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☐ REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

☐ SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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Cloopen Group Holding Limited

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

N/A

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

None

(Title of Class)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

Title of Each Class

American depositary shares, each representing six Class A ordinary shares, par value US\$0.0001 per share
Class A ordinary shares, par value US\$0.0001 per share*

Trading Symbol

RAASY

* Not for trading, but only in connection with the quotation of the American depositary shares on the over-the-counter market.

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

None

(Title of Class)

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report:

As of December 31, 2024, there were 308,053,676 Class A ordinary shares (excluding treasury shares) and 25,649,839 Class B ordinary shares outstanding.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).

Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or an emerging growth company. See definition of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☒

Emerging growth company ☒

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards[†] provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

[†]The term “new or revised financial accounting standard” refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to its Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management’s assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report. ☐

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant’s executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b). ☐

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP ☒

International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ☐

Other ☐

If “Other” has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

Item 17 ☐ Item 18 ☐

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ☐ No ☒

(APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court.

Yes ☐ No ☐

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INTRODUCTION

Unless we indicate otherwise and for the purpose of this annual report only:

- “active customers” at the end of any period refers to customers which had over RMB50 in annual spending in the preceding 12 months;
- “ADRs” refers to the American depositary receipts, which, if issued, evidence the ADSs;
- “ADSs” refers to our American depositary shares, each of which represents six Class A ordinary shares;
- “AI” or “artificial intelligence” refers to intelligence demonstrated by machines, in contrast to the natural intelligence displayed by humans and other animals;
- “API” or “application programming interface” refers to an application-specific computing interface that allows third parties to utilize and extend the features and functions of the application;
- “A2P SMS” or “application-to-person short message service” refers to a one-way process of sending messages from an application to mobile users;
- “CC” or “contact center” refers to a business’s central point for managing all communications with customers, including customer service and acquisition, through all channels;
- “CPaaS” or “communications platform as a service” refers to a cloud-based solution that allows enterprises to add real-time communications capabilities such as voice and messaging to their applications and systems by deploying APIs and SDKs;
- “China” or “PRC” refers to the People’s Republic of China, excluding, for the purposes of this annual report only, Taiwan, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macau Special Administrative Region;
- “Class A ordinary shares” refers to our Class A ordinary shares, par value US\$0.0001 per share, each of which entitles the holder thereof to one vote;
- “Class B ordinary shares” refers to our Class B ordinary shares, par value US\$0.0001 per share, each of which entitles the holder thereof to ten votes;
- “dollar-based net customer retention rate” illustrates our ability to increase revenue generated from our existing customer base. To calculate dollar-based net customer retention rate for a given period, we first identify all customers for solutions that we offer on a recurring basis, unless otherwise specified, with over RMB1,000 in monthly spending in the preceding period, then calculate the quotient from dividing the revenue generated from such customers in the given period by the revenue generated from the same group of customers in the preceding period. Solutions that we offer on a recurring basis include our CPaaS solutions and cloud-based CC solutions deployed primarily on public cloud, for which we charge a combination of seat subscription fees and related resource usage fees;
- “dollar-based net customer retention rate for active customers” represents the dollar-based net customer retention rate for all active customers for solutions that we offer on a recurring basis, unless otherwise specified;
- “IM” or “instant messaging” refers to the exchange or real-time messages over the internet;
- “IoT” or “Internet of Things” refers to a network of interrelated computing devices that enables data transmissions without human-to-human or human-to-computer interactions;
- “IVR” or “interactive voice response” refers to an automated telephony system that interacts with human callers through voice and keypad selections;
- “large-enterprise customers” at the end of any period refers to customers which had over RMB700,000 (equivalent to approximately US\$100,000) in annual spending in the preceding 12 months;
- “multi-capability vendors” refers to vendors which offer a wide range of cloud-based communications services;
- “RMB” and “Renminbi” refers to the legal currency of China;
- “shares” or “ordinary shares” refers to our Class A ordinary shares and our Class B ordinary shares;
- “single-capability vendors” refers to vendors which focus on only one specific type of cloud-based communications services, with such service contributing over 75% of total revenues;

- “SDK” or “software development kit” refers to an installable software package that contains the tools one needs to build a platform;
- “UC&C” or “unified communications and collaboration” refers to the integration of enterprise communications and collaboration through a unified user interface, which allows consistent user experience across multiple devices, channels and communications formats;
- “US\$” and “U.S. dollars” refers to the legal currency of the United States;
- “VIE” or “Ronglian Yitong” refers to Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co. Ltd., and “affiliated entities” refers to, collectively, the VIE and its subsidiaries;
- “we,” “us,” “our company,” “our,” “our group” or “Ronglian” refers to Cloopen Group Holding Limited, our Cayman Islands holding company, its predecessor entity, its subsidiaries and its affiliated entities, as the context requires; and
- “WFOE” or “Anxun Guantong” refers to Anxun Guantong (Beijing) Technology Co., Ltd.

Effective on March 15, 2023, we changed the ratio of the ADSs to Class A ordinary shares from the then ADS ratio of one ADS representing two Class A ordinary shares to a new ADS ratio of one ADS representing six Class A ordinary shares. Unless otherwise indicated, ADSs and per ADS amount in this annual report have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the change in ratio for all periods presented.

We have made rounding adjustments to reach some of the figures included in this annual report. Consequently, numerical figures shown as totals in some tables may not be arithmetic aggregations of the figures that precede them.

Our reporting currency is Renminbi. This annual report contains translations of certain foreign currency amounts into U.S. dollars for the convenience of the reader. Unless otherwise stated, all translations of Renminbi into U.S. dollars were made at RMB7.2993 to US\$1.00, the noon buying rate on December 31, 2024 as set forth in the H.10 statistical release of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board. We make no representation that the Renminbi or U.S. dollar amounts referred to in this annual report could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars or Renminbi at any particular rate or at all. On August 29, 2025, the noon buying rate was RMB7.1304 to US\$1.00 as set forth in the H.10 statistical release of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This annual report contains forward-looking statements, including our current expectations and views of future events. These forward-looking statements are made under the “safe-harbor” provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to events that involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these statements.

You can identify some of these forward-looking statements by words or phrases such as “may,” “will,” “could,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “aim,” “estimate,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “is/are likely to,” “propose,” “potential,” “continue” or other similar expressions. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our results of operations, financial condition, business strategy and financial needs. The forward-looking statements included in this annual report relate to, among other things:

- our mission, goals and strategies;
- our ability to retain and grow customer base;
- our future business development, results of operations and financial condition;
- expected changes in our revenue, costs or expenditures;
- competition in our industry;
- relevant government policies and regulations relating to our industry;
- general economic and business conditions globally and in China; and
- assumptions underlying or related to any of the foregoing.

You should read this annual report and the documents that we refer to in this annual report completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from and worse than what we expect. Moreover, new risk factors and uncertainties emerge from time to time and it is not possible for our management to predict all risk factors and uncertainties, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements made in this annual report relate only to events or information as of the date on which the statements are made in this annual report. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date on which the statements are made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Comparisons of results for current and any prior periods are not intended to express any future trends or indications of future performance, unless specifically expressed as such, and should only be viewed as historical data.

PART I

ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS

Not applicable.

ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION

Our Holding Company Structure and Contractual Arrangements with the VIE and Its Shareholders

The VIE structure and its associated risks

Cloopen Group Holding Limited, our ultimate Cayman Islands holding company, does not have any substantive operations other than (1) directly controlling Anxun Guantong, our wholly-owned PRC subsidiary and a foreign-invested enterprise under PRC laws that controls the VIE and its subsidiaries through certain contractual arrangements instead of direct equity ownership, and (2) directly controlling our overseas subsidiaries that conduct our overseas business operations. Investors in the ADSs are purchasing equity securities of our ultimate Cayman Islands holding company rather than purchasing equity securities of the affiliated entities.

We, together with our WFOE and the affiliated entities, are subject to PRC laws relating to, among others, restrictions over foreign investment in companies that engage in value-added telecommunications services as set out in the Negative List (2024 Version) promulgated by the Ministry of Commerce, or the MOFCOM, and the National Development and Reform Commission, or the NDRC. As a result, we operate value-added telecommunications business in China through the affiliated entities, and rely on a series of contractual arrangements by and among WFOE, the VIE and its shareholders to control and receive the economic benefits of the business operations of the affiliated entities. Our VIE structure is used to replicate foreign investment in China-based companies where the PRC law prohibits direct foreign investment in the operating companies. The contractual agreements enable us to (1) exercise effective control over the affiliated entities; (2) receive substantially all of the economic benefits of the affiliated entities; and (3) have an exclusive option to purchase all or part of the equity interests in the affiliated entities when and to the extent permitted by PRC law. See “Item 4. Information on the Company—C. Organizational Structure—Contractual Arrangements.” As a result of our direct ownership in WFOE and the contractual agreements with the VIE, we are regarded as the primary beneficiary of the VIE, and the VIE and its subsidiaries are treated as our consolidated affiliated entities under U.S. GAAP. However, our contractual arrangements with the VIE are not equivalent of an investment in the VIE, and the PRC regulatory authorities could disallow our corporate structure at any time.

The VIE structure involves unique risks to investors in the ADSs. It may be less effective than direct ownership in providing us with operational control over the VIE or its subsidiaries and we may incur substantial costs to enforce the terms of the arrangements. For example, the VIE and its shareholders could breach their contractual arrangements with us by, among other things, failing to conduct the operations of the VIE in an acceptable manner or taking other actions that are detrimental to our interests. If we had direct ownership of the VIE in China, we would be able to exercise our rights as a shareholder to effect changes in the board of directors of the VIE, which in turn could implement changes, subject to any applicable fiduciary obligations, at the management and operational level. However, under the current contractual arrangements, we rely on the performance by the VIE and its shareholders of their obligations under the contracts to direct the VIE’s activities. The shareholders of the VIE may not act in the best interests of our company or may not perform its obligations under these contracts. If any dispute relating to these contracts remains unresolved, we will have to enforce our rights under these contracts through the operations of PRC law and arbitration, litigation and other legal proceedings and therefore will be subject to uncertainties in the PRC legal system.

We may face challenges in enforcing the contractual arrangements due to jurisdictional and legal limitations. There are and will continue to be substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of current and future PRC laws, rules and regulations regarding the status of the rights of our Cayman Islands holding company with respect to its contractual arrangements with the VIE and its shareholders through our WFOE. As of the date of this annual report, the agreements under the contractual arrangements among our WFOE, the VIE and its shareholders have not been tested in a court of law. It is uncertain whether any new PRC laws or regulations relating to VIE structures will be adopted or, if adopted, what they would provide. If we or the VIE is found to be in violation of any existing or future PRC laws or regulations or fail to obtain or maintain any of the required licenses, permits, filings or approvals, the relevant PRC regulatory authorities would have broad discretion to take action in dealing with such violations or failures. The PRC regulatory authorities could disallow the VIE structure at any time in the future. If the PRC government deems that our contractual arrangements with the VIE 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 or are interpreted differently in the future, we could be subject to severe penalties and may incur substantial costs to enforce the terms of the arrangements, or be forced to relinquish our interests in those operations. Our Cayman Islands holding company, our subsidiaries, the affiliated entities, and investors in our securities (including the ADS) face uncertainty with respect to potential future actions by the PRC government that could affect the enforceability of the contractual arrangements with the VIE and, consequently, significantly affect the financial performance of our company and the affiliated entities as a whole. For details, see “Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure.”

Revenues contributed by the affiliated entities accounted for substantially all of our total revenues in 2022, 2023 and 2024. For a consolidation schedule depicting the results of operations, financial position and cash flows for us and the affiliated entities, see “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—B. Liquidity and Capital Resources—Financial Information Related to the VIE.”

Cash and asset flows through our organization

In light of our holding company structure and the VIE structure, our ability to pay dividends to the shareholders, including the investors in the ADSs, and to service any debt we may incur may highly depend upon dividends paid by our WFOE to us and service fees paid by the affiliated entities to our WFOE, despite that we may obtain financing at the holding company level through other methods. For example, if any of our WFOE or the VIE incurs debt on its own behalf in the future, the instruments governing such debt may restrict its ability to pay dividends to us and the investors in the ADS as well as the ability to settle amounts owed under the contractual arrangements. As of the date of this annual report, none of Cloopen Group Holding Limited, our WFOE and the VIE has paid any dividends or made any distributions to their respective shareholders, including any U.S. investors. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, the VIE did not pay any service fees to our WFOE under the contractual arrangements. We expect to distribute earnings and settle the service fees owed under the contractual arrangements at the request of our WFOE and based on our business needs, and do not expect to declare dividend in the foreseeable future. We currently have not maintained any cash management policies that specifically dictate how funds shall be transferred among Cloopen Group Holding Limited, the subsidiaries of Cloopen Group Holding Limited (including our WFOE), the affiliated entities and investors. We will determine the payment of dividends and fund transfer based on our specific business needs in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

Under PRC laws and regulations, our WFOE is permitted to pay dividends only out of its retained earnings, if any, as determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. Furthermore, our WFOE and the affiliated entities are required to make appropriations to certain statutory reserve funds or may make appropriations to certain discretionary funds, which are not distributable as cash dividends except in the event of a solvent liquidation of the companies. Remittance of dividends by our WFOE out of China is also subject to certain procedures with the banks designated by the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, or SAFE. These restrictions are benchmarked against the paid-up capital and the statutory reserve funds of our WFOE and the net assets of the VIE in which we have no legal ownership. In addition, while there are currently no such restrictions on foreign exchange and our ability to transfer cash or assets between Cloopen Group Holding Limited and our Hong Kong subsidiary, if certain PRC laws and regulations, including existing laws and regulations and those enacted or promulgated in the future were to become applicable to our Hong Kong subsidiary in the future, and to the extent our cash or assets are in Hong Kong or a Hong Kong entity, such funds or assets may not be available due to interventions in or the imposition of restrictions and limitations on our ability to transfer funds or assets by the PRC government. Furthermore, we cannot assure you that the PRC government will not intervene or impose restrictions on Cloopen Group Holding Limited, its subsidiaries and the affiliated entities to transfer or distribute cash within the organization, which could result in our inability of or prohibition on making transfers or distributions to entities outside of mainland China and Hong Kong.

