement of comprehensive loss and consolidated statement of cash flows of EDC Holding Limited for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 have been included herein and in the registration statement, in reliance upon the report of KPMG Huazhen LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, appearing elsewhere herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The office of KPMG Huazhen LLP is located at 50th Floor, Plaza 66, 1266 Nanjing West Road, Shanghai, People's Republic of China.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-1, including relevant exhibits and schedules under the Securities Act with respect to underlying ordinary shares represented by the ADSs, to be sold in this offering. A related registration statement on F-6 will be filed with the SEC to register the ADSs. This prospectus, which constitutes a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information contained in the registration statement. You should read the registration statement and its exhibits and schedules for further information with respect to us and our ADSs.

Immediately upon closing of this offering, we will become subject to periodic reporting and other informational requirements of the Exchange Act as applicable to foreign private issuers. Accordingly, we will be required to file reports, including annual reports on Form 20-F, and other information with the SEC. All information filed with the SEC can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can request copies of these documents upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing to the SEC. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference rooms. Additional information may also be obtained over the Internet at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov.

As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt under the Exchange Act from, among other things, the rules prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our executive officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. In addition, we will not be required under the Exchange Act to file periodic reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as U.S. companies whose securities are registered under the Exchange Act. However, we intend to furnish the depositary with our annual reports, which will include a review of operations and annual audited consolidated combined financial statements prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP, and all notices of shareholders' meeting and other reports and communications that are made generally available to our shareholders. The depositary will make such notices, reports and communications available to holders of ADSs and will mail to all record holders of ADSs the information contained in any notice of a shareholders' meeting received by the depositary from us.

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2014 and 2015

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

**The Board of Directors and Shareholders
GDS Holdings Limited:**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of GDS Holdings Limited and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive loss, changes in shareholders' deficit, and cash flows for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of GDS Holdings Limited and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG Huazhen LLP

Shanghai, China
May 20, 2016

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except share data and per share data, or otherwise noted)

	Note	As at December 31	
		2014	2015
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash			
(including cash of VIEs of RMB4,857 and RMB12,032 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)		606,758	924,498
Restricted cash		3,947	6,425
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts (including accounts receivables of VIEs of RMB506 and RMB3,847, net of allowance for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)	3	73,366	111,013
Value-added-tax ("VAT") recoverable (including VAT recoverable of VIEs of RMB508 and RMB1,389 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)		18,249	59,680
Prepaid expenses (including prepaid expenses of VIEs of RMB2 and RMB5,173 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)		36,378	51,395
Other current assets (including other current asset of VIEs of RMB10 and RMB234 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)	4	7,133	33,688
Total current assets		745,831	1,186,699
Property and equipment, net (including property and equipment, net of VIEs of RMB654 and RMB5,830 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)	5	1,694,944	2,512,687
Intangible assets, net	6	55,860	46,935
Prepaid land use rights, net	7	28,025	27,408
Goodwill	8	1,294,664	1,294,664
Deferred tax assets	18	—	2,363
Other non-current assets		34,750	57,516
Total assets		3,854,074	5,128,272
Liabilities, Redeemable Preferred Shares and Shareholders' Deficit			
Current liabilities			
Short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term borrowings	9	426,709	428,218
Bonds payable	10	14,340	—
Accounts payable (including accounts payable of VIEs of RMB264 and RMB4,151 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)		231,814	215,658
Accrued expenses and other payables (including accrued expenses and other payables of VIEs of RMB760 and RMB1,802 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)	11	118,545	118,316
Due to related parties	24	23,300	67,604
Deferred revenue (including deferred revenue of VIEs of RMB717 and RMB8,992 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)		43,301	46,508
Obligations under capital leases, current	12	39,621	48,745
Total current liabilities		897,630	925,049
Long-term borrowings, excluding current portion	9	492,123	958,264
Convertible bonds payable	10	—	648,515
Obligations under capital leases, non-current	12	246,996	424,939
Deferred tax liabilities	18	40,724	37,691
Other long-term liabilities		29,127	79,005
Total liabilities		1,706,600	3,073,463
Redeemable preferred shares (US\$0.00005 par value; 350,561,436 shares authorized; 349,087,677 shares issued and outstanding with aggregate redemption amount of RMB2,029,766 and RMB2,277,059, as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)	13	2,164,039	2,395,314
Shareholders' deficit			
Ordinary shares (US\$0.00005 par value; 675,636,564 shares authorized; 217,987,922 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)	15	76	76
Additional paid-in capital		410,486	303,621
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		56,542	(61,949)
Accumulated deficit	19	(483,669)	(582,253)
Total shareholders' deficit		(16,565)	(340,505)
Commitments and contingencies	23		
Total liabilities, redeemable preferred shares and shareholders' deficit		3,854,074	5,128,272

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Operations

(In thousands, except share data and per share data, or otherwise noted)

	Note	Years ended December 31,	
		2014	2015
Net revenue	17	468,337	703,636
Cost of revenue		(388,171)	(514,997)
Gross profit		80,166	188,639
Operating expenses			
Selling and marketing expenses		(40,556)	(57,588)
General and administrative expenses		(113,711)	(128,714)
Research and development expenses		(1,597)	(3,554)
Loss from operations		(75,698)	(1,217)
Other income (expenses):			
Interest income		6,935	1,355
Interest expenses		(131,908)	(126,901)
Foreign currency exchange (loss) gain, net		(875)	11,107
Government grants		4,870	3,915
Gain on remeasurement of equity investment	8	62,506	—
Others, net		(412)	1,174
Loss before income taxes		(134,582)	(110,567)
Income tax benefits	18	4,583	11,983
Net loss		(129,999)	(98,584)
Net loss		(129,999)	(98,584)
Extinguishment of redeemable preferred shares	13	(106,515)	—
Change in redemption value of redeemable preferred shares	13	(69,116)	(110,926)
Dividends on redeemable preferred shares	20	(3,509)	(7,127)
Net loss available to ordinary shareholders		(309,139)	(216,637)
Loss per ordinary share			
Basic and diluted	20	(1.91)	(0.99)
Weighted average number of ordinary share outstanding			
Basic and diluted	20	162,070,745	217,987,922

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss
(In thousands, except share data and per share data, or otherwise noted)

	<u>Years ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Net loss	(129,999)	(98,584)
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of nil tax	4,114	(118,491)
Comprehensive loss	<u>(125,885)</u>	<u>(217,075)</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Deficit

(In thousands, except share data and per share data, or otherwise noted)

	Note	Ordinary Shares		Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	Accumulated deficit	Total deficit
		Number	Amount				
Balance at January 1, 2014	15	110,000,001	43	—	52,428	(353,670)	(301,199)
Loss for the year		—	—	—	—	(129,999)	(129,999)
Other comprehensive income		—	—	—	4,114	—	4,114
Total comprehensive loss		—	—	—	4,114	(129,999)	(125,885)
Acquisition of EDC Holding	8, 15	88,352,558	27	472,918	—	—	472,945
Issuance of shares in exchange for bonds payable	10, 15	38,397,655	12	205,524	—	—	205,536
Repurchase of ordinary shares	15	(18,762,292)	(6)	(119,658)	—	—	(119,664)
Extinguishment of redeemable preferred shares upon repurchase	13	—	—	(76,900)	—	—	(76,900)
Extinguishment of redeemable preferred shares upon exchange	13	—	—	(29,615)	—	—	(29,615)
Change in redemption value of redeemable preferred shares	13	—	—	(69,116)	—	—	(69,116)
Share-based compensation	16	—	—	27,333	—	—	27,333
		107,987,921	33	410,486	—	—	410,519
Balance at December 31, 2014 and January 1, 2015		217,987,922	76	410,486	56,542	(483,669)	(16,565)
Loss for the year		—	—	—	—	(98,584)	(98,584)
Other comprehensive loss		—	—	—	(118,491)	—	(118,491)
Total comprehensive loss		—	—	—	(118,491)	(98,584)	(217,075)
Change in redemption value of redeemable preferred shares	13	—	—	(110,926)	—	—	(110,926)
Share-based compensation	16	—	—	4,061	—	—	4,061
Balance at December 31, 2015		217,987,922	76	303,621	(61,949)	(582,253)	(340,505)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands, except share data and per share data, or otherwise noted)

	Note	Years ended December 31,	
		2014	2015
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net loss		(129,999)	(98,584)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Amortization of debt issuance cost and debt discount		33,874	—
Depreciation and amortization		82,753	145,406
Net gain on disposal of property and equipment		(37)	—
Share-based compensation expense		27,333	4,061
Gain on remeasurement of equity investment		(62,506)	—
Allowance for doubtful accounts		2,156	—
Deferred tax benefit		(5,024)	(10,589)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:			
Increase of accounts receivable		(11,851)	(37,647)
Increase of VAT recoverable		(16,197)	(41,431)
Increase of prepaid expenses		(3,499)	(15,017)
Increase of restricted cash		—	(6,425)
Decrease (increase) of other current assets		81,334	(12,287)
Decrease (increase) of other non-current assets		4,105	(22,766)
Decrease of accounts payable		(6,760)	(5,150)
(Decrease) increase of due to related parties		(3,086)	2,668
Increase of deferred revenue		10,675	3,207
Increase (decrease) of accrued expenses and other payables		18,293	(1,071)
Increase of other long-term liabilities		6,373	15,327
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		27,937	(80,298)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Payments for purchase of property and equipment		(248,349)	(732,979)
Loans made to a related party	24(a)	(307,048)	—
Cash acquired from the acquisition of EDC Holding	8	40,999	—
Cash paid for an acquisition made by EDC Holding		(13,592)	—
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		163	52
Release of restricted cash related to purchase of property and equipment		4,078	1,022
Net cash used in investing activities		(523,749)	(731,905)

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)

(In thousands, except share data and per share data, or otherwise noted)

	Note	Years ended December 31,	
		2014	2015
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from short-term borrowings		298,307	333,000
Proceeds from long-term borrowings		200,000	584,457
Repayment of short-term borrowings		(357,307)	(289,000)
Repayment of long-term borrowings		(115,936)	(137,709)
Payment of issuance cost of borrowings		—	(24,310)
Proceeds from issuance of convertible bonds payable	10	—	648,950
Proceeds from issuance of bonds payable	10	114,950	—
Repayment of bonds payable	10	(4,081)	(14,330)
Proceeds from a related party loan	24(a)	—	64,936
Proceeds from issuance of Series C redeemable preferred shares	13	1,521,295	—
Payment of issuance costs of Series C redeemable preferred shares	13	(20,128)	—
Repurchase of ordinary shares	15	(119,664)	—
Repurchase of redeemable preferred shares	13	(455,366)	(23,300)
Payment under capital lease obligations		(9,057)	(17,934)
Restricted cash released upon repayment of borrowings		3,274	2,925
Net cash provided by financing activities		1,056,287	1,127,685
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(2,328)	2,258
Net increase in cash		558,147	317,740
Cash at beginning of year		48,611	606,758
Cash at end of year		<u>606,758</u>	<u>924,498</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information			
Interest paid		55,149	81,216
Income tax paid		443	853
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities			
Payables for purchase of property and equipment		73,709	20,402
Purchase of property and equipment through capital leases		—	205,000
Issuance of ordinary shares in exchange of bonds payable	10	205,536	—
Issuance of ordinary and preferred shares for the acquisition of EDC Holding	8	1,184,242	—

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

(a) *Description of business*

GDS Holdings Limited (the "Parent" or "GDS Holdings") was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on December 1, 2006. GDS Holdings and its consolidated subsidiaries and consolidated variable interest entities (collectively referred to as "the Company") are principally engaged in providing colocation, managed hosting and managed cloud services in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). The Company operates its data centers in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Shanghai Municipality, Beijing Municipality, Jiangsu Province, Guangdong Province and Sichuan Province of the PRC and serves customers that primarily operate in the internet and banking industries. During the periods presented, the Company's operations are primarily conducted through a wholly owned subsidiary, Global Data Solutions Co., Ltd. ("GDS Suzhou").

On June 30, 2014, the Company acquired EDC Holding Limited and its subsidiaries ("EDC Holding"), a limited liability holding company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. EDC Holding primarily provides colocation services in the PRC. See note 8.

(b) *Basis of presentation*

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("US GAAP").

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi ("RMB"), rounded to the nearest thousand.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements contemplate the realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. The realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business are dependent on, among other things, the Company's ability to operate profitably, to generate cash flows from operations, and to pursue financing arrangements, including obtaining new bank borrowings or renewing its existing bank borrowings.

Historically, the Company relied on external bank and third party loans and issuances of preferred shares and convertible bonds to fund its working capital and capital expenditure requirements and to meet its obligations and commitments when they become due.

The Company has carried out a review of its cash flow forecast for the twelve months ending December 31, 2016. Based on such forecast, management believes that adequate sources of liquidity exist to fund the Company's working capital and capital expenditures requirements, and to meet its short-term debt obligations and other liabilities and commitments as they become due. In preparing the cash flow forecast, management has considered historical cash requirements, working capital and capital expenditures plans, estimated cash flows provided by operations, existing cash on hand and available credit facilities, as well as other key factors, including its ability to renew its short-term bank borrowings during 2016 and to obtain external financing. Management believes the assumptions used in the cash forecast are reasonable.

On December 30, 2015, the Company entered into a subscription agreement with two investors for the issuance of Convertible Bonds due 2019 in an aggregate principal amount of US\$250,000 in four tranches. On December 30, 2015 and January 29, 2016, the Company issued the first tranche of US\$100,000 (RMB648,950) and the second tranche of US\$50,000 (RMB324,475), respectively. A portion

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1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

of the second tranche was used to settle an outstanding loan of US\$10,000(RMB64,936). The subscription for the remaining third and fourth tranches of the Convertible Bonds due 2019 in an aggregate principal amount of US\$100,000 (RMB648,950) expires on September 30, 2016.

From January 1, 2016 to May 20, 2016, the Company repaid its bank borrowings that matured during this period in the aggregate amount of RMB159,024 and obtained new bank borrowings of RMB184,275.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of GDS Holdings Limited, its subsidiaries and consolidated variable interest entities ("VIEs") for which the Company is the primary beneficiary. The VIEs are Beijing Wanguo Chang'an Science and Technology Co., Ltd., ("GDS Beijing") and Shanghai Shu'an Data Services Co., Ltd., ("GDS Shanghai").

In certain regions of the PRC, the Company's operations are conducted through VIEs to comply with the PRC laws and regulations, which prohibit foreign investments in companies that are engaged in data center related business in those regions. Individuals acting as nominee equity holders hold the legal equity interests of the VIEs on behalf of the Company. The equity holders of the VIEs are the CEO of the Company and his relative.

A series of contractual agreements, including equity interest pledge agreements, powers of attorney, exclusive technology license and services agreements, exclusive option agreements and loan agreements (collectively, the "VIE Agreements") were entered among GDS Suzhou, the VIEs, and the equity holders of the VIEs. Through these agreements, the equity holders have granted all their legal rights, including voting rights, dividends rights, and disposition rights, of their equity interests in the VIEs to the Company. Accordingly, the equity holders of the VIEs do not have (i) rights to make decisions about the activities of the VIEs and (ii) rights to receive the expected residual returns of the VIEs.

Under the terms of the VIE Agreements, the Company has (i) the right to receive economic benefits that could potentially be significant to the VIEs in the form of service fees under the master exclusive service agreements when such services are provided; (ii) the right to receive all dividends declared by the VIEs and the right to all undistributed earnings of the VIEs; (iii) the right to receive the residual benefits of the VIEs through its exclusive option to acquire 100% of the equity interests in the VIEs, to the extent permitted under PRC law, and (iv) the right to direct the activities most significantly impacting the VIEs' economic performance. During the periods presented, the Company provided loans to the VIEs to support their working capital requirements.

In accordance with ASC 810-10-25-38A, the Company has a controlling financial interest in the VIEs because the Company has (i) the power to direct activities of the VIEs that most significantly impact the economic performance of the VIEs; and (ii) the obligation to absorb the expected losses and the right to receive expected residual return of the VIEs that could potentially be significant to the VIEs. The terms of the VIE Agreements and the Company's financial support to the VIEs were considered in

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

determining that the Company is the primary beneficiary of the VIEs. Accordingly, the financial statements of the VIEs are consolidated in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Under the terms of the VIE Agreements, the VIEs' equity holders have no rights to the net assets nor have the obligations to fund the deficit, and such rights and obligations have been vested to the Company. All of the equity (net assets) or deficits (net liabilities) and net income (loss) of the VIEs are attributed to the Company.

The Company has been advised by its PRC legal counsel that each of the VIE agreements is valid, binding and enforceable in accordance with its terms and applicable PRC laws and the ownership structure of the VIEs does not violate applicable PRC Laws. However, there are substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of PRC laws and future PRC laws and regulations. There can be no assurance that the PRC authorities will take a view that is not contrary to or otherwise different. If the current ownership structure of the Company and the VIE Agreements are determined to be in violation of any existing or future PRC laws and regulations, the PRC government could:

- Levy fines on the Company or confiscate income of the Company;
- Revoke or suspend the VIEs' business or operating licenses;
- Discontinue or place restrictions or onerous conditions on VIE's operations;
- Require the Company to discontinue their operations in the PRC;
- Require the Company to undergo a costly and disruptive restructuring;
- Take other regulatory or enforcement actions that could be harmful to the Company's business.

The imposition of any of these government actions could result in the termination of the VIE agreements, which would result in the Company losing the (i) ability to direct the activities of the VIEs and (ii) rights to receive substantially all the economic benefits and residual returns from the VIEs.

The assets and liabilities of the VIEs are presented parenthetically on the face of the consolidated balance sheets. The operating, investing and financing cash flows of the VIEs were insignificant during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015. Net revenue and net loss of the VIEs that were included in the Company's consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015 are as follows:

	Years ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Net revenue	9,244	30,598
Net loss	4,779	5,327

The creditors of the VIEs do not have recourse to the general credit of the Company or its consolidated subsidiaries.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Use of estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include, but are not limited to, the useful lives of long-lived assets, the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed and the consideration transferred in a business combination, the fair value of the reporting unit for the goodwill impairment test, the allowance for doubtful accounts receivable, the realization of deferred income tax assets, the fair value of share-based compensation awards, the recoverability of long-lived assets and the fair value of the asset retirement obligation. Changes in facts and circumstances may result in revised estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and as such, differences may be material to the consolidated financial statements.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The Company does not have any cash equivalents as of December 31, 2014 and 2015.

(d) Restricted cash

Restricted cash represents amounts held by banks, which are not available for the Company's use, as security for issuance of commercial acceptance notes relating to purchase of property and equipment, letters of guarantee or bank borrowings and the related interest. Upon maturity of the commercial acceptance notes, letters of guarantee and repayment of bank borrowings, the deposits are released by the bank and available for general use by the Company. Restricted cash is reported within cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows with reference to the purpose of the restriction.

(e) Fair value of financial instruments

The Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible. The Company determines fair value based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability in the principal or most advantageous market. When considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, the following fair value hierarchy distinguishes between observable and unobservable inputs, which are categorized in one of the following levels (see note 14 to the consolidated financial statements):

- Level 1 Inputs: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs: Other than quoted prices included in Level 1 inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- Level 3 Inputs: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

(f) Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. Amounts collected on trade accounts receivable are included in net cash provided by operating activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows. The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses inherent in its accounts receivable portfolio. In establishing the required allowance, management considers historical losses adjusted to take into account current market conditions and customers' financial condition, the amount of receivables in dispute, the accounts receivables aging, and the customers' repayment patterns. The Company reviews its allowance for doubtful accounts on a customer-by-customer basis. Account balances are charged off against the allowance after all means of collection have been exhausted and the potential for recovery is considered remote. The Company does not have any off-balance-sheet credit exposure related to its customers.

(g) Property and equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any recorded impairment. Property and equipment acquired under capital leases are initially recorded at the present value of minimum lease payments.

Gains or losses arising from the disposal of an item of property and equipment are determined based on the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item and are recognized in profit or loss on the date of disposal.

The estimated useful lives are presented below.

Buildings	20 - 30 years
Data center equipment	
—Machinery	10 - 20 years
—Other equipment	3 - 5 years
Leasehold improvement	Shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets
Furniture and office equipment	3 - 5 years
Vehicles	5 years

Construction in progress primarily consists of the cost of data center buildings and the related construction expenditures that are required to prepare the data center buildings for their intended use.

No depreciation is provided in respect of construction in progress until it is substantially completed and ready for its intended use. Once a data center building is ready for its intended use and becomes operational, construction in progress is allocated to the property and equipment categories and is depreciated over the estimated useful life of the underlying assets.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Depreciation on property and equipment is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. For assets acquired under a capital lease, the assets are amortized in a manner consistent with the Company's normal depreciation policy for owned assets if the lease transfers ownership to the Company by the end of the lease term or contains a bargain-purchase-option. Otherwise, assets acquired under a capital lease are amortized over the lease term.

(h) Long-lived assets held for sale

Long-lived assets are classified as held-for-sale if: (1) the Company has committed to a plan to sell the assets that are available for sale in its present condition, including initiating actions to complete the sale that is probable to qualify for as a completed sale within one year; (2) it is unlikely that significant changes to the plan will be made or the plan will be withdrawn; (3) the assets are being marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable in relation to its current value. Long-lived assets held for sale are recorded at the lower of carrying value and fair value less cost to sell. A loss shall be recognized for any initial or subsequent write-down to fair-value less cost to sell. Long-lived assets held for sale are not depreciated while classified as held for sale.

In August 2014, the Company entered into an agreement with a customer for the development, construction and sale of an ancillary property and the related land right. As of December 31, 2015, all the conditions precedent to the sale of the property have not been performed, and therefore no revenue or income was recognized during the periods presented. The cost of the property held for sale of RMB9,075 is recorded in other current assets (note 4).

(i) Leases

Leases are classified at the lease inception date as either a capital lease or an operating lease. A lease is a capital lease if any of the following conditions exists: a) ownership is transferred to the lessee by the end of the lease term, b) there is a bargain purchase option, c) the lease term is at least 75% of the property's estimated remaining economic life, or d) the present value of the minimum lease payments at the beginning of the lease term is 90% or more of the fair value of the leased property to the lessor at the inception date. The Company records a capital lease as an asset and an obligation at an amount equal to the present value at the beginning of the lease term of minimum lease payments during the lease term. As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, assets under capital leases represent data center buildings and data center equipment.

Rental costs on operating leases are charged to expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Certain operating leases contain rent holidays and escalating rent. Rent holidays and escalating rent are considered in determining the straight-line rent expense to be recorded over the lease term.

Rental costs associated with building operating leases that are incurred during the construction of leasehold improvements and to otherwise ready the property for the Company's intended use are recognized as rental expenses and are not capitalized.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(j) **Asset retirement costs**

The Company's asset retirement obligations are primarily related to its data center buildings, of which the majority are leased under long-term arrangements, and, in certain cases, are required to be returned to the landlords in their original condition.

The fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized in the period in which it is incurred. The corresponding asset retirement costs are capitalized as part of the cost of leasehold improvements and are depreciated over the shorter of the asset or the term of the lease subsequent to the initial measurement. The Company accretes the liability in relation to the asset retirement obligations over time and the accretion expense is recorded in cost of revenue.

Asset retirement obligations are recorded in other long-term liabilities. The following table summarizes the activity of the asset retirement obligation liability:

Asset retirement obligations as of January 1, 2014	—
Additions	2,148
Accretion expense	73
Asset retirement obligations as of December 31, 2014	2,221
Additions	3,299
Accretion expense	255
Asset retirement obligations as of December 31, 2015	5,775

(k) **Intangible assets**

Intangible assets acquired in the acquisition of EDC Holding comprised of customer relationships and favorable leases.

The weighted-average amortization period by major intangible asset class is as follows:

Customer relationships	5-6 years
Favorable lease	20 years

Customer relationships represent the orders, backlog and customer lists, which arise from contractual rights or through means other than contracts. Customer relationships are amortized using a straight-line method, as the pattern in which the economic benefits of the intangible assets are consumed or used up cannot be reliably determined.

Favorable lease is recognized as an intangible asset if the terms of the acquiree's operating lease are favorable relative to market terms. Favorable lease is amortized on a straight-line method over the lease term.

(l) **Prepaid land use rights**

The land use rights represent the amounts paid and relevant costs incurred for the rights to use land in the PRC and are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the term of the land use right of 50 years.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**(m) Goodwill**

Goodwill is an asset representing the future economic benefits arising from other assets acquired in the acquisition of EDC Holding that are not individually identified and separately recognized.

Goodwill is not amortized but is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired. Goodwill is tested for impairment at the reporting unit level on an annual basis and between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. These events or circumstances could include a significant change in the stock prices, business climate, legal factors, operating performance indicators, competition, or sale or disposition of a significant portion of a reporting unit. Application of the goodwill impairment test requires judgment, including the identification of the reporting unit, assignment of assets and liabilities to the reporting unit, assignment of goodwill to the reporting unit, and determination of the fair value of each reporting unit. Estimating fair value is performed by utilizing various valuation techniques, with a primary technique being a discounted cash flow which requires significant judgments, including estimation of future cash flows, which is dependent on internal forecasts, estimation of the long term rate of growth for the Company's business, estimation of the useful life over which cash flows will occur, and determination of the Company's weighted average cost of capital.

The Company has the option to perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more-likely-than-not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value prior to performing the two-step goodwill impairment test. If it is more-likely-than-not that the fair value of a reporting unit is greater than its carrying amount, the two-step goodwill impairment test is not required. If the two-step goodwill impairment test is required, first, the fair value of the reporting unit is compared with its carrying amount (including goodwill). If the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, an indication of goodwill impairment exists for the reporting unit and the Company performs step two of the impairment test (measurement). Under step two, an impairment loss is recognized for any excess of the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill over the implied fair value of that goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined by allocating the fair value of the reporting unit in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation and the residual fair value after this allocation is the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill. Fair value of the reporting unit is determined using a discounted cash flow analysis. The Company performs its annual impairment review of goodwill at December 31 of each year. No impairment losses were recorded for goodwill for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015.

(n) Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets, such as property and equipment, intangible assets subject to amortization and prepaid land use rights are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If circumstances require a long-lived asset or asset group be tested for possible impairment, the Company first compares undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by that asset or asset group to its carrying amount. If the carrying amount of the long-lived asset or asset group is not recoverable on an undiscounted cash flow basis, an impairment is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds its fair value. Fair value is determined through various valuation techniques including discounted cash flow

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

models, quoted market values and third-party independent appraisals, as considered necessary. No impairment losses were recorded for long-lived assets for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015.

(o) **Other non-current assets**

Other non-current assets primarily represent the deposits for leases, amounting to RMB34,750 and RMB46,423 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively, which are expected to be refunded after one year of the balance sheet date at the end of the lease term. Deposits for leases, which are expected to be refunded within one year of the balance sheet date, are recorded in other current assets.

(p) **Derivative financial instruments**

Derivative financial instruments are recognized initially at fair value. At the end of each reporting period, the fair value is remeasured. The gain or loss on remeasurement to fair value is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

(q) **Commitment and contingencies**

Liabilities for loss contingencies arising from claims, assessments, litigation, fines, and penalties and other sources are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Legal costs incurred in connection with loss contingencies are expensed as incurred.

(r) **Revenue recognition**

The Company recognizes revenue when delivery of the service or product has occurred, collection of the relevant receivable is probable, persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and the sales price is fixed or determinable.

These criteria as they relate to each of the following major revenue generating activities are described below.

The Company derives revenue primarily from the delivery of (i) colocation services; (ii) managed hosting services and; (iii) managed cloud services. The remainder of the Company's revenue is from IT equipment sales that are either sold on a stand-alone basis or bundled in a managed hosting service contract arrangement and consulting services.

Colocation services are services where the Company provides space, power and cooling to customers for housing and operating their IT system equipment in the Company's data centers. Colocation services are provided to customers for a fixed amount over the contract service period, ranging from 1 to 6 years. Revenues from colocation services are recognized on a straight line basis over the term of the contract. The Company has determined that its performance pattern to be straight line since the customer receives value as the services are rendered continuously during the term of the contract, the earning process is straight-line, and there is no other discernible performance pattern of recognition.

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Managed hosting services are services where the Company provides outsourced services to manage the customers' data center operations, including data migration, IT operations, security and data storage. Managed hosting services are primarily provided to financial institution customers as a business continuity and disaster recovery solution. Managed hosting services are provided to customers for a fixed amount over the contract service period ranging from 1 to 6 years. Revenues from managed hosting services are recognized on a straight line basis over the term of the contract. The Company has determined that its performance pattern to be straight line since the customer receives value as the services are rendered continuously during the term of the contract, the earning process is straight-line, and there is no other discernible performance pattern of recognition.

In certain colocation and managed hosting service contracts, the Company agrees with the customers that the Company will charge the customers for the actual power consumption. The Company records the chargeable power consumption as service revenue in the consolidated statements of operations.

Revenue recognized for colocation or managed hosting and cloud services delivered prior to billing is recorded within accounts receivable. The Company generally bills the customer in equal instalments on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Cash received in advance from customers prior to the delivery of the colocation or managed hosting and cloud services is recorded as deferred revenue.

Managed cloud services are services where the Company delivers virtual storage and computing services to customers. Managed cloud services are provided to customers for a fixed amount over the subscription period, ranging from 1 to 3 years. Revenues from managed cloud services are recognized ratably over the subscription period once all requirements for recognition have been met, including provisioning the service so that it is available to the customers.

The sale of IT equipment is recognized when delivery has occurred and the customer accepts the equipment and the Company has no performance obligation after the delivery.

In certain managed hosting service contracts, the Company sells and delivers IT equipment such as servers and computer terminals prior to the delivery of the services. Since the delivered item has value to the customer on a standalone basis and there is no general right of return for the equipment, the equipment is considered a separate unit of accounting. Accordingly, the contract consideration is allocated to the equipment and the managed hosting services based on their relative standalone selling prices. The consideration allocated to the delivered equipment is not contingent on the delivery of the services or meeting other specified performance conditions. That is, payment on the equipment is due upon the delivery of the equipment and is not contingent upon the delivery of the undelivered services.

Consulting services are provided to customers for a fixed amount over the service period, usually less than one year. The Company's consulting contracts do not specify any interim milestones, (other than for payment based on passage of time), or deliverables. The Company recognizes revenues from consulting services using the proportional performance method based on the pattern of service provided to the customers.

Sales taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are excluded from revenues in the consolidated statements of operations.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(s) **Cost of revenues**

Cost of revenues consists primarily of utility costs, depreciation of property and equipment, rental costs, labor costs and other costs directly attributable to the provision of the service revenue.

(t) **Research and development and advertising costs**

Research and development and advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Research and development costs amounted to RMB1,597 and RMB3,554 in 2014 and 2015, respectively. Research and development costs consist primarily of payroll and related personnel costs for developing or significantly improving the Company's services and products.

Advertising costs amounted to RMB2,363 and RMB4,128 in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

(u) **Start-up costs**

Pre-operating or start-up costs incurred prior to operating a new data center are expensed as incurred and consist primarily of rental costs of operating leases of buildings during the construction of leasehold improvements and other miscellaneous costs incurred prior to the operation of the data centers. Start-up costs amounted to RMB16,217 and RMB25,659 and were recorded in general and administrative expenses in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

(v) **Government grants**

Government grants are recognized when received and when all the conditions for their receipt have been met. Subsidies that compensate the Company for expenses incurred are recognized as a reduction of expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. Subsidies that are not associated with expenses are recognized as other income.

Subsidies for the acquisition of property and equipment are recorded as a liability until earned and then depreciated over the useful life of the related assets as a reduction of the depreciation charges. Subsidies for obtaining the rights to use land are recorded as a liability until earned and then amortized over the land use right period as a reduction of the amortization charges of the related land use rights. In 2010 and 2011, the Company received government subsidies that required the Company to operate in a particular area for a certain period. The Company recorded the subsidies in other long-term liabilities when the subsidies were received and subsequently recognized as government subsidy income ratably over the period the Company is required to operate in the area.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, deferred government grants of RMB18,466 and RMB16,268 are recorded in other long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(w) **Capitalized interest**

A reconciliation of total interest costs to "Interest expenses" as reported in the consolidated statements of operations for 2014 and 2015 is as follows:

	Years ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Total interest costs	136,458	138,260
Less: interest costs capitalized	(4,550)	(11,359)
Interest expenses	131,908	126,901

Interest costs that are directly attributable to the construction of an asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are capitalized as part of the cost of that asset. The capitalization of interest costs as part of the cost of a qualifying asset commences when expenditure for the asset is being incurred, interest costs are being incurred and activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress. Capitalization of interest costs is ceased when the asset is substantially complete and ready for its intended use.

(x) **Debt issuance costs**

Debt issuance costs are capitalized and are amortized over the life of the related loans based on the effective interest method. Such amortization is included as a component of interest expense.

The Company early adopted Accounting Standards Update 2015-03, Interest—Imputation of Interest ("ASU 2015-03"), during the year ended December 31, 2015. In accordance with ASU 2015-03, debt issuance costs of nil and RMB23,908 are presented as a reduction of debt as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

(y) **Income tax**

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. The Company recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. The Company records interest related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in general and administrative expenses.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(z) *Share-based compensation*

The Company accounts for the compensation cost from share-based payment transactions with employees based on the grant-date fair value of the equity instrument issued. The grant-date fair value of the award is recognized as compensation expense, net of estimated forfeitures, over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award, which is generally the vesting period. When no future services are required to be performed by the employee in exchange for an award of equity instruments, and if such award does not contain a performance or market condition, the cost of the award is expensed on the grant date. The Company recognizes compensation cost for an award with only service conditions that has a graded vesting schedule on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for the entire award, provided that the cumulative amount of compensation cost recognized at any date at least equals the portion of the grant-date value of such award that is vested at that date.

Share-based payment transactions with nonemployees in which goods or services are received in exchange for equity instruments are accounted for based on the fair value of the consideration received or the fair value of the equity instrument issued, whichever is more reliably measurable. The measurement date of the fair value of the equity instrument issued is the earlier of either the date on which the counterparty's performance is complete or the date at which a commitment for performance by the counterparty to earn the equity instrument is reached.

(aa) *Employee benefits*

Pursuant to relevant PRC regulations, the Company is required to make contributions to various defined contribution plans organized by municipal and provincial PRC governments. The contributions are made for each PRC employee at rates ranging from 28% to 49% on a standard salary base as determined by local social security bureau. Contributions to the defined contribution plans are charged to the consolidated statements of operations when the related service is provided.

(bb) *Foreign currency translation and foreign currency risks*

The functional currency of GDS Holdings is the USD, whereas the functional currency of its PRC subsidiaries and consolidated VIEs is the RMB.

Foreign currency transactions during the period are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the end of the reporting period. Exchange gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss and are reported in foreign currency exchange (loss) gain on a net basis.

The results of foreign operations are translated into RMB at the exchange rates approximating the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rates at the balance sheet date, equity accounts are translated at historical exchange rates and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are translated using the average rate for the year. Translation adjustments are reported in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the translation adjustment component of equity until the sale or liquidation of the foreign entity.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The RMB is not a freely convertible currency. The PRC State Administration for Foreign Exchange, under the authority of the PRC government, controls the conversion of RMB to foreign currencies. The value of the RMB is subject to changes of central government policies and international economic and political developments affecting supply and demand in the China foreign exchange trading system market. The Company's cash and restricted cash denominated in RMB amounted to RMB89,849 and RMB200,004 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, the Company's cash and restricted cash were deposited in major financial institutions located in PRC, Hong Kong, and Cayman Island financial institutions, and were denominated in the following currencies:

	RMB	USD	HKD	JPY	EUR
In PRC	199,268	110,890	—	—	—
In Hong Kong	736	747	4,859	2,056	22
In Cayman Island	—	256	—	—	—
Total in original currency	200,004	111,893	4,859	2,056	22
RMB equivalent	200,004	726,582	4,071	111	155

(cc) Concentration of credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially expose the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalent, restricted cash, and accounts receivable. The Company's investment policy requires cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash to be placed with high-quality financial institutions and to limit the amount of credit risk from any one issuer. The Company regularly evaluates the credit standing of the counterparties or financial institutions.

The Company conducts credit evaluations on its customers prior to delivery of goods or services. The assessment of customer creditworthiness is primarily based on historical collection records, research of publicly available information and customer on-site visits by senior management. Based on this analysis, the Company determines what credit terms, if any, to offer to each customer individually. If the assessment indicates a likelihood of collection risk, the Company will not deliver the services or sell the products to the customer or require the customer to pay cash, post letters of credit to secure payment or to make significant down payments. Historically, credit losses on accounts receivable have been insignificant.

(dd) Earnings (loss) per share

Basic earnings (loss) per ordinary share is computed by dividing net income (loss) attributable to the Company's ordinary shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year using the two-class method. Under the two-class method, net income (loss) attributable to the Company's ordinary shareholders is allocated between ordinary shares and other participating securities based on participating rights in undistributed earnings. The Company's preferred shares (note 13) are participating securities since the holders of these securities participate in dividends on the same basis as ordinary shareholders. These participating securities are not included in

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

the computation of basic loss per ordinary share in periods when the Company reports net loss, because these participating security holders have no obligation to share in the losses of the Company.

Diluted earnings (loss) per share is calculated by dividing net income (loss) attributable to the Company's ordinary shareholders as adjusted for the effect of dilutive ordinary share equivalents, if any, by the weighted average number of ordinary and dilutive ordinary share equivalents outstanding during the year. Ordinary share equivalents include the ordinary shares issuable upon the exercise of the outstanding share options (using the treasury stock method) and conversion of redeemable preferred shares and convertible bonds (using the as-if-converted method). Potential dilutive securities are not included in the calculation of diluted earnings (loss) per share if the impact is anti-dilutive.

(ee) Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASU 2014-09"). This ASU requires companies to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which companies expect to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in GAAP when it becomes effective. This ASU was originally effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASU 2015-14"), which amends ASU 2014-09 and defers its effective date to fiscal years and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. ASU 2015-14 permits earlier application only as of annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods within that reporting period. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of these standards will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-15, Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern ("ASU 2014-15"), to provide guidance on management's responsibility in evaluating whether there is substantial doubt about a company's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. ASU 2014-15 is effective for annual periods ending after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of this standard will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Interest—Imputation of Interest ("ASU 2015-03"), to simplify the presentation of debt issuance costs. The ASU requires debt issuance costs to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the debt liability, consistent with debt discounts or premiums. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs is not affected by this ASU. This ASU is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. The Company early adopted ASU 2015-03. See note 2(x).

In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-17, Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes ("ASU 2015-17"), to simplify the presentation of deferred income taxes by eliminating the requirement to separate deferred tax assets and liabilities into current and noncurrent amounts. ASU 2015-17

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

requires that all deferred tax assets and liabilities, along with any related valuation allowance, be classified as noncurrent and is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Earlier application is permitted as of the beginning of an interim or annual reporting period. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of this standard will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) ("ASU 2016-02"). Under the new guidance, lessees will be required to recognize the following for all leases (with the exception of short-term leases) at the commencement date: (1) a lease liability, which is a lessee's obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease, measured on a discounted basis; and (2) a right-of-use asset, which is an asset that represents the lessee's right to use, or control the use of, a specified asset for the lease term. Under the new guidance, lessor accounting is largely unchanged. Certain targeted improvements were made to align, where necessary, lessor accounting with the lessee accounting model and Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The new lease guidance simplified the accounting for sale and leaseback transactions primarily because lessees must recognize lease assets and lease liabilities. Lessees (for capital and operating leases) and lessors (for sales-type, direct financing, and operating leases) must apply a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. The modified retrospective approach would not require any transition accounting for leases that expired before the earliest comparative period presented. Lessees and lessors may not apply a full retrospective transition approach. ASU 2016-02 is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of this standard will have on its consolidated financial statements.

3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES, NET

Accounts receivables, net consisted of the following:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Accounts receivables	75,522	113,169
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(2,156)	(2,156)
Accounts receivables, net	73,366	111,013

The Company generally invoices its customers on a monthly or quarterly basis in accordance with the contract terms. Due to the timing difference between the billing and revenue recognition, accounts receivables included an unbilled portion of RMB8,019 and RMB46,275 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Accounts receivables of RMB43,937 and RMB42,511 was pledged as security for bank loans (see note 9) as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

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3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES, NET (Continued)

An allowance for doubtful accounts is provided based on the Company's best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses in the Company's existing accounts receivable. The Company assesses the collectability of accounts receivable by analyzing specific customer accounts that have known or potential doubt as to collectability. The following table presents the movement of the allowance for doubtful accounts:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Balance at the beginning of the year	—	2,156
Allowance made during the year	2,156	—
Balance at the end of the year	2,156	2,156

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company made an allowance for doubtful accounts on a receivable from a customer of RMB2,156. Management believes all other accounts receivable as of December 31, 2014 and 2015 are expected to be collected in full.

4. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Other current assets consisted of the following:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Rental and other deposits	6,027	9,456
Deferred tax assets, current (note 18)	—	5,193
Assets held for sale	—	18,531
Others	1,106	508
	7,133	33,688

Assets held for sale included property held for sale of RMB9,075 and IT equipment awaiting for sale of RMB9,456, for which the Company has entered into sale contracts with the customer.

Others mainly represented miscellaneous receivables due from employees.

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5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
At cost:		
Buildings	1,049,376	1,049,376
Data center equipment	680,633	891,089
Leasehold improvement	220,175	554,450
Furniture and office equipment	26,072	32,001
Vehicles	2,403	2,728
	1,978,659	2,529,644
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(374,117)	(421,475)
	1,604,542	2,108,169
Construction in progress	90,402	404,518
Property and equipment, net	1,694,944	2,512,687

- (1) The carrying amounts of the Company's property and equipment acquired under capital leases at respective balance sheet dates were as follows:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
At cost:		
Buildings	422,874	627,874
Data center equipment	12,718	12,718
	435,592	640,592
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(11,642)	(32,061)
	423,950	608,531

- (2) Depreciation of property and equipment (including assets acquired under capital leases) was RMB77,946 and RMB135,864 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively, and included in the following captions:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Cost of revenue	71,024	131,097
General and administrative expenses	6,922	4,767
	77,946	135,864

- (3) Property and equipment with net a book value of RMB162,686 and RMB579,524 was pledged as security for bank loans (see note 9) as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

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5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET (Continued)

- (4) As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, payables for purchase of property and equipment that are contractually due beyond one year of RMB nil and RMB31,152 are recorded in other long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

6. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets consisted of the following:

	Note	As at December 31	
		2014	2015
Customer relationships	8	44,822	44,822
Favorable lease	8	15,500	15,500
		60,322	60,322
Less: accumulated amortization		(4,462)	(13,387)
Intangible assets, net		55,860	46,935

The Company's customer relationships and favorable lease were acquired in the acquisition of EDC Holding (note 8).

Amortization of intangible assets was RMB4,462 and RMB8,925 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Estimated future amortization expense related to these intangible assets is as follows:

Fiscal year ending December 31,	
2016	8,925
2017	8,925
2018	8,925
2019	8,925
2020	775
Thereafter	10,460
Total	46,935

7. PREPAID LAND USE RIGHTS

Prepaid land use rights consisted of the following:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Prepaid land use rights	28,370	28,370
Less: Accumulated amortization	(345)	(962)
Prepaid land use rights, net	28,025	27,408

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7. PREPAID LAND USE RIGHTS (Continued)

Amortization of prepaid land use rights was RMB345 and RMB617 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Prepaid land use rights with a net book value of RMB21,461 and RMB20,983 were pledged as security for bank loans (see note 9) as of December 2014 and 2015, respectively.

8. GOODWILL

The movement of goodwill is set out as below:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Balance at the beginning of the year	—	1,294,664
Addition during the year	1,294,664	—
Balance at end of year	1,294,664	1,294,664

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net tangible and intangible assets acquired in the acquisition of EDC Holding in June 2014. The goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes. Goodwill is assigned to the design, build-out and operation of data centers reporting unit.

EDC Holding Acquisition

Prior to the acquisition, the Company held a 7% non-controlling equity interest in EDC Holding which was accounted for under the cost method. EDC Holding is principally engaged in providing colocation services in the PRC.

On June 30, 2014, in an effort to enhance its service offering and to increase business synergy, the Company acquired all the equity interests in EDC Holding (preferred and ordinary shares) it did not already own, for a consideration comprising 88,352,558 ordinary shares and 110,810,606 redeemable preferred shares of the Company, consisting of 14,149,705 Series A* redeemable preferred shares ("Series A* Shares"), 33,959,293 Series B1 redeemable preferred shares ("Series B1 Shares"), 25,618,413 Series B2 redeemable preferred shares ("Series B2 Shares"), 14,045,432 Series B3 redeemable preferred shares ("Series B3 Shares") and 23,037,763 Series B4 redeemable preferred shares ("Series B4 Shares"). The fair value of the consideration was determined by management with the assistance of a third party appraiser and was considered more reliably measured than the acquisition-date fair value of the acquiree's equity interests.

Prior to the acquisition, the Company and EDC Holding had certain shareholders who held preferred shares in both companies with different ownership interests. None of these shareholders or any other ordinary or preferred shareholders individually or as a group acting in concert held more than 50% of the voting interest of each entity. The Company accounted for the business combination by applying the acquisition method of accounting. The Company completed the acquisition of EDC Holding on June 30, 2014, the date on which the consideration was transferred, and control was obtained to govern the financial and operating policies of EDC Holding and obtain benefits from its activities.

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The Company was identified as the accounting acquirer for the following reasons: (i) the Company was the entity that issued the new equity interests; (ii) a shareholder of the Company held the largest minority voting interest in the combined entity; (iii) the Company's shareholders have the ability to elect or appoint or to remove a majority of the members of the governing body of the combined entity; (iv) the Company's management dominates the management of the combined entity after the acquisition; and (v) the Company has a significantly larger relative size in terms of revenue and operations than that of EDC Holding.

Total fair value of consideration transferred at acquisition date was as follows:

Fair value of ordinary shares issued	472,945
Fair value of redeemable preferred shares issued	711,297
Total fair value of total consideration transferred	<u>1,184,242</u>

The fair value of the ordinary shares issued was US\$0.87 per share and the fair values of the various series of preferred shares issued ranged from US\$0.93 to US\$1.13 per share or on average approximately US\$1.04 per share. Each series of preferred shares issued had different terms; in particular, the redemption amount of each series of preferred shares was different.

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8. GOODWILL (Continued)

The identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the business combination were recorded at their fair value on the acquisition date and consisted of the following major items.

	<u>Note</u>	
Fair value of consideration transferred		1,184,242
Fair value of non-controlling equity interest previously held by the Company	(i)	62,506
Sub-total		<u>1,246,748</u>
Effective settlement of pre-existing relationships	(ii)	<u>549,521</u>
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed		
Cash		(40,999)
Property and equipment	(iii)	(1,535,246)
Identifiable intangible assets	(iv)	(60,322)
Other assets		(96,508)
Short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term borrowings		178,638
Accounts payable		290,326
Obligations under capital leases, current		35,234
Long-term borrowings, excluding current portion		342,130
Deferred tax liabilities		45,748
Obligations under capital leases, non-current		250,318
Other liabilities		89,076
Total identifiable net assets		<u>(501,605)</u>
Goodwill		<u>1,294,664</u>

Note (i): The gain of RMB62,506 arising from the re-measurement of the existing carrying value of investment in EDC Holding to fair value was recognized in the consolidated statement of operations. The fair value of the previous held non-controlling equity interest was determined by management with the assistance of a third party appraiser.

Note (ii): Prior to the business combination, the Company had the following pre-existing relationships with EDC Holding: (1) a prepayment due from EDC Holding of RMB254,633 for future services under a service contract with EDC Holding; (2) outstanding loans of RMB344,110 due from EDC Holding; and (3) a loan of US\$8,000 (RMB49,222) issued from EDC Holding to the Company in January 2013. No gain or loss was recognized from the effective settlement of such pre-existing relationship between the Company and EDC Holding. At the acquisition date, the amount due from EDC Holding of RMB598,743 and the amount due to EDC Holding of RMB49,222 are eliminated upon consolidation.

Note (iii): Property and equipment acquired included data center buildings of RMB624,090, properties acquired under capital lease of RMB422,874, data center equipment of RMB299,801, leasehold improvement of RMB2,694, furniture and office equipment of RMB958, vehicles of RMB749 and construction in progress of RMB184,080.

Note (iv): Identifiable intangible assets acquired consisted of customer relationships of RMB44,822 with an estimated useful life of 5 to 6 years and favorable lease of RMB15,500 with estimated useful life of 20 years.

The amounts of net revenue and net loss of EDC Holding included in the Company's consolidated statements of operations from the acquisition date to December 31, 2014 amounted to RMB17,880 and RMB99,949, respectively.

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9. LOANS AND BORROWINGS

The Company's borrowings consisted of the following:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Short-term borrowings	289,000	333,000
Current portion of long-term borrowings	137,709	95,218
Sub-total	426,709	428,218
Long-term borrowings, excluding current portion	492,123	958,264
Total loans and borrowings	918,832	1,386,482

Short-term borrowings

The Company's short-term borrowings consisted of the following:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Unsecured short-term loans and borrowings	—	60,000
Secured short-term loans and borrowings	(i) 289,000	273,000
	289,000	333,000

(i) Short-term borrowings were secured by the following assets:

	Note	As at December 31	
		2014	2015
Accounts receivable	3	36,576	20,221
Property and equipment, net	5	—	144,540
Prepaid land use rights, net	7	—	14,602
		36,576	179,363

(ii) The weighted average interest rates of short-term borrowings were 6.98% and 6.55% per annum for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

(iii) Short-term loans of RMB259,000 and RMB247,000 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, were guaranteed by William Wei Huang, Director and CEO of the Company, respectively.

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9. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (Continued)

Long-term borrowings

The Company's long-term borrowings consisted of the following:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Unsecured long-term loans and borrowings	7,269	2,844
Secured long-term loans and borrowings	622,563	1,050,638
	<u>629,832</u>	<u>1,053,482</u>

- (i) The weighted average interest rates of long-term borrowings were 10.2% and 8.73% per annum for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.
- (ii) As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, accrued interest of RMB8,440 and RMB25,554 payable on maturity of the long-term borrowings was recorded in other long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.
- (iii) Long-term borrowings were secured by the following assets:

	Note	As at December 31	
		2014	2015
Accounts receivable	3	7,361	22,290
Property and equipment, net	5	162,686	434,984
Prepaid land use rights, net	7	21,461	6,381
		<u>191,508</u>	<u>463,655</u>

- (iv) Long-term loans of RMB15,000 and RMB194,955 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015 were guaranteed by William Wei Huang, respectively.
- (v) The aggregate maturities of the above long-term borrowings for each of the five years and thereafter subsequent to December 31, 2015 are as follows:

Fiscal year ending December 31,	Long-term borrowings
2016	95,218
2017	334,191
2018	155,645
2019	174,433
2020	229,595
Thereafter	64,400
Total	<u>1,053,482</u>

Certain of the Company's long-term borrowings contain financial covenants. An outstanding loan of RMB7,269 and RMB2,844 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively, borrowed by a subsidiary contains a financial covenant that requires the subsidiary to keep a minimum cash of US\$200 (RMB1,298) at the bank at all times. The loan agreement also requires that both the subsidiary and the Company as a guarantor, maintain minimum quarterly revenues thresholds as specified in the loan agreement. As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, the Company was in compliance with such covenants.

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An outstanding entrust loan of RMB200,000 and RMB199,800 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively, borrowed by a subsidiary through a third party bank contains financial covenants. The covenants require that the subsidiary's outstanding loans (exclusive of this entrust loan and any other entrust loans) should be within a range of RMB130,000 and RMB240,000 (the "borrowing range") and the total pledged assets cannot exceed RMB20,000. On March 31, 2015, the subsidiary's outstanding loans exceeded RMB240,000 and total pledged assets exceeded RMB20,000. On June 10, 2015, the subsidiary obtained a waiver letter from the creditor that waived the covenant violations. The creditor and the subsidiary also agreed to revise the acceptable outstanding borrowings in a range of RMB130,000 and RMB360,000. As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, the Company was in compliance with such covenants.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, two subsidiaries of the Company entered into loan facilities with a third party bank for the construction of data centers. The loans contain a limit on the amount of capital expenditures to be incurred for the construction of the data centers and mature in 2020. As of December 31, 2015, the Company's outstanding long-term loans under the facilities amounted to RMB403,580. The loans are required to be repaid in full prior to the maturity date in the event 1) Singapore Technologies Telemedia Limited of Singapore, the parent company of STT GDC Pte. Ltd. (a principal shareholder of the Company), ceases to own and control, directly or indirectly, at least 40% of the equity interest in the Company prior to an initial public offering (IPO) or 30% of the equity interest in the Company after an IPO, or ceases to be the single largest shareholder of the Company, 2) the Company ceases to own and control, directly or indirectly, 100% of the borrowing subsidiaries, or 3) there are changes in the shareholding structure of a principal operating subsidiary, as defined in the agreements. In addition, under the terms of the loans, upon the completion of the Company's IPO, the Company is required to repay early RMB100,000 of the outstanding loan principal amount to the bank based on the principal amount outstanding as of December 31, 2015. The loan facilities include a cross-default provision which would be triggered if the Company fails to repay any financial indebtedness of RMB30,000 or more when due or within any originally applicable grace period. As of December 31, 2015, the Company was in compliance with the above covenants.

As of December 31, 2015, the Company has total working capital and project financing credit facility of RMB1,628,544 from various banks, of which the unused amount was RMB278,965. The withdrawal from the credit facility is at the discretion of the banks and is subject to the terms and conditions of each agreement.

10. BONDS PAYABLE/CONVERTIBLE BONDS PAYABLE***Bonds due June 10, 2014 issued by a subsidiary ("Bonds due 2014")***

On December 11, 2012, the Company issued Bonds due 2014 to an investor in an aggregate principal amount of US\$10,509 (RMB66,125). The Bonds due 2014 had a maturity date of June 10, 2014 and carried interest at 10% per annum. Upon maturity, the carrying amount of the Bonds due 2014 was US\$10,509 (RMB64,541) and the Company repaid a portion of the Bonds due 2014 amounting to US\$664 (RMB4,081). On June 11, 2014, the Company issued Bonds due 2015 to the same investor in an aggregate principal amount of US\$30,203 (RMB185,770) of which a portion was to settle the remaining unpaid portion of the Bonds due 2014 of US\$9,845 (RMB60,460) and unpaid interest payable on the Bonds due 2014 of RMB10,360.

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10. BONDS PAYABLE/CONVERTIBLE BONDS PAYABLE (Continued)

Bonds due June 10, 2015 issued by the Company ("Bonds due 2015")

The key terms of the Bonds due 2015 are summarized as follows:

Denomination

- Denomination—US\$10 each

Maturity date

- Maturity date—June 10, 2015

Interest rate and interest repayment

- Interest rate is at 10% per annum compounded annually.

Redemption and price

- The Company shall redeem the unpaid principal together with the interest accrued of the Bonds due 2015 on the Maturity Date.

Exchange feature of the Bonds due 2015

Prior to the Maturity Date, the holder of Bonds due 2015 has the right to exchange the bonds into the Company's ordinary shares in the event of a qualifying initial public offering ("QIPO") or private placement. The exchange feature permits the holder to receive a variable number of ordinary shares with an aggregate fair value that is based on a fixed monetary amount (the principal amount of the Bonds due 2015 that is being exchanged). The price used to determine the number of ordinary shares issued in exchange for the bonds is equal to 70% of the QIPO price or 70% of the share issuance price of the private placement. The Company separated this contingent redemption exchange feature (or embedded put option) from the principal amount of the Bonds due 2015 at the issuance date. The fair value of the embedded put option was US\$5,547 (RMB34,105). The recorded discount resulting from the allocation of the proceeds of the Bonds due 2015 to this embedded put option was recognized as interest expense. As of December 31, 2015, there was no outstanding embedded derivative due to the holder's exercise of the right to exchange a portion of the Bonds due 2015 following the completion of Series C shares in August 2014 and the holder waiving the right to exchange the remaining portion for ordinary shares described below. Total interest expense related to the debt discount amounted to RMB34,105 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

In August 2014, the Company conducted a private placement of 238,526,241 Series C redeemable preferred shares ("Series C Shares") (see note 13). Upon the issuance of Series C Shares, the holder of the Bonds due 2015 exchanged outstanding principal amount of the Bonds due 2015 of US\$27,860 (RMB171,431) for 38,397,655 ordinary shares. The number of ordinary shares issued was based on US\$0.72557, or 70% of the issuance price of Series C Shares of US\$1.036522. The difference between the fair value of the ordinary shares and the principal amount of the bonds was RMB34,105, which was charged against the embedded put option described above. The holder waived its right to

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exchange the remaining Bonds due 2015 of US\$2,343 (RMB14,330) for ordinary shares of the Company.

On June 10, 2015, the Company fully redeemed the remaining Bonds due 2015 of US\$2,343 (RMB14,330) upon maturity.

Convertible Bonds due December 30, 2019 issued by the Company ("Convertible Bonds due 2019")

On December 30, 2015, the Company entered into a subscription agreement with two investors (referred to as "PA investor" and STT GDC Pte. Ltd or "STT GDC") for Convertible Bonds due 2019 in an aggregate principal amount of US\$250,000 in four tranches. On December 30, 2015 and January 29, 2016, the Company received the first tranche of US\$100,000 (RMB648,950) from PA investor and the second tranche of US\$50,000 (RMB324,475) from STT GDC, respectively. The subscription for the remaining third and fourth tranches of the Convertible Bonds due 2019 in the aggregate principal amount of US\$100,000 (RMB648,950) expires on September 30, 2016.

Convertible Bonds due 2019 bears an interest rate of 10% per annum and matures on December 30, 2019 ("Maturity Date"). The Company shall redeem the unpaid principal together with the interest accrued of the Convertible Bonds due 2019 on the December 30, 2019. The Company pledged 100% of the equity interests in a subsidiary to the investors.

The key terms of the Convertible Bonds due 2019 are summarized as follows:

Conversion of the Convertible Bonds due 2019

If the Company completes a QIPO, the bond holder, at any time between the date of completion of such QIPO (the "QIPO Completion Date") and the Maturity Date (the "Conversion Period"), have the right to convert up to 100% of the principal amount of the bond (in multiples of US\$10,000), together with the accrued interest thereon, into ordinary shares of the Company. The conversion price shall be US\$1.675262 subject to adjustments for situations such as share dividend, share split, consolidation, recapitalization, exchange or substitution of ordinary shares at any time or from time to time. The Company determined that there was no embedded beneficial conversion feature ("BCF") attributable to Convertible Bonds due 2019 at the commitment date because the initial conversion price of Convertible Bonds due 2019 was greater than the estimated fair value of the Company's ordinary shares as of December 30, 2015. The estimated fair value of the underlying ordinary shares on December 30, 2015 was determined by management with the assistance of an independent valuation firm. The valuation used an income approach, which requires the estimation of future cash flows and the application of an appropriate discount rate with reference to comparable listed companies engaged in a similar industry to convert such future cash flows to a single present value.

The Company also determined that the embedded conversion option did not require it to be separated as an embedded derivative because a separate instrument with the same terms as the embedded derivative would not be a derivative instrument.

If the Company completes a QIPO and the closing price of its shares is at or above 125% of the conversion price (i.e. 25% premium to the conversion price) for a period of at least ten consecutive trading days, the Company may, at its unilateral option, notify the bondholder that the bond then

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outstanding will be mandatorily converted at the end of the notice period in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bond.

Redemption on maturity:

Unless previously converted or purchased and cancelled in the circumstances, the bond will be redeemed on December 30, 2019 at its principal amount, plus accrued interest thereon.

11. ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER PAYABLES

Accrued expenses and other payables consisted of the following:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Accrued rental expenses	14,767	12,951
Accrued utility expenses	3,754	8,548
Accrued payroll and welfare benefits	18,707	27,062
Accrued interest expenses	31,090	23,722
Accrued professional service fees	14,489	8,352
Other taxes payables	12,132	14,296
Income tax payable (note 18)	95	8,955
Other payables	23,511	14,430
	<u>118,545</u>	<u>118,316</u>

Other payables represent amounts due to service providers for various services received by the Company.

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12. LEASE

Capital leases

The Company's capital lease obligations are summarized as follows:

	2014		2015	
	Present value of the minimum lease payments	Total minimum lease payments	Present value of the minimum lease payments	Total minimum lease payments
Within 1 year	39,621	41,985	48,745	51,591
After 1 year but within 2 years	33,351	38,857	52,034	60,019
After 2 years but within 3 years	30,703	39,221	51,693	64,938
After 3 years but within 4 years	29,242	40,846	50,456	69,089
After 4 years but within 5 years	27,949	42,700	108,637	172,079
After 5 years	125,751	288,556	162,119	395,251
	246,996	450,180	424,939	761,376
	286,617	492,165	473,684	812,967
Less: total future interest expenses		(205,548)		(339,283)
Present value of lease obligations		286,617		473,684
Including:				
Current portion		39,621		48,745
Non-current portion		246,996		424,939

The Company's capital leases expire at various dates ranging from 2020 to 2032. The weighted average effective interest rate of the Company's capital leases was 9.71% and 8.63% as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the capital lease obligations arose from the acquisition of EDC Holding. The Company recognized the capital lease obligations assumed in the business combination at the acquisition-date fair value. During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company entered into the following capital lease arrangements:

Shenzhen 2 Lease and Shenzhen 3 Lease

In March 2015 and July 2015, the Company entered into two lease agreements to lease two existing buildings in Shenzhen, China from a third party lessor (the "Shenzhen 2 Lease" and the "Shenzhen 3 Lease"). The Shenzhen 2 Lease has a lease term of 10 years from June 2015 to May 2025 and the Shenzhen 3 Lease has a lease term of 15 years from November 2015 to October 2030. The Company determined that both leases were capital leases as the present value of the minimum lease payments of each of the leases exceeded 90% of the respective fair value of the leased property at the inception of the lease.

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12. LEASE (Continued)

Accordingly, on the respective lease commencement date, the Company recorded capital lease assets and capital lease obligations at an amount equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments in the aggregate amount of RMB205,000.

Shenzhen 4 Lease

In October 2015, the Company entered into a lease agreement to lease an existing building in Shenzhen, China from a third party lessor (the "Shenzhen 4 Lease"). The Shenzhen 4 Lease has a lease term of 20 years commencing from January 2016. At the inception of the lease, Company determined that Shenzhen 4 Lease is a capital lease as the present value of the minimum lease payments exceeded 90% of the fair value of the leased property. In January 2016, the Company took possession of or controlled the physical use of the building from the lessor. Accordingly, in January 2016, the Company records a capital lease asset and a capital lease obligation at an amount equal to the present value at the beginning of the lease term of minimum lease payments during the lease term (or RMB138,721) on the lease commencement date.

Build-to-suit leases

The Company entered into the following build-to-suit leases during the year December 31, 2015:

In January and February 2015, the Company entered into two lease agreements with a third party developer-lessor for the development, construction and the lease (build-to-suit lease) of two brand new buildings (the "Shanghai 3 Lease" and "Shanghai 4 Lease") in Shanghai, China. The Company paid a deposit for each of the two leases to the developer-lessor. Both the Shanghai 3 Lease and Shanghai 4 Lease have a lease term of 20 years commencing upon the delivery of the completed building to the Company. The two buildings will be constructed based on the Company's specifications and will not include any interior elements, such as electrical wiring, interior walls, ventilation and air conditioning systems, flooring or normal tenant improvements. That is, the developer-lessor will hand over two cold-shell buildings to the Company upon completion of construction. Upon the delivery of the cold-shell buildings, the Company will convert the two buildings into data centers. No rent is paid by the Company during the construction of the two buildings. All project hard costs are to be paid by the developer-lessor, including site preparation and construction costs. In the event of termination of the lease agreements during the lease term, the Company is obligated to pay 15% of the total minimum lease payments. In addition, if the Company terminates the agreements before the construction of the buildings are completed, the Company is obligated to reimburse the developer-lessor for costs incurred during the construction period, including but not limited to project application costs, project design fees, ground preparation and leveling costs.

In accordance with ASC 840-40-55, the Company has determined that it is the owner of the two buildings during the construction period as it has substantially all of the construction period risks based on the maximum guarantee test (without considering probability that the Company having to make the payments). That is, the Company could be required, under any circumstances, to pay more than 90% of the total project costs incurred to date as of any point of time during the construction period. Since the Company is the owner of the two projects for financial reporting purposes, the Company records an asset for the estimated incurred construction costs of the project and a liability for those costs funded by the lessor-developer at the end of each reporting period. The developer-

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12. LEASE (Continued)

lessor received the onsite construction permit in December 2015 to commence construction. Total costs incurred as of December 31, 2015 was immaterial based on the limited ground preparation costs incurred by the developer-lessor and did not exceed the deposit amount paid to the lessor-developer.

Operating leases

The Company leases data centers, offices and other equipment that are classified as operating leases. The majority of the Company's operating leases expire at various dates through 2035.

Future minimum operating lease payments as of December 31, 2015 are summarized as follow:

Fiscal year ending December 31,	
2016	111,389
2017	93,450
2018	73,226
2019	62,273
2020	54,027
Thereafter	481,454
Total	<u>875,819</u>

Rental expenses were approximately RMB110,117 and RMB131,875 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively. The Company did not sublease any of its operating leases for the periods presented.

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13. REDEEMABLE PREFERRED SHARES

The movement of the redeemable preferred shares is set out as below:

	Series A		Series A*		Series B		Series B1		Series B2		Series B3		Series B4		Series B5		Series C		Total	
	Shares	RMB'000	Shares	RMB'000	Shares	RMB'000	Shares	RMB'000	Shares	RMB'000	Shares	RMB'000	Shares	RMB'000	Shares	RMB'000	Shares	RMB'000	Shares	RMB'000
Balance at January 1, 2014	63,250,000	198,434	—	—	11,550,000	64,056	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74,800,000	262,490
Issuance of redeemable preferred shares																				
— in relation to business combination																				
— third party investor	—	—	14,149,705	80,965	—	—	33,959,293	236,108	25,618,413	165,506	14,045,432	85,554	23,037,763	143,164	—	—	—	—	110,810,606	711,297
Extinguishment of redeemable preferred shares upon repurchase	(23,533,064)	(76,473)	(5,503,899)	(31,497)	(8,413,412)	(48,593)	(13,209,358)	(91,847)	(9,964,954)	(64,383)	(5,463,340)	(33,281)	(8,961,143)	(55,692)	—	—	—	—	(75,049,170)	(401,766)
Extinguishment of redeemable preferred shares upon exchange	(10,081,891)	(32,803)	(1,729,161)	(9,896)	(560,105)	(3,276)	(9,222,193)	(63,800)	(5,217,820)	(33,540)	(8,582,092)	(52,268)	—	—	35,393,262	225,198	—	—	—	29,615
Changes in redemption value	—	6,824	—	—	—	2,393	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,210	—	—	54,689	—	69,116
Foreign exchange impact	—	1,292	—	3	—	500	—	(313)	—	(164)	—	(5)	—	5	(725)	—	(8,473)	—	—	(7,880)
Balance at December 31, 2014 and January 1, 2015	29,635,045	97,274	6,916,645	39,575	2,576,483	15,080	11,527,742	80,148	10,435,639	67,419	—	—	14,076,620	87,477	35,393,262	229,683	238,526,241	1,547,383	349,087,677	2,164,039
Changes in redemption value	—	4,029	—	—	—	754	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,715	—	—	92,428	—	110,926
Foreign exchange impact	—	6,125	—	—	—	955	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,640	—	—	98,629	—	120,349
Balance at December 31, 2015	29,635,045	107,428	6,916,645	39,575	2,576,483	16,789	11,527,742	80,148	10,435,639	67,419	—	—	14,076,620	87,477	35,393,262	258,038	238,526,241	1,738,440	349,087,677	2,395,314

The Series A, Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series B1 Shares, Series B2 Shares, Series B3 Shares, Series B4 Shares, Series B5 Shares and Series C Shares are collectively referred to as the "preferred shares". The preferred shares are denominated in US\$, which is the functional currency of the issuer, GDS Holdings.

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13. REDEEMABLE PREFERRED SHARES (Continued)

A summary of the authorized, issued and outstanding preferred shares as of December 31, 2015 is as follows:

Series	Shares authorized	Shares issued and outstanding	Carrying amount	Redemption value
Series A	29,635,045	29,635,045	107,428	107,428
Series A*	6,916,645	6,916,645	39,575	6,731
Series B	2,576,483	2,576,483	16,789	16,789
Series B1	11,527,742	11,527,742	80,148	54,653
Series B2	10,435,639	10,435,639	67,419	47,484
Series B4	14,076,620	14,076,620	87,477	47,496
Series B5	35,393,262	35,393,262	258,038	258,038
Series C	240,000,000	238,526,241	1,738,440	1,738,440
Total	350,561,436	349,087,677	2,395,314	2,277,059

In January 2007, the Company issued 53,625,000 Series A redeemable preferred shares ("Series A Shares") to a group of investors unrelated to the Company at US\$0.3636 (RMB2.8279) per share. Concurrent with the issuance, a holder of bonds payable converted bonds payable of US\$3,500 (RMB27,222) into 9,625,000 Series A Shares.

In March 2011, the Company issued 11,550,000 Series B redeemable preferred shares ("Series B Shares") to a group of investors unrelated to the Company at US\$0.7792 (RMB5.1087) per share.

In June 2014, the Company issued 88,352,558 ordinary shares, 14,149,705 Series A* Shares, 33,959,293 Series B1 Shares, 25,618,413 Series B2 Shares, 14,045,432 Series B3 Shares and 23,037,763 Series B4 Shares in connection with the acquisition of EDC Holding (see note 8). Series B1, B2, B3, B4 Shares are collectively referred to as Series B* Shares.

On August 13, 2014, the Company issued 238,526,241 Series C redeemable preferred shares ("Series C Shares") to an investor unrelated to the Company at US\$1.0365 (RMB6.3779) per share, for cash consideration of US\$247,238 (RMB1,521,295). The Company incurred issuance costs of US\$3,271 (RMB20,128), which were recorded as a reduction in the carrying amount of the redeemable preferred shares.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, the Company concluded that it was probable that the redeemable preferred shares will become redeemable. The Company has elected to recognize changes in the redemption value immediately as they occur and adjust the carrying amount of the redeemable preferred shares to equal the redemption value at the end of each reporting period. Increases in the carrying amount of the redeemable preferred shares are recorded by charges against retained earnings or, in the absence of retained earnings, by charges against paid-in capital. Reductions in the carrying amount of the redeemable preferred shares are recognized only to the extent that increases to the initial carrying amount of the redeemable preferred shares were previously recorded. The resulting increases or decreases in the carrying amount of redeemable preferred shares increases or decreases net loss available to ordinary shareholders in the calculation of earnings per share. The change in

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13. REDEEMABLE PREFERRED SHARES (Continued)

redemption value of the redeemable preferred shares was RMB69,116 and RMB110,926, for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Extinguishment of preferred shares

In connection with the issuance of Series C Shares on August 13, 2014, the Company repurchased 23,533,064 Series A Shares, 5,503,899 Series A* Shares, 8,413,412 Series B Shares, 13,209,358 Series B1 Shares, 9,964,954 Series B2 Shares, 5,463,340 Series B3 Shares and 8,961,143 Series B4 Shares at US\$1.0365 (RMB6.3779) per share, for cash consideration of US\$77,788 (RMB478,666), of which RMB455,366 was paid in 2014 and the remaining RMB23,300 was paid in 2015. The Company made the offer for the repurchase to all existing preferred shareholders on that date.

In accordance with ASC 260-10-S99, the difference between the cash consideration transferred to the holders of the preferred shares and the carrying amount of the preferred shares (net of issuance costs) is added to net loss to arrive at loss available to ordinary shareholders in the calculation of loss per share. The Company recorded the difference of US\$12,497 (RMB76,900) between the repurchase price of US\$77,790 (RMB478,666) and the carrying amount of such preferred shares of US\$65,293 (RMB401,766) against additional paid-in capital, in the absence of retained earnings.

On August 13, 2014 and December 22, 2014, the Company exchanged a total of 35,393,262 preferred shares, comprising of 10,081,891 Series A Shares, 1,729,161 Series A* Shares, 560,105 Series B Shares and 23,022,105 Series B* Shares (collectively, the "Exchanged Shares") by re-designating those shares into 35,393,262 newly issued Series B5 redeemable preferred shares ("Series B5 Shares") to facilitate the sale of the Exchanged Shares held by certain selling preferred shareholders. Concurrently, the holders sold the 35,393,262 Series B5 Shares to one investor (B5 Holder), at the purchase price of US\$1.0365 (RMB6.3779) per share for a total cash consideration of US\$36,685 (RMB225,198). The terms of the B5 Shares were identical to the terms of the Series C Shares.

The exchange, in substance, is the same as a repurchase of the Exchanged Shares from the selling preferred shareholders and a concurrent issuance of Series B5 Shares to the B5 Holder. Accordingly, the Company accounted for the exchange or re-designation of the Exchanged Shares for Series B5 Shares as an extinguishment. The difference of US\$4,812 (RMB29,615) between the fair value of the Series B5 Shares of US\$36,685 (RMB225,198) and the carrying amount of the Exchanged Shares of US\$31,873 (RMB195,583) was recorded against additional paid-in capital, in the absence of retained earnings. In accordance with ASC 260-10-S99, the difference was added to net loss to arrive at loss available to ordinary shareholders in the calculation of loss per share.

Modification of preferred shares

In connection with the issuance of Series C Shares on August 13, 2014, the Company and the holders of the remaining Series A, A*, B, B1, B2, B3 and B4 Shares (after the above extinguishment) agreed to modify the terms of their respective preferred shares. The redemption date of these Series A, A*, B, B1, B2, B3 and B4 Shares was extended to the same redemption date as Series C Shares. The holders also agreed to modify the redemption price by reducing the annual rate of return of their respective preferred shares.

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13. REDEEMABLE PREFERRED SHARES (Continued)

The Company determines whether an amendment or modification to the terms of its redeemable convertible preferred shares represents an extinguishment based on a fair value approach. If the fair value of the preferred shares immediately before and after the amendment is significantly different (by more than 10%), the amendment or modification represents an extinguishment. The Company has determined that the amendment to the terms of the preferred shares did not represent an extinguishment, and therefore modification accounting was applied by analogy to the modification guidance contained in ASC 718-20, Compensation—Stock Compensation. Based on a comparison of the fair value of the preferred shares after the amendment to the fair value of the preferred shares immediately before the amendment, the additional fair value change was immaterial. The fair value of the preferred shares before and after the amendment or modification was determined by management with the assistance of a third party valuation firm.

Terms of the preferred shares

Key terms of the preferred shares are summarized as follows:

Dividends

Holders of the preferred shares are entitled to receive preference dividends at an annual rate of 6% per annum of the respective preferred shares issue price, out of any funds legally available for this purpose, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors of GDS Holdings. Payment of dividends to certain series of preferred shares is in preference and priority to any declaration or payment of any distribution on other series of preferred shares, details of which are set out in the Company's Memorandum of Association. The right to receive dividends on the preferred shares shall be cumulative, and the right to such dividends shall accrue to holders of the preferred shares notwithstanding the fact that dividends on said shares are not declared or paid in any calendar year.

Conversion

The holders of preferred shares have the right to convert all or any portion of their holdings into ordinary shares of GDS Holdings at any time. Each preferred share is convertible into one ordinary share, subject to adjustment such as share dividend, share split, consolidation, and recapitalization.

In addition, each preferred share shall (a) automatically be converted into ordinary share at then-effective conversion price immediately prior to the closing of a QIPO, or (b) be converted in to ordinary share at then-effective conversion price with the vote or written consent of the holders of at least 85% of the then outstanding Series A Shares, Series A* Shares, Series B Shares, Series B1 Shares, Series B2 Shares, Series B4 Shares and Series B5 Shares (voting together as a separate class) and the holders of at least 75% of the then outstanding Series C Shares, in each case on an as converted basis.

The Company evaluated the embedded conversion option in the convertible preferred shares to determine if the embedded conversion option require bifurcation and accounted for as a derivative. The Company concluded the embedded conversion option did not require it to be bifurcated pursuant to ASC 815. The Company also determined that there was no beneficial conversion feature ("BCF") attributable to the convertible preferred shares because the initial conversion price was higher than the fair value of the Company's ordinary shares. The fair value of the Company's ordinary shares on

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13. REDEEMABLE PREFERRED SHARES (Continued)

the commitment date was estimated by management with the assistance of an independent valuation firm. The Company also determined there was no other embedded derivative to be separated from the convertible preferred share.

Voting rights

The holders of the preferred shares have voting rights equivalent to the ordinary shareholders on an "if converted" basis.

Liquidation preference

In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of preferred shares shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distributions a liquidation preference in the amount per preferred share equal to the redemption amount plus all accrued or declared but unpaid dividends.

Payment of liquidation preference on certain series of preferred shares is prior and in preference to any payment on other series of preferred shares, and the liquidation preference in order of priority is Series C, Series B5, Series B*, Series B, Series A*, and Series A, details of which are set out in the Company's Memorandum of Association.

Redemption

Subject to other redemption requirements set out in the Company's Memorandum of Association, on or after the 4th anniversary of the original issue date of Series C Shares, the holders of preferred shares may, at the election of the holders of at least 75% of each series of outstanding preferred shares voting together as a separate class on an as converted basis, to the extent permitted by applicable laws, redeem all or any portion of the then outstanding preferred shares at a redemption price equal to the redemption amount, plus an amount equal to all accrued or declared but unpaid dividends thereon, including the 6% cumulative preference dividends whether declared or not.

The redemption amount, shall mean, with respect to the Series A Shares, US\$0.363636 per share; with respect to the Series B Shares, US\$0.77922 per share, with respect to the Series A* Shares, US\$0.1060 per share; with respect to the Series B1 Shares, US\$0.5300 per share; with respect to the Series B2 Shares, US\$0.5855 per share; with respect to the Series B4 Shares, US\$0.4340 per share; with respect to the Series B5 Shares, US\$1.036522 per share; and with respect to the Series C Shares, US\$1.036522 per share.

14. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, there was no asset or liability that was measured at fair value on a recurring basis in periods subsequent to their initial recognition.

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Following is a description of the valuation techniques that the Company uses to measure fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities:

- Short-term financial instruments (restricted cash, accounts receivable and payable, short-term borrowings, and accrued expenses and other payables)—cost approximates fair value because of the short maturity period.
- Long-term borrowings—fair value is based on the amount of future cash flows associated with each debt instrument discounted at the Company's current borrowing rate for similar debt instruments of comparable terms. The carrying values of the long-term borrowings approximate their fair values as all the long-term debt carry variable interest rates which approximate rates currently offered by the Company's bankers for similar debt instruments of comparable maturities.
- Convertible bonds payable—the estimated fair value approximated the carrying value of RMB648,515 as of December 31, 2015. The fair value was measured based on the best information available in the circumstances, including expected cash flows and appropriately risk-adjusted discount rates.

15. ORDINARY SHARES

Upon incorporation in 2006, the Company issued 110,000,001 ordinary shares with a par value of US\$0.00005 (RMB0.000404) each.

In June 2014, the Company issued 88,352,558 ordinary shares with a fair value of RMB472,945 to the shareholders of EDC Holding as part of the consideration to acquire EDC Holding (see note 8).

In August 2014, the holder of the Bonds due 2015 exchanged principal amount of US\$27,860 (RMB171,431) for 38,397,655 ordinary shares (see note 10).

To facilitate the issuance of Series C Shares on August 13, 2014, the Company repurchased 18,762,292 ordinary shares from certain shareholders at US\$1.0365 (RMB6.3779) per share, for a total consideration of US\$19,448 (RMB119,664). Upon the repurchase, the Company cancelled such shares.

16. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company adopted the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan ("Plan") in July 2014 for the granting of share options to key employees, directors and external consultants in exchange for their services. The total number of shares, which may be issued under the Plan, is 29,240,000 shares.

Options to director, officers and employees

In July 2014, the Company granted 12,394,753 share options to employees, officers and directors at an exercise price of US\$0.7792 (RMB4.7943) per option. The options have a contractual term of five to six years.

The options vest in accordance with the vesting schedules set out in the respective share option agreements as follows: (1) 63% on the date of grant, $\frac{1}{48}$ each month thereafter; (2) 71% on the date of grant, $\frac{1}{48}$ each month thereafter; (3) 75% on the date of grant, $\frac{1}{48}$ each month thereafter; or (4) 95% on the date of grant, $\frac{1}{40}$ each month thereafter.

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16. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION (Continued)

Options to non-employee consultants

In July 2014, the Company granted the following share options to external consultants at an exercise price of US\$0.7792 (RMB4.8) per option. The options have a contractual term of five years.

The services performed or to be performed by these external consultants include marketing, technical consultancy, manage telecommunication relationships, strategic, business, operation, and financial planning services.

- 4,158,315 share options to a group of external consultants. Such options vested immediately on the date of grant for services performed and completed by the consultants.
- 1,275,000 share options to a consultant. 75% of the options (or 956,250 options) vested immediately on the date of grant for services performed and completed while the remaining 318,750 options vest monthly thereafter in eleven equal monthly instalments for future ongoing services. As of December 31, 2014, 185,938 options remained unvested. As of December 31, 2015, all options were vested.
- 400,000 share options to a group of external consultants for further services upon a QIPO. $\frac{1}{3}$ of the options vest upon the completion of a QIPO, $\frac{1}{3}$ vest upon the 2nd anniversary of a QIPO and $\frac{1}{3}$ vest upon the 3rd anniversary of a QIPO. As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, 400,000 options remained unvested.

In January 2015, the Company granted 1,000,000 share options to an external consultant at an exercise price of US\$0.7792 (RMB4.8) per option. The options vest every six months in six equal instalments for future ongoing services. The options have a contractual term of five years. As of December 31, 2015, 666,667 options remained unvested.