Under PRC laws and regulations, we, the Cayman Islands holding company, may fund our WFOE only through capital contributions or loans, and fund the affiliated entities only through loans, subject to satisfaction of applicable government registration and approval requirements. See “—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure—We may rely on dividends paid by our PRC subsidiaries to fund cash and financing requirements. Any limitation on the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to pay dividends to us could have a material adverse effect on our ability to conduct our business and to pay dividends to holders of our ordinary shares, including those represented by the ADSs,” and “—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—Governmental control of currency conversion may limit our ability to utilize our revenues effectively and affect the value of your investment.”

Our Operations in China and Permissions Required from the PRC Authorities for Our Operations

We, through our WFOE and the affiliated entities, conduct our operations in China. We also control Anxun Shuzhi (Shenzhen) Technology Co., Ltd., our wholly-owned PRC subsidiary and a foreign-invested enterprise under PRC laws, which has no material business operations as of the date of this annual report. Our operations in China are governed by PRC laws and regulations. We and the affiliated entities are required to obtain certain licenses, permits, filings or approvals from relevant governmental authorities in China in order to operate our business. As of the date of this annual report, as advised by our PRC counsel, CM Law Firm, our PRC subsidiaries and the affiliated entities in China have obtained the material licenses, permits, filings and approvals from the PRC government authorities necessary for our business operations in China, including, among others, Value-Added Telecommunications Business Operating Licenses. Given the uncertainties of interpretation and implementation of relevant laws and regulations and the enforcement practice by relevant government authorities, and the promulgation of new laws and regulations and amendment to the existing ones, we may be required to obtain additional licenses, permits, filings or approvals for our business operations in the future. We cannot assure you that we or the affiliated entities will be able to obtain, in a timely manner or at all, or maintain such licenses, permits, filings or approvals, and we or the affiliated entities may also inadvertently conclude that such permissions or approvals are not required. Any lack of or failure to maintain requisite licenses, permits, filings or approvals applicable to us or the affiliated entities may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects and cause the value of any securities we offer to significantly decline or become worthless. For details, see “—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Regulatory Compliance—Our business is subject to extensive regulation, and if we fail to obtain and maintain required licenses and permits, we could face government enforcement actions, fines and possibly restrictions on our ability to operate or offer certain of our solutions.”

On December 28, 2021, the Cyberspace Administration of China, or the CAC, and other 12 PRC regulatory authorities jointly issued an amendment to the Measures for Cybersecurity Review, or the Cybersecurity Review Measures, which took effect on February 15, 2022. The Cybersecurity Review Measures stipulates that (1) critical information infrastructure operators purchasing network products and services and network platform operators carrying out data processing activities, which affect or may affect national security, are subject to the cybersecurity review by the Cybersecurity Review Office, and (2) network platform operators holding personal information of more than one million users seeking for listing in a foreign country must apply for the cybersecurity review. See “Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Regulations—Regulations relating to cybersecurity and privacy protection—Cybersecurity.” As of the date of this annual report, we have not been informed by any PRC governmental authority of any requirement that we file for a cybersecurity review. However, if we are not able to comply with the cybersecurity and data privacy requirements in a timely manner, or at all, we may be subject to government enforcement actions and investigations, fines, penalties, or suspension of our non-compliant operations, among other sanctions, which could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations. See “—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business and Industry—If we fail to comply with laws and contractual obligations related to data privacy and protection and cybersecurity, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.”

On February 17, 2023, Chinese Securities Regulatory Commission, or the CSRC, promulgated the Trial Measures of the Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies, or the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, and the related guidelines, which became effective on March 31, 2023. The Overseas Listing Trial Measures has comprehensively improved and reformed the existing regulatory regime for overseas offering and listing of securities by PRC domestic companies and regulates both direct and indirect overseas offering and listing of securities by PRC domestic companies by adopting a filing-based regulatory regime. According to the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, PRC domestic companies that seek to offer and list securities in overseas markets, either in direct or indirect means, are required to fulfill the filing procedure with the CSRC and report relevant information. The CSRC provided further notice related to the Overseas Listing Trial Measures that companies that have already been listed on overseas stock exchanges prior to March 31, 2023 are not required to make immediate filings for its listing, but are required to make filings for subsequent offerings in accordance with the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, i.e., to file with the CSRC within three business days after the closing of such subsequent offerings. As we had been listed on an overseas stock exchange prior to March 31, 2023, we are not required to make such immediate filing with the CSRC in connection with such previous listing. However, we could be subject to the filing requirements with the CSRC if we conduct subsequent offerings or seek to list our securities on a stock exchange. See “Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Regulations—Regulations relating to M&A Rule and overseas listing in the PRC.”

We cannot assure you that we can complete the filing procedures, obtain the approvals or complete other compliance procedures in a timely manner, or at all, or that any completion of filings or approvals or other compliance procedures would not be rescinded. Any such failure would subject us to sanctions by the CSRC or other PRC regulatory authorities. These regulatory authorities may impose restrictions and penalties on the operations in China, significantly limit or completely hinder our ability to launch any new offering of our securities, limit our ability to pay dividends outside of China, delay or restrict the repatriation of the proceeds from future capital raising activities into China, or take other actions that could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects, as well as the trading price of the ADSs. Furthermore, the PRC government authorities may further strengthen oversight and control over listings and offerings that are conducted overseas. Any such action may adversely affect our operations and significantly limit or completely hinder our ability to offer ADSs and/or other securities to investors, and cause the value of such securities to significantly decline or be worthless. See “—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—The approval of and the filing with the CSRC or other PRC government authorities may be required in connection with our future offshore offerings under PRC law, and, if required, we cannot predict whether or for how long we will be able to obtain such approval or complete such filing.”

The Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act

The Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act, or the HFCAA, was enacted on December 18, 2020. Pursuant to the HFCAA and related regulations, if we have filed an audit report issued by a registered public accounting firm that the PCAOB has determined that it is unable to inspect and investigate completely, the SEC will identify us as a “Commission-Identified Issuer,” and the trading of our securities on any U.S. national securities exchanges, as well as any over-the-counter, or OTC, trading in the United States, will be prohibited if we are identified as a Commission-Identified Issuer for two consecutive years. On August 26, 2022, the PCAOB, the CSRC and the Ministry of Finance of the PRC signed the Statement of Protocol, which establishes a specific and accountable framework for the PCAOB to conduct inspections and investigations of PCAOB-governed accounting firms in mainland China and Hong Kong. On December 15, 2022, the PCAOB announced that it was able to secure complete access to inspect and investigate PCAOB-registered public accounting firms headquartered in mainland China and Hong Kong in 2022. The PCAOB Board vacated its previous 2021 determinations that the PCAOB was unable to inspect or investigate completely registered public accounting firms headquartered in mainland China and Hong Kong. However, whether the PCAOB will continue to be able to satisfactorily conduct inspections of PCAOB-registered public accounting firms headquartered in mainland China and Hong Kong is subject to uncertainties and depends on a number of factors out of our and our auditor’s control. The PCAOB continues to demand complete access in mainland China and Hong Kong moving forward and is making plans to resume regular inspections, as well as to continue pursuing ongoing investigations and initiate new investigations as needed. The PCAOB has also indicated that it will act immediately to consider the need to issue new determinations with the HFCAA if needed. If the PCAOB is unable to inspect and investigate completely registered public accounting firms located in mainland China and Hong Kong, or if we fail to, among others, meet the PCAOB’s requirements, including retaining a registered public accounting firm that the PCAOB determines it is able to inspect and investigate completely, and upon two consecutive years of non-inspection under the HFCAA, our shares and the ADSs will not be permitted for trading on a national securities exchange or the OTC trading market in the United States under the HFCAA and related regulations. The related risks and uncertainties could cause the value of the ADSs to decline significantly or become worthless. For details, see “—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—The ADSs may be prohibited from being traded over the counter in the United States under the HFCAA if the SEC subsequently determines our audit work is performed by auditors that the PCAOB is unable to inspect or investigate completely. The prohibition from trading of the ADSs, or the threat of their being prohibited from being traded, may materially and adversely affect the value of your investment.”

A. Reserved

B. Capitalization and Indebtedness

Not applicable.

C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

D. Risk Factors

Summary Risk Factors

Our business is subject to a number of risks, including risks that may prevent us from achieving our business objectives or may adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows, and prospects. These risks are discussed more fully below and include, but are not limited to, risks related to:

Risks related to the Independent Investigation and restatement of consolidated financial statements

- legal proceedings, investigations and inquiries in connection with or arising from the previously disclosed employee misconduct and transaction irregularities, and other associated adverse effects;
- adverse publicity and potential concerns from our customers and other business partners relating to or arising from the Independent Investigation and restatement of consolidated financial statements;
- our ability to implement and maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting to accurately report our results of operations, meet our reporting obligations and prevent fraud; and
- our failure to timely comply with our SEC reporting obligations.

Risks related to our business and industry

- our ability to attract new customers or retain existing ones;
- continued development of our solutions and the markets our solutions target;
- our limited operating history;
- our ability to generate profits and positive cash flows;
- our reliance on collaborations with China's major mobile network operators;
- our ability to enhance or upgrade our existing solutions and introduce new ones;
- compatibility of our solutions across devices, business systems and applications and physical infrastructure;
- our ability to compete effectively in China's cloud-based communications industry and internationally;
- our ability to collect accounts receivable from our customers in a timely manner;
- our ability to maintain and enhance our brand image and generate positive publicity;
- our ability to optimize the prices for our solutions;
- our ability to manage our sales cycle to large enterprises;
- our ability to comply with related laws and regulations associated with conducting business with state-owned enterprises;
- real or perceived errors, defects, failures, vulnerabilities, or bugs in our solutions;
- our ability to integrate acquired businesses and technologies successfully or achieve the expected benefits of such acquisitions;
- our ability to support and resolve intellectual property rights claims and other litigation matters;
- our ability to protect or defend our intellectual property rights; and
- our ability to comply with laws and contractual obligations related to data privacy and protection and cybersecurity.

Risks related to regulatory compliance

- compliance with extensive and evolving laws and regulations in the PRC;
- third-party misconduct and misuse of our solutions in violation of relevant laws and regulations; and
- our limited insurance coverage, which could expose us to significant costs and business disruption.

Risks related to doing business in China

- changes in China's economic, political or social conditions or government policies;
- evolving legal development, non-compliance with which, or changes in which, may adversely affect our business and prospects;
- Chinese government's significant authority to intervene or influence our operations and to exert control over offerings conducted overseas and/or foreign investment in China-based issuers;
- the approval of and the filing with the CSRC or other PRC government authorities in connection with our future offshore offerings; and
- the threat of the ADSs being prohibited from being traded over the counter in the United States under the HFCAA if the SEC subsequently determines our audit work is performed by auditors that the PCAOB is unable to inspect or investigate completely.

Risks related to our corporate structure

- compliance of the contractual arrangements that establish our corporate structure for operating our business;
- failure by the VIE or its shareholders to perform their obligations under our contractual arrangements with them; and
- actual or potential conflicts of interest of shareholders of the VIE with us.

Risks related to corporate governance

- our status as a foreign private issuer;
- our status as an emerging growth company; and
- our dual-class voting structure and the concentration of ownership which provide Class B ordinary shareholder considerable influence over corporate matters, including the election of board of directors.

Risks related to the ADS

- delisting of the ADSs from the New York Stock Exchange, which may continue to have a material adverse effect on the trading and price of the ADSs;
- volatility of the trading price of the ADSs; and
- the sale or availability for sale of substantial amounts of the ADSs.

Risks Related to the Independent Investigation and Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements

The previously disclosed employee misconduct and transaction irregularities have exposed us to a number of legal proceedings, investigations and inquiries, resulted in significant legal and other expenses, required significant time and attention from our senior management, among other adverse effects.

As previously disclosed in press releases dated May 3, 2022 and September 6, 2022, the Special Committee undertook the Independent Investigation regarding certain employee misconduct and transaction irregularities with the assistance of independent advisors during 2022.

The employee misconduct and transaction irregularities had and could continue to have material adverse effects on us. On February 6, 2024, we reached a settlement with the SEC regarding the employee misconduct and transaction irregularities, under which we shall cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of certain federal securities laws. Entering into the settlement with the SEC also results in the loss of certain exemptions or protections that were available to us under federal securities laws. See “Item 8. Financial Information—A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information—Legal and Other Proceedings.” We incurred significant costs, including legal expenses and cost associated with the restatement and adjustment of our financial statements. We may also incur material costs associated with our indemnification arrangements with our current and former directors and certain of our officers, as well as other indemnitees. Moreover, an unfavorable outcome in any of these matters could result in significant damages, additional penalties or other remedies imposed against us, and/or our current or former directors or officers, which could harm our reputation, business, results of operations, financial condition, or liquidity. In addition, an unfavorable outcome in any of these matters could exceed coverage provided, if any, under potentially applicable insurance policies, which is limited. Following disclosure of the employee misconduct and transaction irregularities, we have had difficulties in obtaining desirable insurance coverage, or any insurance coverage, regarding legal proceedings, investigations and inquiries, and we cannot assure you with any certainty that we will be able to obtain such coverage in the future. The employee misconduct and transaction irregularities also led to material adverse effects on our operations, our reputation and our relationships with business partners, as well as material adverse effects on our financial position, including incurred costs and expenses and our ability to raise new capital in the future. Furthermore, our senior management team devoted significant time to facilitate the Independent Investigation and is expected to continue to devote significant time and efforts to address the impacts associated with or arising from the employee misconduct and transaction irregularities.

We cannot predict all impacts on us in connection with or arising from the employee misconduct and transaction irregularities. Any unknown or new risks might result in a material adverse effect on us.

We were named as a defendant in a number of lawsuits filed by purchasers of our securities, including class action lawsuits that could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operation, financial condition and cash flows, and our reputation. We may continue to be, the subject of a number of legal proceedings, investigations and inquiries by governmental agencies with respect to the employee misconduct and transaction irregularities.

We were named as a defendant in a number of lawsuits filed by purchasers of our securities, including class action lawsuits described in “Item 8. Financial Information—A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information—Legal and Other Proceedings.” We may continue to be, the subject of a number of legal proceedings, investigations and inquiries by governmental agencies with respect to the employee misconduct and transaction irregularities.

The matters that led to the Independent Investigation and restatement of consolidated financial statements have exposed us to increased risks of litigation, regulatory proceedings and government enforcement actions. We and our current and former directors and officers may, in the future, be subject to additional proceedings relating to such matters. Regardless of the outcome, any lawsuits or other proceedings that may be brought against us or our current or former directors and officers, could be time-consuming, result in significant expense and divert the attention and resources of our management and other key employees. An unfavorable outcome in any of these matters could result in significant damages, fines, additional penalties, administrative sanctions or other remedies imposed against us, our current or former directors or officers, which could harm our reputation, business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. Subject to certain limitations, we are obligated to indemnify, among others, our current and former directors and officers in connection with such lawsuits and any related proceedings or settlements amounts. In addition, an unfavorable outcome in any of these matters could exceed coverage provided, if any, under potentially applicable insurance policies, which is limited.

Matters relating to or arising from the Independent Investigation and restatement of consolidated financial statements, including adverse publicity and potential concerns from our customers and other business partners, have had and could continue to have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

We have been and could continue to be the subject of negative publicity focusing on the Independent Investigation and restatement of our financial statements, and we may be materially and adversely affected by negative reactions from our customers, suppliers or others with whom we do business. Concerns include the perception of the efforts required to address our accounting and control environment, and the ability for us to be a long-term provider to our customers. Continued adverse publicity and potential concerns from our customers and business partners could harm our business and have an adverse effect on our financial condition.

If we fail to implement and maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting, we could be unable to accurately report our results of operations, meet our reporting obligations or prevent fraud, and investor confidence and the market price of the ADSs may be materially and adversely affected.

In the course of preparing our consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, we and our independent registered public accounting firm identified certain material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024. As defined in the standards established by the PCAOB, a “material weakness” is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim consolidated financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

The material weaknesses identified relate to: (1) insufficient accounting personnel with appropriate U.S. GAAP knowledge for accounting of complex transactions, presentation and disclosure of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP and SEC reporting requirements, (2) lack of rigorous implementation of controls over financial closing policies and procedures, (3) lack of sufficient procedures on recognizing revenue on a gross basis or a net basis, (4) insufficient controls and reporting procedures on monitoring the past due status of customer to assess the revenue recognition and provision of accounts receivable, (5) insufficient acceptance control of systems (or subsystems) developed by external subcontractors, (6) insufficient due diligence on long-term equity investments. See “Item 15. Controls and Procedures—Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting” for details of our remedial measures.

The implementation of remedial measures, however, may not fully address the material weaknesses identified in our internal control over financial reporting, and we cannot conclude that they have been fully remedied. Our failure to correct the material weaknesses or our failure to discover and address any other material weaknesses or deficiencies could result in inaccuracies or material misstatements in our financial statements and impair our ability to comply with applicable financial reporting requirements and related regulatory filings on a timely basis.

We are subject to reporting obligations under the U.S. securities laws. As a public company, we are also subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Commencing with our fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, we must perform system and process evaluation and testing of our internal control over financial reporting to allow management to report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in our annual report on Form 20-F for such year, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, or Section 404. Our management has concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was ineffective as of December 31, 2024. See “Item 15. Controls and Procedures.” In addition, once we cease to be an “emerging growth company” as such 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 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. As a public company, our reporting obligations may also place a significant strain on our management, operational and financial resources and systems for the foreseeable future. We may be unable to timely complete our evaluation testing and any required remediation.

Furthermore, 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. In light 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.

During the course of documenting and testing our internal control procedures, in order to satisfy the requirements of Section 404, we may identify other weaknesses and deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting. If we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal control over financial reporting, as these standards are modified, supplemented or amended from time to time, we may not be able to conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal control over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404. Generally, if we fail to achieve and maintain an effective internal control environment, it could result in material misstatements in our financial statements and could also impair our ability to comply with applicable financial reporting requirements and related regulatory filings on a timely basis. As a result, our businesses, results of operations, financial condition and prospects, as well as the trading price of the ADSs, may be materially and adversely affected. Additionally, ineffective internal control over financial reporting could expose us to increased risk of fraud or misuse of corporate assets and subject us to regulatory investigations and civil or criminal sanctions. We may also be required to restate our financial statements from prior periods.

The circumstances that led to the failure to file our annual report on time, and our efforts to investigate, assess and remediate those matters have caused and may continue to cause substantial delays in our SEC filings.

Our ability to resume a timely filing schedule with respect to our SEC reporting is subject to a number of contingencies, including whether and how quickly we are able to effectively remediate the identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting. Our filing of this annual report has been delayed and we cannot assure you we will be able to timely make our future filings.

In case we delay our filings, investors may need to evaluate certain decisions with respect to the ADSs in light of our lack of current financial information. Furthermore, in June 2022, we were informed by the depositary bank that due to our failure to timely comply with our SEC reporting obligations, the depositary bank decided to close its books to conversions of our ordinary shares into the ADSs. We cannot assure you when or if our ADR facility will be reopened for conversions. The closing of the depositary's books does not affect the trading of the previously issued ADSs. Accordingly, any investment in our shares and/or the ADSs involves a greater degree of risk. Our lack of current public information may have an adverse effect on investor confidence, which could lead to a reduction in our stock price or restrictions on our abilities to obtain financing in the public market, among others.

Risks Related to Our Business and Industry

If we fail to attract new customers or retain existing ones, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

In order to increase our revenues and maintain future growth, we must attract new customers and encourage existing customers to continue their subscriptions, increase their usage, and purchase additional features and solutions from us.

For customer demand and the adoption of our solutions to grow, the quality, cost and features of these solutions must compare favorably to those of competing products and services. To that end, we must continue to offer high-quality solutions and features at competitive prices. As our target markets mature, or as competitors introduce more differentiated products or services at lower costs that compete or are perceived to compete with ours, we may be unable to attract new customers or retain existing ones on favorable terms or at all, which could have an adverse effect on our revenues and future growth. The rate at which our existing customers purchase any new or enhanced feature and solution we may offer also depends on a number of factors, including the importance of these additional features and solutions to our customers, their quality and performance, the prices at which we offer them, and the general economic condition and specific industry landscape in relation to our customers. If our customers react negatively to our new and enhanced features and solutions, or our efforts to cross-sell and up-sell are otherwise not as successful as we anticipate, we may fail to maintain or grow our revenues and our customer base.

Our sales and marketing strategies must also continue to evolve and adapt, including through various online and offline channels and direct and indirect sales efforts. In addition, marketing and selling new and enhanced features and solutions may require increasingly sophisticated and costly marketing campaigns. If we fail to do so cost-effectively, we may be unable to attract new customers or sell additional features and solutions to existing customers in a cost-effective manner.

We must also continue to offer high-quality training, implementation and other customer support services in order to attract new customers and retain existing ones. These services require customer support personnel with industry-specific technical knowledge and expertise which may be difficult and costly to locate and hire. We also need to provide our customer support personnel with extensive training on our solutions and their features, which could make it difficult to scale up our operations rapidly or effectively, especially when we expand our business across different geographical markets or industries. If we fail to provide effective ongoing support and help our customers promptly resolve product issues, our ability to attract new customers and retain existing ones could be negatively affected, which, in turn, could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our future business growth and expansion is dependent on the continued development of our solutions and the markets our solutions target.

We offer a comprehensive portfolio of cloud-based communications solutions to enterprises of all sizes, from which we generate most of our revenues. The markets we target are rapidly evolving and subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Our success will depend to a substantial extent on the growth of these markets, especially the widespread adoption of cloud-based communications solutions as a replacement for legacy on-premises systems and other traditional forms of communications.

The growth of these addressable markets also depends on a number of other factors, including the refresh rate for legacy on-premises systems, the cost, performance and perceived value associated with cloud-based communications solutions, as well as their ability to address security, stability, and privacy concerns. In order to grow our business and extend our market position, we intend to educate our existing and prospective customers about the benefits of our solutions and continuously enhance and innovate our solutions and features to increase market acceptance. However, if ever the cloud-based communications technologies fail to develop in a way that satisfies the growing demands of customers, or develop more slowly than we anticipate, it could significantly harm our business. In addition, the cloud-based communications industry may fail to grow significantly or at all, or there could be a reduction in demand as a result of a lack of public acceptance, technological challenges, competing products and services, decreases in IT spending by current and prospective customers, weakening economic conditions and other causes. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We have a limited operating history, which could make it difficult to forecast our revenues and evaluate our business and prospects.

We began offering cloud-based communications solutions in 2014. As a result of our limited operating history, however, our ability to forecast our future results of operations is limited and subject to a number of uncertainties. We have encountered, and expect to continue to encounter, risks and uncertainties frequently experienced by growing companies in rapidly evolving industries, such as the risks and uncertainties related to technological development and regulatory environment. We derive a significant portion of our revenues from project-based solutions focusing primarily on large enterprises, and the continued availability of such projects and customers is uncertain, which could materially affect the accuracy of our forecasts and our financial performance. For solutions that we offer on a recurring basis, our short operating history also limits our ability to predict our future pricing capabilities and sales volumes. If we do not successfully address these risks and uncertainties, our results of operations and financial condition could differ materially from our estimates and forecasts, which could materially and adversely impact our business and the trading price of the ADSs.

We have incurred significant net losses and negative operating cash flows since inception, and we may therefore not be able to achieve or sustain profitability in the future.

We have incurred substantial net losses since our inception. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, our net loss was RMB975.9 million, RMB412.4 million and RMB146.8 million (US\$20.1 million), respectively, our operating cash outflow was RMB567.3 million, RMB516.2 million and RMB180.2 million (US\$24.7 million), respectively. Over the past few years, we have spent considerable amounts of time and financial resources to develop new cloud-based communications solutions and enhance or upgrade our existing ones in order to position us favorably for future growth. In addition, we have expended significant resources upfront to market, promote and sell our solutions through various direct and indirect channels, and expect to continue to do so in the future. Our aggressive investments continue to drive our negative cash flows and we expect to continue to invest in business operations, technological improvements, marketing campaigns and international expansion. Our status as a public company could also incur significant additional accounting, legal and other expenses.

Achieving profitability will require us to increase revenues, manage our cost structure, and avoid significant liabilities. We cannot guarantee, however, that we can achieve any of these goals as we continue to aggressively invest in the aspiration of continued revenue growth. Our failure to generate increased revenues to cover the expected increase in these various expenditures could prevent us from ever achieving profitability or positive cash flows from operating activities.

Our business relies on the communications infrastructure and telecommunications resources provided by China's major mobile network operators. If we fail to maintain our collaborations with these mobile network operators, our ability to serve our customers could be materially and adversely affected.

We interconnect with mobile network operators in China and other countries to enable the use of our solutions by our customers. Specifically, we obtain telecommunications resources from mobile network operators and offer our CPaaS and other solutions to allow our customers to access and utilize these resources in a way that suits their specific communication needs. We currently collaborate with all three major mobile network operators in China. As all telecommunications resources in China are distributed among and managed by these mobile network operators and their provincial branches, we expect that we will continue to rely heavily on our collaborations with them to offer our solutions. Any termination of our collaborations with any major mobile network operator in China would negatively impact our business.

Our reliance on mobile network operators has reduced our operating flexibility as well as our ability to control quality and make rectifications. If our customers encounter errors or defective performance, whether or not caused by a mobile network operator or otherwise, we could find it difficult to identify the source of the problems and fail to make timely or effective rectifications, which could have a negative impact on customer satisfaction and lead to a loss of our existing customers or delay the adoption of our solutions by prospective customers.