These consulting service contracts do not contain a performance commitment. Options to non-employees are forfeitable if not vested. The Company determined that these non-employee options are considered indexed to its own stock and would be equity-classified.

The Company measures the fair value of stock options issued in exchange for services on the date when counterparty completes the performance and recognizes the related share-based compensation expenses. The Company recognized share-based compensation expenses of RMB10,060 and RMB2,019 relating to options issued to non-employee for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Options that are forfeitable and vest upon the non-employee providing future service is measured at the fair value of the date the performance is completed, which generally coincides with the date on which the options vest and are no longer forfeitable. In accordance with ASC 505-50-S99-1, such options are treated as unissued for accounting purposes until the future services are performed by the non-employees and received by the Company (that is, the options are not considered issued until they vest). During reporting periods prior to completion of performance, the Company measures the cost of the services based on the fair value of the share options at each reporting date using the valuation model applied in previous periods. The portion of the services that the non-employee has rendered is applied to the current measure of fair value to determine the cost to recognize. Changes in the

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16. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION (Continued)

Company's share price from the grant date to the vesting date result in adjustments to the reported costs of services in each period until performance is completed.

A summary of the share option activities is as follows:

	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price (RMB)	Weighted average grant-date fair value per option (RMB)
Options outstanding at January 1, 2014	—	—	—
Granted	17,642,130	4.8	1.9
Forfeited	(178,923)	4.8	1.9
Options outstanding at December 31, 2014	17,463,207	4.8	1.9
Granted	519,271	4.8	1.9
Forfeited	(788,944)	4.8	1.9
Options outstanding at December 31, 2015	<u>17,193,534</u>	4.8	1.9
Options vested and expect to vest at December 31, 2015	<u>17,193,534</u>	4.8	1.9

As of December 31, 2014 and 2015, 585,938 and 1,066,667 forfeitable and unvested non-employee options, respectively, were treated as unissued for accounting purposes and were not included in the table above.

A summary of share-based compensation expenses for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015 is as follows:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Costs of revenue	2,851	484
General and administrative expenses	22,525	3,252
Selling and marketing expenses	1,957	325
Total share based compensation expenses	<u>27,333</u>	<u>4,061</u>

The following table summarizes information with respect to stock options outstanding and stock options exercisable as of December 31, 2015:

	Number of shares	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	Weighted average exercise price (RMB)
Options outstanding and exercisable	<u>17,193,534</u>	3.7	4.8

As of December 31, 2015, there was no unvested employee stock options.

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16. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION (Continued)

The fair value of the options granted is estimated on the dates of grant using the binomial option pricing model with the following assumptions used.

<u>Grant date:</u>	<u>July 2014</u>	<u>January 2015</u>
Risk-free rate of return	2.25%	2.27%
Volatility	31.40%	29.80%
Expected dividend yield	—	—
Exercise multiple	2.20	2.20
Fair value of underlying ordinary share	US\$0.88 (RMB5.35)	US\$0.90 (RMB 5.5)
Expected term	5-6 years	5 years

(1) Volatility

The volatility of the underlying ordinary shares during the lives of the options was estimated based on the historical stock price volatility of comparable listed companies over a period comparable to the expected term of the options.

(2) Risk-free interest rate

Risk-free interest rate was estimated based on the yield to maturity of China international government bonds with a maturity period close to the expected term of the options.

(3) Dividend yield

The dividend yield was estimated by the Company based on its expected dividend policy over the expected term of the options.

(4) Exercise multiple

Exercise multiple represents the value of the underlying share as a multiple of exercise price of the option, which, if achieved, results in exercise of the option.

(5) Fair value of underlying ordinary shares

The estimated fair value of the ordinary shares underlying the options as of the respective grant dates was determined based on a retrospective valuation with the assistance of a third party appraiser.

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17. NET REVENUE

Net revenue is consisted of the following:

	Years ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Service revenue	450,940	653,591
IT equipment sales	17,397	50,045
	<u>468,337</u>	<u>703,636</u>

18. INCOME TAX

Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Cayman Islands, GDS Holdings is not subject to any income tax in the Cayman Islands.

The Company's PRC entities are subject to the PRC Corporate Income Tax ("CIT") rate of 25%.

The Company's Hong Kong entity is subject to the Hong Kong Profits Tax rate of 16.5%.

The operating results before income tax and the provision for income taxes by tax jurisdictions for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015 are as follows:

	Years ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Loss before income taxes:		
PRC	112,572	94,190
Other jurisdictions	22,010	16,377
Total loss before income taxes	<u>134,582</u>	<u>110,567</u>
Current tax expenses:		
PRC	436	(1,650)
Other jurisdictions	5	256
Total current tax expenses(benefits)	<u>441</u>	<u>(1,394)</u>
Deferred tax benefits:		
PRC	(4,877)	(10,589)
Other jurisdictions	(147)	—
Total deferred tax benefits	<u>(5,024)</u>	<u>(10,589)</u>
Total income taxes benefits	<u>(4,583)</u>	<u>(11,983)</u>

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18. INCOME TAX (Continued)

The actual income tax expense reported in the consolidated statements of operations differs from the amount computed by applying the PRC statutory income tax rate to loss before income taxes due to the following:

	Years ended December 31	
	2014	2015
PRC enterprise income tax rate	25.0%	25.0%
Non-PRC entities not subject to income tax	(1.8%)	(3.8%)
Tax differential for entities in non-PRC jurisdiction	(0.8%)	0.0%
Tax effect of permanent differences	(0.4%)	(0.6%)
Change in valuation allowance	(18.4%)	(9.4%)
Return to provision adjustment	(0.2%)	(0.4%)
	<u>3.4%</u>	<u>10.8%</u>

The components of deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Deferred tax assets:		
Bad debt provision	539	539
Government subsidy	4,621	4,067
Accrued expenses	12,480	8,732
Asset retirement obligation	555	1,444
Net operating loss carry forwards	123,599	135,878
Total gross deferred tax assets	141,794	150,660
Valuation allowance on deferred tax assets	(116,403)	(118,952)
Deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance	<u>25,391</u>	<u>31,708</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Property and equipment	(38,885)	(37,982)
Intangible assets	(13,585)	(11,430)
Prepaid land use rights	(1,814)	(1,774)
Obligation under capital lease	(11,831)	(10,657)
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>(66,115)</u>	<u>(61,843)</u>
Net deferred tax liabilities	<u>(40,724)</u>	<u>(30,135)</u>
Analysis as:		
Current deferred tax assets (note 4)	—	5,193
Non-current deferred tax assets	—	2,363
Non-current deferred tax liabilities	(40,724)	(37,691)
Net deferred tax liabilities	<u>(40,724)</u>	<u>(30,135)</u>

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18. INCOME TAX (Continued)

The following table presents the movement of the valuation allowance for the deferred tax assets:

	Years ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Balance at the beginning of the year	117,065	116,403
(Decrease) increase during the year	(662)	2,549
Balance at the end of the year	116,403	118,952

Management believes it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset, net of the valuation allowance as of December 31, 2015, will be realized. However, the amount of the deferred tax assets considered realizable could be reduced in the near term if estimates of future taxable income during the carry forward period are reduced. As of December 31, 2015, the valuation allowance of RMB118,952 was related to the deferred income tax asset of certain subsidiaries of the Company. These entities were in a cumulative loss position, which is a significant negative indicator to overcome that sufficient income will be generated over the periods in which the deferred income tax assets are deductible or utilized. The ultimate realization of deferred income tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible or utilized. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred income tax liabilities, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, certain net operating losses carry forwards expired. A full valuation allowance was provided against these net operating losses carry forwards as of the end of December 31, 2014. The net operating losses carry forwards of the Company's PRC subsidiaries amounted to RMB514,385 as of December 31, 2015, of which RMB37,660, RMB65,191, RMB224,920, RMB73,416 and RMB113,198 will expire if unused by December 31, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Uncertainties exist with respect to how the current income tax law in the PRC applies to the Company's overall operations, and more specifically, with regard to tax residency status. The 2008 EIT Law includes a provision specifying that legal entities organized outside the PRC are considered residents for Chinese income tax purposes if the place of effective management or control is within the PRC. The implementation rules to the Enterprise Income Tax Law, or EIT Law, provide that non-resident legal entities are considered PRC residents if substantial and overall management and control over the manufacturing and business operations, personnel, accounting, properties, etc., occurs within the PRC. Despite the present uncertainties resulting from the limited PRC tax guidance on the issue, the Company does not believe that the legal entities organized outside the PRC should be treated as residents for EIT Law purposes. If the PRC tax authorities subsequently determine that the Company and its subsidiaries registered outside the PRC are deemed resident enterprises, the Company and its subsidiaries registered outside the PRC will be subject to the PRC income tax at a rate of 25%.

If the Company were to be non-resident for PRC tax purposes, dividends paid to it from profits earned by the PRC subsidiaries after January 1, 2008 would be subject to a withholding tax. The CIT law and its relevant regulations impose a withholding tax at 10%, unless reduced by a tax treaty or agreement,

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for dividends distributed by a PRC-resident enterprise to its non-PRC-resident corporate investor for earnings generated beginning on January 1, 2008. Undistributed earnings generated prior to January 1, 2008 are exempt from such withholding tax. The Company has not recognized any deferred tax liability for the undistributed earnings of the PRC-resident enterprise as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, as the Company plans to permanently reinvest these earnings in the PRC. Each of the PRC subsidiaries does not have a plan to pay dividends in the foreseeable future and intends to retain any future earnings for use in the operation and expansion of its business in the PRC.

19. DISTRIBUTION OF PROFIT

Pursuant to the laws and regulations of the PRC, the Company's PRC entities are required to allocate at least 10% of their after tax profits, after making good of accumulated losses as reported in their PRC statutory financial statements, to the general reserve fund and have the right to discontinue allocations to the general reserve fund if the balance of such reserve has reached 50% of their registered capital. The general reserves are not available for distribution to the shareholders (except in liquidation) and may not be transferred in the form of loans, advances, or cash dividend.

These PRC entities are restricted in their ability to transfer the registered capital and general reserve fund to GDS Holdings in the form of dividends, loans or advances. The restricted portion amounted to RMB1,012,478 and RMB1,323,122 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively, including non-distributable general reserve fund of nil as of December 31, 2014 and 2015. The parent company financial information of GDS Holdings is disclosed in note 25.

20. LOSS PER SHARE

The computation of basic and diluted loss per share is as follows:

	Years ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Net loss	129,999	98,584
Extinguishment of redeemable preferred shares upon repurchase and exchange	106,515	—
Change in redemption value of redeemable preferred shares	69,116	110,926
Dividends on redeemable preferred shares (i)	3,509	7,127
Net loss available to ordinary shareholders	309,139	216,637
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding		
Basic and diluted	162,070,745	217,987,922
Basic and diluted loss per share	1.91	0.99

Note (i): Represents undeclared dividends on redeemable preferred shares that are cumulative and not included in the carrying amount of the redeemable preferred shares.

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20. LOSS PER SHARE (Continued)

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, the following securities were excluded from the computation of diluted loss per share as inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

	Years ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Share options	17,463,207	17,193,534
Convertible bonds payable	—	59,692,156
Redeemable preferred shares	349,087,677	349,087,677
Total	366,550,884	425,973,367

21. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company has one operating segment, which is the design, build-out and operation of data centers. The Company's chief operating decision maker is the chief executive officer of the Company who reviews the Company's consolidated results of operations in assessing performance of and making decisions about allocations to this segment. Accordingly, no reportable segment information is presented.

Substantially all of the Company's operations and assets are in the PRC. Consequently, no geographic information is presented.

22. MAJOR CUSTOMERS

The Company had one customer, which generated over 10% of the Company's total revenues during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015. Revenues generated from this customer amounted to approximately RMB125,687 and RMB141,711 in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

23. COMMITMENTS

(a) Capital commitments

Capital commitments outstanding at December 31, 2014 and 2015 not provided for in the financial statements were as follows:

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Contracted for	144,059	272,958

(b) Lease commitments

The Company's lease commitments are disclosed in note 12. In respect of Shenzhen 4 Lease, Shanghai 3 Lease and Shanghai 4 Lease, upon the commencement of the leases in 2016 or upon the completion of the construction of the properties, the total minimum lease payments are RMB1,189,954. The total annual lease payment to be paid, in each of the next five years is RMB8,565, RMB27,919, RMB46,982, RMB50,541 and RMB55,647, respectively.

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24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION AND BALANCES

In addition to the related party information disclosed elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements, the Company entered into the following material related party transactions.

Name of party	Relationship
William Wei Huang (Mr. Huang)	Director and CEO of the Company
STT GDC Pte. Ltd.	Principal preferred shareholder of the Company
Softbank (China) Venture Capital Co., Ltd ("SBCVC")	Principal preferred shareholder of the Company
EDC Holding	SBCVC was a common principal preferred shareholder of both GDS Holdings and EDC Holding prior to the acquisition

(a) Major transactions with related parties

		Years ended December 31,	
		2014	2015
Service fees charged by EDC Holding	24(b)(i)	55,869	—
Loans made to EDC Holding	24(b)(i)	307,048	—
Interest income	24(b)(i)	4,296	—
Repurchase of redeemable preferred shares	24(b)(ii)	273,562	—
Loan from a related party	24(b)(iii)	—	64,936
Interest expenses	24(b)(i)	—	—
	24(b)(iii)	244	2,579

(b) Balances with related parties

Amount due to:	Note	As at December 31	
		2014	2015
SBCVC	ii	23,300	—
STT GDC Pte. Ltd.	iii	—	67,604
		23,300	67,604

- (i) Subsequent to the acquisition of EDC Holding by the Company on June 30, 2014, balances and transactions between the Company and EDC Holding are eliminated upon consolidation in the Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015. Prior to the acquisition, the Company entered into the following transactions with EDC Holding.

In December 2013, the Company made a prepayment of RMB320,000 to EDC Holding under a service agreement where it was a customer of EDC Holding. The prepayment covered a two-year service period from 2014 to 2015. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, EDC Holding provided services to the Company amounting to RMB55,869.

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24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION AND BALANCES (Continued)

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, the Company provided loans to EDC Holding amounting to RMB307,048. Interest income on the loans amounted to RMB4,296.

In January 2013, EDC Holding provided a loan of US\$8,000 (RMB49,222) to the Company. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, interest expenses on the loan amounted to RMB244.

- (ii) In August 2014, the Company repurchased 13,905,901 Series A Shares, 4,403,119 Series A* Shares, 1,640,183 Series B Shares, 7,338,532 Series B1 Shares, 6,643,303 Series B2 Shares and 8,961,143 Series B4 Shares from SBCVC at US\$1.0365 (RMB6.3779) per share, for a cash consideration of US\$44,458 (RMB273,562). As of December 31, 2014, outstanding consideration payable to SBCVC amounted to RMB23,300, which was fully settled in 2015.
- (iii) During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company borrowed a loan of US\$10,000 (RMB64,936) from STT GDC Pte, Ltd., a principal shareholder of the Company. The interest expenses on the loan amounted to US\$397 (RMB2,579).

As of December 31, 2015, the amount due to STT GDC Pte. Ltd. comprised US\$10,000 (RMB64,936) short-term loan and accrued loan interest of US\$397 (RMB2,668). On January 29, 2016, the Company received the second tranche of US\$50,000 (RMB324,475) from STT GDC Pte. Ltd for subscription of Convertible Bonds due 2019, of which US\$10,000 (RMB64,936) was used to settle the outstanding short-term loan of US\$10,000 (RMB64,936).

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25. PARENT ONLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following condensed parent company financial information of GDS Holdings has been prepared using the same accounting policies as set out in the accompanying consolidated financial statements except that the equity method has been used to account for investments in its subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2015, there were no material contingencies, significant provisions of long-term obligations, mandatory dividend or redemption requirements of redeemable stocks or guarantees of GDS Holdings, except for those, which have been separately disclosed in the consolidated financial statements.

Condensed Balance Sheets

	As at December 31	
	2014	2015
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash	8,101	643,926
Total current assets	8,101	643,926
Investment and loans to subsidiaries	2,187,660	2,152,027
Total assets	2,195,761	2,795,953
Liabilities and Shareholders' Deficit		
Current liabilities		
Accrued expenses and other payables	1,948	3,782
Due to subsidiaries	8,699	20,890
Due to a related party	23,300	67,604
Bonds payable	14,340	—
Total current liabilities	48,287	92,276
Convertible bonds payable	—	648,515
Other long-term liabilities	—	353
Total liabilities	48,287	741,144
Redeemable preferred shares (US\$0.00005 par value; 350,561,436 shares authorized; 349,087,677 shares issued and outstanding and aggregate redemption amount of RMB2,029,766 and RMB2,277,059 as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)	2,164,039	2,395,314
Shareholders' deficit		
Ordinary shares (US\$0.00005 par value; 675,636,564 shares authorized; 217,987,922 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively)	76	76
Additional paid-in capital	410,486	303,621
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	56,542	(61,949)
Accumulated deficit	(483,669)	(582,253)
Total shareholders' deficit	(16,565)	(340,505)
Commitments and contingencies		
Total liabilities, redeemable preferred shares and shareholders' deficit	2,195,761	2,795,953

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25. PARENT ONLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

Condensed Statements of Operations

	Years ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Net revenue	—	—
Cost of revenue	—	—
Gross profit	—	—
Operating expenses		
Selling and marketing expenses	(2,387)	(1,566)
General and administrative expenses	(32,166)	(14,665)
Loss from operations	(34,553)	(16,231)
Other income (expenses):		
Interest income	80	—
Interest expenses	(35,192)	(3,297)
Gain on remeasurement of equity investment	62,506	—
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(122,742)	(79,056)
Others, net	(98)	—
Loss before income taxes	(129,999)	(98,584)
Income tax expenses	—	—
Net loss	(129,999)	(98,584)

Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Loss

	Years ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Net loss	(129,999)	(98,584)
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of nil tax	4,114	(118,491)
Comprehensive loss	(125,885)	(217,075)

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25. PARENT ONLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

Condensed Statements of Cash Flows

	Years ended December 31,	
	2014	2015
Operating activities:		
Net cash used in operating activities	(6,609)	(4,895)
Investing activities:		
Investment in a subsidiary	(92,300)	—
Increase of due from subsidiaries	(925,539)	(93,101)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,017,839)	(93,101)
Financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of convertible bonds payable	—	648,950
Proceeds from issuance of bonds payable	114,950	—
Repayment of bonds payable	(4,081)	(14,330)
Loan received from a related party	—	64,936
Proceeds from issuance of Series C redeemable preferred shares	1,521,295	—
Payment of issuance costs for Series C redeemable preferred shares	(20,128)	—
Repurchase of ordinary shares	(119,664)	—
Repurchase of redeemable preferred shares	(455,366)	(23,300)
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,037,006	676,256
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(4,459)	57,565
Net increase in cash	8,099	635,825
Cash at beginning of year	<u>2</u>	<u>8,101</u>
Cash at end of year	<u>8,101</u>	<u>643,926</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information		
Interest paid	1,317	3,463
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities		
Issuance of ordinary shares in exchange of bonds payable	205,536	—
Issuance of ordinary and preferred shares for the acquisition of EDC Holding	1,184,242	—

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26. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

(a) *Receipt of proceeds from the second tranche of Convertible Bonds due 2019*

On January 29, 2016, the Company received the second tranche of US\$50,000 (RMB324,475) from STT GDC Pte. Ltd. for subscription of Convertible Bonds due 2019, of which US\$10,000 (RMB64,936) was used to settle an outstanding short-term loan due to STT GDC Pte. Ltd.

(b) *2016 Internal Restructuring*

During the periods presented, the Company primarily conducted its operations through GDS Suzhou.

In order to adapt to the new regulatory requirements in China, the Company completed an internal restructuring on April 13, 2016 (the "2016 Variable Interest Entity Restructuring") whereby GDS Suzhou was converted into a PRC domestic company that is wholly owned GDS Beijing. The conversion of GDS Suzhou into a PRC domestic company was accomplished by way of transferring all of the equity interests in GDS Suzhou to GDS Beijing. In connection with the internal restructuring, the VIE Agreements between GDS Beijing and GDS Suzhou were terminated and concurrently, new contractual arrangements were entered into between GDS Beijing and GDS Management Company, a newly-established subsidiary of the Company. The terms of the new contractual arrangements between GDS Beijing and GDS Management Company are identical to the terms of the VIE Agreements between GDS Beijing and GDS Suzhou. The 2016 Variable Interest Entity Restructuring was completed on April 13, 2016. The Company continues to be the primary beneficiary of the VIEs following the completion of the internal restructuring.

Since the entities involved in the 2016 Variable Interest Entity Restructuring are all under common control and the Company is the primary beneficiary of GDS Beijing at the time of transfer, the net assets of GDS Suzhou transferred to GDS Beijing is recorded at the same amounts at which the assets and liabilities would have been measured if they had not been transferred. That is, no gain or loss is recognized because of such transfer.

The following is a summary of the contractual arrangements entered among the GDS Management Company, the VIEs, and the shareholders of the VIEs.

Equity Interest Pledge Agreements. Pursuant to the equity interest pledge agreements, each shareholder of the VIEs has pledged all of his or her equity interest in the VIEs as a continuing first priority security interest, as applicable, to respectively guarantee the VIEs and their shareholders' performance of their obligations under the relevant contractual arrangement, which include the exclusive technology license and services agreement, loan agreement, exclusive option agreement, and power of attorney. If the VIEs or any of their shareholders breach their contractual obligations under these agreements, GDS Management Company, as pledgee, will be entitled to certain rights regarding the pledged equity interests, including receiving proceeds from the auction or sale of all or part of the pledged equity interests of the VIEs in accordance with PRC law. Each of the shareholders of the VIEs agrees that, during the term of the equity interest pledge agreements, he or she will not dispose of the pledged equity interests or create or allow creation of any encumbrance on the pledged equity interests without the prior written consent of GDS Management Company. The equity interest pledge agreements remain effective until the VIEs and their shareholders discharge all their obligations under the contractual arrangements.

Powers of Attorney. Pursuant to the powers of attorney, each shareholder of the VIEs has irrevocably appointed the PRC citizen(s) as designated by GDS Management Company to act as such shareholder's

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26. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (Continued)

exclusive attorney-in-fact to exercise all shareholder rights, including, but not limited to, voting on all matters of the VIEs requiring shareholder approval, disposing of all or part of the shareholder's equity interest in the VIEs, and appointing directors and executive officers. GDS Management Company is also entitled to change the appointment by designating another PRC citizen(s) to act as exclusive attorney-in-fact of the shareholders of the VIEs with prior notice to such shareholders. Each power of attorney will remain in force for so long as the shareholder remains a shareholder of the VIE.

Exclusive Technology License and Services Agreements. Under the exclusive technology license and services agreements, GDS Management Company licenses certain technology to the VIEs and GDS Management Company has the exclusive right to provide the VIEs with technical support, consulting services and other services. Without GDS Management Company's prior written consent, the VIEs agree not to accept the same or any similar services provided by any third party. The VIEs agree to pay service fees on a yearly basis and at an amount equivalent to all of its net profits as confirmed by GDS Management Company. GDS Management Company owns the intellectual property rights arising out of its performance of these agreements. In addition, the VIEs have granted GDS Management Company an exclusive right to purchase or to be licensed with any or all of the intellectual property rights of the VIEs at the lowest price permitted under PRC law. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, these agreements will continue to remain effective at all times.

Exclusive Option Agreements. Pursuant to the exclusive option agreements, the shareholders of the VIEs have irrevocably granted GDS Management Company an exclusive option to purchase, or have its designated person or persons to purchase, at its discretion, to the extent permitted under PRC law, all or part of such shareholders' equity interests in the VIEs. The purchase price should equal to the minimum price required by PRC law or such other price as may be agreed by the parties in writing. Without GDS Management Company's prior written consent, the shareholders of the VIEs have agreed that the VIEs shall not amend the articles of association, increase or decrease the registered capital, sell or otherwise dispose of their assets or beneficial interest, create or allow any encumbrance on their assets or other beneficial interests, provide any loans, or distribute dividends to the shareholders. These agreements will remain effective until all equity interests of the VIEs have been transferred or assigned to GDS Management Company or its designated person(s).

Loan Agreements. Pursuant to the loan agreements between GDS Management and the shareholders of the VIEs, GDS Management agrees to extend loans in an aggregate amount of RMB310,100 to the shareholders of the VIEs solely for their capitalization or equity contribution into the VIEs. Pursuant to the loan agreements, GDS Management Company has the right to require repayment of the loans upon delivery of thirty-day's prior notice to the shareholders, and the shareholders can repay the loans by either sale of their equity interests in the VIEs to GDS Management Company or its designated person(s) pursuant to their respective exclusive option agreements, or other methods as determined by GDS Management Company pursuant to its articles of association and the applicable PRC laws and regulations.

(c) Acquisition of WTENG

On May 19, 2016, the Company, through GDS Beijing, acquired all of the equity interests in Guangzhou Weiteng Construction Co., Ltd. ("WTENG") from a third party for an aggregate purchase price of RMB129,500, subject to adjustment, if any, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the equity purchase agreement. WTENG is a limited liability company organized and existing under the PRC law

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26. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (Continued)

and owns a data center project in Guangzhou. At the date of acquisition, the data center has just commenced its operations. After the acquisition, WTENG became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The initial accounting for this acquisition is incomplete as the acquisition was completed at a date that was just prior to the issuance of the consolidated financial statements. Management does not believe this acquisition is significant as measured by the assets or pre-tax earnings (loss) of the acquiree as a percentage of the Company's consolidated assets or pre-tax earnings (loss), respectively.

(d) Share options grant

On May 1, 2016, the Company granted 11,084,840 share options to employees, officers and directors. These share options were fully vested upon the date of grant for past services and had an exercise price of US\$0.7792 (RMB 5.0328) per option. The options have a contractual term of five years. The Company recognized share-based compensation expenses related to these fully vested shares upon grant.

Management has considered subsequent events through May 20, 2016, which was the date these consolidated financial statements were issued.

27. PRO FORMA INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

Each Series A, A*, B, B1, B2, B4, B5 and C redeemable preferred shares is automatically converted into one ordinary share upon the consummation of a Qualified IPO. The pro forma shareholder equity as of December 31, 2015 presents the shareholder equity as if the conversion of the redeemable preferred shares into ordinary shares occurred on December 31, 2015 (excluding effects of offering proceeds).

	As at December 31, 2015	
	Actual	Pro forma
Redeemable preferred shares	2,395,314	—
Shareholders' (deficit) equity		
Ordinary shares	76	189
Additional paid-in capital	303,621	2,698,822
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(61,949)	(61,949)
Accumulated deficit	(582,253)	(582,253)
Total shareholders' (deficit) equity	<u>(340,505)</u>	<u>2,054,809</u>

On a pro forma basis, upon conversion, the carrying amounts of the Series A, A*, B, B1, B2, B4, B5 and C redeemable preferred shares as of December 31, 2015, in the amount of RMB107,428, RMB39,575, RMB16,789, RMB80,148, RMB67,419, RMB87,477, RMB258,038 and RMB1,738,440, respectively are classified in shareholders' equity under ordinary shares (for the par value) and additional paid-in capital (for the excess of the carrying value of the redeemable preferred shares over the par value).

Pro forma loss per share is not presented because the effect of the conversion of the outstanding redeemable preferred shares using a conversion ratio of 1:1 would not have resulted in a pro forma net loss per share greater than the actual basic net loss per share for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors
EDC Holding Limited:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of comprehensive loss and the consolidated statement of cash flows of EDC Holding Limited and subsidiaries for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes (the consolidated financial statements).

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the results of the operations and the cash flows of EDC Holding Limited and subsidiaries for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG Huazhen LLP

Shanghai, China
May 20, 2016

EDC HOLDING LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Loss
(In thousands)

	Note	Six-month period ended June 30, 2014
Net revenue (including net revenue from related parties of RMB60,723)	4	67,257
Cost of revenue		(75,746)
Gross loss		(8,489)
Operating expenses		
Selling and marketing expenses		(4,112)
General and administrative expenses		(24,134)
Loss from operations		(36,735)
Other income (expenses):		
Interest income		924
Interest expenses		(29,940)
Foreign currency exchange gain, net		192
Government grants		1,630
Gain on remeasurement of equity investment	3	5,568
Loss before income taxes		(58,361)
Income tax expenses	5	—
Net loss		(58,361)
Other comprehensive loss:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of nil tax		(2,648)
Comprehensive loss		(61,009)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(In thousands)

	Six-month period ended June 30, 2014
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Net loss	(58,361)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	35,212
Net gain on disposal of property and equipment	(1,109)
Gain on remeasurement of equity investment	(5,568)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of an acquisition:	
Decrease of accounts receivable	192
Increase of due from related parties	(6,360)
Decrease of value added tax recoverable	109
Increase of prepaid expenses	(140)
Decrease of other current assets	13,394
Increase of other non-current assets	(755)
Decrease of accounts payable	(8,767)
Decrease of due to related parties	(65,367)
Increase of deferred revenue	581
Increase of accrued expenses and other payables	19,841
Decrease of other long-term liabilities	(97)
Net cash used in operating activities	(77,195)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)
(In thousands)

	Six-month period ended June 30, 2014
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Payments for purchase of property and equipment	(157,453)
Cash acquired from the acquisition of MPI	3,677
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	8,128
Net cash used in investing activities	(145,648)
Cash flows from financing activities:	
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	30,000
Repayment of short-term borrowings	(8,000)
Repayment of long-term borrowings	(43,682)
Proceeds from loans from a related party	307,048
Repayment of loan from a related party	(24,388)
Payment under capital lease obligations	(11,398)
Net cash provided by financing activities	249,580
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	1,578
Net increase in cash	28,315
Cash at beginning of period	12,684
Cash at end of period	40,999
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information	
Interest paid	19,867
Income tax paid	—
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing activities	
Payables for purchase of property and equipment	117,258
Consideration payable for the acquisition of MPI	13,592

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(In thousands)

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

(a) Description of business

EDC Holding Limited ("EDC Holding") was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on August 21, 2008. EDC Holding and its consolidated subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "the Company") are principally engaged in providing colocation services in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, the Company's total revenue was primarily from related parties (see note 8).

On June 30, 2014, GDS Holdings Limited ("GDS Holdings") issued its equity interests to acquire all the ordinary and preferred equity interests in the Company from the shareholders of the Company. On that date, GDS Holdings obtained control to govern the financial and operational policies of the Company and obtain benefits from the activities of the Company.

(b) Basis of presentation

The accompanying consolidated statement of comprehensive loss and consolidated statement of cash flows for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("US GAAP"). The accompanying consolidated financial statements is not a full set of financial statements, as a consolidated balance sheet and a consolidated statement of changes in equity, and the related notes are not presented.

The Company has prepared the accompanying consolidated financial statements to fulfil the rules and requirements of S-X Rule 3-05 of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in connection with GDS Holdings' filing of its initial registration statement with the SEC. Pursuant to S-X Rule 3-05, the period of time in which the results of operations of the Company are included in GDS Holdings' audited statements of operations may be applied to reduce the number of periods for which pre-acquisition statements of operations of the Company are required. Upon the acquisition of the Company by GDS Holdings, the results of operations of the Company are included in GDS Holdings' audited consolidated financial statements for the two-year period ended December 31, 2015, which are included elsewhere herein.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi ("RMB"), rounded to the nearest thousand.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of EDC Holding Limited and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated in consolidation. As of January 1, 2014 and the six-month period ended, the Company had no involvement nor held any variable interest in a variable interest entity.

(b) Use of estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include, but are not limited to, the useful lives of long-lived assets, the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination, the allowance for doubtful accounts receivable, the realization of deferred income tax assets, the recoverability of long-lived assets and the fair value of the asset retirement obligation. Changes in facts and circumstances may result in revised estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and as such, differences may be material to the consolidated financial statements.

(c) Cash and cash equivalent

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The Company does not have any cash equivalents as of June 30, 2014.

(d) Restricted cash

Restricted cash represents amounts held by banks, which are not available for the Company's use, as security for issuance of commercial acceptance notes relating to purchase of property and equipment, letters of guarantee or bank borrowings. Upon maturity of the commercial acceptance notes, letters of guarantee and repayment of bank borrowings, the deposits are released by the bank and become available for general use by the Company. Restricted cash is reported within cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities in the consolidated statement of cash flows with reference to the purpose of the restriction.

(e) Fair value of financial instruments

The Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible. The Company determines fair value based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability in the principal or most advantageous market. When considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, the following fair value hierarchy distinguishes between observable and unobservable inputs, which are categorized in one of the following levels:

- Level 1 Inputs: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs: Other than quoted prices included in Level 1 inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3 Inputs: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at measurement date.

As of and during the six-month period, the Company had no financial asset and financial liability that was recognized at fair value on a recurring basis. The Company's non-financial assets, which include long-lived assets, intangible assets, and property and equipment are reported at carrying value and are

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

not required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis. When an impairment has occurred, such assets are written down to their estimated fair value.

(f) Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. Amounts collected on trade accounts receivable are included in net cash provided by operating activities in the consolidated statement of cash flows. The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses inherent in its accounts receivable portfolio. In establishing the required allowance, management considers historical losses adjusted to take into account current market conditions and customers' financial condition, the amount of receivables in dispute, and the current receivables aging and current payment patterns. The Company reviews its allowance for doubtful accounts on a customer-by-customer basis. Account balances are charged off against the allowance after all means of collection have been exhausted and the potential for recovery is considered remote. The Company does not have any off-balance-sheet credit exposure related to its customers.

No allowance for doubtful accounts was recorded for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014. Management believes all accounts receivable as of June 30, 2014 are expected to be collected in full.

(g) Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any recorded impairment. Property and equipment under capital leases are stated at the present value of minimum lease payments.

Gains or losses arising from the disposal of an item of property and equipment are determined based on the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item and are recognized in profit or loss on the date of disposal.

The estimated useful lives are presented below.

Buildings	20 - 30 years
Data center equipment	
—Machinery	10 - 20 years
—Other equipment	3 - 5 years
Leasehold improvement	Shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets
Furniture and office equipment	3 - 5 years
Vehicles	5 years

Construction in progress includes the cost of buildings and the related construction expenditures that are required to prepare the buildings for their intended use.

No depreciation is provided in respect of construction in progress until it is substantially completed and ready for its intended use. Once a building is ready for its intended use and becomes operational, construction in progress is allocated to the property and equipment categories and is depreciated over the estimated useful life of the underlying assets.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Depreciation on property and equipment is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. For assets acquired under a capital lease, the assets are amortized in a manner consistent with the Company's normal depreciation policy for owned assets if the lease transfers ownership to the Company by the end of the lease term or contains a bargain-purchase-option. Otherwise, assets acquired under a capital lease are amortized over the lease term.

Depreciation of property and equipment (including assets acquired under capital leases) was RMB34,984 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, and included in the following captions:

	Six-month period ended June 30, 2014
Cost of revenue	34,654
General and administrative expenses	330
	<u>34,984</u>

(h) Leases

Leases are classified at the inception date as either a capital lease or an operating lease. A lease is a capital lease if any of the following conditions exists: a) ownership is transferred to the lessee by the end of the lease term, b) there is a bargain purchase option, c) the lease term is at least 75% of the property's estimated remaining economic life, or d) the present value of the minimum lease payments at the beginning of the lease term is 90% or more of the fair value of the leased property to the lessor at the inception date. The Company records a capital lease as an asset and an obligation at an amount equal to the present value at the beginning of the lease term of minimum lease payments during the lease term. The Company's capital lease assets primarily consist of buildings.

The weighted average effective interest rate of the Company's capital leases was 7.17% as of June 30, 2014.

Rental costs on operating leases is charged to expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Certain operating leases contain rent holidays and escalating rent. Rent holidays and escalating rent are considered in determining the straight-line rent expense to be recorded over the lease term.

Rental costs associated with building operating leases that are incurred during the construction of leasehold improvements and to otherwise ready the property for the Company's intended use are recognized as rental expenses and are not capitalized.

Rental expenses were RMB7,250 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014. The Company did not sublease any of its operating leases for the period presented.

(i) Asset retirement costs

The Company's asset retirement obligations are primarily related to its buildings, of which the majority are leased under long-term arrangements, and, in certain cases, are required to be returned to the landlords in their original condition.

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The fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized in the period in which it is incurred. The corresponding asset retirement costs are capitalized as part of the cost of leasehold improvements and are depreciated over the shorter of the asset or the term of the lease. Subsequent to the initial measurement, the Company accretes the liability in relation to the asset retirement obligations over time and the accretion expense is recorded in cost of revenue. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded accretion expenses of RMB73.

(j) **Intangible assets**

The intangible asset acquired in the acquisition of Megaport International Limited ("MPI") was customer relationship.

The weighted-average amortization period of the customer relationship ranged from 5 to 6 years.

Customer relationship represents the orders, backlog and customer lists, which arise from contractual rights or through means other than contracts. Customer relationship is amortized using a straight-line method as the pattern in which the economic benefits of the intangible assets are consumed or used up cannot be reliably determined.

The amortization expense of intangible assets was immaterial for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 as the acquisition of MPI was completed in June 2014.

(k) **Prepaid land use rights**

The land use rights represent the amounts paid and relevant costs incurred for the rights to use land in the PRC and are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the term of the land use right of 50 years.

Amortization of prepaid land use rights was RMB228 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014.

(l) **Goodwill**

Goodwill is an asset representing the future economic benefits arising from other assets acquired in the acquisition of MPI that are not individually identified and separately recognized.

Goodwill is not amortized but is tested for impairment annually on December 31 or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired. Goodwill is tested for impairment at the reporting unit level on an annual basis and between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. These events or circumstances could include a significant change in the stock prices, business climate, legal factors, operating performance indicators, competition, or sale or disposition of a significant portion of a reporting unit. Application of the goodwill impairment test requires judgment, including the identification of the reporting unit, assignment of assets and liabilities to the reporting unit, assignment of goodwill to the reporting unit, and determination of the fair value of each reporting unit. Estimating fair value is performed by utilizing various valuation techniques, with a primary technique being a discounted cash flow which requires significant judgments, including estimation of future cash flows, which is dependent on internal forecasts, estimation of the long term

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

rate of growth for the Company's business, estimation of the useful life over which cash flows will occur, and determination of the Company's weighted average cost of capital.

The Company has the option to perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more-likely-than-not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value prior to performing the two-step goodwill impairment test. If it is more-likely-than-not that the fair value of a reporting unit is greater than its carrying amount, the two-step goodwill impairment test is not required. If the two-step goodwill impairment test is required, first, the fair value of the reporting unit is compared with its carrying amount (including goodwill). If the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, an indication of goodwill impairment exists for the reporting unit and the entity must perform step two of the impairment test (measurement). Under step two, an impairment loss is recognized for any excess of the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill over the implied fair value of that goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined by allocating the fair value of the reporting unit in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation and the residual fair value after this allocation is the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill. Fair value of the reporting unit is determined using a discounted cash flow analysis. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, step two does not need to be performed. No impairment of goodwill was recognized for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014.

(m) Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets, such as property and equipment, intangible assets subject to amortization and prepaid land use rights are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If circumstances require a long-lived asset or asset group be tested for possible impairment, the Company first compares undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by that asset or asset group to its carrying amount. If the carrying amount of the long-lived asset or asset group is not recoverable on an undiscounted cash flow basis, an impairment is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds its fair value. Fair value is determined through various valuation techniques including discounted cash flow models, quoted market values and third-party independent appraisals, as considered necessary. No impairment losses were recorded for long-lived assets for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014.

(n) Interest-bearing borrowings

The weighted average interest rates of short-term borrowings and long-term borrowings were 6.00% and 6.77% per annum for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, respectively.

(o) Commitment and contingencies

Liabilities for loss contingencies arising from claims, assessments, litigation, fines, and penalties and other sources are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Legal costs incurred in connection with loss contingencies are expensed as incurred.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(p) **Revenue recognition**

The Company recognizes revenue from colocation services when services have been rendered, collection of the relevant receivable is probable, persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and the sales price is fixed or determinable. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, the Company's revenues were from the provision of colocation services.

Colocation services are services where the Company provides space, power and cooling to customers for housing and operating their IT system equipment in the Company's service centers. Colocation services are provided to customers for a fixed amount over the contract period, ranging from 1 to 5 years. The Company bills the customers monthly in equal instalments.

Revenues from colocation services are recognized on a proportional performance basis over the term of the contract. The Company has determined that its performance pattern to be straight line since the customer receives value as the services are rendered continuously during the term of the contract, the earning process is straight-line, and there is no other discernible performance pattern of recognition.

Cash received in advance from customers prior to delivery of the colocation services is initially recorded as deferred revenue.

Value-added taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are excluded from revenues in the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss.

(q) **Cost of revenues**

Cost of revenues consists primarily of utility costs, depreciation of property and equipment, rental costs, labor costs and other costs directly attributable to the provision of the service revenue.

(r) **Start-up costs**

Pre-operating or start-up costs incurred prior to operations of a service center are expensed as incurred and consist primarily of rental costs of operating leases of buildings during the construction of leasehold improvements and other miscellaneous costs incurred prior to the operation of the service centers. For the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, start-up costs amounting to RMB4,926 was included in general and administrative expenses.

(s) **Government grants**

Government grants are recognized when received and when all the conditions for their receipt have been met. Subsidies that compensate the Company for expenses incurred are recognized as a reduction of expenses in the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss. Subsidies that are not associated with expenses are recognized as other income. Subsidies for obtaining the rights to use land are recorded as a liability and then amortized over the land use right period as a reduction of the amortization charges of the related land use rights.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(t) Capitalized interest

Interest costs that are directly attributable to the construction of an asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are capitalized as part of the cost of that asset. The capitalization of interest costs as part of the cost of a qualifying asset commences when expenditure for the asset is being incurred, interest costs are being incurred and activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress. Capitalization of interest costs is ceased when the asset is substantially complete and ready for its intended use. No interest was capitalized for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014.

(u) Income tax

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. The Company recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. The Company records interest related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in general and administrative expenses.

(v) Employee benefits

Pursuant to relevant PRC regulations, the Company is required to make contributions to various defined contribution plans organized by municipal and provincial PRC governments. The contributions are made for each PRC employee at rates ranging from 31.4% to 49% on a standard salary base as determined by the local social security bureau. Contributions to the defined contribution plans are charged to the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss when the related service is provided.

(w) Foreign currency translation and foreign currency risks

The functional currency of EDC Holding is the USD, whereas the functional currency of its PRC subsidiaries is the RMB.

Foreign currency transactions during the period are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the end of the reporting period. Exchange gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss and are reported in foreign currency exchange (loss) gain on a net basis.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The results of foreign operations are translated into RMB at the exchange rates approximating the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rates at the balance sheet date, equity accounts are translated at historical exchange rates and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are translated using the average rate for the years. The resulting foreign currency translation adjustments are reported in other comprehensive income in the statement of comprehensive loss and accumulated in the translation adjustment component of equity until the sale of the foreign entity. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, there was no sale or liquidation of foreign entities, and therefore there was no reclassification adjustment during the period.

(x) Concentration of credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially expose the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalent, restricted cash, and accounts receivable. The Company's investment policy requires cash and cash equivalents to be placed with high-quality financial institutions and to limit the amount of credit risk from any one issuer. The Company regularly evaluates the credit standing of the counterparties or financial institutions.

The Company conducts credit evaluations on its customers prior to delivery of services. The assessment of customer creditworthiness is primarily based on historical collection records, research of publicly available information and customer on-site visits by senior management. Based on this analysis, the Company determines what credit terms, if any, to offer to each customer individually. If the assessment indicates a likelihood of collection risk, the Company will not render services to the customer or require the customer to pay cash, post letters of credit to secure payment or to make significant down payments. Historically, no credit losses on accounts receivable were incurred.

(y) Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASU 2014-09"). This ASU requires companies to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which companies expect to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in GAAP when it becomes effective. This ASU was originally effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASU 2015-14"), which amends ASU 2014-09 and defers its effective date to fiscal years and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. ASU 2015-14 permits earlier application only as of annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods within that reporting period. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of these standards will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) ("ASU 2016-02"). Under the new guidance, lessees will be required to recognize the following for all leases (with the exception of short-term leases) at the commencement date: (1) a lease liability, which is a lessee's obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease, measured on a discounted basis; and (2) a right-of-use asset, which is an asset that represents the lessee's right to use, or control the

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

use of, a specified asset for the lease term. Under the new guidance, lessor accounting is largely unchanged. Certain targeted improvements were made to align, where necessary, lessor accounting with the lessee accounting model and Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The new lease guidance simplified the accounting for sale and leaseback transactions primarily because lessees must recognize lease assets and lease liabilities. Lessees (for capital and operating leases) and lessors (for sales-type, direct financing, and operating leases) must apply a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. The modified retrospective approach would not require any transition accounting for leases that expired before the earliest comparative period presented. Lessees and lessors may not apply a full retrospective transition approach. ASU 2016-02 is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of this standard will have on its consolidated financial statements.

3. BUSINESS COMBINATION

In June 2014, immediately before the consummation of the acquisition of the Company by GDS Holdings, the Company acquired MPI. MPI is engaged in the provision of colocation services in Hong Kong. Prior to the acquisition, the Company held non-controlling equity interests in MPI. In June 2014, the Company acquired the remaining equity interests in MPI it did not already own for a cash consideration payable of US\$2,209 (RMB13,592). In August 2014, the cash consideration payable to the selling shareholders of MPI was repaid. The Company recognized a gain from the re-measurement of its previously held non-controlling equity interests in the amount of RMB5,568. The fair value of the previous held non-controlling equity interest was determined by management with the assistance of a third party appraiser. The assets acquired of RMB15,699 consisted primarily of cash of RMB3,677, intangible assets of RMB4,922 and other assets of RMB7,100. Liabilities assumed of RMB6,699 consisted primarily of accrued expenses and other payable of RMB2,658 and other liabilities of RMB4,041. A goodwill of RMB27,679 was recognized on the acquisition date and was not tax deductible. At the acquisition date, the Company had an amount due from MPI of RMB18,591 for services it provided to MPI and for expenses it paid on behalf of MPI. The Company also had an amount due to MPI of RMB1,072. No gain or loss was recognized for the effective settlement of such pre-existing balances between the Company and MPI. Acquisition-related costs were immaterial and were recorded in general and administrative expenses.

The following unaudited supplemental pro forma information presents the net revenues and net loss of the combined entity as if the business combination had occurred on January 1, 2014. In determining these amounts, management has assumed that the fair value adjustments that arose on the acquisition date would remain the same as if the acquisition had occurred on January 1, 2014.

	Pro forma six-month period ended June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)
Net revenue	71,557
Net loss	68,204

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4. NET REVENUE

Net revenue consisted of the following:

	Six-month period ended June 30, 2014
Colocation services	<u>67,257</u>

5. INCOME TAX

Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Cayman Islands, EDC Holding is not subject to any income or withholding tax in the Cayman Islands.

The PRC subsidiaries are subject to the PRC Corporate Income Tax ("CIT") rate of 25%. The CIT law and its relevant regulations impose a withholding tax at 10%, unless reduced by a tax treaty or agreement, for dividends distributed by a PRC-resident enterprise to its non-PRC-resident corporate investor for earnings generated beginning on January 1, 2008. Undistributed earnings generated prior to January 1, 2008 are exempt from such withholding tax.

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax was made for the subsidiaries located in Hong Kong as the subsidiaries did not have assessable profits subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014. The payments of dividends by Hong Kong companies are not subject to any Hong Kong withholding tax.

The operating results before income tax and the provision for income taxes by tax jurisdictions for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 are as follows:

	Six-month period ended June 30, 2014
Loss (income) before income taxes:	
PRC	62,135
Other jurisdictions	<u>(3,774)</u>
Total loss before income taxes	<u>58,361</u>
Current tax expenses:	
PRC	—
Other jurisdictions	—
Total current tax expenses	—
Deferred tax expenses:	
PRC	—
Other jurisdictions	—
Total deferred tax expenses	—
Total income taxes expenses	<u>—</u>

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5. INCOME TAX (Continued)

The actual income tax expense reported in the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 differs from the amount computed by applying the PRC statutory income tax rate to loss before income taxes due to the following:

	Six-month period ended June 30, 2014
PRC enterprise income tax rate	25.0%
Tax differential for entities in non-PRC jurisdiction	1.6%
Change in valuation allowance	(26.6%)
	<u>0.0%</u>

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded additional valuation allowance of RMB11,832, primarily related to the deferred tax assets for temporary differences and net operating losses of certain subsidiaries in PRC and Hong Kong. As of June 30, 2014, these entities were in a cumulative loss position, which is a significant negative indicator to overcome that sufficient income will be generated over the periods in which the deferred income tax assets are deductible or utilized. Management considers projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment.

6. MAJOR CUSTOMERS

GDS Holdings is a major customer of the Company. Revenue from GDS Holdings was RMB55,869 or 83% of the Company's total revenue during the six-month period ended June 30, 2014.

7. COMMITMENTS

(a) Operating leases commitments

The Company leases buildings, offices and other equipment that are classified as operating leases. The majority of the Company's operating leases expire at various dates though 2019.

Future minimum operating lease payments as of June 30, 2014 are summarized as follow:

Year ending June 30,	
2015	37,285
2016	33,937
2017	33,419
2018	32,189
2019	23,384
Thereafter	352,687
Total	<u>512,901</u>

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7. COMMITMENTS (Continued)

(b) Capital leases commitments

The Company's capital lease obligations as of June 30, 2014 are summarized as follows:

	<u>Total minimum lease payments</u>
Within 1 year	36,678
After 1 year but within 2 years	36,678
After 2 years but within 3 years	37,366
After 3 years but within 4 years	40,846
After 4 years but within 5 years	40,846
After 5 years	313,845
Sub-total	<u>506,259</u>
Less: total future interest expenses	(171,365)
Present value of lease obligations	<u>334,894</u>

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the related party information disclosed elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements, the Company entered into the following related party transactions.

<u>Name of party</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Softbank (China) Venture Capital Co., Ltd ("SBCVC")	Principal preferred shareholder of the Company
GDS Holdings	SBCVC was a common principal preferred shareholder of both GDS Holdings and EDC Holding prior to the acquisition
MPI	SBCVC was a common principal preferred shareholder of both EDC Holding and MPI prior to the acquisition

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8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(a) Major transactions with related parties

		Six-month period ended June 30, 2014
Services provided to MPI	(i)	4,854
Expenses paid by the Company on behalf of MPI	(i)	1,506
Services provided to GDS Holdings	(ii)	55,869
Loans from GDS Holdings	(iii)	307,048
Interest expenses	(iii)	4,296
Interest income	(iv)	244
Repayment of a loan from SBCVC	(v)	24,388

- (i) During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, the Company provided services to MPI amounting to RMB4,854 and paid miscellaneous expenses of RMB1,506 on behalf of MPI.
- (ii) In December 2013, the Company received a payment in advance of RMB320,000 from GDS Holdings under a colocation service agreement. The prepayment covered a two-year service period from 2014 to 2015. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, the Company provided services to GDS Holdings amounting to RMB55,869, which was recognized as revenue.
- (iii) During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, the Company received loans from GDS Holdings amounting to RMB307,048. Interest expense on the loans amounted to RMB4,296.
- (iv) Prior to January 1, 2014, the Company advanced a loan of US\$8,000 (RMB49,222) to GDS Holdings. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, interest income on the loan amounted to RMB244.
- (v) Prior to January 1, 2014, the Company received a loan from SBCVC amounting to US\$4,000 (RMB24,388). During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, interest expense on the loan was RMB1,020. The Company fully repaid the principal and the interest of the loan during the six-month period ended June 30, 2014.

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has considered subsequent events through May 20, 2016, which was the date these consolidated financial statements were issued.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Cayman Islands law does not limit the extent to which a company's articles of association may provide indemnification of officers and directors, except to the extent any such provision may be held by the Cayman Islands courts to be contrary to the public interest, such as providing indemnification against civil fraud or the consequences of committing a crime. The registrant's articles of association provide that each officer or director of the registrant shall be indemnified out of the assets of the registrant against any liability incurred by him or her in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his or her favor, or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his or her part, or in which he or she is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him or her by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the registrant.

Under the form of indemnification agreements to be filed as Exhibit 10.14 to this registration statement, we will agree to indemnify our directors and executive officers against certain liabilities and expenses incurred by such persons in connection with claims made by reason of their being such a director or executive officer.

The form of underwriting agreement to be filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this registration statement will also provide for indemnification of us and our officers and directors.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling us under the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Item 7. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

During the past three years, we have issued and sold the securities described below without registering the securities under the Securities Act. None of these transactions involved any underwriters' underwriting discounts or commissions, or any public offering. We believe that each of the following issuances was exempt from registration under the Securities Act in reliance on Regulation S or Rule 701 under the Securities Act or pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act regarding transactions not involving a public offering.

Ordinary Shares

On December 1, 2006, we issued one share to Codan Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, and such share was transferred to Alan Song on the same day. On December 19, 2006, we issued a total of 110,000,000 ordinary shares, with nominal or par value of US\$0.00005, to Global Data Solutions Limited.

On June 30, 2014, we issued 88,352,558 ordinary shares to Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited as part of consideration to acquire EDC Holding.

Preferred Shares

Series A Preferred Shares. On January 31, 2007, we issued 63,250,000 Series A preferred shares for an aggregate purchase price of US\$23,000,000, or at US\$0.363636 per share to certain investors, including to SBCVC Fund II, L.P. and International Finance Corporation.

Series B Preferred Shares. On March 18, 2011, we issued 11,550,000 Series B preferred shares for an aggregated purchase price of US\$9,000,000, or at US\$0.77922 per share to certain investors, including SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P. and International Finance Corporation.

Series A, B1, B2, B3 and B4 Preferred Shares.* In connection with our acquisition of EDC Holding, we altered our authorized share capital from comprising ordinary shares, Series A and Series B preferred shares, to comprising ordinary shares, Series A, Series B, Series A*, Series B1, Series B2, Series B3 and Series B4 preferred shares. Accordingly, Series A*, Series B1, Series B2, Series B3 and Series B4 preferred shares were newly added to our previously authorized share capital.

On June 30, 2014, we acquired EDC Holding from its shareholders whereby we issued shares to EDC Holding's shareholders in exchange for their shares in EDC Holding. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we issued 199,163,164 shares in exchange for approximately 93% of the shares in EDC Holding which we did not already own. Accordingly, we issued 88,352,558 ordinary shares to Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited, 11,319,764 Series A* preferred shares to SBCVC Company Limited, 2,829,941 Series A* preferred shares to International Finance Corporation, 9,433,137 Series B1 preferred shares to SBCVC Company Limited, 9,433,137 Series B1 preferred shares to SBCVC Venture Capital, 15,093,019 Series B1 preferred shares to International Finance Corporation, 8,539,471 Series B2 preferred shares to International Finance Corporation, 17,078,942 Series B2 preferred shares to SBCVC Company Limited, 14,045,432 Series B3 preferred shares to International Finance Corporation, and 23,037,763 Series B4 preferred shares to SBCVC Fund III L.P.

Series B5 and Series C Preferred Shares. In connection with our issuance of Series C preferred shares, we altered our authorized share capital from comprising ordinary shares, Series A, Series B, Series A*, Series B1, Series B2, Series B3 and Series B4 preferred shares, to comprising ordinary shares, Series A, Series B, Series A*, Series B1, Series B2, Series B3, Series B4, Series B5 and Series C preferred shares. Accordingly, Series B5 and Series C preferred shares were newly added to our previously authorized share capital.

On August 13, 2014, SBCVC Fund III L.P. purchased 18,698,485 of our Series A, Series A* and Series B3 preferred shares from certain of our investors, all of which preferred shares were redesignated as Series B5 preferred shares.

On August 13, 2014, we repurchased 93,811,462 shares from certain of our investors, which include 18,762,292 ordinary shares, 23,533,064 Series A preferred shares, 5,503,899 Series A* preferred shares, 8,413,412 Series B preferred shares, 13,209,358 Series B1 preferred shares, 9,964,954 Series B2 preferred shares, 5,463,340 Series B3 preferred shares and 8,961,143 Series B4 preferred shares for a total consideration of US\$97,237,644.

On August 13, 2014, we issued 238,526,241 Series C preferred shares for an aggregate purchase price of US\$247,237,696, or at US\$1.036522 per share to STT GDC.

On December 22, 2014, International Finance Corporation transferred and sold its equity interests in GDS Holdings Limited in the form of 1,310,083 Series A, 560,105 Series B, 9,222,193 Series B1, 5,217,820 Series B2 and 384,576 Series B3 preferred shares to SBCVC Fund III, L.P. All of the preferred shares so transferred were reclassified and re-designated as 16,694,777 Series B5 preferred shares.

In connection with and subsequent to the issuance of Series C preferred shares, holders of our preferred shares entered into voting agreements and agreements regarding rights of first refusal and co-sale rights. These voting agreements and the rights of first refusal and co-sale rights will terminate upon the closing of this offering.

Prior to the closing of this offering, holders of each series of preferred shares may elect to convert part or all of the preferred shares held by them into our ordinary shares at a 1:1 share conversion ratio. Each preferred share not so converted will automatically convert into our ordinary shares at the 1:1 share

conversion ratio immediately prior to the closing of this offering. All preferred shares converted into ordinary shares within twelve months after the closing of this offering will be subject to a lock-up period expiring on the first anniversary of this offering's closing date.

Note Financing

On December 11, 2012, we issued and sold an aggregate principal amount of US\$10.5 million bonds due 2014, par value US\$10,000 per note, in a private placement to Best Million Group Limited. The bonds due 2014 had a maturity date of June 10, 2014 and carried interest at 10% per annum. Upon maturity, the carrying amount of the bonds due 2014 was US\$10.5 million and we repaid a portion of the bonds due 2014 amounting to US\$0.7 million. On June 11, 2014, we issued and sold to the same investor in an aggregate principal amount of US\$30.2 million bonds due 2015 of which a portion was to settle the remaining unpaid portion of the bonds due 2014 of US\$9.8 million and unpaid interest payable on the bonds due 2014 of US\$1.7 million.

Prior to June 10, 2015, the holder of bonds due 2015 had the right to exchange the bonds into our ordinary shares in the event of a QIPO or private placement. The price used to determine the number of ordinary shares issued in exchange for the bonds is equal to 70% of the QIPO price or 70% of the share issuance price of the private placement.

In August 2014, we conducted a private placement of 238,526,241 Series C redeemable preferred shares, or Series C preferred shares. Upon the issuance of Series C preferred shares, the holder of the bonds due 2015 exchanged outstanding principal amount of the bonds due 2015 of US\$27.9 million for 38,397,655 ordinary shares. The number of ordinary shares issued was based on US\$0.72557, or 70% of the issuance price of Series C preferred shares of US\$1.036522. The holder waived its right to exchange the remaining bonds due 2015 of US\$2.3 million for ordinary shares of the Company.

On June 10, 2015, we fully redeemed the remaining bonds due 2015 of US\$2.3 million upon maturity.

Convertible Bonds

On December 30, 2015 and January 29, 2016, we issued and sold convertible and redeemable bonds due 2019 in aggregate principal amount of US\$150.0 million, which bonds were subscribed by Ping An Insurance and STT GDC as to US\$100.0 million and US\$50.0 million, respectively. We may, at our option, require STT GDC to subscribe for an additional amount of these bonds as to US\$50.0 million, and thereafter, Ping An Insurance to subscribe for an additional amount of these bonds as to US\$50.0 million at any time within the nine month period following the date of issue, or until September 30, 2016. Under the terms of the bonds, Ping An Insurance is entitled to appoint one observer to attend meetings of our board of directors.

The bonds are repayable four years from the date of issue, i.e. on December 30, 2019, and may be converted at a set conversion price of US\$1.68 per share (subject to adjustments arising from any share consolidation, sub-division or distributions by way of shares) at any time between the date on which this offering is completed and December 30, 2019. Any share issued pursuant to the conversion of these bonds by a holder who is not our existing shareholder within twelve months after the closing of this offering will be subject to a lock-up period expiring on the first anniversary of this offering's closing date. We also may mandate each of Ping An Insurance and STT GDC to convert their bonds into shares if the average per-ordinary-share-equivalent closing trading price of our ADSs in any period of ten (10) consecutive trading days following this offering is at least 125% of US\$1.68.

The bonds bear two components of interest on the principal amount, (i) interest payable in cash semi-annually at a rate of 5% per annum, and (ii) interest accruing semi-annually at a rate of 5% per annum. Such accrued interest is (i) in the case of cash redemption, payable in cash on December 30, 2019, and (ii) in the case of conversion, capitalized and paid in shares upon conversion of the bonds.

We plan to use the proceeds of the bonds for data center development, repayment of indebtedness, and to fund our working capital. As security for the bonds, EDC Holding pledged its entire equity interest in the registered capital of EDC China Holdings Limited, a limited company incorporated in Hong Kong, which is wholly owned by EDC Holding.

Item 8. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a) Exhibits

See Exhibit Index beginning on page II-9 of this Registration Statement.

(b) Financial Statement Schedules.

All supplement schedules are omitted because of the absence of conditions under which they are required or because the information is shown in the financial statements or notes thereto.

Item 9. Undertakings

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to provide to the underwriter at the closing specified in the underwriting agreements, certificates in such denominations and registered in such names as required by the underwriter to permit prompt delivery to each purchaser. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant under the provisions described in Item 6, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

- (1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant under Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
- (2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each posteffective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) For the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the

registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

- (4) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
 - (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
 - (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
 - (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form F-1 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in _____ on _____, 2016.

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: _____
Name: William Wei Huang
Title: *Co-chairman and chief executive officer*

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below does hereby constitute and appoint _____ and _____, and each of them singly, as his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each with full power of substitution and re-substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and sign any registration statement for the same offering covered by this Registration Statement that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all post-effective amendments thereto and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his substitutes or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____ William Wei Huang	Co-chairman, chief executive officer (Principal Executive Officer)	
_____ Daniel Newman	Chief financial officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	
_____ Sio Tat Hiang	Co-chairman	
_____ Erik Ho Ping Siao	Director	

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Date</u>
<hr/> Peter Ping Hua	Director	
<hr/> Hua Chen	Director	
<hr/> Satoshi Okada	Director	
<hr/> Bruno Lopez	Director	
<hr/> Lee Choong Kwong	Director	
<hr/> Lim Ah Doo	Director	

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the undersigned, the duly authorized representative in the United States of GDS Holdings Limited has signed this registration statement or amendment thereto in _____ on _____, 2016.

By: _____

Name:
Title:

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement
3.1	Seventh Amended and Restated Memorandum of Association of the Registrant, adopted by special resolution on May 19, 2016, and effective on May 19, 2016
3.2*	Form of Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Registrant
4.1*	Specimen of Ordinary Share Certificate
4.2**	Form of Deposit Agreement between the Registrant and , as depositary
4.3**	Form of American Depositary Receipt evidencing American Depositary Shares (included in Exhibit 4.2)
4.4*	Amendment Agreement Dated 4 March 2016 Between Shenzhen Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd. as Borrower, and GDS Holdings Limited as Ultimate Parent, and Beijing Wanguo Changan Technology Co., Ltd. as Guarantor, arranged by Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank (China) Limited, United Overseas Bank (China) Limited Shenzhen Branch as Mandated Lead Arrangers with United Overseas Bank (China) Limited Shenzhen Branch acting as Facility Agent and Security Agent and United Overseas Bank (China) Limited Shenzhen Branch acting as Account Bank, relating to a RMB 430,000,000 Term Loan Facility Agreement dated 17 September 2015
4.5	Sixth Amended and Restated Members Agreement, dated May 19, 2016
4.6	Sixth Amended and Restated Voting Agreement, dated May 19, 2016
4.7	Sixth Amended and Restated Right of First Refusal And Co-sale Agreement, dated May 19, 2016
5.1*	Opinion of Conyers Dill & Pearman regarding the validity of the ordinary shares being registered
8.1*	Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP regarding certain United States federal tax matters
8.2*	Opinion of Conyers Dill & Pearman regarding certain Cayman Islands tax matters
8.3*	Opinion of King & Wood Mallesons regarding certain PRC tax matters
10.1	Share Swap Agreement among the Registrant, EDC Holding and the shareholders of EDC Holding, dated June 12, 2014
10.2	Subscription Agreement for up to US\$250,000,000 10% Convertible and Redeemable Bond due 2019 convertible into shares in GDS Holdings, among GDS Holdings, Perfect Success Limited and STT GDC Pte. Ltd., dated December 30 2015
10.3*	Equity Interest Pledge Agreement concerning GDS Beijing, among William Wei Huang, Qiuping Huang and GDS Management Company, dated April 13, 2015 (English Translation)
10.4*	Power of Attorney Agreement concerning GDS Beijing, among GDS Management Company, GDS Beijing, William Wei Huang and Qiuping Huang, dated April 13, 2016 (English Translation)
10.5*	Exclusive Option Agreement concerning GDS Beijing, among William Wei Huang, Qiuping Huang and GDS Management Company, dated April 13, 2016 (English Translation)
10.6*	Loan Agreement between William Wei Huang, Qiuping Huang and GDS Management Company, dated April 13, 2016 (English Translation)
10.7*	Exclusive Technology License and Services Agreement between GDS Beijing and GDS Management Company, dated April 13, 2016 (English Translation)

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10.8*	Equity Interest Pledge Agreement concerning GDS Shanghai, among William Wei Huang, Qiuping Huang and GDS Management Company, dated April 13, 2016 (English Translation)
10.9*	Power of Attorney Agreement concerning GDS Shanghai, among GDS Management Company, GDS Shanghai, William Wei Huang and Qiuping Huang, dated April 13, 2016 (English Translation)
10.10*	Intellectual Property License Agreement between GDS Shanghai and GDS Management Company, dated April 13, 2016 (English Translation)
10.11*	Exclusive Option Agreement concerning GDS Shanghai, among William Wei Huang, Qiuping Huang, GDS Shanghai and GDS Management Company, dated April 13, 2016 (English Translation)
10.12*	Exclusive Technology License and Services Agreement between GDS Shanghai and GDS Management Company, dated April 13, 2016 (English Translation)
10.13*	Loan Agreement among William Wei Huang, Qiuping Huang and GDS Management Company, dated April 13, 2016 (English Translation)
10.14*	Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Registrant and its directors and executive officers
10.15*	Form of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and its executive officers
10.16	GDS Holdings Limited 2014 Equity Incentive Plan
10.17*	Data Center Service Agreement dated August 1, 2014 (English Translation)
10.18*	Premises and Warehouse Lease Agreement dated December 26, 2008 (English Translation)
10.19*	Premises and Warehouse Lease Agreement dated April 15, 2011 (English Translation)
10.20*	Premise Lease Agreement dated July 16, 2012 (English Translation)
10.21*	Premise Lease Agreement dated March 9, 2015 (English Translation)
10.22*	Premise Lease Agreement dated July 7, 2015 (English Translation)
10.23*	Tenement Lease Agreement dated April 1, 2015 (English Translation)
10.24*	Premise Lease Agreement dated November 27, 2013 (English Translation)
10.25*	Premise Lease Agreement dated August 1, 2015 (English Translation)
21.1*	Subsidiaries of Registrant
23.1	Consent of KPMG as to the financial information of GDS Holdings Limited
23.2	Consent of KPMG as to the financial information of EDC Holding Limited
23.3*	Consent of Conyers Dill & Pearman (included in Exhibit 5.1 and Exhibit 8.2)
23.4*	Consent of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1)
23.5*	Consent of King & Wood Mallesons (included in Exhibit 8.3)
23.6*	Consent of 451 Research
24.1*	Powers of Attorney (included on the signature page in Part II of this Registration Statement)
99.1*	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics of the Registrant

* To be filed by amendment.

** Incorporated by reference to the Registration Statement on Form F-6 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to American depositary shares representing our ordinary shares.

THE COMPANIES LAW (2013 REVISION)
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

**SEVENTH AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF**

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Adopted by Special Resolution on May 19, 2016, and effective on May 19, 2016)

1. The name of the Company is GDS Holdings Limited.
2. The registered office of the Company shall be at the offices of Codan Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands, or at such other place as the Directors may from time to time decide.
3. The objects for which the Company is established are unrestricted and the Company shall have full power and authority to carry out any object not prohibited by the Companies Law (2013 Revision) or as the same may be revised from time to time, or any other law of the Cayman Islands.
4. The liability of each Member is limited to the amount from time to time unpaid on such Member's shares.
5. The share capital of the Company is US\$51,310 divided into 675,636,564 Ordinary Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 29,635,045 Series A Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 6,916,645 Series A* Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 2,576,483 Series B Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 11,527,742 Series B1 Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 10,435,639 Series B2 Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 14,076,620 Series B4 Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 35,395,262 Series B5 Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, and 240,000,000 Series C Shares of a nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each.
6. The Company has power to register by way of continuation as a body corporate limited by shares under the laws of any jurisdiction outside the Cayman Islands and to be deregistered in the Cayman Islands.

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7. Capitalized terms that are not defined in this Seventh Amended and Restated Memorandum of Association shall bear the same meaning as those given in the Seventh Amended and Restated Articles of Association of the Company.

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**SEVENTH AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF**

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Adopted by Special Resolution on May 19, 2016, and effective on May 19, 2016)

1. In these Articles, Table A in the First Schedule to the Statute does not apply and, unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:

“Additional Ordinary Shares”

shall mean all Ordinary Shares issued (or deemed to be issued or issuable pursuant to Article 26) by the Company after the Original Issue Date, other than Ordinary Shares (or Options or Convertible Securities) issued or issuable (or deemed to be issued or issuable pursuant to Article 26):

- (i) upon conversion of Preferred Shares;
- (ii) in the aggregate up to 29,240,000 Ordinary Shares upon exercise or conversion of Options or Convertible Securities issued from time to time, as approved by the Board of Directors, to employees, officers, directors or consultants of the Group Companies pursuant to option plans, restricted stock plans or other arrangements, each such plan, arrangement or issuance (as applicable) having been approved pursuant to Article 81;
- (iii) as a dividend or distribution on Preferred Shares;
- (iv) pursuant to Recapitalization subject to Article 29;
- (v) pursuant to any acquisition of the Company or of another entity by the Company by merger, purchase of substantially all of the assets, reorganization or similar transaction, approved by the Board of

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Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors;

- (vi) pursuant to transactions with financial institutions or lessors in connection with loans, credit arrangements, equipment financings or similar transactions approved by the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors;
- (vii) in a registered public offering under the Securities Act or pursuant to the securities laws applicable to an offering of securities in another jurisdiction pursuant to which such securities will be listed on an internationally recognized securities exchange which has been approved by the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors; and
- (viii) pursuant to other transactions expressly excluded from the definition of “Additional Ordinary Shares” by approval of holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class on an as-converted basis.

“Affiliate”

shall mean, in respect of a Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person, and (i) in the case of a natural person, shall include, without limitation, such Person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, mother-in-law and father-in-law and brothers and sisters-in-law, (ii) in the case of a Preferred Shareholder, shall include (A) any Person who holds shares as a nominee for such Preferred Shareholder, (B) any shareholder of such Preferred Shareholder, (C) any Person which has a direct and indirect interest in such Preferred Shareholder (including, if applicable, any general partner or limited partner) or any fund manager thereof; (D) any Person that directly or

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indirectly controls, is controlled by, under common control with, or is managed by such Preferred Shareholder or its fund manager, (E) the relatives of any individual referred to in (B) above, and (F) any trust controlled by or held for the benefit of such individuals. For the purpose of this definition, “control” (and correlative terms) shall mean the direct or indirect power, whether by contract, equity ownership or otherwise, to direct the

	policies or management of a Person; provided that the direct or indirect ownership of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the voting power of a Person is deemed to constitute control of that Person.
“Annual Budget”	shall mean the annual budget of the Company or any Subsidiary.
“Articles”	shall mean these Seventh Amended and Restated Articles of Association of the Company, as originally framed or as from time to time amended in accordance with these Articles and the Statute.
“as converted basis”	shall have the meaning given in Article 51(a).
“Auditors”	shall mean the Persons for the time being performing the duties of auditors of the Company.
“Board” or “Board of Directors”	shall mean the board of directors of the Company.
“Business Day”	shall mean a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for business in the State of New York in the United States of America, Beijing in the PRC, Hong Kong and Singapore.
“Cash Threshold”	shall have the meaning given in Article 103(a) hereof.
“CEO”	shall mean the chief executive officer of the Company.
“Closing”	shall have the meaning given in the Members

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	Agreement.
“Company”	shall mean GDS Holdings Limited.
“Company Redemption Notice”	shall have the meaning given in Article 102(e) hereof.
“Conversion Date”	shall mean the date specified in any notice served by a Preferred Shareholder electing to convert such shares or the date on which automatic conversion is to occur in accordance with Article 22.
“Conversion Price”	shall have the meaning given in Article 20 and as adjusted pursuant to these Articles.
“Convertible Securities”	shall mean any shares or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for Ordinary Shares or for other Convertible Securities.
“Deemed Winding Up Event”	shall have the meaning given in Article 125 hereof.
“Directors”	shall mean the directors for the time being of the Company.
“Distribution”	shall mean the transfer of cash or other property without consideration whether by way of dividend or otherwise, other than (A) dividends in specie on Ordinary Shares payable in Ordinary Shares, or (B) the purchase or redemption of shares of the Company for cash or property in connection with: (i) repurchases by the Company at the original issue price of Ordinary Shares issued to employees, officers, directors or consultants of Group Companies upon termination of their employment or services pursuant to agreements providing for the right of said repurchase, (ii) repurchases by the Company of Ordinary Shares issued to employees, officers, directors or consultants of the Group Companies pursuant to rights of first refusal contained in agreements

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	providing for such right, and (iii) any other repurchase or redemption of Shares of the Company approved by the holders of the Ordinary Shares and Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class on an as-converted basis, or effected as part of the conversion or redemption of Preferred Shares pursuant to Article 19 or Articles 102 and 103, respectively.
“Dividend Rate”	shall mean for each Preferred Share, an annual rate of six percent (6%) of the Original Purchase Price, as applicable (subject to adjustment for Recapitalization).
“Dollars” or “US\$”	shall mean the dollar currency of the United States of America and references to cents or ¢ should be construed accordingly.
“EDC Group”	shall mean EDC Group Limited, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.
“Electronic Record”	shall have the meaning given in the Electronic Transactions Law of the Cayman Islands (2003 Revision).
“Equity Securities”	shall mean the Ordinary Shares or the Preferred Shares, or any securities convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for the Ordinary Shares now or hereafter held, directly or indirectly, by any Person.
“Everbright”	shall mean Seabright SOF (I) Paper Limited and Forebright Management Limited.
“Executive Committee”	shall have the meaning given in Article 82(f) hereof.
“Executive Committee Members”	shall have the meaning given in Article 82(f) hereof.
“Existing Preferred Share Director”	shall have the meaning given in Article 93(a)

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	hereof.
“Existing Preferred Shareholders”	shall mean all the holders of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares from time to time; and “ <i>Existing Preferred Shareholder</i> ” shall mean any of them.
“Existing Preferred Shares”	shall mean Series A Shares, Series A* Shares, Series B Shares, Series B1 Shares, Series B2 Shares, Series B4 Shares, and Series B5 Shares of the Company, issued and outstanding immediately following the Closing.
“GDS Enterprises”	shall mean GDS Enterprises Limited, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.
“Group Companies”	shall mean all of the Company and its Subsidiaries, each as set forth in <u>Exhibit D</u> of the Members Agreement, and a “ Group Company ” means any of them.
“Holder Participation Election”	shall have the meaning given in Article 103(c).
“Holder Redemption Date”	shall have the meaning given in Article 103(a) hereof.
“Holder Redemption Deadline”	shall have the meaning given in Article 103(c).

“Holder Redemption Election”	shall have the meaning given in Article 103(a) hereof.
“Holder Redemption Notice”	shall have the meaning given in Article 103(b) hereof.
“Interested Director”	shall have the meaning given in Article 74 hereof.
“Interested Director Transaction”	shall have the meaning given in Article 74 hereof.
“IPO”	shall mean the Company’s first public offering of any of its securities to the general public pursuant to (i) a registration statement filed under the Securities Act, or (ii) the securities laws applicable to an offering of securities in another

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	jurisdiction pursuant to which such securities will be listed.
“Key Founders”	shall have the meaning given to it in the Members Agreement.
“Key Subsidiary Group”	shall mean the Company’s Subsidiaries that, together, constitute all or substantially all of the Group Companies’ (taken as a whole) assets or generate all or substantially all of the Company’s profits or revenues (for the avoidance of doubt, Global Data Solutions Co., Ltd. (全球数据解决方案有限公司), a company incorporated and existing under the laws of PRC which is indirectly wholly owned by the Company, shall be deemed as (or part of) the Key Subsidiary Group).
“Liquidation Preference”	shall have the meaning given in Article 124 (h) hereof.
“Member”	shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Statute.
“Members Agreement”	shall mean the Sixth Amended and Restated Members Agreement dated May 19, 2016 by and between the Company, the Key Founders, the Preferred Shareholders and the Other Shareholders (as amended and restated from time to time).
“Memorandum”	shall mean the Seventh Amended and Restated Memorandum of Association of the Company, as originally framed or as from time to time amended in accordance with these Articles and the Statute.
“Ofira Capital”	shall mean Ofira Capital Limited, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.
“Options”	shall mean rights, options or warrants to subscribe for, purchase or otherwise acquire Ordinary Shares or Convertible Securities.

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“Ordinary Resolution”	shall mean (i) a resolution passed by a simple majority of the Members as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy, or, in the case of corporations, by their duly authorized representatives at a general meeting, or (ii) a resolution approved in writing by all of the Members entitled to vote at a general meeting of the Company, and the effective date of the resolution so adopted shall be the date on which the instrument or the last of such instruments, if more than one, is executed. In computing the majority, regard shall be had to the number of votes to which each Member is entitled by these Articles.
“Ordinary Share Director(s)”	shall have the meaning given in Article 93(a) hereof.
“Ordinary Shares”	shall mean shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Ordinary Shares and having the rights provided for in these Articles.
“Original Issue Date”	shall mean (i) with respect to the Series A Shares, Series B Shares, and the Series C Shares, the respective dates on which the Series A Shares, the Series B Shares and the Series C Shares were issued; (ii) with respect to the Series A* Shares, February 11, 2009 (for the purpose of these Articles only); (iii) with respect to the Series B1 Shares, September 18, 2009; (iv) with respect to the Series B2 Shares, September 21, 2012 (v) with respect to the Series B4 Shares, September 18, 2012; (vi) with respect to the Series B5 Shares, is August 13, 2014; and (vii) with respect to the Series C Shares, is August 13, 2014.
“Original Purchase Price”	shall mean, with respect to the Series A Shares, US\$0.363636 per share; with respect to the Series B Shares, US\$0.77922 per share, with respect to the Series A* Shares, US\$0.1060 per share; with respect to the Series B1 Shares, US\$0.5300 per

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	share; with respect to the Series B2 Shares, US\$0.5855 per share; with respect to the Series B4 Shares, US\$0.4340 per share; with respect to the Series B5 Shares, US\$1.036522 per share; and with respect to the Series C Shares, US\$1.036522 per share.
“Other Shareholders”	shall mean Best Million Group Limited, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1634472, Fortune Million International Corporation, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1910205 and Linmax Asia Limited, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of British Vergin Islands with registered number 1903042, and an “Other Shareholder” means any of them.
“Person”	shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, trust, unincorporated organization, or other entity.
“PRC”	shall mean the People’s Republic of China.
“Preferred Share Director(s)”	shall have the meaning given in Article 93(a).
“Preferred Shares”	shall mean, collectively, Series A Shares, Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series B1 Shares, Series B2 Shares, Series B4 Shares, Series B5 Shares, and Series C Shares of the Company.
“Preferred Shareholder”	shall mean a holder of any then outstanding Preferred Shares from time to time.
“Prohibited Transferee”	shall mean any of 21ViaNet Group, Inc., Dr. Peng Telecom and Media Group Corporation (鹏博士通信股份有限公司), a joint stock company incorporated and listed in the PRC, Equinix, Inc., KDDI CORPORATION, NTT Communications, SingTel Group, PCCW Limited, KT Corporation, SK TELECOM, Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, Telkom Indonesia, Axiata Group Berhad, and

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	Telekom Malaysia Berhad.
“Qualified IPO”	shall mean a firm commitment underwritten IPO on an internationally recognized securities exchange (i) with

gross cash proceeds to the Company of at least US\$100 million, (ii) at an issue price per share being not less than twenty-five percent (25%) above US\$1.036522, as adjusted for any Recapitalization from time to time, and (iii) resulting in a free float of not less than twenty percent (20%) of the Company's share capital.

“Recapitalization”	shall mean any share split, share dividend, share combination or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification or other similar event in relation to the Shares of the Company.
“Redemption Date”	shall have the meaning given in Article 102(c) hereof.
“Redemption Deadline”	shall have the meaning given in Article 102(f) hereof.
“Redemption Election”	shall have the meaning given in Article 102(c) hereof.
“Redemption Price”	shall have the meaning given in Article 102(d) hereof.
“Right Holder”	shall mean the Person, who or which is entitled to exercise the Right of First Refusal, the Right of First Offer or the Right of Co-Sale, as the case may be.
“Right of Co-Sale”	shall mean the right of co-sale provided in Article 14 of these Articles.
“Right of First Offer”	shall mean the right of first offer provided in Article 13 of these Articles.
“Right of First Refusal”	shall mean the right of first refusal provided in

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Article 11 of these Articles.

“ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement”	shall mean the Sixth Amended and Restated Right of First Refusal and Co-Sale Agreement entered into between the Existing Preferred Shareholders, the Series C Shareholder, the Company and other parties on May 19, 2016 (as amended and restated from time to time).
“Sale Transaction”	shall mean (i) any reorganization, consolidation, merger, sale or transfer of the Company's outstanding Shares or similar transaction (other than any sale of stock by the Company for capital raising purposes) in which Members of the Company immediately prior to such reorganization, merger or consolidation, sale or transfer of Shares or similar transaction in aggregate do not (by virtue of their ownership of securities of the Company immediately prior to such transaction) beneficially own Shares possessing a majority of the voting power of the surviving company or companies immediately following such transaction; (ii) any reorganization, consolidation, merger, sale or transfer of the Company's outstanding shares or similar transaction (other than any sale of stock by the Company for capital raising purposes) in which any Member of the Company immediately prior to such reorganization, merger or consolidation, sale or transfer of shares or similar transaction (by virtue of his/its ownership of securities of the Company immediately prior to such transaction) beneficially owns shares, directly or indirectly, possessing a majority of the voting power of the surviving company or companies immediately following such transaction; (iii) a sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or the Group Companies (taken as a whole) or the Key Subsidiary Group; (iv) the exclusive licensing of all or substantially all of the intellectual property of the Group Companies

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(taken as a whole) used in generating all or substantially all of the Group Companies' profits or revenues; or (v) any reorganization, consolidation, merger, sale or transfer of the Key Subsidiary Group's outstanding shares or similar transaction in which the Company does not (by virtue of its direct or indirect ownership of securities of the Key Subsidiary Group immediately prior to such transaction) beneficially own shares possessing a majority of the voting power of the surviving company or companies immediately following such transaction .

“SBCVC”	shall mean any or all of SBCVC Fund II, L.P., SBCVC Venture Capital (□□□□□□□□□□), SBCVC Fund III L.P., SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P., and SBCVC Company Limited.
“SBGD”	shall mean SBGD Investment Limited, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.
“Seal”	shall mean the common seal of the Company and includes every duplicate seal.
“Secretary”	shall include an Assistant Secretary and any Person appointed by the Board of Directors to perform the duties of Secretary of the Company.
“Securities Act”	shall mean the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
“Selling GDS Upstream Shareholder”	shall mean one out of Excel Prayer and Solution Leisure, all of which are shareholders of Global Data Solutions Limited.
“Senior Management Personnel”	shall mean the CEO or its equivalent, the chief financial officer, and all the other senior officers of any Group Company reporting directly to the CEO.
“Series A Liquidation Preference”	shall have the meaning given in Article 124(k) hereof.

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“Series A Shares”	shall mean Shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series A Preferred Shares and having the rights provided for in these Articles.
“Series A* Liquidation Preference”	shall have the meaning given in Article 124(i) hereof.
“Series A* Shares”	shall mean Shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series A* Preferred Shares and having the rights provided for in these Articles.
“Series B Liquidation Preference”	shall have the meaning given in Article 124(g) hereof.
“Series B* Liquidation Preference”	shall have the meaning given in Article 124(e) hereof.
“Series B Shares”	shall mean Shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series B Preferred Shares and having the rights provided for in these Articles.
“Series B* Shares”	shall mean, collectively, Series B1 Shares, Series B2 Shares and Series B4 Shares.
“Series B1 Shares”	shall mean Shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series B1 Preferred Shares, and having the rights provided for in these Articles.
“Series B2 Shares”	shall mean Shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series B2 Preferred Shares, and having the rights provided for in these Articles.

“Series B4 Shares” shall mean Shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series B4 Preferred Shares, and having the rights provided for in these Articles.

“Series B5 Liquidation Preference” shall have the meaning given in Article 124(c)

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hereof.

“Series B5 Shares” shall mean Shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series B5 Preferred Shares, and having the rights provided for in these Articles.

“Series C Liquidation Preference” shall have the meaning given in Article 124(a) hereof.

“Series C Directors” shall have the meaning given in Article 93(a) hereof.

“Series C Shares” shall mean shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series C Preferred Shares and having the rights provided for in these Articles.

“Series C Shareholder” shall mean the holder(s) of the Series C Shares of the Company.

“Shares” shall be construed as a reference to Shares of each class of Shares of the Company from time to time in issue and includes fractions of Shares (except as otherwise provided herein), and each, a Share.

“Share Swap Agreement” shall mean the Share Swap Agreement dated on 12 June, 2014, entered into by the Company, EDC Holding Limited, Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited, and certain other entities.

“Special Resolution” shall mean (i) a resolution passed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Members as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy, or, in the case of corporations, by their duly authorized representatives, at a general meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution has been duly given, or (ii) a resolution approved in writing by all of the Members entitled to vote at a general meeting of the Company, and the effective date of the resolution so adopted

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shall be the date on which the instrument or the last of such instruments, if more than one, is executed. In computing such two-thirds (2/3) requirement, regard shall be had to the number of votes to which each Member is entitled by these Articles.

“Star Preferred Shares” shall have the meaning given in Article 102(f) hereof.

“Statute” shall mean the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands, as amended, and every statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.

“STTC” shall mean STT Communications Ltd., a company incorporated with limited liability in Singapore

“Subscription and Purchase Agreement” shall mean the Series C Preferred Shares Subscription and Purchase Agreement entered into by and between the Company, Further Success Limited, Global Data Solutions LTD., Global Data Solutions (Beijing) Co., Ltd., SBCVC, STTC and certain other persons and entities dated July 29, 2014, as amended from time to time.

“Subsidiary” shall mean, with respect to any entity, a corporation, partnership, trust or other entity of which such entity directly or indirectly owns at the time shares or other equity interest representing a majority of the voting power of such corporation, partnership, trust or other entity.

“Transfer” shall mean and include any sale, assignment, creation of any encumbrance, hypothecation, pledge, option, conveyance in trust, gift, transfer by bequest, devise or descent, or other agreement, transfer or disposition of any kind, whether voluntary or by operation of law, directly or indirectly, or entering into any agreement or arrangement (a) to effectively pass or transfer the voting rights attached to any interests in the

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capital of the Company, or (b) to effectively pass or transfer the economic interest derived from any interests in the capital of the Company, including but not limited to transfers to receivers, levying creditors, trustees or receivers in bankruptcy proceedings or general assignees for the benefit of creditors, except for the following:

- (i) any creation of a bona fide encumbrance of the Equity Securities held by a Seller as security granted to the lender, made pursuant to a bona fide loan transaction, if the beneficiary of such encumbrance executes a counterpart copy of the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement or a Deed of Adherence (as defined in the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement) and becomes bound thereby as was the Seller, in the event and to the extent that such beneficiary of such encumbrance ever acquires ownership of such shares;
- (ii) any Transfer of Equity Securities by a Seller, if a Seller is a natural person, to a Seller’s spouse, parents, children and siblings or trusts for the benefit of any of the foregoing individuals, or transfers of Shares by the Seller by devise or descent; provided, that, in all cases, the transferee or other recipient executes a counterpart copy of the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement or a Deed of Adherence (as defined in the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement) and becomes bound thereby as was the Seller;
- (iii) any Transfer of Equity Securities by a Seller, if a Seller is an entity, to any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, under common control with, or is managed by such Person or its fund manager, and where a Seller is an Existing Preferred Shareholder, any general partner or limited partner which has a direct or

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indirect interest in such Preferred Shareholder; provided that, for the purpose of limb (iii) of this definition of “*Transfer*”, the direct or indirect ownership of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting power of a Person is deemed to constitute control of that Person; provided, further, that, in all cases, the transferee or other recipient executes a counterpart copy of the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement or a Deed of Adherence (as defined in the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement) and becomes bound thereby as was the Seller; and

- (iv) any Transfers of Equity Securities in a registered public offering pursuant to (a) registration under the Securities Act, or (b) the securities laws applicable to an offering of securities in a jurisdiction other than the United States.

“written” and “in writing” shall include all modes of representing or reproducing words in visible form, including in the form of an Electronic Record.

Words importing the singular number include the plural number and vice versa.

Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender.

Words importing persons include corporations.

In these Articles, Section 8 of the Electronic Transactions Law (2003 Revision) shall not apply.

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS

2. The business of the Company may be commenced as soon after incorporation as the Board of Directors shall see fit, notwithstanding that only part of the Shares may have been allotted.

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3. The Board of Directors may pay, out of the capital or any other monies of the Company, all expenses incurred in or about the formation and establishment of the Company including the expenses of registration.

CERTIFICATE FOR SHARES

4. A Member shall only be entitled to a share certificate if the Board of Directors resolves that share certificates shall be issued. Certificates representing shares of the Company, if any, shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Share certificates shall be signed by one or more Directors or other Person(s) authorized by the Board of Directors. All certificates for Shares shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified and shall specify the shares to which they relate. The name and address of the Person to whom the shares represented thereby are issued, with the number of shares and date of issue, shall be entered in the register of Members of the Company. All certificates surrendered to the Company for transfer shall be canceled and no new certificate shall be issued until the former certificate for a like number of shares shall have been surrendered and canceled. The Board of Directors may authorize certificates to be issued with the Seal and authorized signature(s) affixed by some method or system of mechanical process.

5. Notwithstanding Article 4 of these Articles, if a share certificate be defaced, lost, stolen or destroyed, it may be renewed on such terms as the Board of Directors may prescribe as to evidence, indemnity (including, without limitation, a requirement the owner of the defaced, lost, stolen or destroyed certificate or such owner's legal representative give the Company a bond (or other adequate security) sufficient to indemnify it against any claim that may be made against it (including any expense or liability) on account of the alleged loss, theft or destruction of any such certificate or the issuance of such new certificate) and the payment of the expenses incurred by the Company in investigating any such evidence or in issuing such new certificate.

ISSUE OF SHARES

6. (a) [Intentionally omitted.]
- (b) The powers, preferences and rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof in respect to the Ordinary Shares, Series A Shares, Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series B1 Shares, Series B2 Shares, Series B4 Shares, Series B5 Shares, and Series C Shares shall be subject to Article 81 and as herein provided.

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- (c) Subject as herein provided (including Article 81), all Shares of the Company for the time being unallotted and unissued shall be under the control of the Board of Directors who may allot, issue or grant Options over or otherwise dispose of Shares of the Company on such terms as they think proper, provided that the Preferred Shares may only be issued (i) with the rights and restrictions of the Preferred Shares as set forth in these Articles and (ii) with the approval of the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors. All Shares shall be issued fully paid.

7. Pre-emptive Right

- (a) Pre-emptive Right.

Subject to the terms and conditions specified in this Article 7(a), the Company hereby grants to each Preferred Shareholder a pre-emptive right to subscribe for its Pro Rata Share (as hereinafter defined) (in whole or in part) with respect to future issuances by the Company of New Securities (as hereinafter defined). For the purpose of this Article 7(a), a Preferred Shareholder's "**Pro Rata Share**" shall mean that number of New Securities (as defined below) that equals the total number of such New Securities to be issued by the Company, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is (i) the number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities that are outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) held by such Preferred Shareholder and the denominator of which is (ii) the total number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities that are outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) of the Company, outstanding immediately prior to the issuance of New Securities giving rise to the pre-emptive right.

Subject to Article 7(a)(d), each time the Company proposes to offer any shares of, or securities convertible into or exercisable for any shares of, any class of its shares ("**New Securities**"), the Company shall first make an offering of such New Securities to each Preferred Shareholder in accordance with the following provisions:

- (i) The Company shall deliver a written notice ("**Notice**") pursuant to Section 7.7 of the Members Agreement to each of the Preferred Shareholders stating (i) its bona fide intention to offer such New Securities, (ii) the number of such New Securities to be offered, and (iii) the price and a summary of the terms, if any, upon which it proposes to offer such New Securities.

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- (ii) By written notification received by the Company within fifteen (15) Business Days after delivery of the Notice (the "**Refusal Period**"), each Preferred Shareholder may elect to purchase or obtain, at the price and on the terms specified in the Notice, up to its Pro Rata Share of such New Securities.

- (iii) In the event that any Preferred Shareholder elects not to purchase its full Pro Rata Share of the New Securities available to it pursuant to Article 7(a)(a.) above within the Refusal Period, then the Company shall promptly give written notice (the "**Overallocation Notice**") to each of the Preferred Shareholders that has elected to purchase its full Pro Rata Share (the "**Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders**"), which notice shall set forth the number of New Securities not purchased by the other Preferred Shareholders (such shares, the "**Overallocation New Securities**"), and shall offer the Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders the right to purchase its Pro Rata Share of the Overallocation New Securities. By written notification received by the Company within five (5) Business Days after delivery of the Overallocation Notice, each Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder may elect to purchase or obtain at the price and terms specified in the Notice, up to its Pro Rata Share of the Overallocation New Securities. For the purpose of this Article 7(a)(b.), each Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder's Pro Rata Share shall be the number of Overallocation New Securities multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities that are outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) held by such Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder on the date of the Notice and the denominator of which shall be the total number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities that are outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) held by all Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders on the date of the Notice.

- a. In the event that not all New Securities specified in the Notice are acquired by the Preferred Shareholders pursuant to Article 7(a)(b.) hereof, the Company may, during the ninety (90) day period following the expiration of the period provided in Article 7(a)(b.) hereof, offer the remaining unsubscribed portion of such New Securities to any Person(s) approved by holders representing at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the Existing Preferred Shares (voting together as a separate class) and holders representing at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Series C Shares, at a price not less than, and upon terms no more favorable than those specified in the Notice to such Person(s). If the Company does not enter into an

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agreement for the sale of the New Securities within such period, or if such agreement is not consummated within sixty (60) days of the execution thereof, the right provided hereunder shall be deemed to be revived and such New Securities shall not be offered unless first reoffered to the Preferred Shareholders in accordance herewith.

- b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, New Securities does not include Ordinary Shares, Options or other Convertible Securities issued or issuable (or deemed to be issued or issuable pursuant to Article 26 of these Articles):

- (i) upon conversion of Preferred Shares;
- (ii) in the aggregate up to 29,240,000 Ordinary Shares upon exercise or conversion of Options or Convertible Securities issued from time to time, as approved by the Board, to employees, officers, directors or consultants of the Group Companies pursuant to option plans, restricted stock plans or other arrangements, each such plan, arrangement or issuance (as applicable) having been approved pursuant to Article 81 of these Articles;
- (iii) as a dividend or distribution on Preferred Shares;
- (iv) pursuant to Recapitalization subject to Article 29 of these Articles;
- (v) pursuant to any acquisition of the Company or of another entity by the Company by merger, purchase of substantially all of the assets, reorganization or similar transaction, approved by the Board, including all the Preferred Share Directors;

- (vi) pursuant to transactions with financial institutions or lessors in connection with loans, credit arrangements, equipment financings or similar transactions approved by the Board, including all the Preferred Share Directors;
- (vii) in a registered public offering under the Securities Act or pursuant to the securities laws applicable to an offering of securities in another jurisdiction pursuant to which such securities will be listed on an internationally recognized securities exchange which has been approved by the Board, including all the Preferred Share Directors; and
- (viii) pursuant to other transactions expressly excluded from the definition of "New Securities" by approval of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the

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then outstanding Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class on an as-converted basis.

(b) Termination of Right.

The pre-emptive right granted under Article 7(a) shall expire immediately prior to the first to occur of the following: (i) the closing of the Qualified IPO, and (ii) the effectiveness of a Sale Transaction.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

8. The Company shall maintain a register of its Members and every Person whose name is entered as a Member in the register of Members shall be entitled without payment to receive within two (2) months after allotment or lodgment of transfer (or within such other period as the conditions of issue shall provide) one certificate for all his Shares or several certificates each for one or more of his Shares upon payment of fifty cents (US\$0.50) for every certificate after the first or such less sum as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine, *provided* that in respect of a Share or Shares held jointly by several Persons, the Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate and delivery of a certificate for a Share to one of the several joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all such holders.

TRANSFER OF SHARES

9. The instrument of transfer of any Shares shall be in writing and shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and the transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of a Share until the name of the transferee is entered in the register of Members in respect thereof.
10. The Board of Directors shall register any Transfer of Shares that is made in accordance with these Articles, and shall decline to register any purported Transfer of Shares that is not made in accordance with these Articles.
11. Restrictions on Transfer

(a) Moratorium Period.

For a period of six (6) months from the Original Issue Date for the Series C Shares (the "**Moratorium Period**"), each of the Key Founders, the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Other Shareholders shall not, without the prior

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written consent of the Series C Shareholder, Transfer any of their respective Equity Securities. William Wei Huang (黄伟伟) further agrees that he shall not, without the prior written consent of the Series C Shareholder, Transfer any of his interests for a further period of twelve (12) months commencing from the end of the Moratorium Period, which would result in his beneficial interests in the share capital of the Company becoming less than 15.17% following any such Transfer.

(b) Prohibited Transferee.

No shareholder of the Company is permitted to Transfer any interest it may hold, directly or indirectly, in the share capital of the Company, or in the capital of any of Global Data Solutions Limited, SBGD, EDC Group, GDS Enterprises, Ofira Capital, Excel Prayer, Solution Leisure or Topperfect Investment Limited, to any of the Prohibited Transferees or its consolidated subsidiary, unless with the prior consent of holders collectively holding at least seventy-five percent (75%) of all the Ordinary Shares and Preferred Shares then outstanding (voting together on an as-converted basis).

(c) Key Founders' or Other Shareholders' Transfer.

Subject to Articles 11(a) and 11(b), before a Key Founder or an Other Shareholder may Transfer any Equity Securities, the Preferred Shareholders shall have a Right of First Refusal (as defined below) to purchase the Equity Securities which such selling Key Founder or selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) desires to Transfer on the terms and conditions set forth herein. In connection with any proposed Transfer by any Key Founder or any Other Shareholder (as the case may be) of any Equity Securities, each Preferred Shareholder shall have a Right of Co-Sale (as defined below) if such Preferred Shareholder has not exercised its Right of First Refusal with respect to the Offered Shares (as defined below) pursuant to Article 12 below, to sell certain Equity Securities to an Approved Third Party Purchaser (as defined below) on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

(d) Existing Preferred Shareholders' Transfer.

Subject to Articles 11(a) and 11(b), before an Existing Preferred Shareholder may Transfer any Equity Securities, the Series C Shareholder shall have a Right of First Offer (as defined below) to purchase all (but not less than all) the Equity Securities which such Existing Preferred Shareholder desires to Transfer, on the terms and conditions set forth herein. Before an Existing Preferred Shareholder may Transfer all (but not less than all) the Equity Securities, the Series C

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Shareholder shall have a Right of Co-Sale if it has not exercised its Right of First Offer with respect to the Transferred Shares (as defined below) pursuant to Article 13 below, to sell certain Equity Securities to an Approved Third Party Purchaser, on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

(e) Series C Shareholder's Transfer.

Subject to Article 11(b), before the Series C Shareholder may Transfer any Equity Securities, the Existing Preferred Shareholders shall have a Right of First Offer to purchase all (but not less than all) the Equity Securities which the Series C Shareholder desires to Transfer, on the terms and conditions set forth herein, and to the extent the Right of First Offer to purchase all (but not less than all) the Equity Securities is not accepted by the Existing Preferred Shareholders, the Key Founders shall have the Right of First Offer to purchase the Equity Securities which the Series C Shareholder desires to Transfer, on terms and conditions set forth herein. Before the Series C Shareholder may Transfer any Equity Securities, any of the Existing Preferred Shareholders and any of the Key Founders, who has not exercised its Right of First Offer with respect to the Transferred Shares pursuant to Article 13 below, shall have a Right of Co-Sale as to the Equity Securities which the selling Series C Shareholder desires to Transfer, on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

(f) Effectiveness of Transfer.

Any Transfer of any Equity Securities to any Person (who is not already a Member) shall not be completed until such Person has agreed to be bound by and has complied with the terms and conditions of the ROFR and Co-Sale Agreement to which the seller is subject (it being understood that any such Person shall duly execute and deliver a deed of adherence in the form set out in the ROFR and Co-Sale Agreement, confirming to the Company and the other shareholders of the Company that it shall be bound by the ROFR and Co-Sale Agreement as was the seller).

12. Right of First Refusal

(a) Notice of Proposed Transfer by a Key Founder or an Other Shareholder.

If any Key Founder or any Other Shareholder (as the case may be) proposes to Transfer any of its Equity Securities to any Person (a "**Proposed Transferee**") save for a transfer pursuant to Article 14 below, such Key Founder or Other Shareholder (as the case may be) shall deliver to the Company and each of the

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Preferred Shareholders a written notice (the "**RFR Notice**") stating: (i) the Key Founder's or the Other Shareholder's (as the case may be) bona fide intention to Transfer such Equity Securities (the "**Offered Shares**"); (ii) the name, address and phone number of the Proposed Transferee; (iii) the maximum aggregate number of Offered Shares to be Transferred; (iv) the bona fide cash price or other consideration for which the Key Founder or the Other Shareholder (as the case may be) proposes to Transfer the Offered Shares (the "**Offered Price**"); (v) each Preferred Shareholder's right to exercise either its Right of First Refusal or its Right of Co-Sale (but not both rights) with respect to the Offered Shares; (vi) each Preferred Shareholder's pro rata share of the Offered Shares (as determined in accordance with Article 12(b) (i)); and (vii) a deadline, consistent with the terms of the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement, within which the Preferred Shareholders may exercise such rights. Such RFR Notice shall constitute an offer by the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) to each of the Preferred Shareholders to sell to it the total number of the Offered Shares. The selling Key Founder or the selling Other

Shareholder (as the case may be) shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Proposed Transferee (if not an existing shareholder of the Company) is a Person of good reputation acceptable to the Preferred Shareholders.

(b) Exercise of the Right of First Refusal by the Preferred Shareholders in a Key Founder's or an Other Shareholder's Transfer.

- (i) Subject to the terms of this Article 12, each of the Preferred Shareholders shall have the Right of First Refusal to purchase all or any part of the Offered Shares of the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be); provided that each Preferred Shareholder so electing gives a written notice of the exercise of such right to the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder within thirty (30) days after the date on which the RFR Notice is received by such Preferred Shareholder (the "**Refusal Period**"). Each Preferred Shareholder who has given written notice of its election to exercise of such right within the Refusal Period shall have the right to purchase its pro rata share of the Offered Shares. For the purpose of this Article 12(b)(i), each Preferred Shareholder's pro rata share of the Offered Shares shall be the aggregate number of Offered Shares multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities then outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) owned by such Preferred Shareholder on the date of the RFR Notice and the denominator of which shall be the number of

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Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities then outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) held by all Preferred Shareholders on the date of the RFR Notice.

- (ii) In the event that any Preferred Shareholder has not elected to purchase its full pro rata share of the Offered Shares available to it pursuant to its rights under Article 12(b)(i) above within the Refusal Period, then the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) shall promptly (and in any case no later than three (3) days after the Refusal Period) give a written notice (the "**Overallotment Notice**") to the Company and each Preferred Shareholder that has elected to purchase its full pro rata share of the Offered Shares (the "**Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders**"), which notice shall set forth the number of Offered Shares that have not been elected for purchase by the other Preferred Shareholders (such shares, the "**Overallotment Shares**"), and shall offer the Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders the right to purchase its pro rata share of the Overallotment Shares as set forth in the Overallotment Notice. Each Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder shall have ten (10) days after receipt of the Overallotment Notice (the "**Overallotment Refusal Period**") to deliver a written notice to the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) of its election to purchase up to its pro rata share of the Overallotment Shares on the same terms and conditions as set forth in the RFR Notice. For the purpose of this Article 12(b)(ii), each Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder's pro rata share of the Overallotment Shares shall be the aggregate number of the Overallotment Shares multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities then outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) owned by such Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder on the date of the RFR Notice and the denominator of which shall be the total number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities then outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) owned by all Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders on the date of the RFR Notice.

(c) Exercise by the Company.

Within five (5) days after the expiration of the Overallotment Refusal Period, the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) proposing to Transfer the Offered Shares will give written notices to the Company and each Preferred Shareholder (the "**Confirmation Notice**") specifying the

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number of Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Preferred Shareholders exercising their Rights of First Refusal pursuant to Article 12(b) above and the number of Offered Shares, if any, that remains available for Transfer (the "**Remaining Shares**"). The Company shall have the right to purchase, and subsequently cancel in accordance with the laws of the Cayman Islands all or any part of the Remaining Shares if the Company gives written notice of the exercise of such right to the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) proposing to Transfer the Offered Shares within ten (10) days of delivery of the Confirmation Notice to the Company and each of the Preferred Shareholders.

(d) Purchase Price.

The purchase price for the Offered Shares to be purchased by the Company or by a Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal under the ROFR & Co-

Sale Agreement and these Articles will be the Offered Price and will be payable as set forth in Article 12(e) hereof. If the Offered Price includes consideration other than cash, the cash equivalent value of the non-cash consideration will be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company (including affirmative votes of all Preferred Share Directors) in good faith, and such determination will be binding upon the Company, each Preferred Shareholder (if applicable), and the selling Key Founder, absent fraud or error.

(e) Payment.

Payment of the Offered Price for the Offered Shares elected for purchase by the Company or by a Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal pursuant to this Article 12 shall be made within ninety (90) days after the date of the Confirmation Notice ("**Transfer Period**"). Payment of the Offered Price shall be made, at the option of the exercising Preferred Shareholder, as applicable, (i) in cash (or by check), (ii) by cancellation of all or a portion of any outstanding indebtedness of the selling Key Founder to such Preferred Shareholder or to the Company, as the case may be, or (iii) by any combination of the foregoing. Following the payment by the Company for the Offered Shares purchased by the Company, such Offered Shares shall be cancelled.

(f) Key Founders' and the Other Shareholders' Right to Transfer.

If the Company and each Preferred Shareholder have not elected to purchase all or any portion of the Offered Shares pursuant to this Article 12, then the selling Key

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Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) may Transfer such portion of the Offered Shares that the Company and the Preferred Shareholders have not elected to purchase (the "**Co-Sale Eligible Shares**") to the Proposed Transferee named in the RFR Notice, at the Offered Price; provided that any such Transfer by the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) of the Co-Sale Eligible Shares shall still be subject to the Preferred Shareholders' Right of Co-Sale provided in Article 14 below of and provided further that the Proposed Transferee shall have executed a counterpart to the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement or a deed of adherence in the form set out in the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement, confirming that it shall be bound by the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement.

(g) Completion in the event that the Right of First Refusal is exercised.

Any Transfer of the Offered Shares pursuant to this Article 12 shall be completed (the "**RFR Completion**") on the date set for the RFR Completion (the "**RFR Completion Date**"), subject to fulfillment of each condition set out in Article 12(g)(i) or waiver in whole or in part by each of the Preferred Shareholders exercising their Rights of First Refusal pursuant to this Article 12 or the Company (as the case may be), when the matters set out in Articles 12(g)(i)(1) and 12(g)(i)(2) shall take place, provided that none of the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be), the Preferred Shareholders exercising their Rights of First Refusal pursuant to Article 12, or the Company, shall be obliged to perform their relevant obligations under Articles 12(g)(i) and 12(b)(ii) if each of the others does not simultaneously perform (or has not already performed) its relevant obligations thereunder.

(i) Exercise by Preferred Shareholder(s).

- (1) Not less than ten (10) days prior to the RFR Completion Date, the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) shall deliver to each Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal the following documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of, each such Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal pursuant to this Article 12(b):
- a. draft instruments of transfer in relation to the Transfer of the relevant number of Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of

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First Refusal by the registered holders of those Offered Shares in favor of each such Preferred Shareholder;

- b. copies of the existing share certificates representing the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal pursuant to this Article 12 and draft copies of the new share certificate in the name of the relevant Preferred Shareholder in respect of such number of Offered Shares that such Preferred Shareholder has elected to purchase pursuant to this Article 12; and
- c. a certified true copy of the resolutions of a properly convened board meeting of the Company at which the Board of Directors approves:
- (A) the Transfers of the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each Preferred Shareholder pursuant to this Article 12 from the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) to each of such Preferred Shareholders or their specified nominees;
- (B) the cancellation of the existing share certificates representing the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each Preferred Shareholder pursuant to this Article 12 and the issue of new share certificates in the name of the relevant Preferred Shareholders (or their nominees) in respect of such number of Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each such Preferred Shareholder pursuant to this Article 12 and, if the sale is in respect of only part of such Key Founder's or the selling Other Shareholder's (as the case may be) holding of Shares, new share certificates in the name of the selling Key Founder for the balance of the Shares retained by it; and

(C) the amendment of the register of members of the Company, to reflect such Transfer.

(2) At the RFR Completion, the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) shall deliver the following

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documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of, each Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal:

- a. undated and executed instruments of transfer in relation to the transfer of the relevant Offered Shares by the registered holders of those Shares in favor of such Preferred Shareholder (or any other Person that such Preferred Shareholder nominates for the purpose (in such case, such nominee shall execute a counterpart to the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement or a deed of adherence in the form set out in the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement confirming that it shall be bound by the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement as was the Preferred Shareholder)); and
- b. a new share certificate representing the relevant number of Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each Preferred Shareholder pursuant to this Article 12.

(3) At the RFR Completion and against the full compliance by the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) of its obligations under Articles 12(g)(i)(1) and 12(g)(i)(2), each Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal shall pay to the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be), or as it may direct, the consideration for the Offered Shares to be acquired by such Preferred Shareholder.

(ii) Exercise by the Company.

(1) Not less than ten (10) days prior to the RFR Completion Date, the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) shall deliver to the Company the following documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of, the Company:

- a. draft instruments of transfer in relation to the Transfer of the relevant number of Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Company by the registered holders of those Offered Shares in favor of the Company;
- b. copies of the existing share certificates representing the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Company; and

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c. a certified true copy of the resolutions of a properly convened board meeting of the Company at which the Board of Directors approves:

- (A) the Transfers of the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Company pursuant to this Article 12 from the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) to each of such the Company;
- (B) the cancellation of the existing share certificates representing the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Company pursuant to this Article 12; and
- (C) the amendment of the register of members of the Company, to reflect such Transfer and the cancellation of the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Company pursuant to this Article 12.

(2) At the RFR Completion, the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) shall deliver the following documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of the Company undated and executed instruments of transfer in relation to the transfer of the relevant Offered Shares by the registered holders of those Shares in favor of the Company.

(3) At the RFR Completion and against the full compliance by the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) of its obligations under Articles 12(g)(i) and 12(g)(ii), the Company shall pay to the selling Key Founder, or as it may direct, the consideration for the Offered Shares to be acquired the Company. Following such payment, such Offered Shares shall be cancelled.

(h) Selling Key Founder and Selling Other Shareholder's Representations and Warranties.

The Preferred Shareholders exercising their Right of First Refusal shall receive from the selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) the following representations and warranties as at the date of the RFR Notice and the date of the RFR Completion:

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a. Selling Key Founder's or the Selling Other Shareholder's right to sell the Offered Shares.

The selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) is the sole legal and beneficial owner of the Offered Shares it desires to Transfer and has the right to Transfer the full legal and beneficial interest in those Offered Shares to the Preferred Shareholder without any consent of any third Person.

b. No encumbrance over the Offered Shares.

The Offered Shares are not subject to any encumbrance and there are no arrangements or obligations that could result in the creation of an encumbrance affecting any of the Offered Shares.

c. No other rights over share capital of the Company.

Save for the provisions of the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement and subject to these Articles, in regards to rights over share capital of the Company:

- (1) no Person has or claims to have (A) the right (actual or contingent) to require the allotment, issue, transfer, conversion or redemption of any Share or loan capital of the Company or of any other securities giving rise to a right over the share capital of the Company; or (B) any other right relating to any of the Shares in the capital of the Company, or relating to any of the rights attaching to those Shares, and
- (2) there is no arrangement or obligation to create any right of the kind mentioned in Article 12(h)(c)(1).

d. Organization, good standing and qualification.

The selling Key Founder (except William Wei Huang (□□)) or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) is a company duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the respective laws of jurisdictions in which it is incorporated, and is qualified and is duly authorized to conduct business in the jurisdictions where it is operating its business.

e. Due authorization.

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The selling Key Founder or the selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) and its directors (if applicable) have all the necessary powers and authorities under its memorandum and articles of association or otherwise to execute, complete and perform the Transfer.

13. Right of First Offer

(a) Existing Preferred Shareholders' Transfer.

a. General.

As stated in Article 11(d), in the event that any Existing Preferred Shareholder proposes to Transfer all or any of the Equity Securities then held by it save for a transfer pursuant to Article 14, such Existing Preferred Shareholder shall comply with the provisions of this Article 13(a) to provide a Right of First Offer to the Series C Shareholder, and the exercise of such right shall also comply with provisions in Article 13(c).

b. Exercise of the Right of First Offer by the Series C Shareholder.

(1) If any selling Existing Preferred (the "Transferring Shareholder") proposes to Transfer all or any portion of its Equity Securities in the Company, it shall first give a written notice thereof (the "RFO Notice") to the Series C Shareholder stating: (A) the Transferring Shareholder's bona fide intention to Transfer such Equity Securities (the "Transfer Shares"); (ii) the maximum aggregate number of

Transfer Shares to be Transferred; (iii) the bona fide cash price for which the selling Existing Preferred Shareholder intends to Transfer the Transfer Shares (the “*Transfer Price*”); and (iv) Series C Shareholder’s right to exercise either its Right of First Offer or its Right of Co-Sale (but not both rights). Such RFO Notice shall constitute an offer by such Transferring Shareholder to sell the Transfer Shares to the Series C Shareholder on the terms of the RFO Notice;

- (2) As stated in Article 11(d) and subject to the terms of this Article 13, the Series C Shareholder shall have the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares offered by the selling Existing Preferred Shareholder in the RFO Notice. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the RFO Notice by the Series C Shareholder (the “*Existing Preferred Transfer Offering Period*”), the Series C Shareholder has the right to exercise the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares by delivering a written notice (the “*Offer*

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Notice”) to the Transferring Shareholder stating that it is willing to acquire such Transfer Shares on the terms and conditions as set forth in the RFO Notice.

- (3) If the Series C Shareholder either rejects or fails to fully accept the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares as set out in Article 13(a)(b)(2) above within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the RFO Notice by the Series C Shareholder, then the Transferring Shareholder shall be free to enter into a binding agreement to Transfer all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares to a purchaser and to consummate such Transfer within ninety (90) days commencing from the date of rejection of the Right of First Offer to acquire all or part of the Transfer Shares as set out in Article 13(a)(b)(2) above by the Series C Shareholder or the last day of the Existing Preferred Transfer Offering Period, whichever is earlier, on no less favorable terms than those offered by the Transferring Shareholder to the Series C Shareholder in the RFO Notice, provided that any such Transfer shall still be subject to the relevant Right Holder’s Right of Co-Sale provided in Article 14 hereof and the provisions in Article 11(b) hereof. If the Transferring Shareholder does not enter into such an agreement and consummate the Transfer to a purchaser within such 90-day period, any subsequent proposed Transfer by it of any Equity Securities (including some or all of the Transfer Shares) shall again be subject to the provisions of this Article 13(a).

(b) Series C Shareholder’s Transfer

a. General.

As stated in Article 11(e), in the event the Series C Shareholder proposes to Transfer all or any of the Equity Securities then held by it save for a Transfer pursuant to Article 14, the selling Series C Shareholder shall be subject to the Existing Preferred Shareholders’ Right of First Offer and the Key Shareholders’ Right of First Offer in accordance with the provisions of this Article 13(b), and the exercise of such right shall also comply with provisions in Article 13(c).

b. Exercise of the Right of First Offer by the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Key Shareholders.

- (1) If the selling Series C Shareholder proposes to Transfer all or any portion of its Equity Securities in the Company, it shall first give a written notice

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thereof (the “*RFO Notice*”) to each of the Company, the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Key Shareholders stating: (A) the selling Series C Shareholder’s bona fide intention to Transfer such Equity Securities (the “*Transfer Shares*”); (B) the maximum aggregate number of Transfer Shares to be Transferred; (C) the bona fide cash price for which the selling Series C Shareholder intends to Transfer the Transfer Shares (the “*Transfer Price*”); and (D) each Existing Preferred Shareholder’s and Key Shareholder’s right to exercise either its Right of First Offer or its Right of Co-Sale (but not both rights). Such RFO Notice shall constitute an offer by the Series C Shareholder to sell the Transfer Shares to the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Key Shareholders on the terms of the RFO Notice.

- (2) As stated in Article 11(d) and subject to the terms of this Article 13, the Existing Preferred Shareholders shall have the Right of First Offer to purchase all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares of the Series C Shareholder. Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt by the Company of the RFO Notice (the “*Existing Preferred RFO Offering Period*”), the Existing Preferred Shareholders may exercise the Right of First Offer (as a group) to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares by duly delivering one (and only one) written notice (“*Existing Preferred RFO Notice*”) to the selling Series C Shareholder stating the identity of the Existing Preferred Shareholder(s) who have accepted the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Article 13(b)(b.) and the specific number of Transfer Shares to be acquired by each of such accepting Existing Preferred Shareholder(s) on the terms and conditions as set forth herein. Each of the Existing Preferred Shareholders hereby irrevocably acknowledges and agrees that, if the selling Series C Shareholder receives more than one Existing Preferred RFO Notice during the Existing Preferred RFO Offering Period, then all of the Existing Preferred RFO Notices received by the selling Series C Shareholder shall be deemed as void and invalid, and the Existing Preferred Shareholders shall be deemed to have rejected their Right of First Offer with respect to the Transfer Shares.
- (3) Upon the expiry of the above Existing Preferred RFO Offering Period, if the selling Series C Shareholder has not received any Existing Preferred RFO Notice or has received more than one Existing Preferred RFO Notice, or has received one or more notice(s) from all of the Existing Preferred Shareholders which state(s) that the Existing Preferred Shareholders have not accepted the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares or the Existing Preferred Shareholders have rejected or

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failed to accept the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares, each of the Existing Preferred Shareholders shall be deemed to have waived its Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Article 13(b)(b.) and the Company shall immediately notify each of the Key Shareholders of their right to exercise their Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Article 13(b)(b.). Each of the Key Shareholders hereby appoints the Company as its authorised representative for the purpose of the exercise of its Right of First Offer pursuant to this Article 13(b)(b.) and agrees to be bound by the actions or omissions of the Company pursuant to this Article 13(b)(b.). Within a further fifteen (15) days from the end of the Existing Preferred RFO Offering Period (the “*Key Shareholders RFO Offering Period*”), each Key Shareholder may exercise the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) such Transfer Shares and the Company (acting as the authorised representative of the Key Shareholders) shall (on behalf of each of the Key Shareholders) deliver a written notice (“*Key Shareholders RFO Notice*”) to the selling Series C Shareholder stating that either (i) all the Key Shareholders have rejected or failed to accept the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Article 13(b)(b.); or (ii) the identity of the Key Shareholder(s) who have accepted the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) of the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Article 13(b)(b.) and to the extent that more than one Key Shareholder has accepted the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) of the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Article 13(b)(b.), the number of Transfer Shares to be acquired by each of such accepting Key Shareholders on the terms and conditions as set forth herein.

- (4) If the Existing Preferred Shareholders or the Key Shareholders (as the case maybe) have either rejected or failed to fully accept the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Article 13(b)(b.) as set out above, then the selling Series C Shareholder shall be free to enter into a binding agreement to Transfer all of the Transfer Shares to a purchaser within ninety (90) days commencing from the date of the rejection of the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) of the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Article 13(b)(b.) by the Existing Preferred Shareholders or the Key Shareholders or the last day of the Key Shareholders RFO Offering Period, whichever is earlier, on no less favorable terms than those offered by the selling Series C Shareholder to the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Key Shareholders (as the case

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maybe) in the RFO Notice, provided that any such Transfer shall still be subject to the relevant Right Holder’s Right of Co-Sale provided in Article 14 hereof and to the provisions of Article 11(b) hereof. If the selling Series C Shareholder does not enter into such an agreement or consummate the Transfer to a purchaser within such 90-day period, any subsequent proposed Transfer by it of some or all of the Transfer Shares shall again be subject to the provisions of this Article 13(b)(b.).

c. Transfer as a Whole.

- (1) The Existing Preferred Shareholders agree that they shall only exercise their Right of First Offer pursuant to Article 13(b)(b.) by purchasing the Transfer Shares in whole but not in part, and if more than one Existing Preferred Shareholder exercises their Right of First Offer, then such Existing Preferred Shareholders shall have first agreed amongst themselves whether to acquire the Transfer Shares on a pro rata basis among all the Existing Preferred Shareholders who have exercised their respective Right of First Offer or on some other basis. Notwithstanding any provisions of these Articles, the parties hereto agree that, the Existing Preferred RFO Notice that is delivered by the Existing Preferred Shareholders or any failure by the Existing Preferred Shareholders to deliver the Existing Preferred RFO Notice in accordance with Article 13(b)(b)(2) shall be deemed to be final and binding upon each Existing Preferred Shareholder.
- (2) The Key Shareholders agree, to the extent that the Existing Preferred Shareholders do not fully exercise their Right of First Offer pursuant to Article 13(b)(b.) by purchasing the Transfer Shares in whole but not in part, the Key Shareholders shall only exercise their Right of First Offer pursuant to Article 13(b)(b.) by purchasing Transfer Shares in whole but not in part, and if more than one Key Shareholder exercise their Right of First Offer pursuant to Article 13(b)(b.), then such Key Shareholders shall have first agreed amongst themselves whether to acquire the Transfer Shares on a pro rata basis among all the Key Shareholders who exercised their respective Right of First Offer or on some other basis. Notwithstanding any provisions of these Articles, the parties hereto agree that, the Key Shareholders RFO Notice that is delivered by the Company or any failure by the Company to deliver the Existing Preferred RFO Notice in accordance with Article 13(b)(b)(3) shall be deemed to be final and binding upon each Key Shareholder.

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- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree that the selling Series C Shareholder (i) shall be entitled to treat any Existing Preferred RFO Notice and any Key Shareholder RFO Notice that is received by the selling Series C Shareholder as final and binding on all the Existing Preferred Shareholders and all the Key Shareholders (as the case maybe); and (ii) shall not be required to confirm or verify

(c) General Procedures of the Exercise of the Right of First Offer in Both Existing Preferred Shareholders' Transfer and Series C Shareholder's Transfer.

a. Purchase Price.

The purchase price for the Transfer Shares to be purchased by the Series C Shareholder, an Existing Preferred Shareholder or by a Key Shareholder exercising its respective Right of First Offer under these Articles will be the Transfer Price and will be payable as set forth in Article 13(c)(b.) hereof.

b. Payment.

Payment of the purchase price for the Transfer Shares purchased by a Series C Shareholder, an Existing Preferred Shareholder or by a Key Shareholder who has elected to purchase the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Article 13 shall be made within fifteen (15) days after the expiry of the relevant Offering Period. Payment of the Transfer Price shall be made in cash.

c. Completion in the event that Right of First Offer is exercised.

Any Transfer of the Transfer Shares pursuant to Article 13 shall be completed (the "**RFO Completion**") on the date set for the RFO Completion (the "**RFO Completion Date**"), subject to fulfillment of each condition set out in Article 13(c)(c.) (1) or waiver in whole or in part by the relevant Rights Holder exercising its Right of First Refusal pursuant to this Article 13, when the matters set out in Article 13(c)(c.) (2) and Article 13(c)(c.) (3) shall take place, provided that none of the selling Series C Shareholder, the selling Existing Preferred Shareholder and the relevant Right Holder respectively shall be obliged to perform their relevant obligations under Article 13(c)(c.) (2) and Article 13(c)(c.) (3) if each of the others

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does not simultaneously perform (or has not already performed) its relevant obligations thereunder.

(1) Not less than ten (10) days prior to the Completion Date, the selling Series C Shareholder or the selling Existing Preferred Shareholder (as the case may be) shall deliver the following documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of, each relevant Right Holder exercising its Right of First Offer:

- (A) draft instruments of transfer in relation to the Transfer of the relevant number of Transfer Shares that have been elected for purchase by the relevant Right Holder pursuant to this Article 13 by the registered holders of those Transfer Shares in favor of each of such relevant Right Holder(s) (or any other Person such Right Holder nominates for the purpose);
- (B) copies of the existing share certificates representing the Transfer Shares and draft copies of the new share certificate(s) in the name of the relevant Right Holder(s) in respect of such number of Transfer Shares that such Right Holder has elected to purchase pursuant to this Article 13; and
- (C) a certified true copy of the resolutions of a properly convened board meeting of the Company at which the Board of Directors approves:
 - (x) the Transfers of the Transfer Shares that have been elected for purchase by the relevant Right Holder pursuant to this Article 13 from the selling Series C Shareholder or the selling Existing Preferred Shareholder to their respective Right Holders exercising Rights of First Offer or their specified nominees;
 - (y) the cancellation of the existing share certificates representing the Transfer Shares that have been elected for purchase by the relevant Right Holder pursuant to this Article 13 and the issue of new share certificates in the name of the relevant Right Holders exercising the Right of First Offer (or their nominees); and
 - (z) the amendment of the register of members of the Company, to reflect such Transfer.

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(2) At the RFO Completion, the selling Series C Shareholder or the selling Existing Preferred Shareholder (as the case may be) shall deliver the following documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of, each relevant Right Holder exercising its Right of First Offer:

- (A) undated and executed instruments of transfer in relation to the transfer of the Transfer Shares that have been elected for purchase by the relevant Right Holder pursuant to this Article 13 by the registered holders of those Shares in favor of the relevant Right Holder exercising the Right of First Offer (or any other Person that such Right Holder nominates for the purpose (in such case, such nominee shall execute a counterpart to the ROFO & Co-Sale Agreement confirming that it shall be bound by the ROFO & Co-Sale Agreement)); and
- (B) the new share certificates representing the relevant number of Transfer Shares that have been elected for purchase by the relevant Right Holder pursuant to this Article 13.

(3) At the RFO Completion and against the full compliance by the selling Series C Shareholder or the selling Existing Preferred Shareholder (as the case may be), each relevant Right Holder exercising the Right of First Offer pursuant to this Article 13 shall pay to the selling Series C Shareholder or the selling Existing Preferred Shareholder (as the case may be), or as it may direct, the consideration for the Transfer Shares to be acquired by such relevant Right Holder.

(4) Representations and Warranties.

The selling Series C Shareholder or any of the selling Existing Preferred Shareholder (as the case may be) shall not make (or be required to make) any representation or warranty to their respective relevant Right Holder in connection with the exercise of the Right of First Offer, other than those on good title to the Transfer Shares, absence of liens with respect to the Transfer Shares and customary representations and warranties concerning the Transferring Shareholder's power and authority to undertake the proposed Transfer.

d. The provisions of this Article 13 shall not apply to the extent that the Transferred Shares are being Transferred as a result of the exercise of the rights of any party under Article 14.

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14. Right of Co-Sale

(a) Key Founder's and Other Shareholder's Transfer.

(i) Initial Exercise by the Preferred Shareholders.

To the extent that any Preferred Shareholder has not exercised its Right of First Refusal with respect to the Offered Shares pursuant to Article 12 hereof, then each Preferred Shareholder who has not exercised its right in Article 12(b)(a) "**Co-Sale Shareholder**") shall have the right to participate in such sale of the Co-Sale Eligible Shares pursuant to Article 12(f) on the same terms and conditions as specified in the RFR Notice subject to the terms of this Article 14 by notifying the selling Key Founder or selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) in writing within seventeen (17) days after delivery of the Confirmation Notice to such Co-Sale Shareholder (the "**Co-Sale Period**"). Each Co-Sale Shareholder who delivers a notice pursuant to the preceding sentence (a "**Participating Co-Sale Shareholder**") may sell, pursuant to the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder's Right of Co-Sale, up to that number of shares held by such Participating Co-Sale Shareholder which equals, the product of the Co-Sale Eligible Shares multiplied by such Participating Co-Sale Shareholder's Pro-Rata Share. The Participating Co-Sale Shareholder shall indicate the number of shares (on an as converted basis) it then holds that it wishes to sell pursuant to this Article 14(a) (the "**Participating Co-Sale Shareholder Shares**"). The sale of the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder Shares shall occur simultaneously with the sale of the Co-Sale Eligible Shares and within ninety (90) days after the end of the Co-Sale Period. The selling Key Founder or selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) shall ensure that the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder Shares are included in the relevant Transfer to the Approved Third Party Purchaser. If the Approved Third Party Purchaser fails to purchase all the Participating Co-Sale Shares, then the relevant Transfer of Co-Sale Eligible Shares shall not be completed. This Right of Co-Sale shall not apply with respect to the Offered Shares sold or to be sold to the Company or Preferred Shareholders under their Right of First Refusal.

(ii) Consummation of Co-Sale.

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A Participating Co-Sale Shareholder which has exercised the Right of Co-Sale shall deliver to the selling Key Founder or selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) at or before the RFR Completion, one or more instruments of transfer together with the applicable share certificates, representing a number of shares not to exceed the number of shares to which the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder is entitled in Article 14(a), representing such shares to be Transferred by the selling Key Founder or selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) on behalf of the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder. If the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder does not hold a certificate in that series, class or type of shares representing the number of securities owned and to be sold by such Participating Co-Sale Shareholder pursuant to this Article 14, then the Company shall, in accordance with the conversion provision and other relevant provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association then in effect, promptly issue a certificate representing the proper series, class, type and number of shares to be sold pursuant to this Right of Co-Sale. At the RFR Completion, such certificates and instruments of transfer will be delivered to the Approved Third Party Purchaser as set forth in the RFR Notice in consummation of the Transfer of the shares pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in the RFR Notice, and the selling Key Founder or selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) will remit, or will cause to be remitted, to each Participating Co-Sale Shareholder that portion of the proceeds of the Transfer to which each Participating Co-Sale Shareholder is entitled by reason of each Participating Co-Sale Shareholder's participation in such Transfer

pursuant to the Right of Co-Sale. Following the RFR Completion, the Company shall deliver a certificate for the remaining balance of the securities held by the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder, if any, to such Participating Co-Sale Shareholder.

- (iii) Participating Co-Sale Shareholders who exercise the Right of Co-Sale shall not be required to give representations and warranties other than those on good title of the shares to be Transferred by the selling Key Founder or selling Other Shareholder (as the case may be) on behalf of the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder.

(b) Existing Preferred Shareholders' Transfer.

In the event that any of the Existing Preferred Shareholder (other than SBCVC) proposes to Transfer any of the Equity Securities held by it, to the extent that the

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Series C Shareholder has not exercised its Right of First Offer with respect to the Transfer Shares pursuant to Article 13 above, then the Series C Shareholder shall be entitled to exercise the Right of Co-Sale, provided that the exercise of such right shall comply with, *mutatis mutandis*, the procedures as set out in Article 14(a)(for the avoidance of doubt, references to "RFR Completion" shall be deemed to be "RFO Completion"). The relevant Existing Preferred Shareholder shall ensure that the Participating Co-Sale Shares are included in the relevant Transfer to the Approved Third Party Purchaser. If the Approved Third Party Purchaser fails to purchase all the Participating Co-Sale Shares, then the relevant Transfer of Co-Sale Eligible Shares shall not be completed. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles, the disposition of any Existing Preferred Shares by SBCVC shall not be subject to the Right of Co-Sale as set forth in these Articles.

(c) Series C Shareholder's Transfer.

In the event that the Series C Shareholder proposes to Transfer any of the Equity Securities then held by it, to the extent that the Existing Preferred Shareholders or the Key Founders have not exercised their Rights of First Offer with respect to the Transfer Shares pursuant to Article 13 hereof, each Existing Preferred Shareholder (other than SBCVC) and each Key Founder shall be entitled to exercise the Right of Co-Sale owned by them, provided that the exercise of such right shall comply with, *mutatis mutandis*, the procedures as set out in Article 14(a)(for the avoidance of doubt, references to "RFR Completion" shall be deemed to be "RFO Completion"). There is no priority in exercising the Right of Co-Sale between the Key Founders and the Existing Preferred Shareholders (other than SBCVC), and the Series C Shareholder shall ensure that the relevant Participating Co-Sale Shares held by the Key Founders and the Existing Preferred Shareholders (other than SBCVC) are included in the relevant Transfer to the Approved Third Party Purchaser. If the Approved Third Party Purchaser fails to purchase all the Participating Co-Sale Shares, then the relevant Transfer of Co-Sale Eligible Shares shall not be completed.

15. Upstream Transfer

- (a) William Wei Huang (□□) agrees and shall ensure that any proposed Transfer of an indirect beneficial interest in the capital of the Company shall be deemed to be a Transfer of Shares in the Company and shall be subject to the Series C Shareholder's Right of First Refusal under Article 12 hereto. William Wei Huang (□□) may only Transfer his interests in the capital of EDC Group and GDS

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Enterprises, to an Approved Third Party Purchaser provided that (i) EDC Group or GDS Enterprises has first offered to the Series C Shareholder such number of Shares in the capital of the Company calculated by multiplying (x) the percentage of shares of EDC Group or GDS Enterprises that is proposed to be sold by William Wei Huang (□□) to a purchaser; by (y) the total number of Shares held by EDC Group or GDS Enterprises in the Company at the time of such offer, on no less favourable terms than those offered by such purchaser to William Wei Huang (□□) and (ii) the Series C Shareholder has either rejected or failed to accept such offer.

- (b) William Wei Huang (□□) agrees and shall ensure that any proposed Transfer of an indirect beneficial interest in the capital of the Company shall be deemed to be a Transfer of Shares in the Company and shall be subject to the Series C Shareholder's Right of First Refusal under Article 12 hereto. William Wei Huang (□□) may only transfer his interests in the capital of Excel Prayer and/or Solution Leisure, to a purchaser provided that (i) Global Data Solutions Limited has first offered to the Series C Shareholder such number of shares in the capital of the Company calculated by multiplying (x) the percentage of shares of Excel Prayer and/or Solution Leisure (as the case may be) that is proposed to be sold by William Wei Huang (□□) to the Approved Third Party Purchaser; by (y) the percentage of shares of Global Data Solutions Limited that is held by Excel Prayer and/or Solution Leisure (as the case may be) at the time of such offer; by (z) the total number of Shares held by Global Data Solutions Limited in the Company at the time of such offer, on no less favourable terms than those offered by such Approved Third Party Purchaser to William Wei Huang (□□) and (ii) the Series C Shareholder has either rejected or failed to accept such offer.

- (c) The Upstream transfer restrictions set forth in Article 15(a) to (b) above, shall be carried out *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with the procedures as set out in Articles 12 and 14.

16. Prohibited Transfer

- (a) Any Transfer in violation of Articles 11 to 14 or this Article 16(a) (a "Prohibited Transfer") shall be null and void and shall not confer on any transferee any rights whatsoever.
- (b) No Transfer of Shares referred to in Article 16(a) shall in any event be registered or become effective unless the Approved Third Party Purchaser shall first have

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executed a counterpart to the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement confirming that it shall be bound by the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement as was the selling Member.

17. Drag-along Right

- (a) Subject to the provisions of these Articles and prior to the closing of a Qualified IPO, if (i) any Preferred Shareholders (the "Selling Member") receives a bona fide offer from and agrees to the terms for the sale of all of its shares with a third party buyer which is not an Affiliate of the Selling Member (the "Buyer") (the "Drag-Along Sale"), and (ii) holders representing not less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares (voting together as a separate class) and holders representing not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares and the holders of at least fifty percent (50%) of the then outstanding Ordinary Shares, vote in favor of, or consent in writing to, or otherwise agree in writing to sell or transfer all of their Shares in the Drag-Along Sale, then the Selling Member may require all other Members to participate in the proposed Drag-Along Sale in accordance with and subject to the conditions set forth in this Article 17. However, the Series C Shareholder shall be exempted from being required to participate in the proposed Drag-Along Sale and for the avoidance of doubt, the Series C Shareholder shall not be a Dragged Member. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if such Series C Shareholder votes for the Drag-Along Sale, the Series C Shareholder voting for the Drag-Along sale shall be deemed to have forfeited rights not to be a Dragged Member for this particular Drag-along Sale.

- (b) The Selling Member may, following execution of a binding agreement with the Buyer (whether conditional or unconditional) for the Drag-Along Sale (directly or indirectly) of the Shares (the "Sale Agreement"), by serving a notice in writing (a "Drag Notice") on each of the other Members who are subject to or have agreed to participate in the Drag-Along Sale and who is not a party to the Sale Agreement (each a "Dragged Member"), require each Dragged Member to transfer all of its Shares (the "Dragged Shares") to the Buyer at the price set out in Article (c) below on the date indicated in the Drag Notice as being the date of completion of the Sale Agreement (the "Drag Completion Date"), being not less than thirty (30) days after the date of the Drag Notice, and on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in this Article 17. If the Drag-Along Sale contemplated in the Sale Agreement does not complete, the Drag Notice shall lapse.

- (c) The price for each Dragged Share shall:

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- (i) be equal to the higher of (A) two point five (2.5) times of the highest Original Purchase Price and (B) the highest consideration offered for each Share in the Company in the Sale Agreement;
 - (ii) be in the same form as that offered for each Share in the Company in the Sale Agreement; and
 - (iii) be paid at the same time as the consideration is payable under the Sale Agreement (or, if later, on the Drag Completion Date) and shall be subject to the same payment terms.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, the Preferred Shareholders' rights under this Article 17 to transfer the Dragged Shares shall apply regardless of whether the Dragged Shares are of the same class or type of Shares of the Company which the Selling Member proposes to sell.
 - (e) Any sale made by a Dragged Member shall be made on substantially the same terms and conditions as described in the Sale Agreement. However, the Dragged Members shall not be required to make any representation or warranty to the Buyer, other than as to good title to any Dragged Shares, absence of liens with respect to such Dragged Shares, the Dragged Member's power and authority to undertake the proposed sale, and the validity and enforceability of the Dragged Member's obligations in connection with it.
 - (f) Each Dragged Member's indemnification obligations, if any, in connection with the Drag-Along Sale shall only apply with respect to a breach of their own respective representations and warranties and shall be limited (A) to a period of twelve (12) months after consummation of the Drag-Along Sale and (B) to the net sale proceeds received by such Dragged Member in the Drag-Along Sale. The Selling Member shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Buyer in the Drag-Along Sale is a Person of good reputation acceptable to the Preferred Shareholders.

Any duly appointed attorney of any Dragged Member, including any director of the Company, may act on such Dragged Member's behalf to fulfill its obligations hereunder on any Drag-Along Sale where any such Dragged Member refused to act.

18. Subject to Article 81, if at any time the Share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of Shares, the rights attached to any class (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the Shares of that class) may, whether or not the Company is being wound-up, be varied with the consent in writing of, or with the sanction of a resolution passed at a general meeting by, the holders of a majority of the then outstanding Shares of that class, voting as a separate class. The provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings shall apply to every such general meeting of the holders of one class of Shares except that the necessary quorum shall be one Person holding or representing by proxy at least a majority of the issued Shares of that class. The rights conferred upon the holders of the Shares of any class issued with preferred or other rights shall not be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further Shares ranking *pari passu* therewith.

CONVERSION OF PREFERRED SHARES

19. Each Preferred Shareholder shall be entitled to convert any or all of its Preferred Shares, at any time, without the payment of any additional consideration, into such number of fully paid Ordinary Shares as is determined by dividing the Original Purchase Price, as the case may be, by the Conversion Price, in effect at the time of conversion. Any conversion of Preferred Shares made pursuant to these Articles shall be effected by the repurchase of the relevant number of Preferred Shares and the issuance of an appropriate number of Ordinary Shares.
20. The price at which each Ordinary Share shall be issued upon conversion of Preferred Shares without the payment of any additional consideration by the holders thereof (the "**Conversion Price**") shall initially be the Original Purchase Price, as applicable. The Conversion Price for Preferred Shares shall be subject to adjustment, in order to adjust the number of Ordinary Shares into which the Preferred Shares is convertible, as hereinafter provided.
21. Upon conversion, any accrued or declared but unpaid dividends on the Preferred Shares shall be paid.
22. Each Preferred Share shall (a) be automatically converted into Ordinary Shares at the then-effective Conversion Price immediately prior to the closing of a Qualified IPO, or (b) be converted into Ordinary Shares at the then-effective Conversion Price with the vote or written consent of the holders of at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares (voting together as a separate class) and the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares, in each case on an as converted basis.

23. No fractional Ordinary Shares shall be issued upon conversion of any Preferred Shares. In lieu of any fractional Shares to which the holder would otherwise be entitled, the Company shall pay cash equal to such fraction multiplied by the then fair value of an Ordinary Share as determined by the Board of Directors. For such purpose, all Preferred Shares held by each Preferred Shareholder in the same class shall be aggregated, and any resulting fractional Ordinary Share shall be paid in cash.
24. The right to convert shall be exercisable by the Preferred Shareholder surrendering the certificate or certificates therefor at the registered office of the Company or the office of any transfer agent for the Preferred Shares together with a written notice that such holder elects to convert a specified number of Preferred Shares on a specified date. In the event of an automatic conversion pursuant to Article 22, all outstanding Preferred Shares shall be converted automatically without any further action by the holders thereof and whether or not the certificates representing such shares are surrendered to the Company or its transfer agent in respect of such Preferred Shares. The Company will give notice of the automatic conversion to the holders of Preferred Shares within twenty (20) Business Days of the Conversion Date. The Company will not issue certificates in respect of any Ordinary Shares into which Preferred Shares have been converted upon automatic conversion unless the certificates in respect of the Preferred Shares so converted are either delivered to the registered office of the Company or to the office of its transfer agent in respect of such Preferred Shares or the holder notifies the Company or its transfer agent that such certificates have been lost, stolen or destroyed and executes an agreement satisfactory to the Company to indemnify the Company from any loss incurred by it in connection with such certificates. The Company shall, as soon as practicable following delivery of the certificates representing Preferred Shares or an indemnity as aforesaid, in the case of an automatic conversion, or as soon as practicable following the Conversion Date in respect of any conversion at the option of the holders, issue and deliver to such holder, a certificate or certificates for the number of Ordinary Shares to which such holder shall be entitled as aforesaid, together with a check, if applicable, payable to the holder in the amount of any cash amount payable as the result of any fractional Share resulting from the conversion of Preferred Shares into Ordinary Shares.

ADJUSTMENTS TO CONVERSION PRICES

25. In accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 26, the Conversion Price of the Preferred Shares shall be adjusted in respect of the issuance of Additional Ordinary Shares if the consideration per share for an Additional Ordinary Share issued or, pursuant to Article 26 hereof, deemed to be issued by the Company is less than the Conversion

Price in effect on the date of, and immediately prior to such issue, for such Preferred Shares.

26. In the event the Company at any time or from time to time after the Original Issue Date shall issue any Options or Convertible Securities that are exercisable for or convertible into, directly or indirectly, Additional Ordinary Shares, then the maximum number of Additional Ordinary Shares (as set forth in the instrument relating thereto, without regard to any provisions contained therein for a subsequent adjustment of such number) directly or indirectly issuable upon the exercise of such Options or, in the case of Convertible Securities, the conversion or exchange of such Convertible Securities or, in the case of Options for Convertible Securities, the exercise of such Options and conversion or exchange of the underlying Convertible Securities, shall be deemed to be Additional Ordinary Shares issued as of the time of such issue, *provided that* Additional Ordinary Shares shall not be deemed to have been issued unless the consideration per share (determined pursuant to Article 28) of such Additional Ordinary Shares would be less than the Conversion Price of the Preferred Shares in effect on the date of and immediately prior to such issue, or such record date, as the case may be, and *provided further* that in any such case in which Additional Ordinary Shares are deemed to be issued:
- (a) no adjustment in the Conversion Price of Preferred Shares shall be made upon the subsequent issue of Ordinary Shares upon the exercise of such Options or the conversion or exchange of such Convertible Securities;
- (b) if such Options or Convertible Securities by their terms provide, with the passage of time or otherwise, for any change in the consideration payable to the Company, or in the number of Ordinary Shares issuable upon the exercise, conversion or exchange thereof (other than a change pursuant to the anti-dilution provisions of such Options or Convertible Securities such as this Article 26), then the Conversion Price of the Preferred Shares computed upon the original issue thereof (or upon the occurrence of a record date with respect thereto), and any subsequent adjustments based thereon, shall be recomputed to reflect such change as if such change had been in effect as of the original issue thereof (or upon the occurrence of the record date with respect thereto);
- (c) no readjustment pursuant to clause (b) above shall have the effect of increasing the Conversion Price of the Preferred Shares to an amount above the Conversion Price that would have resulted from the issuance or deemed issuance in question had such issuance or deemed issuance originally been for such changed amount of consideration or number of Ordinary Shares; and

- (d) upon the expiration of any such Options or any rights of conversion or exchange under such Convertible Securities which shall not have been exercised, the Conversion Price of the Preferred Shares computed upon the original issue thereof and any subsequent adjustments based thereon shall, upon such expiration, be recomputed as if:
- (i) in the case of Convertible Securities or Options for Ordinary Shares, the only Additional Ordinary Shares issued were the Ordinary Shares, if any, actually issued upon the exercise of such Options or the conversion or exchange of such Convertible Securities and the consideration received therefor was the consideration actually received by the Company for the issue of such exercised Options plus the consideration actually received by the Company upon such exercise or for the issue of all such Convertible Securities which were actually converted or exchanged, plus the additional consideration, if any, actually received by the Company upon such conversion or exchange, and
- (ii) in the case of Options for Convertible Securities, only the Convertible Securities, if any, actually issued upon the exercise thereof were issued at the time of issue of such Options, and the consideration received by the Company for the Additional Ordinary Shares deemed to have been then issued was the consideration actually received by the Company for the issue of such exercised Options, plus the consideration deemed to have been received by the Company (determined pursuant to Article 28 hereof) upon the issue of the Convertible Securities with respect to which such Options were actually exercised.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the issuance of Series A* Shares, Series B1 Shares, Series B2 Shares, and Series B4 Shares pursuant to the Share Swap Agreement and relevant resolutions is for an inter-group restructuring purpose, and shall not give rise or be subject to any adjustment of the Conversion Price as set out herein.

27. In the event the Company shall issue Additional Ordinary Shares (including Additional Ordinary Shares deemed to be issued pursuant to Article 26 hereof) without consideration (to the extent permitted under Cayman law) or for a consideration per share less than the Conversion Price of the Preferred Shares in effect on the date of and immediately prior to such issue, then, the Conversion Price of the Preferred Shares shall be reduced, concurrently with such issue, to a price equal to the consideration per share received by

the Company for such Additional Ordinary Shares so issued. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Conversion Price of the Preferred Shares shall not be reduced at such time if the amount of such reduction would be less than US\$0.01, but any such amount shall be carried forward, and a reduction will be made with respect to such amount at the time of, and together with, any subsequent reduction which, together with such amount

and any other amounts so carried forward, equal US\$0.01 or more in the aggregate.

28. The consideration received by the Company for the issue or deemed issuance of any Additional Ordinary Shares shall be computed as follows:

- (a) insofar as it consists of cash, be computed at the aggregate amount of cash received by the Company before deducting any discounts, commissions or other expenses allowed, paid or incurred by the Company for any underwriting or otherwise in connection with such issuance and excluding amounts paid or payable for accrued interest or accrued dividends;
- (b) insofar as it consists of property other than cash, be computed at the fair value thereof at the time of such issue, as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors; and
- (c) in the event Additional Ordinary Shares are issued together with other Shares or securities or other assets of the Company for consideration, which covers both, be the proportion of such consideration so received, computed as provided in clauses (a) and (b) above, as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors.
- (d) The consideration per share received by the Company for Additional Ordinary Shares deemed to have been issued pursuant to Article 26 hereof, relating to Options and Convertible Securities, shall be determined by dividing
 - (i) the total amount, if any, received or receivable by the Company as consideration for the issue of such Options or Convertible Securities, plus the minimum aggregate amount of additional consideration (as set forth in the instruments relating thereto, without regard to any provision contained therein for a subsequent adjustment of such consideration) payable to the Company upon the exercise of such Options or the conversion or exchange of such Convertible Securities, or in the case of Options for Convertible Securities, the exercise of such Options for Convertible Securities and the conversion or exchange of such Convertible Securities by

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- (ii) the maximum number of Ordinary Shares (as set forth in the instruments relating thereto, without regard to any provision contained therein for a subsequent adjustment of such number) directly or indirectly issuable upon the exercise of such Options or the conversion or exchange of such Convertible Securities.

29. The Conversion Price in effect from time to time for the Preferred Shares shall be subject to adjustment in certain cases, and the other adjustments provided for in paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) shall also be effected, as follows:

- (a) In the event the Company at any time or from time to time after the Original Issue Date shall declare or pay any dividend or make any other distribution on the Ordinary Shares payable in Ordinary Shares or effect a subdivision of the outstanding Ordinary Shares (by share split, reclassification or otherwise than by payment of an in species dividend in Ordinary Shares), the Conversion Price for the Preferred Shares then in effect shall, concurrently with the payment of such dividend or distribution or the effectiveness of such subdivision, as the case may be, be proportionately decreased.
- (b) In the event the outstanding Ordinary Shares shall be combined or consolidated, by reclassification or otherwise, into a lesser number of Ordinary Shares, the Conversion Price for the Preferred Shares then in effect shall, concurrently with the effectiveness of such combination or consolidation, be proportionately increased.
- (c) In the event the Company, at any time or from time to time, makes or fixes a record date for the determination of holders of Ordinary Shares entitled to receive any distribution payable in securities of the Company other than Ordinary Shares and other than as otherwise adjusted in this Article 29, then and in each such event, provision shall be made so that the holders of the Preferred Shares shall receive upon conversion thereof, in addition to the number of Ordinary Shares receivable thereupon, the amount of securities of the Company which they would have received had the Preferred Shares been converted into Ordinary Shares on the date of such event and had the holder thereafter, during the period from the date of such event to and including the date of conversion, retained such securities receivable by them as aforesaid during such period, subject to all other adjustments called for during such period under this Article 29 with respect to the rights of the holders of such Preferred Shares.

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- (d) If the Ordinary Shares issuable upon conversion of the Preferred Shares shall be changed into the same or a different number of shares of any other class or classes of Shares, whether by Recapitalization, exchange, substitution, reclassification, or otherwise (other than a subdivision or combination of shares provided for above), then in any such event each Preferred Shareholder shall have the right thereafter to receive upon conversion of the Preferred Shares held by them, in lieu of the number of Ordinary Shares which the holders would otherwise have been entitled to receive, the number and type of Shares to which a holder of the Ordinary Shares deliverable upon conversion of all such Preferred Shares immediately prior to such event would have been entitled to receive upon such event.
- (e) If at any time or from time to time there shall be a Recapitalization, exchange or substitution of the Ordinary Shares (other than a subdivision, combination, Recapitalization or exchange of Shares provided for elsewhere in this Article 29) or a merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another corporation or entity, or the sale of all or substantially all of this Company's properties and assets to any other Person, in each case other than a Deemed Winding-Up Event, then as a part of such reorganization, merger, consolidation or sale, provision shall be made so that the holders of the Preferred Shares shall thereafter be entitled to receive upon conversion of the Preferred Shares held by them, the number of Shares or other securities or property of the Company, or of the successor company resulting from such reorganization, merger, consolidation or sale, to which a holder of Ordinary Shares deliverable upon conversion would have been entitled to upon such capital reorganization, merger, consolidation or sale. In any such case, appropriate adjustment shall be made in the application of the provisions of this Article 29 so that this Article 29 shall be applicable after that event as nearly equivalent as may be practicable.
- (f) In the event the outstanding Preferred Shares shall be subdivided (by stock split, by payment of a stock dividend or otherwise) into a greater number of Preferred Shares, the Dividend Rate, the Original Purchase Price, as applicable, and the Liquidation Preference of the Preferred Shares in effect immediately prior to such subdivision shall, concurrently with the effectiveness of such subdivision, be proportionately decreased. In the event the outstanding Preferred Shares shall be combined (by reclassification or otherwise) into a lesser number of Preferred Shares, the Dividend Rate, the Original Purchase Price, as applicable, and the Liquidation Preference of the Preferred Shares in effect immediately prior to such combination shall, concurrently with the effectiveness of such combination, be proportionately increased.

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- (g) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any downward adjustment of the Conversion Price of the Preferred Shares may be waived, either prospectively or retroactively and either generally or in a particular instance, by the consent or vote of the holders of at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares in respect of the Conversion Price of the Existing Preferred Shares (voting together as a separate class) and the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares in respect of the Conversion Price of the Series C Shares, each on an as converted basis. Any such waiver shall bind all future holders of such Shares.

30. [Intentionally omitted.]

31. Upon the occurrence of each adjustment or readjustment of the Conversion Price pursuant to Articles 25 to 29, the Company at its expense shall promptly compute such adjustment or readjustment in accordance with the terms hereof and furnish to each Preferred Shareholder a certificate setting forth such adjustment or readjustment and showing in detail the facts upon which such adjustment or readjustment is based. The Company shall, upon the written request at any time of any Preferred Shareholder furnish or cause to be furnished to such holder a like certificate setting forth (i) such adjustments and readjustments, (ii) the Conversion Price at the time in effect, and (iii) the number of Ordinary Shares and the amount, if any, of other property which at the time would be received upon the conversion of Preferred Shares.

NONRECOGNITION OF TRUSTS

32. No Person shall be recognized by the Company as holding any Share upon any trust, and the Company shall not be bound by or be compelled in any way to recognize (even when having notice thereof), any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any Share, or any interest in any fractional part of a Share, or (except only as is otherwise provided by these Articles or the Statute) any other rights in respect of any Share, except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the registered holder.

REGISTRATION OF EMPOWERING INSTRUMENTS

33. The Company shall be entitled to charge a fee not exceeding one dollar (US\$1.00) on the registration of every probate, letters of administration, certificate of death or marriage, power of attorney or other instrument.

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34. In case of the death of a Member, the survivor or survivors where the deceased was a joint holder, and the legal personal representatives of the deceased where he/she was a sole holder, shall be the only Persons recognized by the Company as having any title to his interest in the shares, but nothing herein contained shall release the estate of any such deceased holder from any liability in respect of any shares which had been held by him/her solely or jointly with other Persons.

35. Any Person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy or liquidation or dissolution of a Member (or in any other way than by transfer) may, upon such evidence being produced as may from time to time be required by the Board of Directors and subject as hereinafter provided, elect either to be registered himself/herself as holder of the share or to make such transfer of the share to such other Person nominated by him/her as the deceased or bankrupt Person could have made and to have such Person registered as the transferee thereof, but the Board of Directors shall, in either case, have the same right to decline or suspend registration as the Board of Directors would have had in the case of a transfer of the share by that Member before his/her death or bankruptcy as the case may be. If the Person so becoming entitled shall elect to be registered himself/herself as holder, he/she shall deliver or send to the Company a notice in writing signed by him/her stating that he/she so elects.

36. A Person becoming entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy or liquidation or dissolution of the holder (or in any other case than by transfer) shall be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share, except that he shall not, before being registered as a Member in respect of the share, be entitled in respect of it to exercise any right conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the Company; *provided, however*, that the Board of Directors may at any time give notice requiring any such Person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the share and, if the notice is not complied with within ninety (90) days, the Board of Directors may thereafter withhold payment of all dividends, bonuses or other monies payable in respect of the share until the requirements of the notice have been complied with.

37. [Intentionally omitted].

38. [Intentionally omitted].

GENERAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

39. The Company shall within one (1) year of its incorporation and in each year of its existence thereafter hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it. The annual general meeting shall be

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held at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine and the meeting may be held by telephone, video-conferencing or other electronic means provided that all participants can hear and be heard and are present from the commencement to the close of the meeting. At these meetings, the report of the Board of Directors, if any, shall be presented.

40. The Board of Directors may, whenever it thinks fit, and it shall on the requisition of the CEO or the Chairman of the Board, or Members of the Company holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition shares entitled to cast not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the votes (on an as-converted basis) of all the Members of the Company, proceed to convene a general meeting of the Company.

(a) The requisition must state the objects of the meeting and must be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the registered office of the Company, and may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more requisitionists.

(b) If the Board of Directors does not within twenty (20) days from the date of the deposit of the requisition, duly proceed to convene a general meeting, any of the above-mentioned requisitionists may convene a general meeting, but any meeting so convened shall not be held after the expiration of three (3) months after the expiration of the said twenty (20) days.

(c) A general meeting convened as aforesaid by requisitionists shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which general meetings are to be convened by Board of Directors.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

41. At least fifteen (15) Business Days' notice (but not more than sixty (60) days' notice) shall be given of an annual general meeting or any other general meeting. Every notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is given or deemed to be given, and of the day for which it is given, and shall specify the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and the general nature of the business and shall be given in the manner hereinafter mentioned, or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the Company; *provided* that a general meeting of the Company shall, whether or not the notice specified in this Article has been given, be deemed to have been duly convened if it is so agreed either before or after the meeting by holders of not less than a majority of the Shares (on an as converted basis) (it being specified that such majority shall include the Members collectively

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holding at least a majority of the Existing Preferred Shares and the Members collectively holding at least a majority of the Series C Shares, in each case as a separate class and on an as converted basis). The signing of a written waiver of notice or a consent to the holding of the meeting or an approval of the minutes thereof, or attendance at the meeting except where the relevant Member indicates to the contrary, shall constitute the agreement of a Member for the purpose of the preceding sentence. All such waivers, consents and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records of the Company or referred to in the minutes of the meeting. Attendance by a Member at a meeting, in person or by proxy, shall also constitute a waiver of notice, except when that Person objects at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of any business on the basis that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

42. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of Members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business; the quorum shall be such Members, present in person or by proxy, collectively holding not less than a majority of the Shares (in respect of any Preferred Shares, on an as converted basis) (it being specified that such majority for the purpose of constituting a quorum shall include the Members collectively holding at least a majority of the Existing Preferred Shares and the Members collectively holding at least a majority of the Series C Shares, in each case on an as converted basis).

43. A resolution (including a Special Resolution) in writing (in one or more counterparts), signed by all Members for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at general meetings (or being corporations by their duly authorized representatives) shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a general meeting of the Company duly convened and held.

44. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved and if in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other time or such other place as the Board of Directors may determine.

45. The Chairman, if any, of the Board of Directors shall preside as Chairman at every general meeting of the Company, or if there is no such Chairman, or if he shall not be present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, or is unwilling to act, the Board of Directors present shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

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46. If at any general meeting no Director is willing to act as Chairman or if no Director is present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Members present shall choose one of them to be Chairman of the meeting.

47. The Chairman of the meeting may, with the consent of any general meeting duly constituted hereunder, and shall if so directed by the holders, present in person or by proxy, of a majority of both the Ordinary Shares and the Preferred Shares (each on an as converted basis) held by Members present at that meeting in person or by proxy, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place. When a general meeting is adjourned for more than forty-five (45) days or a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting; save as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned general meeting.

48. At any general meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided by a poll conducted by the Chairman of the meeting. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the general meeting at which the poll is demanded shall not be entitled to a second or casting vote.

49. A vote by show of hands in lieu of a poll shall not be permitted.

50. A poll shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman of the meeting directs and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the general meeting at which the poll was taken. A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time as the Chairman of the meeting directs and any business other than that upon which a poll has been demanded or is contingent thereon may be proceeded with pending the taking of the poll.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

51. (a) Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any series, class or classes of shares, including without limitation those set forth in Article 81, on a poll, every Member present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote in respect of each Ordinary Share held by him, and, in the case of each Preferred Share held by him, to that many votes to which he would be entitled on an "as converted basis", which for the purpose of these Articles means the number of votes to which he would be entitled if he converted such Preferred Share at the then-effective Conversion Price on the record date in respect of the meeting at which the poll is taken, or, if no record date is established, the date the poll was taken.

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(b) Where these Articles provide that approval is required of, or confer a power on a percentage of, the then issued Preferred Shares, each Preferred Shareholder shall be entitled to exercise the number of votes attaching to the Preferred Shares on an as converted basis and the number of votes attaching to Ordinary Shares held by it as a result of the exercise of rights to convert to Ordinary Shares attaching to the Preferred Shares.

52. Other than as otherwise provided in these Articles or required by law, the holders of Ordinary Shares, Series A Shares, Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series B1 Shares, Series B2 Shares, Series B4 Shares, Series B5 Shares, and Series C Shares shall vote together and not as separate classes and there shall be no series voting of the Preferred Shares.

53. In the case of joint holders of record, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of Members.

54. A Member of unsound mind, or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court, having jurisdiction in lunacy, may vote on a poll by his committee, receiver, curator bonis, or other Person in the nature of a committee, receiver or curator bonis appointed by that court, and any such committee, receiver, curator bonis or other Persons may vote by proxy.
55. No Member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless he is registered as a shareholder of the Company on the record date for such meeting, nor unless all calls or other sums presently payable by him in respect of shares in the Company have been paid.
56. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter, except at the general meeting or adjourned general meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered and every vote not disallowed at such general meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman of the general meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
57. On a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
58. The provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings shall apply to every such general meeting of the holders of one class or series of shares except that the necessary quorum shall be one Person holding or representing by proxy at least a majority of the

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issued shares of the class or series and that any holder of shares of the class or series present in person or by proxy may demand a poll.

RECORD DATES

59. For purposes of determining the Members entitled to notice of any meeting or to vote thereat or entitled to give written consent without a meeting, the Board of Directors may fix, in advance, a record date, which shall not be more than sixty (60) days nor less than five (5) days before the date of any such meeting, nor more than sixty (60) days before any such action without a meeting, and in such event only Members of record on the date so fixed are entitled to notice and to vote or to give consents, as the case may be, notwithstanding the registration of any transfer of any shares.
60. If the Board of Directors does not so fix a record date:
- (a) the record date for determining Members entitled to notice of or to vote at any general meeting shall be at the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the day on which notice is given or, if notice is waived, at the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the day on which the meeting is held; and
- (b) the record date for determining members entitled to give written consent without a meeting, (i) when no prior action by the Board of Directors is required, shall be the day on which the first written consent is given, or (ii) when prior action by the Board of Directors is required, shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution relating to that action, or the sixtieth (60th) day before the date of such other action, whichever is later.
61. For the purposes of determining the Members entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights or the Members entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any other lawful action (other than as provided above), the Board of Directors may fix, in advance, a record date, which shall not be more than sixty (60) days before any such action. In that case, only Members of record at the close of business on the date so fixed are entitled to receive the dividend, distribution or allotment of rights, or to exercise such rights, as the case may be, notwithstanding any transfer of any shares on the books of the Company after the record date so fixed. If the Board of Directors does not so fix a record date, then the record date for determining Members for any such purpose shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board of Directors adopts the applicable resolution or the sixtieth (60th) day before the date of that action, whichever is later.