In addition, the fees charged by mobile network operators may fluctuate more frequently than we could charge our customers to pass on the increased cost, which may adversely affect our margins and business. Mobile network operators have also, at times, instituted additional fees due to regulatory, competitive or other reasons. We have historically responded to such fee increases by negotiating an agreed-upon fee arrangement with mobile network operators, passing on the increased cost to our customers, or accepting lower profit margins. Our ability to respond to any increased fees charged by mobile network operators may be constrained if all mobile network operators in a particular market implement similar fee increases, if the magnitude of the fees is disproportionately large when compared to the underlying prices we charge our customers, or if the market conditions and competitive landscape limit our ability to increase the price we charge our customers. If we are unable to respond to such fee increases in a way that preserves the competitiveness or profitability of our solutions, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

Furthermore, although we have historically collaborated closely with a number of China's mobile network operators and their local branches, our contracts with them generally have fixed terms ranging from one to five years, and they may terminate our collaboration upon expiration. In the past, we were generally able to renew our contracts with mobile network operators and their local branches. However, if a significant portion of such mobile network operators and their local branches cease to provide us with access to their telecommunications resources or fail to provide services to us on favorable terms, it could be costly and time-consuming to switch to other qualified mobile network operators in the affected regions on commercially reasonable terms or at all, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If we fail to enhance or upgrade our existing solutions and introduce new ones that are broadly accepted by the market and meet our customers' evolving demands in a timely and cost-effective manner, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

Our ability to attract new customers and increase revenues from existing customers depends in part on our ability to enhance and improve our existing solutions and introduce new ones. The success of any enhancement or new solution depends on a number of factors, including timely completion, adequate quality testing, consistently high actual performance, market-accepted pricing levels and overall market acceptance. Enhancements and new solutions that we develop may not be introduced in a timely or cost-effective manner, may contain errors or defects, may have interoperability difficulties or may not achieve the broad market acceptance necessary to generate significant revenues. We also have invested, and may continue to invest, in the acquisition of complementary businesses, technologies, services, products and other assets that benefit our innovation and overall business operations. Our investments may not result in enhancements or new solutions that will be accepted by existing or prospective customers. If we are unable to enhance or upgrade our existing solutions to meet the evolving customer requirements or develop new ones in a timely or cost-effective manner, we may not be able to maintain or increase our revenues or recoup our investments, and our business, results of operations and financial condition would be materially and adversely affected.

If we fail to maintain the compatibility of our solutions across devices, business systems and applications and physical infrastructure that we do not control, it could lead to increased integration costs and lowered customer satisfaction.

One of the most important value propositions of our solutions is the compatibility with a wide range of devices, business systems and applications and physical infrastructure. The experience of our customers depends, in part, on our ability to integrate with their existing business systems and applications, many of which may have been developed by third-party providers. In addition, the functionality of our solutions depends on the seamless integration with our customers' legacy on-premises hardware and communications infrastructure, such as third-party video-conferencing systems. Third-party services and products are constantly evolving, and we may not be able to modify our solutions to assure the compatibility with that of other third parties following development changes. Furthermore, third-party providers or manufacturers may, without prior notice, change the configuration or features of their services and products, restrict our access, or adversely alter the terms and conditions of use. Any of these changes could functionally limit or terminate our ability to use these third-party products and services in conjunction with ours, which could have a material negative impact on our business. If we fail to properly integrate our solutions with our customers' existing business systems and applications and physical infrastructure, whether developed in-house or by third parties, we may be unable to offer the functionality that is expected by our customers and is essential to our solutions, which would materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our customers are also able to use and manage our solutions on multiple terminals, including PCs and mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. As new smart devices and operating systems are released, we may encounter difficulties supporting these devices and operating systems, and we may need to devote significant resources to the creation, support, and upgrade of our solutions. If we experience difficulties integrating our solutions into PCs, smartphones, tablets or other devices, our reputation, results of operations and future growth could be materially and adversely affected.

We operate in a highly competitive market. If we fail to compete effectively, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

The cloud-based communications industry in China is rapidly evolving and highly competitive. With the introduction of new technologies and market entrants, we expect competition to continue to intensify in the future. The principal competitive factors in our market include comprehensiveness of business portfolio, innovation capabilities, brand awareness and reputation, strength of sales and marketing efforts as well as customer reach.

Some of our competitors have greater financial, technological and other resources, greater brand recognitions, larger sales and marketing budgets and larger intellectual property portfolios. As a result, certain of our competitors may be able to respond more quickly and effectively than we can to new or evolving opportunities, technologies, standards or customer requirements. In addition, some competitors may offer products or services that address one or a limited number of functions at lower prices, with greater depth than our solutions or in geographies or industry verticals where we do not operate or are less established. Our current and potential competitors may develop and market new products or services with functionality comparable to ours, which could lead to increased pricing pressures. In addition, some of our competitors have lower prices, which may be attractive to certain customers even if those products or services have different or lesser functionality. Moreover, as we expand the scope of our business, we may face additional competition. If one or more of our competitors were to merge or partner with another of our competitors, the change in the competitive landscape could also adversely affect our ability to compete effectively.

If we are unable to compete effectively or maintain favorable pricing, it could lead to reduced revenues, reduced margins, increased losses or the failure of our solutions to achieve or maintain widespread market acceptance, any of which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If we fail to collect contract assets and accounts receivable from our customers in a timely manner, our business, results of operations and financial condition may be materially and adversely affected.

Our contract assets represented our right to consideration for work performed but not invoiced. When our right to consideration becomes unconditional, we reclassify the contract assets to accounts receivable. We had contract assets of RMB50.8 million, RMB26.1 million, and RMB27.8 million (US\$3.8 million) as of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. We recorded allowance for credit loss of contract assets of RMB12.3 million, RMB10.4 million, and RMB21.7 million (US\$3.0 million), respectively, as of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024. We typically extend to our customers payments terms ranging from 60 to 180 days after our customers have been billed, resulting in accounts receivable. We had accounts receivable, net, including those due from third parties and related parties, of RMB133.7 million, RMB144.1 million, and RMB120.8 million (US\$16.5 million) as of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. We recorded allowance for doubtful accounts in relation to accounts receivable of RMB81.2 million, RMB99.6 million, and RMB84.4 million (US\$11.6 million), respectively, as of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to receive the full amount of contract assets as our works may not be fully accepted by our customers. We are also exposed to the risks that our customers may delay or even be unable to pay us in accordance with the payment terms included in our agreements with them. We make a credit assessment of our customers before entering into an agreement with them. Nevertheless, we cannot assure you that we are or will be able to accurately assess the creditworthiness of each customer. In particular, customers that are large enterprises generally have longer payment cycles, which may result in increased contract assets and accounts receivable. Furthermore, we also serve customers in certain rapidly evolving and competitive industries, some of which have also been highly regulated. Such customers' financial soundness is subject to changes in the industry trend or relevant laws and regulations, which are beyond our control. In particular, we experienced prolonged delivery process, extended payment cycles and delayed collection of accounts receivable as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Any change in our customers' business and financial conditions may affect our reclassification of contract assets and collection of accounts receivable. Any delay in payment or failed payment may adversely affect our liquidity and cash flows, which in turn may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, as our business continues to scale up, our contract assets and accounts receivable may continue to grow, which may increase our credit risk exposure.

Furthermore, we are exposed to concentration of credit risk. As of December 31, 2024, two of our customers represented 16.6% and 9.0% of our total accounts receivable, net including related party amounts and contract assets, respectively. Any substantial delay in or default of payments from these customers could materially and adversely affect our cash flows. We may also have to re-evaluate our relationship with these customers if we cannot timely obtain payment from them, which could have a negative impact on our customer base.

If we fail to maintain and enhance our brand image and generate positive publicity, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

We believe that maintaining and enhancing our brands including “Ronglian,” “7moor Cloud” and “RongVideo” and increasing market awareness of our company and solutions play an important role in achieving widespread acceptance as well as strengthening our relationships with existing customers and our ability to attract new customers. The successful promotion of our brands will depend largely on our continued marketing efforts, our ability to continue to offer high-quality solutions, our ability to successfully differentiate our solutions from competing products and services, and our ability to maintain market leadership. If we fail to maintain and enhance our brands, our pricing power may decline relative to competitors and we may lose existing or prospective customers, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We have conducted various online and offline branding and customer acquisition activities. These activities, however, may not be successful or yield increased revenues. The promotion of our brand also requires us to make substantial expenditures, and we anticipate these expenditures to increase as the markets we address become more competitive and as we expand into new markets. To the extent that these marketing activities lead to increased revenues, the additional revenues generated could nevertheless be insufficient to offset the increased expenses we incur.

In addition, our customers may, from time to time, complain about our solutions, such as complaints about the quality of our solutions, our pricing and customer support. If we fail to handle customer complaints effectively, our brand and reputation may suffer, our customers may lose confidence in us, and they may reduce or cease their use of our solutions. In addition, many of our customers post and discuss on social media their experience with internet-based products and services, including ours. Our success depends, in part, on our ability to generate positive customer feedback and minimize negative feedback on social media channels where existing and potential customers seek and share information. If our customers are dissatisfied with any action we take or change we implement in our solutions, their online commentary to this effect could negatively affect our brand and reputation. Complaints or negative publicity about us or our solutions could materially and adversely affect our reputation and ability to attract and retain customers, and as a result, our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may fail to optimize the prices for our solutions, and any adverse trend in pricing will impact our revenues and results of operations.

We charge our customers on a combination of pricing methods, depending on the type of solutions they use. For example, for our CPaaS solutions, we typically charge our customers usage-based fees for sending text messages and making voice calls. For our cloud-based CC solutions, we typically charge our customers a combination of subscription and usage-based fees or project-based fees. We predominately offer our cloud-based UC&C solutions on a project basis. We may fail to optimize our pricing, which is predominantly determined by the competitive landscape and market conditions. In the past, we have sometimes reduced our prices either for individual customers in connection with long-term agreements or for a particular solution or project, and have also sometimes failed to increase our pricing levels to cover increased costs and expenses or to reach desirable profit margins.

One of the challenges to our pricing is that the fees that we pay to mobile network operators over whose networks we transmit communications can vary frequently and are affected by volume and other factors that may be beyond our control and difficult to predict. This can cause us to incur increased costs that we may be unable or unwilling to pass through to our customers, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. Furthermore, as competitors introduce new products or services that compete with ours or reduce their prices, we may be unable to attract new customers or retain existing customers based on our historical pricing. Moreover, large enterprises, which are a primary focus of our business, may demand substantial price concessions leveraging their significant bargaining power. In addition, if the mix of solutions sold changes, we may need to, or choose to, revise our pricing. As a result, in the future we may fail to increase our pricing levels, or may even be required or choose to reduce our prices or change our pricing model, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our sales cycle can be lengthy and unpredictable and requires considerable time and expense when we seek to serve large enterprises, and we may encounter configuration, integration, implementation and customer support challenges that could cause delays in revenue recognition.

We currently derive a significant portion of our revenues from sales of our solutions to large enterprises. We generated 65.0%, 67.0%, and 68.7% of our total revenues from large-enterprise customers in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. We believe that increasing our sales to these customers is key to our future growth. The length of our sales cycle, which is the time between initial contact with a potential customer and the ultimate sale to that customer, is approximately four months on average and varies upon the size of potential customer and project. Based on our experience, the sales cycle for large enterprises, which generally ranges from four months to one year, is often lengthy and unpredictable, especially when we serve them with our project-based solutions. Many of our prospective customers do not have prior experience with cloud-based communications and, therefore, typically spend significant time and resources evaluating our solutions before they purchase from us. Similarly, we typically spend more time and effort determining their requirements and educating these customers about the benefits and uses of our solutions. Large enterprises also tend to demand more customizations, integrations and additional features than their smaller counterparts. As a result, we may be required to divert more sales and research and development resources to large enterprises and will have less personnel available to support other customers, or that we will need to hire additional personnel, which would increase our operating expenses. It is often difficult for us to forecast when a potential enterprise sale will close, the size of the customer's initial service order and the period over which the implementation will occur, any of which may impact the amount of revenues we recognize or the timing of revenue recognition. Large enterprises may delay their purchases as they assess their budget constraints, negotiate early contract terminations with their existing providers or wait for us to develop new features. Any delay in closing, or failure to close, a large-enterprise sales opportunity in a particular period or year could significantly harm our projected growth rates and cause the amount of new sales we book to vary significantly from period to period. We also may have to delay revenue recognition on some of these transactions until the customer's technical or implementation requirements have been met.

In addition, we have experienced, and may continue to experience, challenges in configuring, integrating and implementing our solutions and providing ongoing support when serving large enterprises. Large enterprises' networks and operational systems are often more complex than those of smaller customers, and the configuration, integration and implementation of our solutions for these customers generally require more efforts as well as participation from the customer's IT team. There can be no assurance that the customer will make available to us the necessary personnel and other resources for a successful configuration. The lack of local resources may prevent us from proper configurations, which can in turn adversely impact the quality of solutions that we deliver over our customers' networks, and/or may result in delays in the implementation of our solutions. This may create a public perception that we are unable to deliver high-quality solutions to our customers, which could harm our reputation and make it more difficult to attract new customers and retain existing customers. Moreover, large enterprises tend to require higher levels of customer support and individual attention, including periodic business reviews and training sessions, which may increase our costs. If a customer is unsatisfied with the quality of solutions and customer support we provide, we may decide to incur costs beyond the scope of our contract with the customer in order to address the situation and protect our reputation, which may in turn reduce or eliminate the profitability of our contract with the customer. In addition, negative publicity related to our customer relationships, regardless of its accuracy, could harm our reputation and make it more difficult for us to compete for new business with current and prospective customers.

If we fail to effectively execute the sale, configuration, integration, implementation and ongoing support of our solutions to large enterprises, our results of operations and our overall ability to grow our customer base could be materially and adversely affected.

We serve various levels and types of state-owned enterprises in China. Conducting business with state-owned enterprises can involve complexity that requires extra outlay of financial and managerial resources in order to comply with related laws and regulations.

We have targeted and will continue to target more sales efforts on China's state-owned enterprises. The procurement process for state-owned enterprises is in many ways more challenging than contracting in the private sector. We must comply with laws and regulations relating to the formation, administration, performance and pricing of contracts with state-owned enterprises. These laws and regulations may impose additional costs on our business or prolong or complicate our sales efforts, and failure to comply with these laws and regulations or other applicable requirements could lead to claims for damages from our customers, penalties, termination of contracts and other adverse consequences. Any such damages, penalties, disruptions or limitations in our ability to do business with state-owned enterprises could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, sales to China's state-owned enterprise often involve open tendering processes, where we face intense competition and pricing pressure and may thus suffer increased operating expenses and lowered profit margins. If we cannot succeed in our competitive tenders, our customer base may decrease, and our brand image and reputation may be adversely affected.

State-owned enterprises often require highly specialized contract terms that may differ from our standard arrangements, and often impose compliance requirements that are complicated, require preferential pricing, terms and conditions, or are otherwise time-consuming and expensive to satisfy. Compliance with these special standards or satisfaction of such requirements could complicate our efforts to obtain business or increase the costs of doing so. Even if we do meet these special standards or requirements, the increased costs associated with providing our solutions to state-owned enterprises could harm our margins.

Real or perceived errors, defects, failures, vulnerabilities, or bugs in our solutions could diminish customer demand, harm our business and results of operations and subject us to liability.

Our customers use our solutions to manage important aspects of their businesses, and any errors, defects, failures, vulnerabilities, bugs or other performance problems of our solutions could hurt our reputation and may damage our customers' businesses. Our solutions and the underlying infrastructure are highly technical and complex. There can be no assurance that our solutions will not now or in the future contain undetected errors, defects, bugs, or vulnerabilities, which may cause temporary service outages for some customers. Certain errors in our software code may not be discovered until after the code has been released. Any error, defect, bug, or vulnerability discovered in our code after release could result in damage to our reputation, loss of customers, loss of revenues, or liability for damages, any of which could adversely affect our business and financial results. We implement bug fixes and upgrades as part of our regularly scheduled operation maintenance, which may lead to system downtime. Even if we are able to implement the bug fixes and upgrades in a timely manner, any history of defects, or the loss, damage or inadvertent release of confidential customer data, could cause our reputation to be harmed, and customers may elect not to purchase or renew their agreements with us and subject us to warranty claims or other liabilities. The costs associated with any material defect or error in our solutions or other performance problems may be substantial and could materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

We may be unable to integrate acquired businesses and technologies successfully or achieve the expected benefits of such acquisitions. We may acquire or invest in companies in the future, which may divert our management's attention and result in debt or dilution to our shareholders.

We have acquired several businesses in recent years, such as Beijing Ronglian Qimo Technology Co., Ltd., or Ronglian Qimo. In addition, in March 2021, we acquired Shanghai GuoHeBing Software Technology Co., Ltd., or EliteCRM, a leading customer relationship management software provider, and issued 2,411,177 Class A ordinary shares in the form of restricted shares as equity awards to certain management members of EliteCRM. In December 2021, we acquired Zhuge Inc., or Zhuge, a user-centric intelligent data solution provider. In connection with the acquisition, we issued 468,455 Class A ordinary shares in the form of restricted shares as equity awards to certain management members of Zhuge (excluding those repurchased pursuant to performance target adjustments). These restricted shares were issued under private placements pursuant to exemption or exclusion from the registration requirements under the Securities Act, subject to certain vesting schedule and forfeiture to the extent any share remains unvested in case of early termination of employment. We may make additional acquisitions in the future.

Although we have not experienced any difficulty in integrating acquired businesses, there can be no assurance that we will be able to successfully integrate acquired businesses and, where desired, their business portfolios into ours, to realize the intended benefits in the future. If we fail to successfully integrate acquired businesses or their business portfolios, or if they fail to perform as we anticipate, our existing business and our revenues and results of operations could be adversely affected. If the due diligence of the operations and customer arrangements of acquired businesses performed by us and by third parties on our behalf is inadequate or flawed, or if we later discover unforeseen financial or business liabilities, acquired businesses and their assets may not perform as expected or we may come to realize that our initial investment was too large or unwarranted. Additionally, acquisitions could result in difficulties integrating acquired operations and, where deemed desirable, transitioning overlapping products and services into a single business line, thereby resulting in the diversion of capital and the attention of management and other key personnel away from other business issues and opportunities. We may fail to retain employees acquired through acquisitions, which may negatively impact our integration efforts. Consequently, the failure to integrate acquired businesses effectively may adversely impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may make additional acquisitions or investments or enter into joint ventures or strategic alliances with other companies. Such plans may divert our management's attention, result in debt or dilution to our shareholders, or subject us to other adverse consequences.

We have been, and may be in the future, party to intellectual property rights claims and other litigation matters, which are expensive to support, and if resolved adversely, could harm our business.

There has been substantial litigation in the cloud-based communications and related industries regarding intellectual property rights. Third parties may, from time to time, claim that we are infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating their intellectual property rights, including patents, software copyrights and other intellectual property rights. Third parties may also claim that our employees have misappropriated or divulged their former employers' trade secrets or confidential information. We have been found, and may be found in the future, to have infringed upon third party's proprietary rights. For example, due to a dispute between the former chief executive officer of the affiliated entity, Ronglian Qimo, and his former employer on non-competition matters, Ronglian Qimo and such officer were sued in 2016 for unauthorized application of a source code in a call center software previously sold by Ronglian Qimo. We believe such source code was legally possessed and used by such officer according to his agreement with the former employer; however, a local court held us liable for infringement of software copyright in 2019. We ceased to deploy such source code in our solutions since 2016 and have fully fulfilled our obligations under the court judgment.

Our broad range of proprietary technologies increases the likelihood that third parties may claim infringement by us of their intellectual property rights. Certain technologies necessary for our business may, in fact, be patented by other parties either now or in the future. If such technologies were held under a valid patent by a third party, we would have to negotiate a license for the use of that technology, which we may not be able to negotiate on commercially reasonable terms or at all. The existence of such a patent, or our inability to negotiate a license for any such technology on reasonable terms, could force us to cease using such technology and offering solutions incorporating such technology. In addition, even if we succeed in obtaining a license to continue using the relevant technology, we may incur substantial license fees, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If we are found to have infringed upon the intellectual property rights of any third party in legal or other proceedings that may be asserted against us, we could be subject to material monetary liabilities for such infringement. We could also be required to refrain from using, developing or selling certain solutions incorporating the affected intellectual property rights, which could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations. We may continue to receive, in the future, notices of claims of infringement, misappropriation or misuse of other parties' proprietary rights. There can be no assurance that we will prevail in contesting these claims or that actions alleging infringement by us of third-party intellectual property rights will not be asserted or prosecuted against us. Furthermore, legal or other proceedings involving infringement of intellectual property rights may require significant time and expense to defend, may divert management's attention away from other aspects of our operations and, upon resolution, may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. Any negative publicity about our claimed infringement of a third party's proprietary rights could also harm our business.

We could incur substantial costs in protecting or defending our intellectual property rights, and any failure to protect our intellectual property could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We rely, in part, on patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret law to protect our intellectual property in China and abroad. The intellectual property rights we have obtained may not be sufficient to provide us with a competitive advantage, and could be challenged, invalidated, infringed upon or misappropriated. In addition, we cannot assure you that any of our ongoing intellectual property registration applications will ultimately be successful or will result in registrations with adequate scope for our business, or at all. If our applications are not successful, we may have to use different intellectual property rights for affected technologies or solutions, or seek to enter into arrangements with any third party who may have prior registrations, applications or rights, which might not be available on commercially reasonable terms. We may not be able to protect our proprietary rights in China or internationally, and competitors may independently develop technologies that are similar or superior to our technology, duplicate our technology or design around any patent of ours.

We further protect our proprietary technologies and solutions by requiring our employees to enter into confidentiality agreements and business partners to enter into agreements with confidentiality clauses. These agreements and clauses may not effectively prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of our confidential information, intellectual property or technology and may not provide an adequate remedy in the event of unauthorized use or disclosure.

Litigation may be necessary in the future to enforce our intellectual property rights, to determine the validity and scope of our proprietary rights or the rights of others, or to defend against claims of infringement or invalidity. Such litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of managerial time and resources and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Any settlement or adverse determination in such litigation would also subject us to significant liability.

As we expand our business internationally, we also may be required to protect our proprietary technologies and solutions in an increasing number of jurisdictions, a process that is expensive and may not be successful, or which we may not pursue in every location. In addition, effective intellectual property protection may not be available to us in every country, and the laws of some foreign countries may be different from those in China. Additional uncertainty may result from changes to intellectual property legislation enacted in China and elsewhere, and from interpretations of intellectual property laws by applicable courts and agencies. Accordingly, despite our efforts, we may be unable to obtain and maintain the intellectual property rights necessary to provide us with a competitive advantage.

If we fail to comply with laws and contractual obligations related to data privacy and protection and cybersecurity, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

We have access to certain data and information of enterprises which use our solutions. We may also have access to certain personal data and information of our customers' end-users. We face risks inherent in handling and protecting such large volumes of data. In particular, we face a number of challenges relating to data protection, including:

- protecting the data in and hosted on our solutions or infrastructure, including against attacks by third parties or fraudulent behaviors by our employees;
- addressing concerns related to privacy and sharing, safety, security and other factors; and
- complying with applicable laws, rules, regulations and contractual obligations relating to the collection, use, disclosure or security of personal information, including any request from regulatory and government authorities relating to such data.

Any system failure or security breach or lapse that results in the release of data of our customers or their end-users could harm our reputation and brand and, consequently, our business, in addition to exposing us to potential legal liability. In addition, our customers and business partners as well as their employees may improperly use or disclose the data we disclose to them for our operations, and we have limited control over such actions. Any failure, or perceived failure, by us, our employees, our customers and business partners, or their employees to comply with privacy policies or with any regulatory requirements or privacy protection-related laws, rules, regulations and contractual obligations owed to our customers and other third parties could result in proceedings or actions against us by regulatory agencies or private parties. These proceedings or actions may subject us to significant penalties and negative publicity, require us to change our business practices, increase our costs and severely disrupt our business.

Our practices regarding the use, retention, transfer, disclosure and security of confidential data could become the subject of enhanced regulations and increased public scrutiny in the future. The regulatory frameworks regarding privacy issues in many jurisdictions are constantly evolving and can be subject to significant changes from time to time. For instance, a growing number of legislative and regulatory bodies have adopted user notification requirements in the event of unauthorized access to or acquisition of certain types of data. The PRC regulators, including the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, or the MIIT, and the CAC have been increasingly focused on regulation in the areas of cybersecurity and data protection and governmental authorities have enacted a series of laws and regulations to enhance the protection of privacy and data, which require certain authorization or consent from users prior to collection, use or disclosure of their personal data and also protection of the security of the personal data of such users. The MIIT issued the Order for the Protection of Telecommunications and Internet User Personal Information on July 16, 2013, requiring internet service providers to establish and publish protocols relating to the collection or use of personal information, keep any collected information strictly confidential and take technological and other measures to maintain the security of such information. Institutions and their employees are prohibited from selling or otherwise illegally disclosing a person's personal information obtained during the course of performing duties or providing services. Pursuant to the PRC Cybersecurity Law, effective on June 1, 2017, network operators are required to fulfill certain obligations to safeguard cybersecurity and enhance network information management.

Moreover, existing PRC privacy, cybersecurity and data protection-related laws and regulations are evolving and subject to potentially differing interpretations, and various legislative and regulatory bodies may expand current or enact new laws and regulations regarding privacy, cybersecurity and data protection-related matters. Furthermore, the PRC Civil Code, the PRC Cybersecurity Law, the Personal Information Protection Law and the PRC Data Security Law set general requirement on internet service providers to protect individual privacy and personal data security. Internet service providers are required to collect data in accordance with the laws and in proper manner, and obtain consent from internet users prior to the collection, use or disclosure of internet users' personal data. These developments could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition. Any failure or perceived failure by us, our products or our platform to comply with new or existing PRC privacy, cybersecurity or data protection laws, regulations, policies, industry standards or legal obligations, any failure to bind our suppliers and contractors to appropriate agreements or to manage their practices or any systems failure or security incident that results in the unauthorized access to, or acquisition, release or transfer of, personally identifiable information or other data relating to customers or individuals may result in governmental investigations, inquiries, enforcement actions and prosecutions, private claims and litigation, fines and penalties, adverse publicity or potential loss of business. See "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Regulations—Regulations relating to cybersecurity and privacy protection." For example, on June 10, 2021, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, or the SCNPC, promulgated the PRC Data Security Law, which took effect on September 1, 2021. The PRC Data Security Law provides for data security and privacy obligations on entities and individuals carrying out data activities and introduces a data classification and tiered protection system based on the importance of data and the degree of impact on national security, public interests or legitimate rights and interests of individuals or organizations when such data is manipulated, destroyed, leaked or illegally acquired or used. The PRC Data Security Law also introduces a national security review procedure for those data activities which may affect national security and imposes export restrictions on certain data information. Furthermore, along with the promulgation of the Opinions on Strictly Cracking Down Illegal Securities Activities in Accordance with the Law, overseas-listed China-based companies are experiencing a heightened scrutiny over their compliance with laws and regulations regarding data security, cross-border data flow and management of confidential information from PRC regulatory authorities.

On August 20, 2021, the SCNPC issued the Personal Information Protection Law, which has been effective from November 1, 2021 and reiterates the circumstances under which a personal information processor could process personal information and the requirements for such circumstances. The Personal Information Protection Law clarifies the scope of application, the definition of personal information and sensitive personal information, the legal basis of personal information processing, and the basic requirements of notice and consent.

On September 24, 2024, the CAC published the Cyber Data Security Regulations, which came into force on January 1, 2025. It provides that the data processors shall be subject to national security review if their network data handling activities affect or may affect national security, with no further explanation or interpretation as to how to determine what constitutes “affecting national security.” The Cyber Data Security Regulations outline the requirements for establishing an important data catalog and stipulate the responsibilities of network data processors to identify and report important data. See “Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Regulations—Regulations relating to cybersecurity and privacy protection—Cybersecurity.”