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PROXIES

62. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and shall be executed under the hand of the appointer or of his attorney duly authorized in writing or, if the appointer is a corporation, partnership or limited liability company, under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorized in that behalf. A proxy need not be a Member of the Company.
63. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited at the registered office of the Company or at such other place as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting no later than the time for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting, *provided* that the Chairman of the meeting may at his discretion direct that an instrument of proxy shall be deemed to have been duly deposited upon receipt of telex, cable or telecopy confirmation from the appointer that the instrument of proxy duly signed is in the course of transmission to the Company.
64. The instrument appointing a proxy may be in any usual or common form and may be expressed to be for a particular meeting or any adjournment thereof or generally until revoked. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to include the power to demand or join or concur in demanding a poll. A validly executed proxy which does not state that it is irrevocable shall continue in full force and effect unless the Person who executed the proxy revokes it prior to the time of voting by delivering a notice in writing to the Company stating that the proxy is revoked or by executing a subsequent proxy and presenting it to the meeting or by voting in person at the meeting; *provided, however*, that no proxy shall be valid after the expiration of eleven (11) months from the date of the proxy, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.
65. Any corporation, partnership or limited liability company which is a Member of record of the Company may in accordance with its charter documents or in the absence of such provision by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorize such Person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or of any class of Members of the Company, and the Persons so authorized shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation, partnership or limited liability company which he represents as the corporation, partnership or limited liability company could exercise if it were an individual Member of record of the Company.
66. Shares in the Company which are beneficially owned by the Company shall not be voted, directly or indirectly, at any meeting and shall not be counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time.

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INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

67. Before any meeting of the Members, the Board of Directors may appoint an inspector or inspectors of election to act at the meeting or its adjournment. If no inspector of election is so appointed, then the chairman of the meeting may, and on the request of any Member or a Member's proxy, shall appoint an inspector or inspectors of election to act at the meeting. The number of inspectors shall be either one or three. If inspectors are appointed at a meeting pursuant to the request of one or more Members or proxies, then the holders of a majority of shares or their proxies present at the meeting shall determine whether one or three inspectors are to be appointed. If any Person appointed as inspector fails to appear or fails or refuses to act, then the chairman of the meeting may, and upon the request of any Member or a Member proxy, shall, appoint a Person to fill that vacancy.

Such inspectors shall:

- (a) determine the number of shares outstanding and the voting power of each, the number of shares represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, and the authenticity, validity and effect of proxies;
- (b) receive votes, ballot or consents;
- (c) hear and determine all challenges and questions in any way arising in connection with the right to vote;
- (d) count and tabulate all votes or consents;
- (e) determine when the polls shall close;
- (f) determine the result; and
- (g) do any other acts that may be proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all Members.

DIRECTORS; ALTERNATE DIRECTORS; PROXIES

68. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) Directors (exclusive of alternate Directors); *provided, however*, that the Company may, from time to time, by Ordinary Resolution and subject to votes required under Article 81, increase or reduce the number of Directors.

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69. (a) Any Preferred Share Director (other than an alternate Director) may by writing appoint any other Director, or any other Person willing to act, to be an alternate Director and by writing may remove from office an alternate Director so appointed by him.

- (i) An alternate Director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of Directors and of all meetings of committees of Directors of which his appointer is a member, and to vote at every such meeting if the Director appointing him is not personally present, and generally to perform all the functions of his appointer as a Director in his absence.
 - (ii) An alternate Director shall cease to be an alternate Director if his appointer ceases to be a Director.
 - (iii) Any appointment or removal of an alternate Director shall be by notice to the Company signed by the Director making or revoking the appointment or in any other manner approved by the Directors.
 - (iv) An alternate Director shall be deemed for all purposes to be a Director and shall alone be responsible for his own acts and defaults and shall not be deemed to be the agent of the Director appointing him.
- (b) A Director (but not an alternate Director) may be represented at any meetings of the Board of Directors by a proxy appointed by him in which event the presence or vote of the proxy shall for all purposes be deemed to be that of the Director. The provisions of Articles 62-66 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the appointment of proxies by Directors.

70. The remuneration to be paid to the Directors (or alternate Directors) shall be such remuneration as the Board of Directors shall determine. Such remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day. The Board of Directors may by resolution award special remuneration to any Director (or alternate Director) of the Company undertaking any special work or services for, or undertaking any special mission on behalf of, the Company other than his ordinary routine work as a Director (or alternate Director). Any fees paid to a Director (or alternate Director) who is also counsel or solicitor to the Company, or otherwise serves it in a professional capacity, shall be in addition to his remuneration as a Director (or alternate Director). The Directors (or alternate Directors) shall also be paid all traveling, hotel, and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of Directors or committees of Directors or general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.

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71. Subject to an affirmative resolution by the Board of Directors, a Director or alternate Director may hold any other office or place of profit under the Company (other than the office of Auditor) in conjunction with his office of Director or alternate Director for such period and on such terms as to remuneration and otherwise as the Board of Directors may determine.
72. A Director or alternate Director may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a Director or alternate Director.
73. A Director or alternate Director of the Company may be or become a director or other officer of or otherwise interested in any company promoted by the Company, or in which the Company may be interested as shareholder or otherwise, and no such Director or alternate Director shall be accountable to the Company for any remuneration or other benefits received by him as a director or officer of, or from his interest in, such other company.
74. No Person shall be disqualified from the office of Director or alternate Director or prevented by such office from contracting with the Company, either as vendor, purchaser or otherwise, nor shall any such contract or any contract or transaction entered into by or on behalf of the Company in which any Director or alternate Director shall be in any way interested be or be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director or alternate Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company for any profit realized by any such contract or transaction by reason of such Director or alternate Director holding office or of the fiduciary relation thereby established. If a Director or alternate Director is interested (an "Interested Director") in any contract or transaction with the Company or any of the Group Companies (an "Interested Director Transaction"), the nature of the interest of the Interested Director in any such Interested Director Transaction shall be disclosed by the Interested Director at or prior to its consideration by the Board of Directors and, except for purposes of approval of a resolution in writing pursuant to Article 92, such Interested Director shall abstain from a vote relating to approval (or disapproval) of the Interested Director Transaction. Notwithstanding any provision in these Articles or the Statute to the contrary, Interested Director Transactions must be approved only by a majority vote of the Directors or alternate Directors who are not interested in the contract or transaction and present at a duly convened meeting of the Board of Directors, and the Interested Director's vote shall not be required or counted for purposes of determining whether the requisite approval of the Board of Directors or Preferred Share Directors has been obtained at such meeting. In the event that any of the Existing Preferred Directors is an Interested Director and must abstain from a vote relating to the Interested Director Transaction, one of the remaining Existing Preferred Share Directors who is not an Interested Director shall be entitled to two (2) votes. In the event any Series C Director is an Interested Director and

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must abstain from a vote relating to the Interested Director Transaction, then one of the remaining Series C Directors who is not an Interested Director shall be entitled to two (2) votes. In the event that all of the Series C Directors are Interested Directors, then all of the Series C Directors shall abstain from a vote relating to the Interested Director Transaction.

75. A general notice that a Director or alternate Director is a shareholder of any specified firm or company and is to be regarded as interested in any transaction with such firm or company shall be sufficient disclosure under Article 74 and, after such general notice, it shall not be necessary to give special notice relating to any particular transaction.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

76. Subject to the provisions of the Statute, the Memorandum and these Articles (including, without limitation, Article 81) and to any directions given by Special Resolution, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Board of Directors who may exercise all the powers of the Company; *provided, however*, that no regulations made by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board of Directors which would have been valid if that regulation had not been made.
77. The Board of Directors may from time to time and at any time by powers of attorney appoint any company, firm, Person or body of Persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board of Directors, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purpose and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board of Directors under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as the Board of Directors may think fit, and any such powers of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of Persons dealing with any such attorneys as the Board of Directors may think fit and may also authorize any such attorney to delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him.
78. The Board of Directors shall cause minutes to be made in books provided for the purpose:
- (a) of all appointments of officers made by the Board of Directors;
 - (b) of the names of the Directors (including alternate Directors and Directors represented thereat by proxy) present at each meeting of the Board of Directors and of any committee of the Board of Directors; or
 - (c) of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Company and of the Board of Directors and of committees of the Board of Directors.

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79. Subject to the provisions of Article 81 and a resolution approved from time to time by the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors, the Board of Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital or any part thereof and to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party. All checks, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments and all receipts for monies paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed as the case may be in such manner as the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors, shall approve from time to time by resolution.
80. [Intentionally omitted.]

PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

81. (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles or the Memorandum, (i) for so long as at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the Existing Preferred Shares in the capital of Company issued on the Original Issue Date (as adjusted for Recapitalization) remain issued and outstanding, subject to the prior written consent of holders collectively holding at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares voting together as a separate class and on an as converted basis; or (ii) for so long as at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares in the capital of the Company issued on the relevant Original Issue Date (as adjusted for Recapitalization) remain issued and outstanding, subject to the prior written consent of the holder(s) collectively holding at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares, together with all other securities that such holder(s) may hold in the capital of the Company from time to time (on an as converted basis), voting as a separate class and on an as converted basis; then the Company shall not take, approve, authorize, ratify, agree, commit to engage or otherwise effect or consummate any of the following actions:
- (i) amend, alter or change the rights, preferences, privileges or power of, or the restrictions that provide for the benefit of, the Preferred Shares;
 - (ii) authorize, create or issue (by reclassification or otherwise) any class or series of Shares or securities or Options convertible into any class or series of Shares;

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- (iii) reclassify any outstanding Shares into shares having preferences or priority as to dividends or assets senior to or on a parity with the preference of the Preferred Shares;

- (iv) amend, waive, alter or repeal any provision of the Memorandum or these Articles, or other constituent documents of any of the Group Companies, including, without limitation, by operation of law, merger, de-merger, amalgamation, consolidation, reorganization or similar transaction;
- (v) increase, decrease or otherwise change (A) the authorized share capital of any of the Group Companies (including any issue of any securities, or grant of any options or rights, in each case convertible into the equity interest in any of the Group Companies) or (B) the authorized number of Preferred Shares;
- (vi) authorize, enter into or agree to any Sale Transaction (or similar transactions with respect to any other Group Company), or any such transaction similar to a Sale Transaction, liquidation, dissolution or reorganization with respect to any of the Group Companies or joint venture of the Company; any merger or consolidation of the Company or any Subsidiary with one or more other corporations in which the Members (prior to such transaction) of the Company or such Subsidiary, immediately after such merger or consolidation, hold shares representing less than a majority of the voting power of the outstanding shares of the surviving corporation;
- (vii) cause or permit the redemption, repurchase or other acquisition, directly or indirectly, by or through any of the Group Companies or otherwise, of Ordinary Shares, other than (A) repurchases or redemptions of Ordinary Shares issued to or held by employees, officers, directors or consultants of the Group Companies upon termination of their services pursuant to agreements providing for the right of said repurchase or redemption, (B) repurchases or redemptions of Ordinary Shares issued to or held by employees, officers, directors, or consultants of the Group Companies pursuant to rights of first refusal contained in agreements providing for such right, and (C) redemptions of Preferred Shares pursuant to these Articles;
- (viii) authorize, enter into or agree to sell, transfer or dispose of any of the Company's interests in any of the Group Companies or the Company's joint ventures or the exclusive licensing of all or substantial all of

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intellectual property of any of the Group Companies or the Company's joint ventures;

- (ix) liquidation or dissolution of any of the Group Companies;
- (x) except as otherwise explicitly provided for in these Articles (including the dividend payment upon a Qualified IPO in accordance with Article 104(h) below), authorize, declare or pay any dividend (other than solely in Ordinary Shares) to holders of the Ordinary Shares or Preferred Shares, whether payable in cash or otherwise, or approve any profit distribution plan/policy of the Company;
- (xi) incur, refinance, or repay any indebtedness or undertake any action to or accelerate any repayment of any indebtedness, which (a) is in excess of US\$1,000,000 individually, or which in aggregate, on a consolidated basis, exceeds US\$2,000,000, or (b) is not included in the Company's Annual Budget;
- (xii) adopt the annual business plan and Annual Budget of any of the Group Companies;
- (xiii) authorize, approve or make any (A) material change in any of the Group Companies' business plan or budget, or (B) any change in the nature of the business of any of the Group Companies;
- (xiv) form or reorganize any Subsidiary or joint venture of the Company;
- (xv) adopt, amend or terminate any stock option plan or other equity incentive plan or arrangement, or authorize, or increase the authorized number of, Shares, Options or Convertible Securities issuable thereunder of the Company or any other Group Companies;
- (xvi) increase or decrease the authorized size of the Board of Directors or the classes or series entitled to elect them, or effect any change to the other Group Companies' board composition;
- (xvii) authorize, enter into or agree to any transaction or a series of transactions within a period of (twelve) 12 months in the aggregate exceeding US\$250,000 between any Group Company and any Member of the

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Company, director, officer or Affiliate of the Company or any Affiliate thereof;

- (xviii) engage or change the Company's Auditors, or amend, alter or change the fiscal year of any of the Group Companies;
- (xix) authorize or approve any public offering of the Company or of any other Group Companies other than a Qualified IPO;
- (xx) authorize or approve any delisting of the Company or of any other Group Company;
- (xxi) hire or remove the Senior Management Personnel of any Group Company;
- (xxii) authorize, approve or make any new investment or acquisition of a new business or asset by any of the Group Companies in any transaction or a series of transactions of above an aggregate of US\$3,000,000 in any financial year;
- (xxiii) authorize, enter into or agree to any transaction or a series of transactions relating to a sale or disposition of all or substantially all of any of the Group Companies' assets or undertaking, a sale of any of the Company's interest in any of the Group Companies or joint venture or exclusive licensing of all or substantially all of the Company's or any of the Group Companies' intellectual property. The term "substantially" means, in this Article 81(a)(xxiii) in respect to the relevant asset or undertaking, where the consideration payable for such asset or undertaking exceeds an aggregate of US\$5,000,000 in any financial year;
- (xxiv) authorize, approve or take any action to allow EDC Group or GDS Enterprises to transfer any direct or indirect interest in the Company at any time prior to a Qualified IPO, other than pursuant to the right of first offer interest in the capital of the Company as set out in the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement;
- (xxv) authorize, enter into or agree to any contract to be entered into or activities to be undertaken by the Company or any other Group Company in connection with the build-out of any data centers, including, without limitation, the data centers located in Beijing, Shenzhen, Chengdu,

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Kunshan and Shanghai, other than as agreed in the Company's annual budget;

- (xxvi) incur any capital expenditure or enter into any capital commitment by any of the Group Companies in any transaction or a series of transactions in excess of an aggregate of US\$ 3,000,000 in any financial year, other than as agreed in the Company's annual budget;
- (xxvii) create any security over assets of any of the Group Companies in excess of US\$3,000,000 (in the aggregate) in value;
- (xxviii) approve the internal management organizational structure and basic management system of any of the Group Companies or the establishment of any new board committee of any of the Group Companies;
- (xxix) initiate, defend or settle any material litigation or arbitration proceedings (other than in relation to the collection of debts arising in the ordinary course of business) by any of the Group Companies where the disputed amount exceeds US\$3,000,000; and
- (xxx) enter into (a) any agreement not on bona fide arm's length terms, or (b) any management or services agreement.

For the avoidance of doubt, this Article 81(a) shall not apply to (X) the consummation of a Qualified IPO, and (Y) any action of any Group Company as required by or in connection with its claim(s) for the Indemnifiable Losses (as defined in the Subscription and Purchase Agreement) against any relevant Existing Preferred Shareholder pursuant to Section 15(b)(i) of the Subscription and Purchase Agreement.

- (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles or the Memorandum, for so long as (i) at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the Existing Preferred Shares (as adjusted for Recapitalization) issued on the relevant Original Issue Date remain outstanding, unless the Board of Directors otherwise approves by affirmative resolution (including the affirmative votes of all the Existing Preferred Share Directors); or (ii) at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the Series C Shares issued on the relevant Original Issue Date (as adjusted for Recapitalization) remain issued and outstanding, unless the Board of Directors otherwise approves by resolution (including the affirmative votes of all the Series C Directors); then the Company shall not, in its capacity as direct or indirect shareholder of any

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Subsidiary, take, approve, authorize, ratify, agree, commit to engage or otherwise effect any of the actions listed above in Article 81(a).

- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles or the Memorandum, for so long as any Preferred Shares remain outstanding, the Board of Directors shall not, without first obtaining the consent of holders of at least eighty-five percent (85%) of each of the Existing Preferred Shares and the Series C Shares then outstanding, each voting as a separate class on an as converted basis, authorize the issuance of any Shares if, upon the issuance of such Shares, there would be an insufficient number of authorized but unissued Ordinary Shares available for issuance upon conversion of the Preferred Shares and, if applicable, Shares, at the respective conversion rates then in effect.

MANAGEMENT AND COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

82. Except as specifically required pursuant to these Articles, the Board of Directors may from time to time provide for the management of the affairs of the Company in such manner as it shall think fit and the provisions contained in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Article 82 shall be without prejudice to the general powers conferred by this paragraph.
- (a) Save as otherwise explicitly permitted herein, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors, the Board of Directors from time to time and at any time may establish any committees, local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company and may appoint any Persons to be members of such committees or local boards or any managers or agents and may fix their remuneration, including but not limited to the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee, and the Executive Committee (each as defined below). At least one (1) Preferred Share Director shall be appointed to each committee of the Board of Directors.
- (b) Upon approval by the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors, the Board of Directors from time to time and at any time may delegate to any such committee, local board, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in the Board of Directors and may authorize the members for the time being of any such local board, or any of them, to fill up any vacancies therein and to act notwithstanding vacancies and any such appointment or delegation may be made on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board of Directors may think fit and the Board of Directors may at any time remove any Person so appointed and may annul or vary any such

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delegation, but no Person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such annulment or variation shall be affected thereby.

- (c) Upon approval by the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors, any such delegates as aforesaid may be authorized by the Board of Directors to subdelegate all or any of the powers, authorities, and discretions for the time being vested in them.
- (d) The audit committee (the “**Audit Committee**”) shall be vested with oversight functions for financial and accounting matters of the Group Companies, including, but not limited to, preparation of budgets, performance and oversight of internal auditing. The Audit Committee shall consist of five (5) members, three (3) of which are Preferred Share Directors, including two (2) Series C Directors and one (1) Existing Preferred Share Director. A Series C Director in the Audit Committee shall serve as the chairman thereof who shall not have a casting vote. The remaining two (2) members of the Audit Committee shall be the Ordinary Share Directors. All decisions of the Audit Committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Audit Committee, including at least one (1) Series C Director and one (1) Existing Preferred Share Director.
- (e) The remuneration committee (the “**Remuneration Committee**”) shall be vested with oversight functions for remuneration matters of the Group Companies, including but not limited to, establishment and approval of the compensation plan for employees and Senior Management Personnel and non-executive directors of the Group Companies and administration of the Group Companies’ equity incentive plans. The Remuneration Committee shall consist of five (5) members, three (3) of which are Preferred Share Directors, including two (2) Series C Directors and one (1) Existing Preferred Share Director. A Series C Director in the Remuneration Committee shall serve as the chairman thereof who shall not have a casting vote. The remaining two (2) members of the Remuneration Committee shall be the Ordinary Share Directors. All decisions of the Remuneration Committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Remuneration Committee, including at least one (1) Series C Director and one (1) Existing Preferred Share Director.
- (f) The executive committee (the “**Executive Committee**”) shall function primarily as an advisory body to the Board and provide consultation and recommendations to the Board on operating and strategic matters for any of the Group Companies, including the matters set forth as follows:

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- (i) operational performance of any of the Group Companies (against budgets, strategic business plans and contractual obligations e.g., debt covenants);
- (ii) appropriate strategies for any of the Group Companies;
- (iii) strategic business and financing plan(s) and annual budget of any of the Group Companies (including but not limited to any changes to the same);
- (iv) acquisitions, dispositions, investments and other potential growth and expansion opportunities (including but not limited to the identification, evaluation of new sites and new building opportunities) for any of the Group Companies;
- (v) capital structure and financing strategy of the Group Companies, including but not limited to any debt, equity or equity-linked financing transactions, as well as any issuance, repurchase, conversion or redemption of any equity interests or debt of any of the Group Companies;
- (vi) any material litigation or other legal or administrative proceedings to which any of the Group Companies is a party;
- (vii) entry into any material contracts exceeding the approval authority of the Senior Management Personnel;
- (viii) enter into or agree to any transaction between any Group Company and any Member, director, officer or Affiliate of the Company or of any Affiliate thereof; and
- (ix) any other responsibilities as are delegated to the Executive Committee by the Board from time to time.

For efficiency, the Board may delegate certain decision making authority to the Executive Committee (including but not limited to approving capital and operational expenditure and changes to any strategic or business plan(s)) within appropriate perimeters approved by the Board. To the extent that the Executive Committee is delegated such authority from the Board, the Executive Committee shall function as an executive body of the Board in respect of the matters so delegated.

The Executive Committee shall comprise of five (5) members (who may or may not be members of the Board) (the “**Executive Committee Members**”), of whom two (2) Executive Committee Members shall be nominated by the Series C

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Shareholder, one (1) Executive Committee member shall be nominated by the Existing Preferred Shareholders (approved by the holders of at least fifty percent (50%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class). The remaining two (2) Executive Committee Members shall comprise the CEO and such other person as nominated by the CEO or the Ordinary Shareholders (voting as a separate class). The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be the CEO of the Company and the deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be one of the two Executive Committee Members nominated by the Series C Shareholder. Neither the Chairman nor the deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee shall have a casting vote. All recommendations or decisions (as the case may be) of the Executive Committee must be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee Members, including at least one (1) Executive Committee Member nominated by the Series C Shareholder and one (1) Executive Committee Member nominated by the Existing Preferred Shareholders (approved by the holders of at least fifty percent (50%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class).

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

83. (a) Except as otherwise provided by these Articles, the Board of Directors shall meet together for the dispatch of business, convening, adjourning and otherwise regulating its meetings as it thinks fit. Except as otherwise provided by these Articles, questions arising at any meeting shall be decided, resolutions shall be adopted and other action shall be taken only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which there is a quorum. A Director who is also an alternate Director shall be entitled, in the absence of his appointer, to a separate vote on behalf of his appointer in addition to his own vote.
- (b) Where these Articles provide that the approval or attendance of one of the Preferred Share Directors is required, no such approval or attendance will be required if at the time such approval is to be given or attendance is required, no Preferred Share Director then holds office as a Director.
- (c) Where these Articles provide that the approval or attendance of two (2) Preferred Share Directors is required but only one (1) Preferred Share Director then holds office, the approval or attendance of that Preferred Share Director shall suffice.
84. The CEO, any two Directors (including alternate Directors) or, for so long as at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the Preferred Shares immediately post-Closing (as adjusted for Recapitalization) remain issued and outstanding, the holders of at least twenty-five

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percent (25%) of the then outstanding Preferred Shares, may at any time summon a meeting of the Board of Directors by at least two (2) days' notice in writing to every Director (including alternate Directors). Such notice shall set forth the general nature of the business to be considered. If such notice is given in person, by cable, electronic mail, telex or telecopy, the same shall be deemed to have been given on the day it is delivered to the Directors (including alternate Directors) or transmitting organization, as the case may be.

85. Notice of a meeting need not be given to any Director or alternate Director (i) who signs a waiver of notice or a consent to holding the meeting or an approval of the minutes thereof, whether before or after the meeting, or (ii) who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice to such Director or alternate Director. All such waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made part of the minutes of the meeting. A waiver of notice need not specify the purpose of any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.
86. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board of Directors shall be a majority of the Directors, including at least one (1) Director nominated by SBCVC as long as SBCVC is entitled to nominate a Director and one (1) Series C Director as long as the Series C Shareholder is entitled to nominate a Director. Interested Directors may be counted for purposes of determining whether quorum exists to transact business of the Board of Directors. Subject to these Articles, a meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business notwithstanding the withdrawal of Directors or alternate Directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting. For the purpose of this Article 86, a proxy appointed by a Director or an alternate Director shall be counted in a quorum at a meeting at which the Director appointing him is not present.
87. A majority of the Board of Directors present, whether or not constituting a quorum (provided there was a quorum when the meeting started) may adjourn any meeting to another time and place. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given unless the meeting is adjourned for more than twenty-four (24) hours. If the meeting is adjourned for more than twenty-four (24) hours, then notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting shall be given before the adjourned meeting takes place, in the manner specified in Article 77 to all the Directors and alternate Directors.
88. The Directors may elect a Chairman of the Board of Directors and determine the period for which he is to hold office; but if no such Chairman is elected, or if at any meeting the Chairman is not present within thirty minutes after the time appointed for holding the

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meeting, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

89. Subject to Articles 82(d) to (f) above and approval by the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors, the Board of Directors may delegate any of its powers to committees consisting of such member or members of the Board of Directors as it thinks fit *provided* that at least one (1) Existing Preferred Share Director and one (1) Series C Director are appointed to each such committee; any committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Board of Directors.
90. Except for the committees as referred to in Articles 82(d) to (f) above, a committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, including at least one (1) Existing Preferred Share Director and one (1) Series C Director.
91. All acts done by any meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee of the Board of Directors (including any Person acting as an alternate Director) shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any Director or alternate Director, or that any Director or alternate Director was disqualified, be as valid as if every such Person had been duly appointed and qualified to be a Director or alternate Director as the case may be.
92. Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all Persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and participation in a meeting pursuant to this provision shall constitute presence in person at such meeting. A resolution in writing (in one or more counterparts), signed by all the Directors for the time being or all the members of a committee of the Board of Directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board of Directors or committee, as the case may be, duly convened and held. An alternate Director shall be entitled to sign such a resolution on behalf of his appointer.

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

93. (a) At Closing, the Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) Directors. Holders of seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares, voting together as a separate class on an as converted basis, may appoint two (2) Directors (each as the "**Existing Preferred Share Director**"), and may in like manner remove with or

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without cause any Existing Preferred Share Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead. The Series C Shareholder may appoint four (4) Directors (the "**Series C Directors**"), together with the Existing Preferred Share Directors, the "**Preferred Share Directors**") and may in like manner remove with or without cause any Series C Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead. The holders of a majority of the then outstanding Ordinary Shares, voting as a separate class, may appoint three (3) Directors (the "**Ordinary Share Directors**") and may in like manner remove with or without cause any Ordinary Share Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead.

(b) In the event of any subsequent transfers of Shares among the holders of the Ordinary Shares, the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Series C Shareholder in compliance with these Articles, the composition and size of the Board of Directors shall be determined as follows:

- (i) the holders of a majority of the then outstanding Ordinary Shares, voting as a separate class, shall be entitled to appoint one (1) Director for every ten percent (10%) of the issued share capital of the Company plus one Share held by holders of Ordinary Shares at such time, and may in like manner remove with or without cause any Ordinary Share Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead;
- (ii) the holders of seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares, voting together as a separate class on an as-converted basis, shall be entitled to appoint one (1) Director for every ten percent (10%) of the issued share capital of the Company plus one Share held by holders of the Existing Preferred Shares on an as-converted basis at such time, held by the holders of Existing Preferred Shares from time to time and may in like manner remove with or without cause any Existing Preferred Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead;
- (iii) the holders of a majority of the then outstanding Series C Shares shall be entitled to appoint one (1) Director for every ten percent (10%) of the issued share capital of the Company plus one Share held by holders of the Series C Shares on an as converted basis at such time and may in like manner remove with or without cause any Series C Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead;

provided, however, that there shall be no adjustment to the composition of the Board until and unless any of (A) the holders of a majority of the then outstanding Ordinary Shares,

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(B) the holders of seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares, or (C) the holders of a majority of the then outstanding Series C Shares are entitled pursuant to the foregoing paragraph (i), (ii) or (iii) respectively to appoint a higher number of Directors than its Director appointment rights set out in the first paragraph of this Article 91.

DIRECTOR RESIGNATION, REMOVALS AND VACANCIES

94. Any Director may resign effective on giving written notice to the Board of Directors, unless the notice specifies a later time for that resignation to become effective. Subject to Article 95 hereof, if the resignation of a Director is effective at a future time, the Members or the Board of Directors may elect a successor to take office when the resignation becomes effective.
95. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the vote of the holders of that class or series of Shares originally entitled to elect the Director whose absence or resignation created such vacancy.
96. A vacancy or vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be deemed to exist (i) in the event of the death, resignation or removal of any Director, (ii) if the Board of Directors by resolution declares vacant the office of a Director who has been declared of unsound mind by an order of court or convicted of a criminal offense punishable by imprisonment, (iii) if the authorized number of Directors is increased, or (iv) if the Members fail, at any meeting of Members at which any Director or Directors are elected, to elect the number of Directors to be elected at that meeting. Upon any vacancy arising as a result of paragraph (i) or (ii) above, the Director concerned shall cease to be a Director.
97. The Board of Directors shall have power by vote of a majority of the remaining Directors (which Directors shall form a quorum for this purpose only, provided such remaining Directors shall include at least one (1) Director nominated by SBCVC and at least one (1) Series C Director), as long as SBCVC and the Series C Shareholder are entitled to nominate a Director respectively, from time to time to appoint any Person to be a Director at any time to fill any vacancy or vacancies not filled by the Members in accordance with Article 95. Each Director so elected shall hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Members or until a successor has been elected and qualified.
98. [Intentionally omitted.]

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99. (a) The Seal shall only be used by the authority of the Board of Directors or of a committee of the Board of Directors authorized by the Board of Directors in that behalf and every instrument to which the Seal has been affixed shall be signed by one Person who shall be either a Director or the Secretary or some Person appointed by the Board of Directors for the purpose.

- (b) The Company may have for use in any place or places outside the Cayman Islands, a duplicate Seal or Seals each of which shall be a facsimile of the Common Seal of the Company and, if the Board of Directors so determines, with the addition on its face of the name of every place where it is to be used.
- (c) A Director, Secretary or other officer or representative or attorney may without further authority of the Board of Directors affix the Seal of the Company over his signature alone to any document of the Company required to be authenticated by him under Seal or to be filed with the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands or elsewhere wheresoever.

OFFICERS

100. Subject to Article 81, the Company may have several executive officers, including a CEO, a Chief Operating Officer, a Secretary and one or more other officers with independent policy-making authority, each of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors or the CEO may also from time to time appoint such other officers as it or he considers necessary, all for such terms, at such remuneration and to perform such duties, and subject to such provisions as to disqualification and removal as the Board of Directors and/or the CEO from time to time prescribe.

REDEMPTION AND REPURCHASE

101. (a) Subject to the provisions of the Statute, the Memorandum and these Articles, Shares may be issued on the terms that they are, or at the option of the Company or the holder are, to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as the Company, before the issue of the Shares, may by Special Resolution determine.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of the Statute, the Memorandum and these Articles, the Company is authorized to effect (i) repurchases of Ordinary Shares issued to or held by employees, officers, directors, consultants or other service providers of the Group Companies upon termination of their services pursuant to agreements providing for the right of said repurchase, at a price equal to or less than the original issue price of such Shares, and (ii) repurchases of Ordinary Shares issued to or held by employees, officers, directors, or consultants of the Group Companies pursuant to rights of first refusal contained in agreements providing

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for such rights, at a price no greater than the price at which a third party has offered to purchase such Shares. In addition to the foregoing, subject to the provisions of the Statute and these Articles (including Article 81), the Company may purchase its own Shares (including any redeemable Shares) provided that the Members shall have approved the manner of purchase by Ordinary Resolution.

REDEMPTION OF PREFERRED SHARES

102. (a) Subject to the consent of the Preferred Shareholders as required under Article 81, holders of Existing Preferred Shares, and the Series C Shareholder to the extent permitted by applicable laws, on or after the fourth (4th) anniversary of the Original Issue Date of the Series C Shares, may redeem, all or any portion of the then outstanding Preference Shares held by them in accordance with this Article 102, as follows:
- (i) at the election of the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series A Shares, voting as a separate class on an as converted basis, the Company shall redeem, out of funds legally available therefor, all or any portion of the then outstanding Series A Shares, as elected by each holder thereof in its sole discretion;
- (ii) at the election of the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series B Shares, voting as a separate class on an as converted basis, the Company shall redeem, out of funds legally available therefor, all or any portion of the then outstanding Series B Shares, as elected by each holder thereof in its sole discretion;
- (iii) at the election of the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series A* Shares, voting as a separate class on an as converted basis, the Company shall redeem, out of funds legally available therefor, all or any portion of the then outstanding Series A* Shares, as elected by each holder thereof in its sole discretion;
- (iv) at the election of the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series B* Shares, voting as a separate class on an as converted basis, the Company shall redeem, out of funds legally available therefor, all or any portion of the then outstanding Series B* Shares, as elected by each holder thereof in its sole discretion;
- (v) at the election of the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series B5 Shares, voting as a separate class on an as

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converted basis, the Company shall redeem, out of funds legally available therefor, all or any portion of the then outstanding Series B5 Shares, as elected by each holder thereof in its sole discretion; or

- (vi) at the election of the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares, voting as a separate class on an as converted basis, the Company shall redeem, out of funds legally available therefor, all or any portion of the then outstanding Series C Shares, as elected by each holder thereof in its sole discretion.
- (b) To exercise its rights under this Article 102 upon satisfaction of the applicable voting thresholds set out in Article 102(a) above, any such requesting Preferred Shareholder, shall provide the Company with written notice requesting redemption pursuant hereto (the "**Redemption Election**"). The Redemption Election shall provide the date on which the Preferred Shares shall be redeemed, (the "**Redemption Date**"); provided, however, the Redemption Date shall be at least forty (40) days after the date such Redemption Election is delivered to the Company.
- (c) Pursuant to any redemption pursuant to Article 102 and Article 103, for Preferred Shareholders, the Company shall redeem the Preferred Shares by paying in cash an amount per share equal to the relevant Original Purchase Price, as applicable (subject to adjustment for Recapitalization) for such Preferred Shares, plus an amount equal to all accrued or declared but unpaid dividends thereon. The term "**Redemption Price**" means the total amount that the Company pays to such Preferred Shareholders pursuant to this Article 102(c).
- (d) Within seven (7) days of the Company's receipt of the Redemption Election, the Company shall provide written notice by registered mail or express or international courier, to each holder of record (at the close of business on the Business Day preceding the day on which notice is given) of the then outstanding Preferred Shares, at the address last shown on the register of members of the Company for such holder, notifying such holder that redemption will be effected pursuant to this Article 102, specifying the series and number of shares that such holder may elect to have redeemed, the Redemption Date, the Redemption Price (calculated in accordance with Article 102(c)), the Redemption Deadline (calculated in accordance with Article 102(e)), the place at which payment may be obtained and calling upon such holder to surrender to the Company, in the manner and at the place designated, the holder's certificate or certificates representing the shares to be redeemed to the extent applicable (the "**Company Redemption Notice**").

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- (e) Each holder electing to have Preferred Shares redeemed on the Redemption Date shall provide the Company with notice thereof at least fifteen (15) days prior to such Redemption Date (the "**Redemption Deadline**"). Except as provided herein, on the Redemption Date, each Preferred Shareholder electing to have Preferred Shares redeemed shall surrender to the Company the certificate or certificates representing such shares, in the manner and at the place designated in the Company Redemption Notice, and thereupon the Redemption Price of such Shares shall be payable to the order of the Person whose name appears on such certificate or certificates as the owner thereof and each surrendered certificate shall be cancelled. In the event less than all the shares represented by any such certificate are redeemed, a new certificate shall be issued representing the unredeemed Shares.
- (f) If the funds of the Company legally available for redemption of Preferred Shares are insufficient to redeem the total number of Preferred Shares to be redeemed on the Redemption Date in accordance with this Article 102, those funds which are legally available for redemption of the Preferred Shares will be first paid to the holders of the Series C Shares in proportion to the number of the Series C Shares elected to be redeemed by them on the Redemption Date. The holders of the Existing Preferred Shares shall not be paid until and unless the Company has paid in full the Redemption Price (in addition to such interest charges which may have accrued in accordance with this Article 102) payable to the holders of the Series C Shares who have elected for redemption, upon which the balance of the funds which are legally available for redemption will be paid to the holders of the Existing Preferred Shares in proportion to the number of the Existing Preferred Shares elected to be redeemed by them on the Redemption Date. Notwithstanding the aforementioned provisions, among the holders of the Existing Preferred Shares, the other Existing Preferred Shareholders shall not be paid until and unless the Company has paid in full the Redemption Price (in addition to such interest charges which may have accrued in accordance with this Article 102) payable to the holders of the Series B5 Shares who have elected for redemption, upon which the balance of the funds which are legally available for redemption will be paid to the other Existing Preferred Shareholders in proportion to the number of the Existing Preferred Shares elected to be redeemed by them on the Redemption Date. Any amount of the Redemption Price which is not paid in full on the Redemption Date shall become a debt due from and payable by the Company to the relevant holders of the Preferred Shares. The Preferred Shares not redeemed shall remain outstanding and entitled to all the rights and preferences provided herein. At any time thereafter when additional funds of the Company are legally

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available for redemption of Preferred Shares, such funds will be immediately used to redeem the Preferred Shares which the Company has become obliged to redeem on the Redemption Date, but which it has not redeemed; provided that, for the Series A* Shares and Series B* Shares (collectively, the "**Star Preferred Shares**"), Series B5 Shares, and Series C Shares, interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum compounded annually shall be charged in addition to the unpaid original Redemption Price for the period from the Redemption Date until full payment of the Redemption Price.

- (g) All dividends on the Preferred Shares designated for redemption shall continue to accrue and all rights of the holders thereof shall continue to be valid and enforceable until such Preferred Shares are redeemed. Without prejudice to the foregoing, from and after each Redemption Date, unless there shall have been a default in payment of the Redemption Price, all rights of the holders of Preferred Shares designated for redemption in the Company Redemption Notice as holders of Preferred Shares (except the right to receive the Redemption Price without interest upon surrender of their certificate or certificates)

shall cease with respect to the Preferred Shares designated for redemption and redeemed on such date, and such Preferred Shares shall not thereafter be transferred on the books of the Company or be deemed to be outstanding for any purpose whatsoever.

103. (a) Notwithstanding Article 102, in the event (i) the holders of at least 75% of the then outstanding Preferred Shares in each class have not elected to redeem such Preferred Shares pursuant to Article 102(a), or (ii) all outstanding Preferred Shares have not elected to be redeemed on the Redemption Date pursuant to Article 102, then, on or after the third (3rd) anniversary of the Original Issue Date of the Series C Shares, to the extent permitted by applicable laws, if elected by any holder of then outstanding Preferred Shares, the Company shall redeem, out of funds legally available therefor, all or any portion of such holder's Preferred Shares, as elected by each holder thereof in its sole discretion, (A) subject to the Preferred Shareholders' written consents of the Preferred Shareholders as required under Article 81(a) above, (B) only to the extent the Company's cash reserve on the Holder Redemption Date exceeds the Cash Threshold, and (C) if such electing holder provides the Company with written notice requesting redemption pursuant to this Article 103(a) (the "**Holder Redemption Election**"). The Holder Redemption Election shall provide the date on which such Preferred Shares shall be redeemed, as determined by the electing holder (the "**Holder Redemption Date**"); *provided, however*, the Holder Redemption Date shall be at least forty (40) days after the date such Holder Redemption Election is delivered to the Company. The Company shall not redeem any Preferred Shares pursuant to this

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Article 103(a) unless the electing holder has complied with the provisions hereof. For the purpose of this Article 103, "**Cash Threshold**" means the product of (x) 1.5 times (y) working capital plus capital expenditures projected in the Company's annual budget for the fiscal year in which the Holder Redemption Election is made.

- (b) Within seven (7) days of the Company's receipt of the Holder Redemption Election, the Company shall provide written notice by registered mail or express or international courier, to each holder of record (at the close of business on the Business Day preceding the day on which notice is given) of the then outstanding Preferred Shares, at the address last shown on the records of the Company for such holder, notifying such holder that redemption will be effected pursuant to Article 103(a), specifying the number of shares that such holder may elect to have redeemed, the Holder Redemption Date, the Redemption Price (calculated in accordance with Article 102(c)), the Holder Redemption Deadline (calculated in accordance with Article 103(c)), the place at which payment may be obtained and calling upon such holder to surrender to the Company, in the manner and at the place designated, the holder's certificate or certificates representing the shares to be redeemed (the "**Holder Redemption Notice**").
- (c) Each holder electing to have Preferred Shares redeemed on the Holder Redemption Date shall provide the Company with notice (the "**Holder Participation Election**") thereof at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Holder Redemption Date (the "**Holder Redemption Deadline**"). Except as provided herein, on the Holder Redemption Date, each Preferred Shareholder electing to have Preferred Shares redeemed shall surrender to the Company the certificate or certificates representing such shares, in the manner and at the place designated in the Holder Redemption Notice, and thereupon the Redemption Price of such shares shall be payable to the order of the Person whose name appears on such certificate or certificates as the owner thereof and each surrendered certificate shall be cancelled. In the event less than all the shares represented by any such certificate are redeemed, a new certificate shall be issued representing the unredeemed shares.
- (d) If on the Holder Redemption Date, the funds of the Company legally available for redemption of Preferred Shares or the Company's cash reserve exceeding the Cash Threshold, if any (whichever is higher, the "**Available Redemption Fund**"), is insufficient to redeem the total number of Preferred Shares to be redeemed on the Holder Redemption Date, the Available Redemption Fund will be first paid to the holders of the Series C Shares (if electing for the redemption in accordance with

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this Article 103) in proportion to the number of the Series C Shares (on an as converted basis) elected to be redeemed by them on the Holder Redemption Date. The holders of the Existing Preferred Shares shall not be paid until and unless the Company has paid in full the Redemption Price payable to the holders of the Series C Shares who have elected for redemption in accordance with this Article 103, upon which the balance of the Available Redemption Fund will be paid to the holders of the Existing Preferred Shares in proportion to the number of the Existing Preferred Shares (on an as converted basis) elected to be redeemed by them on the Holder Redemption Date. Any amount of the Redemption Price which is not paid in full on the Holder Redemption Date shall become a debt due from and payable by the Company to the relevant holders of the Preferred Shares. Notwithstanding the aforementioned provisions, among the holders of the Existing Preferred Shares, the other Existing Preferred Shareholders shall not be paid until and unless the Company has paid in full the Redemption Price payable to the holders of the Series B5 Shares who have elected for redemption in accordance with this Article 103, upon which the balance of the Available Redemption Fund will be paid to the other Existing Preferred Shareholders in proportion to the number of the Existing Preferred Shares (on an as converted basis) elected to be redeemed by them on the Holder Redemption Date.

- (e) The Preferred Shares not redeemed shall remain outstanding and entitled to all the rights and preferences provided herein. To the extent the Company's cash reserve exceeds the Cash Threshold at the end of any fiscal quarter of the Company following the Holder Redemption Date or Redemption Date (as the case may be), the Company shall redeem such Preferred Shares within fifteen (15) days of the release of the Company's audited financial results for the applicable fiscal quarter and, to the extent the Available Redemption Fund is insufficient to redeem the total number of Preferred Shares remaining to be redeemed thereon, the Preferred Shares shall be redeemed in the order as described in Article 102(f) and Article 103(d).
- (f) All dividends on the Preferred Shares designated for redemption shall continue to accrue and all rights of the holders thereof shall continue to be valid and enforceable until full payment of the Redemption Price. Without prejudice to the foregoing, from and after each Holder Redemption Date, unless there shall have been a default in payment of the Redemption Price, all rights of the holders of Preferred Shares designated for redemption in the Holder Redemption Election and Holder Participation Elections as holders of Preferred Shares (except the right to receive the Redemption Price without interest upon surrender of their certificate or certificates) shall cease with respect to such Preferred Shares

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designated for redemption on such date, and such Preferred Shares shall not thereafter be transferred on the books of the Company or be deemed to be outstanding for any purpose whatsoever.

- (g) At any time thereafter when additional funds of the Company are legally available for redemption of Preferred Shares, such funds will immediately be used to redeem the Preferred Shares which the Company has become obliged to redeem on the Holder Redemption Date, but which it has not redeemed; *provided that* for the redemption of Star Preferred Shares and Series C Shares, interest at a rate of eight percent (8%) per annum compounded annually shall be payable in addition to the unpaid original Redemption Price for the period from the Holder Redemption Date until full payment of the Redemption Price; *provided further that* such interest charges shall be paid to the holders of the Preferred Shares who have elected to redeem under Article 103(c) above in the order as described in Article 102(f) and Article 103(d).

DIVIDENDS

104. Each Preferred Share and Ordinary Share shall have the following rights to dividends:

- (a) In each calendar year, the holders of outstanding Series C Shares shall be entitled to receive dividends, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors, out of any assets at the time available therefor under applicable law and these Articles, at the Dividend Rate, payable in preference and priority to any declaration or payment of any Distribution on Series B5 Shares, Series B* Shares, Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series A Shares and Ordinary Shares of the Company in such calendar year. The right to receive dividends on Series C Shares shall be cumulative, and the right to such dividends shall accrue to holders of Series C Shares from the date such dividends are declared notwithstanding the fact that dividends on said shares are not paid in any calendar year. No Distributions shall be made with respect to Series B5 Shares, Series B* Shares, Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series A Shares or Ordinary Shares until all accrued dividends on the Series C Shares, as set forth in this Article 104(a), have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Series C Shares. Payment of any dividends to the holders of the Series C Shares shall be on a *pro rata, pari passu* basis.
- (b) After all accrued dividends on the Series C Shares have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Series C Shares at the Dividend Rate, the holders of outstanding Series B5 Shares shall be entitled to receive dividends, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors, out of any assets at the time available

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therefor under applicable law and these Articles, at the Dividend Rate, payable in preference and priority to any declaration or payment of any Distribution on Series B* Shares, Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series A Shares and Ordinary Shares of the Company in such calendar year. The right to receive dividends on Series B5 Shares shall be cumulative, and the right to such dividends shall accrue to holders of Series B5 Shares from the date such dividends are declared notwithstanding the fact that dividends on said shares are not paid in any calendar year. No Distributions shall be made with respect to Series B* Shares, Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series A Shares or Ordinary Shares until all accrued dividends on the Series B5 Shares, as set forth in this Article 104(b), have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Series B5 Shares. Payment of any dividends to the holders of the Series B5 Shares shall be on a *pro rata, pari passu* basis.

- (c) After all accrued dividends on the Series C Shares and the Series B5 Shares have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Series C Shares and the Series B5 Shares at the Dividend Rate, the holders of outstanding Series B* Shares shall be entitled to receive dividends, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors, out of any assets at the time available therefor under applicable law and these Articles, at the Dividend Rate, payable in preference and priority to any declaration or payment of any Distribution on Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series A Shares and Ordinary Shares of the Company in such calendar year. The right to receive dividends on Series B* Shares shall be cumulative, and the right to such dividends shall accrue to holders of Series B* Shares from the date such dividends are declared notwithstanding the fact that dividends on said shares are not paid in any calendar year. No Distributions shall be made with respect to Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series A Shares or Ordinary Shares until all accrued dividends on the Series B* Shares, as set forth in this Article 104(c), have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Series B* Shares. Payment of any dividends to the holders of the Series B* Shares shall be on a *pro rata, pari passu* basis.
- (d) After all accrued dividends on Series C Shares, Series B5 Shares, and the Series B* Shares have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Series C Shares, Series B5 Shares, and Series B* Shares at the Dividend Rate, the holders of outstanding Series B Shares shall be entitled to receive dividends, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors, out of any assets at the time available therefor under applicable law and these Articles, at the Dividend Rate, payable in preference and priority to any declaration or payment of any Distribution on Series A* Shares, Series A Shares and Ordinary Shares of the Company in such calendar year. The right to receive dividends on Series B Shares shall be

cumulative, and the right to such dividends shall accrue to holders of Series B Shares from the date such dividends are declared notwithstanding the fact that dividends on said shares are not paid in any calendar year. No Distributions shall be made with respect to Series A* Shares, Series A Shares or Ordinary Shares until all accrued dividends on the Series B Shares, as set forth in this Article 104(d), have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Series B Shares. Payment of any dividends to the holders of the Series B Shares shall be on a *pro rata, pari passu* basis.

- (e) After all accrued dividends on the Series C Shares, Series B5 Shares, Series B* Shares and Series B Shares have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Series C Shares Series B5 Shares, Series B* Shares and Series B Shares at the Dividend Rate, the holders of outstanding Series A* Shares shall be entitled to receive dividends, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors, out of any assets at the time available therefor under applicable law and these Articles, at the Dividend Rate, payable in preference and priority to any declaration or payment of any Distribution on Series A Shares and Ordinary Shares of the Company in such calendar year. The right to receive dividends on Series A* Shares shall be cumulative, and the right to such dividends shall accrue to holders of Series A* Shares from the date such dividends are declared notwithstanding the fact that dividends on said shares are not paid in any calendar year. No Distributions shall be made with respect to Series A Shares or Ordinary Shares until all accrued dividends on the Series A* Shares, as set forth in this Article 104(e), have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Series A* Shares. Payment of any dividends to the holders of the Series A* Shares shall be on a *pro rata, pari passu* basis.
- (f) After all accrued dividends on the Series C Shares, Series B5 Shares, Series B* Shares, Series B Shares, and Series A* Shares have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Series C Shares, Series B5 Shares, Series B* Shares, Series B Shares and Series A* Shares at the Dividend Rate, the holders of outstanding Series A Shares shall be entitled to receive dividends, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors, out of any assets at the time available therefor under applicable law and these Articles, at the Dividend Rate, payable in preference and priority to any declaration or payment of any Distribution on Ordinary Shares of the Company in such calendar year. The right to receive dividends on Series A Shares shall be cumulative, and the right to such dividends shall accrue to holders of Series A Shares from the date such dividends are declared notwithstanding the fact that dividends on said shares are not paid in any calendar year. No Distributions shall be made with respect to Ordinary Shares

until all accrued dividends on the Series A Shares, as set forth in this Article 104(f), have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Series A Shares. Payment of any dividends to the holders of the Series A Shares shall be on a *pro rata, pari passu* basis.

- (g) After all accrued dividends on the Preferred Shares have been paid or set aside for payment to the holders of Preferred Shares, any additional dividends declared shall be distributed among all holders of Ordinary Shares and Preferred Shares on a *pro rata* basis in proportion to the number of Ordinary Shares then held by each such holder (on an as-converted basis).
- (h) In the event that the Company shall have accrued or declared but unpaid dividends outstanding upon the Preferred Shares, then immediately prior to and in the event of a conversion of Preferred Shares as provided in Articles 19 through 24, the Company shall pay such dividends.
- (i) Immediately prior to and in the event of the Qualified IPO, the Company shall pay such dividends in respect of all shares.

105. Subject to the Statute and these Articles, the Directors may declare dividends and Distributions on Shares in issue and authorize payment of the dividends or Distributions out of the funds of the Company lawfully available therefor. No dividend or Distribution shall be paid except out of the realized or unrealized profits of the Company, or out of the share premium account or as otherwise permitted by the Statute.
106. Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to Shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the par value of the Shares that a Member holds. If any Share is issued on terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date, that Share shall rank for dividend accordingly.
107. The Directors may deduct from any dividend or Distribution payable to any Member all sums of money (if any) then payable by him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise.
108. The Directors may declare that any dividend or Distribution be paid wholly or partly by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of shares, debentures, or securities of any other company or in any one or more of such ways and where any difficulty arises in regard to such distribution, the Directors may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Shares and fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any

Members upon the basis of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all Members and may vest any such specific assets in trustees as may seem expedient to the Directors; *provided, however*, that the holders of the Preferred Shares shall be entitled at all times to request the Company to arrange for the sale or caused to be sold assets on the basis of the value so fixed and distribute the proceeds of the sale.

109. Any dividend, Distribution, interest or other monies payable in cash in respect of Shares may be paid by wire transfer to the holder or by cheque or warrant sent through the post directed to the registered address of the holder or, in the case of joint holders, to the registered address of the holder who is first named on the Register of Members or to such Person and to such address as such holder or joint holders may in writing direct. Every such cheque or warrant shall be made payable to the order of the Person to whom it is sent. Any one of two or more joint holders may give effectual receipts for any dividends, bonuses, or other monies payable in respect of the Share held by them as joint holders.
110. No dividend or Distribution shall bear interest against the Company.
111. Any dividend which cannot be paid to a Member and/or which remains unclaimed after six months from the date of declaration of such dividend may, in the discretion of the Directors, be paid into a separate account in the Company's name, *provided* that the Company shall not be constituted as a trustee in respect of that account and the dividend shall remain as a debt due to the Member. Any dividend which remains unclaimed after a period of six years from the date of declaration of such dividend shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company.

CAPITALIZATION

112. Subject to the other provisions of these Articles (including Article 81 hereof), upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors, the Members may by Ordinary Resolution authorize the Board of Directors to capitalize any sum standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts (including share premium account and capital redemption reserve fund) or any sum standing to the credit or profit and loan account or otherwise available for distribution and to appropriate such sum to Members in the proportions in which such sum would have been divisible amongst them had the same been a distribution of profits by way of dividend and to apply such sum on their behalf in paying up in full unissued shares for allotment and distribution credited as fully paid up to and amongst them in the proportion aforesaid. In such event the Board of Directors shall do all acts and things required to give effect to such capitalization, with full power to the Board of Directors to make such provisions as it thinks fit for the case of shares becoming distributable in fractions. The Board of Directors may authorize any Person to

enter on behalf of all of the Members interested into an agreement with the Company providing for such capitalization and matters incidental thereto and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective and binding on all concerned.

BOOKS OF ACCOUNT

113. The Board of Directors shall cause proper books of account to be kept with respect to:
- (a) all sums of money received and expended by the Company and the matters in respect of which the receipt or expenditure takes place;
- (b) all sales and purchases of goods by the Company; and
- (c) the assets and liabilities of the Company.

Proper books shall not be deemed to be kept if there are not kept such books of account as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs and to explain its transactions.

114. The books and records of the Company shall be open to inspection upon the written demand of any Member, at any reasonable time during usual business hours, for a purpose reasonably related to the holder's interests as a Member or as the holder of a voting trust certificate. The inspection may be made in person or by an agent or attorney and shall include the right to copy and make extracts. Such rights of inspection shall extend to the records of each Subsidiary of the corporation.
115. The Board of Directors may from time to time cause to be prepared and to be laid before the Company in general meeting profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, group accounts (if any) and such other reports and accounts as may be required by law.

AUDIT

116. The Company may at any annual general meeting appoint an Auditor or Auditors of the Company who shall hold office until the next annual general meeting and may fix his or their remuneration. The Auditor or Auditors shall be selected from one of the following accounting firms or other firms approved by all Preferred Share Directors: Deloitte & Touche, Ernst and Young, KPMG, and PricewaterhouseCoopers.
117. The Board of Directors may before the first annual general meeting appoint an Auditor or Auditors of the Company who shall hold office until the first annual general meeting

unless previously removed by an Ordinary Resolution of the Members in general meeting in which case the Members at that meeting may appoint Auditors. The Board of Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of Auditor but while any such vacancy continues the surviving or continuing Auditor or Auditors, if any, may act. The remuneration of any Auditor appointed by the Board of Directors under this Article may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

118. Auditors shall at the next annual general meeting following their appointment and at any other time during their term of office, upon request of the Board of Directors or any general meeting of the Members, make a report on the accounts of the Company in general meeting during their tenure of office.

NOTICES

119. Notices shall be in writing and may be given by the Company to any Member either personally or by sending it by registered mail, express courier, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, telex or telecopy to him or to his address as shown in the register of Members, or, when notice is given by electronic mail, by sending it to the electronic mail address provided by such Member under the Members Agreement.
120. Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, pre-paying and posting a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected at the expiration of five (5) Business Days after the letter containing the same is posted as aforesaid.
- (a) Where a notice is sent by express courier, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, and sending such notice through an internationally recognized express courier service, delivery fees pre-paid, and to have been effected three (3) Business Days following the day the same is sent as aforesaid.
- (b) Where a notice is sent by cable, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, telex or telecopy, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing and sending such notice through an electrical or electronic network and to have been effected on the first (1st) Business Day following the same is sent as aforesaid; *provided, however*, that where the notice is sent by electronic mail, the electronic mail shall set forth the business to be considered or noticed and shall be transmitted using commercially available electronic messaging software.

121. A notice may be given by the Company to the joint holders of record of a share by giving the notice to the joint holder first named on the register of Members in respect of the share.
122. A notice may be given by the Company to the Person or Persons which the Company has been advised are entitled to a share or shares in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member by sending it through the post as aforesaid in a pre-paid letter addressed to them by name, or by the title of representatives of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt, or by any like description at the address supplied for that purpose by the Persons claiming to be so entitled, or at the option of the Company by giving the notice in any manner in which the same might have been given if the death or bankruptcy had not occurred.
123. No other Person shall be entitled to receive notices of general meetings.

WINDING UP

124. If the Company shall be wound up, the liquidator shall apply the assets of the Company in satisfaction of creditors' claims in such manner and order as he thinks fit. In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, the liquidator shall, in relation to the assets available for distribution among the Members, distribute the same to the Members as follows:
- (a) The holders of Series C Shares then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid first out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members (and prior and in preference to any payment on the Series B5 Shares, the Series B* Shares, Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series A Shares and the Ordinary Shares) a liquidation preference in the amount per Series C Share equal to the applicable Original Purchase Price, plus all accrued or declared but unpaid dividends, (the "**Series C Liquidation Preference**");
- (b) In the event that the assets available for distribution among the Members are insufficient to pay the Series C Liquidation Preference in full, the holders of Series C Shares then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members as follows: an amount equal to that holder's total Series C Liquidation Preference entitlement under paragraph (a) above, divided by the aggregate of all such holders' entitlements under paragraph (a) above, multiplied by the aggregate amount available for distribution under this Article 124;

- (c) After payment of or setting aside for payment to the holders of Series C Shares the full Series C Liquidation Preference under paragraph (a), the holders of Series B5 Shares then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid then out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members (and prior and in preference to any payment on the Series B* Shares, Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series A Shares and the Ordinary Shares) a liquidation preference in the amount per Series B5 Share equal to the applicable Original Purchase Price, plus all accrued or declared but unpaid dividends, (the "**Series B5 Liquidation Preference**");
- (d) In the event that the assets available for distribution among the Members are insufficient to pay the Series B5 Liquidation Preference in full, the holders of Series B5 Shares then outstanding shall then be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members as follows: an amount equal to that holder's total Series B5 Liquidation Preference entitlement under paragraph (c) above, divided by the aggregate of all such holders' entitlements under paragraph (c) above, multiplied by the aggregate amount available for distribution under this Article 124;
- (e) After payment of or setting aside for payment to the holders of Series C Shares the full Series C Liquidation Preference under paragraph (a) and payment to the holders of Series B5 Shares the full Series B5 Liquidation Preference under paragraph (c), the holders of Series B* Shares then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members (and prior and in preference to any payment on the Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, Series A Shares and the Ordinary Shares) a liquidation preference in the amount per Series B* Share equal to the applicable Original Purchase Price, plus all accrued or declared but unpaid dividends, (the "**Series B* Liquidation Preference**");
- (f) In the event that the assets available for distribution among the Members are insufficient to pay the Series B* Liquidation Preference in full, the holders of Series B Shares then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members as follows: an amount equal to that holder's total Series B* Liquidation Preference entitlement under paragraph (e) above, divided by the aggregate of all such holders' entitlements under paragraph (e) above, multiplied by the aggregate amount available for distribution under this Article 124;
- (g) After payment of or setting aside for payment to the holders of Series C Shares the full Series C Liquidation Preference under paragraph (a), payment to the

- holders of Series B5 Shares the full Series B5 Liquidation Preference under paragraph (c), and payment to the holders of Series B* Shares the full Series B* Liquidation Preference under paragraph (e), the holders of Series B Shares then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid first out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members (and prior and in preference to any payment on the Series A* Shares, Series A Shares and the Ordinary Shares) a liquidation preference in the amount per Series B Share equal to the Original Purchase Price applicable to such Series B Share (as adjusted for Recapitalization) plus all accrued or declared but unpaid dividends (the "**Series B Liquidation Preference**");
- (h) In the event that the assets available for distribution among the Members are insufficient to pay the Series B Liquidation Preference in full, the holders of Series B Shares then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members as follows: an amount equal to that holder's total Series B Liquidation Preference entitlement under paragraph (g) above, divided by the aggregate of all such holders' entitlements under paragraph (g) above, multiplied by the aggregate amount available for distribution under this Article 124;
- (i) After payment of or setting aside for payment to the holders of Series C Shares, payment to the holders of Series B5 Shares, payment to the holders of Series B* Shares, and Series B Shares the full Series C Liquidation Preference, Series B5 Liquidation Preference, Series B* Liquidation Preference and Series B Liquidation Preference under paragraphs (a), (c), (e) and (g) above, the holders of Series A* Shares then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid first out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members (and prior and in preference to any payment on the Series A Shares and the Ordinary Shares) a liquidation preference in the amount per Series A* Share equal to the Original Purchase Price applicable to such Series A* Share (as adjusted for Recapitalization) plus all accrued or declared but unpaid dividends (the "**Series A* Liquidation Preference**");
- (j) In the event that the assets available for distribution among the Members are insufficient to pay the Series A* Liquidation Preference in full, the holders of Series A* Shares then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members as follows: an amount equal to that holder's total Series A* Liquidation Preference entitlement under paragraph (i) above, divided by the aggregate of all such holders'

- entitlements under paragraph (i) above, multiplied by the aggregate amount available for distribution under this Article 124;
- (k) After payment of or setting aside for payment to the holders of Series C Shares, payment to the holders of Series B5 Shares, payment to the holders of Series B* Shares, Series B Shares, Series A* Shares, the full Series C Liquidation Preference, Series B5 Liquidation Preference, Series B* Liquidation Preference, Series B Liquidation Preference and Series A* Liquidation Preference under paragraphs (a), (c), (e), (g) and (i) above, the holders of Series A Shares then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members (and prior and in preference to any

payment on the Ordinary Shares) a liquidation preference in the amount per Series A Share equal to the Original Purchase Price applicable to such Series A Share (as adjusted for Recapitalization) plus all accrued or declared but unpaid dividends (the “**Series A Liquidation Preference**”, and Series A Liquidation Preference, Series A* Liquidation Preference, Series B Liquidation Preference, Series B* Liquidation Preference, Series B5 Liquidation and Preference Series C Liquidation Preference, collectively are referred to as “**Liquidation Preference**”);

- (l) In the event that the assets available for distribution among the Members are insufficient to pay the Series A Liquidation Preference in full, the holders of Series A Shares then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution among the Members as follows: an amount equal to that holder’s total Series A Liquidation Preference entitlement under paragraph (k) above, divided by the aggregate of all such holders’ entitlements under paragraph (k) above, multiplied by the aggregate amount available for distribution under this Article 124; and
- (m) Subject to the prior payment of all amounts due to the holders of Preferred Shares in accordance with the above paragraphs, the balance of all remaining assets available for distribution to Members shall be distributed *pro rata* amongst the holders of Ordinary Shares and the holders of Preferred Shares (on an as-converted basis).

125. For the purpose of these Articles, a Sale Transaction (except for events set forth in paragraph (ii) of the definition of “Sale Transaction”) (a “**Deemed Winding Up Event**”) shall be treated as a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company so that each Preferred Shareholder receives the Liquidation Preference, whether by dividend or redemption of shares (as determined by the Board of Directors in its absolute discretion)

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as set forth in Article 124; *provided, however*, that the holders of at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares (voting together as a separate class on an as converted basis) and the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares (voting as a separate class on an as converted basis), may waive, on behalf of themselves and all holders of Preferred Shares, the treatment of any Deemed Winding Up Event as a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company.

126. If any assets of the Company distributed to Members in connection with any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the affairs of the Company are other than cash, then the value of such assets shall be their fair market value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors, including all Preferred Share Directors, except that any publicly-traded securities to be distributed to Members in a liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the affairs of the Company shall be valued as follows:

- (a) If the securities are then traded on an internationally-recognized securities exchange or the Nasdaq Stock Market (or a similar national quotation system), then the value of the securities shall be deemed to be to the average of the closing prices of the securities on such exchange or system over the ten (10) trading day period ending five (5) trading days prior to the distribution date;
- (b) if the securities are actively traded over-the-counter, then the value of the securities shall be deemed to be the average of the closing bid prices of the securities over the ten (10) trading day period ending five (5) trading days prior to the distribution date.

Each of the Preferred Shareholders shall have the right to request the Company to arrange for the sale or cause to be sold such assets and distribute the Liquidation Preference in cash. The Company shall, at the option of the Preferred Shareholder, convert such proceeds into US Dollars for distribution.

In the event of any Deemed Winding Up Event, the distribution date shall be deemed to be the date such transaction closes.

For the purpose of this part entitled Winding Up, “**trading day**” shall mean any day which the exchange or system on which the securities to be distributed are traded is open and “**closing prices**” or “**closing bid prices**” shall be deemed to be: (i) for securities traded primarily on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange or the Nasdaq Stock Market, the last reported trade price or sale price, as the case may be, at 4:00 p.m., New York time, on that day and (ii) for securities listed or traded on other

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exchanges, markets and systems, the market price as of the end of the regular hours trading period that is generally accepted as such for such exchange, market or system. If, after the date hereof, the benchmark times generally accepted in the securities industry for determining the market price of a stock as of a given trading day shall change from those set forth above, the fair market value shall be determined as of such other generally accepted benchmark times

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127. The Directors, alternate Directors and officers of the Company and any trustee for the time being acting in relation to any of the affairs of the Company and their heirs, executors, administrators and personal representatives respectively shall be indemnified to the maximum extent permitted by law out of the assets of the Company from and against all actions, proceedings, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them shall or may incur or sustain by reason of any act done or omitted in or about the execution of their duty in their respective offices or trusts, except such (if any) as they shall incur or sustain by or through their own willful default or gross negligence or fraud respectively, and no such Director, alternate Director, officer or trustee shall be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other Director, alternate Director, officer or trustee or for joining in any receipt for the sake of conformity or for the solvency or honesty of any banker or other Persons with whom any monies or effects belonging to the Company may be lodged or deposited for safe custody or for any insufficiency of any security upon which any monies of the Company may be invested or for any other loss or damage due to any such cause as aforesaid or which may happen in or about the execution of his office or trust unless the same shall happen through willful default or gross negligence or fraud of such Director, alternate Director, officer or trustee.

FISCAL YEAR

128. Unless the Board of Directors otherwise prescribe, the financial year of the Company shall end on December 31 in each year.

TRANSFER BY WAY OF CONTINUATION

129. If the Company is exempted as defined in the Statute, it shall, subject to the provisions of the Statute and with the approval of a Special Resolution, have the power to register by way of continuation as a body corporate under the laws of any jurisdiction outside the Cayman Islands and to be deregistered in the Cayman Islands.

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GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED
SIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED
MEMBERS AGREEMENT

May 19, 2016

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED
SIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMBERS AGREEMENT

This Sixth Amended and Restated Members Agreement (the "**Agreement**") is made as of May 19, 2016 by and among GDS Holdings Limited, a company organized and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands (the "**Company**") and the shareholders of the Company (which shall comprise of the Series A Shareholders, Series B Shareholders, the Series A* Shareholders, the Series B1 Shareholders, the Series B2 Shareholders, the Series B4 Shareholder, the Series B5 Shareholder, the Key Founders, the Series C Shareholder and the Other Shareholders) (each as defined below).

RECITALS

- A. The Company, the Series C Shareholder, other Preferred Shareholders, the Key Founders and the Best Million Group Limited, entered into a Fifth Amended and Restated Members Agreement on December 18, 2014 (the "**Original Agreement**").
- B. Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited ("**Brilliant Wise**") has agreed to repurchase certain shares of Brilliant Wise held by its shareholders and in consideration, Brilliant Wise shall transfer all the shares held by Brilliant Wise in the Company to the shareholders of Brilliant Wise in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Share Swap Agreement entered into by and among the Company, Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited and the shareholders of Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited on May 19, 2016 (the "**Share Swap Agreement**").
- C. Best Million Group Limited has agreed to transfer certain number of shares held by Best Million Group Limited in the Company to Fortune Million International Corporation and Linmax Asia Limited (the "**Share Transfer**").
- D. Upon completion of the Share Transfer and the transaction contemplated by the Share Swap Agreement, Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited shall no longer be shareholder of the Company, and whereas certain Persons, which include, EDC Group Limited, GDS Enterprises Limited, SBDG Investment Limited, Ofira Capital Limited, Fortune Million International Corporation and Linmax Asia Limited shall become new shareholders of the Company, and, the parties hereto desire to enter into this Agreement, which shall amend, restate and supersede the Original Agreement in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and certain other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

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1. Definitions

1.1 Certain Defined Terms. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

"**Affiliate**" shall mean, in respect of a Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person, and (i) in the case of a natural person, shall include, without limitation, such Person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, mother-in-law and father-in-law and brothers and sisters-in-law, (ii) in the case of a Preferred Shareholder, shall include (A) any Person who holds shares as a nominee for such Preferred Shareholder, (B) any shareholder of such Preferred Shareholder, (C) any Person which has a direct and indirect interest in such Preferred Shareholder (including, if applicable, any general partner or limited partner) or any fund manager thereof; (D) any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, under common control with, or is managed by such Preferred Shareholder or its fund manager, (E) the relatives of any individual referred to in (B) above, and (F) any trust controlled by or held for the benefit of such individuals. For the purpose of this definition, "control" (and correlative terms) shall mean the direct or indirect power, whether by contract, equity ownership or otherwise, to direct the policies or management of a Person; *provided* that the direct or indirect ownership of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the voting power of a Person is deemed to constitute control of that Person.

"**Articles**" shall mean the Company's Articles of Association, as amended from time to time.

"**Audit Committee**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.11(b).

"**Board**" and "**Board of Directors**" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

"**Business**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.14(b).

"**Business Day**" shall have the meaning as defined in the Articles.

"**Buyer**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.5.

"**CEO**" shall mean the chief executive officer of the Company.

"**Claim Notice**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3.10(c).

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"**Closing**" shall mean completion of the Share Transfer and the transaction contemplated by the Share Swap Agreement.

"**Code**" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, U.S.A. as amended from time to time.

"**Commission**" shall mean the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or any other federal agency at the time administering the Securities Act or other governmental agency administering the securities laws in the jurisdiction in which the Company's securities are registered or being registered.

"**Conversion Price**" shall have the meaning as defined in the Articles.

"**Conversion Shares**" shall mean the Ordinary Shares issued or issuable pursuant to conversion of the Preferred Shares.

"**Convertible Securities**" shall have the meaning as defined in the Articles.

"**Disclosing Party**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 6.4.

"**Dispute**" shall mean any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (including any issue as to the existence, validity, interpretation, construction, performance, breach or termination of this Agreement).

"**D&O Insurance**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.2.

"**Drag-Along Sale**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.5.

"**Drag Completion Date**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.5.

"**Drag Notice**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.5.

"**Dragged Member**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.5.

"**Dragged Shares**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.5.

“**EBITDA**” shall mean earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

“**ESOP**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.12.

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“**Everbright**” shall mean Seabright SOF (I) Paper Limited and Forebright Management Limited.

“**Exchange Act**” shall mean the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“**Executive Committee**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.11(d).

“**Executive Committee Members**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.11(d).

“**Existing Preferred Share Director**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.11(a).

“**Existing Preferred Shareholders**” shall mean all the holders of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares from time to time; and “**Existing Preferred Shareholder**” shall mean any of them.

“**Existing Preferred Shares**” shall mean Series A Shares, Series A* Shares, Series B Shares, Series B1 Shares, Series B2 Shares, Series B4 Shares, and Series B5 Shares of the Company, issued and outstanding immediately following the Closing.

“**Form S-3/F-3**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3.5(a)(iii).

“**Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4.1(b)(ii).

“**Group Company**” shall mean the Company or a Subsidiary, including those listed in Exhibit D attached hereto, and “**Group Companies**” shall mean all of them.

“**HKIAC**” shall mean the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

“**Holder**” shall mean (i) any Preferred Shareholder holding Registrable Securities, and (ii) any Person holding Registrable Securities to whom the rights under Section 3 have been transferred in accordance with Section 3.17 hereof; provided, however, that for the purpose of this Agreement, a holder of the Preferred Shares shall be deemed to be a Holder of the Registrable Securities issuable upon conversion of such Preferred Shares, as the case may be, and that Holders of Registrable Securities shall not be required by this Agreement to convert their Preferred Shares into Ordinary

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Shares in order to exercise registration rights hereunder, until immediately prior to the closing of the relevant offering to which the registration relates.

“**Hong Kong**” shall mean the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China.

“**IFRS**” shall mean the International Financial Reporting Standards.

“**Initiating Holders**” shall mean any Holders who in the aggregate hold at least twenty percent (20%) of the outstanding Registrable Securities.

“**IPO**” shall mean the Company’s first public offering of any of its securities to the general public pursuant to (i) a registration statement filed under the Securities Act, or (ii) the securities laws applicable to an offering of securities in another jurisdiction pursuant to which such securities will be listed.

“**IT**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.14(b).

“**Key Founders**” shall mean the individual and entities listed on Exhibit B attached hereto.

“**Key Founders’ Shares**” shall mean the Ordinary Shares held on record and/or beneficially by the Key Founders as of the date of this Agreement, or subsequently acquired by the Key Founders, as applicable.

“**Members**” shall mean both the Preferred Shareholders and the Ordinary Shareholders.

“**Memorandum**” shall mean the Company’s Memorandum of Association as amended from time to time.

“**New Securities**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4.1.

“**Non-Disclosing Parties**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 6.4.

“**Notice**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4.1(a).

“**Option**” shall have the meaning as defined in the Articles.

“**Ordinary Shareholders**” shall mean the holders of the Ordinary Shares.

“**Ordinary Shares**” shall mean Ordinary Shares of the Company.

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“**Ordinary Share Director(s)**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.11(a).

“**Original Agreement**” shall have the meaning as defined in Recital A.

“**Original Purchase Price**” shall have the meaning as defined in the Articles.

“**Other Shareholders**” shall mean the entities as identified in Exhibit C hereto.

“**Overallotment New Securities**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4.1(b) (ii).

“**Overallotment Notice**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4.1(b)(ii).

“**Permitted Disclosees**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 6.3(c)(i).

“**Person**” shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, trust, unincorporated organization, or other entity.

“**PFIC**” shall mean a passive foreign investment company.

“**PRC**” shall mean the People’s Republic of China excluding, for the purpose of this Agreement, the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau and the territory of Taiwan.

“**Preferred Shareholders**” shall mean both the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Series C Shareholder.

“**Preferred Shares**” shall mean both the Series C Shares and the Existing Preferred Shares.

“**Preferred Share Director(s)**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.11(a).

“**Qualified IPO**” shall mean a firm commitment underwritten IPO on an internationally recognized securities exchange (i) with gross cash proceeds to the Company of at least US\$100 million, (ii) at an issue price per share being not less than twenty-five percent (25%) above US\$1.036522, as adjusted for any Recapitalization from time to time, and (iii) resulting in a

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free float of not less than twenty percent (20%) of the Company's share capital.

"**Recapitalization**" shall mean any share split, share dividend, share combination or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification or other similar event in relation to the shares of the Company.

"**Refusal Period**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4.1(b)(i).

"**Registrable Securities**" shall mean (i) Conversion Shares; (ii) Ordinary Shares of the Company issued as (or issuable upon the conversion or exercise of any warrant, right or other security which is issued as) a dividend or other distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of, any of the foregoing; (iii) any other Ordinary Shares owned or hereafter acquired by any Preferred Shareholder; (iv) Ordinary Shares issued or issuable in respect of the Ordinary Shares described in (i) to (iii) above upon any Recapitalization or otherwise issued or issuable with respect to such Ordinary Shares; and (v) any depositary receipts issued by an institutional depositary upon deposit of any of the foregoing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, "**Registrable Securities**" shall not include any Registrable Securities sold by a Person in a transaction in which rights under Section 3 are not assigned in accordance with this Agreement or any Registrable Securities sold in a public offering, whether sold pursuant to Rule 144, or in a registered offering, or otherwise.

"**Registrable Securities then outstanding**" (and similar expressions herein) shall mean the number of Ordinary Shares that are Registrable Securities that are then (i) issued and outstanding, or (ii) issuable pursuant to the conversion of then outstanding Preferred Shares.

"**register**," "**registered**" and "**registration**" shall refer to (i) a registration effected by preparing and filing a registration statement in compliance with the Securities Act, and the declaration or ordering of the effectiveness of such registration statement, or (ii) in the context of a public offering in a jurisdiction other than the United States, a registration, qualification or filing under the applicable securities laws of such other jurisdiction.

"**Registration Expenses**" shall mean all expenses incurred by the Company in complying with Sections 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 hereof, including, without limitation, all registration, qualification and filing fees, printing expenses, escrow fees, fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, blue sky fees and expenses, the expense of any special audits incident to or required by any such registration and the reasonable fees and disbursements of one counsel for all Holders, and any fee charged by any depositary bank,

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transfer agent or share registrar, but excluding Selling Expenses. For the avoidance of doubt and subject to Section 3.5(d), the Company shall pay all expenses incurred in connection with a registration pursuant to Section 3 notwithstanding the cancellation or delay of the registration proceeding for any reason.

"**Related Party**" shall mean any Person (i) that holds a Material Interest in any Group Company, (ii) in which a Group Company holds a Material Interest, (iii) that is otherwise an Affiliate of any Group Company, (iv) that serves (or has within the past twelve (12) months served) as a director, officer or employee of any Group Company, or (v) who is a member of the family of any individual included in any of the foregoing. For the purpose of this definition, "**Material Interest**" shall mean a direct or indirect ownership of voting shares representing at least one percent (1%) of the outstanding voting power or equity of any Group Company.

"**Remuneration Committee**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.11.

"**Request Notice**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3.5(a).

"**Restricted Securities**" shall mean the securities of the Company required to bear the legend set forth in Section 3.3 hereof.

"**Rule 144**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3.4.

"**Rule 145**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3.5(a)(i).

"**Rules**" shall mean the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre Administered Arbitration Rules.

"**Sale Agreement**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.5.

"**Sale Transaction**" shall have the meaning as defined in the Articles.

"**SBCVC**" shall mean collectively SBCVC Fund II, L.P., SBCVC Venture Capital (□□□□□□□□□□), SBCVC Fund III, L.P., SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P., and SBCVC Company Limited.

"**Seabright SOF**" shall mean Seabright SOF (I) Paper Limited.

"**Securities Act**" shall mean the United States Securities Act of 1933 as amended from time to time, also as the "**Act**".

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"**Selling Expenses**" shall mean all underwriting discounts and selling commissions.

"**Selling Member**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.5.

"**Senior Management Personnel**" shall mean CEO, the chief financial officer, and all other senior officers of each Group Company reporting directly to the CEO.

"**Series A Shareholders**" shall mean the holders of Series A Shares of the Company as listed in [Exhibit A](#) attached hereto.

"**Series A Shares**" shall mean shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series A Preferred Shares and having the rights provided for in the Articles.

"**Series A* Shareholders**" shall mean the holders of Series A* Shares of the Company as listed in [Exhibit A-2](#) attached hereto.

"**Series A* Shares**" shall mean shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series A* Preferred Shares and having the rights provided for in the Articles.

"**Series B Shareholders**" shall mean the holders of Series B Shares of the Company as listed in [Exhibit A-1](#) attached hereto.

"**Series B Shares**" shall mean shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series B Preferred Shares and having the rights provided for in the Articles.

"**Series B1 Shareholders**" shall mean the holders of Series B1 Shares of the Company as listed in [Exhibit A-3](#) attached hereto.

"**Series B1 Shares**" shall mean shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series B1 Preferred Shares, and having the rights provided for in the Articles.

"**Series B2 Shareholders**" shall mean the holders of Series B2 Shares of the Company as listed in [Exhibit A-3](#) attached hereto.

"**Series B2 Shares**" shall mean shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series B2 Preferred Shares, and having the rights provided for in the Articles.

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"**Series B4 Shareholder**" shall mean the holder of Series B4 Shares of the Company as listed in [Exhibit A-3](#) attached hereto.

"**Series B4 Shares**" shall mean shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series B4 Preferred Shares, and having the rights provided for in the Articles.

"**Series B5 Shareholder**" shall mean the holder of Series B5 Shares of the Company as listed in [Exhibit A-3](#) attached hereto.

"**Series B5 Shares**" shall mean the series B5 preferred shares of the Company.

"**Series C Director(s)**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.11(a).

"**Series C Shareholder**" shall mean the holder of the Series C Shares of the Company as listed in [Exhibit A-4](#) attached hereto.

"**Series C Shares**" shall mean the shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series C Preferred Shares, and having the rights provided for in the Articles.

"**Share Swap Agreement**" shall have the meaning as defined in Recital B.

“Shares” shall mean both the Ordinary Shares and the Preferred Shares; and “Share” shall mean any one of them.

“Share Transfer” shall have the meaning as defined in Recital C.

“STTC” shall mean STT Communications Ltd., a company incorporated with limited liability in Singapore.

“Subsidiary” shall mean any corporation, partnership, trust or other entity of which the Company directly or indirectly owns at the time shares or interests representing a majority of the voting power of such corporation, partnership, trust or other entity (including those listed in Exhibit D attached hereto and “Subsidiaries” shall mean those subsidiaries.

“Subsidiary Board” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.11(e).

“Terms” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 6.1.

“Territory” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 5.2(a)(i).