On December 28, 2021, the CAC and other 12 government authorities jointly issued the Cybersecurity Review Measures, which took effect on February 15, 2022. The Cybersecurity Review Measures provides that certain operators of critical information infrastructure purchasing network products and services or network platform operators carrying out data processing activities, which affect or may affect national security, must apply with the Cybersecurity Review Office for a cybersecurity review, and that network platform operators holding personal information of more than one million users seeking for listing in a foreign country must apply for the cybersecurity review. However, the scope of operators of “critical information infrastructure” and the interpretation for “affect or may affect national security” under the current regulatory regime remain unclear and are subject to the decisions of competent PRC regulatory authorities. As of the date of this annual report, we have not been informed by any PRC governmental authority of any requirement that we file for a cybersecurity review. If we are identified as an operator of “critical information infrastructure,” we would be required to fulfill various obligations as required under PRC cybersecurity laws and other applicable laws for such operators of “critical information infrastructure” thus currently not applicable to us, including, among others, setting up a special security management organization, organizing regular cybersecurity education and training, formulating emergency plans for cybersecurity incidents and conducting regular emergency drills, and we may need to follow cybersecurity review procedure and apply with Cybersecurity Review Office before making certain purchases of network products and services. During cybersecurity review, we may be required to make significant changes to our business practices, suspend certain business, or even be prohibited from providing certain service offerings in jurisdictions in which we currently operate or in which we may operate in the future. Failure to pass the cybersecurity review could also lead to negative publicity and a diversion of time and attention of our management and our other resources. It could be costly and time-consuming for us to prepare application materials and make the applications. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that we will obtain the clearance or approval for these applications from the Cybersecurity Review Office and the relevant regulatory authorities in a timely manner, or at all. If we are found to be in violation of applicable cybersecurity requirements, the relevant governmental authorities may, at their discretion, conduct investigations, levy fines, or require us to change our business practices in a manner materially adverse to our business. Any of these actions may disrupt our operations and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

On July 7, 2022, the CAC promulgated the Measures on Data Export Security Assessment, which came into effect on September 1, 2022. Such Measures on Data Export Security Assessment requires data processors to apply for a security assessment on data export. On February 24, 2023, the CSRC, the Ministry of Finance, the National Administration of State Secrets Protection and the National Archives Administration released the revised Provisions on Strengthening the Confidentiality and Archives Administration of Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies, or the Provision on Confidentiality, which became effective on March 31, 2023.

The CAC published the Provisional Administrative Measures for AIGC services, or the AIGC Administrative Measures, on July 10, 2023 and became effective on August 15, 2023. Pursuant to the AIGC Administrative Measures, AIGC service providers must comply with a number of rules and filing in relation to AIGC content, personal data, privacy protection and intellectual property rights. In case of a breach of the rules or non-compliance with the filing requirements, the regulatory authorities will impose warning, fine and other penalties. Failure to rectify the breach or non-compliance may lead to suspension in operations. We may incur substantial costs to comply with the AIGC Administrative Measures and to establish and maintain relevant internal compliance policies.

Given that the above-mentioned laws, regulations and policies were recently promulgated or issued, their interpretation, application and enforcement are subject to substantial uncertainties. We may be required to make further adjustments to our business practices to comply with the enacted form of the laws, which may increase our compliance cost and adversely affect our business performance. We expect that there will continue to be new proposed laws, rules of self-regulatory bodies, regulations and industry standards concerning privacy, data protection and information security in the PRC, and we cannot yet determine the impact such future laws, rules, regulations and standards may have on our business. Despite our efforts to comply with applicable laws, regulations and policies relating to cybersecurity, privacy, data protection and information security, we cannot assure you that our practices, offerings, services or platform will meet all of the requirements imposed on us by such laws, regulations or policies. Any failure or perceived failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations or policies may result in inquiries or other proceedings being instituted against, or other lawsuits, decisions or sanctions being imposed on us by governmental authorities, users, consumers or other parties, including but not limited to warnings, fines, directions for rectifications, suspension of the related business and termination of our applications, as well as in negative publicity on us and damage to our reputation, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

Moreover, we may not disclose any personal data or information, unless required by the competent PRC authorities through certain procedures required by the laws, for the purpose of, among others, safeguarding the national security, investigating crimes, investigating infringement of information network communications rights, or cooperating with the supervision and inspection of telecommunications regulatory authorities. Failure to comply with these requirements could subject us to fines and penalties.

We also may be bound by contractual obligations relating to our collection, use and disclosure of personal, financial and other data or may find it necessary or desirable to join industry or other self-regulatory bodies or other privacy, cybersecurity or data protection-related organizations that require compliance with their rules pertaining to privacy and data protection.

Further, in many cases we rely on the data processing, privacy, data protection and cybersecurity practices of our suppliers and contractors, including with regard to maintaining the confidentiality, security and integrity of data. If we fail to manage our suppliers or contractors or their relevant practices, or if our suppliers or contractors fail to meet any requirements with regard to data processing, privacy, data protection or cybersecurity required by applicable legal or contractual obligations that we face (including any applicable requirements of our clients), we may be liable in certain cases. Legal obligations relating to privacy, cybersecurity and data protection may require us to manage our suppliers and their practices and to enter into agreements with them in certain cases. We may face difficulties in binding our suppliers and contractors to these agreements and otherwise managing their relevant practices, which may subject us to claims, proceedings, and liabilities.

Security breaches and improper access to or disclosure of our data or our customers' data or other cyberattacks on our systems could result in litigation and regulatory risk and harm our reputation and our business.

Our business operations involve the storage and transmission of our customers' and their end-users' proprietary and other sensitive data, including financial information and personally identifiable information. While we have security measures in place to protect our customers and their end-users' data, our solutions and underlying infrastructure may in the future be materially breached or compromised as a result of the following:

- third-party attempts to fraudulently induce employees or customers into disclosing sensitive information such as usernames, passwords or other information to gain access to our customers' data, our data or our IT systems;
- efforts by individuals or groups of hackers and sophisticated organizations;
- cyberattacks on our internally built infrastructure;
- vulnerabilities resulting from enhancements and upgrades to our existing solutions;
- vulnerabilities in third-party infrastructure and systems and applications that our solutions operate in conjunction with or are dependent on;
- vulnerabilities existing within newly acquired or integrated technologies and infrastructure;
- attacks on, or vulnerabilities in, the many different underlying networks and services that power the internet that our solutions depend on, most of which are not under our control; and
- employee or contractor errors or intentional acts that compromise our security systems.

These risks are mitigated, to the extent possible, by our ability to maintain and improve business and data governance policies, enhanced processes and internal security controls, including our ability to escalate and respond to known and potential risks. Although we have developed systems and processes designed to protect our customers' and their end-users' proprietary and other sensitive data, we can provide no assurance that such measures will provide absolute security. For example, our ability to mitigate these risks may be affected by the following:

- frequent changes to, and growth in complexity of, the techniques used to breach, obtain unauthorized access to, or sabotage IT systems and infrastructure, which are generally not recognized until launched against a target, possibly resulting in our being unable to anticipate or implement adequate measures to prevent such techniques;
- the continued evolution of our internal IT systems as we early adopt new technologies and new ways of sharing data and communicating internally and with customers, which increases the complexity of our IT systems;
- authorization by our customers to third-party technology providers to access their data, which may lead to our customers' inability to protect their data that is stored on our servers; and
- our limited control over our customers or third-party technology providers, or the transmissions or processing of data by third-party technology providers, which may not allow us to maintain the integrity or security of such transmissions or processing.

In the ordinary course of business, we have been the target of malicious cyberattack attempts such as distributed denial-of-service attacks. To date, such identified security events have not been material or significant to us, including to our reputation or business operations, or had a material financial impact. We have implemented procedures designed to shield us against potential cyberattacks. However, there can be no assurance that future cyberattacks would not have a material adverse effect on our business operations.

Any catastrophe, including outbreaks of health pandemics and other extraordinary events, could have a negative impact on our business operations.

We are vulnerable to natural disasters and other calamities. Fire, floods, typhoons, earthquakes, power loss, telecommunications failures, wars, riots, terrorist attacks or similar events could cause severe disruption to our daily operations and may even require a temporary closure of our facilities. Our business could also be adversely affected by the effects of Ebola virus diseases, H1N1 flu, H7N9 flu, avian flu, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) or other epidemics. We cannot assure you that our backup systems or other mitigating measures will be adequate to protect us from the effects of any of these events, which may give rise to server interruptions, system breakdowns or network failures, and could cause the inability to provide our services. The continuance of any of these events could increase the costs associated with our operations and reduce our ability to operate our business at intended capacities, thereby reducing revenue and profitability.

For example, the outbreak of COVID-19 has materially and adversely affected the Chinese and global economy. In response to the pandemic, the governments implemented mitigation measures from time to time to contain the spread of the pandemic. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we experienced an increase in demand for our solutions following the COVID-19 outbreak due to the nationwide quarantine measures which have resulted in many businesses requiring their employees to work from home and collaborate remotely via cloud-based communications channels. However, we nonetheless experienced significant business disruptions as a result of the outbreak. Specifically, we experienced customer loss during the outbreak, primarily due to a decrease in the number of enterprise customers of smaller sizes that were less equipped to withstand the impact of COVID-19. We also experienced delayed service delivery, extended payment cycles and delayed collection of accounts receivable. In addition, we experienced delays in establishing cooperative relationships with our customers, especially large-enterprise customers, caused by the disruptions to offline sales and marketing activities during the outbreak. Any future impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic will depend on its subsequent development. We cannot be entirely certain as to whether its impact will be completely alleviated. To the extent that future waves of COVID-19 infections disrupt normal business operations and traveling in countries around the world, we may face disrupted market demand and operational challenges. We are closely monitoring the development of the pandemic and continuously evaluating any potential impact on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We depend largely on the continued services of our senior management, core technical personnel, and qualified staff. Our inability to retain their services could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our future success heavily depends upon the continuing services of our senior management and other key employees. In particular, we rely on the expertise, experience and vision of Mr. Changxun Sun, our founder and chief executive officer, as well as other members of our senior management team. We also rely on the technical know-how and skills of our core research and development personnel. If any of our senior management or core technical personnel becomes unable or unwilling to continue to contribute their services to us, we may not be able to replace them easily or at all. As a result, our business may be severely disrupted, our results of operations and financial condition may be materially and adversely affected, and we may incur additional expenses to recruit, train and retain key employees.

Our existing operations and future growth require a sizeable and qualified workforce. For example, the effective operation of our solutions and the underlying infrastructure depends in part on our professional employees. We also rely on experienced personnel for our business aspects of technology and solution design and development to anticipate and effectively respond to the changing customer preferences and market trends. However, our industry is characterized by high demand and intense competition for talents. In order to attract and retain talents, we may need to offer higher compensation, better trainings, more attractive career trajectory and other benefits to our employees, which may be costly and burdensome. We cannot assure you that we will be able to attract or retain qualified workforce necessary to support our future growth. We may fail to manage our relationship with our employees, and any disputes between us and our employees, or any labor-related regulatory or legal proceedings may divert managerial and financial resources, negatively impact staff morale, reduce our productivity, or harm our reputation and future recruiting efforts. In addition, as our business grows, our ability to train and integrate new employees into our operations may not meet the increasing demands of our business. Any of the above issues related to our workforce may materially and adversely affect our results of operations and future growth.

Our revenue growth depends on a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control.

We operate in a new and rapidly changing industry, widespread acceptance and use of our solutions are critical to our future growth and success. We believe our revenue growth depends on a number of factors, including our ability to:

- attract new customers;
- provide excellent customer experience;
- retain our existing customers, expand usage of our solutions, and cross-sell and up-sell to our existing customers;
- introduce and grow adoption of enhancements and new solutions we develop;
- achieve widespread acceptance and use of our solutions;
- adequately expand our sales and marketing force and other sales channels;
- maintain the security and reliability of our solutions;
- comply with existing and new applicable laws and regulations;
- price our solutions effectively so that we are able to attract and retain customers without compromising our profitability; and
- successfully compete against established companies and new market entrants; and increase awareness of our brand on a global basis and expand internationally.

If we are unable to accomplish any of these tasks, our revenue growth will be harmed. We also expect our operating expenses to increase in absolute terms as we scale, and if our revenue growth does not increase to offset these anticipated increases in our operating expenses, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be harmed, and we may not be able to achieve or maintain profitability. We have also encountered in the past, and expect to encounter in the future, risks and uncertainties frequently experienced by growing companies in rapidly evolving industries. If our assumptions regarding our projected growth and the associated risks and uncertainties, which we use to plan and operate our business, are incorrect or change, or if we do not address these risks and uncertainties successfully, our costs may rise, growth rates may slow, and our business would suffer.

If we fail to effectively manage our growth, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

Our growth has placed and may continue to place significant demands on our management and our operational and financial resources. For example, our solutions have supported a large number of customers and data. Our headcount had grown from 806 employees as of January 1, 2018 to 1,107 employees as of December 31, 2024. Additionally, our organizational structure is becoming more complex as we scale our operational, financial and managerial controls as well as our reporting systems and procedures. In particular, we have acquired several businesses, and have expanded our international operations into certain regions and areas outside China such as Japan, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Mexico.

To manage growth in our operations and personnel, we will need to continue to grow and improve our operational, financial, and managerial controls and our reporting systems and procedures, which will require significant investments and allocation of valuable managerial resources. Our expansion has placed, and our expected future growth will continue to place, a significant strain on our management, customer experience, research and development, sales and marketing, administrative, financial, and other resources. If we fail to manage our anticipated growth and change, the quality of our solutions may suffer, which could negatively affect our brand and reputation and results of operations.

In addition, as we expand our business, it is important that we continue to maintain a high level of customer support and satisfaction. We currently derive a significant portion of our revenues from sales of our solutions to large enterprises. As our customer base continues to grow and we focus more on serving large enterprises, we will need to expand our customer support and other personnel and innovate our solutions to provide personalized services as well as personalized features, integrations and capabilities. If we are not able to continue to provide high levels of customer support, our reputation, as well as our business, results of operations, and financial condition, could be harmed.

If we fail to maintain and expand sales channels, it could limit the number of customers we serve and materially and adversely affect our ability to grow and expand.

A portion of our revenues is generated through our sales and marketing team. Our future success requires continuing to develop and maintain a successful sales and marketing team that identifies and closes a significant portion of new sales opportunities. We also need to enhance our ability to cross-sell and up-sell additional features and solutions to existing customers. If our direct sales efforts are as not successful as anticipated, or any of our promotion or marketing activities violate certain applicable laws or regulations, we may be unable to meet our revenue growth targets.

A portion of our revenues is generated through indirect sales channels. Channel partners we cooperate with mainly consist of mobile network operators, distributors and system integrators. We typically have arrangements with them to distribute our solutions to their own customers, with which we do not contract or contract only to a limited extent. We expect these channels to continue to generate a considerable portion of our revenues in the future. Our sustained success requires continued efforts to develop and maintain successful relationships with these channel partners so as to increase the portion of sales opportunities that they refer to us. If we fail to do so, or if our channel partners are not successful in their sales efforts, we may be unable to grow and expand our business, and our results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

If we fail to offer high-quality customer support, it could adversely affect our relationships with our current and prospective customers and materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We have developed a customer support and success system designed to drive customer satisfaction and expand cross-selling and up-selling opportunities. Many of our customers depend on our customer support team to assist them in deploying or using our solutions effectively, help them resolve post-deployment issues quickly, and provide ongoing support. If we do not devote sufficient resources or are otherwise unsuccessful in assisting our customers effectively, it could adversely affect our ability to retain existing customers and could prevent prospective customers from adopting our solutions. We may be unable to respond quickly enough to accommodate short-term increases in demand for customer support. We also may be unable to modify the nature, scope and delivery of our customer support to compete with changes in the support services provided by our competitors. Increased demand for customer support, without corresponding revenues, could increase costs and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. Our business is highly dependent on our reputation and on positive recommendations from existing customers. Any failure to deliver and maintain high-quality customer support, or a market perception that we do not maintain high-quality customer support, could adversely affect our ability to attract new customers, and therefore our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We provide service level commitments under our agreements with customers. If we fail to meet these contractual commitments, we could be obligated to provide credits for future service, or face contract termination with refunds of prepaid amounts, which could harm our business and reputation.

Most of our agreements with customers contain service level commitments. If we are unable to meet the stated service level commitments, including failure to meet the uptime and other requirements under the agreements, we may be contractually obligated to provide the affected customers with service credits which could significantly affect revenue of the periods in which the uptime or delivery failure occurs and the credits are applied. We could also face customer terminations, which could significantly affect both our current and future revenue. Any service level failures could harm our business and reputation.

Our revenues are concentrated in a limited number of enterprise customers.

In 2022, 2023 and 2024, our ten largest customers in terms of revenues contributed an aggregate of 32.8%, 29.3% and 27.3% of our total revenues for the same years, respectively. The high quality of our services and the time and expenses required for switching to other qualified cloud-based communications solution providers help us retain our customers. As we typically do not have long-term contracts with our customers, they may reduce their usage at any time or terminate their adoption of our solutions upon expiration of original terms. Although we have made considerable efforts to diversify our customer base and attract new customers, if any of our large customers cease or reduce their use of our solutions, or use our solutions on less favorable terms, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

Our physical infrastructure which supports our ability to offer our solutions is concentrated in a few facilities. Any disruptions or system failures in these facilities could adversely affect our ability to offer reliable communications solutions.

Our physical infrastructure is subject to various points of failure. Problems with servers, routers, switches, cooling equipment, generators, uninterruptible power supply or other equipment, whether or not within our control, could result in service interruptions for our customers as well as equipment damages. Because our solutions leveraging cloud infrastructure do not require geographic proximity of our physical infrastructure to our customers, they are consolidated into a few facilities. Any failure or downtime in one of such facilities could affect a significant percentage of our customers. The total destruction or severe impairment of any of our facilities could result in significant downtime of our solutions and the loss of customer data. Because our ability to attract and retain customers depends on our ability to provide customers with highly reliable solutions, even minor interruptions could harm our reputation. Additionally, in connection with the expansion or consolidation of our existing facilities from time to time, there is an increased risk that service interruptions may occur as a result of server relocation or other unforeseen construction-related issues.

We have taken and continue to take steps to improve our infrastructure to prevent business interruptions, including on-going maintenance and upgrade. However, business interruptions continue to be a significant risk for us and could have a material adverse impact on our business. Any future interruptions could:

- cause our customers to seek damages for losses incurred;
- require us to replace existing equipment or add redundant facilities;
- affect our reputation as a reliable provider of communications solutions;
- cause existing customers to cancel or elect to not renew their contracts; or
- make it more difficult for us to attract new customers.

Any of these events could materially increase our expenses or reduce our revenues, which would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

We may be required to transfer our servers to new facilities if we are unable to renew our leases on acceptable terms, or at all, or the owners of the facilities decide to close their facilities or refuse to enter into lease agreements with us, and we may incur significant costs and possible service interruption in connection with doing so. In addition, any financial difficulties, such as bankruptcy or foreclosure, faced by our third-party facility operators, or any of the service providers with which we or they contract, may have negative effects on our business, the nature and extent of which are difficult to predict.

We depend on cloud infrastructure operated by third parties and any disruption of or interference with our use of such third-party services would adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We cooperate with third-party cloud service providers to host our communications solutions. We are, therefore, vulnerable to problems experienced by these providers. We expect to experience interruptions, delays or outages with respect to our third-party cloud infrastructure in the future due to a variety of factors, including infrastructure changes, human, hardware or software errors, hosting disruptions and capacity constraints. Such issues could arise from a number of causes such as technical failures, natural disasters, fraud or security attacks. The level of service provided by these providers, or regular or prolonged interruptions in that service, could also affect the use of and our customers' satisfaction with our solutions and could harm our business and reputation. In addition, hosting costs will increase as our customer base grows, which could harm our business if we are unable to grow our revenues sufficiently to offset such increase.

Furthermore, our providers have broad discretion to change and interpret the terms of service and other policies with respect to us, and those actions may be unfavorable to our business operations. Our providers may also take actions beyond our control that could seriously harm our business, including discontinuing or limiting our access to one or more services, increasing pricing terms, terminating or seeking to terminate our contractual relationship altogether, or altering how we are able to process data in a way that is unfavorable or costly to us. Although we expect that we could obtain similar services from other third parties, if our arrangements with our current providers were terminated, we could experience interruptions in our ability to make our solutions available to customers, as well as delays and additional expenses in arranging for alternative cloud infrastructure services.

As a result, we may incur additional costs, fail to attract or retain customers, or be subject to potential liability, any of which could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may have insufficient transmission bandwidth, which could result in disruptions to our solutions and loss of revenue.

Our operations are dependent in part upon transmission bandwidth provided by third-party network or cloud providers. There can be no assurance that we are adequately prepared for unexpected increases in bandwidth demands by our customers. Enterprises are increasingly inclined to adopt cloud-based communications solutions, especially as a result of residing demand for remote collaboration caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, and we may experience spikes in usage from time to time. Although we believe we are able to scale our network infrastructure in response, if we fail to cost-effectively maintain and expand our network infrastructure, our business and operations could be severely disrupted, and our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

The bandwidth we have contracted to purchase may become unavailable for a variety of reasons, including service outages, payment disputes, network providers going out of business, natural disasters, pandemics, networks imposing traffic limits, or governments adopting regulations that impact network operations. We also may be unable to move quickly enough to augment capacity to reflect growing traffic or security demands. Failure to put in place the capacity we require could result in a reduction in, or disruption of, service to our customers, require us to issue credits and ultimately a loss of those customers. Such a failure could also result in our inability to acquire new customers demanding capacity not available.

For some of our solutions, we recognize revenues over the subscription term, and thus downturns or upturns in new sales and renewals are not immediately reflected in full in our results of operations.

We offer some of our solutions, such as cloud-based CC solutions deployed primarily on public cloud, on a subscription basis, and we recognize the related revenues ratably over the subscription period beginning on the date our solutions are made available to our customers. As a result, much of the revenues we report each period are the recognition of revenues generated from subscriptions entered into during previous periods. Consequently, a decline in new or renewed subscriptions in any single period may have a small impact on the revenues that we recognize for that period. However, such a decline will negatively affect our revenues in future periods. Accordingly, the effect of significant downturns in sales and potential changes in our pricing policies or rate of customer expansion or retention may not be fully reflected in our results of operations until future periods. In addition, a significant portion of our costs are expensed as incurred, while revenues are recognized over the term of the subscription. As a result, growth in the number of new customers could continue to result in our recognition of higher costs and lower revenues in the earlier periods of our subscriptions.

Our business may be subject to seasonal effects, and any disruption of business during any particular seasons could adversely affect our liquidity and results of operations.

We have experienced, and expect to continue to experience in the future, seasonality in our business, results of operations and financial condition. We believe that our quarterly sales are affected by industry buying patterns. Our customers, especially large enterprises, tend to enter into contracts with us in the second half of each year in accordance with their budget cycles. As such, we generally record higher revenues during such periods. In addition, we typically generate lower revenues in the first quarter during or around Chinese New Year holiday. Our revenues may also fluctuate due to other factors such as the general economic environment. The seasonality changes may cause fluctuations in our financial results and any occurrence that disrupts our business during any particular seasons could have a disproportionately material adverse effect on our liquidity and results of operations.

We outsource certain non-core software development activities. Any failures by outsourcing service providers to meet our standards may adversely affect our business, reputation and relationship with customers.

While we independently developed all the core features of and technologies underlying our cloud-based communications solutions, we outsource certain non-core software development activities in relation to our cloud-based UC&C solutions in order to enhance productivity and reduce labor costs. Typically, we enter into agreements with these outsourcing service providers on a project basis, pursuant to which they deliver software according to our specifications. We may experience operational difficulties because of our outsourcing service providers, including their failure to comply with software specifications, reduced capacity, insufficient quality control and failure to meet deadlines. As a result, we may fail to deliver our communications solutions to the satisfaction of our customers and in a timely manner, which may adversely affect our reputation and relationship with customers. In addition, if one or more of our outsourcing service providers experience business interruptions or are otherwise unable or unwilling to fulfill their agreements with us, we may suffer delays and additional expenses in arranging for alternative service providers meeting our requirements, and our business, results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

We have incurred and may continue to incur substantial share-based compensation expenses.

We have adopted the 2016 share incentive plan, or the 2016 Plan, which permits the grant of a number of equity-linked awards, including share options and restricted shares, to directors, officers, employees and external consultants. The 2016 Plan is intended to promote our success and shareholder value by attracting, motivating and retaining selected employees and other eligible participants through the awards. The maximum aggregate number of ordinary shares which may be issued pursuant to all awards under the 2016 Plan is 29,525,465. As of the date of this annual report, options to purchase an aggregate of 26,095,554 Class A ordinary shares have been granted under the 2016 Plan, excluding those repurchased, among which (1) options to purchase 18,839,902 Class A ordinary shares granted to certain employees were exercised in January 2021, and such shares were issued in February 2021 subject to certain transfer and repurchase restrictions, (2) options to purchase 3,645,942 Class A ordinary shares granted to certain employees were subsequently exercised, and (3) options to purchase 3,609,710 Class A ordinary shares under the 2016 Plan are still outstanding.

In January 2021, we adopted the 2021 share incentive plan, or the 2021 Plan, under which the maximum aggregate number of Class A ordinary shares that may be issued pursuant to all awards under such plan is 15,144,221. As of the date of this annual report, restricted share units to purchase an aggregate of 11,707,389 Class A ordinary shares have been granted under the 2021 Plan, excluding those repurchased, among which (1) restricted share units to purchase 190,656 Class A ordinary shares were exercised, and (2) restricted share units to purchase 11,516,733 Class A ordinary shares are still outstanding. See “Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees—B. Compensation—Share Incentive Plans” for more information.

In 2022, 2023 and 2024, we recorded share-based compensation expenses of RMB107.5 million, RMB22.2 million and RMB14.3 million, (US\$2.0 million), respectively. For details on the measurements of our share-based compensation, See “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—A. Operating Results—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates—Share-based compensation.” As of December 31, 2024, there were RMB1.1 million (US\$0.2 million) and RMB21.0 million (US\$2.9 million) of total unrecognized share-based compensation expenses related to share options and restricted shares, respectively. The related share options and restricted shares are expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.84 years and 3.35 years, respectively. We expect to further recognize a substantial amount of share-based compensation expenses going forward, which we expect to have a significant impact on our results of operations. Moreover, if we grant additional share options or other equity-linked awards in the future, such as those under our share incentive plans or in connection with future acquisitions, our expenses associated with share-based compensation may increase significantly, which may materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We are expanding internationally, which could expose us to significant risks.