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“Transaction Agreements” shall mean this Agreement, the Sixth Amended and Restated Right of First Refusal and Co-Sale Agreement, the Sixth Amended and Restated Voting Agreement, respectively dated on May 19, 2016, and the Series C Preferred Shares Subscription and Purchase Agreement dated July 29, 2014.

“Tribunal” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 7.3.

“U.S. GAAP” shall mean the generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

“VIE Entities” shall mean collectively, (i) Beijing Wanguo Chang’An Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (北京万国长安), and (ii) Shanghai Shu’An Data Solutions Co., Ltd. (上海舒安), a company incorporated and existing under the laws of PRC, and a “VIE Entity” shall mean either of these VIE Entities.

“Violation” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3.10(a).

2. Covenants of the Group Companies.

2.1 Financial Information; Inspection Rights.

- (a) Financial Information. The Company covenants and agrees that, commencing on the date of Closing, and for so long as any Preferred Shareholder holds any Preferred Shares or any Ordinary Shares issued upon conversion of any Preferred Shares, the Company will deliver (in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 7.7 hereof) to such Preferred Shareholder the following with respect to each Group Company and any other corporation, partnership, trust or other entity of which any of the Group Companies directly or indirectly owns at the time shares or interests representing a majority of the voting power of such corporation, partnership, trust or other entity:
- (i) As soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year, and in any event within ninety (90) days thereafter, annual consolidated financial statements (including a balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement) of the Group Companies for or as of the end of such fiscal year, prepared in accordance with the U.S. GAAP or with the IFRS and audited and certified by an accounting firm that is one of the “Big-4”

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international accounting firms and is acceptable to all the Preferred Share Directors.

- (ii) As soon as practicable, and in any event within thirty (30) days, after the end of each quarterly accounting period in each fiscal year of the Company, unaudited consolidated quarterly financial statements (including a balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement) of the Group Companies.
- (iii) As soon as practicable, and in any event within thirty (30) days, after the end of each month, unaudited consolidated monthly financial statements (including a balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement) of the Group Companies, including details of sales, capital expenditure, cash balance and net income; provided that such monthly financial statements shall be subject to normal year-end audit adjustments in the ordinary course.
- (iv) As soon as practicable, and in any event at least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, an annual, consolidated budget of the Group Companies for such fiscal year.

All financial statements to be provided to the Preferred Shareholders pursuant to this Section 2.1 shall be prepared in the English language in accordance with the accounting standard under which the Company prepares audited financial statements to be delivered pursuant to Section 2.1(a)(i) above and shall consolidate all of the consolidated financial results of the Group Companies.

- (b) Other Information and Inspection Rights. The Company covenants and agrees that, commencing from Closing, and for so long as any Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Company will, upon receipt of a prior written notice, afford to each Preferred Shareholder and to such Preferred Shareholder’s accountants, counsel and other representatives reasonably acceptable to the Company, reasonable access during normal business hours to each Group Company’s respective properties, books and records, and to afford each such Preferred Shareholder the right to discuss the business, operations and conditions of each Group Company with their respective officers, directors, key employees, accountants (including internal and external auditors), counsel and other representatives. Each such Preferred Shareholder shall have such other access to management (including advisors and internal and external auditors) of, and information regarding, the Group Companies

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as may be requested, whether for it to comply with its (i) obligations under applicable laws and regulations, (ii) financial and internal reporting and accounting requirements, and (iii) as required by any governmental or regulatory bodies, or otherwise. The Preferred Shareholders may exercise their rights under this Section 2.1(b) only for the purpose reasonably related to their interests under this Agreement and related agreements.

- (c) The Preferred Shareholders’ rights under this Section 2.1 may be assigned to (i) a transferee or assignee in connection with any transfer or assignment by such Preferred Shareholder, (ii) any partner or retired partner of any such Preferred Shareholder which is a partnership (or any member or retired member of any such Preferred Shareholder which is a limited liability company), (iii) any affiliated fund (United States based or non-United States based) of any such Preferred Shareholder, (iv) any family member or trust for the benefit of any such Preferred Shareholder which is an individual, or (v) any Affiliate of such Preferred Shareholder; provided in each case that: (A) such transfer may otherwise be effected in accordance with applicable securities laws, the Articles and the Sixth Amended and Restated Right of First Refusal and Co-Sale Agreement entered into between the Existing Preferred Shareholders, the Series C Shareholder, the Company and other parties on or about the date hereof (as amended and restated from time to time) (B) the Company is given prompt notice of the transfer, and (C) such assignee or transferee executes a Deed of Adherence (in the same form and substance as set out in Schedule 1 hereto) confirming to the other Members that it shall be bound by this Agreement as a Member.
- (d) Notification. The Company undertakes and agrees that the Company shall furnish to each Preferred Shareholder (from the date of this Agreement) prompt notification upon becoming aware of any: (i) litigation or investigations or proceedings which have or may reasonably be expected to have a materially adverse effect on the assets, business operations or financial conditions of any Group Company or the Group Companies as a whole, or on the ability of any Group Company to comply with its obligations under this Agreement, or other Transaction Agreements to which it is a party, and (ii) any criminal investigations or proceedings against the Company or any Related Party, and any such notification shall specify the nature of the action or proceeding and any steps the Company proposes to take in response to the same.

2.2 Directors’ and Officers’ Liability Insurance.

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At all times, the Company shall ensure that it maintains customary directors and officers liability insurance (“D&O Insurance”) for the directors, and alternate directors of the Company and the Subsidiary Boards (as defined below), covering an amount of at least US\$15,000,000 or such other amount as is approved by the holders representing more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Preferred Shares or shares resulting from conversion or exchange thereof. The Company shall maintain D&O Insurance to the extent deemed appropriate by the Board (including all the Preferred Share Directors). Such policy shall not be cancelled by the Company without unanimous prior approval of the Board then in office.

2.3 Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association.

The Company shall abide by, and take all actions necessary to achieve the economic effect of all of its obligations under the Memorandum and the Articles, including, but not limited to, the provisions related to the conversion of the Preferred Shares, the adjustment to the conversion prices of the Preferred Shares, the declaration and payment of dividends, the winding up of the Company and payment of liquidation preference on the Preferred Shares. The Company shall, and the Board shall procure that the Company shall, increase the authorized number of Ordinary Shares and/or Preferred Shares, as applicable and necessary, issue such

additional shares to the holders of Ordinary Shares or Preferred Shares, as applicable, and readjust the conversion price of the Preferred Shares in accordance with Article 29 of the Articles. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Company and each of the Members hereby agree to take all actions necessary to amend the Memorandum and the Articles, increase the authorized share capital of the Company, issue the additional shares and adjust the conversion price of the Preferred Shares to effectuate the terms of Article 29 of the Articles, including, but not limited to, providing any vote or written consent in favor thereof.

2.4 Incorporation of Certain Provisions from the Articles.

(a) The following provisions of the Company's Articles shall be incorporated by reference into this Agreement and shall be enforceable as if such provisions were part of this Agreement.

- (i) Article 6 (Issue of Shares);
- (ii) Article 18 (Variation of Rights of Shares);
- (iii) Articles 19-24 (Conversion of Preferred Shares);
- (iv) Articles 25-31 (Adjustments to Conversion Prices);
- (v) Articles 39-40 (General Meetings of Members);
- (vi) Article 41 (Notice of General Meetings of Members);

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- (vii) Articles 42-50 (Proceedings at General Meetings of Members);
- (viii) Articles 51-58 (Votes of Members);
- (ix) Articles 59-61 (Record Dates);
- (x) Articles 62-66 (Proxies);
- (xi) Articles 68-75 (Directors; Alternate Directors; Proxies);
- (xii) Articles 76-80 (Powers and Duties of Directors);
- (xiii) Article 81 (Protective Provisions);
- (xiv) Article 82 (Management and Committees of the Board of Directors);
- (xv) Articles 83-92 (Proceedings of Board of Directors);
- (xvi) Article 93 (Appointment and Removal of Directors);
- (xvii) Articles 94-98 (Director Resignation, Removals and Vacancies);
- (xviii) Article 101 (Redemption and Repurchase);
- (xix) Articles 102-103 (Redemption of Preferred Shares);
- (xx) Articles 104-111 (Dividends);
- (xxi) Articles 124-126 (Winding Up); and
- (xxii) Article 127 (Indemnity).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, (i) any amendment or waiver of any of the foregoing provisions of the Articles may be effected in accordance with the terms of the Articles and applicable laws without regard to any terms of this Agreement (including without limitation the amendment or waiver provisions of this Agreement), (ii) no amendment or waiver of any provision of the Articles shall result in an amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement unless the amendment or waiver provisions of this Agreement have also been satisfied with respect thereto and (iii) no amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement (including without limitation this Section 2.4) shall be deemed to effect an amendment or waiver of any provision of the Articles. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of the Articles, the parties shall, notwithstanding the conflict or inconsistency, act so as to effect the intent of this Agreement to the greatest extent possible under the circumstances and shall promptly amend the conflicting constitutional documents to conform to this Agreement to the greatest extent possible.

2.5 Drag-Along Rights.

(a) Subject to the provisions of the Articles (including, without limitation, Article 81 of the Articles) and prior to the closing of a Qualified IPO, if (i) any Preferred Shareholders (the "**Selling Member**") receives a bona fide offer from and agrees to the terms for the sale of all of its shares

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with a third party buyer which is not an Affiliate of the Selling Member (the "**Buyer**") (the "**Drag-Along Sale**"), and (ii) holders representing not less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares (voting together as a separate class) and holders representing not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares and the holders of at least fifty percent (50%) of the then outstanding Ordinary Shares, vote in favor of, or consent in writing to, or otherwise agree in writing to sell or transfer all of their Shares in the Drag-Along Sale, then the Selling Member may require all other Members to participate in the proposed Drag-Along Sale in accordance with and subject to the conditions set forth in this Section 2.5. However, the Series C Shareholder shall be exempted from being required to participate in the proposed Drag-Along Sale and for the avoidance of doubt, the Series C Shareholder shall not be a Dragged Member. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if such Series C Shareholder votes for the Drag-Along Sale, such Series C Shareholder (as the case may be) shall be deemed to have forfeited rights not to be a Dragged Member for this particular Drag-along Sale only.

(b) The Selling Member may, following execution of a binding agreement with the Buyer (whether conditional or unconditional) for the Drag-Along Sale (directly or indirectly) of the Shares (the "**Sale Agreement**"), by serving a notice in writing (a "**Drag Notice**") on each of the other Members who are subject to or have agreed to participate in the Drag-Along Sale and who is not a party to the Sale Agreement (each a "**Dragged Member**"), require each Dragged Member to transfer all of its Shares (the "**Dragged Shares**") to the Buyer at the price set out in Section 2.5(c) below on the date indicated in the Drag Notice as being the date of completion of the Sale Agreement (the "**Drag Completion Date**"), being not less than thirty (30) days after the date of the Drag Notice, and on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in this Section 2.5. If the Drag-Along Sale contemplated in the Sale Agreement does not complete, the Drag Notice shall lapse.

(c) The price for each Dragged Share shall:

- (i) be equal to the higher of (A) two point five (2.5) times of the highest Original Purchase Price (as defined in the Articles) and (B) the highest consideration offered for each Share in the Company in the Sale Agreement;
- (ii) be in the same form as that offered for each Share in the Company in the Sale Agreement; and

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(iii) be paid at the same time as the consideration is payable under the Sale Agreement (or, if later, on the Drag Completion Date) and shall be subject to the same payment terms.

(d) For the avoidance of doubt, the Preferred Shareholders' rights under this Section 2.5 to transfer the Dragged Shares shall apply regardless of whether the Dragged Shares are of the same class or type of Shares of the Company which the Selling Member proposes to sell.

(e) Any sale made by a Dragged Member shall be made on substantially the same terms and conditions as described in the Sale Agreement. However, the Dragged Members shall not be required to make any representation or warranty to the Buyer, other than as to good title to any Dragged Shares, absence of liens with respect to such Dragged Shares, the Dragged Member's power and authority to undertake the proposed sale, and the validity and enforceability of the Dragged Member's obligations in connection with it.

(f) Each Dragged Member's indemnification obligations, if any, in connection with the Drag-Along Sale shall only apply with respect to a breach of their own respective representations and warranties and shall be limited (A) to a period of twelve (12) months after consummation of the Drag-Along Sale and (B) to the net sale proceeds received by such Dragged Member in the Drag-Along Sale. The Selling Member shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Buyer in the Drag-Along Sale is a Person of good reputation acceptable to the Preferred Shareholders.

(g) Any duly appointed attorney of any Dragged Member, including any director of the Company, may act on such Dragged Member's behalf to fulfill its obligations hereunder on any Drag-Along Sale where any such Dragged Member refused to act.

2.6 Passive Foreign Investment Company.

Upon a determination by the Company, any Preferred Shareholder or any taxing authority that, any of the Group Companies has been or is likely to become a PFIC as defined in Section 1297 of the Code, the Company will promptly notify each Preferred Shareholder of such determination and will provide as soon as practicable (but in no event later than ninety (90) days following the end of each taxable year) each Preferred Shareholder with all information reasonably available to the Group Companies to permit such Preferred Shareholder to (i) accurately prepare all tax returns and comply with any reporting requirements as a result of such determination, (ii) make any election (including, without limitation, a "qualified electing fund"

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election under Section 1295 of the Code), with respect to the any Group Company, and comply with any reporting or other requirements incident to such election, and (iii) file a "protective statement" pursuant to Section 1295 of the Code with respect to any Group Company, and comply with any reporting or other requirements incident to such statement. Upon request from a Preferred Shareholder, the Company shall provide the Preferred Shareholders with a completed "PFIC Annual Information Statement" as required by the U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1295 and otherwise comply with applicable Treasury Regulation requirements. The Company will promptly notify the Preferred Shareholders of any assertion by the Internal Revenue Service that any Group Company is, or is likely to become, a PFIC.

2.7 Controlled Foreign Corporation.

The Company will provide prompt written notice to the Preferred Shareholders if at any time the Company becomes aware that any Group Company has become a "controlled foreign corporation" (as defined in the Code). Upon request of a Preferred Shareholder from time to time, subject to obtaining the consent of its shareholders to release such information, the Company will promptly provide in writing such information in its possession concerning its shareholders and, to the Company's actual knowledge, the direct and indirect interest holders in each shareholder reasonably sufficient for such Preferred Shareholder to determine that each Group Company is not a "controlled foreign corporation." The Company shall provide Preferred Shareholders with reasonable access to all Group Company information as the Company may then have available to it as may reasonably be required by a Preferred Shareholder to determine any Group Company's status as a "controlled foreign corporation" to determine whether such Preferred Shareholder is required to report its *pro rata* portion of the Company's "Subpart F income" (as defined in the Code) on its United States federal income tax return, or to allow such Preferred Shareholder to otherwise comply with applicable United States federal income tax law. The parties hereto shall use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent any future issuance of securities by any Group Company to the extent that such issuance would result in such shareholder or any direct or indirect investor in such shareholder being considered a "United States shareholder" of such Group Company within the meaning of Section 951(b) of the Code. Without limiting the Company's obligations as set forth in this Section 2.7, for the avoidance of doubt, the Company and the Key Founders are not responsible for any tax filings of the Preferred Shareholders or for any associated or related costs incurred in connection with such tax filings.

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2.8 Control of Subsidiaries.

The Company shall institute and shall keep in place arrangements reasonably satisfactory to all the Preferred Share Directors such that the Company (i) will control the operations of any Subsidiary of, or entity controlled by, the Company, and (ii) will be permitted to properly consolidate the financial results of all the Subsidiaries and VIE Entities in the consolidated financial statements for the Company. The Company shall, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries, and each entity it controls (including the VIE Entities), to comply with the Company's policy on compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, as amended. The Company shall take all necessary actions to maintain any Subsidiary, whether now in existence or formed in the future, as is necessary to conduct the Company's business as conducted or as proposed to be conducted. The Company shall cause each Subsidiary of, or entity controlled by, the Company, whether now in existence or formed in the future, to comply in all material respects with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

2.9 Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

The Company shall maintain a policy consistent with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, as amended, applicable to the Group Companies, which policy shall be reasonably satisfactory to all Preferred Shareholders.

2.10 UBTI Covenant.

The Company will take such steps as are necessary to cause the Company to be treated, at all times, as an association taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes.

2.11 Board Matters.

(a) Board Composition.

At Closing, there shall be a Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) Directors. Holders of seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares, voting together as a separate class on an as-converted basis, may appoint two (2) Directors (each an "**Existing Preferred Share Director**"), and may in like manner remove with or without cause any Existing Preferred Share Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead. The Series C Shareholder may appoint four (4) Directors (the "**Series C Directors**", and collectively with the Existing Preferred Share Directors, the "**Preferred Share Directors**") and may in like manner

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remove with or without cause any Series C Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead. The holders of a majority of the then outstanding Ordinary Shares, voting as a separate class, may appoint three (3) Directors (the "**Ordinary Share Directors**") and may in like manner remove with or without cause any Ordinary Share Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead. For the avoidance of doubt, any votes "on an as-converted basis" as referred to in this Agreement shall be construed and calculated in accordance with the Articles.

Subsequently to Closing, in the event of any transfers or redemption of shares among the holders of the Ordinary Shares, the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Series C Shareholders, the composition and size of the Board of Directors shall be determined as follows:

- (i) the holders of a majority of the then outstanding Ordinary Shares, voting as a separate class, shall be entitled to appoint one (1) Director for every ten percent (10%) of the issued share capital of the Company plus one Share held by holders of Ordinary Shares from time to time, and may in like manner remove with or without cause any Ordinary Share Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead;
- (ii) the holders of seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares, voting together as a separate class on an as-converted basis, shall be entitled to appoint one (1) Director for every ten percent (10%) of the issued share capital of the Company plus one Share held by the holders of Existing Preferred Shares from time to time and may in like manner remove with or without cause any Existing Preferred Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead; and
- (iii) the holders of a majority of the then outstanding Series C Shares shall be entitled to appoint one (1) Director for every ten percent (10%) of the issued share capital of the Company plus one Share held by the holders of Series C Shares from time to time and may in like manner remove with or without cause any Series C Director so appointed and may in like manner appoint another Person in his stead;

provided, however, that there shall be no adjustment to the composition of the Board until and unless any of (A) the holders of a majority of the then outstanding Ordinary Shares, (B) the holders of

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seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares, or (C) the holders of a majority of the then outstanding Series C Shares are entitled pursuant to Section 2.11(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) respectively to appoint a higher number of Directors than its Director appointment rights set out in the first paragraph of Section 2.11(a).

There shall be at least three (3) committees under the Board, which are the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee, and the Executive Committee.

- (b) Audit Committee. The audit committee (the "**Audit Committee**") shall be vested with oversight functions for financial and accounting matters of the Group Companies, including, but not limited to, preparation of budgets, performance and oversight of internal auditing. The Audit Committee shall consist of five (5) members, (3) of which are Preferred Share Directors, including two (2) Series C Directors and one (1) Existing Preferred Share Director. A Series C Director in the Audit Committee shall serve as the chairman thereof, who shall not have any casting vote. The remaining two (2) members of the Audit Committee shall be the Ordinary Share Directors. All decisions of the Audit Committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Audit Committee, including at least one (1) Series C Director and one (1) Existing Preferred Share Director.
- (c) Remuneration Committee. The remuneration committee (the "**Remuneration Committee**") shall be vested with oversight functions for remuneration matters of the Group Companies, including but not limited to, establishment and approval of the compensation plan for employees and Senior Management Personnel and non-executive directors of the Group Companies, and administration of the Group Companies' equity incentive plans. The Remuneration Committee shall consist of five (5) members, three (3) of which are Preferred Share Directors, including two (2) Series C Directors and one (1) Existing Preferred Share Director. A Series C Director in the Remuneration Committee shall serve as the chairman thereof, who shall not have any casting vote. The remaining two (2) members of the Remuneration Committee shall be the Ordinary Share Directors. All decisions of the Remuneration Committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Remuneration Committee, including at least one (1) Series C Director and one (1) Existing Preferred Share Director.
- (d) Executive Committee. The executive committee (the "**Executive Committee**") shall function primarily as an advisory body to the Board and provide consultation and recommendations to the Board on

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operating and strategic matters for any of the Group Companies, including the matters set forth as follows:

- (i) operational performance of any of Group Companies (against budgets, strategic business plans and contractual obligations e.g., debt covenants);
- (ii) appropriate strategies for any of the Group Companies;
- (iii) strategic business and financing plan(s) and annual budget of any of the Group Companies (including but not limited to any changes to the same);
- (iv) acquisitions, dispositions, investments and other potential growth and expansion opportunities (including but not limited to the identification, evaluation of new sites and new building opportunities) for any of the Group Companies;

- (v) capital structure and financing strategy of Group Companies, including but not limited to any debt, equity or equity-linked financing transactions, as well as any issuance, repurchase, conversion or redemption of any equity interests or debt of any of the Group Companies;
- (vi) any material litigation or other legal or administrative proceedings to which any of the Group Companies is a party;
- (vii) entry into any material contracts exceeding the approval authority of the Senior Management Personnel;
- (viii) enter into or agree to any transaction between any Group Company and any Member, director, officer or Affiliate of the Company or of any Affiliate thereof; and
- (ix) any other responsibilities as are delegated to the Executive Committee by the Board from time to time.

For efficiency, the Board may delegate certain decision making authority to the Executive Committee (including but not limited to approving capital and operational expenditure and changes to any strategic or business plan(s)) within appropriate perimeters approved by the Board. To the extent that the Executive Committee is delegated such authority from the Board, the Executive Committee shall function as an executive body of the Board in respect of the matters so delegated.

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The Executive Committee shall comprise of five (5) members (who may or may not be members of the Board) (the “*Executive Committee Members*”), of whom two (2) Executive Committee Members shall be nominated by the Series C Shareholder, one (1) Executive Committee member shall be nominated by the Existing Preferred Shareholders (approved by the holders of at least fifty percent (50%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares) (voting as a separate class). The remaining two (2) Executive Committee Members shall comprise the CEO and such other person as nominated by the CEO or the Ordinary Shareholders (voting as a separate class). The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be the CEO of the Company and the deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be one of the two Executive Committee Members nominated by the Series C Shareholder. Neither the Chairman nor the deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee shall have a casting vote. All recommendations or decisions (as the case may be) of the Executive Committee must be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee Members, including at least one (1) Executive Committee Member nominated by the Series C Shareholder and one (1) Executive Committee Member nominated by the Existing Preferred Shareholders (approved by the holders of at least fifty percent (50%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class).

- (e) Board Composition of Subsidiaries. Each Group Company (as applicable) shall, upon the written request of the Series C Shareholder, appoint such person as nominated by the Series C Shareholder to the relevant Subsidiary(ies) and at all times maintain the composition of the board of directors, supervisory board or similar governing body of each of its Subsidiaries as requested by the Series C Shareholder (each, a “*Subsidiary Board*”) such that each Subsidiary Board shall have three (3) members including at least one (1) director appointed by the Series C Shareholder. Within sixty (60) days of the giving of such written request by the Series C Shareholder, each Group Company shall file with the appropriate governmental authorities its amended articles of association or other applicable constitutional document which shall reflect the aforesaid composition of the Subsidiary Board.

2.12 Reserved Employee Shares.

Before Closing, the Company shall maintain an employee stock option plan (the “*ESOP*”) and reserve up to 29,240,000 Ordinary Shares for the ESOP (as adjusted for any Recapitalization). Stock options under the ESOP shall be granted to Persons nominated by the CEO of the Company, subject to

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the approval of a simple majority vote of the Board or the Remuneration Committee or its equivalent under authorization by the Board.

2.13 Key Employees.

Subject to the Articles, the Board (including all Preferred Share Directors) shall be entitled to designate, appoint, or remove the Senior Management Personnel of the Group Companies, including, without limitation, the CEO, chief operating officer, chief financial officer and chief technical officer (if applicable).

The Series C Shareholder shall be entitled to nominate candidates as each Group Company’s chief financial officer and senior operations manager in consultation with the CEO. The Company shall consider each such nomination by the Series C Shareholder in good faith, and if any such nominee is not appointed, the Series C Shareholder shall be entitled to nominate a different individual in consultation with the CEO. The Series C Shareholder shall be entitled to provide any suggestion on operational performance of any of the Group Companies (including product lines and management strategies) and the Company shall consider in good faith such suggestions.

2.14 Business and Operations.

- (a) The Company and each other Group Company undertake, and shall procure each of the Key Founders, employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors, to ensure that its business, activities and investments are undertaken in compliance with (i) every law, regulation, rule, judgment, order, license, agreement, directive, guideline, requirement, whether in effect as of the date hereof or thereafter and in each case as amended, applicable to it, and (ii) the terms and conditions of the Articles and the Transaction Agreements.
- (b) The Company shall act as a holding company of the other Group Companies and shall carry out, and shall cause each of the other Group Companies to carry out the business within the scope of building a professional, national network of enterprise-class data centers in the PRC, and providing data center infrastructure facility services and professional operation management services to information technology (“*IT*”) service providers and enterprises or organizations (the “*Business*”), and the Business shall be conducted in accordance with good and commercial business practice and in accordance with the business plan approved by the Board.

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- (c) The Company shall adopt and maintain a policy, in form and substance satisfactory to each of the Preferred Shareholders, designed to maximize its ownership of Intellectual Property (as defined below) developed or acquired in the course of its operations, which policy shall require the Company to (i) cause all material technological developments, patentable or unpatentable, inventions, discoveries or improvements by the Company’s or any of its Subsidiaries’ officers or employees to be documented in accordance with the appropriate professional standards; and (ii) cause all officers and key employees, and to the extent practicable, consultants of the Company and its Group Companies, to enter into non-disclosure and proprietary rights agreement in customary form, approved by the Board. For the purpose of this Section 2.14, “*Intellectual Property*” shall mean any and all intellectual property, including, without limitation, patents, trademarks, trade names, copyrights, proprietary information and rights, service marks, domain names, mask works, trade secrets, know-how, business processes, all computer software including the codes, inventions, information, processes, formulas, applications, design, drawings, technical data and all documentation related to any of the foregoing.

2.15 Fiscal Control.

The Company shall adopt a Management of Fiscal Affairs Policy applicable to the Group Companies, which policy shall be reasonably satisfactory to a majority in interest of the holders of the then outstanding Preferred Shares.

2.16 Reservation of Shares.

The Company shall, and the Board shall procure that the Company shall, maintain and reserve a sufficient number of Ordinary Shares at all times for issuance upon conversion of the Preferred Shares at the effective conversion rate as in effect from time to time (taking into account any outstanding options or convertible securities exercisable or convertible into Ordinary Shares). In furtherance of the foregoing, the Company shall take all actions necessary for such reservation including, but not limited to, solicitation of Board and/or shareholder approvals as necessary to increase the authorized share capital of the Company and the authorized number of Ordinary Shares authorized for issuance.

2.17 Termination of Covenants.

The covenants set forth in Section 2 (other than Sections 2.1(b) (Other information and Inspection Rights), Sections 2.2 (Directors’ and Officers’ Liability Insurance), Section 2.5 (Drag-Along Rights), Section 2.8 (Control

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of Subsidiaries), Section 2.9 (Foreign Corrupt Practices Act), Section 2.10 (UBTI Covenant), and 2.17 (Termination of Covenants)) shall terminate and be of no further force or effect immediately prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement for a Qualified IPO or, with respect to Section 2.1 only, the date on which the Company is required to file reports with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

3. Registration Rights.

3.1 Restrictions on Transferability and Applicability of Rights.

- (a) Transfer Restrictions. The Restricted Securities shall not be sold, assigned, transferred or pledged except upon the conditions specified in this Section 3, which conditions are intended to ensure compliance with the provisions of applicable securities laws. Each holder of Restricted Securities will cause any proposed purchaser, assignee, transferee or pledgee of any such shares held by such holder to agree in writing to take and hold such securities subject to the provisions and upon the conditions specified in this Agreement.
- (b) Applicability of Rights. The holders of Preferred Shares and Conversion Shares shall be entitled to the following rights with respect to any potential public offering of Ordinary Shares in the United States, and to any analogous or equivalent rights with respect to any other offering of shares in any other jurisdiction pursuant to which the Company undertakes to publicly offer or list such securities for trading on a recognized securities exchange.

3.2 [intentionally omitted].

3.3 Restrictive Legend; Execution by the Company.

Each certificate representing (i) Preferred Shares, (ii) Conversion Shares, (iii) Key Founders' Shares, (iv) any Other Shareholders' Shares, and (v) any other securities issued in respect of the Preferred Shares, Conversion Shares or Key Founders' Shares upon any Recapitalization, shall (unless otherwise permitted by the provisions of Section 3.4 below) be stamped or otherwise imprinted with legends substantially in the following form (in addition to any legend required under applicable federal, state, local or non-United States law):

- (a) "THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "ACT"). SUCH SECURITIES MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED UNLESS (A) A REGISTRATION

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STATEMENT UNDER THE ACT IS EFFECTIVE AS TO SUCH TRANSFER OR (B) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT."

- (b) "THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE SUBJECT TO AND MAY ONLY BE SOLD, DISPOSED OF OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN COMPLIANCE WITH A MEMBERS AGREEMENT, AND/OR A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL AND CO-SALE AGREEMENT, AND/OR A VOTING AGREEMENT DATED MAY 19, 2016, ENTERED INTO BY THE HOLDER OF THESE SHARES, THE COMPANY AND CERTAIN SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY AS APPLICABLE. A COPY OF SUCH AGREEMENTS IS ON FILE AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE COMPANY. SUCH LOCK-UP PERIOD, RIGHTS OF FIRST REFUSAL AND RIGHTS OF CO-SALE ARE BINDING ON TRANSFEREES OF THESE SHARES. BY ACCEPTING ANY INTEREST IN SUCH SHARES THE PERSON ACCEPTING SUCH INTEREST SHALL BE DEEMED TO AGREE TO AND SHALL BECOME BOUND BY ALL THE PROVISIONS OF SAID VOTING AGREEMENT AS APPLICABLE."

Each of the Preferred Shareholders, Holders, Key Founders and Other Shareholders consents to the Company making a notation on its records and giving instructions to any transfer agent of the Restricted Securities in order to implement the restrictions on transfer established in this Section 3.

The Company, by its execution in the space provided below, agrees that it will cause the certificates evidencing the Shares to bear the legend required by this Section 3.3, and it shall supply, free of charge, a copy of this Agreement to any holder of a certificate evidencing Shares containing such legend upon written request from such holder to the Company at its principal office. The parties hereto do hereby agree that the failure to cause the certificates evidencing the appropriate Shares to bear the legend required by this Section 3.3 and/or failure of the Company to supply, free of charge, a copy of this Agreement as provided under this Section 3.3 shall not affect the validity or enforcement of this Agreement.

3.4 Notice of Proposed Transfers.

The holder of each certificate representing Restricted Securities by acceptance thereof agrees to comply in all respects with the provisions of this Section 3.4. Prior to any proposed sale, assignment, transfer or pledge of any Restricted Securities (other than (i) a transfer not involving a change

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in beneficial ownership, (ii) in transactions involving the distribution without consideration of Restricted Securities by the holder to any of its partners, members, or retired partners or members, or to the estate of any of its partners or members or retired partners or members, (iii) in transactions in compliance with Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act ("Rule 144"), (iv) transfers by members that are entities to affiliated entities or funds (United States based or non-United States based), and (v) transfers to the Company by any holder of Restricted Securities pursuant to the Company's repurchase option set forth in any agreement entered into after the date hereof if such agreement is approved by a majority of the Board, including at least one (1) Preferred Share Director, unless there is in effect a registration statement under the Securities Act covering the proposed transfer), the holder thereof shall give written notice to the Company of such holder's intention to effect such transfer, sale, assignment or pledge. Each such notice shall describe the manner and circumstances of the proposed transfer, sale, assignment or pledge in sufficient detail, and if reasonably requested by the Company, shall be accompanied, at such holder's expense, by either (i) a written opinion of legal counsel who shall be, and whose legal opinion shall be, reasonably satisfactory to the Company addressed to the Company, to the effect that the proposed transfer of the Restricted Securities may be effected without registration under the Securities Act, or (ii) a "no action" letter from the Commission to the effect that the transfer of such securities without registration will not result in a recommendation by the staff of the Commission that action be taken with respect thereto, whereupon the holder of such Restricted Securities shall be entitled to transfer such Restricted Securities in accordance with the terms of the notice delivered by the holder to the Company. For the avoidance of doubt, it shall not be reasonable for the Company to request that a notice be accompanied by any such opinion or "no action" letter if, among other things, both the transferor and the transferee have certified in writing that each of them is not a U.S. Person (as defined under Rule 902 of Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act). Notwithstanding any of the foregoing exceptions to the notice requirements, all transferees shall be bound by the obligations of the transferor in this Agreement and other shareholder agreements, including the market standoff set forth in Section 3.14 below. Each certificate evidencing the Restricted Securities transferred as above provided shall bear, except if such transfer is made pursuant to Rule 144, the appropriate restrictive legends set forth in Section 3.3 above, except that such certificate shall not bear such restrictive legends if in the opinion of counsel for such holder and the Company such legend is not required in order to establish compliance with any provision of the Securities Act.

3.5 Demand Registration.

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- (a) Request by Holders. If the Company shall at any time after the earlier of six (6) months after the closing of an IPO, or three (3) years after Closing receive a written request from Initiating Holders that the Company effect a registration, qualification or compliance with respect to the Registrable Securities pursuant to this Section 3.5, then the Company shall, within ten (10) Business Days of the receipt of such written request, give written notice of such request (the "Request Notice") to all Holders, and use its best efforts to effect, as soon as practicable, such registration, qualification or compliance (including, without limitation, appropriate qualification under applicable blue sky or other state securities laws and appropriate compliance with applicable regulations issued under the Securities Act and any other governmental requirements or regulations) as may be so requested and as would permit or facilitate the sale and distribution of all or such portion of such Registrable Securities as are specified in such request, together with all or such portion of the Registrable Securities of any Holder or Holders joining in such request as are specified in a written request received by the Company within twenty (20) days after receipt of the Request Notice, subject only to the limitations of this Section 3.5; provided that the Company shall not be obligated to effect any such registration:
- (i) During the period starting with the date sixty (60) days prior to the Company's estimated date of filing of, and ending on the date six (6) months immediately following the effective date of, any registration statement pertaining to securities of the Company (other than a registration of securities in a transaction under Rule 145 promulgated under the Securities Act ("Rule 145") or with respect to an employee benefit plan), provided that the Company is actively employing in good faith commercially reasonable efforts to cause such registration statement to become effective;
- (ii) After the Company has effected two (2) such registrations pursuant to this Section 3.5(a), and such registration has been declared or ordered effective; or
- (iii) If the Initiating Holders may dispose of shares of Registrable Securities pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 or Form F-3 under the Securities Act as in effect on the date hereof or any successor form under the Securities Act ("Form S-3/F-3") pursuant to a request made under Section 3.7 hereof.

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- (b) Underwriting. If the Initiating Holders intend to distribute the Registrable Securities covered by their request by means of an underwriting, then they shall so advise the Company as a part of their request made pursuant to this Section 3.5 and the Company shall include such information in the Request Notice referred to in Section 3.5(a). In the event of an underwritten offering, the right of any Holder to include its Registrable Securities in such registration shall be conditioned upon such Holder's participation in such underwriting and the inclusion of such Holder's Registrable Securities in the underwriting (unless otherwise mutually agreed by a majority in interest of the Initiating Holders and such Holder) to the extent provided herein. All Holders proposing to distribute their securities through such underwriting shall enter into an underwriting agreement in customary form with the managing underwriter or underwriters selected for such underwriting by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities being registered and reasonably acceptable to the Company. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 3.5, if the underwriter(s) advise(s) the Company in writing that marketing factors require a limitation of the number of securities to be underwritten, then the Company shall so advise all Holders of Registrable Securities which would otherwise be registered and underwritten pursuant hereto, and the number of Registrable Securities that may be included in the underwriting shall be reduced as required by the underwriter(s) and allocated among the Holders of Registrable Securities on a *pro rata* basis according to the number of Registrable Securities then held by each Holder requesting registration (including the Initiating Holders); provided, however, that the number of shares of Registrable Securities to be included in such underwriting and registration shall not be reduced unless all other securities are first entirely excluded from the underwriting and registration including, without limitation, all shares that are not Registrable Securities and are held by any other Person, including, without limitation, any Person who is an employee, officer or director of any of the Group Companies. If any Holder disapproves of the terms of any such underwriting, such Holder may elect to withdraw therefrom by written notice to the Company and the underwriter(s), delivered at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the effective date of the registration statement. Any Registrable Securities and/or other securities so excluded or withdrawn from such underwriting shall be excluded and withdrawn from the registration. For any Holder that is a partnership, the Holder and the partners and retired partners of such Holder, or the estates and family members of any such partners and retired partners and any trusts for the benefit of any of the foregoing Persons, and for any Holder that is a corporation, the Holder and all corporations that are Affiliates of such Holder, shall be deemed to be a single "Holder," and any *pro rata* reduction with respect to such "Holder" shall be

based upon the aggregate amount of shares carrying registration rights owned by all entities and individuals included in such "Holder," as defined in this sentence.

- (c) **Deferral.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company shall furnish to Holders requesting the filing of a registration statement pursuant to this Section 3.5, a certificate signed by CEO of the Company stating that in the good faith judgment of the Board (including all the Preferred Share Directors then serving on the Board), it would be materially detrimental to the Company and its shareholders for such registration statement to be filed, then the Company shall have the right to defer such filing for a period of not more than ninety (90) days after receipt of the request of the Initiating Holders; provided, however, that the Company may not utilize this right more than once in any twelve (12) month period; provided further that during such ninety (90) day period, the Company shall not file any registration statement pertaining to the public offering of any securities of the Company.
- (d) **Expenses.** The Company shall pay all Registration Expenses. Each Holder participating in a registration pursuant to this Section 3.5 shall bear such Holder's proportionate share (based on the total number of shares sold in such registration other than for the account of the Company) of all Selling Expenses incurred in connection with such registration of securities on behalf of the Holders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to pay for any expenses of any registration proceeding begun pursuant to this Section 3.5 if the registration request is subsequently withdrawn at the request of the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities to be registered, unless the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities then outstanding agree that such registration constitutes the use by the Holders of one (1) demand registration pursuant to this Section 3.5 (in which case such registration shall also constitute the use by all Holders of Registrable Securities of one (1) such demand registration); provided further, however, that if at the time of such withdrawal, the Holders have learned of a material adverse change in the condition, business, or prospects of the Company not known to the Holders at the time of their request for such registration and have withdrawn their request for registration with reasonable promptness after learning of such material adverse change, then the Holders shall not be required to pay any of such expenses and such registration shall not constitute the use of a demand registration pursuant to this Section 3.5.

3.6 Piggyback Registrations.

- (a) **Notice of Registration.** The Company shall notify all Holders of Registrable Securities in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to

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registration of any of its securities, either for its own account or the account of a security holder or holders (including, but not limited to, registration statements relating to secondary offerings of securities of the Company, but excluding registration statements relating to (i) any registration under Section 3.5 or Section 3.7 of this Agreement, (ii) any employee benefit plan, or (iii) and corporate reorganization) and will afford each such Holder an opportunity to include in such registration all or any part of the Registrable Securities then held by such Holder. Each Holder desiring to include in any such registration (and any related qualifications under blue sky laws or other compliance) and in any underwriting involved therein, all or any part of the Registrable Securities held by such Holder shall within twenty (20) days after receipt of the above-described notice from the Company, so notify the Company in writing, and in such notice shall inform the Company of the number of Registrable Securities such Holder wishes to include in such registration statement. If a Holder decides not to include all of its Registrable Securities in any registration statement thereafter filed by the Company, such Holder shall nevertheless continue to have the right to include any Registrable Securities in any subsequent registration statement or registration statements as may be filed by the Company with respect to offerings of its securities, all upon the terms and conditions set forth herein.

- (b) **Underwriting.** If a registration under which the Company gives notice under this Section 3.6 is for an underwritten offering, then the Company shall so advise the Holders of Registrable Securities. In such event, the right of any such Holder's Registrable Securities to be included in a registration pursuant to this Section 3.6 shall be conditioned upon such Holder's participation in such underwriting and the inclusion of such Holder's Registrable Securities in the underwriting to the extent provided herein. All Holders proposing to distribute their Registrable Securities through such underwriting shall enter into an underwriting agreement in customary form with the managing underwriter or underwriters selected by the Company for such underwriting. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the managing underwriter(s) determine(s) in good faith that marketing factors require a limitation of the number of shares to be underwritten, then the managing underwriter(s) may exclude shares from the registration and the underwriting, and the number of shares that may be included in the registration and the underwriting shall be allocated, first to the Company, and second, to each of the Holders requesting inclusion of their Registrable Securities in such registration statement on a *pro rata* basis based on the total number of Registrable Securities then held by each such Holder; provided, however, that the

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right of the underwriter(s) to exclude shares (including Registrable Securities) from the registration and underwriting as described above shall be restricted so that (i) the number of Registrable Securities included in any such registration is not reduced below thirty percent (30%) of the aggregate number of Registrable Securities for which inclusion has been requested, even if this will cause the Company to reduce the number of shares it wishes to offer; and (ii) all shares that are not Registrable Securities and are held by any other Person, including, without limitation, any Person who is an employee, officer or director of any of the Group Companies shall first be excluded from such registration and underwriting before any Registrable Securities are so excluded. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if such offering is the Qualified IPO, any or all of the Registrable Securities of the Holders may be excluded in accordance with this Section 3.6(b), provided that any and all securities of the Company to be sold by other selling shareholders are also excluded. If any Holder disapproves of the terms of any such underwriting, such Holder may elect to withdraw therefrom by written notice to the Company and the underwriter(s), delivered at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the effective date of the registration statement. Any Registrable Securities excluded or withdrawn from such underwriting shall be excluded and withdrawn from the registration. For any Holder that is a partnership, the Holder and the partners and retired partners of such Holder, or the estates and family members of any such partners and retired partners and any trusts for the benefit of any of the foregoing Persons, and for any Holder that is a corporation, the Holder and all corporations that are Affiliates of such Holder, shall be deemed to be a single "Holder," and any *pro rata* reduction with respect to such "Holder" shall be based upon the aggregate amount of shares carrying registration rights owned by all entities and individuals included in such "Holder," as defined in this sentence.

- (c) **Expenses.** The Company shall pay all Registration Expenses incurred in connection with each registration under this Section 3.6. Each Holder participating in a registration pursuant to this Section 3.6 shall bear such Holder's proportionate share (based upon the total number of shares sold in such registration other than for the account of the Company) of all Selling Expenses incurred in connection with such registration of securities on behalf of the Holders.
- (d) **Not a Demand Registration.** Registration pursuant to this Section 3.6 shall not be deemed to be a demand registration as described in Section 3.5 above. Except as otherwise provided herein, there shall be no limit

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on the number of times the Holders may request registration of Registrable Securities under this Section 3.6.

3.7 Form S-3/F-3 Registration.

- (a) After its IPO, the Company shall use its best efforts to qualify for registration on Form S-3/F-3 or any comparable or successor form as early as possible and use best efforts to maintain such qualification thereafter. If the Company is qualified to use Form S-3/F-3, any Holder or Holders shall have a right to request at such time from time to time (such request shall be in writing) that the Company effect a registration on either Form S-3/F-3 and any related qualification or compliance with respect to all or a part of the Registrable Securities owned by such Holder or Holders, and upon receipt of each such request, the Company will:
- (i) **Notice.** Promptly give written notice of the proposed registration and the Holder's or Holders' request therefor, and any related qualification or compliance, to all other Holders of Registrable Securities; and
- (ii) **Registration.** As soon as practicable, effect such registration and all such qualifications and compliances as may be so requested and as would permit or facilitate the sale and distribution of all or such portion of such Holders or Holders' Registrable Securities as are specified in such request, together with all or such portion of the Registrable Securities of any other Holder or Holders joining in such request as are specified in a written request given within twenty (20) days after the Company provides the notice contemplated by Section 3.7(a)(i); provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to effect any such registration, qualification or compliance pursuant to this Section 3.7:
- (1) if Form S-3/F-3 becomes unavailable for such offering by the Holders;
 - (2) if the Holders, together with the holders of any other securities of the Company entitled to inclusion in such registration, propose to sell Registrable Securities and such other securities (if any) at an aggregate price to the public of less than US\$1,000,000; or

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- (3) if the Company has effected a registration pursuant to this Section 3.7 during the preceding (6) month period.

- (b) **Expenses.** The Company shall pay all Registration Expenses incurred in connection with each registration requested pursuant to this Section 3.7. Each Holder participating in a registration pursuant to this Section 3.7 shall bear such Holder's proportionate share (based upon the total number of shares sold in such registration other than for the account of the Company) of all Selling Expenses incurred in connection with such registration of securities on behalf of the Holders.
- (c) **Maximum Frequency.** Except as otherwise provided herein, there shall be no limit on the number of times the Holders may request registration of Registrable Securities under this Section 3.7.

- (d) **Deferral.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company shall furnish to Holders requesting the filing of a registration statement pursuant to this Section 3.7, a certificate signed by the CEO of the Company stating that in the good faith judgment of the Board (including all the Preferred Share Directors then serving on the Board), it would be materially detrimental to the Company and its shareholders for such Form S-3/F-3 registration statement to be filed, then the Company shall have the right to defer such filing for a period of not more than ninety (90) days after receipt of the request of the initiating Holders; provided, however, that the Company may not utilize this right more than once in any twelve (12) month period; provided further that during such ninety (90) day period, the Company shall not file any registration statement pertaining to the public offering of any securities of the Company.
- (e) **Not Demand Registration.** Form S-3/F-3 registrations shall not be deemed to be demand registrations as described in Section 3.5 above.
- (f) **Underwriting.** If the requested registration under this Section 3.7 is for an underwritten offering, the provisions of Section 3.5(b) shall apply.

3.8 **Obligations of the Company.**

Whenever required to effect the registration of any Registrable Securities under this Agreement, the Company shall keep each Holder advised in writing as to the initiation of such registration and as to the completion thereof, and shall, at its expense and as expeditiously and as reasonably possible:

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- (a) **Registration Statement.** Prepare and file with the Commission a registration statement with respect to such Registrable Securities and use its best efforts to cause such registration statement to become effective, and keep any such registration statement effective for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days or until the Holder or Holders have completed the distribution described in the registration statement relating thereto, whichever occurs first.
- (b) **Amendments and Supplements.** Prepare and file with the Commission such amendments and supplements to such registration statement and the prospectus used in connection with such registration statement as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act or other applicable securities laws with respect to the disposition of all securities covered by such registration statement.
- (c) **Registration Statements and Prospectuses.** Furnish to the Holders such number of copies of registration statements and prospectuses, including a preliminary prospectus, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act or other applicable securities laws, and such other documents as they may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of the Registrable Securities owned by them that are included in such registration.
- (d) **Blue Sky.** Use its best efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by such registration statement under such other securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders, provided that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to qualify to do business or to file a general consent to service of process in any such states or jurisdictions.
- (e) **Deposit Agreement.** If the registration relates to an offering of depositary shares or other securities representing Ordinary Shares deposited pursuant to a deposit agreement or similar facility, cause the depositary under such agreement or facility to accept for deposit under such agreement or facility all Registrable Securities requested by each Holder to be included in such registration in accordance with this Section 3.
- (f) **Underwriting.** In the event of any underwritten public offering, enter into and perform its obligations under an underwriting agreement in usual and customary form, with the managing underwriter(s) of such offering. Each Holder participating in such underwriting shall also enter into and perform its obligations under such an agreement.

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- (g) **Notification.** Notify each Holder of Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act or other applicable securities laws of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances then existing.
- (h) **Opinion and Comfort Letter.** Furnish, at the request of any Holder requesting registration of Registrable Securities, on the date that such Registrable Securities are delivered to the underwriter(s) for sale, if such securities are being sold through underwriters, or, if such securities are not being sold through underwriters, on the date that the registration statement with respect to such securities becomes effective, (i) an opinion, dated as of such date, of the counsel representing the Company for the purpose of such registration, in form and substance as is customarily given to underwriters in an underwritten public offering and reasonably satisfactory to a majority in interest of the Holders requesting registration, addressed to the underwriters, if any, and to the Holders requesting registration of Registrable Securities and (ii) a "comfort" letter dated as of such date, from the independent certified public accountants of the Company, in form and substance as is customarily given by independent certified public accountants to underwriters in an underwritten public offering and reasonably satisfactory to a majority in interest of the Holders requesting registration, addressed to the underwriters, if any, and to the Holders requesting registration of Registrable Securities.
- (i) **Listing on Securities Exchange(s).** Cause all such Registrable Securities registered pursuant hereunder to be listed on each securities exchange on which similar securities issued by the Company are then listed or, in the case of the IPO, on a U.S. national or internationally- recognized securities exchange.

If the Company fails to perform any of the Company's obligations set forth above in this Section 3.8 relating to a demand registration made pursuant to Section 3.5, such registration shall not constitute the use of a demand registration under Section 3.5.

3.9 **Furnish Information.**

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It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to Sections 3.5, 3.6 or 3.7 with respect to the Registrable Securities of any Holder, that such Holder shall furnish to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of such securities as shall be reasonably requested in writing by the Company to timely effect the registration of its Registrable Securities.

3.10 **Indemnification.**

The following indemnification provisions shall apply in the event any Registrable Securities are included in a registration statement under Sections 3.5, 3.6 or 3.7:

- (a) **By the Company.** To the extent permitted by law, the Company will indemnify and hold harmless each Holder, its partners, officers, directors, employees, trustees, legal counsel and any underwriter (as determined in the Securities Act) for such Holder and each Person, if any, who controls such Holder or underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act against any expenses, losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (joint or several) (or actions in respect thereof) to which they may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other applicable law, insofar as such expenses, losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any of the following statements, omissions or violations (each a "**Violation**"):
- (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any registration statement, offering circular, preliminary prospectus, final prospectus or other document, or any amendments or supplements thereto;
 - (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading, or
 - (iii) any violation or alleged violation of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, any federal or state or foreign securities law or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other applicable securities law in connection with the offering covered by such registration statement;

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and the Company will reimburse each such Holder, its partner, officer, director, employee, legal counsel, underwriter or controlling Person for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them, as incurred, in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 3.10(a) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), nor shall the Company be liable in any such case for any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action to the extent that it arises out of or is based upon a Violation which occurs in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished expressly for use in connection with such registration by such Holder, underwriter or controlling Person of such Holder.

- (b) **By Selling Holders.** To the extent permitted by law, each selling Holder will indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, each of its officers who have signed the registration statement, each Person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act, any underwriter (as determined in the Securities Act) and any other Holder selling securities under such registration statement or any of such other Holder's partners, directors, officers, employees, trustees, legal counsel and any underwriter (as determined in the Securities Act) for such Holder and each Person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act, against any expenses, losses, claims, damages or liabilities (joint or several) (or actions in respect thereof) to which the Company or any such director, officer, employee, trustee, legal counsel, controlling Person, underwriter or other such Holder, partner or director, officer, employee or controlling Person of such other Holder

may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other applicable law, insofar as such expenses, losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereto) arise out of or are based upon any Violation, in each case to the extent (and only to the extent) that such Violation occurs in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by such Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration; and each such Holder will reimburse any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company or any such director, officer, employee, controlling Person, underwriter or other Holder, partner, officer, employee, director or controlling Person of such other Holder in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action: provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 3.10(b) shall not apply to amounts

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paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; and provided further that the total amounts payable in indemnity by a Holder under this Section 3.10(b) plus any amount under Section 3.10(e) in respect of any Violation shall not exceed the net proceeds received by such Holder in the registered offering out of which such Violation arises.

- (c) Notice. Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 3.10 of notice of the commencement of any claim or action (including any governmental action), such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 3.10, deliver to the indemnifying party a written notice of the commencement thereof (a "Claim Notice") and the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in, and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, with the fees and expenses to be paid by the indemnifying party, (i) during the period from the delivery of a Claim Notice until retention of counsel by the indemnifying party; and (ii) if representation of such indemnified party by the counsel retained by the indemnifying party would be inappropriate due to actual or potential conflict of interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such proceeding. The failure to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall relieve such indemnifying party of liability to the indemnified party under this Section 3.10 to the extent the indemnifying party is prejudiced as a result thereof, but the omission so to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party will not relieve it of any liability that it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under this Section 3.10.
- (d) Defect Eliminated in Final Prospectus. The foregoing indemnity agreements of the Company and Holders are subject to the condition that, insofar as they relate to any untrue statement, alleged untrue statement, omission or alleged omission made in a preliminary prospectus or free writing prospectus on file with the Commission at the time the registration statement becomes effective, such indemnity agreement shall not inure to the benefit of any Person if an amended prospectus is filed with the Commission and delivered pursuant to the Securities Act at or prior to the time of sale (including, without limitation, a contract of sale, and as further contemplated by Rule 159 promulgated under the Securities Act) to the Person asserting the loss, liability, claim or damage.

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- (e) Contribution. In order to provide for just and equitable contribution to joint liability under the Securities Act in any case in which either (i) any Holder exercising rights under this Agreement, or any controlling Person of any such Holder, makes a claim for indemnification pursuant to this Section 3.10 but it is judicially determined (by the entry of a final judgment or decree by a court of competent jurisdiction and the expiration of time to appeal or the denial of the last right of appeal) that such indemnification may not be enforced in such case notwithstanding the fact that this Section 3.10 provides for indemnification in such case, or (ii) contribution under the Securities Act may be required on the part of any such selling Holder or any such controlling Person in circumstances for which indemnification is provided under this Section 3.10; then, and in each such case, the Company and such Holder will contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which they may be subject (after contribution from others) in such proportion so that such Holder is responsible for the portion represented by the percentage that the public offering price of its Registrable Securities offered by and sold under the registration statement bears to the public offering price of all securities offered by and sold under such registration statement, and the Company and other selling Holders are responsible for the remaining portion; provided, however, that, in any such case: (A) no such Holder will be required to contribute any amount in excess of the public offering price of all such Registrable Securities offered and sold by such Holder pursuant to such registration statement; and (B) no Person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.
- (f) Survival. The obligations of the Company and Holders under this Section 3.10 shall survive until the fifth (5th) anniversary of the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement, regardless of the expiration of any statutes of limitation or extensions of such statutes.

3.11 Rule 144 Reporting.

With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the Commission which may permit the sale of the Restricted Securities to the public without registration, the Company agrees to use its best efforts to:

- (a) Make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Rule 144 or any similar or analogous rule promulgated under the Securities Act, at all times after the effective

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date of the first registration filed by the Company for an offering of its securities to the general public;

- (b) File with the Commission, in a timely manner, all reports and other documents required of the Company under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, at all times after the effective date of the first registration under the Securities Act filed by the Company; and
- (c) So long as a Holder owns any Restricted Securities, furnish to such Holder forthwith upon request, (i) a written statement by the Company as to its compliance with the reporting requirements of said Rule 144, and of the Exchange Act (at any time after it has become subject to such reporting requirements, (ii) a copy of the most recent annual, interim, quarterly or other report of the Company, and (iii) such other reports and documents as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the Commission allowing it to sell any such securities without registration.

3.12 Termination of the Company's Obligations.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall have no obligations pursuant to Sections 3.5, 3.6 or 3.7 with respect to any Registrable Securities proposed to be sold by a Holder in a registered public offering (i) five (5) years after the consummation of a Qualified IPO, or (ii), if, in the opinion of counsel to the Company, all such Registrable Securities proposed to be sold by a Holder may then be sold under Rule 144 in one three month period without exceeding the volume limitations thereunder. For the avoidance of doubt, Sections 3.5 to 3.17 shall survive and remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the consummation by the Company of an IPO.

3.13 No Registration Rights to Third Parties.

Without the prior written consent of the Holders of more than seventy percent (70%) of the Registrable Securities then outstanding, the Company covenants and agrees that it shall not grant, or cause or permit to be created, for the benefit of any Person any registration rights of any kind (whether similar to the demand, "piggyback" or Form S-3/F-3 registration rights described in this Section 3, or otherwise) relating to any shares or other securities of the Company, other than rights that are subordinate to the rights of the Holders hereunder.

3.14 "Market Stand-Off" Agreement.

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Each Member hereby agrees that, if and to the extent requested by the lead underwriter of securities of the Company in connection with a registration relating to a specific proposed public offering (other than a registration on Form S-8 or a related or successor form relating solely to an employee benefit plan or a registration on Form S-4 or a related or successor form relating solely to a transaction under Rule 145), such Member will, subject to the following conditions, enter into a lock-up or standoff agreement in customary form (subject to the following conditions) under which such Member agrees not to sell or otherwise transfer or dispose of any Registrable Securities or other shares of the Company owned by such Member as of the date of such registration for up to one hundred eighty (180) days following the effective date of the related registration statement. The obligations of each Member under this Section 3.14 are subject to the following conditions: (i) the lockup or standoff agreement applies only to the first registration statement of the Company which covers securities to be sold on its behalf to the public in an underwritten offering, but not to Registrable Securities actually sold pursuant to such registration statement; (ii) such Member is reasonably satisfied that all directors, officers, and holders of 1% or more of any class of securities of the Company are bound by substantially identical restrictions; (iii) the lockup or standoff agreement provides that if any securities of the Company are to be excluded or released in whole or part from such restrictions, the underwriter shall so notify each Member and each Member shall be excluded or released, in proportionate amounts to the extent of the exclusion or release with respect to any other holder of Company's securities, including director, officer, or holder of 1% or more of any class of securities of the Company subject to such restrictions; and (iv) the lockup or standoff agreement by its terms permits transfers of Registrable Securities by any Member to any Affiliate of such Member during the restricted period, provided that such Affiliate executes a lock-up or standoff agreement substantively identical to that signed by the transferring Member. The Company may impose a stop-transfer instruction with respect to Registrable Securities subject to any such lockup or standoff agreement but shall remove such instruction immediately upon expiration of the underlying restrictions.

3.15 Public Offering Rights (Non-U.S. Offerings).

If shares of the Company are offered in an underwritten public offering (whether or not a Qualified IPO) outside the United States for the account of any Key Founder or other shareholders, each Holder shall have the right to include a pro-rata number of shares (based on the number of shares (on an as-converted basis) then held by such holder and all other shareholders

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of the Company selling in the offering) in the offering on terms and conditions no less favorable to the Holders than to any other selling shareholder.

3.16 Re-Sale Rights.

The Company shall use its best efforts to assist each Holder in the sale or disposition of its Registrable Securities after an IPO, including the prompt delivery of applicable instruction letters by the Company and legal opinions from the Company's counsels in forms reasonably satisfactory to the Holder's counsel. In the event the Company has depositary receipts listed or traded on any stock exchange or inter-dealer quotation system, the Company shall pay all costs and fees related to such depositary facility, including conversion fees and maintenance fees for Registrable Securities held by the Holders.

3.17 Transfer of Registration Rights.

The rights to cause the Company to register securities granted to a Holder under Sections 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 may be assigned to a transferee or assignee in connection with any transfer or assignment of Registrable Securities by the Holder; provided that: (a) such transfer may otherwise be effected in accordance with applicable securities laws, (b) the Company is given prompt notice of the transfer, (c) such assignee or transferee agrees to be bound by the terms of this Agreement by executing and delivering a Deed of Adherence (in the same form and substance as set out in Schedule 1 hereto), (d) such assignee or transferee is not a competitor of the Company, and (e) such assignee or transferee is (i) any partner or retired partner of any Holder which is a partnership (or any member or retired member of any Holder which is a limited liability company), (ii) any Affiliate or affiliated fund (United States based or non-United States based) of any Holder, (iii) any family member or trust for the benefit of any individual Holder, or (iv) any transferee of at least five percent (5%) of the Registrable Securities originally issued to the Holder (as adjusted for Recapitalization).

4. Pre-emptive Right.

4.1 Pre-emptive Right.

Subject to the terms and conditions specified in this Section 4.1, the Company hereby grants to each Preferred Shareholder a pre-emptive right to subscribe for its Pro Rata Share (as hereinafter defined) (in whole or in part) with respect to future issuances by the Company of New Securities (as

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hereinafter defined). For the purpose of this Section 4.1, a Preferred Shareholder's "**Pro Rata Share**" shall mean that number of New Securities (as defined below) that equals the total number of such New Securities to be issued by the Company, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is (i) the number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities that are outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) held by such Preferred Shareholder and the denominator of which is (ii) the total number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities that are outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) of the Company, outstanding immediately prior to the issuance of New Securities giving rise to the pre-emptive right.

Subject to Section 4.1(d), each time the Company proposes to offer any shares of, or securities convertible into or exercisable for any shares of, any class of its shares ("**New Securities**"), the Company shall first make an offering of such New Securities to each Preferred Shareholder in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) The Company shall deliver a written notice ("**Notice**") pursuant to Section 7.7 hereof to each of the Preferred Shareholders stating (i) its bona fide intention to offer such New Securities, (ii) the number of such New Securities to be offered, and (iii) the price and a summary of the terms, if any, upon which it proposes to offer such New Securities.
- (b)
 - (i) By written notification received by the Company within fifteen (15) Business Days after delivery of the Notice (the "**Refusal Period**"), each Preferred Shareholder may elect to purchase or obtain, at the price and on the terms specified in the Notice, up to its Pro Rata Share of such New Securities.
 - (ii) In the event that any Preferred Shareholder elects not to purchase its full Pro Rata Share of the New Securities available to it pursuant to Section 4.1(b)(i) above within the Refusal Period, then the Company shall promptly give written notice (the "**Overallocation Notice**") to each of the Preferred Shareholders that has elected to purchase its full Pro Rata Share (the "**Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders**"), which notice shall set forth the number of New Securities not purchased by the other Preferred Shareholders (such shares, the "**Overallocation New Securities**"), and shall offer the Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders the right to purchase its Pro Rata Share of the Overallocation New Securities. By written notification received by the Company within five (5) Business Days after delivery of the Overallocation Notice, each

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Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder may elect to purchase or obtain at the price and terms specified in the Notice, up to its Pro Rata Share of the Overallocation New Securities. For the purpose of this Section 4.1(b)(ii), each Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder's Pro Rata Share shall be the number of Overallocation New Securities multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities that are outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) held by such Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder on the date of the Notice and the denominator of which shall be the total number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities that are outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) held by all Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders on the date of the Notice.

- (c) In the event that not all New Securities specified in the Notice are acquired by the Preferred Shareholders pursuant to Section 4.1(b) hereof, the Company may, during the ninety (90) day period following the expiration of the period provided in Section 4.1(b) hereof, offer the remaining unsubscribed portion of such New Securities to any Person(s) approved by holders representing at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the Existing Preferred Shares (voting together as a separate class) and holders representing at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Series C Shares, at a price not less than, and upon terms no more favorable than those specified in the Notice to such Person(s). If the Company does not enter into an agreement for the sale of the New Securities within such period, or if such agreement is not consummated within sixty (60) days of the execution thereof, the right provided hereunder shall be deemed to be revived and such New Securities shall not be offered unless first reoffered to the Preferred Shareholders in accordance herewith.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, New Securities does not include the Ordinary Shares, Options or other Convertible Securities issued or issuable (or deemed to be issued or issuable pursuant to Article 26 of the Articles):
 - (i) upon conversion of Preferred Shares;
 - (ii) in the aggregate up to 29,240,000 Ordinary Shares upon exercise or conversion of Options or Convertible Securities issued from time to time, as approved by the Board, to employees, officers, directors or consultants of the Group

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Companies pursuant to option plans, restricted stock plans or other arrangements, each such plan, arrangement or issuance (as applicable) having been approved pursuant to Article 81 of the Articles;

- (iii) as a dividend or distribution on Preferred Shares;
- (iv) pursuant to Recapitalization subject to Article 29 of the Articles;
- (v) pursuant to any acquisition of the Company or of another entity by the Company by merger, purchase of substantially all of the assets, reorganization or similar transaction, approved by the Board, including all the Preferred Share Directors;
- (vi) pursuant to transactions with financial institutions or lessors in connection with loans, credit arrangements, equipment financings or similar transactions approved by the Board, including all the Preferred Share Directors;
- (vii) in a registered public offering under the Securities Act or pursuant to the securities laws applicable to an offering of securities in another jurisdiction pursuant to which such securities will be listed on an internationally recognized securities exchange which has been approved by the Board, including all the Preferred Share Directors; and
- (viii) pursuant to other transactions expressly excluded from the definition of "New Securities" by approval of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class on an as-converted basis.

The pre-emptive right is not assignable except to an Affiliate of such Preferred Shareholder.

4.2 Termination of Right.

The pre-emptive right granted under Section 4.1 shall expire immediately prior to the first to occur of the following: (i) the closing of the Qualified IPO, and (ii) the effectiveness of a Sale Transaction.

5. Representations and Warranties, Covenants and Other Agreements of the Key Founders.

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5.1 Full Time Commitment of the Key Founders.

Each Key Founder warrants, undertakes and covenants to the Preferred Shareholders that, for such time as such Key Founder continues to provide services to any of the Group Companies, he/it shall commit all of his/its efforts to furthering the business of the Group Companies and shall not, either on his/its own account or through any of his/its Affiliates, or in conjunction with or on behalf of any other Person, carry on or be engaged, concerned or interested directly or indirectly whether as shareholder, director, employee, partner, agent or otherwise carry on any business other than the business of the Group Companies.

5.2 Non-Competition.

- (a) Each Key Founder undertakes to each of the Preferred Shareholders that for a period of twenty-four (24) months after he/it ceases to be employed by any Group Company, or such Key Founder ceases to hold any equity interest in any Group Company he/it will not, without the prior written consent of all Preferred Shareholders:
- (i) in the territory of the PRC, Macau, Taiwan and Hong Kong (the "**Territory**") either on his/its own account or through any of his/its Affiliates, or in conjunction with or on behalf of any other Person, carry on or be engaged, concerned or interested, directly or indirectly, whether as shareholder, director, employee, partner, agent or otherwise carry on any business in competition with the business of any of the Group Companies;
 - (ii) either on his/its own account or through any of his/its Affiliates or in conjunction with or on behalf of any other Person solicit or entice away or attempt to solicit or entice away from any of the Group Companies, any Person who is or shall at any time within twenty-four (24) months prior to such cessation have been a customer, client, representative, agent or correspondent of such Group Company or in the habit of dealing with such Group Company;
 - (iii) either on his/its own account or through any of his/its Affiliates or in conjunction with or on behalf of any other Person, employ or engage from any Group Company any Person who is or shall have been at the date of or within twelve (12) months prior to such cessation of employment an officer, manager, consultant or employee of any such of the Group Companies whether or

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not such Person would commit a breach of contract by reason of leaving such employment;

- (iv) either on his/its own account or through any of his/its Affiliates or in conjunction with or on behalf of any other Person, solicit or entice away, or attempt to employ or engage, solicit or entice away from any Group Company any Person who is or shall have been at the date of or within twelve (12) months prior to such cessation of employment an officer, manager, consultant or employee of any such of the Group Companies whether or not such Person would commit a breach of contract by reason of leaving such employment; and
 - (v) either he/it or any of his/its Affiliates will at any time hereafter, in relation to any trade, business or company use a name or any other words hereafter used by any of the Group Companies in its name or in the name of any of its products, services or their derivative terms, or the Chinese or English equivalent or any similar word in such a way as to be capable of or likely to be confused with the name of any Group Company or the product or services or any other products or services of any Group Company, and shall use all reasonable endeavors to procure that no such name shall be used by any of his Affiliates or otherwise by any Person with which he is connected.
- (b) Each and every obligation under Section 5.2(a) shall be treated as a separate obligation and shall be severally enforceable as such and in the event of any obligation or obligations being or becoming unenforceable in whole or in part, such part or parts which are unenforceable shall be deleted from such section and any such deletion shall not affect the enforceability of the remainder parts of such section.
- (c) The parties agree that in light of the circumstances, the restrictive covenants contained in Section 5.2(a) are reasonable and necessary for the protection of the Group Companies and the Preferred Shareholders, and further agree that having regard to those circumstances the said covenants are not excessive or unduly onerous upon the Key Founders. However, it is recognized that restrictions of the nature in question may fail for technical reasons currently unforeseen and accordingly it is hereby agreed and declared that if any of such restrictions shall be adjudged to be void as going beyond what is

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reasonable, in light of the circumstances, for the protection of the Group Companies or the Preferred Shareholders, but would be valid if part of the wording thereof were deleted or the periods thereof reduced or the range of activities or area dealt with thereby reduced in scope, the said restriction shall apply with such modification as may be necessary to make it valid and effective.

5.3 IPO.

(a) The parties to this Agreement agree that:

- (i) In the event of any IPO, the priority of such IPO shall be to raise new funds for the Company's capital expenditure and working capital, and such priority shall always take precedence over any Member's desire to exit its investment in the Company; and
- (ii) the Company shall not initiate the formal preparation of any IPO prior to January 1, 2015.

Subject to this Section 5.3(a), the Company shall consider undertaking an IPO at an appropriate time subject to the Company achieving a critical size in terms of revenue, EBITDA and visibility of free cash.

- (b) Without prejudice to any Member's rights and interests hereunder or under any agreement to which such Member is a party, the parties hereto (other than the Company) agree to use their respective commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Company to work towards achieving a Qualified IPO after January 1, 2015.
- (c) The Company shall, and the Key Founders shall procure that the Company will, consult with the Preferred Shareholders on the pricing of the Qualified IPO and allow the Preferred Shareholders a reasonable opportunity to attend and participate in all meetings and discussions with the underwriter(s) and other advisers at which pricing of the Qualified IPO is to be discussed or determined.

6. Confidentiality and Announcements.

6.1 Disclosure of Terms.

Each party hereto acknowledges that the terms and conditions (collectively, the "**Terms**") of this Agreement, the other Transaction Agreements, and all exhibits, restatements and amendments hereto and thereto, shall be

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considered as confidential information and shall not be disclosed by it to any third party except in accordance with the provisions set forth below. Each Preferred Shareholder agrees with the Company that such Preferred Shareholder will keep confidential and will not disclose or divulge, any written information that is clearly and conspicuously identified as "Confidential" which such Preferred Shareholder obtains from the Company, pursuant to financial statements, reports, presentations, correspondence, and any other materials provided by the Company to, or written communications between the Company and such Preferred Shareholder, or pursuant to information rights granted under this Agreement or any other related documents, unless the information is known, or until the information becomes known, to the public through no fault of such Preferred Shareholder, or unless the Company gives its written consent to such Preferred Shareholder's release of the information.

6.2 Press Releases.

Within sixty (60) days after Closing, the Company may issue a press release disclosing that the Preferred Shareholders have invested in the Company provided that (a) the release does not disclose any of the Terms, (b) the press release does not disclose the amount or other specific terms of the investment, and (c) the final form of the press release is approved in advance in writing by each Preferred Shareholder mentioned therein. Preferred Shareholders' names and the fact that Preferred Shareholders are shareholders in the Company can be included in a reusable press release boilerplate statement, so long as each Preferred Shareholder has given the Company its initial approval of such boilerplate statement and the boilerplate statement is reproduced in exactly the form in which it was approved. No other announcement regarding any Preferred Shareholder in a press release, conference, advertisement, announcement, professional or trade publication, mass marketing materials or otherwise to the general public may be made without such Preferred Shareholder's prior written consent, which consent may be withheld at such Preferred Shareholder's sole discretion.

6.3 Permitted Disclosures.

Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary:

- (a) The Company may disclose any of the Terms to its current or bona fide prospective investors, directors, officers, employees, shareholders, investment bankers, lenders, accountants, auditors, insurers, business or financial advisors, and attorneys, in each case only if such Persons are under appropriate nondisclosure obligations imposed by professional ethics, law or otherwise;

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- (b) Each Preferred Shareholder may, without disclosing the identities of the other Preferred Shareholders or the Terms of their respective investments in the Company without their consent, disclose such Preferred Shareholder's investment in the Company to third parties or to the public at its sole discretion and, if it does so, the other parties shall have the right to disclose to third parties any such information disclosed in a press release or other public announcement by such Preferred Shareholder;

- (c) Each party shall have the right to disclose:
- (i) any information to such party's and/or its Affiliate's legal counsel, auditor, insurer, accountant, consultant, rating agency, or to an officer, director, general partner, limited partner, its shareholder, investment counsel or advisor, or employee of such party and/or its Affiliate (the "**Permitted Disclosees**"); provided, however, that any counsel, auditor, insurer, accountant, consultant, rating agency, officer, director, general partner, limited partner, shareholder, investment counsel or advisor, or employee shall only be disclosed with such information on a need-to-know basis and shall be advised of the confidential nature of the information and are under appropriate non-disclosure obligation imposed by professional ethics, law or otherwise; provided further that, notwithstanding the foregoing, any disclosure of information to a limited partner, shareholder or any other Permitted Disclosee that is a competitor of the Company shall require the prior written consent of the Company;
 - (ii) any information as required by law, government authorities, exchanges and/or regulatory bodies, including by the Securities and Futures Commission of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the China Securities and Regulatory Commission of the PRC or the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States (or equivalent for other venues);
 - (iii) any information to bona fide prospective purchasers/investors of any share, security or other interests in the Company, provided that (i) the Company has been informed of such disclosure and (ii) the prospective purchaser/investor has agreed to keep Company information confidential, and/or
 - (iv) any information contained in press releases or public announcements of the Company pursuant to Section 6.2 above.

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- (d) The confidentiality obligations set out in this Section 6 do not apply to:
- (i) information which was in the public domain or otherwise known to the relevant party before it was furnished to it by another party hereto or, after it was furnished to that party, entered the public domain otherwise than as a result of (i) a breach by that party of this Section 6, or (ii) a breach of a confidentiality obligation by the discloser, where the breach was known to that party;
 - (ii) information the disclosure of which is necessary in order to comply with any applicable law, governmental rule or regulation, the order of any court, tribunal or regulatory authority or pursuant to other legal process, the requirements of a stock exchange or to obtain tax or other clearances or consents from any relevant authority; or
 - (ii) information disclosed by any director of the Company to its appointer or any of its Affiliates or otherwise in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Section 6.3.

6.4 Legally Compelled Disclosure.

In the event that any party is requested or becomes legally compelled (including without limitation pursuant to any securities laws and regulations) to disclose the existence of this Agreement, any other Transaction Agreement or any Terms in contravention of the provisions of this Section 6, such party (the "**Disclosing Party**") shall provide the other parties (the "**Non-Disclosing Parties**") with a prompt written notice of that fact so that the appropriate party may seek (with the cooperation and reasonable efforts of the other parties) a protective order, confidential treatment or other appropriate remedy. In such event, the Disclosing Party shall furnish only that portion of the information that is legally required and shall exercise reasonable efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded such information to the extent as reasonably requested by any Non-Disclosing Party.

6.5 Other Nondisclosure Agreements.

Notwithstanding the provisions set forth below in Section 7.6 hereof, the provisions of this Section 6 shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, the provisions of the separate nondisclosure agreements if any executed by the Company with any Preferred Shareholder with respect to the transactions contemplated herein. The provisions of this Sections 6.1 to 6.4 shall terminate with respect to a Preferred Shareholder on the earlier of (a) the termination of this Agreement and (b) the date such Preferred Shareholder ceases to hold any Preferred Shares.

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6.6 Use of Names or Logos.

- (a) Use of "SBCVC" Name or Logo. Without the prior written consent of SBCVC and whether or not SBCVC is then a shareholder of the Company, no other party hereto shall use, publish or reproduce the name "SBCVC" or any similar name, trademark or logo in any of their marketing, advertising or promotion materials or otherwise for any marketing, advertising or promotional purposes.
- (b) Use of "Seabright", "Forebright" or "China Everbright" Name or Logo. Without the prior written consent of Everbright, and whether or not Everbright is then a shareholder of the Company, no other party hereto shall use, publish or reproduce the name "Seabright", "Forebright" or "China Everbright" or any similar name, trademark or logo in any of their marketing, advertising or promotion materials or otherwise for any marketing, advertising or promotional purposes.
- (c) Use of "STT", "STTC", "STT Communications", "ST Telemedia", "Singapore Technologies Telemedia", "GDC" or "APDC" Name or Logo. Without the prior written consent of the Series C Shareholder (for so long as it is controlled by STTC), and whether or not the Series C Shareholder is then a shareholder of the Company, no other party hereto shall, for any marketing, advertising or promotional purposes, use, publish or reproduce the name "STT", "STTC", "STT Communications", "ST Telemedia", "Singapore Technologies Telemedia", "GDC" or "APDC" or any similar name, trademark or logo in any of their marketing, advertising or promotion materials or any other trade name or logo to be used for STTC's data center related businesses or operations as may be notified by the Series C Shareholder to the Company from time to time.

7. Miscellaneous.

7.1 Term and Termination.

This Agreement shall become effective on the date of Closing. Section 2 shall terminate in accordance with Section 2.17; the registration rights granted pursuant to Sections 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 shall terminate in accordance with Section 3.12; and Section 4 shall terminate in accordance with Section 4.2.

7.2 Waivers and Amendments.

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Neither this Agreement nor any term hereof, may be changed, waived, discharged or terminated orally or in writing, except that any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of such terms may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively) with (but only with) (i) the written consent of the Company, (ii) the holders of at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares (voting together as a separate class) and (iii) the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares; provided, however, that no such amendment or waiver shall extend to or affect any obligation not expressly waived or impair any right consequent therein. Any party may waive any of its rights or the obligations of the Company hereunder without obtaining the consent of any other parties of this Agreement. However, any amendments or waivers to rights of, or benefits to, SBCVC under this Agreement shall not be made without prior consent of SBCVC, and any amendments or waivers to rights of, or benefits to, the Series C Shareholder under this Agreement shall not be made without prior consent of the Series C Shareholder. No consent shall be required from any Shareholder hereunder for a permitted transferee of any Equity Securities hereunder to sign a counterpart signature page to this Agreement; provided that such permitted transferee of any Equity Securities shall duly execute a Deed of Adherence (in the same form and substance as set out in Schedule 1 hereto) confirming to the other Members that it shall be bound by this Agreement as a Member.

7.3 Governing Law.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. Each of the parties hereto irrevocably agrees that any Dispute, shall be referred to and finally resolved by binding arbitration administered by the HKIAC in accordance with the Rules in force when the notice of arbitration is submitted in accordance with these Rules, which Rules are deemed to be incorporated by reference into this section and as may be amended by the rest of this section. The arbitration tribunal shall consist of three (3) arbitrators (the "**Tribunal**"). The parties agree that the three arbitrators can be selected from outside the HKIAC's panel(s) of arbitrators. The claimant and the respondent shall each designate one (1) arbitrator in accordance with the Rules. The HKIAC shall appoint the third and presiding arbitrator, who shall be qualified to practice Law in Hong Kong. The seat of the arbitration shall be Hong Kong. The language of the arbitration proceedings shall be English. Any award of the Tribunal shall be made in writing and shall be final, conclusive and binding on the parties to the arbitration from the day it is made.

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7.4 Other Remedies; Specific Performance.

Except as otherwise provided herein, any and all remedies herein expressly conferred upon a party will be deemed cumulative with and not exclusive of any other remedy conferred hereby, or by law or equity upon such party, and the exercise by a party of any one remedy will not preclude the exercise of any other remedy. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. It is accordingly agreed that the parties shall be entitled to seek an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof, this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity.

7.5 Successors and Assigns.

Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the provisions hereof shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the parties hereto and their respective successors, assigns, heirs, executors and administrators. No party hereto may delegate, assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement except in connection with the permitted transfer of securities in accordance with the terms hereof or as provided in Section 2.1(c) hereof. Additionally, neither the Company nor any of the Group Companies may assign or delegate any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of all the Preferred Shareholders.

7.6 Entire Agreement.

This Agreement and the documents referred to herein constitute the full and entire understanding and agreement between the parties with regard to the subjects hereof, and supersede any and all other prior written or oral agreements relating to the subject matter hereof existing between the parties hereto.

7.7 Notices.

All notices and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sent by facsimile or mailed by electronic, registered or certified mail or by overnight courier or otherwise delivered by hand or by messenger, addressed: (i) if to an Existing Preferred Shareholder, at the Preferred Shareholder's address, as shown on Exhibit A, Exhibit A-1, Exhibit A-2, Exhibit A-3 hereto, or at such other address as the Existing Preferred Shareholder shall have furnished to the Company in

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writing, (ii) if to the Series C Shareholder, at the Series C Shareholder's address, as shown on Exhibit A-4 hereto, (iii) if to a Key Founder, at the address as shown on Exhibit B hereto, or at such other address as the Key Founder shall have furnished to the Company in writing, (iv) if to one of the Other Shareholders, at the address as shown on Exhibit C hereto, or at such other address as the Key Founder shall have furnished to the Company in writing, or, until any such holder so furnishes an address to the Company, then to and at the address of the last holder of such shares who has so furnished an address to the Company, or (v) if to any of the Group Companies, at the address set forth on the respective signature pages attached hereto (attention: CEO), or at such other address as such Group Company shall have furnished to the Preferred Shareholders.

Where a notice is sent by mail, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, pre-paying and mailing a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected at the expiration of five (5) Business Days after the letter containing the same is mailed as aforesaid.

Where a notice is sent by overnight courier, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, and sending such notice through an internationally recognized express courier service, delivery fees pre-paid, and to have been effected three (3) Business Days following the day the same is sent as aforesaid. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, notice sent to the Series C Shareholder (and its permitted assigns) shall only be delivered by internationally recognized express courier service pursuant to this paragraph.

Where a notice is delivered by facsimile, electronic mail, by hand or by messenger, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected upon delivery or successful transmission record being generated by the sender's machine.

7.8 Severability.

If any provision of this Agreement shall be determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

7.9 Titles and Subtitles.

The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement. All references in this Agreement to sections, paragraphs and exhibits shall, unless otherwise provided, refer to sections and paragraphs hereof and exhibits attached hereto.

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7.10 Counterparts; Facsimiles.

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one instrument. A facsimile, teletype or other reproduction of this Agreement may be executed by one or more parties hereto and delivered by such party by facsimile or any similar electronic transmission device pursuant to which the signature of or on behalf of such party can be seen. Such execution and delivery shall be considered valid, binding and effective for all purposes. At the request of any party hereto, all parties hereto agree to execute and deliver an original of this Agreement as well as any facsimile, teletype or other reproduction hereof.

7.11 Delays or Omissions.

It is agreed that no delay or omission to exercise any right, power or remedy accruing to any Preferred Shareholder, upon any breach or default of the Company under this Agreement, shall impair any such right, power or remedy, nor shall it be construed to be a waiver of any such breach or default, or any acquiescence therein, or of any similar breach or default thereafter occurring; nor shall any waiver of any single breach or default be deemed a waiver of any other breach or default theretofore or thereafter occurring. It is further agreed that any waiver, permit, consent or approval of any kind or character by any Preferred Shareholder of any breach or default under this Agreement, or any waiver by any Preferred Shareholder of any provisions or conditions of this Agreement must be in writing and shall be effective only to the extent specifically set forth in writing and that all remedies, either under this Agreement, or by law or otherwise afforded to the Preferred Shareholder, shall be cumulative and not alternative.

7.12 Share Splits.

All references to the number of shares in this Agreement shall be appropriately adjusted to reflect any Recapitalization, which may be made by the Company after Closing.

7.13 Aggregation of Stock.

All shares of the Company held or acquired by affiliated Persons shall be aggregated together for the purpose of determining the availability of any rights under this Agreement.

7.14 Several Liabilities of the Preferred Shareholders.

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Each Preferred Shareholder shall be severally (and not jointly and severally or jointly with any other Person) liable for its own obligations under this Agreement.

7.15 Further Understanding and Agreement

It is understood and agreed by all parties to this Agreement that the Share Swap Agreement dated on June 12, 2014, entered into by the Company, EDC Holding Limited, Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited, and certain other entities, and the shares issued pursuant to such agreement and relevant resolutions are made for an inter-group restructuring purpose, and will not trigger the adjustment of the Conversion Price.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

"THE COMPANY"
GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ []

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: William Wei Huang ([])
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

SIGNATURE PAGE TO SIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMBERS AGREEMENT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**"PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS"
STT GDC PTE. LTD.**

By: /s/ Bruno Lopez

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Bruno Lopez
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

SIGNATURE PAGE TO SIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMBERS AGREEMENT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**"PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS"
SBCVC COMPANY LIMITED**

By: /s/ Ping Hua

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

SIGNATURE PAGE TO SIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMBERS AGREEMENT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**"PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS"
SBCVC FUND II, L.P.**

By: /s/ Ping Hua

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Managing Partner

SIGNATURE PAGE TO SIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMBERS AGREEMENT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**"PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS"
SBCVC VENTURE CAPITAL
(XXXXXXXXXX)**

By: /s/ Ping Hua

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Member of the Joint
Management Committee

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**"PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS"
SBCVC FUND II-ANNEX, L.P.**

By: /s/ Ping Hua

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Managing Partner

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**"PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS"
SBCVC FUND III L.P.**

By: /s/ Ping Hua

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Managing Partner

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**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SEABRIGHT SOF (I) PAPER LIMITED**

By: /s/ Tang Chi Chun

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Tang Chi Chun
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
FOREBRIGHT MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

By: /s/ HE Ling

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: HE Ling
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
MAXPOINT DEVELOPMENT LIMITED**

By: /s/ Changgen Wu

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Changgen Wu
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“KEY FOUNDERS”
SBGD INVESTMENT LIMITED**

By: /s/ Luo Zhi Ping

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Luo Zhi Ping
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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**“KEY FOUNDERS”
EDC GROUP LIMITED**

By: /s/ 黄伟

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: William Wei Huang (黄伟)
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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**“KEY FOUNDERS”
GDS ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

By: /s/ 黄伟

Print Name of

Authorized Signatory: William Wei Huang (黄伟)
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“KEY FOUNDERS”
OFIRA CAPITAL LIMITED**

By: /s/ Daniel Antony Newman

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Daniel Antony NEWMAN
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“KEY FOUNDERS”
EXCEL PRAYER LIMITED**

By: /s/ Shi Lan

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Shi Lan
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“KEY FOUNDERS”
SOLUTION LEISURE INVESTMENT LTD.**

By: /s/ □□

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: William Wei Huang (□□)
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“KEY FOUNDERS”
GLOBAL DATA SOLUTIONS LIMITED**

By: /s/ □□

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: William Wei Huang (□□)
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“KEY FOUNDERS”
WILLIAM WEI HUANG (□□)**

By: /s/ □□

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

**“OTHER SHAREHOLDERS”
BEST MILLION GROUP LIMITED**

By: /s/ Yang Juan

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Yang Juan
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

**“OTHER SHAREHOLDERS”
FORTUNE MILLION INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Lu Ronghan

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Lu Ronghan
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

**“OTHER SHAREHOLDERS”
LINMAX ASIA LIMITED**

By: /s/ Lim Ah Doo

Print Name of
Authorized Signatory: Lim Ah Doo
Title of
Authorized Signatory: Director

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EXHIBIT A

SERIES A SHAREHOLDERS

Name and Address of Series A Shareholder

SBCVC Fund II, L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-17141)

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O.Box 2681
Grand Cayman KYI-1111
Cayman Islands
Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0700
Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

Seabright SOF(I) Paper Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1030636)

40/F., Far East Finance Centre
6 Harcourt Road
Hong Kong
Attn: Ip Kun Wan, Kiril
Fax: +852 2520 5125
Email: kiril.ip@forebrightcapital.com

Maxpoint Development Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of British Virgin Islands, with registered number: 1061834)

40th Floor Bank of China Tower 1 Garden Road
Hong Kong
Attn: CG.Wu
Fax: 852 2103 0808
Email: changgen.wu@morganstanley.com

Name and Address of Series A Shareholder

Forebright Management Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1019522)

Suite 3720, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place,
Central, Hong Kong
Attn: Ip Kun Wan, Kiril
Fax: +852 2520 5125
Email: kiril.ip@forebrightcapital.com

EXHIBIT A-1

SERIES B SHAREHOLDERS

Name and Address of Series B Shareholder

SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-23170)

Codan Trust Company (Cayman) Limited
Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O.Box 2681
Grand Cayman KYI-1111
Cayman Islands
Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0700
Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

EXHIBIT A-2

SERIES A* SHAREHOLDERS

Name and Address of Series A* Shareholder

SBCVC Company Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of Hong Kong with registered number 1144947)

Unit 12
19th Floor, Tower B, Southmark
11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang
Hong Kong

Attn: Ping Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

EXHIBIT A-3

SERIES B1 SHAREHOLDERS

Name and Address of Series B1 Shareholder

SBCVC Company Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of Hong Kong with registered number 1144947)

Unit 12, 19th Floor, Tower B, Southmark, 11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

SBCVC Venture Capital ()

(a co-operative joint venture enterprise incorporated and existing under the laws of PRC with registered number 320594500004043)

15A-C, Hua Min Empire Plaza
728 Yan An Road (West)
Shanghai, 200050
China

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

EXHIBIT A-3

SERIES B2 SHAREHOLDERS

Name and Address of Series B2 Shareholder

SBCVC Company Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of Hong Kong with registered number 1144947)

Unit 12, 19th Floor, Tower B, Southmark, 11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

EXHIBIT A-3

SERIES B4 SHAREHOLDER

Name and Address of Series B4 Shareholder

SBCVC Fund III L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-24546)

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O.Box 2681
Grand Cayman KYI-1111
CAYMAN ISLANDS

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

EXHIBIT A-3

SERIES B5 SHAREHOLDER

Name and Address of Series B5 Shareholder

SBCVC Fund III L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-24546)

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O.Box 2681
Grand Cayman KYI-1111
CAYMAN ISLANDS

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

EXHIBIT A-4
SERIES C SHAREHOLDER

Name and Address of the Series C Shareholder

STT GDC Pte. Ltd.
(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the Republic of Singapore with registered number 201228542D)
1 Temasek Avenue
#33-01 Millenia Tower
Singapore 039192
Attn: Company Secretary
Fax: +65 6720 7220

EXHIBIT B
KEY FOUNDERS

Name and Address of Key Founders

Excel Prayer Limited
(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 555554)

Room 304
Chang Feng Er Cun 110#
Jin Sha Jiang Road
Shanghai 200062 P.R.China

Global Data Solutions Limited
(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT 128826)

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O.Box 2681
Grand Cayman KYI-1111
Cayman Islands

SBGD Investment Limited
(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1628587)

OMC Chambers, Wickhams Cay 1,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands

EDC Group Limited
(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1628788)

OMC Chambers, Wickhams Cay 1,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands

Name and Address of Key Founders

GDS Enterprises Limited
(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1628589)

OMC Chambers, Wickhams Cay 1,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands

OFIRA CAPITAL LIMITED
(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1567746)

263 Main Street,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands

Solution Leisure Investment Ltd.
(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 551497)

2/F, Tower 2, Youyou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road,
Pudong, Shanghai 200127, P.R.C.
Attn: William Wei Huang (黄伟)
Fax: 86-21-20330202
Email: huangwei@gds-services.com

William Wei Huang (黄伟)

2/F, Tower 2, Youyou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road,
Pudong, Shanghai 200127, P.R.C.
Attn: William Wei Huang (黄伟)
Fax: 86-21-20330202
Email: huangwei@gds-services.com

EXHIBIT C
OTHER SHAREHOLDERS
Name and Address of Other Shareholders

Best Million Group Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1634472)

2/F, Tower 2, Youyou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road,
Pudong, Shanghai 200127, P.R.C.
Attn: William Wei Huang (黄伟)
Fax: 86-21-20330202
Email: huangwei@gds-services.com

Fortune Million International Corporation

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1910205)

OMC Chambers, Wickham Cay 1, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands
Attn: Lu Ronghan
Email: crescent.lu@fosmail.com

Linmax Asia Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1903042)

Portcullis TrustNet Chambers,
4th Floor, Ellen Skelton Building,
3076 Sir Francis Drake Highway, Road Town,
Tortola, British Virgin Islands
Attn: Lim Ah Doo
Email: adlim311@gmail.com

EXHIBIT D

SCHEDULE OF GROUP COMPANIES

The Company

- (1) GDS Holdings Limited

The Subsidiaries (including the VIE Entities)

- (2) EDC Holding Limited
- (3) Further Success Limited
- (4) EDC China Holdings Limited
- (5) EDE I (HK) Limited
- (6) EDE II (HK) Limited
- (7) EDE III (HK) Limited
- (8) EDB (HK) Limited
- (9) EDB II (HK) Limited
- (10) FEP (HK) Limited
- (11) EDCQ (HK) Limited
- (12) EDH (HK) Limited
- (13) EDS (HK) Limited
- (14) Megaport International Limited
- (15) GDS (Hong Kong) Limited
- (16) EDCD (HK) Limited
- (17) EDKS (HK) Limited
- (18) EDSUZ (HK) Limited
- (19) GDS Data Services Company Ltd. (located in Macau)
- (20) GDS Services Limited
- (21) GDS Services (Hong Kong) Limited
- (22) Global Data Solutions Co., Ltd. 全球数据服务有限公司
- (23) EDC (Chengdu) Industry Co., Ltd. 成都数据服务有限公司
- (24) EDC Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. 昆山数据服务有限公司
- (25) EDC Technology (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. 苏州数据服务有限公司
- (26) Shanghai Waigaoqiao EDC Technology Co., Ltd. 上海外高桥数据服务有限公司
- (27) Guojin Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. 国锦数据服务有限公司

上海外高桥数据服务有限公司

- (28) Shanghai Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd. 上海外高桥数据服务有限公司
- (29) Shenzhen Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd. 深圳外高桥数据服务有限公司
- (30) Beijing Wan'guo Chang'an Science & Technology Co., Ltd. 北京万国长安数据服务有限公司
- (31) Shanghai Shu'an Data Services Ltd. 上海数安数据服务有限公司
- (32) Beijing Hengpu'an Digital Technology Development Co., Ltd. 北京恒普安数据服务有限公司
- (33) Beijing Wanguo Shu'an Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd. 北京万国数安数据服务有限公司

- (34) Shanghai Free Trade Zone GDS Management Co., Ltd. 上海自由贸易区GDS管理有限公司
 - (35) Shanghai Puchang Data Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd. 上海普畅数据科学与技术发展有限公司
 - (36) Shenzhen Pingshan New Area Global Data Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd. 深圳坪山新区全球数据科学与技术发展有限公司
 - (37) Kunshan Wanyu Data Service Co., Ltd. 昆山万宇数据服务有限公司
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SCHEDULE 1

FORM OF DEED OF ADHERENCE

THIS DEED is made the day of 20[] by [] of [] (the “**New Member**”) and is supplemental to the Sixth Amended and Restated Members Agreement of GDS Holdings Limited dated [•], 2016 made between GDS Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”), William Wei Huang, Global Data Solutions Limited, STT GDC Pte. Ltd. and other Members of the Company (such agreement as amended, restated or supplemented from time to time, the “**Members Agreement**”).

WITNESSETH as follows:

The New Member confirms that it has been provided with a copy of the Members Agreement and all amendments, restatements and supplements thereto and hereby covenants with each of the parties to the Members Agreement from time to time to observe, perform and be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Members Agreement which are capable of applying to the New Member to the intent and effect that the New Member shall be deemed as and with effect from the date hereof to be a party to the Members Agreement and to be a Member (as defined in the Members Agreement).

The address and facsimile number at which notices are to be served on the New Member under the Members Agreement and the person for whose attention notices are to be addressed are as follows:

[to insert the contact details]

Words and expressions defined in the Members Agreement shall have the same meaning in this Deed. This Deed shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong.

This Deed shall take effect as a deed poll for the benefit of the Company, William Wei Huang, Global Data Solutions Limited, STT GDC Pte. Ltd. and other parties to the Members Agreement.

IN WITNESS whereof the New Member has executed this Deed the day and year first above written.

THE COMMON SEAL of []

was hereunto affixed)

in the presence of:)

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED

SIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED VOTING AGREEMENT

This Sixth Amended and Restated Voting Agreement (this "**Agreement**") is made and entered into as of the May 19, 2016, by and among GDS Holdings Limited, a company organized and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands (the "**Company**"), each of the persons and entities listed on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "**Series A Shareholders**"), each of the persons and entities listed on Exhibit A-1 attached hereto (the "**Series B Shareholders**"), each of the persons and entities as listed on Exhibit A-2 attached hereto (the "**Series A* Shareholders**"), each of the persons and the entities listed on Exhibit A-3 attached hereto (the "**Series B1 Shareholders**"), each of the persons and the entities listed on Exhibit A-3 attached hereto (the "**Series B2 Shareholders**"), the entity listed on Exhibit A-3 attached hereto (the "**Series B4 Shareholder**"), and the entity listed on Exhibit A-3 attached hereto (the "**Series B5 Shareholder**"), and the entity listed on Exhibit A-4 attached hereto (the "**Series C Shareholder**", together with the Existing Preferred Shareholders (as defined below), the "**Preferred Shareholders**").

RECITALS

- A. The Company and the Existing Preferred Shareholders entered into a Fifth Amended and Restated Voting Agreement on December 18, 2014 (the "**Original Agreement**").
- B. Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited ("**Brilliant Wise**") has agreed to repurchase certain shares of Brilliant Wise held by its shareholders and in consideration, Brilliant Wise shall transfer all the shares held by Brilliant Wise in the Company to the shareholders of Brilliant Wise in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Share Swap Agreement entered into by and among the Company, Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited and the shareholders of Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited on May 19, 2016 (the "**Share Swap Agreement**").
- C. Best Million Group Limited has agreed to transfer certain number of shares held by Best Million Group Limited in the Company to Fortune Million International Corporation and Linmax Asia Limited (the "**Share Transfer**").
- D. The Company's Seventh Amended and Restated Articles of Association (the "**Amended Articles**") provides that (i) the holders of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Existing Preferred Shares (as defined below), voting together as a separate class on an as-converted basis, may appoint two (2) directors of the Company (the "**Existing Preferred Share Director(s)**") in accordance with the provisions of the Amended Articles; (ii) the holder of Series C Preferred Shares issued pursuant to the Subscription and Purchase Agreement dated July 29,

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2014 (the "**Series C Shares**"), and collectively with the Existing Preferred Shares, the "**Preferred Shares**"), may appoint four (4) directors of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Amended Articles. Both (i) and (ii) aforesaid are subject to any adjustment in accordance with the Amended Articles.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and certain other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Definitions.** As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- a. "**Affiliate**" shall mean, in respect of a Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person, and (i) in the case of a natural Person, shall include, without limitation, such Person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, mother-in-law and father-in-law and brothers and sisters-in-law, (ii) in the case of a Preferred Shareholder, shall include (A) any Person who holds shares as a nominee for such Preferred Shareholder, (B) any shareholder of such Preferred Shareholder, (C) any Person which has a direct and indirect interest in such Preferred Shareholder (including, if applicable, any general partner or limited partner) or any fund manager thereof; (D) any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, under common control with, or is managed by such Preferred Shareholder or its fund manager, (E) the relatives of any individual referred to in (B) above, and (F) any trust controlled by or held for the benefit of such individuals (in each case, "**control**" (and correlative terms) shall mean, for the purpose of this definition only, the direct or indirect power, whether by contract, equity ownership or otherwise, to direct the policies or management of a Person; provided that the direct or indirect ownership of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the voting power of a Person is deemed to constitute control of that Person).
- b. "**Alternate Director**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 7.
- c. "**Amended Articles**" shall mean the Company's Seventh Amended and Restated Articles of Association, as may be amended from time to time.
- d. "**as-converted basis**" shall have the meaning as defined in the Amended Articles.
- e. "**Board**" or "**Board of Directors**" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.
- f. "**Board Designee**" shall mean any individual who is designated for election to the Board pursuant to Section 3 of this Agreement.
- g. "**Business Day**" shall have the meaning as defined in the Amended Articles.
- h. "**Closing**" shall mean completion of the Share Transfer and the transaction contemplated by the Share Swap Agreement.
- i. "**Deed of Adherence**" shall mean the form of deed of adherence set out in Exhibit B hereto.
- j. "**Designator**" shall mean any person, entity or group of persons or entities who, at the time in question, has the right to designate, nominate or appoint any Board Designee.
- k. "**Dispute**" shall mean any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (including any issue as to the existence, validity, interpretation, construction, performance, breach or termination of this Agreement).
- l. "**Existing Preferred Shareholders**" shall mean all the holders of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares from time to time; and "**Existing Preferred Shareholder**" shall mean any of them.
- m. "**Existing Preferred Shares**" shall mean Series A Shares, Series A* Shares, Series B Shares, Series B1 Shares, Series B2 Shares, Series B4 Shares, and Series B5 Shares, issued and outstanding immediately following the Closing.
- n. "**HKIAC**" shall mean the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.
- o. "**IPO**" shall mean the Company's first public offering of any of its securities to the general public pursuant to (i) a registration statement filed under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or (ii) the securities laws applicable to an offering of securities in another jurisdiction pursuant to which such securities will be listed.
- p. "**Information**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 7.
- q. "**Members Agreement**" shall mean the Sixth Amended and Restated Members Agreement, of even date herewith, by and among the GDS Companies, the Key Founders and the Preferred Shareholders (each as defined therein).
- r. "**Ordinary Shares**" shall mean ordinary shares of the Company.
- s. "**Person**" shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, trust, unincorporated organization, or other entity.
- t. "**Preferred Shareholder Director**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 6.
- u. "**Preferred Shareholders**" shall mean both the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Series C Shareholder.
- v. "**Qualified IPO**" shall mean a firm commitment underwritten IPO on an internationally recognized securities exchange (i) with gross cash proceeds to the Company of at least US\$100 million, (ii) at an issue price per share being not less than twenty-five percent (25%) above US\$1.036522, as adjusted for any Recapitalization from time to time, and (iii) resulting in a free float of not less than twenty percent (20%) of the Company's share capital.
- w. "**Recapitalization**" shall mean any share split, share dividend, share combination or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification or other similar event in relation to the shares of the Company.

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x. “**Rules**” shall mean the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre Administered Arbitration Rules.

y. “**Sale Transaction**” shall have the meaning as defined in the Amended Articles.

z. “**Series A Shares**” shall mean the series A preferred shares of the Company.

aa. “**Series A* Shares**” shall mean the series A* preferred shares of the Company.

bb. “**Series B Shares**” shall mean the series B preferred shares of the Company.

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cc. “**Series B1 Shares**” shall mean the series B1 preferred shares of the Company.

dd. “**Series B2 Shares**” shall mean the series B2 preferred shares of the Company.

ee. “**Series B4 Shares**” shall mean the series B4 preferred shares of the Company.

ff. “**Series B5 Shares**” shall mean the series B5 preferred shares of the Company.

gg. “**Share Swap Agreement**” shall have the meaning as defined in Recital B.

hh. “**Shares**” shall mean Preferred Shares now owned or hereafter legally or beneficially acquired by a party hereto.

ii. “**Share Transfer**” shall have the meaning as defined in Recital C.

jj. “**Subsidiary**” and “**Subsidiaries**” shall have the meanings as defined in the Members Agreement.

kk. “**Tribunal**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 22.

2. **Agreement to Vote.** Each of the Preferred Shareholders agrees to vote all Shares, and attend, in person or by proxy, all meetings of shareholders called for the purpose of electing directors, and the Company agrees to take all actions (including, but not limited to the nomination of specified persons) to cause and maintain the election to the Board, to the extent permitted by and pursuant to the Amended Articles.

3. **Designation of Directors.** The designation of Directors shall be in accordance with the Members Agreement.

4. **Size of the Board of Directors.** During the term of this Agreement, each Preferred Shareholder agrees to vote all Shares to maintain the authorized numbers of members of the Board so that the Board shall consist of nine (9) members unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Amended Articles.

5. **Removal and Filling of Vacancies.** From time to time during the term of this Agreement, each Designator may, in its sole discretion:

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a. elect to remove from the Board any incumbent Board Designee who occupies a Board seat for which such Designator then is entitled to designate a Board Designee under Section 3 above; and/or

b. designate a new Board Designee for election to a Board seat for which such Designator is then entitled to designate the Board Designee under Section 3 above (whether to replace a prior Board Designee or to fill a vacancy in such Board seat).

In the event of such removal and/or designation, each party hereto agrees to vote its Shares as necessary to cause the removal from the Board of any Board Designee so designated for removal by the appropriate Designator and the election to the Board of any new Board Designee so designated for election to the Board by such appropriate Designator.

6. **Waiver.** The Company acknowledges that each Preferred Shareholder will likely have, from time to time, information that may be of interest to the Company or its Subsidiaries (“**Information**”) regarding a wide variety of matters including (a) a Preferred Shareholder’s technologies, plans and services, and plans and strategies relating thereto, (b) current and future investments a Preferred Shareholder has made, may make, may consider or may become aware of with respect to other companies and other technologies, products and services, including technologies, products and services that may be competitive with those of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and (c) developments with respect to the technologies, products and services, and plans and strategies relating thereto, of other companies, including companies that may be competitive with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. The Company recognizes that a portion of such Information may be of interest to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Such Information may or may not be known by the directors of the Company nominated by any Preferred Shareholder (each, a “**Preferred Shareholder Director**”) pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the Members Agreement or the Amended Articles. The Company, as a material part of the consideration for this Agreement, agrees that a Preferred Shareholder Director shall not have any duty to disclose any Information to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or permit the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to participate in any projects or investments based on any Information, or otherwise to take advantage of any opportunity that may be of interest to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries if it were aware of such Information, and hereby waives, to the extent permitted by law, any claim based on the corporate opportunity doctrine or otherwise that could limit any Preferred Shareholder’s ability to pursue opportunities based on such Information or that would require any Preferred Shareholder, any representative, any Preferred Shareholder Director to disclose any such Information to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or offer any opportunity relating thereto to the Company or any of

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its Subsidiaries. The Company also acknowledges that each Preferred Shareholder Director will likely have, from time to time, information that may be of interest to its appointing Preferred Shareholder. The Company, as a material part of the consideration for this Agreement, agrees that such Preferred Shareholder Director may disclose any such information to its Preferred Shareholder, provided that the disclosure of such information does not in any manner fetter the fiduciary duties that the relevant Preferred Shareholder Director owes towards the Company and to the extent permitted by law.

7. **Indemnification.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or in the Amended Articles, the Company and its Subsidiaries shall, jointly and severally, indemnify and hold harmless each Preferred Shareholder Director, a Preferred Shareholder Director’s alternate (an “**Alternate Director**”) to the fullest extent permissible by law, from and against all liabilities, damages, actions, suits, proceedings, claims, costs, charges and expenses suffered or incurred by or brought or made against such Preferred Shareholder Director or Alternate Director as a result of any act, matter or thing done or omitted to be done by him in good faith in the course of acting as a Preferred Shareholder Director or an Alternate Director, as applicable, of the Company or its Subsidiaries, by delivering to such Preferred Shareholder Director or Alternate Director, at the time of its appointment as a Preferred Shareholder Director or an Alternate Director an indemnification agreement duly executed by the Company. For the avoidance of doubt, indemnification provided in favor of such Preferred Shareholder Director and Alternate Director under this Section 7 shall not apply to any liabilities, damages, actions, suits, proceedings, claims, costs, charges and expenses arising from fraud on the part of the foregoing Preferred Shareholder Director or Alternate Director.

8. **Director Expenses.** The Company shall reimburse the Preferred Shareholder Directors and the Alternate Directors for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with Board duties and meetings, up to US\$25,000 per calendar year per Preferred Shareholder Director or Alternate Director. The Preferred Shareholder Directors and the Alternate Directors shall be paid in a timely manner for all travelling, hotel, and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of directors, committees of directors, general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of Shares of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.

9. **Binding Effect.** The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon the successors in interest to any of the Shares. The Company shall not permit the transfer of any of the Shares on its books or issue a new certificate representing any of the Shares unless and until the person to whom such Shares is to be transferred shall have executed a written agreement that is substantially in the

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form of this Agreement, or a Deed of Adherence, pursuant to which such person becomes a party to this Agreement and agrees to be bound by all the provisions hereof as if such person were a Preferred Shareholder, as applicable, hereunder.

10. **Covenants of the Company.** The Company agrees to use its best efforts to ensure that the rights granted hereunder are effective and that the parties hereto enjoy the benefits thereof. Such actions include, without limitation, the use of the Company’s best efforts to cause the nomination and election of the directors as provided above. The Company will not, by any voluntary action, avoid or seek to avoid the observance or performance of any of the terms to be performed hereunder by the Company, but will at all times in good faith assist in the carrying out of all of the provisions of this Agreement and in the taking of all such actions as may be necessary, appropriate or reasonably requested by the Person(s) entitled to designate a director in order to protect the rights of the parties hereunder against impairment.

11. **Specific Enforcement.** Except as otherwise provided herein, any and all remedies herein expressly conferred upon a party will be deemed cumulative with and not exclusive of any other remedy conferred hereby, or by law or equity upon such party, and the exercise by a party of any one remedy will not preclude the exercise of any other remedy. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. It is accordingly agreed that the parties shall be entitled to seek an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof, this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity.

12. **Titles and Subtitles.** The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement. All references in this Agreement to sections, paragraphs and exhibits shall, unless otherwise provided, refer to sections and paragraphs hereof and exhibits attached hereto.

13. **Notices.** All notices and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sent by facsimile or mailed by electronic, registered or certified mail or by overnight courier or otherwise delivered by hand or by messenger, addressed:

a. if to an Existing Preferred Shareholder, at the Preferred Shareholder's address, as shown on Exhibit A, Exhibit A-1, Exhibit A-2 and Exhibit A-3 hereto, or at such other address as the Preferred Shareholders shall have furnished to the Company in writing;

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b. if to the Series C Shareholder, at the Series C Shareholder's address, as shown on Exhibit A-4 hereto, or at such other address as the Series C Shareholders shall have furnished to the Company in writing;

c. if to any other holder of any shares subject to this Agreement, at such address as such holder shall have furnished the Company in writing, or, until any such holder so furnishes an address to the Company, then to and at the address of the last holder of such shares who has so furnished an address to the Company; and

d. if to the Company, at the address of its principal corporate offices (attention: CEO), or at such other address as the Company shall have furnished to the Preferred Shareholders.

Where a notice is sent by mail, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, pre-paying and mailing a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected at the expiration of three (3) Business Days after the letter containing the same is mailed as aforesaid.

Where a notice is sent by overnight courier, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, and sending such notice through an internationally recognized express courier service, delivery fees pre-paid, and to have been effected at the expiration of three (3) Business Days following the day the same is sent as aforesaid. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, notices sent to Preferred Shareholders (and their permitted assigns) shall only be delivered by internationally recognized express courier service pursuant to this paragraph.

Where a notice is delivered by facsimile, electronic mail, by hand or by messenger, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected upon delivery or successful transmission record being generated by the sender's machine.

14. **Term.** This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force or effect on the date that is the earliest of: (a) the closing of the Qualified IPO, (b) the closing of a Sale Transaction, and (iii) the date upon which there are no longer any Preferred Shares outstanding; *provided, however*, that Sections 7 (Indemnification), 8 (Director Expenses), 14 (Term), 21 (Successors), 22 (Governing Law) and 23 (Entire Agreement) shall survive termination of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary, termination of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to any liability or obligation in respect of any matters, undertakings or conditions which shall not have been observed or performed by the relevant party prior to such termination.

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15. **Manner of Voting.** The voting of shares pursuant to this Agreement may be effected in person, by proxy, by written consent, or in any other manner permitted by applicable law. A Preferred Shareholder shall be obligated to vote its Shares at a general meeting or special meeting only if such Preferred Shareholder receives notice of such general meeting or special meeting in accordance with the Amended Articles.

16. **Aggregation.** All Shares of the Company held or acquired by Affiliates of a Preferred Shareholder shall be aggregated together for the purpose of determining the availability of any rights under this Agreement which are triggered by the beneficial ownership of a threshold number of shares of the Company's capital shares.

17. **Amendments and Waivers.** Neither this Agreement nor any term hereof, may be changed, waived, discharged or terminated orally or in writing, except that any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of such terms may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively) with (but only with) the written consent of (i) the Company, (ii) the holders of at least eighty-five percent (85%) of each of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares (voting together as a separate class) and (iii) the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares; *provided, however*, that no such amendment or waiver shall extend to or affect any obligation not expressly waived or impair any right consequent therein. Any party hereto may waive any of its rights or the obligations of the Company hereunder without obtaining the consent of any other parties to this Agreement. However, any amendments or waivers to rights of, or benefits to, SBCVC under this Agreement shall not be made without prior consent of SBCVC, and any amendments or waivers to rights of, or benefits to, the Series C Shareholder under this Agreement shall not be made without prior consent of the Series C Shareholder. No consent shall be required from any holder of the Shares hereunder for a permitted transferee (as provided under the Members Agreement) to sign a counterpart signature page to this Agreement, provided that such permitted transferee shall duly execute a Deed of Adherence (in the same form and substance as set out in Schedule 1 hereto) confirming to the other parties hereto that it shall be bound by this Agreement as the transferor.

18. **Delays or Omissions.** No delay or omission to exercise any right, power or remedy accruing to any party under this Agreement, upon any breach or default of any other party under this Agreement, shall impair any such right, power or remedy of such non-breaching or non-defaulting party nor shall it be construed to be a waiver of any such breach or default, or an acquiescence therein, or of or in any similar breach or default thereafter occurring; nor shall any waiver of any single breach or default be deemed a waiver of any other breach or default theretofore or thereafter occurring. Any waiver, permit, consent or approval of

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any kind or character on the part of any party of any breach or default under this Agreement, or any waiver on the part of any party of any provisions or conditions of this Agreement, must be in writing and shall be effective only to the extent specifically set forth in such writing. All remedies, either under this Agreement or by law otherwise affording to any party, shall be cumulative and not alternative.

19. **Share Splits, Share Dividends, etc.** All references to the number of shares in this Agreement shall be appropriately adjusted to reflect any Recapitalization which may be made by the Company after the date hereof. In the event of any issuance of any shares of capital stock or other securities of the Company issued on, or in exchange for, any of the Shares by reason of a Recapitalization, such shares or securities shall be deemed to be Shares for purposes of this Agreement and shall be endorsed with the legend set forth above.

20. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement shall be determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

21. **Successors.** Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors. No party hereto may delegate, assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement except in connection with the permitted transfer of securities in accordance with the terms hereof (it being understood that any such permitted transferee shall duly execute and deliver a Deed of Adherence confirming to the Company and the other parties hereto that it shall be bound by this Agreement as was the transferor). Additionally, the Company may not assign or delegate any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of all the Preferred Shareholders.

22. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. Each of the parties hereto irrevocably agrees that any Dispute shall be referred to and finally resolved by binding arbitration administered by the HKIAC in accordance with the Rules in force when the notice of arbitration is submitted in accordance with these Rules, which Rules are deemed to be incorporated by reference into this section and as may be amended by the rest of this section. The arbitration tribunal shall consist of three (3) arbitrators (the "**Tribunal**"). The parties agree that the three arbitrators can be selected from outside the HKIAC's panel(s) of arbitrators. The claimant and the respondent shall each designate one (1) arbitrator in accordance with the Rules. The HKIAC shall appoint the third and presiding arbitrator, who shall be qualified to practice Law in Hong Kong. The seat of the arbitration shall be Hong Kong.

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The language of the arbitration proceedings shall be English. Any award of the Tribunal shall be made in writing and shall be final, conclusive and binding on the parties to the arbitration from the day it is made.

23. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and the documents referred to herein constitute the full and entire understanding and agreement between the parties with regard to the subjects hereof, and supersede any and all other prior written or oral agreements relating to the subject matter hereof existing between the parties hereto. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and the Amended Articles, this Agreement shall prevail as between the parties hereto, with the exception of the Company, and the parties will take all steps necessary to give effect to its terms.

24. **Counterparts; Facsimiles.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one instrument. A facsimile, telecopy or other reproduction of this Agreement may be executed by one or more parties hereto and delivered by such party by facsimile or any similar electronic transmission device pursuant to which the signature of or on behalf of such party can be seen. Such execution and delivery shall be considered valid, binding and effective for all purposes. At the request of any party hereto, all parties hereto agree to execute and deliver an original of this Agreement as well as any facsimile, telecopy or other reproduction hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

"THE COMPANY"

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ []

Print Name of

Authorized Signatory: William Wei Huang ([])

Title of

Authorized Signatory: Director

SIGNATURE PAGE TO SIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED VOTING AGREEMENT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SBCVC FUND II, L.P.**

By: /s/ Ping Hua

Print Name of

Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua

Title of

Authorized Signatory: Managing Partner

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SBCVC FUND II-ANNEX, L.P.**

By: /s/ Ping Hua

Print Name of

Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua

Title of

Authorized Signatory: Managing Partner

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SBCVC COMPANY LIMITED**

By: /s/ Ping Hua

Print Name of

Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua

Title of

Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SBCVC VENTURE CAPITAL
([])**

By: /s/ Ping Hua

Print Name of

Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua

Title of

Authorized Signatory: Member of the Joint
Management Committee

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SBCVC FUND III L.P.**

By: /s/ Ping Hua

Print Name of Authorized Signatory:

Ping Hua

Title of Authorized Signatory:

Managing Partner

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SEABRIGHT SOF (I) PAPER LIMITED**

By: /s/ Tang Chi Chun
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: Tang Chi Chun
Title of Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

"PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS"
FOREBRIGHT MANAGEMENT LIMITED

By: /s/ HE Ling
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: HE Ling
Title of Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

"PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS"
MAXPOINT DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

By: /s/ Changgen Wu
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: Changgen Wu
Title of Authorized Signatory: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

"PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS"
STT GDC PTE. LTD.

By: /s/ Bruno Lopez
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: Bruno Lopez
Title of Authorized Signatory: Director

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EXHIBIT A

Series A Shareholders

Name and Address of Series A Shareholder

SBCVC Fund II, L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-17141)

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O.Box 2681
Grand Cayman KYI-1111
CAYMAN ISLANDS

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0700
Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

Seabright SOF(I) Paper Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1030636)

40/F., Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong
Attn: Ip Kun Wan, Kiril
Fax: +852 2520 5125
Email: Kiril.Ip@everbright165.com

Maxpoint Development Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of British Virgin Islands with registered number 1061834)

40th Floor Bank of China Tower 1 Garden Road
Hong Kong
Attn: CG.Wu
Fax: 852 2103 0808
Email: changgen.wu@morganstanley.com

Name and Address of Series A Shareholder

Forebright Management Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1019522)

Suite 3720, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place,
Central, Hong Kong
Attn: Ip Kun Wan, Kiril
Fax: +852 2520 5125
Email: kiril.ip@forebrightcapital.com

Series B Shareholders

Name and Address of Series B Shareholder

SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-23170)

Codan Trust Company (Cayman) Limited
Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O.Box 2681
Grand Cayman KYI-1111
CAYMAN ISLANDS
Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0700
Email: peterhua@sbvc.com

EXHIBIT A-2

Schedule of Series A* Shareholders

Name and Address of Series A* Shareholder

SBCVC Company Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of Hong Kong with registered number 1144947)

Unit 12, 19th Floor
Tower B, Southmark
11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang
Hong Kong

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbvc.com

EXHIBIT A-3

Schedule of Series B1 Shareholders

Name and Address of Series B1 Shareholder

SBCVC Company Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of Hong Kong with registered number 1144947)

Unit 12, 19th Floor
Tower B, Southmark
11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang
Hong Kong

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbvc.com

SBCVC Venture Capital (□□□□□□□□□□)

(a co-operative joint venture enterprise incorporated and existing under the laws of PRC with registered number 320594500004043)

15A-C
Hua Min Empire Plaza
728 Yan An Road (West)
Shanghai, 200050
China

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbvc.com

Schedule of Series B2 Shareholders

Name and Address of Series B2 Shareholder

SBCVC Company Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of Hong Kong with registered number 1144947)

Unit 12, 19th Floor
Tower B, Southmark
11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang
Hong Kong

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbvc.com

Schedule of Series B4 Shareholder

Name and Address of Series B4 Shareholder

SBCVC Fund III L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-24546)

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O.Box 2681
Grand Cayman KYI-1111
CAYMAN ISLANDS

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbvc.com

Schedule of Series B5 Shareholder

Name and Address of Series B5 Shareholder

SBCVC Fund III L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-24546)

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O.Box 2681
Grand Cayman KYI-1111
CAYMAN ISLANDS

Attn: Peter Hua
Fax: (8621) 5240-0366
Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

EXHIBIT A-4

Schedule of Series C Shareholder

Name and Address of Investor

STT GDC Pte. Ltd.

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the Republic of Singapore with registered number 201228542D)

1 Temasek Avenue
#33-01 Millenia Tower
Singapore 039192
Attn: Company Secretary
Fax: +65 6720 7220

EXHIBIT B

Form of Deed of Adherence

THIS DEED is made the day of 20[] by [] of [] (the "**New Party**") and is supplemental to Sixth Amended and Restated Voting Agreement of GDS Holdings Limited dated [•], 2016 made between GDS Holdings Limited (the "**Company**"), STT GDC Pte. Ltd. and the Existing Preferred Shareholders (as defined in the Voting Agreement) (such agreement as amended, restated or supplemented from time to time, the "**Voting Agreement**").

WITNESSETH as follows:

The New Party confirms that it has been provided with a copy of the Voting Agreement and all amendments, restatements and supplements thereto and hereby covenants with each of the parties to the Voting Agreement from time to time to observe, perform and be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Voting Agreement which are capable of applying to the New Party to the intent and effect that the New Party shall be deemed as and with effect from the date hereof to be a party to the Voting Agreement.

The address and facsimile number at which notices are to be served on the New Party under the Voting Agreement and the person for whose attention notices are to be addressed are as follows:

[to insert the contact details]

Words and expressions defined in the Voting Agreement shall have the same meaning in this Deed. This Deed shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong.

This Deed shall take effect as a deed poll for the benefit of the Company, and all holders of the preferred shares in the capital of the Company.

IN WITNESS whereof the New Party has executed this Deed the day and year first above written.

THE COMMON SEAL of []
was hereunto affixed)
in the presence of:)

(Director)

(Director/Secretary)

**GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED
SIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED**

RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL AND CO-SALE AGREEMENT

This Sixth Amended and Restated Right of First Refusal and Co-Sale Agreement (this "**Agreement**") is made as of May 19, 2016 by and among GDS Holdings Limited, an exempted company organized and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands (the "**Company**"), the entities as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "**Series A Shareholders**"), the entities listed on Exhibit A-1 attached hereto (the "**Series B Shareholders**"), the entities listed on Exhibit A-2 attached hereto (the "**Series A* Shareholders**"), the entities listed on Exhibit A-3 attached hereto (the "**Series B1 Shareholders**"), the entities listed on Exhibit A-3 attached hereto (the "**Series B2 Shareholders**"), the entity listed on Exhibit A-3 attached hereto (the "**Series B4 Shareholder**"), the entity listed on Exhibit A-3 attached hereto (the "**Series B5 Shareholder**"), the entity listed on Exhibit A-4 attached hereto (the "**Series C Shareholder**"), the individuals and entities listed on Exhibit B attached hereto (each a "**Key Founder**" and collectively, the "**Key Founders**") and the entities listed in Exhibit B-1 attached hereto (the "**Other Shareholders**").

RECITALS

- A. The Company, the Series C Shareholder, other Preferred Shareholders, the Key Founders and Best Million Group Limited, entered into the Fifth Amended and Restated Right of First Refusal and Co-sale Agreement on December 18, 2014 (the "**Original Agreement**").
- B. Brilliant Wise has agreed to repurchase certain shares of Brilliant Wise held by its shareholders and in consideration, Brilliant Wise shall transfer all the shares held by Brilliant Wise in the Company to the shareholders of Brilliant Wise in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Share Swap Agreement entered into by and among the Company, Brilliant Wise and the shareholders of Brilliant Wise on May 19, 2016 (the "**Share Swap Agreement**").
- C. Best Million Group Limited has agreed to transfer certain number of shares held by Best Million Group Limited in the Company to Fortune Million International Corporation and Linmax Asia Limited (the "**Share Transfer**").
- D. Upon completion of the Share Transfer and the transaction contemplated by the Share Swap Agreement, Brilliant Wise shall no longer be the shareholder of the Company, and whereas certain Persons, which include, EDC Group Limited, GDS Enterprises Limited, SBDG Investment Limited, Ofira Capital Limited, Fortune Million International Corporation and Linmax Asia Limited shall become new shareholders of the Company, and, the parties hereto desire

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to enter into this Agreement, which shall amend, restate and supersede the Original Agreement in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, and other consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which hereby is acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Certain Definitions.

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"**Affiliate**" shall mean, in respect of a Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person, and (i) in the case of a natural Person, shall include, without limitation, such Person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, mother-in-law and father-in-law and brothers and sisters-in-law, (ii) in the case of a Preferred Shareholder, shall include (A) any Person who holds shares as a nominee for such Preferred Shareholder, (B) any shareholder of such Preferred Shareholder, (C) any Person which has a direct and indirect interest in such Preferred Shareholder (including, if applicable, any general partner or limited partner) or any fund manager thereof, (D) any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, under common control with, or is managed by such Preferred Shareholder or its fund manager, (E) the relatives of any individual referred to in (B) above, and (F) any trust controlled by or held for the benefit of any individual referred to in (B) above. For the purpose of this definition, unless otherwise defined herein, "**control**" (and correlative terms) shall mean the direct or indirect power, whether by contract, equity ownership or otherwise, to direct the policies or management of a Person; *provided* that the direct or indirect ownership of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the voting power of a Person is deemed to constitute control of that Person.

"**Affected Founder's Shares**" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 10(b).

"**Amended Articles**" shall mean the Company's Seventh Amended and Restated Articles of Association, as may be amended from time to time.

"**Applicable Preferred Shareholder Shares**" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 10(b).

"**Approved Third Party Purchaser**" shall mean a bona fide Person that does not already hold any interests in the Company.

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"**as-converted basis**" shall have the meaning as defined in the Amended Articles.

"**Attributed Value**" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 10(b).

"**Board**" and "**Board of Directors**" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

"**Brilliant Wise**" shall mean Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited, a BVI business company.

"**BVI**" shall mean the British Virgin Islands.

"**Business Day**" shall have the meaning as defined in the Amended Articles.

"**Closing**" shall mean completion of the Share Transfer and the transaction contemplated by the Share Swap Agreement.

"**Confirmation Notice**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(c).

"**Co-Sale Eligible Shares**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(f).

"**Co-Sale Shareholder**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 5(a)(i).

"**Co-Sale Period**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 5(a)(i).

"**Deed of Adherence**" shall mean the form of deed of adherence set out in Schedule 1.

"**Dispute**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 11(f).

"**EDC Group**" shall mean EDC Group Limited, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.

"**Equity Securities**" shall mean the Ordinary Shares or the Preferred Shares, or any securities convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for the Ordinary Shares now or hereafter held, directly or indirectly, by any Person.

"**Excel Prayer**" shall mean Excel Prayer Ltd., a BVI business company, which is a shareholder of Global Data Solutions.

"**Existing Preferred RFO Notice**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(b)(ii)(2).

"**Existing Preferred RFO Offering Period**" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(b)(ii)(2).

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"**Existing Preferred Seller**" shall mean an Existing Preferred Shareholder proposing to Transfer any Equity Securities.

"**Existing Preferred Shareholders**" shall mean all the holders of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares from time to time; and "**Existing Preferred Shareholder**" shall mean any of them.

“**Existing Preferred Shares**” shall mean Series A Shares, Series A* Shares, Series B Shares, Series B1 Shares, Series B2 Shares, Series B4 Shares, and Series B5 Shares of the Company, issued and outstanding immediately following the Closing.

“**Existing Preferred Transfer Offering Period**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(a)(ii)(2).

“**Expert**” shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 10(c).

“**Fair Value**” shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 10(c).

“**Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(b)(ii).

“**GDS Enterprises**” shall mean GDS Enterprises Limited, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.

“**Global Data Solutions**” shall mean Global Data Solutions Limited, an exempted Cayman Islands company, which is an Ordinary Shareholder of the Company.

“**HKIAC**” shall mean the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

“**IPO**” shall mean the Company’s first public offering of any of its securities to the general public pursuant to (i) a registration statement filed under the Securities Act, or (ii) the securities laws applicable to an offering of securities in another jurisdiction pursuant to which such securities will be listed.

“**Key Founder Seller**” shall mean a Key Founder proposing to Transfer any Equity Securities.

“**Key Shareholders**” shall mean Global Data Solutions, SBGD, EDC Group, GDS Enterprises and Ofira Capital, and a “**Key Shareholder**” shall mean any of them.

“**Key Shareholders RFO Notice**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(b)(ii)(3).

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“**Key Shareholders RFO Offering Period**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(b)(ii)(3).

“**Moratorium Period**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2(a)(i).

“**Offer Notice**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(a)(ii)(2).

“**Offered Price**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(a).

“**Offered Shares**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(a).

“**Ofira Capital**” shall mean Ofira Capital Limited, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.

“**Ordinary Shares**” shall mean the ordinary shares of the Company.

“**Ordinary Shareholder(s)**” shall mean the holder(s) of the Ordinary Shares of the Company.

“**Original Agreement**” shall have the meaning as defined in Recital A.

“**Other Shareholder Seller**” shall mean an Other Shareholder proposing to Transfer any Equity Securities.

“**Overallotment Notice**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(b)(ii).

“**Overallotment Refusal Period**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(b)(ii).

“**Overallotment Shares**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(b)(ii).

“**Permitted Transferee**” shall mean any transferee of Shares in a transaction excluded from the definition of Transfer pursuant to (i), (ii) and (iii) thereof.

“**Participating Co-Sale Shareholder**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 5(a)(i).

“**Participating Co-Sale Shareholder Shares**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 5(a)(i).

“**Person**” shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, trust, unincorporated organization, or other entity.

“**Preferred Share Directors**” shall have the meaning as defined in the Amended Articles.

“**Preferred Shareholders**” shall mean all of the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the holder(s) of the Series C Shares from time to time.

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“**Preferred Shares**” shall mean the Series A Shares, the Series A* Shares, the Series B Shares, the Series B1 Shares, the Series B2 Shares, the Series B4 Shares, the Series B5 Shares and the Series C Shares of the Company.

“**Prohibited Transfer**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 7 (a).

“**Proposed Transferee**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(a).

“**Pro-Rata Share**” shall mean, as to each Right Holder’s Right of Co-Sale, the percentage determined by dividing (i) the number of the Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities then outstanding that are convertible into the Ordinary Shares) owned by such Right Holder immediately prior to the RFR Completion or RFO Completion (as the case may be), by (ii) the total number of shares (assuming conversion of all securities then outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) held by the Seller and all of such Right Holders exercising their respective Right of Co-Sale immediately prior to the RFR Completion or RFO Completion (as the case may be).

“**Qualified IPO**” shall mean a firm commitment underwritten IPO on an internationally recognized securities exchange (i) with gross cash proceeds to the Company of at least US\$100 million, (ii) at an issue price per share being not less than twenty-five percent (25%) above US\$1.036522, as adjusted for any Recapitalization from time to time, and (iii) resulting in a free float of not less than twenty percent (20%) of the Company’s share capital.

“**Refusal Period**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(b)(i).

“**Remaining Shares**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(c).

“**RFO Completion**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(c)(iii).

“**RFO Completion Date**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(c)(iii).

“**RFR Completion**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(g).

“**RFR Completion Date**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(g).

“**RFO Notice**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(a)(ii)(1) or 4(b)(ii)(1).

“**RFR Notice**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(a).

“**Right Holder**” shall mean the Person, who or which is entitled to exercise the Right of First Refusal, the Right of First Offer or the Right of Co-Sale, as the case may be.

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“**Right of Co-Sale**” shall mean the right of co-sale provided in Section 5 of this Agreement.

“**Right of First Offer**” shall mean the right of first offer provided in Section 4 of this Agreement.

“**Right of First Refusal**” shall mean the right of first refusal provided in Section 3 of this Agreement.

“**Rules**” shall mean the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre Administered Arbitration Rules.

“**SBCVC**” shall mean SBCVC Fund II, L.P., SBCVC Venture Capital (□□□□□□□□), SBCVC Fund III L.P., SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P., and SBCVC Company Limited.

“**Sale Notice**” shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 10(b).

“**SBGD**” shall mean SBGD Investment Limited, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.

“**Seller**” shall mean the Key Founder Seller, the Other Shareholder Seller, the Existing Preferred Seller and/or the Series C Seller, as applicable.

“**Selling GDS Upstream Shareholder**” shall be one out of Excel Prayer, and Solution Leisure, all of which are shareholders of Global Data Solutions.

“**Series A Shares**” shall mean the series A preferred shares of the Company.

“**Series B Shares**” shall mean the series B preferred shares of the Company.

“**Series A* Shares**” shall mean the series A* preferred shares of the Company.

“**Series B1 Shares**” shall mean the series B1 preferred shares of the Company.

“**Series B2 Shares**” shall mean the series B2 preferred shares of the Company.

“**Series B4 Shares**” shall mean the series B4 preferred shares of the Company.

“**Series B5 Shares**” shall mean the series B5 preferred shares of the Company, each having the preferences and rights provided for in the Amended Articles.

“**Series C Seller**” shall mean the Series C Shareholder proposing to Transfer any Equity Securities.

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“**Series C Shares**” shall mean the shares in the capital of the Company of US\$0.00005 nominal or par value designated as Series C Preferred Shares, and having the preferences and rights provided for in the Amended Articles.

“**Share Swap Agreement**” shall have the meaning as defined in Recital B.

“**Shares**” shall mean and include all of the Ordinary Shares and Preferred Shares.

“**Share Transfer**” shall have the meaning as defined in Recital C.

“**Solution Leisure**” shall mean Solution Leisure Investment Limited, a BVI business company, which is a shareholder of Global Data Solutions.

“**Transfer**” shall mean and include any sale, assignment, creation of any encumbrance, hypothecation, pledge, option, conveyance in trust, gift, transfer by bequest, devise or descent, or other agreement, transfer or disposition of any kind, whether voluntary or by operation of law, directly or indirectly, or entering into any agreement or arrangement (a) to effectively pass or transfer the voting rights attached to any interests in the capital of the Company, or (b) to effectively pass or transfer the economic interest derived from any interests in the capital of the Company, including but not limited to transfer to receivers, levying creditors, trustees or receivers in bankruptcy proceedings or general assignees for the benefit of creditors, except for the following:

- (i) any creation of a bona fide encumbrance of the Equity Securities held by a Seller as security granted to the lender, made pursuant to a bona fide loan transaction, if the beneficiary of such encumbrance executes a counterpart copy of this Agreement or a Deed of Adherence and becomes bound thereby as was the Seller, in the event and to the extent that such beneficiary of such encumbrance ever acquires ownership of such Equity Securities;
- (ii) any Transfer of Equity Securities by a Seller, if a Seller is a natural person, to a Seller’s spouse, parents, children and siblings or trusts for the benefit of any of the foregoing individuals, or transfers of Shares by the Seller by devise or descent; provided, that, in all cases, the transferee or other recipient executes a counterpart copy of this Agreement or a Deed of Adherence and becomes bound thereby as was the Seller;
- (iii) any Transfer of Equity Securities by a Seller, if a Seller is an entity, to any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, under common control with, or is managed by such Person or its fund manager, and where a Seller is an Existing Preferred Shareholder, any general partner or limited partner which has a direct or indirect interest

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in such Preferred Shareholder; provided that, for the purpose of limb (iii) of this definition of “**Transfer**”, the direct or indirect ownership of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting power of a Person is deemed to constitute control of that Person; provided, further, that, in all cases, the transferee or other recipient executes a counterpart copy of this Agreement or a Deed of Adherence and becomes bound thereby as was the Seller; and

- (iv) any Transfers of Equity Securities in a registered public offering pursuant to (a) registration under the Act, or (b) the securities laws applicable to an offering of securities in a jurisdiction other than the United States.

“**Transfer Period**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 3(e).

“**Transfer Price**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(a)(ii)(1) or 4(b)(ii)(1).

“**Transfer Shares**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(a)(ii)(1) or 4(b)(ii)(1).

“**Transferring Shareholder**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4(a)(ii)(1).

“**Tribunal**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 11(f).

2. **Restrictions on Transfer.**

(a) **General.**

- (i) **Moratorium Period.**

Each of the Key Founders, the Other Shareholders and the Existing Preferred Shareholders agrees that for a period of six (6) months from the date of the issuance of the Series C Shares (the “**Moratorium Period**”), he/it shall not, without the prior written consent of the Series C Shareholder, Transfer any of their respective Equity Securities. William Wei Huang (□□) further agrees that he shall not, without the prior written consent of the Series C Shareholder, Transfer any of his beneficial interests in the Company for a further period of twelve (12) months commencing from the end of the Moratorium Period, which would result in his beneficial interests in the share capital of the Company becoming less than 15.17% following any such Transfer.

- (ii) **Prohibited Transfer.**

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No party is permitted to Transfer any interest it may hold, directly or indirectly, in the capital of the Company, or in the capital of any of Global Data Solutions, SBGD, EDC Group, GDS Enterprises, Ofira Capital, Excel Prayer, Solution Leisure or Topperfect Investment Limited to any of the entities as listed in **Exhibit C** (including any consolidated subsidiary of such entity), unless with the prior consent of holders collectively holding at least seventy-five percent (75%) of all the Ordinary Shares and Preferred Shares (voting together on an as-converted basis).

(iii) Key Founders' and the Other Shareholders' Transfer.

Subject to Sections 2(a)(i) and (ii), before a Key Founder Seller or an Other Shareholder Seller may Transfer any Equity Securities, the Preferred Shareholders shall have a Right of First Refusal to purchase the Equity Securities which the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) desires to Transfer on the terms and conditions set forth herein. In connection with any proposed Transfer by any Key Founder Seller or any Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) of any Equity Securities, each Preferred Shareholder shall have a Right of Co-Sale if such Preferred Shareholder has not exercised its Right of First Refusal with respect to the Offered Shares pursuant to Section 3 hereof, to sell certain of its Equity Securities on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

(iv) Existing Preferred Shareholders' Transfer.

Subject to Sections 2(a)(i) and (ii), before an Existing Preferred Seller may Transfer any Equity Securities, the Series C Shareholder shall have a Right of First Offer to purchase all (but not less than all) the Equity Securities which such Existing Preferred Seller desires to Transfer, on the terms and conditions set forth herein. Before an Existing Preferred Seller may Transfer all (but not less than all) the Equity Securities, the Series C Shareholder shall have a Right of Co-Sale if it has not exercised its Right of First Offer with respect to the Transferred Shares pursuant to Section 4 hereof, to sell certain of its Equity Securities on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

(v) Series C Shareholder's Transfer.

Subject to Section 2(a)(ii), before the Series C Seller may Transfer any Equity Securities, the Existing Preferred Shareholders shall have a Right of First Offer to purchase all (but not less than all) the Equity Securities which the Series C Seller desires to Transfer, on the terms and conditions set forth herein, and to the extent the Right of First

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Offer to purchase all (but not less than all) the Equity Securities which the Series C Seller desires to Transfer is not accepted by the Existing Preferred Shareholders, the Key Shareholders shall have the Right of First Offer to purchase the Equity Securities which the Series C Seller desires to Transfer, on terms and conditions set forth herein. Before the Series C Seller may Transfer any Equity Securities, any of the Existing Preferred Shareholders and any of the Key Shareholders, who has not exercised its Right of First Offer with respect to the Transferred Shares pursuant to Section 4 hereof, shall have a Right of Co-Sale as to the Equity Securities which the Series C Seller desires to Transfer, on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

(b) Effectiveness of Transfer.

Any Transfer of any Equity Securities to any Person (who is not already a party to this Agreement) shall not be completed until such Person has agreed to be bound by and has complied with the terms and conditions of this Agreement to which the Seller is subject (it being understood that any such Person shall duly execute and deliver a Deed of Adherence confirming to the Company and the other shareholders of the Company that it shall be bound by this Agreement as was the Seller).

3. Right of First Refusal.

(a) Notice of Proposed Transfer.

If any Key Founder Seller or any Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) proposes to Transfer any of its Equity Securities to any Person (a "**Proposed Transferee**") save for a transfer pursuant to Section 5, such Key Founder Seller or Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) shall deliver to the Company and each of the Preferred Shareholders a written notice (the "**RFR Notice**") stating: (i) the Key Founder Seller's or the Other Shareholder Seller's (as the case may be) bona fide intention to Transfer such Equity Securities (the "**Offered Shares**"); (ii) the name, address and phone number of the Proposed Transferee; (iii) the maximum aggregate number of Offered Shares to be Transferred; (iv) the bona fide cash price or other consideration for which the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) proposes to Transfer the Offered Shares (the "**Offered Price**"); (v) each Preferred Shareholder's right to exercise either its Right of First Refusal or its Right of Co-Sale (but not both rights) with respect to the Offered Shares; (vi) each Preferred Shareholder's pro rata share of the Offered Shares (as determined in accordance with Section 3(b)(i)); and (vii) a deadline, consistent with the terms of this Agreement, within which the Preferred Shareholders may exercise such rights. Such RFR Notice shall constitute an offer by the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) to

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each of the Preferred Shareholders to sell to it the total number of the Offered Shares. The Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Proposed Transferee (if not an existing shareholder of the Company) is a Person of good reputation acceptable to the Preferred Shareholders.

(b) Exercise of the Right of First Refusal by the Preferred Shareholders in a Key Founder's or an Other Shareholder Seller's Transfer.

(i) As stated in Section 2(a)(iii), and subject to the terms of this Section 3(b), each of the Preferred Shareholders shall have the Right of First Refusal to purchase all or any part of the Offered Shares of the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be); provided that each Preferred Shareholder so electing gives a written notice of the exercise of such right to the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) within thirty (30) days after the date on which the RFR Notice is received by such Preferred Shareholder (the "**Refusal Period**"). Each Preferred Shareholder who has given written notice of its election to exercise of such right within the Refusal Period shall have the right to purchase its pro rata share of the Offered Shares. For the purpose of this Section 3(b)(i), each Preferred Shareholder's pro rata share of the Offered Shares shall be the aggregate number of Offered Shares multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities then outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) owned by such Preferred Shareholder on the date of the RFR Notice and the denominator of which shall be the number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities then outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) held by all Preferred Shareholders on the date of the RFR Notice.

(ii) In the event that any Preferred Shareholder has not elected to purchase its full pro rata share of the Offered Shares available to it pursuant to its rights under Section 3(b)(i) above within the Refusal Period, then the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) shall promptly (and in any case no later than three (3) days after the Refusal Period) give a written notice (the "**Overallocation Notice**") to the Company and each Preferred Shareholder that has elected to purchase its full pro rata share of the Offered Shares (the "**Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders**"), which notice shall set forth the number of Offered Shares that have not been elected for purchase by the other Preferred Shareholders (such shares, the "**Overallocation Shares**"), and shall offer the Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders the right to purchase its pro rata share of the Overallocation Shares as

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set forth in the Overallocation Notice. Each Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder shall have ten (10) days after receipt of the Overallocation Notice (the "**Overallocation Refusal Period**") to deliver a written notice to the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) of its election to purchase up to its pro rata share of the Overallocation Shares on the same terms and conditions as set forth in the RFR Notice. For the purpose of this Section 3(b)(ii), each Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder's pro rata share of the Overallocation Shares shall be the aggregate number of the Overallocation Shares multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities then outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) owned by such Fully Participating Preferred Shareholder on the date of the RFR Notice and the denominator of which shall be the total number of Ordinary Shares (assuming conversion of all securities then outstanding that are convertible into Ordinary Shares) owned by all Fully Participating Preferred Shareholders on the date of the RFR Notice.

(c) Exercise by the Company.

Within five (5) days after the expiration of the Overallocation Refusal Period, the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) proposing to Transfer the Offered Shares will give written notices to the Company and each Preferred Shareholder (the "**Confirmation Notice**") specifying the number of Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Preferred Shareholders exercising their Rights of First Refusal pursuant to Section 3(b) and the number of Offered Shares, if any, that remains available for Transfer (the "**Remaining Shares**"). The Company shall have the right to purchase, and subsequently cancel in accordance with the laws of the Cayman Islands all or any part of the Remaining Shares if the Company gives written notice of the exercise of such right to the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) proposing to Transfer the Offered Shares within ten (10) days of delivery of the Confirmation Notice to the Company and each of the Preferred Shareholders.

(d) Purchase Price.

The purchase price for the Offered Shares to be purchased by the Company or by a Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal under this Agreement will be the Offered Price and will be payable as set forth in Section 3(e) hereof. If the Offered Price includes consideration other than cash, the cash equivalent value of the non-cash consideration will be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company (including affirmative votes of all Preferred Share Directors) in good faith, and such determination will be

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binding upon the Company, each Preferred Shareholder (if applicable), and the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be), absent fraud or error.

(e) Payment.

Payment of the Offered Price for the Offered Shares elected for purchase by the Company or by a Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal pursuant to this Section 3 shall be made within ninety (90) days after the date of the Confirmation Notice ("**Transfer Period**"). Payment of the Offered Price shall be made, at the option of the exercising Preferred Shareholder, as applicable, (i) in cash (or by check), (ii) by cancellation of all or a portion of any outstanding indebtedness of the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) to such Preferred Shareholder or to the Company, as the case may be, or (iii) by any combination of the foregoing. Following the payment by the Company for the Offered Shares purchased by the Company, such Offered Shares shall be cancelled.

(f) Key Founder Sellers' or Other Shareholder Sellers' Right to Transfer.

If the Company and each Preferred Shareholder have not elected to purchase all or any portion of the Offered Shares pursuant to Section 3, then the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) may Transfer such portion of the Offered Shares that the Company and the Preferred Shareholders have not elected to purchase (the "Co-Sale Eligible Shares") to the Proposed Transferee named in the RFR Notice, at the Offered Price; provided that any such Transfer by a Key Founder Seller or an Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) of the Co-Sale Eligible Shares shall still be subject to the Preferred Shareholders' Right of Co-Sale provided in Section 5 hereof and provided further that the Proposed Transferee shall have executed a counterpart to this Agreement or a Deed of Adherence confirming that it shall be bound by this Agreement.

(g) Completion in the event that the Right of First Refusal is exercised.

Any Transfer of the Offered Shares pursuant to Section 3 shall be completed (the "RFR Completion") on the date set for the RFR Completion (the "RFR Completion Date"), subject to fulfillment of each condition set out in Section 3(g)(i) or waiver in whole or in part by each of the Preferred Shareholders exercising their Rights of First Refusal pursuant to Section 3 or the Company (as the case may be), when the matters set out in Sections 3(g)(i)(1) and 3(g)(ii) shall take place, provided that none of the Key Founder Sellers or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be), the Preferred Shareholders exercising their Rights of First Refusal pursuant to Section 3, or the Company, shall be

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obliged to perform their relevant obligations under Sections 3(g)(i) and (ii) if each of the others does not simultaneously perform (or has not already performed) its relevant obligations thereunder.

(i) Exercise by Preferred Shareholder(s).

- (1) Not less than ten (10) days prior to the RFR Completion Date, the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) shall deliver to each Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal the following documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of, each such Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal pursuant to Section 3:
 - a. draft instruments of transfer in relation to the Transfer of the relevant number of Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal by the registered holders of those Offered Shares in favor of each such Preferred Shareholder;
 - b. copies of the existing share certificates representing the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal pursuant to this Section 3 and draft copies of the new share certificate in the name of the relevant Preferred Shareholder in respect of such number of Offered Shares that such Preferred Shareholder has elected to purchase pursuant to this Section 3; and
 - c. a certified true copy of the resolutions of a properly convened board meeting of the Company at which the Board of Directors approves:
 - (A) the Transfers of the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each Preferred Shareholder pursuant to this Section 3 from the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) to each of such Preferred Shareholders or their specified nominees;
 - (B) the cancellation of the existing share certificates representing the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each Preferred Shareholder pursuant to this Section 3 and the issue of new share

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certificates in the name of the relevant Preferred Shareholders (or their nominees) in respect of such number of Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each such Preferred Shareholder pursuant to this Section 3 and, if the sale is in respect of only part of such Key Founder Sellers' or such Other Shareholder Sellers' holding of Shares (as the case may be), new share certificates in the name of the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) for the balance of the Shares retained by it; and

- (C) the amendment of the register of members of the Company, to reflect such Transfer.

- (2) At the RFR Completion, the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) shall deliver the following documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of, each Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal:
 - a. undated and executed instruments of transfer in relation to the transfer of the relevant Offered Shares by the registered holders of those Shares in favor of such Preferred Shareholder (or any other Person that such Preferred Shareholder nominates for the purpose (in such case, such nominee shall execute a counterpart to this Agreement confirming that it shall be bound by this Agreement as was the Preferred Shareholder)); and
 - b. a new share certificate representing the relevant number of Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by each Preferred Shareholder pursuant to this Section 3.
- (3) At the RFR Completion and against the full compliance by the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) of its obligations under Sections 3(g)(i)(1) and (2), each Preferred Shareholder exercising its Right of First Refusal shall pay to the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be), or as it may direct, the consideration for the Offered Shares to be acquired by such Preferred Shareholder.

(ii) Exercise by the Company.

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- (1) Not less than ten (10) days prior to the RFR Completion Date, the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) shall deliver to the Company the following documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of, the Company:
 - a. draft instruments of transfer in relation to the Transfer of the relevant number of Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Company by the registered holders of those Offered Shares in favor of the Company;
 - b. copies of the existing share certificates representing the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Company; and
 - c. a certified true copy of the resolutions of a properly convened board meeting of the Company at which the Board of Directors approves:
 - (A) the Transfers of the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Company pursuant to this Section 3 from the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) to each of such the Company;
 - (B) the cancellation of the existing share certificates representing the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Company pursuant to this Section 3; and
 - (C) the amendment of the register of members of the Company, to reflect such Transfer and the cancellation of the Offered Shares that have been elected for purchase by the Company pursuant to this Section 3.
- (2) At the RFR Completion, the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) shall deliver the following documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of, the Company undated and executed instruments of transfer in relation to the transfer of the relevant Offered Shares by the registered holders of those Shares in favor of the Company.
- (3) At the RFR Completion and against the full compliance by the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case

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may be) of its obligations under Sections 3(g)(i) and (ii), the Company shall pay to the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be), or as it may direct, the consideration for the Offered Shares to be acquired the Company. Following such payment, such Offered Shares shall be cancelled.

(h) Key Founder Seller's or Other Shareholder Seller's Representations and Warranties.

The Preferred Shareholders exercising their Right of First Refusal shall receive from the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) the following representations and warranties as at the date of the RFR Notice and the date of the RFR Completion:

(i) Key Founder Seller's or the Other Shareholder Seller's right to sell the Offered Shares.

The Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) is the sole legal and beneficial owner of the Offered Shares it desires to Transfer and has the right to Transfer the full legal and beneficial interest in those Offered Shares to the Preferred Shareholder without any consent of any third Person.

(ii) No encumbrance over the Offered Shares.

The Offered Shares are not subject to any encumbrance and there are no arrangements or obligations that could result in the creation of an encumbrance affecting any of the Offered Shares.

(iii) No other rights over share capital of the Company.

Save for the provisions of this Agreement and subject to the Amended Articles, in regards to rights over share capital of the Company:

- (1) no Person has or claims to have (A) the right (actual or contingent) to require the allotment, issue, transfer, conversion or redemption of any Share or loan capital of the Company or of any other securities giving rise to a right over the share capital of the Company; or (B) any other right relating to any of the Shares in the capital of the Company, or relating to any of the rights attaching to those Shares, and
- (2) there is no arrangement or obligation to create any right of the kind mentioned in Section 3 (h)(iii)(1).

(iv) Organization, good standing and qualification.

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The Key Founder Seller (except William Wei Huang (□□)) or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) is a company duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the respective laws of jurisdictions in which it is incorporated, and is qualified and is duly authorized to conduct business in the jurisdictions where it is operating its business.

(v) Due authorization.

The Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) and its directors (if applicable) have all the necessary powers and authorities under its memorandum and articles of association or otherwise to execute, complete and perform the Transfer.

4. Right of First Offer.

(a) Existing Preferred Shareholders' Transfer.

(i) General.

As stated in Section 2(a)(iv), in the event that any Existing Preferred Shareholder proposes to Transfer all or any of the Equity Securities then held by it save for a transfer pursuant to Section 5, such Existing Preferred Shareholder shall comply with the provisions of this Section 4(a) to provide a Right of First Offer to the Series C Shareholder, and the exercise of such right shall also comply with provisions in Section 4(c).

(ii) Exercise of the Right of First Offer by the Series C Shareholder.

- (1) If any Existing Preferred Seller (the "**Transferring Shareholder**") proposes to Transfer all or any portion of its Equity Securities in the Company, it shall first give a written notice thereof (the "**RFO Notice**") to the Series C Shareholder stating: (A) the Transferring Shareholder's bona fide intention to Transfer such Equity Securities (the "**Transfer Shares**"); (B) the maximum aggregate number of Transfer Shares to be Transferred; (C) the bona fide cash price for which the Existing Preferred Seller intends to Transfer the Transfer Shares (the "**Transfer Price**"); and (D) Series C Shareholder's right to exercise either its Right of First Offer or its Right of Co-Sale (but not both rights). Such RFO Notice shall constitute an offer by such Transferring Shareholder to sell the Transfer Shares to the Series C Shareholder on the terms of the RFO Notice;

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- (2) As stated in Section 2(a)(iv) and subject to the terms of this Section 4, the Series C Shareholder shall have the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares offered by the Existing Preferred Seller in the RFO Notice. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the RFO Notice by the Series C Shareholder (the "**Existing Preferred Transfer Offering Period**"), the Series C Shareholder has the right to exercise the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares by delivering a written notice (the "**Offer Notice**") to the Transferring Shareholder stating that it is willing to acquire such Transfer Shares on the terms and conditions as set forth in the RFO Notice.

- (3) If the Series C Shareholder either rejects or fails to fully accept the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares as set out in Section 4(a)(ii)(1) above within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the RFO Notice by the Series C Shareholder, then the Transferring Shareholder shall be free to enter into a binding agreement to Transfer all of the Transfer Shares to a purchaser and to consummate such Transfer within ninety (90) days commencing from the date of rejection of the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares as set out in Section 4(a)(ii)(1) above by the Series C Shareholder or the last day of the Existing Preferred Transfer Offering Period, whichever is earlier, on no less favorable terms than those offered by the Transferring Shareholder to the Series C Shareholder in the RFO Notice, provided that any such Transfer shall still be subject to the relevant Right Holder's Right of Co-Sale provided in Section 5 hereof and the provisions in Section 2(b) hereof. If the Transferring Shareholder does not enter into such an agreement and consummate the Transfer to a purchaser within such 90-day period, any subsequent proposed Transfer by it of any Equity Securities (including some or all of the Transfer Shares) shall again be subject to the provisions of this Section 4(a).

(b) Series C Shareholder's Transfer

(i) General.

As stated in Section 2(a)(v), in the event the Series C Shareholder proposes to Transfer all or any of the Equity Securities then held by it save for a Transfer pursuant to Section 5, the Series C Seller shall be subject to the Existing Preferred Shareholders' Right of First Offer and

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the Key Shareholders' Right of First Offer in accordance with the provisions of this Section 4(b), and the exercise of such right shall also comply with provisions in Section 4(c).

(ii) Exercise of the Right of First Offer by the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Key Shareholders.

- (1) If the Series C Seller proposes to Transfer all or any portion of its Equity Securities in the Company, it shall first give a written notice thereof (the "**RFO Notice**") to each of the Company, Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Key Shareholders stating: (A) the Series C Seller's bona fide intention to Transfer such Equity Securities (the "**Transfer Shares**"); (B) the maximum aggregate number of Transfer Shares to be Transferred; (C) the bona fide cash price for which the Series C Seller intends to Transfer the Transfer Shares (the "**Transfer Price**"); and (D) each Existing Preferred Shareholder's and Key Shareholder's right to exercise either its Right of First Offer or its Right of Co-Sale (but not both rights). Such RFO Notice shall constitute an offer by the Series C Shareholder to sell the Transfer Shares to the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Key Shareholders on the terms of the RFO Notice.
- (2) As stated in Section 2(a)(v) and subject to the terms of this Section 4, the Existing Preferred Shareholders shall have the Right of First Offer to purchase all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares of the Series C Shareholder. Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt by the Company of the RFO Notice (the "**Existing Preferred RFO Offering Period**"), the Existing Preferred Shareholders may exercise the Right of First Offer (as a group) to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares by duly delivering one (and only one) written notice ("**Existing Preferred RFO Notice**") to the Series C Seller stating the identity of the Existing Preferred Shareholder(s) who have accepted the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Section 4(b)(ii) and the specific number of Transfer Shares to be acquired by each of such accepting Existing Preferred Shareholder(s) on the terms and conditions as set forth herein. Each of the Existing Preferred Shareholders hereby irrevocably acknowledges and agrees that, if the Series C Seller receives more than one Existing Preferred RFO Notice during the Existing Preferred RFO Offering Period, then all of the Existing Preferred RFO Notices received by the Series C Seller shall be

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deemed as void and invalid, and the Existing Preferred Shareholders shall be deemed to have rejected their Right of First Offer with respect to the Transfer Shares.

- (3) Upon the expiry of the above Existing Preferred RFO Offering Period, if the Series C Seller has not received any Existing Preferred RFO Notice or has received more than one Existing Preferred RFO Notice, or has received one or more notice(s) from all of the Existing Preferred Shareholders which state(s) that the Existing Preferred Shareholders have not accepted the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares or the Existing Preferred Shareholders have rejected or failed to accept the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares, each of the Existing Preferred Shareholders shall be deemed to have waived its Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Section 4(b)(ii) and the Company shall immediately notify each of the Key Shareholders of their right to exercise their Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Section 4(b)(ii). Each of the Key Shareholders hereby appoints the Company as its authorised representative for the purpose of the exercise of its Right of First Offer pursuant to this Section 4(b)(ii) and agrees to be bound by the actions or omissions of the Company pursuant to this Section 4(b)(ii). Within a further fifteen (15) days from the end of the Existing Preferred RFO Offering Period (the "**Key Shareholders RFO Offering Period**"), each Key Shareholder may exercise the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) such Transfer Shares and the Company (acting as the

authorised representative of the Key Shareholders) shall (on behalf of each of the Key Shareholders) deliver a written notice (“**Key Shareholders RFO Notice**”) to the Series C Seller stating that either (i) all the Key Shareholders have rejected or failed to accept the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Section 4(b)(ii); or (ii) the identity of the Key Shareholder(s) who have accepted the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Section 4(b)(ii) and to the extent that more than one Key Shareholder has accepted the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Section 4(b)(ii), the number of Transfer Shares to be acquired by each of such accepting Key Shareholders on the terms and conditions as set forth herein.

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- (4) If the Existing Preferred Shareholders or the Key Shareholders (as the case maybe) have either rejected or failed to fully accept the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Section 4(b)(ii) as set out above, then the Series C Seller shall be free to enter into a binding agreement to Transfer all of the Transfer Shares to a purchaser within ninety (90) days commencing from the date of the rejection of the Right of First Offer to acquire all (but not less than all) the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Section 4(b)(ii) by the Existing Preferred Shareholders or the Key Shareholders or the last day of the Key Shareholders RFO Offering Period, whichever is earlier, on no less favorable terms than those offered by the Series C Seller to the Existing Preferred Shareholders and the Key Shareholders (as the case maybe) in the RFO Notice, provided that any such Transfer shall still be subject to the relevant Right Holder’s Right of Co-Sale provided in Section 5 hereof and to the provisions of Section 2(b) hereof. If the Series C Seller does not enter into such an agreement or consummate the Transfer to a purchaser within such 90-day period, any subsequent proposed Transfer by it of some or all of the Transfer Shares shall again be subject to the provisions of this Section 4(b).

(iii) Transfer as a Whole.

- (1) The Existing Preferred Shareholders agree that they shall only exercise their Right of First Offer pursuant to Section 4(b)(ii) by purchasing the Transfer Shares in whole but not in part, and if more than one Existing Preferred Shareholder exercises their Right of First Offer, then such Existing Preferred Shareholders shall have first agreed amongst themselves whether to acquire the Transfer Shares on a pro rata basis among all the Existing Preferred Shareholders who exercised their respective Right of First Offer or on some other basis. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement, the parties hereto agree that, the Existing Preferred RFO Notice that is delivered by the Existing Preferred Shareholders or any failure by the Existing Preferred Shareholders to deliver the Existing Preferred RFO Notice in accordance with Section 4(b)(ii)(2) shall be deemed to be final and binding upon each Existing Preferred Shareholder.
- (2) The Key Shareholders agree, to the extent that the Existing Preferred Shareholders do not fully exercise their Right of First Offer pursuant to Section 4(b)(ii) by purchasing the Transfer

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Shares in whole but not in part, the Key Shareholders shall only exercise their Right of First Offer pursuant to Section 4(b)(ii) by purchasing Transfer Shares in whole but not in part, and if more than one Key Shareholder exercise their Right of First Offer pursuant to Section 4(b)(ii), then such Key Shareholders shall have first agreed amongst themselves whether to acquire the Transfer Shares on a pro rata basis among all the Key Shareholders who exercised their respective Right of First Offer or on some other basis. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement, the parties hereto agree that, the Key Shareholders RFO Notice that is delivered by the Company or any failure by the Company to deliver the Existing Preferred RFO Notice in accordance with Section 4(b)(ii)(3) shall be deemed to be final and binding upon each Key Shareholder.

- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree that the Series C Seller (i) shall be entitled to treat any Existing Preferred RFO Notice and any Key Shareholder RFO Notice that is received by the Series C Shareholder as final and binding on all the Existing Preferred Shareholders and all the Key Shareholders (as the case maybe); and (ii) shall not be required to confirm or verify any of the contents in any of such Existing Preferred RFO Notice or any Key Shareholder RFO Notice, or that such contents reflect the agreement of all or any of the Existing Preferred Shareholders and/or the Key Shareholders (as the case maybe).

(c) General Procedures of the Exercise of the Right of First Offer in Both Existing Preferred Shareholders’ Transfer and Series C Shareholder’s Transfer.

(i) Purchase Price.

The purchase price for the Transfer Shares to be purchased by the Series C Shareholder, an Existing Preferred Shareholder or by a Key Shareholder exercising its respective Right of First Offer under this Agreement will be the Transfer Price and will be payable as set forth in Section 4(c)(ii) hereof.

(ii) Payment.

Payment of the purchase price for the Transfer Shares purchased by a Series C Shareholder, an Existing Preferred Shareholder or by a Key Shareholder who has elected to purchase the Transfer Shares pursuant to this Section 4 shall be made within fifteen (15) days after the expiry

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of the relevant Offering Period. Payment of the Transfer Price shall be made in cash.

(iii) Completion in the event that Right of First Offer is exercised.

Any Transfer of the Transfer Shares pursuant to Section 4 shall be completed (the “**RFO Completion**”) on the date set for the RFO Completion (the “**RFO Completion Date**”), subject to fulfillment of each condition set out in Section 4(c)(iii)(1) or waiver in whole or in part by the relevant Rights Holder exercising its Right of First Refusal pursuant to this Section 4, when the matters set out in Sections 4(c)(iii)(2) and 4(c)(iii)(3) shall take place, provided that none of the Series C Seller, the Existing Preferred Seller and the relevant Right Holder respectively shall be obliged to perform their relevant obligations under Sections 4(c)(iii)(2) and 4(c)(iii)(3) if each of the others does not simultaneously perform (or has not already performed) its relevant obligations thereunder.

- (1) Not less than ten (10) days prior to the Completion Date, the Series C Seller or the Existing Preferred Seller (as the case may be) shall deliver the following documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of, each relevant Right Holder exercising its Right of First Offer:
- (A) draft instruments of transfer in relation to the Transfer of the relevant number of Transfer Shares that have been elected for purchase by the relevant Right Holder pursuant to this Section 4 by the registered holders of those Transfer Shares in favor of each of such relevant Right Holder(s) (or any other Person such Right Holder nominates for the purpose);
- (B) copies of the existing share certificates representing the Transfer Shares and draft copies of the new share certificate(s) in the name of the relevant Right Holder(s) in respect of such number of Transfer Shares that such Right Holder has elected to purchase pursuant to this Section 4; and
- (C) a certified true copy of the resolutions of a properly convened board meeting of the Company at which the Board of Directors approves:
- (x) the Transfers of the Transfer Shares that have been elected for purchase by the relevant Right Holder

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pursuant to this Section 4 from the Series C Seller or the Existing Preferred Seller to their respective Right Holders exercising Rights of First Offer or their specified nominees;

- (y) the cancellation of the existing share certificates representing the Transfer Shares that have been elected for purchase by the relevant Right Holder pursuant to this Section 4 and the issue of new share certificates in the name of the relevant Right Holders exercising the Right of First Offer (or their nominees); and
- (z) the amendment of the register of members of the Company, to reflect such Transfer.
- (2) At the RFO Completion, the Series C Seller or the Existing Preferred Seller (as the case may be) shall deliver the following documents in a form previously approved by, or on behalf of, each relevant Right Holder exercising its Right of First Offer:
- (A) undated and executed instruments of transfer in relation to the transfer of the Transfer Shares that have been elected for purchase by the relevant Right Holder pursuant to this Section 4 by the registered holders of those Shares in favor of the relevant Right Holder exercising the Right of First Offer (or any other Person that such Right Holder nominates for the purpose (in such case, such nominee shall execute a counterpart to this Agreement confirming that it shall be bound by this Agreement)); and
- (B) the new share certificates representing the relevant number of Transfer Shares that have been elected for purchase by the relevant Right Holder pursuant to this Section 4.
- (3) At the RFO Completion and against the full compliance by the Series C Seller or the Existing Preferred Seller (as the case may be), each relevant Right Holder exercising the Right of First Offer pursuant to this Section 4 shall pay to the Series C Seller or the Existing Preferred Seller (as the case may be), or as it may direct, the consideration for the Transfer Shares to be acquired by such relevant Right Holder.
- (4) Representations and Warranties.

The Series C Seller or any of the Existing Preferred Seller (as the case may be) shall not make (or be required to make) any representation or warranty to their respective relevant Right Holder in connection with the exercise of the Right of First Offer, other than those on good title to the Transfer Shares, absence of liens with respect to the Transfer Shares and customary representations and warranties concerning the Transferring Shareholder's power and authority to undertake the proposed Transfer.

- (iv) The provisions of this Section 4 shall not apply to the extent that the Transferred Shares are being Transferred as a result of the exercise of the rights of any party under Section 5.

5. **Right of Co-Sale.**

(a) **Key Founder's or Other Shareholder Seller's Transfer.**

(i) **Initial Exercise by the Preferred Shareholders.**

To the extent that any Preferred Shareholder has not exercised its Right of First Refusal with respect to the Offered Shares pursuant to Section 3 hereof, then each Preferred Shareholder who has not exercised its right in Section 3(b) (a "**Co-Sale Shareholder**") shall have the right to participate in such sale of the Co-Sale Eligible Shares pursuant to Section 3(f) on the same terms and conditions as specified in the RFR Notice subject to the terms of this Section 5 by notifying the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) in writing within seventeen (17) days after delivery of the Confirmation Notice to such Co-Sale Shareholder (the "**Co-Sale Period**"). Each Co-Sale Shareholder who delivers a notice pursuant to the preceding sentence (a "**Participating Co-Sale Shareholder**") may sell, pursuant to the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder's Right of Co-Sale, up to that number of shares held by such Participating Co-Sale Shareholder which equals, the product of the Co-Sale Eligible Shares multiplied by such Participating Co-Sale Shareholder's Pro-Rata Share. The Participating Co-Sale Shareholder shall indicate the number of shares (on an as converted basis) it then holds that it wishes to sell pursuant to this Section 5(a) (the "**Participating Co-Sale Shareholder Shares**"). The sale of the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder Shares shall occur simultaneously with the sale of the Co-Sale Eligible Shares and within ninety (90) days after the end of the Co-Sale Period. The Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) shall ensure that the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder Shares are included in the relevant Transfer to the Approved Third Party Purchaser. If the Approved Third Party Purchaser fails to purchase all the Participating

Co-Sale Shares, then the relevant Transfer of Co-Sale Eligible Shares shall not be completed. This Right of Co-Sale shall not apply with respect to the Offered Shares sold or to be sold to the Company or Preferred Shareholders under their Right of First Refusal.

(ii) **Consummation of Co-Sale.**

A Participating Co-Sale Shareholder which has exercised the Right of Co-Sale shall deliver to the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) at or before the RFR Completion, one or more instruments of transfer together with the applicable share certificates, representing a number of shares not to exceed the number of shares to which the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder is entitled in Section 5(a), representing such shares to be Transferred by the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) on behalf of the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder. If the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder does not hold a certificate in that series, class or type of shares representing the number of securities owned and to be sold by such Participating Co-Sale Shareholder pursuant to this Section 5, then the Company shall, in accordance with the conversion provision and other relevant provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association then in effect, promptly issue a certificate representing the proper series, class, type and number of shares to be sold pursuant to this Right of Co-Sale. At the RFR Completion, such certificates and instruments of transfer will be delivered to the Approved Third Party Purchaser as set forth in the RFR Notice in consummation of the Transfer of the shares pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in the RFR Notice, and the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) will remit, or will cause to be remitted, to each Participating Co-Sale Shareholder that portion of the proceeds of the Transfer to which each Participating Co-Sale Shareholder is entitled by reason of each Participating Co-Sale Shareholder's participation in such Transfer pursuant to the Right of Co-Sale. Following the RFR Completion, the Company shall deliver a certificate for the remaining balance of the securities held by the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder, if any, to such Participating Co-Sale Shareholder.

- (iii) Participating Co-Sale Shareholders who exercise the Right of Co-Sale shall not be required to give representations and warranties other than those on good title of the shares to be Transferred by the Key Founder Seller or the Other Shareholder Seller (as the case may be) on behalf of the Participating Co-Sale Shareholder.

(b) **Existing Preferred Shareholders' Transfer.**

In the event that any of the Existing Preferred Shareholder (other than SBCVC) proposes to Transfer any of the Equity Securities held by it, to the extent that the Series C Shareholder has not exercised its Right of First Offer with respect to the Transfer Shares pursuant to Section 4 hereof, then the Series C Shareholder shall be entitled to exercise the Right of Co-Sale, provided that the exercise of such right shall comply with, *mutatis mutandis*, the procedures as set out in Section 5(a) (for the avoidance of doubt, references to "RFR Completion" shall be deemed to be "RFO Completion"). The relevant Existing Preferred Shareholder shall ensure that the Participating Co-Sale Shares are included in the relevant Transfer to the Approved Third Party Purchaser. If the Approved Third Party Purchaser fails to purchase all the Participating Co-Sale Shares, then the relevant Transfer of Co-Sale Eligible Shares shall not be completed. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the disposition of any Preferred Shares held by SBCVC shall not be subject to the Right of Co-Sale as set forth in this Agreement.

(c) **Series C Shareholder's Transfer.**

In the event that the Series C Shareholder proposes to Transfer any of the Equity Securities then held by it, to the extent that the Existing Preferred Shareholders or the Key Shareholders have not exercised their Rights of First Offer with respect to the Transfer Shares pursuant to Section 4 hereof, each Existing Preferred Shareholder (other than SBCVC) and each Key Shareholder shall be entitled to exercise their respective Right of Co-Sale, provided that the exercise of such right shall comply with, *mutatis mutandis*, the procedures as set out in Section 5(a) (for the avoidance of doubt, references to "RFR Completion" shall be deemed to be "RFO Completion"). There is no priority in exercising the Right of Co-Sale between the Key Shareholders and the Existing Preferred Shareholders (other than SBCVC), and the Series C Shareholder shall ensure that the relevant Participating Co-Sale Shares held by the Key Shareholders and the Existing Preferred Shareholders (other than SBCVC) are included in the relevant Transfer to the Approved Third Party Purchaser. If the Approved Third Party Purchaser fails to purchase all the Participating Co-Sale Shares, then the relevant Transfer of Co-Sale Eligible Shares shall not be completed.

6. **Upstream Transfer.**

- (a) Each Selling GDS Upstream Shareholder agrees and shall ensure that any proposed Transfer of an indirect beneficial interest in the capital of the Company shall be deemed to be a Transfer of Shares in the Company and shall be subject to the Series C Shareholder's Right of First Refusal under Section 3 hereto. Each Selling GDS Upstream Shareholder may only Transfer any of their respective interests in the capital of Global Data Solutions to a purchaser

provided that (i) Global Data Solutions has first offered to the Series C Shareholder such number of shares in the capital of the Company calculated by multiplying (x) the percentage of shares of Global Data Solutions that is proposed to be sold by the Selling GDS Upstream Shareholder to the Approved Third Party Purchaser; by (y) the total number of Shares held by Global Data Solutions in the Company at the time of such offer, on no less favourable terms than those offered by such purchaser to such Selling GDS Upstream Shareholder and (ii) such Series C Shareholder has either rejected or failed to accept such offer. William Wei Huang (□) agrees and shall ensure that any proposed Transfer of an indirect beneficial interest in the capital of the Company shall be deemed to be a Transfer of Shares in the Company and shall be subject to the Series C Shareholder's Right of First Refusal under Section 3 hereto. William Wei Huang (□) may only Transfer his direct and indirect interests in the capital of EDC Group and GDS Enterprises, to an Approved Third Party Purchaser provided that (i) EDC Group or GDS Enterprises has first offered to the Series C Shareholder such number of Shares in the capital of the Company calculated by multiplying (x) the percentage of the direct or indirect effective interest of EDC Group or GDS Enterprises that is proposed to be sold by William Wei Huang (□) to a purchaser; by (y) the total number of Shares held by EDC Group or GDS Enterprises in the Company at the time of such offer, on no less favourable terms than those offered by such purchaser to William Wei Huang (□) and (ii) the Series C Shareholder has either rejected or failed to accept such offer.

- (b) William Wei Huang (□) agrees and shall ensure that any proposed Transfer of an indirect beneficial interest in the capital of the Company shall be deemed to be a Transfer of Shares in the Company and shall be subject to the Series C Shareholders' Right of First Refusal under Section 3 thereto. William Wei Huang (□) may only transfer his interests in the capital of Excel Prayer and/or Solution Leisure, to a purchaser provided that (i) Global Data Solutions has first offered to the Series C Shareholder such number of shares in the capital of the Company calculated by multiplying (x) the percentage of shares of Excel Prayer and/or Solution Leisure (as the case may be) that is proposed to be sold by William Wei Huang (□) to the Approved Third Party Purchaser; by (y) the percentage of shares of Global Data Solutions that is held by Excel Prayer and/or Solution Leisure (as the case may be) at the time of such offer; by (z) the total number of Shares held by Global Data Solutions in the Company at the time of such offer, on no less favourable terms than those

offered by such Approved Third Party Purchaser to William Wei Huang (□) and (ii) the Series C Shareholder has either rejected or failed to accept such offer.

- (c) The Upstream transfer restrictions set forth in Sections 6(a) to (c) above, shall be carried out *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with the procedures as set out in Section 3 and 5.

7. **Prohibited Transfer.**

- (a) Any Transfer of Equity Securities in violation of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or Section 7(a) hereof (a “**Prohibited Transfer**”) shall be null and void and shall not confer on any transferee any rights whatsoever, and the Company shall not, and in the case of Section 6, the relevant Parties shall not recognize such Transfer and will not effect such Transfer on the Company’s (or as applicable, the relevant company’s) register of members or other records without the written consent of the holders collectively holding (i) at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares voting together as a separate class and on an as converted basis, (ii) at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares, voting as a separate class and on an as converted basis and (iii) at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Ordinary Shares, voting as a separate class and on an as converted basis.
- (b) No Transfer of Equity Securities referred to in Section 7(a) shall in any event be registered or become effective.

8. **Stop-Transfer Orders.**

(a) **Stop Transfer Instructions.**

In order to ensure compliance with the restrictions referred to herein, each Seller agrees that the Company may issue appropriate “stop transfer” certificates or instructions.

(b) **Transfers.**

No Equity Securities shall be Transferred unless (i) such Transfer is made in compliance with the terms of this Agreement and applicable laws, including applicable federal and state securities laws, and (ii) prior to such Transfer, the transferee or transferees, who prior to such Transfer are not already parties to this Agreement, sign a counterpart to this Agreement pursuant to which it or they agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement by way of executing and delivering a Deed of Adherence confirming to the Company and the other shareholders of the Company that it shall be bound by this Agreement as was the Seller.

9. **Termination.**

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The Right Holder’s Right of First Refusal, Right of First Offer and Right of Co-Sale, as applicable, will terminate upon the earlier to occur of (i) immediately prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement for a Qualified IPO, and (ii) the date on which this Agreement is terminated as agreed in writing by the holders collectively holding (i) at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares and (ii) at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares, each voting as a separate class on an as converted basis. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that neither of the foregoing circumstances occurs, the Right Holder’s Right of First Refusal and Right of Co-sale will remain in full force and effect. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary, termination of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to any liability or obligation in respect of any matters, undertakings or conditions which shall not have been observed or performed by the relevant party prior to such termination.

10. **Change of Control of EDC Group and GDS Enterprises.**

(a) **Definition of “control” and “change of control” under this Section 10.**

For the purpose of this Section 10, “**control**” shall mean William Wei Huang (□□) having fifty per cent (50%) or more legal and/or beneficiary ownership interest in each of EDC Group and GDS Enterprises, and “**change of control**” shall mean William Wei Huang (□□)’s legal and/or beneficiary ownership interest in any of EDC Group and GDS Enterprises decreasing to below fifty per cent (50%).

(b) **Preferred Shareholders Rights against William Wei Huang (□□).**

If William Wei Huang (□□) shall cease to control any of EDC Group and GDS Enterprises, each Preferred Shareholder, without prejudice to any other rights to which they may be entitled, may require William Wei Huang (□□) to acquire its Shares in the Company in accordance with this Section 10 and subject to Section 4.

(c) **Notice of Consideration.**

William Wei Huang (□□) will promptly, but in any case not later than fifteen (15) days following the change of control of any of EDC Group and GDS Enterprises, give notice to the Preferred Shareholders describing the consideration paid for the shares in EDC Group or GDS Enterprises and the

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value (the “**Attributed Value**”) attributable on a see-through basis to each Share in the Company held by EDC Group or GDS Enterprises (the “**Affected Founder’s Shares**”). Within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice or otherwise becoming aware of such change of control in EDC Group or GDS Enterprises, each Preferred Shareholder, without prejudice to any other rights to which they may be entitled, may give a notice to William Wei Huang (□□) (the “**Sale Notice**”) specifying (i) the number of Shares that the Preferred Shareholders wants to Transfer to William Wei Huang (□□) (the “**Applicable Preferred Shareholder Shares**”) and (ii) whether it accepts that the Attributed Value represents a fair valuation of the Affected Founder’s Shares.

(d) **Valuation of Affected Founder’s Shares.**

If a Preferred Shareholder does not consider that the Attributed Value represents a fair per Share value for the Applicable Preferred Shareholder Shares, such Preferred Shareholder, without prejudice to any other rights to which they may be entitled, shall be entitled to appoint a qualified person from a reputable independent auditors firm (the “**Expert**”) to determine what constitutes the fair value of each Share in the Company and each Ordinary Share Equivalent (the “**Fair Value**”). The Expert shall act as an expert and not as an arbitrator. Absent manifest error, the Expert’s decision shall be final and binding. The Expert’s fees shall be borne by William Wei Huang (□□). Such Preferred Shareholder, William Wei Huang (□□) and the Company shall give the Expert such information as the Expert reasonably requests to enable it to determine the Fair Value.

(e) **Settlement Date.**

On the fifteenth (15th) Business Day after the later of the delivery of the Sale Notice or, if applicable, the Expert delivering its determination:

- (i) William Wei Huang (□□) shall pay to the relevant Preferred Shareholder in dollars in immediately available funds an amount equal to the higher of the Attributed Value and the Fair Value multiplied by the number of Applicable Preferred Shareholder Shares held by such Preferred Shareholders at a bank account designated by such Preferred Shareholder, without deduction whatsoever for any fees, taxes, duties, costs or other charges howsoever called; and
- (ii) Such Preferred Shareholder shall, after receipt of such funds, transfer to the William Wei Huang (□□) free of all encumbrances

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or rights of third parties the certificates, if any, evidencing title to the Shares to be sold by it together with such instruments of transfer, and the Company shall approve such transfer and update its register of members to reflect its terms if any, as required by the laws of Cayman Islands to effect the transfer.

(f) **Preferred Shareholders Representations and Warranties.**

The Preferred Shareholder shall not be required to make any representation or warranty, other than as to good title to any Applicable Preferred Shareholder Shares, absence of encumbrances with respect to such Shares, the Preferred Shareholder’s power and authority to undertake the proposed Transfer, and the validity and enforceability of the Preferred Shareholder’s obligations in connection with it.

11. **Miscellaneous Provisions.**

(a) **Notices.**

All notices and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sent by facsimile or mailed by electronic, registered or certified mail or by overnight courier or otherwise delivered by hand or by messenger, addressed:

- (i) if to an Existing Preferred Shareholder, at the Existing Preferred Shareholder’s address, as shown on Exhibit A, Exhibit A-1, Exhibit A-2, Exhibit A-3, hereto, or at such other address as the Existing Preferred Shareholders shall have furnished to the Company in writing;
- (ii) if to the Series C Shareholder, at the Series C Shareholder’s address, as shown on Exhibit A-4 hereto, or at such other address as the Series C Shareholder shall have furnished to the Company in writing;
- (iii) if to a Key Founder or an Other Shareholder, as shown on Exhibits B and B-1 respectively, or at such other address as the Series C Shareholder shall have furnished to the Company in writing, or
- (iv) if to the Company, at the address of its principal corporate offices (attention: CEO), or at such other address as the Company shall have furnished to the Preferred Shareholders.

Where a notice is sent by mail, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, pre-paying and mailing a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected at the expiration of five (5) Business Days after the letter containing the same is mailed as aforesaid.

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Where a notice is sent by overnight courier, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, and sending such notice through an internationally recognized express courier service, delivery fees pre-paid, and to have been effected three (3) Business Days following the day the same is sent as aforesaid. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, notices sent to the Preferred Shareholders (and their permitted assigns) shall only be delivered by internationally recognized express courier service pursuant to this paragraph.

Where a notice is delivered by hand, by facsimile, by electronic mail or by messenger, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected upon delivery or successful transmission record being generated by the sender's machine.

(b) Successors and Assigns.

Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the provisions hereof shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the parties hereto and their respective successors, assigns, heirs, executors and administrators. No party hereto may delegate, assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement except in connection with the permitted transfer of securities in accordance with the terms hereof. Additionally, neither the Company nor any Seller may assign or delegate any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of all the Right Holder (as the case may be in different types of Transfer).

(c) Severability.

If any provision of this Agreement shall be determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

(d) Waivers and Amendment.

Neither this Agreement nor any term hereof, may be changed, waived, discharged or terminated orally or in writing, except that any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of such terms may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively) with (but only with) the written consent of (i) the Company, (ii) the holders of at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the then outstanding Existing Preferred Shares (voting together as a separate class) and (iii) the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the then outstanding Series C Shares; provided, however, that no such amendment or waiver shall extend to or affect any obligation not expressly waived or impair any right consequent

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therein. However, any amendments or waivers to rights of, or benefits to, SBCVC under this Agreement shall not be made without prior consent of SBCVC, and any amendments or waivers to rights of, or benefits to, the Series C Shareholder under this Agreement shall not be made without prior consent of the Series C Shareholder. No consent shall be required from any Shareholder hereunder for a Permitted Transferee of any Ordinary Shares or Preferred Shares here under to sign a counterpart signature page to this Agreement, or other similar document, binding said transferee and the Ordinary Shares or the Preferred Shares held by such transferee to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

(e) Continuity of Other Restrictions.

Any Equity Securities not purchased by the Company or any Right Holder under their Right of First Refusal, Right of First Offer and Right of Co-Sale hereunder will continue to be subject to all other restrictions imposed upon such Equity Securities by law, including any restrictions imposed under the Company's Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association then in effect.

(f) Governing Law and Dispute Resolution.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. Each of the parties hereto irrevocably agrees that any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (including any issue as to the existence, validity, interpretation, construction, performance, breach or termination of this Agreement) (a "Dispute"), shall be referred to and finally resolved by binding arbitration administered by the HKIAC in accordance with the Rules in force when the notice of arbitration is submitted in accordance with these Rules, which Rules are deemed to be incorporated by reference into this section and as may be amended by the rest of this section. The arbitration tribunal shall consist of three (3) arbitrators (the "Tribunal"). The parties agree that the three arbitrators can be selected from outside the HKIAC's panel(s) of arbitrators. The claimant and the respondent shall each designate one (1) arbitrator in accordance with the Rules. The HKIAC shall appoint the third and presiding arbitrator, who shall be qualified to practice law in Hong Kong. The seat of the arbitration shall be Hong Kong. The language of the arbitration proceedings shall be English. Any award of the Tribunal shall be made in writing and shall be final, conclusive and binding on the parties to the arbitration from the day it is made.

(g) Other Remedies; Specific Enforcement.

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Except as otherwise provided herein, any and all remedies herein expressly conferred upon a party will be deemed cumulative with and not exclusive of any other remedy conferred hereby, or by law or equity upon such party, and the exercise by a party of any one remedy will not preclude the exercise of any other remedy. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. It is accordingly agreed that the parties shall be entitled to seek an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof, this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity.

(h) Binding Nature of Exercise.

Any exercise of the Right of First Refusal, Right of First Offer or Right of Co-Sale will be binding upon the party so exercising, and may not be withdrawn without the written consent of the Company or the Seller as to whom it is given, as the case may be, except that such exercise may be withdrawn unilaterally by the exercising party if there is any legal prohibition as to a party's consummation of its purchase or sale hereunder.

(i) Counterparts; Facsimiles.

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be enforceable against the parties actually executing such counterpart, and all of which together shall constitute one instrument. A facsimile, teletype or other reproduction of this Agreement may be executed by one or more parties hereto and delivered by such party by facsimile or any similar electronic transmission device pursuant to which the signature of or on behalf of such party can be seen. Such execution and delivery shall be considered valid, binding and effective for all purposes. At the request of any party hereto, all parties hereto agree to execute and deliver an original of this Agreement as well as any facsimile, teletype or other reproduction hereof.

(j) Titles and Subtitles.

The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement. All references in this Agreement to sections, paragraphs and exhibits shall, unless otherwise provided, refer to sections and paragraphs hereof and exhibits attached hereto.

(k) Entire Agreement.

This Agreement and the documents referred to herein constitute the full and entire understanding and agreement between the parties with regard to the

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subjects hereof, and supersede any and all other prior written or oral agreements relating to the subject matter hereof existing between the parties hereto.

(l) Delays and Omissions.

It is agreed that no delay or omission to exercise any right, power or remedy accruing to any Right Holder (excluding the Company), upon any breach or default of the Company under this Agreement, shall impair any such right, power or remedy, nor shall it be construed to be a waiver of any such breach or default, or any acquiescence therein, or of any similar breach or default thereafter occurring; nor shall any waiver of any single breach or default be deemed a waiver of any other breach or default theretofore or thereafter occurring. It is further agreed that any waiver, permit, consent or approval of any kind or character by any Right Holder (excluding the Company) of any breach or default under this Agreement, or any waiver by any Right Holder (excluding the Company) of any provisions or conditions of this Agreement must be in writing and shall be effective only to the extent specifically set forth in writing and that all remedies, either under this Agreement, or by law or otherwise afforded to the Right Holder (excluding the Company), shall be cumulative and not alternative.

(m) Share Splits.

All references to the number of shares in this Agreement shall be appropriately adjusted to reflect any share split, share dividend or other change in the capital stock which may be made by the Company after the RFR Completion or RFO Completion.

(n) Aggregation.

All Shares held or acquired by Affiliates of a Seller or Right Holder shall be aggregated together for the purpose of determining the availability of any rights under this Agreement which are triggered by the beneficial ownership of a threshold number of shares of the Company's capital shares.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**“THE COMPANY”
GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

By: /s/ William Wei Huang
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: William Wei Huang (□□)
Title of Authorized Signatory: Director

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RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL AND CO-SALE AGREEMENT**

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**“KEY FOUNDERS”
EXCEL PRAYER LTD.**

By: /s/ Shi Lan
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: Shi Lan
Title of Authorized Signatory: Director

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**“KEY FOUNDERS”
SOLUTION LEISURE INVESTMENT LTD.**

By: /s/ William Wei Huang
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: William Wei Huang (□□)
Title of Authorized Signatory: Director

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**“KEY FOUNDERS”
WILLIAM WEI HUANG (□□)**

By: /s/ William Wei Huang

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**“KEY FOUNDERS”
GLOBAL DATA SOLUTIONS LIMITED**

By: /s/ William Wei Huang
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: William Wei Huang (□□)
Title of Authorized Signatory: Director

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**“KEY FOUNDERS”
SBGD INVESTMENT LIMITED**

By: /s/ Luo Zhi Ping
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: Luo Zhi Ping
Title of Authorized Signatory: Director

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“KEY FOUNDERS”

EDC GROUP LIMITED

By: /s/ 黄伟

Print Name of Authorized Signatory:

Huang Wei (黄伟)

Title of Authorized Signatory:

Director

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“KEY FOUNDERS”

GDS ENTERPRISES LIMITED

By: /s/ 黄伟

Print Name of Authorized Signatory:

Huang Wei (黄伟)

Title of Authorized Signatory:

Director

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“KEY FOUNDERS”

OFIRA CAPITAL LIMITED

By: /s/ Daniel Antony Newman

Print Name of Authorized Signatory:

Daniel Antony Newman

Title of Authorized Signatory:

Director

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“OTHER SHAREHOLDERS”

BEST MILLION GROUP LIMITED

By: /s/ Yang Juan

Print Name of Authorized Signatory:

Yang Juan

Title of Authorized Signatory:

Director

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“OTHER SHAREHOLDERS”

FORTUNE MILLION INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Lu Ronghan

Print Name of Authorized Signatory:

Lu Ronghan

Title of Authorized Signatory:

Director

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“OTHER SHAREHOLDERS”

LINMAX ASIA LIMITED

By: /s/ Lim Ah Doo

Print Name of Authorized Signatory:

Lim Ah Doo

Title of Authorized Signatory:

Director

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“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”

SBCVC COMPANY LIMITED

By: /s/ Ping Hua

Print Name of Authorized Signatory:

Ping Hua

Title of Authorized Signatory:

Director

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**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SBCVC FUND II, L.P.**

By: /s/ Ping Hua
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua
Title of Authorized Signatory: Managing Partner

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**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SBCVC FUND II-ANNEX, L.P.**

By: /s/ Ping Hua
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua
Title of Authorized Signatory: Managing Partner

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**PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SBCVC VENTURE CAPITAL
(□□□□□□□□)**

By: /s/ Ping Hua
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua
Title of Authorized Signatory: Member of the Joint Management Committee

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**PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SBCVC FUND III L.P.**

By: /s/ Ping Hua
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: Ping Hua
Title of Authorized Signatory: Managing Partner

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**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
SEABRIGHT SOF (I) PAPER LIMITED**

By: /s/ Tang Chi Chun
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: Tang Chi Chun
Title of Authorized Signatory: Director

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**“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”
FOREBRIGHT MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

By: /s/ HE Ling
Print Name of Authorized Signatory: HE Ling
Title of Authorized Signatory: Director

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“PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS”

By: /s/ Changgen Wu
Print Name of Authorized Signatory:
Title of Authorized Signatory:

Changgen Wu
Director

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**"PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS"
STT GDC PTE. LTD.**

By: /s/ Bruno Lopez
Print Name of Authorized Signatory:
Title of Authorized Signatory:

Bruno Lopez
Director

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EXHIBIT A

Schedule of Series A Shareholders

Name and Address of Series A Shareholder

SBCVC Fund II, L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-17141)

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O.Box 2681
Grand Cayman KYI-1111
CAYMAN ISLANDS

Attn: Peter Hua

Fax: (8621) 5240-0700

Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

Seabright SOF(I) Paper Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1030636)

40/F., Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong

Attn: Ip Kun Wan, Kiril

Fax: +852 2520 5125

Email: Kiril.Ip@everbright165.com

Name and Address of Series A Shareholder

Maxpoint Development Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of British Virgin Islands with registered number 1061834)

40th Floor Bank of China Tower 1 Garden Road
Hong Kong
Attn: CG.Wu

Fax: 852 2103 0808

Email: changgen.wu@morganstanley.com

Forebright Management Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1019522)

Suite 3720, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place,

Central, Hong Kong

Attn: Ip Kun Wan, Kiril

Fax: +852 2520 5125

Email: kiril.ip@forebrightcapital.com

EXHIBIT A-1

Schedule of Series B Shareholders

Name and Address of Series B Shareholder

SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-23170)

Codan Trust Company (Cayman) Limited
Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive
P.O.Box 2681
Grand Cayman KYI-1111
CAYMAN ISLANDS

Attn: Peter Hua

Fax: (8621) 5240-0700

Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

EXHIBIT A-2

Schedule of Series A* Shareholders

Name and Address of Series A* Shareholder

SBCVC Company Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of Hong Kong with registered number 1144947)

Unit 12, 19th Floor

Tower B, Southmark

11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang

Hong Kong

Attn: Peter Hua

Fax: (8621) 5240-0366

Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

EXHIBIT A-3

Schedule of Series B1 Shareholders

Name and Address of Series B1 Shareholder

SBCVC Company Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of Hong Kong with registered number 1144947)

Unit 12, 19th Floor

Tower B, Southmark

11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang

Hong Kong

Attn: Peter Hua

Fax: (8621) 5240-0366

Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

Name and Address of Series B1 Shareholder

SBCVC Venture Capital (□□□□□□□□)

(a co-operative joint venture enterprise incorporated and existing under the laws of PRC with registered number 320594500004043)

15A-C

Hua Min Empire Plaza

728 Yan An Road (West)

Shanghai, 200050

China

Attn: Peter Hua

Fax: (8621) 5240-0366

Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

Schedule of Series B2 Shareholders

Name and Address of Series B2 Shareholder

SBCVC Company Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of Hong Kong with registered number 1144947)

Unit 12, 19th Floor

Tower B, Southmark

11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang

Hong Kong

Attn: Peter Hua

Fax: (8621) 5240-0366

Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

Schedule of Series B4 Shareholders

Name and Address of Series B4 Shareholder

SBCVC Fund III L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-24546)

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive

P.O.Box 2681

Grand Cayman KYI-1111

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Attn: Peter Hua

Fax: (8621) 5240-0366

Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

Schedule of Series B5 Shareholders

Name and Address of Series B5 Shareholder

SBCVC Fund III L.P.

(a partnership with limited liability registered and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT-24546)

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive

P.O.Box 2681

Grand Cayman KYI-1111

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Attn: Peter Hua

Fax: (8621) 5240-0366

Email: peterhua@sbcvc.com

EXHIBIT A-4

Schedule of Series C Shareholder

Name and Address of Investor

STT GDC Pte. Ltd.

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the Republic of Singapore with registered number 201228542D)

Address: 1 Temasek Avenue, #33-01 Millenia Tower, Singapore 039192

Attn: Company Secretary

Fax: +65 6720 7220

EXHIBIT B

Schedule of Key Founders

Name and Address of Key Founders

Excel Prayer Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 555554)

Room 304

Chang Feng Er Cun 110#

Jin Sha Jiang Road

Shanghai 200062 P.R.China

Global Data Solutions Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registered number CT 128826)

Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive

P.O.Box 2681

Grand Cayman KY1-1111

Name and Address of Key Founders

SBGD Investment Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1628587)

OMC Chambers, Wickhams Cay 1,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands

EDC Group Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1628788)

OMC Chambers, Wickhams Cay 1,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands

GDS Enterprises Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1628589)

OMC Chambers, Wickhams Cay 1,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands

Name and Address of Key Founders

OFIRA CAPITAL LIMITED

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1567746)

263 Main Street,
Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands

Solution Leisure Investment Ltd.

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 551497)

2/F, Tower 2, Youyou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road,
Pudong, Shanghai 200127, P.R.C.
Attn: William Wei Huang (黄伟)
Fax: 86-21-20330202
Email: huangwei@gds-services.com

Name and Address of Key Founders

William Wei Huang (黄伟)

2/F, Tower 2, Youyou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road,
Pudong, Shanghai 200127, P.R.C.
Attn: William Wei Huang (黄伟)
Fax: 86-21-20330202
Email: huangwei@gds-services.com

EXHIBIT B-1

Schedule of Other Shareholders

Name and Address of Other Shareholders

Best Million Group Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1634472)

2/F, Tower 2, Youyou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road,
Pudong, Shanghai 200127, P.R.C.
Attn: William Wei Huang (黄伟)
Fax: 86-21-20330202
Email: huangwei@gds-services.com

Fortune Million International Corporation

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1910205)

OMC Chambers, Wickham Cay 1, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands
Attn: Lu Ronghan
Email: crescent.lu@fosmail.com

Name and Address of Key Founders

Linmax Asia Limited

(a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with registered number 1903042)

Portcullis TrustNet Chambers,
4th Floor, Ellen Skelton Building,
3076 Sir Francis Drake Highway, Road Town,
Tortola, British Virgin Islands
Attn: Lim Ah Doo

EXHIBIT C

Schedule of the Prohibited Transferee

- 21ViaNet Group, Inc
- Dr. Peng Telecom and Media Group Corporation (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
- Equinix, Inc
- KDDI CORPORATION
- NTT Communications
- SingTel Group
- PCCW Limited
- KT Corporation
- SK TELECOM
- Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company
- Telkom Indonesia
- Axiata Group Berhad
- Telekom Malaysia Berhad

**SCHEDULE 1
FORM OF DEED OF ADHERENCE**

THIS DEED is made the day of 20[] by [] of [] (the "**Purchaser**") and is supplemental to the Sixth Amended and Restated Right of First Refusal and Co-Sale Agreement in relation to GDS Holdings Limited dated [•], 2016 made between GDS Holdings Limited (the "**Company**"), William Wei Huang, Global Data Solutions Limited, certain other shareholders of the Company and other parties thereto (such agreement as amended, restated or supplemented from time to time, the "**ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement**").

WITNESSETH as follows:

The Purchaser confirms that it has been provided with a copy of the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement and all amendments, restatements and supplements thereto and hereby covenants with each of the parties to the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement from time to time and the Company to observe, perform and be bound by all the terms and conditions of the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement which are capable of applying to the Purchaser to the intent and effect that the Purchaser shall be deemed as and with effect from the date hereof to be a party to the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement and to be a Seller (as defined in the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement).

The address and facsimile number at which notices are to be served on the Purchaser under the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement and the person for whose attention notices are to be addressed are as follows:

[to insert the contact details]

Words and expressions defined in the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement shall have the same meaning in this Deed. This Deed shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong.

This Deed shall take effect as a deed poll for the benefit of the Company, William Wei Huang, Global Data Solutions Limited, STT GDC Pte. Ltd. and other parties to the ROFR & Co-Sale Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Purchaser has executed this Deed the day and year first above written.

THE COMMON SEAL of []

was hereunto affixed)

in the presence of:)

(Director)

(Director/Secretary)

SHARE SWAP AGREEMENT

THIS SHARE SWAP AGREEMENT (this “**Agreement**”) is entered into by and among GDS Holdings Limited, a company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands (“**GDSS**”), EDC Holding Limited, a company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands (“**GDSI**”) and each of the entities, severally and not jointly, whose names are set forth on the Schedule of GDSI Shareholders attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “**GDSI Shareholders**”) dated as of June 12, 2014.

RECITALS

- A. Each GDSI Shareholder holds certain number of shares of GDSI, which number is set forth opposite the name of such GDSI Shareholder on the Schedule of GDSI Shareholders attached hereto as Exhibit A (collectively, the “**GDSI Shares**”).
- B. The GDSI Shareholders desire to transfer the GDSI Shares held by them to GDSS in consideration of the allotment and issuance by GDSS to each GDSI Shareholder of certain number of shares of GDSS, which number is set forth opposite the name of such GDSI Shareholder on the Schedule of GDSS Shares attached hereto as Exhibit B (collectively, the “**GDSS Shares**”), and GDSS desires to acquire the GDSI Shares and issue such GDSS Shares to each GDSI Shareholder.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. THE SHARE SWAP

Subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, the GDSI Shareholders, as the owners of the GDSI Shares, hereby agree to sell, assign and convey unto GDSS all the GDSI Shares, in consideration for which GDSS shall issue to each GDSI Shareholder the number of GDSS Shares indicated in Exhibit B, which, in aggregate, representing about 51.88% of the issued share capital of GDSS at the Closing (as defined below) on a fully diluted and as-converted basis.

2. CLOSING.

- 2.1 The closing of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the “**Closing**”) shall take place on June 30, 2014 (the “**Closing Date**”), or at such other day and time as the parties hereto shall agree upon.
- 2.2 At or before Closing, if applicable, GDSS, the GDSI Shareholders and other relevant parties thereto will execute counterpart signature pages to

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this Agreement, the Third Amended and Restated Members Agreement of GDSS in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C (the “**Members Agreement**”), the Third Amended and Restated Right of First Refusal and Co-Sale Agreement of GDSS in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit D (the “**Co-Sale Agreement**”) and the Third Amended and Restated Voting Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit E (the “**Voting Agreement**”), together with this Agreement, the Members Agreement and the Co-Sale Agreement, the “**Transaction Agreements**”). All entities purchasing the GDSS Shares at the Closing shall, upon execution and delivery of the relevant signature pages, become parties to, and be bound by, each of the Transaction Agreements, without the need for a further amendment to any of the agreements except to add such person’s or entity’s name to the appropriate exhibit to such agreements, and shall have the rights and obligations of the holders of the GDSS Shares hereunder and thereunder, in each case as of the Closing Date, as applicable.

- 2.3 On or prior to the Closing Date and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, (i) each GDSI Shareholder, severally, shall transfer the GDSI Shares to GDSS, free and clear of all security interests, liens, mortgages, claims, charges, pledges, equitable interests, or encumbrances of any nature, including any put, call or similar right of a third party (“**Liens**”) with respect to the GDSI Shares; and (ii) GDSS shall allot and issue GDSS Shares, free and clear of all Liens, to each of the GDSI Shareholders, which number is set forth opposite the name of each such GDSI Shareholder on the Schedule of GDSS Shares attached hereto as Exhibit B. The GDSS Shares and the ordinary shares of GDSS to be issued upon conversion of the GDSS Shares, if applicable, (the “**Conversion Shares**”) shall have the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions set forth in the Fourth Amended and Restated Memorandum of Association of GDSS (the “**Amended Memorandum**”) and the Fourth Amended and Restated Articles of Association of GDSS (the “**Amended Articles**”), together with the Amended Memorandum, the “**Amended Charter**”), in the forms attached hereto as Exhibit F.
- 2.4 At or prior to Closing, each GDSI Shareholder shall deliver or cause to be delivered to GDSS an instrument of transfer, transferring title to the GDSI Shares to GDSS and any share certificates (if any) issued in the name of such GDSI Shareholder in respect of the GDSI Shares for cancellation.
- 2.5 At or following Closing, GDSI shall cause GDSS to be recorded in the register of members of GDSI as the holder of the GDSI Shares.

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- 2.6 At or prior to Closing, GDSS shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the GDSI Shareholders certificates (if any) or such other documents representing the GDSS Shares. GDSS shall cause the GDSI Shareholders to be recorded in the register of members of GDSS as the holders of the GDSS Shares.

3. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.

- 3.1 The GDSI Shareholders, severally but not jointly, represent and warrant to GDSS as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date in the terms of the representations and warranties of the GDSI Shareholders (the “**GDSI Shareholders Warranties**”) set out in Exhibit G and acknowledge that GDSS in entering into this Agreement is relying on the GDSI Shareholders Warranties.
- 3.2 Each GDSI Shareholder hereto shall notify GDSS upon it becoming aware of any event which could reasonably be expected to cause any of it respective representations and warranties hereunder to be incorrect, misleading or breached in any material respect or which may have any material adverse effect on the assets or liabilities of GDSI or the ability of the relevant GDSI Shareholders to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Agreements (as the case may be).
- 3.3 The GDSS represents and warrants to each GDSI Shareholder, as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date in the terms of the representations and warranties of the GDSS (the “**GDSS Shareholders Warranties**”) set out in Exhibit H and acknowledges that each GDSI Shareholder in entering into this Agreement is relying on the GDSS Warranties.
- 3.4 GDSS hereto shall notify each GDSI Shareholder upon it becoming aware of any event which could reasonably be expected to cause any of it respective representations and warranties hereunder to be incorrect, misleading or breached in any material respect or which may have any material adverse effect on the assets or liabilities of GDSS or the ability of the GDSS to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Agreements.

4. CONDITIONS TO CLOSING.

Each GDSI Shareholder’s obligation to transfer the GDSI Shares held by it to GDSS and to purchase its respective portion of the GDSS Shares at Closing is, at its option, subject to the fulfillment as of the date of Closing of the conditions set forth in Exhibit I.

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5. CONFIDENTIALITY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 5.1 **Disclosure of Terms.** Each party hereto acknowledges that the terms and conditions (collectively, the “**Terms**”) of this Agreement, the other Transaction Agreements, and all exhibits, restatements and amendments hereto and thereto, shall be considered confidential information and shall not be disclosed by it to any third party except in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Members Agreement.
- 5.2 **Permitted Disclosures.** Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary,
- (a) GDSS may disclose any of the Terms to its current or bona fide prospective investors, directors, officers, employees, shareholders, investment bankers, lenders, accountants, auditors, insurers, business or financial advisors, and attorneys, in each case only where such persons or entities are under appropriate nondisclosure obligations imposed by professional ethics, law or otherwise;
- (b) The GDSI Shareholders may, without disclosing the identities of the other holders of the GDSS Shares or the Terms of their respective investments in GDSS without their consents or otherwise as required by applicable laws, regulations or internal policies, disclose their investment in GDSS to third parties or to the public at their sole discretion and, if they do so, the other parties shall have the right to disclose to third parties any such information disclosed in a press release or other public announcement by them; and
- (c) The GDSI Shareholders shall have the right to disclose:
- (A) any information to its and/or its affiliate’s legal counsel, fund managers, auditor, insurer, accountant, consultant, rating agency, or to an officer, director, general partner, limited partner, its fund manager, shareholder, investment counsel or advisor, or employee of it and/or its affiliate; provided, however, that any counsel, auditor, insurer, accountant, consultant, rating agency, officer, director, general partner,

limited partner, fund manager, shareholder, investment counsel or advisor, or employee shall be advised of the confidential nature of the information or are under appropriate non-disclosure obligation imposed by professional ethics, law or otherwise;

(B) any information for fund and inter-fund reporting purposes;

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(C) any information as required by law, government authorities, exchanges and/or regulatory bodies, including by the Securities and Futures Commission of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the China Securities and Regulatory Commission of the People's Republic of China ("PRC", and for purpose of this Agreement, excluding Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan) or the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") (or equivalent for other venues);

(D) any information to bona fide prospective purchasers/investors of any share, security or other interests in GDSS, provided that (i) GDSS has been informed of such disclosure and (ii) the prospective purchaser/investor has agreed to keep GDSS information confidential; and/or

(E) any information contained in press releases or public announcements of GDSS.

(d) the confidentiality obligations set out in this Section 5 do not apply to:

(A) information which was in the public domain or otherwise known to the relevant party before it was furnished to it by another party hereto or, after it was furnished to that party, entered the public domain otherwise than as a result of (i) a breach by that party of this Section 5 or (ii) a breach of a confidentiality obligation by the discloser, where the breach was known to that party;

(B) information the disclosure of which is necessary in order to comply with any applicable law, governmental rule or regulation, the order of any court, tribunal or regulatory authority or pursuant to other legal process, the requirements of a stock exchange or to obtain tax or other clearances or consents from any relevant authority; or

(C) information disclosed by any director or observer of GDSS to its appointer or any of its affiliates or otherwise in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this subsection 5.2(d).

5.3 **Legally Compelled Disclosure.** In the event that any party is requested or becomes legally compelled (including without limitation pursuant to securities laws and regulations) to disclose the existence of this Agreement, the other Transaction Agreements or any Terms in contravention of the provisions of this Section 5, such party (the "**Disclosing Party**") shall provide the other parties (the "**Non-Disclosing Parties**") with prompt

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written notice of that fact so that the appropriate party may seek (with the cooperation and reasonable efforts of the other parties) a protective order, confidential treatment or other appropriate remedy. In such event, the Disclosing Party shall furnish only that portion of the information that is legally required and shall exercise reasonable efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded to such information to the extent reasonably requested by any Non-Disclosing Party.

5.4 **Non-Disclosure Agreements.** The provisions of this Section 5 shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, the provisions of the separate nondisclosure agreements if any executed by GDSS with the GDSI Shareholders with respect to the transactions contemplated herein. The provisions of Section 5 shall terminate with respect to the GDSI Shareholders on the earlier of (i) the termination of the Members Agreement and (ii) the date any GDSI Shareholder ceases to hold any shares in GDSS.

6. INDEMNIFICATION.

GDSS agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each of the GDSI Shareholders, and their respective directors, officers, employees, affiliates, agents and assigns (each, an "**Indemnitee**"), to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law against any and all Indemnifiable Losses to such Indemnitee, directly or indirectly, as a result of, or based upon or arising from any inaccuracy in or breach or nonperformance of any of the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements made by it, in or pursuant to this Agreement. For purposes of this Section, "**Indemnifiable Loss**" means, with respect to any Indemnitee, any action, cost, damage, disbursement, expense, liability, loss, deficiency, diminution in value, obligation, penalty or settlement of any kind or nature, whether foreseeable or unforeseeable, including, but not limited to, (i) interest or other carrying costs, penalties, legal, accounting and other professional fees and expenses reasonably incurred in the investigation, collection, prosecution and defense of claims and amounts paid in settlement, that may be imposed on or otherwise incurred or suffered by such Indemnitee and (ii) any taxes that may be payable by such Indemnitee as a result of the indemnification of any Indemnifiable Loss hereunder.

7. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

7.1 All notices hereunder shall be delivered as follows:

If to GDSS:

Address: 2F, Tower 2 of YouYou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road, Shanghai, P.R.China
Facsimile: +86 21 20330202

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Telephone: +86 21 20330303
Contact Person: William Wei Huang (☐☐)
Email Address: Huangwei@gds-services.com

If to the GDSI Shareholders:

Address: Codan Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O.Box 2681, Grand Cayman KYI-1111, CAYMAN ISLANDS
Facsimile: (8621) 5240-0700
Telephone: (8621) 52534888
Contact Person: Peter Hua
Email Address: peterhua@sbcvc.com]

If to GDSI:

Address: 2F, Tower 2 of YouYou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road, Shanghai, P.R.China
Facsimile: +86 21 20330202
Telephone: +86 21 20330303
Contact Person: William Wei Huang (☐☐)
Email Address: Huangwei@gds-services.com

A notice shall be deemed to have been duly given and made if in writing and if served by personal delivery upon the party for whom it is intended, if delivered by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or by a national or international courier service, or if sent by facsimile, upon successful transmission of such facsimile, or at such other address as may be designated in writing hereafter, in the same manner, by such party.

7.2 This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of Hong Kong as such laws are applied to agreements between Hong Kong residents entered into and to be performed within Hong Kong without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. Each of the parties hereto irrevocably agrees that any dispute or controversy arising out of, relating to, or concerning any interpretation, construction, performance or breach of this Agreement, shall be settled by arbitration to be held in Hong Kong under the auspices of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (the "**HKIAC**"). There shall be three arbitrators. The complainant and the respondent to such dispute shall each select one arbitrator within thirty (30) days after giving or receiving the demand for arbitration. Such arbitrators shall be freely selected, and the Parties shall not be limited in their selection to any prescribed list. The Chairman of the HKIAC shall select the third arbitrator, who shall be qualified to practice Law in Hong Kong. If either party to the arbitration does not appoint an

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arbitrator who has consented to participate within thirty (30) days after selection of the first arbitrator, the relevant appointment shall be made by the Chairman of the HKIAC. The arbitration shall be conducted in English. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final, conclusive and binding on the parties to the arbitration. Judgment may be entered on the arbitrator's decision in any court having jurisdiction. The parties to the

arbitration shall each pay an equal share of the costs and expenses of such arbitration, and each party shall separately pay for its respective counsel fees and expenses; provided, however, that the prevailing party in any such arbitration shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party its costs and attorney fees.

- 7.3 The parties hereto agree that: (a) no provision of this Agreement or the submission by International Finance Corporation (“IFC”) to arbitration pursuant thereto in any way constitutes or implies a waiver, renunciation or other modification by IFC of any privilege, immunity or exemption granted in the Articles of Agreement establishing IFC, international conventions or applicable law, including, without limitation, the immunity of its property and assets from seizure, attachment or execution before delivery of final judgment against it, the immunity of all assets of IFC from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation or any other forms of seizure by executive or legislative action and the freedom of IFC’s assets from restrictions of any nature; and (b) the archives of IFC remain inviolable and each of the other parties hereto irrevocably waives any right of discovery with respect thereto.
- 7.4 This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any person other than the parties hereto or their successors or permitted assigns, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.
- 7.5 Each party hereto shall bear its own costs and expenses in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Agreements.
- 7.6 The parties hereto agree that if any of the provisions of this Agreement are not performed in accordance with their specific terms or are otherwise breached, irreparable damage would occur, no adequate remedy at law would exist and damages would be difficult to determine, and that the parties shall be entitled to specific performance of the terms hereof, in addition to any other remedy at law or equity.
- 7.7 This Agreement contains the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior

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agreements and understandings, oral or written, with respect to such matters.

- 7.8 This Agreement may be executed in more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of GDSS, the GDSI Shareholders and GDSI has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf, all as of the date first above written.

GDSI:
GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ []
Name: William Wei Huang ([])
Title: Director

GDSI SHAREHOLDERS:
BRILLIANT WISE HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ []
Name: William Wei Huang ([])
Title: Director

GDSI:
EDC HOLDING LIMITED

By: /s/ []
Name: William Wei Huang ([])
Title: Director

GDSI SHAREHOLDERS:
SBCVC COMPANY LIMITED

By: /s/ Ping Hua
Name: Ping Hua
Title:

GDSI SHAREHOLDERS:
SBCVC VENTURE CAPITAL ([])

By: /s/ Ping Hua
Name: Ping Hua
Title:

GDSI SHAREHOLDERS:
SBCVC FUND III L.P.

By: /s/ Ping Hua
Name: Ping Hua
Title:

GDSI SHAREHOLDERS:
INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Nikunj Jinsi
Name: Nikunj Jinsi
Title: Global Head Venture Capital

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Exhibit A

Schedule of GDSI Shareholders

Name of GDSI Shareholder	Class of GDSI Shares	Number of GDSI Shares
Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited	Ordinary Shares	149,859,050
SBCVC Company Limited	Series A Shares	19,200,000
International Finance Corporation	Series A Shares	4,800,000
SBCVC Company Limited	Series B Shares	16,000,000
SBCVC Venture Capital	Series B Shares	16,000,000
SBCVC Fund III L.P.	Series B Shares	39,075,465
International Finance Corporation	Series B Shares	49,423,137
International Finance Corporation	Series B+ Shares	14,484,211
SBCVC Company Limited	Series B+ Shares	28,968,421
Total		337,810,284

Exhibit B

Schedule of GDSS Shares

Name of GDSI Shareholder	Class of GDSS Shares	Number of GDSS Shares
Brilliant Wise Holdings Limited	Ordinary Shares	88,352,558
SBCVC Company Limited	Series A* Shares	11,319,764
International Finance Corporation	Series A* Shares	2,829,941
SBCVC Company Limited	Series B1 Shares	9,433,137
SBCVC Venture Capital	Series B1 Shares	9,433,137
International Finance Corporation	Series B1 Shares	15,093,019
International Finance Corporation	Series B2 Shares	8,539,471
SBCVC Company Limited	Series B2 Shares	17,078,942
International Finance Corporation	Series B3 Shares	14,045,432

Exhibit C

Members Agreement

[to attach]

Exhibit D

Right of First Refusal and Co-sale Agreement

[to attach]

Exhibit E

Voting Agreement

Exhibit F

Amended Charter

Exhibit G

The GDSI Shareholders' Warranties

1. GDSI Shares.

The GDSI Shares listed on the Schedule of GDSI Shareholders attached hereto as Exhibit A represent all the remaining outstanding shares of GDSI, except for those owned by GDSS directly. The GDSI Shares are owned by the GDSI Shareholders respectively free and clear of all Liens and upon the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, GDSS will acquire good title to the GDSI Shares free and clear of all Liens.

2. Authorization.

- (a) Each GDSI Shareholder, other than International Finance Corporation ("IFC"), is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction under which it is organized. IFC is duly organized as an international organization pursuant to Articles of Agreement among its member countries. Each GDSI Shareholder has the requisite legal and corporate or partnership power and authority, as the case may be, to execute and deliver the Transaction Agreements, to subscribe for the shares hereunder and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of the Transaction Agreements. All corporate or partnership action on the part of each GDSI Shareholder necessary for the authorization, execution, delivery and performance of the Transaction Agreements, and the performance of all of its obligations under the Transaction Agreements, has been taken or will be taken prior to Closing.
- (b) Each of the Transaction Agreements, when executed and delivered by each GDSI Shareholder, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of it, enforceable in accordance with their terms except: (A) to the extent that the indemnification provisions contained in the Members Agreement may be limited by applicable law and principles of public policy, (B) as limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other laws of general application affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and (C) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies or by general principles of equity.
- (c) No consent, approval, authorization, order, filing, registration or qualification of or with any court, governmental authority or third person is required to be obtained by any GDSI Shareholder in connection with the

execution and delivery of the Transaction Agreements or the performance of its obligations hereunder or thereunder.

3. Brokers or Finders.

None of GDSI Shareholders has engaged any investment banker, broker, finder or agent, and neither GDSS nor any other shareholder of GDSS has, or will, incur, directly or indirectly, as a result of any action taken by any GDSI Shareholder, any liability for brokerage or finders' fees or agents' commissions or any similar charges in connection with the Transaction Agreements.

Exhibit H

GDSS Warranties

1. Authorization.

- (a) GDSS is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction under which it is organized. GDSS has the requisite legal and corporate power and authority to execute and deliver the Transaction Agreements, to subscribe for the GDSI Shares hereunder and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of the Transaction Agreements. All corporate action on the part of GDSS necessary for the authorization, execution, delivery and performance of the Transaction Agreements, and the performance of all of its obligations under the Transaction Agreements, has been taken or will be taken prior to Closing.
- (b) Each of the Transaction Agreements, when executed and delivered by GDSS, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of it, enforceable in accordance with their terms except: (A) to the extent that the indemnification provisions contained in the Members Agreement may be limited by applicable law and principles of public policy, (B) as limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other laws of general application affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and (C) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies or by general principles of equity.
- (c) No consent, approval, authorization, order, filing, registration or qualification of or with any court, governmental authority or third person is required to be obtained by GDSS in connection with the execution and delivery of the Transaction Agreements or the performance of its obligations hereunder or thereunder.

2. Capitalization

An accurate and complete list of GDSS' shareholders and their respective holdings of the GDSS' issued share capital both immediately prior to and after Closing, is set forth in Schedule 4(vi) hereto.

3. Compliance with Law and Other Instruments

GDSS is in compliance in all material respects with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations and executive orders of the United States and all states, the PRC, Hong Kong, Cayman Islands and other countries or other governmental bodies

and agencies having jurisdiction over GDSS' business or properties and the performance standards of IFC.

4. Social and Environmental Matters

To the best of GDSS' knowledge and belief, after due inquiry, there are no material social or environmental risks or issues in relation to the business other than those identified by the ESRS (as defined in the Members Agreement) in respect of GDSS' normal operation.

5. Sanctionable Practice

GDSS has not committed or engaged in, with respect to any transaction contemplated by this Agreement, any Corrupt Practice (as defined in the Members Agreement), Fraudulent Practice (as defined in the Members Agreement), Coercive Practice (as defined in the Members Agreement), Collusive Practice (as defined in the Members Agreement), or Obstructive Practice (as defined in the Members Agreement).

6. UN Security Council Resolutions

GDSS has not entered into any transaction or engaged in any activity prohibited by any resolution issued by the United Nations Security Council under Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

7. Full Disclosure

GDSS has fully provided GDSI Shareholders with all the information that (i) any GDSI Shareholder has requested for deciding whether to subscribe for the GDSS Shares and (ii) is reasonably necessary or material to enable GDSI Shareholders to make a fully informed decision as to whether or not to subscribe for the GDSS Shares, all such information being accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading in any respect. No documents or certificates delivered in connection with this Agreement contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Exhibit I

Condition to Closing of GDSI Shareholders

1. Representations and Warranties and Covenants and No Breaches. The representations and warranties made by GDSS herein remain true, accurate and not misleading. GDSS shall have performed all covenants, obligations and conditions herein and in the other Transaction Agreements required to be performed or observed by it on or prior to the Closing.
2. Legal Matters.

All matters of a legal nature, which pertain to the Transaction Agreements, and the transactions contemplated hereby, shall have been reasonably approved. On the date of Closing, the sale and issuance of the GDSS Shares and the proposed issuance of the Conversion Shares shall be legally permitted by all laws and regulations to which GDSS are subject.
3. Qualifications.

All authorizations, approvals, permits, qualifications or exemptions, if any, of any governmental authority or regulatory body of the United States or of any state or foreign body that are required in connection with the lawful issuance and sale of GDSS Shares pursuant to the Transaction Agreements shall be duly obtained and effective as of the date of Closing, except for such as may properly be obtained subsequent to Closing.
4. Consents, Permits, and Waivers.

GDSS shall have obtained any and all consents, authorizations, approvals, permits and waivers necessary or appropriate for consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Agreements.
5. Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Amended Charter shall have been duly adopted by the members of GDSS, filed with the Registrar of the Cayman Islands, and shall be in full force and effect.
6. Board of Directors.

Effective as of the date of Closing, the authorized size of the Board of Directors shall be five (5), of whom three (3) have been appointed by the holders of ordinary shares of GDSS, and (ii) two (2) have been appointed by the Preferred Shareholders (as defined in the Members Agreement).
7. Members Agreement.

GDSS, the GDSI Shareholders and each of the parties thereto shall have entered into the Members Agreement.

8. Right of First Refusal and Co-Sale Agreement.

GDSS, the GDSI Shareholders and each of the parties thereto shall have entered into the Co-Sale Agreement.

9. Voting Agreement.

GDSS, the GDSI Shareholders and each of the parties thereto shall have entered into the Voting Agreement.

10. Other Deliverables.

GDS shall have delivered to the GDSI Shareholders at or before Closing:

- (i) a copy of the Amended Charter as in effect at the time of Closing;
- (ii) a copy of the register of members of GDSS as at the date of Closing, certified by a director of GDSS and reflecting the ownership structure of GDSS immediately prior to and following Closing hereof;
- (iii) a copy of the register of directors of GDSS as at the date of Closing;
- (iv) GDSS shall have delivered to the GDSI Shareholders the share certificate representing their respective number of GDSS Shares purchased by them hereunder; and
- (v) a copy of the resolutions adopted by the board of directors and the shareholders of GDSS authorizing the applicable transactions contemplated hereby.

11. No Material Adverse Effect.

Since the date of this Agreement, there shall not have occurred any change, event, condition or circumstance that has or could reasonably be expected to have a materially adverse effect on the business, assets, condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of GDSS or its ability to comply with its obligations under any Transaction Agreement.

12. Legal Opinions.

Each GDSI Shareholder has received legal opinions, in form and substance satisfactory to it, from GDSS' counsel in Hong Kong and in the Cayman Islands covering such matters relating to the transactions contemplated by this

Agreement, the other Transaction Documents and the Company's Memorandum and Articles as any GDSI Shareholder may reasonably request.

Schedule 4(vi)

A. Capitalization Table of GDSS

Pre-Closing Capitalization:

Name of Shareholder	Number of shares of GDSS	Class of shares
Alan Song	1	Ordinary Share
Global Data Solutions Limited	110,000,000	Ordinary Share
International Finance Corporation	13,750,000	Series A Share
SBCVC Fund II, L.P.	35,750,000	Series A Share
Maxpoint Development Limited	2,750,000	Series A Share
Maxima Ventures I, Inc.	2,200,000	Series A Share
Maxima Capital Management, Inc.	550,000	Series A Share
Forebright Management Limited	247,500	Series A Share
Seabright SOF (I) Paper Limited	8,002,500	Series A Share
International Finance Corporation	916,667	Series B Share
SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P.	4,216,666	Series B Share
China-Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park Ventures Co., Ltd.	6,416,667	Series B Share
Total	184,800,001	

Post-Closing Capitalization:

Name of Shareholder	Number of shares of GDSS	Class of shares	Shareholding percentage
Alan Song	1	Ordinary Share	0.00%
Global Data Solutions Limited	110,000,000	Ordinary Share	28.65%
Brilliant Wise Holdings	88,352,558	Ordinary Share	23.01%

Name of Shareholder	Number of shares of GDSS	Class of shares	Shareholding percentage
Limited			
International Finance Corporation	13,750,000	Series A Share	3.58%
SBCVC Fund II, L.P.	35,750,000	Series A Share	9.31%
Maxpoint Development Limited	2,750,000	Series A Share	0.72%
Maxima Ventures I, Inc.	2,200,000	Series A Share	0.57%
Maxima Capital Management, Inc.	550,000	Series A Share	0.14%
Forebright Management Limited	247,500	Series A Share	0.06%
Seabright SOF (I) Paper Limited	8,002,500	Series A Share	2.08%
SBCVC Company Limited	11,319,764	Series A* Shares	2.95%
International Finance Corporation	2,829,941	Series A* Shares	0.74%
International Finance Corporation	916,667	Series B Share	0.24%
SBCVC Fund II-Annex, L.P.	4,216,666	Series B Share	1.10%
China-Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park Ventures Co., Ltd.	6,416,667	Series B Share	1.67%
SBCVC Company Limited	9,433,137	Series B1 Share	2.46%
SBCVC Venture Capital	9,433,137	Series B1 Share	2.46%
International Finance Corporation	15,093,019	Series B1 Share	3.93%
SBCVC Company Limited	17,078,942	Series B2 Share	4.45%
International Finance Corporation	8,539,471	Series B2 Share	2.22%
International Finance Corporation	14,045,432	Series B3 Share	3.66%
SBCVC Fund III L.P.	23,037,763	Series B4 Share	6.00%
Total	383,963,165		100%

Dated: this 30th day of Decembe, 2015

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED

and

PERFECT SUCCESS LIMITED

and

STT GDC PTE. LTD.

SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

for

up to US\$250,000,000

10% Convertible and Redeemable Bond due 2019 convertible

into shares in

GDS Holdings Limited

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THIS AGREEMENT is made on this 30th day of December, 2015.

BETWEEN

- (1) **GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED** (Company No.CT-178332), an exempt company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands with limited liability whose registered office is situate at the offices of Codan Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands (the "**Company**");
- (2) **PERFECT SUCCESS LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the laws of Cayman Islands, whose registered office is situate at PO Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands ("**PA Investor**"); and
- (3) **STT GDC PTE. LTD.**, a company incorporated under the laws of Singapore whose registered office is situate at 1 Temasek Avenue #33-01 Millenia Tower Singapore 039192 ("**STT Investor**").

Recitals

WHEREAS :-

- (A) The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 1 December 2006. The share capital of the Company is US\$51,310 divided into 675,636,564 Ordinary Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 29,635,045 Series A Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 6,916,645 Series A* Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 2,576,483 Series B Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 11,527,742 Series B1 Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 10,435,639 Series B2 Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 14,076,620 Series B4 Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, 35,395,262 Series B5 Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each, and 240,000,000 Series C Shares of nominal or par value of US\$0.00005 each.
- (B) The Company has agreed to issue the Bond (as defined herein) convertible into ordinary shares of the Company and the Investors have,

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severally and not jointly, agreed to subscribe for the Bond, in each case upon and subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows :-

1. Purpose and Definition

- 1.1 The Schedules form an integral part of this Agreement and shall be construed and have the same full force and effect as is expressly set out in the main body of this Agreement.
- 1.2 The words and expressions set out below shall have the meanings attributed to them below unless the context otherwise requires :-

"Accounts" the unaudited consolidated accounts of the Company comprising its balance sheet as at 31 December 2014 and its profit and loss account in respect of the period ended 31 December 2014;

"Accounts Date" 31 December 2014;

"Affiliate" with respect to any entity, any other entity that directly or indirectly, including through one or more intermediaries, Controls, is Controlled by or is under common Control with such entity;

“Agreement”	this Subscription Agreement;
“Bond”	the convertible bond with an aggregate amount of up to US\$250,000,000 to be issued by the Company with the benefit of and subject to the provisions of the Terms and Conditions;
“Bondholder”	the person who is for the time being the holder of the Bond;
“Business Day”	a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open in Hong Kong, Singapore, the PRC, Cayman Islands and

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	New York to the general public for business;
“Certificate”	the certificate to be issued in respect of the Bond substantially in the form set out in Schedule 1;
“Change of Control”	means the occurrence after the date of this Agreement of any of the following events: (i) the consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation, or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or the acquisition of assets of another corporation, or other transaction (each, a “ Business Combination ”), unless, in each case, immediately following such Business Combination, all or substantially all of the beneficial owners of the Shares of the Company immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding Shares of the entity resulting from such Business Combination; or (ii) approval by the Shareholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company;
“Completion”	completion of the transaction contemplated herein pursuant to Clause 3, Clause 4 and Schedule 2;
“Completion Date”	means the date of completion of the First Tranche, the Second Tranche, the Third Tranche and the Fourth Tranche (each as set out in Clause 2.1) as the case may be;
“Condition Precedent”	the condition precedent for the Third Tranche and Fourth Tranche set out in Clause 3.3;
“Control”	means the power or authority, whether

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	exercised or not, to direct the business, management and policies of such person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, which power or authority shall conclusively be presumed to exist upon possession of beneficial ownership or power to direct the vote of more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes entitled to be cast at a meeting of the members or shareholders of such person or power to control the composition of a majority of the board of directors of such person; the term “ Controlled ” has meaning correlative to the foregoing;
“Conversion Date”	the date on which the Conversion Rights are exercised in accordance with Condition 6 of Schedule 1;
“Conversion Price”	US\$1.675262 per Share, which is equivalent to a pre-money valuation of US\$950,000,000 for 100% of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of this Agreement, subject to adjustment for, among other things, subdivision or consolidation of Shares, bonus issues, rights issues and other dilutive events, as set out in Condition 7 of Schedule 1;
“Conversion Rights”	the rights attached to the Bond to convert the same or a part thereof into the Conversion Shares;
“Conversion Shares”	the ordinary shares to be issued by the Company upon exercise by the Bondholder of the Conversion Rights attached to the Bond;
“EDC China”	EDC China Holdings Limited (Company No: 1157479), a limited company incorporated in Hong Kong, which is wholly-owned by EDC Holding;

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“EDC Holding”	EDC Holding Limited, a limited company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, which is wholly-owned by the Company;
“Encumbrance”	a mortgage, charge, pledge, lien, option, restriction, right of first refusal, right of pre-emption, third-party right or interest, other encumbrance or security interest of any kind, or another type of preferential arrangement (including, without limitation, a title transfer or retention arrangement) having similar effect and any agreement or obligation to create or grant any of the aforesaid;
“Equity Share Capital”	the issued share capital of the Company;
“Group Companies”	the Company and each of its Subsidiaries, lists of which are attached hereto as Schedule 4; and “ Group Company ” means each one of them;
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China;
“IDC Adjustment Plan”	shall have the same meaning as defined in Clause 6.3(a);
“IPO”	initial public offering by the Company on a Recognized Stock Exchange;
“Investors”	collectively, PA Investor and STT Investor and “ Investor ” shall mean each of the Investors;
“IRR”	annualised effective compounded return rate;
“MAC”	any (a) event, occurrence, fact, condition, change or development that has had or reasonably would be expected to have material adverse effect on the business,

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	operations, results of operations, financial or other condition, assets or liabilities of any Group Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, but excluding any of the foregoing resulting from general economic conditions or from conditions that generally affect the industry of any Group Company or any of its Subsidiaries other than changes that have a materially disproportionate effect on any Group Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or (b) material impairment of the ability of any Group Company or any of its Subsidiaries to perform their respective material obligations hereunder, taken as a whole;
“Members Agreement”	Fifth Amended and Restated Member Agreement of the Company dated 18 December 2014;
“PRC”	means the People’s Republic of China, excluding for the purpose of this Agreement Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan;
“QIPO”	a firm commitment underwritten IPO on a Recognized Stock Exchange (i) with gross cash proceeds to the Company of at least US\$100 million, (ii) at an issue price per Share being not less than twenty-five percent (25%) above US\$1.036522, as adjusted for any Recapitalization from time to time, and (iii) resulting in a free float of not less than twenty percent (20%) of the Company’s share capital;
“Recapitalization”	any share split, share dividend, share combination or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification or other similar event in relation to the shares of the Company;
“Recognized Stock	the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or

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Exchange”	NASDAQ or such other equivalent internationally recognized stock exchange;
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“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC;
“Shareholders”	shareholders of the Company and each a “Shareholder”;
“Shares”	the shares of US\$0.00005 each in the issued share capital of the Company existing on the date of this Agreement and all other (if any) stock or shares from time to time and for the time being ranking pari passu therewith and all other (if any) shares or stock in the Equity Share Capital of the Company resulting from any sub-division, consolidation or re-classification of shares;
“Share Charge”	a share charge made by EDC Holding in favour of the Investors whereby EDC Holding charges 100% of the equity it owns in EDC China to the Investors;
“Subscription Price”	means (i) a total subscription price for cash at par up to US\$250,000,000; or (ii) respective subscription price for cash at par of each tranche of the Bond, as the case may be;
“Subsidiary”	shall have the same meaning as defined in section 15 of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong);
“Terms and Conditions”	the terms and conditions to be attached to the Certificate substantially in the form set out in Schedule 1 (with such minor amendments thereto as the parties may agree), and “Condition” refers to the relative numbered paragraph of the Terms and Conditions;
“US\$”	United States dollars, lawful currency of the United States of America;

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“Warranties” the warranties and representations set out in Schedule 3.

1.3 Except as otherwise expressly provided, expressions defined in the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) have the same meaning in this Agreement.

1.4 A reference to a statute or statutory provision includes a reference:-

- (a) to that statute or provision as from time to time modified or re-enacted;
- (b) to any repeated statute or statutory provisions which it re-enacts (with or without modification); and
- (c) to any orders, regulations instruments or other subordinate legislation made under the relevant statute or statutory provision.

1.5 Unless the context otherwise requires :-

- (a) words in the singular include the plural, and vice versa;
- (b) words importing any gender include all genders; and
- (c) a reference to a person includes a reference to a body corporate and to an unincorporated body of persons.

1.6 A reference to a clause, sub-clause or schedule is to a clause, sub-clause or schedule (as the case may be) of or to this Agreement.

1.7 The headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation.

1.8 The definitions adopted in the recitals preceding this Clause apply throughout this Agreement.

2. Issue and Subscription of the Bond

2.1 Each of the Investors shall, severally and not jointly, subscribe for cash at par the Bond at the Subscription Price and the Company shall, on the Completion Date, issue the Bond at its full face value to the Investors in the following manner:

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- (a) First Tranche US\$100,000,000 (United States Dollars One Hundred Million) on the Completion of the First Tranche as specified in Clause 3.1(the “**First Tranche Issue Date**”) to be subscribed in full by PA Investor.
- (b) Second Tranche US\$50,000,000 (United States Dollars Fifty Million) on a date falling on the 1st calendar month from the First Tranche Issue Date or such earlier date as may be mutually agreed by the Company and STT Investor (the “**Second Tranche Issue Date**”), to be subscribed in full by STT Investor.
- (c) Third Tranche Up to US\$50,000,000 (United States Dollars Fifty Million) on or before a date falling on the 9th calendar month from the First Tranche Issue Date or such later date as may be agreed by the Company and STT Investor (the “**Third Tranche Issue Date**”) to be subscribed by STT Investor. No later than one (1) month prior to the Third Tranche Issue Date, the Company will formally notify STT Investor of the total amount of the Third Tranche which it commits to issue (such total amount being zero, or US\$10,000,000, or multiples thereof, up to a maximum of US\$50,000,000), and of which STT Investor must undertake to subscribe in full at the end of the notice period.
- (d) Fourth Tranche Up to US\$50,000,000 (United States Dollars Fifty Million) on or before a date falling on the 9th calendar month from the First Tranche Issue Date or such later date as may be agreed by the Company and PA Investor (the “**Fourth Tranche Issue Date**”), to be subscribed by PA Investor. No later than one (1) month prior to the Fourth Tranche Issue Date, the Company will formally notify PA Investor of the total amount of the Fourth Tranche which it commits to issue (such total amount being zero, or US\$10,000,000, or multiples thereof, up to a maximum of US\$50,000,000, and of which

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PA Investor must undertake to subscribe in full at the end of the notice period. The Company undertakes not to issue any part of the Fourth Tranche to PA Investor unless and until it has previously formally notified STT Investor of its commitment to issue the maximum amount (being US\$50,000,000) of the Third Tranche and STT Investor has subscribed in full for the maximum amount of the Third Tranche.

2.2 The Investors shall, severally and not jointly, pay the Subscription Price to the Company on or before the First Tranche Issue Date, the Second Tranche Issue Date, the Third Tranche Issue Date (if applicable) or the Fourth Tranche Issue Date (if applicable) (as the case may be) to a bank account of the Company designated by the Company in writing.

3. Completion

3.1 Completion of the First Tranche shall take place on the date of this Agreement, or such later date as the Company and PA Investor may agree, and be subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions unless any one or more of the following conditions precedent which are not fulfilled or satisfied are waived by the Investors in its sole discretion:

- (a) All corporate and other proceedings in connection with the issuance of the Bond (including the approval by the board of directors of the Company, the approval of all preferred shareholders of the Company, and the consents from such preferred shareholders to waive pre-emptive rights in respect of the issuance of the Bond) shall be completed and reasonably satisfactory in substance and form to the Investors; and
- (b) The notification regarding the proposed issuance of the Bond by the Company has been delivered to the Bank of Communications Suzhou Branch (□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□).

3.2 Completion of the Second Tranche shall take place unconditionally on the Second Tranche Issue Date.

3.3 Completion of the Third Tranche (if any) and the Fourth Tranche (if any) shall take place unconditionally on the Third Tranche Issue Date and the

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Fourth Tranche Issue Date respectively unless there is a MAC (the “**Condition Precedent**”). For avoidance of any doubt, the Completion of the Third Tranche and the Fourth Tranche shall each be subject to the then separate board approval and the written consent of the preferred shareholders of the Company. The Company and the Investors shall not proceed to completing the Third Tranche and/or the Fourth Tranche by waiving the requirements above or the Completion Deliverables of the Company as required by Item 1 (a) and/or (b) in Schedule 2.

3.4 If the Condition Precedent has not been fulfilled on the date falling on the 9th calendar month from the First Tranche Issue Date or such later date as may be agreed between the Investors and the Company (as the case may be), any provisions in this Agreement with respect to the Third Tranche and the Fourth Tranche will lapse and become null and void and the parties will be released from all obligations hereunder with respect to the Third Tranche and the Fourth Tranche, save the liabilities for any antecedent breaches hereof.

4. **Completion of the Third Tranche and the Fourth Tranche**

Completion of the Third Tranche (if any) and the Fourth Tranche (if any) shall take place remotely via the exchange of documents and signatures, on or before a date falling on the 9th calendar month from the First Tranche Issue Date or such later date as may be agreed between the Investors (as the case may be) and the Company.

5. **Use of Proceeds**

The parties hereto agree that the proceeds from this subscription shall be used on new data centre development and construction, the purchase of equipment for data centers and additional working capital.

6. **Undertakings**

6.1 The Company shall notify the Investors upon it becoming aware of any event which could reasonably be expected to cause any of the Warranties to be incorrect, misleading or breached in any material respect or which may have any material adverse effect on the assets or liabilities of the Company.

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6.2 If any party fails to perform any of its obligations in any material respect (including its obligation at Completion) under this Agreement or breaches any of the terms or Warranties set out in this Agreement in any material respect prior to Completion then without prejudice to all and any other rights and remedies available at any time to a non-defaulting party (including but not limited to the right to damages for any loss suffered by that party) any non-defaulting party may, by notice either require the defaulting party to perform such obligations or, insofar as the same is practicable, remedy such breach, or to the extent it relates to the failure of the defaulting party to perform its obligation on or prior to Completion treat the defaulting party as having repudiated this Agreement and rescind the same. The rights conferred upon the respective parties by the provisions of this Clause 6 are additional to and do not prejudice any other rights the respective parties may have. Failure to exercise any of the rights herein conferred shall not constitute a waiver of any such rights.

6.3 The Company undertakes and covenants that:

- (a) the Company will use its reasonable endeavours to complete all restructuring so as to ensure compliance with IDC license conditions (the "**IDC Adjustment Plan**") within six (6) months after the date of Completion of the First Tranche;
- (b) the registration at the State Administration of Industry and Commerce or its local counterpart for the pledges over the equity interests in Beijing Wanguo Chang'an Technology Co., Ltd. (□□□□□□□□□□) will be obtained within two (2) months after completion of the IDC Adjustment Plan;
- (c) each of the Group Companies with IDC operation in Beijing will use their reasonable efforts to complete the energy conservation evaluation as required by the PRC laws with the competent government authorities within six (6) months after the date of Completion of the First Tranche;
- (d) the Company would use its best efforts to (i) procure William Wei Huang to complete all necessary filings and registration with

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the State Administration of Foreign Exchange or its local counterpart as required under the PRC laws or (ii) come up with an alternative to resolve this issue, within one (1) year after the date of Completion of the First Tranche;

- (e) EDC Technology (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. (□□□□□□□□□□□□□□) will complete all tax filings as required by the PRC laws within one (1) year after the date of Completion of the First Tranche;
- (f) the shareholder of Guojin Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. (□□□□□□□□□□□□□□) will fund in full amount of its registered capital as required by the articles of association or revise the period for funding within one (1) year after the date of Completion of the First Tranche;
- (g) EDC (Chengdu) Industry Co., Ltd. (□□□□□□□□□□□□) and Shanghai Waigaoqiao EDC Technology Co., Ltd. will solve the problem that the operation place is different from the registered address of such companies within one (1) year after the date of Completion of the First Tranche;
- (h) the Company will procure EDC Holding to complete the filing of the Share Charge with the eligible Cayman registration authority within fifteen (15) Business Days from the date of Completion of the First Tranche; and
- (i) the Company will procure EDC Holding to provide the duly executed and undated Ancillary Documents as defined in the Share Charge to each of the Investors within fifteen (15) Business Days from the date of Completion of the First Tranche.

6.4 The Company agrees and undertakes to fully indemnify the Investors and to keep the Investors harmless and indemnified from any and all liabilities and losses incurred by the Investors in connection with or arising from the matters contained in the indemnity letter as set out in Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

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6.5 The Company agrees and undertakes to procure William Wei Huang to enter into an indemnity letter substantially in the form set out in Schedule 6 to this Agreement to fully indemnify the Investors and to keep the Investors harmless and indemnified from any and all liabilities and losses incurred by the Investors in connection with or arising from the matter contained therein.

7. **Confidentiality**

7.1 All communications between the parties and all information and such other material supplied to or received by any of them from the other which is either marked "confidential" or is by its nature intended to be exclusively for the knowledge of the recipient alone and any information concerning the business transactions or the financial arrangements of the parties or the Company or of any person with whom any of them is in a confidential relationship with regard to the matter in question coming to the knowledge of the recipient shall be kept confidential by the recipient unless or until compelled to disclose any judicial or administrative procedures or in the opinion of its counsel, by other requirements of law, or the recipient can reasonably demonstrate (a) that it is or part of it is, in the public domain, whereupon, to the extent that it is public, this obligation shall cease or (b) it is required to be furnished to the bankers or advisers or investor or potential investor of any of the parties or to any regulatory agencies as part of a public flotation exercise involving any of the parties and in such cases, this obligation shall cease only to the extent required under the respective circumstances.

7.2 The obligations contained in this Clause shall endure, even after the termination of this Agreement, without limit in point of time except and until any confidential information enters the public domain as set out above.

8. **Notices**

Any notice required or permitted to be given by or under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given by delivering it to the address of the relevant party concerned :-

- (a) in the case of the Company,

Address: F2, Century Plaza Building 2#, Yanggao Road 428,
Pudong New Area, Shanghai, PRC.

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Attention: William Wei Huang
Fax No.: 86-21-20330202

- (b) in the case of PA Investor

Address: □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□13□

Attention: □□□

Fax No.: 86-755-22621348

(c) in the case of STT Investor

Address: 1 Temasek Avenue, #33-01 Millenia Tower,
Singapore 039192
Attention: Company Secretary
Fax No.: +65 6720 7220

and may be given by sending it by hand or in a prepaid envelope by post to such address or (in either case) to such other address as the party concerned may have notified to the other party in accordance with this clause and such notice shall be deemed to be served at the time of delivery or (as the case may be) five (5) Business Days after posting, or if sooner upon acknowledgement of receipt by or on behalf of the party to which it is addressed.

9. Costs and Expenses

Each party shall bear its own legal, accountancy and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, negotiation and settlement of this Agreement. Capital duty or stamp duty (if any) relating to the issue and delivery of the Bond shall be borne by the Company.

10. General Provisions relating to Agreement

10.1 As regards any date or period, time shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

10.2 Each party undertakes to the other to execute or procure to be executed all such documents and to do or procure to be done all such other acts

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and things as may be reasonable and necessary to give all parties the full benefit of this Agreement.

10.3 This Agreement shall be binding on and enure for the benefit of the successors of each of the parties and shall not be assignable.

10.4 The exercise of or failure to exercise any right or remedy in respect of any breach of this Agreement shall not, save as provided herein, constitute a waiver by such party of any other right or remedy it may have in respect of that breach.

10.5 Any right or remedy conferred by this Agreement on any party for breach of this Agreement (including without limitation the breach of any representations and warranties) shall be in addition and without prejudice to all other rights and remedies available to it in respect of that breach.

10.6 Any provision of this Agreement which is capable of being performed after Completion but which has not been performed at or before Completion and all representations and warranties and other undertakings contained in or entered into pursuant to this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding Completion.

10.7 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter (neither party having relied on any representation or warranty made by the other party which is not contained in this Agreement) and no variation of this Agreement shall be effective unless made in writing and signed by all of the parties.

10.8 This Agreement supersedes all and any previous agreements, arrangements or understanding between the parties relating to the matters referred to in this Agreement and all such previous agreements, understanding or arrangements (if any) shall cease and determine with effect from the date hereof.

10.9 If at any time any provision of this Agreement is or becomes illegal, void or unenforceable in any respect, the remaining provisions hereof shall in no way be affected or impaired thereby.

11. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution

11.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong.

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11.2 (a) Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, including any question regarding its existence, validity or termination, shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre ("HKIAC") Administered Arbitration Rules, as at present in force and as may be amended by the rest of this paragraph.

(b) The place of arbitration shall be in Hong Kong at the HKIAC.

(c) The arbitral tribunal shall be composed of three (3) arbitrators. The arbitrators shall be appointed by the HKIAC.

(d) The language of the arbitration shall be English.

(e) Any such arbitration shall be administered by HKIAC in accordance with the HKIAC Procedures for Arbitration in force as at the date of this Agreement.

AS WITNESS whereof this Agreement has been duly executed on the date first above written.

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Schedule 1

Certificate No: [*]

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED
(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
up to US\$250,000,000 Convertible Bond

CERTIFICATE

Issued pursuant to the memorandum of association and articles of association of GDS Holdings Limited and a resolution of its board of directors passed on [*] 2015.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that [*] is the registered holder (the "**Bondholder**") of [First/ Second / Third / Fourth Tranche] of convertible bond in the principal amount of US\$[*] (the "**Bond**").

The Bond in respect of which this Certificate is issued is convertible into fully-paid ordinary shares with par value of US\$0.00005 each of the Company subject to the terms and conditions attached hereto which shall form an integral part of this Certificate.

This Certificate is evidence of entitlement only. Title to the Bond passes only on due registration on the register of Bondholders and only the duly registered holder is entitled to payments on the Bond in respect of which this Certificate is issued.

This Certificate shall not be valid for any purpose until executed by the Company.

This Certificate is governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong.

GIVEN under the Seal of GDS Holdings Limited this [*] [2015/2016].

Director

Notes : This Bond is not transferable except with the prior written approval of the Company. This Bond cannot be transferred to bearer on delivery and is only transferable to the extent permitted by Condition 2 of the terms and conditions hereof. This certificate must be delivered to the secretary of GDS Holdings Limited for cancellation and reissue of an appropriate certificate in the event of any such transfer.

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(For endorsement in the event of partial conversion)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BOND

The Bond shall be held subject to and with the benefit of the terms and conditions set out below and such terms and conditions shall be binding on GDS Holdings Limited (the “Company”). Expressions defined in the Subscription Agreement dated December 30, 2015 relating to the Bond (the “Subscription Agreement”) shall have the same meaning in this certificate.

1. Period

- (a) Subject as provided herein, the Company shall repay such principal moneys outstanding under the Bond to the Bondholder (together with all interest accrued thereon up to and including the date of repayment) on the fourth (4th) anniversary from the First Tranche Issue Date (the “Maturity Date”). For the avoidance of doubt, the Bond issued in the Second Tranche, Third Tranche (if any) and Fourth Tranche (if any) will mature and become repayable on the same date as the First Tranche.
- (b) If a QIPO has not been completed by the Maturity Date, each Investor may voluntarily extend the Maturity Date by an additional one (1) year in respect of all or part of the Bonds outstanding by giving to the Company a 3-month prior notice in writing, provided that the amount of principal for which the Maturity Date is extended shall be US\$10,000,000 or multiples thereof.

2. Status and Transfer

- (a) The obligations of the Company arising under the Bond constitute general, secured obligations of the Company, and will rank senior, in respect of right of receipt of interest and repayment of principal, to the Company’s preferred Shares.
- (b) The Bond is not transferable except with the prior written approval of the Company. Subject to the foregoing, the Bond may be assigned or transferred in multiple(s) of US\$10,000,000.
- (c) Subject to above 2(b), the Bond may be transferred by execution of a form of transfer (the “Transfer Form”) as set out in Exhibit A hereto, which is in a form designated by the Company under the hand of the transferor and the transferee (or their duly authorized representatives) or, where either the transferor or transferee is a corporation, under its common seal (if any) and under the hand of one of its officers duly authorized in writing or otherwise executed by a duly authorized officer

thereof. In this Condition “transferor” shall, where the context permits or requires, include joint transferors or can be construed accordingly.

- (d) The Certificate of the Bond must be delivered for registration to the Company accompanied by (i) a duly executed Transfer Form; (ii) in the case of the execution of the Transfer Form on behalf of a corporation by its officers, the authority of that person or those persons to do so; and (iii) such other evidence (including legal opinions) as the Company may reasonably require if the Transfer Form is executed by some other person on behalf of the Bondholder. The Company shall, within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such documents from the Bondholder, cancel the existing Certificate and issue a new certificate under the seal of the Company, in favour of the transferee or assignee as applicable.
- (e) The Company shall maintain and keep a full and complete register of the Bond and the Bondholders from time to time and shall record its conversion and/or cancellation and the destruction of any replacement Bonds issued in substitution for any mutilated, defaced, lost, stolen or destroyed Bonds and of sufficient identification details of all Bondholders from time to time holding the Bond. The Company shall further procure that such register shall be made available to any holder of the Bond during normal office hours.

3. Security

- (a) The Bond will have the benefit of the following collateral security as security for payment obligations and performance of all of the obligations of the Company in respect of the Bond :-
a share pledge in favour of the Investors granted by EDC Holding in respect of the entire equity interest in the registered capital of EDC China (a limited company incorporated in Hong Kong) beneficially owned by the Company and its rights, benefit and title over such equity interest and all dividends and other income and distributions relating thereto (the “Share Charge”).
- (b) The Company shall procure that EDC Holding will grant the security pursuant to the Share Charge.
- (c) Such Share Charge shall be released if (a) the Bonds have been fully redeemed, or (b) at any time after the QIPO, more than 50% of the principal value of the Bond has been converted into ordinary shares of

the Company in accordance with this Terms and Conditions of the Bond, and the Investors shall fully cooperate with the Company to release the Share Charge and take any actions necessary to effect such release, upon reasonable requests by the Company.

4. Interest

- (a) The Bond will bear interest from the date of issue at a simple rate of five per cent (5%) per annum on the principal amount of the Bond outstanding, which will be payable by the Company semi-annually in arrears and calculated daily on a 180/360 day basis as at the interest payment dates.
- (b) In the event that the Bondholder has redeemed or converted part or whole of the principal amount of the Bond, the Bondholder shall be entitled, other than in the event of any redemption pursuant to Condition 11, to interest in addition to the interest in Condition 4 (a) (the “Accrued Interest”):
- (i) in respect of such part or whole of the principal amount redeemed at a simple rate of five per cent (5%) per annum calculated daily on a 180/360 day basis, payable in cash on the Maturity Date;
- (ii) in respect of such part or whole of the principal amount converted at a simple rate of five per cent (5%) per annum calculated daily on a 180/360 day basis, payable on the Conversion Date in kind by the issuance of ordinary shares of the Company at the Conversion Price.
- (c) Interest on the Bond shall accrue on a 180/360 day basis from the First Tranche Issue Date, the Second Tranche Issue Date, the Third Tranche Issue Date (if applicable) and Fourth Tranche Issue Date (if applicable) respectively. In the event that the Bondholder has converted part or whole of the principal amount of the Bond, the Bondholder shall be entitled to Accrued Interest up to the date immediately preceding the relevant Conversion Date.

5. Payments

- (a) Payment of the principal and interest in respect of the Bond shall be made for value on the due dates by way of wire transfer of immediately available funds into a bank account designated by Bondholder in writing or by other means as the Bondholder may notify the Company in writing

from time to time.

- (b) If the due date for payment of any amount in respect of the Bond is not a Business Day, the Bondholder will be entitled to payment on the next following Business Day in the same manner and will not be entitled to any further interest or other payment in respect of any such delay.
- (c) The Company shall not be allowed to redeem the Bond before the Maturity Date.

6. Conversion and Redemption

- (a) (i) *Conversion:* Subject as hereinafter provided, the Bondholder will, if the Company completes a QIPO, at any time between the date of completion of such QIPO (the “QIPO Completion Date”) and the Maturity Date (the “Conversion Period”), have the right to convert up to 100% of the principal amount of the Bond (in multiples of US\$10,000,000), together with the Accrued Interest thereon, into ordinary shares of the Company, by giving a Conversion Notice (as defined below) to the Company requiring the Company to convert the Bond in whole or in part. The Conversion Price shall be US\$1.675262 subject to adjustment as hereafter described. No fraction of an ordinary share will be issued on conversion and the number or ordinary shares issued will be rounded down to the nearest whole number, but an equivalent cash payment in United States dollars will be made to the Bondholder in respect of such fraction.

(ii) *Company's call:* If the Company completes a QIPO and the closing price of its Shares is at or above 125% of the Conversion Price (i.e. 25% premium to the Conversion Price) for a period of at least ten (10) consecutive trading days, the Company may, at its unilateral option, give two (2) month's notice to the Bondholder that the Bond then outstanding will be mandatorily converted at the end of the notice period in accordance with this Terms and Conditions of the Bond.

(iii) *Lock-up:* Any Shares issued as a result of conversion of the Bond during the one (1) year period following the QIPO Completion Date shall be locked up until the 1-year anniversary of the QIPO Completion Date. Such lock-up will not apply to the existing Shareholders of the Company.

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(iv) *Pre-emptive rights:* For one (1) year following the First Tranche Issue Date, the Bondholder shall be entitled to participate proportionately in any issuance by the Company of convertible bonds at the same interest rate and on the same terms and conditions as the Company offers to other investors. The proportionate entitlement of the Bondholder will be calculated as if all convertible capital, options, warrants, etc. issued and outstanding on the date of the proposed issue are converted. For the avoidance of doubt, the pre-emptive rights shall not apply to the Second Tranche, Third Tranche (if any) and Fourth Tranche (if any) of the Bond.

(v) *Redemption on maturity:* Unless previously converted or purchased and cancelled in the circumstances referred to herein and subject to Condition 1(b), the Bond will be redeemed on the fourth (4th) anniversary from the First Tranche Issue Date at its principal amount, plus Accrued Interest thereon.

(b) *Conversion Notice:*

(i) To exercise the Conversion Rights attaching to any Bond, the Bondholder must complete, execute and deposit at his own expense during 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on any Business Day at the principal place of business of the Company a written notice of conversion as set out in Exhibit B hereto (the "**Conversion Notice**") in duplicate, together with the relevant Certificate and any amounts required to be paid by the Bondholder under Condition 6(c).

(ii) The conversion date in respect of the Bond (the "**Conversion Date**") must fall at a time when the Conversion Rights attaching to the Bond is expressed in these Terms and Conditions to be exercisable and will be deemed to be the Business Day immediately following the date of the surrender of the Certificate in respect of such Bond and delivery of such Conversion Notice and, if applicable, any payment to be made or indemnity given under these Terms and Conditions in connection with the exercise of such Conversion Rights.

(iii) A Conversion Notice once delivered shall be irrevocable and may not be withdrawn unless the Company consents to such withdrawal.

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(c) *Stamp duty and taxes:* The Company shall pay to the relevant tax authorities any taxes and stamp, issue and registration duties arising on conversion, if any, and a Bondholder delivering a certificate in respect of a Bond for conversion must pay all, if any, taxes arising by reference to any disposal or deemed disposal of the Bond in connection with such conversion. The Company is under no obligation to determine whether the Bondholder is liable to pay any taxes or the amounts thereof payable (if any) in connection with this Condition 6(c).

(d) *Cancellation:* All Bonds, which are redeemed or converted or purchased by the Company, will forthwith be cancelled. Certificates in respect of all Bonds cancelled will be forwarded to the Company and such Bonds may not be re-issued or sold.

7. **Adjustments**

(a) Subject hereinafter provided, the Conversion Price shall from time to time be adjusted in accordance with the following relevant provisions and so that if the event giving rise to any such adjustment shall be such as would be capable of falling within more than one of sub-paragraphs (i) to (vii) inclusive of this Condition 7(a) it shall fall within the first of the applicable paragraphs to the exclusion of the remaining paragraphs :-

(i) If and whenever the Shares by reason of any consolidation or sub-division become of a different nominal amount, the Conversion Price in force immediately prior thereto shall be adjusted by multiplying it by the revised nominal amount and dividing the result by the former nominal amount. Each such adjustment shall be effective from the close of business in Hong Kong on the day immediately preceding the date on which the consolidation or sub-division becomes effective.

(ii) If and whenever the Company shall issue (other than in lieu of a cash dividend) any Shares credited as fully paid by way of capitalization of profits or reserves (including any share premium account or capital redemption reserve fund), the Conversion price in force immediately prior to such issue shall be adjusted by multiplying it by the aggregate nominal amount of the issued Shares immediately before such issue and dividing the result by the sum of such aggregate nominal amount and the aggregate nominal amount of the Shares issued in such capitalization. Each such adjustment shall be effective (if appropriate retroactively) from the commencement of the day next following the record date for such

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issue.

(iii) If and whenever the Company shall make any **Capital Distribution** (as defined in Condition 7(b)) to holders (in their capacity as such) of Shares (whether on a reduction of capital or otherwise) or shall grant to such holders rights to acquire for cash assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, the Conversion Price in force immediately prior to such distribution or grant shall be adjusted by multiplying it by the following fraction.

$$\frac{A-B}{A}$$

Where :-

A = the market price on the date on which the Capital Distribution, or, as the case may be, the grant is announced or (failing any such announcement) next preceding the date of the Capital Distribution or, as the case may be, of the grant; and

B = the fair market value on the day of such announcement or (as the case may require) the next preceding day, as determined in good faith by an approved merchant bank, of the portion of the Capital Distribution or of such rights which is attributable to one Share,

Provided that :-

(aa) if in the opinion of the relevant approved merchant bank, the use of the fair market value as aforesaid produces a result which is significantly inequitable, it may instead determine (and in such event the above formula shall be construed as if B meant) the amount of the said market price which should properly be attributed to the value of the Capital Distribution or rights; and

(bb) the provisions of this sub-paragraph (iii) shall not apply in relation to the issue of Shares paid out of profits or reserves and issued in lieu of a cash dividend.

Each such adjustment shall be effective (if appropriate retroactively) from the commencement of the day next following the record date for the Capital Distribution or grant.

(iv) if and whenever the Company shall offer to holders of Shares new Shares for subscription by way of rights, or shall grant to holders

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of Shares any options or warrants to subscribe for new shares, at a price which is less than eighty per cent (80%) of the market price at the date of the announcement of the terms of the offer or grant, the Conversion Price shall be adjusted by multiplying the Conversion Price in force immediately before the date of such announcement by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of shares in issue immediately before the date of such announcement plus the number of Shares which the aggregate of the amount (if any) payable for the rights, options or warrants and of the amount payable for the total number of new Shares comprised therein would purchase at such market price and the denominator is the number of Shares in issue immediately before the date of such announcement plus the aggregate number of Shares offered for subscription or comprised in the options or warrants (such adjustment to become effective (if appropriate retroactively) from the commencement of the day next following the record date for the offer or grant).

(v) (aa) Subject to Condition 7(c), if and whenever the Company shall issue wholly for cash any securities which by their terms are convertible into or exchangeable for or carry rights of subscription for new Shares, and the total **Effective Consideration per Share** (as defined below) initially receivable for such securities is less than eighty per cent (80%) of the market price at the date of the announcement of the terms of issue of such securities, the Conversion Price shall be adjusted by multiplying the Conversion Price in force immediately prior to the issue by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of Shares in issue immediately before the date of the issue plus the number of Shares which the total **Effective Consideration** receivable for the securities issued would purchase at such market price and the denominator is the number of Shares in issue immediately before the date of the issue plus the number of Shares to be issued upon conversion or exchange of, or the exercise of the subscription rights conferred by, such securities at the initial conversion or exchange rate or subscription price. Such adjustment shall become effective (if appropriate retrospectively) from the close of business in Hong Kong on the Business Day next preceding whichever is the earlier of the date on which the issue is announced and the date on which the Company determines the conversion or exchange rate or

subscription price.

- (bb) Subject to Condition 7(c), if and whenever the rights of conversion or exchange or subscription attached to any such securities as are mentioned in section (aa) of this sub-paragraph (v) are modified so that the total Effective Consideration per Share initially receivable for such securities shall be less than eighty per cent (80%) of the market price at the date of announcement of the proposal to modify such rights of conversion or exchange or subscription, the Conversion Price shall be adjusted by multiplying the Conversion Price in force immediately prior to such modification by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of Shares in issue immediately before the date of such modification plus the number of Shares which the total Effective Consideration receivable for the securities issued at the modified conversion or exchange price would purchase at such market price and of which the denominator is the number of Shares in issue immediately before such date of modification plus the number of Shares to be issued upon conversion or exchange of or the exercise of the subscription rights conferred by such securities at the modified conversion or exchange rate or subscription price. Such adjustment shall become effective as at the date upon which such modification shall take effect. A right of conversion or exchange or subscription shall not be treated as modified for the foregoing purposes where it is adjusted to take account of rights or capitalization issues and other events normally giving rise to adjustment of conversion or exchange terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (v), the “**total Effective Consideration**” receivable for the securities issued shall be deemed to be the consideration receivable by the Company for any such securities plus the additional minimum consideration (if any) to be received by the Company upon (and assuming) the conversion or exchange thereof or the exercise of such subscription rights, and the total Effective Consideration per Share initially receivable for such securities shall be such aggregate consideration divided by the number of Shares to be issued upon (and assuming) such conversion or exchange at the initial conversion or exchange rate or the exercise of such subscription rights at the initial

subscription price, in each cases without any deduction for any commissions, discounts or expenses paid, allowed or incurred in connection with the issue.

- (vi) Subject to Condition 7(c), if and whenever the Company shall issue wholly for cash any Shares at a price per Share which is less than eighty per cent (80%) of the market price at the date of the announcement of the terms of such issue, the Conversion Price shall be adjusted by multiplying the Conversion Price in force immediately before the date of such announcement by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of Shares in issue immediately before the date of such announcement plus the number of Shares which the aggregate amount payable for the issue would purchase at such market price and the denominator is the number of Shares in issue immediately before the date of such announcement plus the number of Shares so issued. Such adjustment shall become effective on the date of the issue.
- (vii) Subject to Condition 7(c), if and whenever the Company shall issue Shares for the acquisition of asset at a total Effective Consideration per Share (as defined below) which is less than eighty per cent (80%) of the market price at the date of the announcement of the terms of such issue, the Conversion Price shall be adjusted by multiplying the Conversion Price in force immediately before the date of such announcement by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of Shares in issue immediately before the date of such announcement plus the number of Shares which the total Effective Consideration would purchase at such market price and the denominator is the number of Shares in issue immediately before the date of such announcement plus the number of Shares so issued. Each such adjustment shall be effective (if appropriate retroactively) from the close of business in Hong Kong on the business day immediately preceding whichever is the earlier of the date on which the issue is announced and the date on which the Company determines the issue price for such Shares. For the purpose of this subparagraph (vii) “**total Effective Consideration**” shall be the aggregate consideration credited as being paid for such Shares by the Company on acquisition of the relevant asset without any deduction of any commissions, discounts or expenses paid, allowed or incurred in connection with the issue thereof, and the “**total Effective Consideration per Share**” shall be the total Effective Consideration divided by the number of Shares issued as aforesaid.

- (b) For the purposes of this Condition 7

“**approved merchant bank**” means a merchant bank of repute in Hong Kong jointly selected by the Company and the Investors in good faith for the purpose of providing a specific opinion or calculation or determination hereunder, or if there is no agreement among the Company and the Investors, to be selected by the Chairperson of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre;

“**Capital Distribution**” shall (without prejudice to the generality of that phrase) include distributions in cash or specie but shall exclude any preference shares dividends. Any dividend (other than preference shares dividends) charged or provided for in the accounts for any financial period shall (whenever paid and however described) be deemed to be a Capital Distribution;

“**issue**” shall include allot;

“**market price**” means (i) before the Company’s Shares are listed on a Recognized Stock Exchange, fair market value of one Share as determined in good faith by an approved merchant bank on the day preceding the day on or as of which the market price is to be ascertained; or (ii) after the Company’s Shares are listed on a Recognized Stock Exchange, the average of the closing prices of one Share on the Recognized Stock Exchange for each of the last five (5) Recognized Stock Exchange dealing days on which dealings in the Shares on the Recognized Stock Exchange took place ending on the last such dealing day preceding the day on or as of which the market price is to be ascertained;

“**Shares**” includes, for the purposes of Shares comprised in any issue, distribution on grant pursuant to sub-paragraphs (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) or (vii) of Condition 7(a), any such ordinary shares of the Company as, when fully paid, will be Shares.

- (c) (i) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (v), (vi) and (vii) shall only apply to transactions between the Company and the Shareholders.
- (ii) The foregoing provisions shall not apply to transactions between the Company and parties other than the Shareholders (“**Non-Shareholders Transactions**”), whereby any new Shares or convertible bonds are issued. Prices agreed in those

Non-Shareholders Transactions shall be deemed to be fair value and not subject to any further adjustment.

- (d) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (vii) of Condition 7(a) shall not apply to:-
- (i) an issue of fully paid Shares upon the exercise of any conversion rights attached to securities convertible into Shares or upon exercise of any rights (including any conversion of the Bond) to acquire Shares provided that an adjustment has been made under this Condition 7 in respect of the issue of such securities or granting of such rights (as the case may be);
- (ii) an issue of Shares or other securities of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company wholly or partly convertible into, or rights to acquire, Shares to officers or employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to any employee or executive share scheme in existence as at the date of issue of the Bond;
- (iii) an issue by the Company of Shares or by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company of securities wholly or partly convertible into, or rights to acquire Shares, in any such case in consideration or part consideration for the acquisition of any other securities, assets or business provided that an adjustment has been made (if appropriate) under this Condition 7 in respect of the issue of such securities or granting of such rights (as the case may be);
- (iv) an issue of fully paid Shares by way of capitalization of all or part of any subscription right reserve, or any similar reserve which has been or may be established pursuant to the terms of any securities wholly or partly convertible into or rights to acquire Shares; or
- (v) an issue of Shares pursuant to a scrip dividend scheme where an amount not less than the nominal amount of the Shares so issued is capitalized and the market value of such Shares is not more than one hundred and twenty per cent (120%) of the amount of dividend which holders of the Shares could elect to or would otherwise receive in cash.
- (e) Any adjustment to the Conversion Price shall be made to the nearest sixth decimal point. In addition to any determination which may be made by the directors of the Company every adjustment to the Conversion Price shall be certified either (at the option of the Company) by the auditors of

the Company for the time being or by an approved merchant bank.

- (f) If the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company shall in any way modify the rights attached to any share or loan capital so as wholly or partly to convert or make convertible such share or loan capital into, or attach thereto any rights to acquire, Shares, the Company shall appoint an approved merchant bank to consider whether any adjustment to the Conversion Price is appropriate (and if such approved merchant bank shall certify that any such adjustment is appropriate the Conversion Price shall be adjusted accordingly and the provisions of Conditions 7(e) and 7(h) shall apply).
- (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of Condition 7(a), in any circumstances where the directors of the Company shall consider that an adjustment to the Conversion Price provided for under the said provisions should not be made or should be calculated on a different basis or that an adjustment to the Conversion Price should be made notwithstanding that no such adjustment is required under the said provisions or that an adjustment should take effect on a different date or with a different time from that provided for under the provisions, the Company may appoint an approved merchant bank to consider whether for any reason whatever the adjustment to be

made (or the absence of adjustment) would or might not fairly and appropriately reflect the relative interests of the persons affected thereby and, if such approved merchant bank shall consider this to be the case, the adjustment shall be modified or nullified or an adjustment made instead of no adjustment in such manner including without limitation, making an adjustment calculated on a different basis) and/or the adjustment shall take effect from such other date and/or time as shall be certified by such approved merchant bank to be in its opinion appropriate.

- (h) Whenever the Conversion Price is adjusted as herein provided the Company shall give notice to the holder of the Bond that the Conversion Price has been adjusted (setting forth the event giving rise to the adjustment, the Conversion Price in effect prior to such adjustment, the adjusted Conversion Price and the effective date thereof) and shall at all times thereafter so long as the Bond remains outstanding make available for inspection at its principal place of business in Hong Kong a signed copy of the said certificate of the auditors of the Company or (as the case may be) of the relevant approved merchant bank and a certificate signed by a director of the Company setting forth brief particulars of the event giving rise to the adjustment, the Conversion Price in effect prior to such adjustment, the adjusted Conversion Price and the effective date thereof and shall, on request, send a copy thereof to the Bondholder.

8. Qualified Initial Public Offering

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The Company shall use its reasonable commercial endeavours to effect a QIPO for all the issued Shares on a Recognized Stock Exchange as the Company may from time to time determine.

9. Protection of the Bondholder

(a) Subject to 9(g) and 9(h) below, consent of each of the Investors shall be required for the Company to:

- (i) issue any convertible bonds having a preference over the Bond with respect to the receipt of interest and repayment of principal;
- (ii) approve any material change in the scope, nature and/or activities of the business of any of the Group Companies;
- (iii) approve any related party transactions or a series of related transactions within any twelve (12) month period, contracts and arrangements or a series or related contracts or arrangements which exceed US\$10,000,000 per transaction for related companies in consideration with any Shareholders, directors and Affiliates, excluding any transaction relating to the IDC Adjustment Plan for purposes of this Condition 9(a) or any transaction contemplated under the Subscription Agreement;
- (iv) make or result in any new material acquisitions, sale of control or assets, merger, consolidation, joint venture or partnership arrangements, from the date of the Agreement, which are outside the existing business or geographic scope of the Group Companies and exceed US\$10,000,000;
- (v) change materially the accounting methods or policies or appoint or change the auditors except for any change that has been notified to the Bondholder before the date of the Agreement;
- (vi) incur additional debt in any Group Company incorporated in the PRC such that, at the time of incurrence, total external debt of all Group Companies incorporated in the PRC on a consolidated basis exceeds 75% of total capitalisation of all Group Companies on a consolidated basis;

The above incurrence test shall be based on the latest management accounts prepared on a basis which is consistent with the

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accounting methods and policies of the Company's audited accounts.

For the purpose of this clause:

"Total external debt of all Group Companies incorporated in the PRC" shall mean the total amount of current and non-current external loans, borrowings, bonds payable, vendor finance payables and convertible bonds (but excluding obligations under finance leases) of such companies on a consolidated basis.

"Total capitalisation of all Group Companies" shall mean the sum of the total amount of current and non-current loans, borrowings, bonds payable, vendor finance payables and convertible bonds (but excluding obligations under finance leases) of such companies on a consolidated basis and the total amount of issued and paid up share capital of the Company, including ordinary shares and all classes of preferred shares, as stated in the Company's accounts.

- (vii) make any changes to, or grant exceptions from, the lock-up and non-compete provisions contained in the existing memorandum and articles of association of the Company and the Members Agreement.
- (b) Prior to the QIPO, each of the Investors shall have standard inspection rights and the Company shall deliver to them: (i) audited annual financial statements no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year; (ii) unaudited monthly and quarterly financial reports; (iii) annual business plan, budget and projected financial statements no later than thirty (30) days before each fiscal year; and (iv) any other financial or other information that the Investor may reasonably request or that is otherwise provided to Shareholders of the Company.
- (c) Prior to the QIPO, PA Investor shall have the right to appoint one (1) observer to the board of directors of the Company.
- (d) Should the Company complete any future financings of convertible debt or debt plus equity options that provide an investor in such financing with terms (the **"New Investor Terms"**) more favorable than the terms offered to the Investors in this financing (the **"Current Investor Terms"**) within one (1) year of the First Tranche Issue Date and prior to the QIPO, the Investors shall have the right to have any such New Investor Terms added

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to or replace the corresponding Current Investor Terms, provided that, when assessing whether a New Investor Term is more favorable than a Current Investor Term (references are to terms set out in this Agreement): Conditions 4(a), 4(b), 4(c) and 6(a), 6(b) shall be considered on an aggregate basis and the Investors shall only be entitled to have all such terms (i.e. Conditions 4(a), 4(b), 4(c) and 6(a), 6(b)) replaced by the equivalent New Investor Terms.

- (e) The Company shall promptly notify the Investors upon the receipt of any early redemption notice from any of its Shareholders in accordance with the articles of association of the Company, and if at the Investors' sole discretion by reasonable judgment that the consummation of the redemption by the Company to the Shareholders will materially affect the ability for the Company to repay the Bond, the Investors may give notice to the Company that the Bond is, and it shall on the giving of such notice immediately become, due and payable at its principal amount together with any Accrued Interest calculated up to and including the date of repayment.
- (f) The Company shall notify the Investors five (5) days prior to the convening of a board of directors meeting for the declaration of ordinary dividends and/or discretionary dividends to ordinary shareholders, and if at the Investors' sole discretion by reasonable judgment that the consummation of the declaration of such ordinary dividends or discretionary dividends by the Company to the ordinary shareholders will materially affect the ability for the Company to repay the Bond, the Investors may give notice to the Company that the Bond is, and it shall on the giving of such notice immediately become, due and payable at its principal amount together with any Accrued Interest calculated up to and including the date of repayment.
- (g) The rights of PA Investor in Clauses 9(a), 9(b), 9(c), 9(d), 9(e) and 9(f) will terminate at the time of the QIPO or if, at any time prior to the QIPO, PA Investor holds less than seventy-five per cent (75%) of the principal amount of the Bond originally issued to PA Investor.
- (h) The rights of STT Investor in Clauses 9(a), 9(b), 9(d), 9(e) and 9(f) will terminate at the time of the QIPO or if, at any time prior to the QIPO, STT Investor holds less than seventy-five per cent (75%) of the principal amount of the Bond originally issued to STT Investor.

10. Procedure for Conversion

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- (a) The Conversion Rights may, subject as provided herein, be exercised on any Business Day prior to maturity of the Bond by the Bondholder delivering to the address of the Company in Condition 13 a written notice stating the intention of the Bondholder to convert together with the Certificate. The Company shall be responsible for payment of all taxes and stamp duty, issue and registration duties (if any) and Stock Exchange levies and charges (if any) arising on conversion.
- (b) The Shares arising on conversion shall be allotted and issued by the Company to the Bondholder or as it may direct within fourteen (14) days after, and with effect from, the date the conversion notice is served by the Bondholder and certificates for the Shares to which the Bondholder shall become entitled in consequence of exercising his Conversion Rights shall be issued in board lots or otherwise directed by the Bondholder and delivered to the Bondholder, and (if appropriate) together with an endorsement on the Certificate by a director of the Company for any balance of the Bond not converted.

11. Events of Default

If any of the following events occurs and is continuing, the Bondholder may give notice to the Company that the Bond is, and it shall on the giving of such notice immediately become, due and payable at its principal amount together with any Accrued Interest calculated up to and including the date of repayment.

- (a) *Non-Payment:*
- (i) a default is made in the payment of any principal, interest, premium (if any) due in respect of the Bonds and such default continues for a period of thirty (30) days; or
 - (ii) failure to pay any amount due at maturity; or
 - (iii) in case of Default Redemption (as defined below) within thirty (30) days after due date.
- (b) *Breach of Other Obligations:* the Company does not perform or comply with any one or more of its other obligations in these Terms and Conditions of the Bonds which default is incapable of remedy or, if capable of remedy, is not remedied within thirty (30) days after notice of such default shall have been given to the Company by a Bondholder;
- (c) *Insolvency:* the Company is (or is, or could be, deemed by law or a court

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to be) insolvent or bankrupt or unable to pay, when due, its debts, stops, suspends or threatens to stop or suspend payment of all or a substantial part of its debts, proposes or makes any agreement for the deferral, rescheduling or other readjustment of all of its debts (or of any part which it will or might otherwise be unable to pay when due), proposes or makes a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of the relevant creditors in respect of any of such debts or a moratorium is agreed or declared in respect of or affecting all or any part of the debts of the Company; or if an administrator or liquidator of the Company or the whole or any substantial part of the assets and revenues of the Company is appointed (or application for any such appointment is made);

- (d) *Winding-up:* an order is made or an effective resolution passed for the winding-up or judicial management or dissolution or administration of the Company, or the Company or any of its Subsidiaries ceases or threatens to cease to carry on all or substantially all of its business or operations, except for the purpose of and followed by a voluntary solvent reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganization, merger or consolidation;
- (e) *Receiver:* an encumbrancer takes possession or a receiver, manager or other similar officer is appointed of the whole or any part of the undertaking, property, assets or revenues of the Company or its Subsidiaries;
- (f) *Seizure, expropriation, etc.:* a moratorium is agreed or declared in respect of any indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any governmental authority or agency condemns, seizes, compulsorily purchases or expropriates all or a substantial part of the assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;
- (g) *Cross default:* any other bonds, debentures, notes or other instruments of indebtedness or any other loan indebtedness having an aggregate outstanding amount of at least US\$25,000,000 of the Company or EDC China becoming prematurely repayable following a default in respect of the terms thereof which shall not have been remedied, or steps are taken to enforce any security therefore, or the Company or EDC China defaults in the repayment of such indebtedness at the maturity thereof;
- (h) *Change of Control:* Change of Control of the Company without consent of the Bondholder;
- (i) *Other Material Breach:* Any material breach of legally binding

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transaction documents related to this transaction.

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Bondholder has the right to request the Company to redeem all or part of the Bond owned by such Bondholder at a redemption price equal to the principal plus an IRR of ten per cent (10%), net of any interest paid up to that date (the "Default Redemption").

12. Experts

In giving any certificate or making any adjustment hereunder, the auditors of the Company or (as the case may be) the approved merchant bank shall be deemed to be acting as experts and not as arbitrators and, in the absence of manifest error, their decision shall be conclusive and binding on the Company and the Bondholder and all persons claiming through or under them respectively.

13. Notices

Any notice required or permitted to be given shall be given by delivering it to the party

- (a) in the case of PA Investor:

Address: 13
Attention:
Fax No: 86-755-2262 1348

- (b) in the case of STT Investor

Address: 1 Temasek Avenue, #33-01 Millenia Tower, Singapore 039192
Attention: Company Secretary
Fax No.: +65 6720 7220

- (c) in the case of the Company:

Address: F2, Century Plaza Building 2#, Yanggao Road 428, Pudong New Area, Shanghai, PRC
Attention: William Wei Huang

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Fax No: 86-21-20330202

or to such other address as the party concerned may have notified to the other party pursuant to this Condition 13 and may be given by sending it by hand or in a prepaid envelope by registered mail (by air if international) to such address or (in either case) to such other address as the party concerned may have notified to the other parties in accordance with this paragraph and such notice shall be deemed to be served at the time of delivery or (as the case may be) five (5) Business Days after posting, or if sooner upon acknowledgement of receipt by or on behalf of the party to which it is addressed.

14. Amendment

The terms and conditions of the Bond may be varied, expanded or amended by agreement in writing between the Company and the Bondholder.

15. Governing law and jurisdiction

The Bond and the terms of the Bond are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with Hong Kong law and the parties agree that any dispute, controversy, difference or claim arising out of or relating to the Bond, including the existence, validity, interpretation, performance, breach or termination thereof or any dispute regarding non-contractual obligations arising out of or relating to it shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre ("HKIAC") under the HKIAC Administered Arbitration Rules as at present in force and as may be amended by the rest of this paragraph. The place of arbitration shall be in Hong Kong at the HKIAC. The arbitral tribunal shall be composed of three (3) arbitrators. The arbitrators shall be appointed by the HKIAC. The language of the arbitration shall be English. Any such arbitration shall be administered by HKIAC in accordance with the HKIAC Procedures for Arbitration in force as at the date of this Bond.

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EXHIBIT A

FORM OF TRANSFER

For value received, the undersigned hereby transfers to:

US\$ principal amount of the Bond in respect of which this Certificate is issued, and all rights in respect thereof.

All payments in respect of the Bond hereby transferred are to be made (unless otherwise instructed by the transferee) to the following account:

Name of bank :
Account number :
For the account of :

Date: _____

Transferor's name :
Transferor's signature :
Transferor's witness :
Transferee's name :
Transferee's signature :
Transferee's witness :

- Notes: (a) A representative of the holder of the Bonds should state the capacity in which he signs, e.g. executor.
(b) The signature of the persons effecting a transfer shall conform to any list of duly authorized specimen signatures supplied by the registered holder or be certified by a notary public or in such other manner as the Company may require.
(c) This form of transfer should be dated as of the date it is deposited with the Company.
(d) Transfers of the Bonds are subject to the restrictions set out in Condition 2.

EXHIBIT B

CONVERSION NOTICE

Terms defined in the Certificate relating to a convertible bond of an aggregate amount of [] (the "Bond") issued on [*] [2015/2016] by GDS Holdings Limited (the "Company") in favour of Perfect Success Limited and STT GDC Pte. Ltd. (as may be amended) shall bear the same meanings in this Conversion Notice.

The undersigned hereby irrevocably elects to convert the following amount of the Bond into ordinary shares of the Company in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, as of the date specified below, such ordinary shares to be issued in the name of the shareholder of the Company set out below.

Name of Bondholder :
Certificate Number(s) :
Amount to be converted :
Conversion Date :
Applicable Conversion Price :
Name in which shares are to be issued :
Address of Bondholder :
Signature of Bondholder :
Dated this day of 20

Schedule 2

Completion Deliverables

1. Obligations of the Company

The Company shall deliver to the respective Investor:-

- (a) certified copies of the board resolutions of the Company and written consent by preferred shareholders of the Company approving and authorizing the execution and completion of this Agreement;
(b) for issue of each of the Third Tranche and Fourth Tranche and its Certificate upon the terms and subject to the Terms and Conditions contained therein, certified copies of the board resolutions of the Company and written consent by preferred shareholders of the Company approving such issue;
(c) scanned copy of the notification sent to Bank of Communications Suzhou Branch and the relevant courier sheet/document; and
(d) the Certificate duly issued in favour of the Investor.

2. Obligations of each Investor:-

The Investor shall deliver to the Company:

- (a) a certified copy of its board resolution approving and authorizing the execution and completion of this Agreement.

Schedule 3

Warranties

For the purposes of this Schedule, the term "Company" shall mean each of the Group Company accordingly, statements referring to the "Company" shall be construed as referring to each of the Group Company.

1. Corporate Status

- (a) The Company has been duly incorporated and constituted, and is legally subsisting under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and there has been no resolution, petition or order for the winding up and no receiver has been appointed in respect of the undertaking, property or assets of any the Company or any part thereof.
- (b) The Company has duly and properly complied in all material respects with all filing or registration requirements in respect of corporate or other documents imposed under the relevant law of the jurisdiction of its incorporation.

2. The Shares

- (a) There are no Encumbrances on, over or affecting any of the Shares or any part of the issued or unissued share capital of the Company other than as set out in the articles of association of the Company. There is no agreement or commitment to give or create any Encumbrance. No claim has been made by any person to be entitled to any Encumbrance which has not been waived in its entirety or satisfied in full.
- (b) All of the issued Shares are fully paid up or credited as fully paid up.
- (c) There is no agreement or commitment outstanding which calls for the transfer, allotment or issue of or accords to any person the right to call for the transfer, allotment or issue of any shares or debentures in the Company (including any option or right of

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pre-emption or conversion). No claim has been made by any person to be entitled to any such agreement or commitment.

- (d) Other than as contemplated under the Share Charge, the shares in the share capital of each Group Company are owned by the Company free from all Encumbrances and are fully paid up or credited as such.
- (e) The Company has not repaid, redeemed or purchased any of its share capital or issued any share capital as paid up otherwise than by receipt of consideration therefor.
- (f) Since the Accounts Date, the Company has not been directly or indirectly engaged or involved in any scheme of reconstruction or amalgamation or any reorganisation or reduction of share capital or conversion of securities nor has the Company transferred any business carried on by it.
- (g) The Company has full power, authority and capacity to allot and issue the Bonds and, upon Conversion, the Conversion Shares pursuant to this Agreement under the memorandum and articles of association of the Company and the directors of the Company have full power and authority to effect such allotment.
- (h) No consent of any third party (other than the Shareholders of the Company) is required to be obtained in respect of the allotment and issue of the Bonds and, upon Conversion, the Conversion Shares.
- (i) The obligations of the Company under this Agreement and each document to be executed at or before Completion are, or when the relevant document is executed, will be binding in accordance with their terms.

3. Accuracy of Information

- (a) The information given in the Recitals, the Schedules, the Accounts and this Agreement is true and accurate in all respects and is not misleading because of any omission or ambiguity or for any other reason.
- (b) The copy of the memorandum and articles of association (or equivalent document) of the Company provided to the Investor is

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complete and accurate in all respects, has attached to it copies of all resolutions and other documents required by law to be so attached and fully set out the rights and restrictions attaching to each class, if any, of the share capital of the Company.

- (c) All the accounts, books, ledgers and financial and other records of the Company have been properly kept in accordance with normal business practice and are in the possession of the Company or under its control and all transactions relating to its business have been duly and correctly recorded therein and there are as at the date of this Agreement no inaccuracies or discrepancies of any kind contained or reflected in such accounts, books, ledgers and financial and other records and at the date of this Agreement they are sufficient to give a true and accurate view of the state of the Company's affairs and to explain its transactions.
- (d) The statutory books (including all registers and minute books) of the Company have been properly kept and contain (in respect of matters up to but not including Completion) an accurate and complete record of the matters which should be dealt with in those books and contain no inaccuracies or discrepancies of any kind and no notice or allegation that any of them is incorrect or should be rectified has been received.
- (e) All information provided by or on behalf of any of the Company to the Investor or their agents or advisers is true and accurate in all respects and all copies of documents supplied have been true and complete copies of such documents.

4. Compliance with Legal Requirements

- (a) The Company has complied with all legal and procedural requirements and other formalities applicable to it in connection with its:
 - (i) memorandum and articles of association or other constitutional documents (including all resolutions passed or purported to have been passed);
 - (ii) filing of all documents required by the appropriate legislation to be filed with the appropriate regulatory bodies;

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- (iii) issues of shares, debentures or other securities;
 - (iv) payments of interest and dividends and making of other distributions and
 - (v) directors and other officers.
- (b) The Company is empowered and duly qualified to carry on its business in such countries in which it operates.
- (c) There has been no breach by the Company or by any of their officers or employees (in their capacity as such) of any legislation or regulations affecting the Company or its business.
- (d) The Company is not in breach of any legal or regulatory requirement relating to the identity and nationality of Shareholders and any nominee structure in relation to the shares in the Company is legally effective.

5. Accounts and Assets and Liabilities

- (a) The Accounts:
 - (i) comply with the requirements of all applicable legislation;
 - (ii) were prepared on the same basis and in accordance with the same accounting policies consistently applied as the audited accounts of the Company prepared in the three preceding years and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the relevant country of incorporation at the time they were prepared;
 - (iii) are complete and accurate in all respects and in particular make full provision for all established liabilities or make proper provision for (or contain a note in accordance with good accounting practice respecting) all deferred or contingent liabilities (whether liquidated or unliquidated) at the date thereof including deferred tax where appropriate;
 - (iv) give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and financial position of the relevant Company at the Accounts Date thereof and of the relevant Company's results for the financial period ended on such date; and

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- (v) are not adversely affected by any unusual or non-recurring items which are not disclosed as such in the Accounts.
- (b) Without limitation to Clause 5(a), full provision has been made in the Accounts:
 - (i) for depreciation of assets;
 - (ii) for any foreseeable liabilities in relation to the disposal of any assets or the cessation or diminution of any part of the business of the relevant Company;
 - (iii) for bad or doubtful debts and all debts which were, as at the Accounts Date, more than six months overdue;
 - (iv) for long service payments;
 - (v) for all tax exposures (including contingent exposures);
 - (vi) for any exposures (including contingent exposures) relating to supplier discount arrangements;
 - (vii) in respect of all litigation;
 - (viii) in respect of all claims and returns;
 - (ix) for all management fees;
 - (x) for bonuses payable; and
 - (xi) in respect of all customer rebates.
- (c) The Company has no outstanding liability for tax of any kind which has not been provided for or is not provided for in the Accounts.
- (d) The Company has no capital commitment and is not engaged in any scheme or project requiring the expenditure of capital.
- (e) The Company owns and will own free from Encumbrance all its undertaking and assets shown or comprised in the relevant Accounts and all such assets are in its possession or under its

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control.

- (f) The assets owned by the Company and such other assets that the Company has the right to use together comprise all the assets necessary for the continuation of the business as now carried on by the Company and no asset acquired by the Company is surplus to requirements.
- (g) The Company holds no security (including any guarantee or indemnity) which is not valid and enforceable by the Company against the grantor thereof in accordance with its terms.
- (h) The Company does not have any liability (actual or potential) in respect of any sale, disposal or cessation of any company or business, nor are there outstanding any obligations or restrictions on the part of or which otherwise may continue to bind the Company in respect of any such sale, disposal or cessation of a company or business.
- (i) The Company does not have any liability (actual or potential) which is not or will not be shown or otherwise specifically provided for in the Accounts.
- (j) All of the debts which are reflected in the Accounts as owing to the Company (apart from bad and doubtful debts to the extent to which they have been provided for in the Accounts) or which have subsequently been recorded in the books of the Company have realised or will realise in the normal course of collection and within three months of Completion their full value as included in the Accounts or in the books of the Company, and no such debt nor any part of it has been outstanding for more than three (3) months from its due date for payment.

6. Contracts, Commitments and Financial and Other Arrangements

- (a) There are not now outstanding, nor will there be outstanding at Completion, with respect to the Company:
 - (i) any contracts of service with directors or employees which cannot be terminated by one month's notice or less or (where not reduced to writing) by reasonable notice without giving rise to any claim for damages or compensation (other than a statutory redundancy payment);
 - (ii) any agreements or arrangements to which the Company is a party for profit sharing, share incentives, share options, incentive payments or payment to employees of bonuses except for the GDS Holding Limited 2014 Stock Option Plan adopted on May 21, 2014;
 - (iii) any obligation or arrangement to pay any pension, gratuity, retirement annuity or benefit or any similar obligation or arrangement in favour of any person except for the social benefits paid to or to be paid to any person as required by applicable laws and regulations;
 - (iv) any agreement (whether by way of guarantee indemnity warranty representation or otherwise) under which the Company is under any actual or contingent liability in respect of:
 - (1) any disposal by the Company of its assets or business or any part thereof except such as are usual in the ordinary and proper course of its normal day to day trading as carried on at the date of this Agreement; or
 - (2) the obligations of any other person;
 - (v) any arrangements (contractual or otherwise) between the Company and any party which will or may be terminated or prejudicially affected as a result of the sale of the Bonds and, upon Conversion, the Conversion Shares or of compliance with any other provision of this Agreement; or
 - (vi) any contract which restricts the freedom of the Company to carry on the business now carried on by it in any part of the world.
- (b) There is no invalidity, nor any grounds for determination, rescission, avoidance or repudiation, of any agreement to which the Company is a party.
- (c) Compliance with this Agreement does not and will not conflict with or result in the breach of or constitute a default under any agreement or instrument to which the Company is now a party or

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any loan to or mortgage created by the Company or relieve any other party to a contract with the Company of its obligations under such contract or entitle such party to terminate such contract, whether summarily or by notice.

- (d) Neither entering into nor completing this Agreement will or is likely to cause the Company to lose the benefit of any right or privilege it currently enjoys or any person who normally does business with or gives credit to the Company not to continue to do so on the same basis or any officer or senior employee of the Company to leave its employment.
- (e) No charges, rights of security or third party rights of any kind whatsoever have been created or agreed to be created or permitted to arise over any of the assets of the Company other than liens arising in the ordinary course of business.
- (f) The Company is under no obligation, nor is it a party to any contract, which cannot readily be fulfilled or performed by it on time and without undue or unusual expenditure of money or effort.
- (g) Save for any guarantee or warranty implied by law, the Company has not given any guarantee or warranty, or made any representation, in respect of goods or services supplied or contracted to be supplied by it or accepted any liability or obligation that would apply after any such goods or services had been supplied by it.

7. Insolvency

- (a) No receiver, manager or the like, has been appointed of the whole or any part of the assets or undertaking of the Company.

- (b) No petition has been presented, no order has been made and no resolution has been passed for the winding-up or dissolution of the Company or for a provisional liquidator to be appointed in respect of the Company.
- (c) No distress, execution or other process has been levied in respect of the Company.

8. Litigation

Save as disclosed, the Company is not engaged (whether as plaintiff, defendant or otherwise) in any litigation or arbitration, administrative or criminal or other proceeding and, to the knowledge of the Company, no litigation or arbitration, administrative or criminal or other proceedings against the Company is pending, threatened or expected and there is no fact or circumstance likely to give rise to any such litigation or arbitration, administrative or criminal or other proceedings or to any proceedings against any director, officer or employee (past or present) of the Company in respect of any act or default for which the Company might be vicariously liable.

9. Employment

- (a) No employee or consultant or former employee or consultant of the Company has currently outstanding any claims against the Company.
- (b) The Company has no outstanding undischarged liability to pay to any governmental or regulatory authority in any jurisdiction any contribution, taxation or other impose arising in connection with the employment or engagement of personnel by any company.

10. Authority and Approval

- (a) The Company has the power or the corporate power to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (b) The Company has taken all necessary action or corporate action to authorise the entering into and performance of this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby, and this Agreement is a valid and binding obligation on each of them.
- (c) The execution and delivery of, the performance of the obligations of the Company under, and compliance with the provisions of, this Agreement will not:-
 - (i) contravene any existing applicable law, statute, rule or regulation or any judgment, decree or permit to which it/he is subject;

- (ii) conflict with, or result in any breach of any of the terms of, or constitute a default under, any agreement or other instrument to which it/he is a party or is subject or by which it/his or any of it/his property is bound;
- (iii) result in the creation or imposition of or obliges it/him to create any Encumbrance or any of it/his undertakings, assets, rights or revenues; or
- (i) result in a breach of any provision of the Company's constitutional documents.
- (d) Save as disclosed, the Company holds all licenses, consents and other permissions and approvals required for or in connection with the carrying on of its business and all such licenses, consents and other permissions and approvals.

Schedule 4

Details of Group Companies

List of PRC Group Companies

No.	Chinese Name of the PRC Group Companies	English Name of the PRC Group Companies	Correspondence Address	Marked for Attention of	Fax Number and Email
1	上海外高桥EDC技术有限公司	Shanghai Waigaoqiao EDC Technology Co., Ltd.	中国（上海）自由贸易试验区 外高桥保税区200127	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
2	上海洋泾EDC技术有限公司	Shanghai Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd.	中国（上海）自由贸易试验区 外高桥保税区200127	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
3	EDC Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd.	EDC Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd.	中国（上海）自由贸易试验区 外高桥保税区189	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
4	Guojin Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd.	Guojin Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd.	中国（上海）自由贸易试验区 外高桥保税区189	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
5	EDC (Chengdu) Industry Co., Ltd.	EDC (Chengdu) Industry Co., Ltd.	中国（四川）自由贸易试验区 成都高新区333	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com

No.	Chinese Name of the PRC Group Companies	English Name of the PRC Group Companies	Correspondence Address	Marked for Attention of	Fax Number and Email
			中国（上海）自由贸易试验区 外高桥保税区2302		
6	EDC Technology (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.	EDC Technology (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.	中国（江苏）自由贸易试验区 苏州工业园区A0503-1	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
7	Shenzhen Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd.	Shenzhen Yungang EDC Technology Co., Ltd.	中国（广东）自由贸易试验区 前海深港现代服务业合作区	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
8	Global Data Solutions Co., Ltd.	Global Data Solutions Co., Ltd.	中国（上海）自由贸易试验区 外高桥保税区200127	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
9	Beijing Wanguo Chang'an Science & Technology Co., Ltd.	Beijing Wanguo Chang'an Science & Technology Co., Ltd.	中国（北京）自由贸易试验区 顺义区1008	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
10	Shanghai Shu'an Data Services Ltd.	Shanghai Shu'an Data Services Ltd.	中国（上海）自由贸易试验区 外高桥保税区200127	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com

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11	北京恒普安数据 技术发展有限公司	Beijing Hengpu'an Data Technology Development Co., Ltd.	北京市朝阳区 100800	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
12	北京王固舒安 科学与技术 发展有限公司	Beijing Wangu Shu'an Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd.	北京市朝阳区 100800	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
13	昆山万宇数据 服务有限公司	Kunshan Wanyu Data Services Co., Ltd.	昆山市 215000	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com

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List of non-PRC Group Companies

ENGLISH NAME OF THE PRC GROUP COMPANIES	Correspondence Address	Marked for Attention of	Fax Number and Email
GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED	2F, Tower 2 of YouYou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road, Shanghai, P. R. China, 20127	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
EDC HOLDING LIMITED	2F, Tower 2 of YouYou Century Place, 428 South Yanggao Road, Shanghai, P. R. China, 20127	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
EDC CHINA HOLDINGS LIMITED	Units 323-325, 3/F, Core Building 2, Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, Hong Kong	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
EDE I (HK) LIMITED	Units 323-325, 3/F, Core Building 2, Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, Hong Kong	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
EDE II (HK) LIMITED	Units 323-325, 3/F, Core Building 2, Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, Hong Kong	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
EDE III (HK) LIMITED	Units 323-325, 3/F, Core Building 2, Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, Hong Kong	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
EDB (HK) LIMITED	Units 323-325, 3/F, Core Building 2, Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, Hong Kong	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com

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EDB II (HK) LIMITED	Units 323-325, 3/F, Core Building 2, Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, Hong Kong	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
FEP (HK) LIMITED	Units 323-325, 3/F, Core Building 2, Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, Hong Kong	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
EDCQ (HK) LIMITED	Units 323-325, 3/F, Core Building 2, Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, Hong Kong	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
EDH (HK) LIMITED	Units 323-325, 3/F, Core Building 2, Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, Hong Kong	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
EDS (HK) LIMITED	Units 323-325, 3/F, Core Building 2, Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, Hong Kong	William Wei Huang	Fax: 8621-20330202 Email: huangwei@gds-services.com
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Schedule 5

Form of Company Indemnity Letter

Indemnity Letter

BY

(1) **GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED** (Company No.CT-178332), an exempt company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands with limited liability whose registered office is situate at the offices of Codan Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands (the “**Company**”);

IN FAVOUR OF

- (1) **PERFECT SUCCESS LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the laws of Cayman Islands, whose registered office is situate at PO Box 309, Uglan House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands ; and
- (2) **STT GDC PTE. LTD.**, a company incorporated under the laws of Singapore whose registered office is situate at 1 Temasek Avenue #33-01 Millenia Tower Singapore 039192 (together with **PERFECT SUCCESS LIMITED**, the “**Investors**”).

Reference is hereby made to that certain Subscription Agreement (the “**Agreement**”), dated [*], 2015, by and between the Company and the Investors. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Agreement.

THE UNDERSIGNED, as the authorized officer of the Company, hereby undertakes on behalf of the Company that the Company shall indemnify and hold the Investors harmless against any and all Indemnifiable Losses (as defined below) related to, resulting from, or arising in connection with:

- (a) Company’s non-utilization of the land under the land certificate number “□□□□2013□DW21□”□

- (b) EDC Technology (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. (□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□)’s acceptance of the environment protection (□□□□) in respect of its possessed data center;
- (c) the Group Companies’ failure to pay full amount of social insurance and housing funds premiums as required under the PRC laws prior to Completion; and
- (d) the registration of the lease agreement entered into by each of the relevant Group Companies in respect of any data center site possessed and/or operated by such Group Company with the competent government authorities.

For purpose of this Letter, “**Indemnifiable Losses**” means, with respect to the Investors, any action, cost, damage, fines, disbursement, expense, liability, loss, deficiency, obligation, penalty of any kind or nature, including without limitation, (i) interest or other carrying costs, penalties, legal, accounting and other professional fees and expenses reasonably incurred by the Investors; and (ii) any taxes that may be payable by the Investors as a result of the indemnification of any Indemnifiable Loss hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has set forth his signature on this Indemnity Letter as of the date first set forth above.

GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: _____
 Name:
 Title: Authorized Officer

Schedule 6

Form of William Indemnity Letter
Indemnity Letter

THIS LETTER is made on this day of 2015.

BY

(1) **William Wei Huang**, the director and CEO of GDS Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”);

IN FAVOUR OF

- (1) **PERFECT SUCCESS LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the laws of Cayman Islands, whose registered office is situate at PO Box 309, Uglan House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands ; and
- (2) **STT GDC PTE. LTD.**, a company incorporated under the laws of Singapore whose registered office is situate at 1 Temasek Avenue #33-01 Millenia Tower Singapore 039192 (together with **PERFECT SUCCESS LIMITED**, the “**Investors**”).

Reference is hereby made to that certain Subscription Agreement (the “**Agreement**”), dated [*], 2015, by and between the Company and the Investors. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Agreement.

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby undertakes that he shall indemnify and hold the Investors harmless against any and all Indemnifiable Losses (as defined below) related to, resulting from, or arising in connection with any failure to complete all necessary filings and registration with the State Administration of Foreign Exchange or its local counterpart as required under the PRC law.

For purpose of this Letter, “**Indemnifiable Losses**” means, with respect to the Investors, any action, cost, damage, fines, disbursement, expense, liability, loss, deficiency, obligation, penalty of any kind or nature, including without limitation, (i) interest or other carrying costs, penalties, legal, accounting and other professional fees and expenses reasonably incurred by the Investors; and (ii) any taxes that may be payable by the Investors as a result of the indemnification of any Indemnifiable Loss hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has set forth his signature on this Indemnity Letter as of the date first set forth above.

William Wei Huang

SIGNED by)	
duly authorized for and on behalf of)	
GDS HOLDINGS LIMITED)	/s/ William Wei Huang
in the presence of)	_____
SIGNED by)	
duly authorized for and on behalf of)	
PERFECT SUCCESS LIMITED)	/s/ Huang Xiaofeng
in the presence of)	_____

SIGNED by)
duly authorized for and on behalf of)
STT GDC PTE. LTD.)
in the presence of)

/s/ Bruno Lopez

GDS Holdings Limited
2014 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

1. Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of the Plan is to aid the Company and its Affiliates in recruiting and retaining key employees, directors or consultants of outstanding ability and to motivate such employees, directors or consultants to exert their best efforts on behalf of the Company and its Affiliates by providing incentives through the granting of Awards. The Company expects that it will benefit from the added interest which such key employees, directors or consultants will have in the welfare of the Company as a result of their proprietary interest in the Company's success.

2. Definitions

The following capitalized terms used in the Plan have the respective meanings set forth in this Section:

- (a) **Applicable Laws:** All laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances, rules or governmental requirements that are applicable to this Plan or any Award granted pursuant to this Plan, including but not limited to applicable laws of the People's Republic of China, the United States and the Cayman Islands, and the rules and requirements of any applicable national securities exchange.
- (b) **Act:** The U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor thereto.
- (c) **Affiliate:** With respect to the Company, any entity directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, the Company or any other entity designated by the Board in which the Company or an Affiliate has an interest.
- (d) **Award:** An Option, Stock Appreciation Right or Other Stock-Based Award.
- (e) **Beneficial Owner:** A "beneficial owner", as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act (or any successor rule thereto).
- (f) **Board:** The board of directors of the Company.
- (g) **Change in Control:** The occurrence of any of the following events:
 - (i) the sale or disposition, in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all, of the assets of the Company to any "person" or "group" (as such terms are defined in Sections 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Act) other than the Permitted Holders;
 - (ii) any person or group, other than the Permitted Holders, is or becomes the Beneficial Owner (except that a person shall be deemed to have "beneficial

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ownership" of all shares that any such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the total voting power of the voting stock of the Company (or any entity which controls the Company), including by way of merger, consolidation, tender or exchange offer or otherwise; or

(iii) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the Board (together with any new directors whose election by such Board or whose nomination for election by the shareholders of the Company was approved by a vote of a majority of the directors of the Company, then still in office, who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board, then in office.

- (h) **Code:** The U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any successor thereto.
- (i) **Committee:** The Finance Committee or any of its succession committee of the Board.
- (j) **Company:** GDS Holdings Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands.
- (k) **Disability:** Inability of a Participant to perform in all material respects his duties and responsibilities to the Company, or any Subsidiary of the Company, by reason of a physical or mental disability or infirmity which inability is reasonably expected to be permanent and has continued (i) for a period of not less than 90 consecutive days or (ii) such shorter period as the Committee may reasonably determine in good faith. The Disability determination shall be in the sole discretion of the Committee and a Participant (or his representative) shall furnish the Committee with medical evidence documenting the Participant's disability or infirmity which is satisfactory to the Committee.
- (l) **Effective Date:** The date the Board approves the Plan, or such later date as is designated by the Board.
- (m) **Employment:** The term "Employment" as used herein shall be deemed to refer to (i) a Participant's employment if the Participant is an employee of the Company or any of its Affiliates, (ii) a Participant's services as a consultant, if the Participant is consultant to the Company or its Affiliates and (iii) a Participant's services as a non-employee director, if the Participant is a non-employee member of the Board.
- (n) **Fair Market Value:** On a given date, (i) if there should be a public market for the Shares on such date, the arithmetic mean of the high and low prices of the Shares as reported on such date on the Composite Tape of the principal national securities exchange on which such Shares are listed or admitted to trading, or if the Shares are not listed or admitted on any national securities exchange, the arithmetic mean of

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the per Share closing bid price and per Share closing asked price on such date as traded on the NYSE, or, if no sale of Shares shall have been reported on the Composite Tape of any national securities exchange, including the NYSE on such date, then the immediately preceding date on which sales of the Shares have been so reported or quoted shall be used, or (ii) if there should not be a public market for the Shares on such date, the Fair Market Value shall be the value established by the Committee in good faith.

- (o) **ISO:** An Option that is also an incentive stock option granted pursuant to Section 6(d) of the Plan.
- (p) **LSAR:** A limited stock appreciation right granted pursuant to Section 7(d) of the Plan.
- (q) **Other Stock-Based Awards:** Awards granted pursuant to Section 8 of the Plan.
- (r) **Option:** A stock option granted pursuant to Section 6 of the Plan.
- (s) **Option Price:** The purchase price per Share of an Option, as determined pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Plan.
- (t) **Participant:** An employee, director or consultant who is selected by the Committee to participate in the Plan.
- (u) **Permitted Holder:** means, as of the date of determination, (i) the Company or (ii) any employee benefit plan (or trust forming a part thereof) maintained by (A) the Company or (B) any corporation or other Person of which a majority of its voting power of its voting equity securities or equity interest is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company,
- (v) **Person:** A "person", as such term is used for purposes of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Act (or any successor section thereto).
- (w) **Plan:** This GDS Holdings Limited 2014 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (x) **Shares:** Ordinary Shares of the Company, par value [US\$] per share.
- (y) **Stock Appreciation Right:** A stock appreciation right granted pursuant to Section 7 of the Plan.
- (z) **Subsidiary:** A corporation or other entity of which a majority of the outstanding voting shares or voting power is beneficially owned directly or indirectly by the Company.

3. Shares Subject to the Plan

The total number of Shares which may be issued under the Plan is 29,240,000 Shares. The Shares may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Shares or Shares

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purchased on the open market. The issuance of Shares or the payment of cash upon the exercise of an Award or in consideration of the cancellation or termination of an Award shall reduce the total number of Shares available under the Plan, as applicable. Shares which are subject to Awards which terminate or lapse without the payment of consideration may be granted again under the Plan.

4. Administration

The Plan shall be administered by the Board of Directors (only with respect to the Options to be granted on the date of the initial public offering) or the Committee, which may delegate its duties and powers in whole or in part to any subcommittee thereof consisting solely of at least two individuals who are intended to qualify as "Non-Employee Directors" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Act (or any successor rule thereto) and an "independent director" as defined in NYSE Rule 303A.02 (or any successor rule thereto). Awards may, in the discretion of the Committee, be made under the Plan in assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by the Company or its affiliates or a company acquired by the Company or with which the Company combines. The number of Shares underlying such substitute awards shall be counted against the aggregate number of Shares available for Awards under the Plan. The Committee is authorized to interpret the Plan, to establish, amend and rescind any rules and regulations relating to the Plan, and to make any other determinations that it deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan. The Committee may correct any defect or supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan in the manner and to the extent the Committee deems necessary or desirable. Any decision of the Committee in the interpretation and administration of the Plan, as described herein, shall lie within its sole and absolute discretion and shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties concerned (including, but not limited to, Participants and their beneficiaries or successors). The Committee shall have the full power and authority to establish the terms and conditions of any Award consistent with the provisions of the Plan and to waive any such terms and conditions at any time (including, without limitation, accelerating or waiving any vesting conditions). The Committee shall require payment of any amount it may determine to be necessary to withhold for any applicable taxes as a result of the exercise, grant or vesting of an Award. Unless the Committee specifies otherwise, the Participant may elect to pay a portion or all of such withholding taxes by (a) delivery in Shares or (b) having Shares withheld by the Company from any Shares that would have otherwise been received by the Participant.

5. Limitations

No Award may be granted under the Plan after the fifth anniversary of the Effective Date, but Awards theretofore granted may extend beyond that date.

6. Terms and Conditions of Options

Options granted under the Plan shall be, as determined by the Committee, non-qualified or incentive stock options for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as evidenced by the related Award agreements, and shall be subject to the foregoing and the following terms and conditions and to such other terms and conditions, not inconsistent therewith, as the Committee shall determine:

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- (a) **Option Price.** Except for the Options to be granted on the date of the initial public offering, the Option Price per Share shall be determined by the Committee, but shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date an Option is granted. The Option Price per Share for the Options to be granted on the date of the initial public offering shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- (b) **Exercisability.** Options granted under the Plan shall be exercisable at such time and upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Committee, but in no event shall an Option be exercisable more than ten years after the date it is granted.
- (c) **Exercise of Options.** Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in an Award agreement, an Option may be exercised for all, or from time to time any part, of the Shares for which it is then exercisable. For purposes of this Section 6 of the Plan, the exercise date of an Option shall be the later of the date a notice of exercise is received by the Company and, if applicable, the date payment is received by the Company pursuant to clauses (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) in the following sentence. The purchase price for the Shares as to which an Option is exercised shall be paid to the Company in full at the time of exercise at the election of the Participant (i) in cash or its equivalent (e.g., by check), (ii) to the extent permitted by the Committee, in Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the aggregate Option Price for the Shares being purchased and satisfying such other requirements as may be imposed by the Committee; provided, that such Shares have been held by the Participant for no less than six months (or such other period as established from time to time by the Committee in order to avoid adverse accounting treatment applying generally accepted accounting principles), (iii) partly in cash and, to the extent permitted by the Committee and subject to the other requirements and conditions set forth above in (ii), partly in Shares or (iv) if there is a public market for the Shares at such time, through the delivery of irrevocable instructions to a broker to sell Shares obtained upon the exercise of the Option and to deliver promptly to the Company an amount out of the proceeds of such sale equal to the aggregate Option Price for the Shares being purchased. No Participant shall have any rights to dividends or other rights of a stockholder with respect to Shares subject to an Option until the Participant has given written notice of exercise of the Option, paid in full for such Shares and, if applicable, has satisfied any other conditions imposed by the Committee pursuant to the Plan.
- (d) **ISOs.** The Committee may grant Options under the Plan that are intended to be ISOs. Such ISOs shall comply with the requirements of Section 422 of the Code (or any successor section thereto). No ISO may be granted to any Participant who at the time of such grant, owns more than ten percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or of any Subsidiary, unless (i) the Option Price for such ISO is at least 110% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date the ISO is granted and (ii) the date on which such ISO terminates is a date not later than the day preceding the fifth anniversary of the date on which the ISO is granted. Any Participant who disposes of Shares acquired upon the exercise of an ISO either (i) within two years after the date of grant of such ISO or (ii) within one

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year after the transfer of such Shares to the Participant, shall notify the Company of such disposition and of the amount realized upon such disposition. All Options granted under the Plan are intended to be nonqualified stock options, unless the applicable Award agreement expressly states that the Option is intended to be an ISO. If an Option is intended to be an ISO, and if for any reason such Option (or portion thereof) shall not qualify as an ISO, then, to the extent of such nonqualification, such Option (or portion thereof) shall be regarded as a nonqualified stock option granted under the Plan; provided that such Option (or portion thereof) otherwise complies with the Plan's requirements relating to nonqualified stock options. In no event shall any member of the Committee, the Company or any of its Affiliates (or their respective employees, officers or directors) have any liability to any Participant (or any other Person) due to the failure of an Option to qualify for any reason as an ISO.

- (e) **Attestation.** Wherever in this Plan or any agreement evidencing an Award a Participant is permitted to pay the exercise price of an Option or taxes relating to the exercise of an Option by delivering Shares, the Participant may, subject to procedures satisfactory to the Committee, satisfy such delivery requirement by presenting proof of beneficial ownership of such Shares, in which case the Company shall treat the Option as exercised without further payment and shall withhold such number of Shares from the Shares acquired by the exercise of the Option.

7. Terms and Conditions of Stock Appreciation Rights

- (a) **Grants.** The Committee also may grant (i) a Stock Appreciation Right independent of an Option or (ii) a Stock Appreciation Right in connection with an Option, or a portion thereof. A Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to clause (ii) of the preceding sentence (A) may be granted at the time the related Option is granted or at any time prior to the exercise or cancellation of the related Option, (B) shall cover the same number of Shares covered by an Option (or such lesser number of Shares as the Committee may determine) and (C) shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as such Option except for such additional limitations as are contemplated by this Section 7 (or such additional limitations as may be included in an Award agreement).
- (b) **Terms.** The exercise price per Share of a Stock Appreciation Right shall be an amount determined by the Committee but in no event shall such amount be less than the greater of (i) the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date the Stock Appreciation Right is granted or, in the case of a Stock Appreciation Right granted in conjunction with an Option, or a portion thereof, the Option Price of the related Option and (ii) the minimum amount permitted by Applicable Laws. Each Stock Appreciation Right granted independent of an Option shall entitle a Participant upon exercise to an amount equal to (i) the excess of (A) the Fair Market Value on the exercise date of one Share over (B) the exercise price per Share, times (ii) the

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number of Shares covered by the Stock Appreciation Right. Each Stock Appreciation Right granted in conjunction with an Option, or a portion thereof, shall entitle a Participant to surrender to the Company the unexercised Option, or any portion thereof, and to receive from the Company in exchange therefore an amount equal to (i) the excess of (A) the Fair Market Value on the exercise date of one Share over (B) the Option Price per Share, times (ii) the number of Shares covered by the Option, or portion thereof, which is surrendered. The date a notice of exercise is received by the Company shall be the exercise date. Payment shall be made in Shares or in cash, or partly in Shares and partly in cash (any such Shares valued at such Fair Market Value), all as shall be determined by the Committee. Stock Appreciation Rights may be exercised from time to time upon actual receipt by the Company of written notice of exercise stating the number of Shares with respect to which the Stock Appreciation Right is being exercised. No fractional Shares will be issued in payment for Stock Appreciation Rights, but instead cash will be paid for a fraction or, if the Committee should so determine, the number of Shares will be rounded downward to the next whole Share.

- (c) **Limitations.** The Committee may impose, in its discretion, such conditions upon the exercisability or transferability of Stock Appreciation Rights as it may deem fit.
- (d) **Limited Stock Appreciation Rights.** The Committee may grant LSARs that are exercisable upon the occurrence of specified contingent events. Such LSARs may provide for a different method of determining appreciation, may specify that payment will be made only in cash and may provide that any related Awards are not exercisable while such LSARs are exercisable. Unless the context otherwise requires, whenever the term "Stock Appreciation Right" is used in the Plan, such term shall include LSARs.

8. Other Stock-Based Awards

The Committee, in its sole discretion, may grant or sell Awards of Shares, Awards of restricted Shares and Awards that are valued in whole or in part by reference to, or are otherwise based on the Fair Market Value of, Shares ("Other Stock-Based Awards"). Such Other Stock-Based Awards shall be in such form, and dependent on such conditions, as the Committee shall determine, including, without limitation, the right to receive, or vest with respect to, one or more Shares (or the equivalent cash value of such Shares) upon the completion of a specified period of service, the occurrence of an event and/or the attainment of performance objectives. Other Stock-Based Awards may be granted alone or in addition to any other Awards granted under the Plan. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall determine to whom and when Other Stock-Based Awards will be made, the number of Shares to be awarded under (or otherwise related to) such Other Stock-Based Awards; whether such Other Stock-Based Awards shall be settled in cash, Shares or a combination of cash and Shares; and all other terms and conditions of such Awards (including, without limitation, the vesting provisions thereof and provisions ensuring that all Shares so awarded and issued shall be fully paid and non-assessable).

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9. Adjustments Upon Certain Events

Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Plan to the contrary, the following provisions shall apply to all Awards granted under the Plan:

- (a) **Generally.** In the event of any change in the outstanding Shares after the Effective Date by reason of any Share dividend or split, reorganization, recapitalization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, combination, combination or transaction or exchange of Shares or other corporate exchange, or any distribution to shareholders of Shares other than regular cash dividends or any transaction similar to the foregoing, the Committee in its sole discretion and without liability to any person shall make such substitution or adjustment, if any, as it deems to be equitable, as to (i) the number or kind of Shares or other securities issued or reserved for issuance pursuant to the Plan or pursuant to outstanding Awards, (ii) the maximum number of Shares for which Options or Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted during a calendar year to any Participant, (iii) the maximum number of Shares for which Other Stock-Based Awards may be granted during a calendar year to any Participant, (iv) the maximum amount of an Award that is valued in whole or in part by reference to, or is otherwise based on the Fair Market Value of, Shares that may be granted during a calendar year to any Participant, (v) the Option Price or exercise price of any Stock Appreciation Right and/or (vi) any other affected terms of such Awards.
- (b) **Change in Control.** In the event of a Change of Control after the Effective Date, (i) if determined by the Committee in the applicable Award agreement or otherwise, any outstanding Awards then held by Participants which are unexercisable or otherwise unvested or subject to lapse restrictions shall automatically be deemed exercisable or otherwise vested or no longer subject to lapse restrictions, as the case may be, as of immediately prior to such Change of Control and (ii) the Committee may, but shall not be obligated to, (A) cancel such Awards for fair value (as determined in the sole discretion of the Committee) which, in the case of Options and Stock Appreciation Rights, may equal the excess, if any, of value of the consideration to be paid in the Change of Control transaction to holders of the same number of Shares subject to such Options or Stock Appreciation Rights (or, if no consideration is paid in any such transaction, the Fair Market Value of the Shares subject to such Options or Stock Appreciation Rights) over the aggregate exercise price of such Options or Stock Appreciation Rights, (B) provide for the issuance of substitute Awards that will substantially preserve the otherwise applicable terms of any affected Awards previously granted hereunder as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion or (C) provide that for a period of at least 15 days prior to the Change of Control, such Options shall be exercisable as to all Shares subject thereto and that upon the occurrence of the Change of Control, such Options shall terminate and be of no further force and effect.

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10. No Right to Employment or Awards

The granting of an Award under the Plan shall impose no obligation on the Company or any Subsidiary to continue the Employment of a Participant and shall not lessen or affect the Company's or Subsidiary's right to terminate the Employment of such Participant. No Participant or other Person shall have any claim to be granted any Award, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Participants, or holders or beneficiaries of Awards. The terms and conditions of Awards and the Committee's determinations and interpretations with respect thereto need not be the same with respect to each Participant (whether or not such Participants are similarly situated).

11. Successors and Assigns

The Plan shall be binding on all successors and assigns of the Company and a Participant, including without limitation, the estate of such Participant and the executor, administrator or trustee of such estate, or any receiver or trustee in bankruptcy or representative of the Participant's creditors.

12. Nontransferability of Awards

Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, an Award shall not be transferable or assignable by the Participant otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. An Award exercisable after the death of a Participant may be exercised by the legatees, personal representatives or distributees of the Participant.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no provision herein shall prevent or forbid transfers by will, by the laws of descent and distribution, to a trust that was established solely for tax planning purposes and not for purposes of profit or commercial activity or, to one or more "family members" (as such term is defined in SEC Rule 701 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) by gift or pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order.

13. Amendments or Termination

The Board may amend, alter or discontinue the Plan, but no amendment, alteration or discontinuation shall be made, (a) without the approval of the shareholders of the Company, if such action would (except as is provided in Section 9 of the Plan) increase the total number of Shares reserved for the purposes of the Plan or change the maximum number of Shares for which Awards may be granted to any Participant, in each case only to the extent such approval is required by the principal national securities exchange on which the Shares are listed or admitted to trading, or (b) without the consent of a Participant, if such action would diminish any of the rights of the Participant under any Award theretofore granted to such Participant under the Plan; provided, however, that the Committee may amend the Plan in such manner as it deems necessary to permit the granting of Awards meeting the requirements of any Applicable Laws.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to the extent applicable, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this Plan and Awards issued hereunder shall be interpreted in accordance with Section 409A of the Code and Department of Treasury regulations

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and other interpretative guidance issued thereunder, including without limitation any such regulations or other guidance that may be issued after the Effective Date. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in the event that the Committee determines that any amounts payable hereunder will be taxable to a Participant under Section 409A of the Code and related Department of Treasury guidance prior to payment to such Participant of such amount, the Company may (a) adopt such amendments to the Plan and Awards and appropriate policies and procedures, including amendments and policies with retroactive effect, that the Committee determines necessary or appropriate to preserve the intended tax treatment of the benefits provided by the Plan and Awards hereunder and/or (b) take such other actions as the Committee determines necessary or appropriate to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.

14. Multiple Jurisdictions

In order to assure the viability of Awards granted to Participants employed in various jurisdictions, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide for such special terms as it may consider necessary or appropriate to accommodate differences in local law, tax policy or custom applicable in the jurisdiction in which the Participant resides or is employed. Moreover, the Committee may approve such supplements to, amendments, restatements, or alternative versions of the Plan as it may consider necessary or appropriate for such purposes without thereby affecting the terms of the Plan as in effect for any other purpose; provided, however, that no such supplements, amendments, restatements or alternative versions shall increase the Share limitation contained in Section 3 hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may not take any actions hereunder, and no Awards shall be granted that would violate any Applicable Laws.

15. Distribution of Shares

The obligation of the Company to make payments in Shares pursuant to an Award shall be subject to all Applicable Laws and to any such approvals by government agencies as may be required. Additionally, in the discretion of the Committee, American depository shares, or ADSs, may be distributed in lieu of Shares in settlement of any Award, provided that the ADSs shall be of equal value to the Shares that would have otherwise been distributed. If the number of Shares represented by an ADS is other than on a one-to-one basis, the limitations contained in Section 3 shall be adjusted to reflect the distribution of ADSs in lieu of Shares.

16. Taxes

No Shares shall be delivered under the Plan to any Participant until such Participant has made arrangements acceptable to the Committee for the satisfaction of any income and employment tax withholding obligations under any Applicable Laws, in particular, the tax laws, rules, regulations and government orders of the People's Republic of China or the U.S. federal, state or other local tax laws, as applicable. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries shall have the authority and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy federal, state, local and foreign taxes (including the Participant's payroll tax obligations, if any) required to be withheld under any Applicable Laws with respect to any Award issued to the Participant hereunder. The Committee may in its discretion and in satisfaction of the foregoing requirement allow a Participant to elect to have the Company withhold Shares otherwise issuable under an Award (or allow the return of Shares) having a Fair

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Market Value equal to the sums required to be withheld. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the number of Shares which may be withheld with respect to the issuance, vesting, exercise or payment of any Award (or which may be repurchased from the Participant of such Award after such Shares were acquired by the Participant from the Company) in order to satisfy the Participant's federal, state, local and other income and payroll tax liabilities with respect to the issuance, vesting, exercise or payment of the Award shall, unless specifically approved by the Committee, be limited to the number of Shares which have a Fair Market Value on the date of withholding or repurchase equal to the aggregate amount of such liabilities based on the minimum statutory withholding rates for federal, state, local and other income tax any payroll tax purposes that are applicable to such taxable income.

17. Choice of Law

The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of New York.

18. Effectiveness of the Plan

The Plan shall be effective as of the Effective Date and shall terminate five years later, subject to earlier termination by the Board pursuant to Section 13 hereof.

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors
GDS Holdings Limited:

We consent to the use of our report dated May 20, 2016, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of GDS Holdings Limited as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive loss, changes in shareholders' deficit and cash flows for the years then ended, included herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the registration statement.

/s/ KPMG Huazhen LLP

Shanghai, China
May 20, 2016

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors
EDC Holding Limited:

We consent to the use of our report dated May 20, 2016, with respect to the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss and the consolidated statement of cash flows of EDC Holding Limited for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, included herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the registration statement.

/s/ KPMG Huazhen LLP

Shanghai, China
May 20, 2016