We established our first overseas subsidiary, Cloopen Japan Co., Ltd., in Japan in 2016 and have recently begun to generate revenues from our international operations. As of the date of this annual report, we also have overseas subsidiaries in Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Mexico. Any new markets or countries into which we attempt to sell our solutions may not be receptive. For example, we may not be able to expand into certain markets if we are not able to satisfy certain government- and industry-specific requirements. In addition, our ability to manage our business and conduct our operations internationally in the future may require considerable management's attention and resources and is subject to the particular challenges of supporting a rapidly growing business in an environment of multiple languages, cultures, customs, legal and regulatory systems, alternative dispute systems and commercial markets. Future international expansion will require investment of significant funds and other resources. Operating internationally subjects us to new risks and may increase risks that we currently face, including risks associated with:

- recruiting and retaining talented and capable employees outside China and maintaining our company culture across all of our offices;
- providing our solutions and operating our business across a significant distance, in different languages and among different cultures, including the potential need to modify our solutions and features to ensure that they are culturally appropriate and relevant in different countries;
- complying with laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which we operate, especially those in relation to our cloud-based communications solutions and business operations;
- complying with applicable international laws and regulations, including laws and regulations with respect to privacy, telecommunications requirements, data protection, consumer protection and unsolicited messages and calls, and the risk of penalties to us and individual members of management or employees if our practices are deemed to be out of compliance;
- operating in jurisdictions that have laws on the protection of intellectual property rights different from those in China, and the practical enforcement of our intellectual property rights globally;
- collaborating with partners outside China;
- compliance by us and our business partners with anti-corruption laws, import and export control laws, tariffs, trade barriers, economic sanctions and other regulatory limitations or perceptions on our ability to provide our solutions in certain international markets;
- foreign exchange controls that might require significant lead time in setting up operations in certain geographic territories and might prevent us from repatriating cash earned outside China;
- political and economic instability;
- changes in diplomatic and trade relationships, including the imposition of new trade restrictions, trade protection measures, import or export requirements, trade embargoes and other trade barriers;
- generally longer payment cycles and greater difficulty in collecting accounts receivable;
- double taxation of our international earnings and potentially adverse tax consequences due to changes in the income and other tax laws of China and the international jurisdictions in which we operate; and
- higher costs of doing business internationally, including increased accounting, travel, infrastructure and legal compliance costs.

Compliance with laws and regulations applicable to our international operations substantially increases our cost of doing business in international jurisdictions. We may be unable to keep current with changes in laws and regulations as they occur. Although we have included relevant clauses in our business contracts to support compliance with laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which we operate, there can be no assurance that we will always maintain compliance or that all of our employees and business partners will comply. Any violations could result in enforcement actions, fines, civil and criminal penalties, damages, injunctions or reputational harm. If we are unable to comply with these laws and regulations or manage the complexity of our international operations successfully, we may need to cease operations in certain foreign jurisdictions.

Negative publicity and allegations involving us, our shareholders, directors, officers and employees may affect our reputation, and as a result, our business, results of operations and financial condition may be negatively affected.

We, our shareholders, directors, officers and employees may be subject to negative media coverage and publicity from time to time in our ordinary course of business, which could threaten the perception of our reputation as a trustworthy cloud-based communications solution provider.

In addition, to the extent we, our shareholders, directors, officers and employees were involved in any legal or administrative proceedings or violate or allegedly violate any laws or regulations, our reputation could be materially and adversely affected, which may, in turn, adversely affect our business and results of operations. For example, an employee, who is a former member of our senior management team was sued, prior to joining us, for theft of source code by one of his prior employers and was convicted of theft of trade secrets by a local Chinese court in 2010. He had disclosed his conviction to us before joining us, and has undertaken to keep confidential all the information that he obtains during his employment with us and, in the event of his termination, to return or permanently destroy all the documentation and materials he obtains during his employment with us. He also agreed that we retain the ownership over all the rights attached to the work products, designs, inventions or other intellectual properties developed or possessed individually or jointly by him during and until one year after termination of his employment with us. We have adopted internal policies and a code of ethics to help protect our intellectual properties. Nevertheless, negative publicity associated with our employees may adversely impact our business and reputation. In addition, Mr. Yipeng Li, our chief financial officer, was named as one of the defendants in an ongoing securities class action lawsuit against Sunlands Technology Group in his capacity as its then chief financial officer, together with certain then directors and executive officers of that company, originally filed on June 27, 2019 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (case number 1:19-cv-03744-FB-SMG). This class action lawsuit alleged misrepresentation contained in the registration statement in connection with such company's initial public offering. The Sunlands matter has been concluded without any determination made regarding the liability of any defendant, including Mr. Yipeng Li.

Any negative publicity or allegations may cause us to spend significant time and incur substantial costs, and we may not be able to diffuse them to the satisfaction of our customers and investors, which could materially and adversely affect our reputation, business, results of operations and financial condition and the trading price of the ADSs.

We may need additional capital, and we may be unable to obtain such capital in a timely manner or on acceptable terms, or at all.

We may require additional capital beyond those generated by our initial public offering from time to time to grow our business, including to better serve our customers, develop new features and solutions, improve our operating and technology infrastructure or conduct acquisition of complementary businesses and technologies. Accordingly, we may need to sell additional equity or debt securities or obtain a credit facility. Future issuances of equity or equity-linked securities could significantly dilute our existing shareholders, and any new equity securities we issue could have rights, preferences and privileges superior to those of holders of our ordinary shares. For example, we may issue equity securities as consideration in acquisition transactions. Such issuances will be dilutive to our then existing shareholders, and more so if the equity securities are issued at such negotiated prices lower than the investment consideration paid by our then existing shareholders. The incurrence of debt financing would result in increased debt service obligations and could result in operating and financing covenants that would restrict our operations or our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders.

Our ability to obtain additional capital is subject to a variety of uncertainties, including:

- our market position and competitiveness in China's cloud communications industry;
- our future profitability, overall results of operations, financial condition and cash flows;
- general market conditions for capital raising activities in China and globally; and
- economic, political and other conditions in China and globally.

We may be unable to obtain additional capital in a timely manner or on acceptable terms or at all, and our financing may also be subject to regulatory requirements. If we are unable to obtain adequate financing on terms satisfactory to us when we require it in the future, our ability to continue to support our business growth could be significantly impaired, and our business and prospects could be adversely affected.

Certain software we use leverages open-source codes, which, under certain circumstances, may lead to unintended consequences and, therefore, could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our solutions incorporate open-source software, and we expect to continue to incorporate open-source software in the future. Few of the licenses applicable to open-source software have been interpreted by courts, and there is a risk that these licenses could be construed in a manner that could impose unanticipated conditions or restrictions on our ability to commercialize our solutions. Moreover, although we have implemented policies to regulate the use and incorporation of open-source software into our solutions, we cannot be certain that we have not incorporated open-source software in a manner that is inconsistent with such policies. If we fail to comply with open-source licenses, we may be subject to certain requirements, including requirements that we offer our solutions that incorporate the open source software for no cost, that we make available source code for modifications or derivative works we create based upon, incorporating or using the open source software and that we license such modifications or derivative works under the terms of applicable open source licenses. If an author or other third party that distributes such open source software were to allege that we had not complied with the conditions of one or more of these licenses, we could be required to incur significant legal expenses defending against such allegations and could be subject to significant damages, enjoined from generating revenues from customers using solutions that contained the open source software and required to comply with onerous conditions or restrictions on these solutions. In any of these events, we and our customers could be required to seek licenses from third parties in order to continue offering our solutions and to re-engineer or even discontinue offering our solutions in the event re-engineering cannot be accomplished on a timely basis. Any of the foregoing could require us to devote additional research and development resources, could result in customer dissatisfaction and may adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Certain of our customers, such as internet finance companies, may be subject to more stringent laws and regulations, which could adversely affect their operations and therefore their IT spending levels, and in turn could cause our customer base to shrink.

Certain enterprises which deploy our solutions in their business operations are internet finance companies, which accounted for approximately 5% of our total revenues in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Due to the relatively short history of the online consumer finance industry in China, a comprehensive regulatory framework is under development by the PRC government. Since mid-2015, the PRC government and relevant regulatory authorities have issued a number of laws and regulations, including the Interim Measure on the Internet Micro-credit Business (Draft for Comments) announced in November 2020, seeking to tighten the online consumer finance industry. These laws and regulations have imposed stringent requirements on the operation of peer-to-peer (P2P) online lending platforms. Although how these requirements will be interpreted and implemented is still unclear, it is likely that more stringent laws and regulations will be issued and adopted to further regulate related businesses. As a result of the stringent and evolving regulatory environment, online consumer finance industry is facing great challenges and shrinking in size, which has adversely affected and could continue to adversely affect our business. For example, relevant PRC authorities took stringent government measures in 2019 to regulate the operation of P2P online lending platforms, and we, after assessing potential risks, chose to voluntarily terminate certain transactions with existing customers in the online consumer finance industry to ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations, which led to a decrease in our existing customer base and our revenues primarily related to cloud-based CC solutions that we offer on a recurring basis in such year. Furthermore, if the practice of our customers in the online consumer finance industry is deemed to violate any rules, laws or regulations, they could be forced to substantially modify their business model, face injunctions, including orders to cease illegal activities, discontinuation of operations and correction orders, fines and criminal liability, and may be exposed to other penalties as determined by the relevant government authorities, which could significantly harm their business operations and IT spending levels. As a result, our customer base may shrink, and our business, results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

The estimates of market opportunity, forecasts of market growth included in this annual report may prove to be inaccurate, and any real or perceived inaccuracies may harm our reputation and negatively affect our business. Even if the market in which we compete achieves the forecasted growth, our business could fail to grow at similar rates, if at all.

Market opportunity estimates and growth forecasts included in this annual report is subject to significant uncertainty and are based on assumptions and estimates that may not prove to be accurate. The variables that go into the calculation of our market opportunity are subject to change over time, and there is no guarantee that any particular number or percentage of addressable companies or markets covered by our market opportunity estimates will deploy our solutions at all or generate any particular level of revenue for us. Even if the market in which we compete meets the size estimates and growth forecasted in this annual report, our business could fail to grow for a variety of reasons, including reasons outside of our control, such as competition in our industry.

Risks Related to Regulatory Compliance

Our business is subject to extensive regulation, and if we fail to obtain and maintain required licenses and permits, we could face government enforcement actions, fines and possibly restrictions on our ability to operate or offer certain of our solutions.

The cloud-based communications industry in China is subject to extensive regulation. Related laws and regulations are relatively new and evolving, and their interpretation and enforcement involve significant uncertainties. We are required to obtain and maintain all necessary operating licenses and permits applicable to our cloud-based communications solutions and our business operations in China. We may be required to apply for and obtain additional licenses and permits, as the interpretation and enforcement of the applicable current laws and regulations are evolving, and new laws and regulations may continue to be promulgated.

Certain of the affiliated entities have obtained licenses from the MIIT and/or its local authorities to use telecommunications network code resources and provide internet content, and the Value-Added Telecommunications Business Operating Licenses to provide domestic multi-party communications services, domestic call center services, non-internet information services and internet information services. Certain of our telecommunications network code practices may be found to be not in full compliance with relevant laws and regulations, and as a result, we may be subject to administrative measures including confiscation of pertinent revenues, penalties and withdrawal of the telecommunications network code resources. For instance, the affiliated entities may be deemed to be using the telecommunications network code resources registered under the names of other affiliated entities. As of the date of this annual report, the affiliated entities have not been subject to any legal or regulatory sanction for failure to obtain, renew or update such licenses. However, we cannot assure you that the affiliated entities can successfully obtain or maintain required licenses and permits in a timely manner or at all, and we may be subject to fines, confiscation of income and discontinuation of or restrictions on certain of our operations as a result. Moreover, if we fail to renew or update any of our current licenses and permits in a timely manner and on commercially reasonable terms or at all, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

As the regulatory regime for the industry in which we operate continues to evolve and the government authorities may continue to implement new laws and regulations or interpretations and applications of existing laws and regulations as applicable to us in the course of our expansion to new business operations, we may be required to obtain additional licenses and permits. For example, we do not believe our current operations of interactive voice response fall under the licensing requirements for instant information interaction services and, therefore, we do not believe we are required to obtain the related license. However, we cannot assure you that the regulators will not take a contrary position or that the regulatory regime will not evolve in a way to expand the licensing requirements. As a result, we may incur increased costs of compliance, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain the related license of instant information interaction services or any additional requisite license and permit or that we will not be found in violation of any existing or new law. If our operations are no longer in compliance with existing or new laws and regulations, or if we fail to obtain any license required under such laws and regulations, we could be subject to various penalties, including fines and discontinuation of or restrictions on our operations, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our brand image, business and results of operations may be adversely affected by third-party misconduct and misuse of our solutions, many of which are beyond our control.

We store, process and transmit a large amount of data and communications in the ordinary course of business, which may be subject to improper disclosure and misappropriation by our employees, business partners and other third parties. As a result, our business may suffer and our brand image, business, results of operations and financial condition may be materially and adversely affected. We are exposed to the risk of other types of employee misconduct, including intentionally failing to comply with government regulations, engaging in unauthorized activities and misrepresentation during marketing activities, which could harm our reputation. It is not always possible to deter third-party misconduct, and the precautions we take to prevent and detect misconduct may not be effective in controlling unknown or unmanaged risks or losses, which could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, our customers which deploy our solutions in their business communications may misuse them to make unauthorized calls and send unauthorized text messages and other content. For example, certain customers utilized our *7moor Cloud* to make unauthorized calls in telemarketing settings, which had subjected us to negative media coverage and publicity. Such misuses may also subject us to potential risks, including liabilities or claims relating to consumer rights protection laws. As a provider of short message services, we are required to comply with relevant laws and regulations relating to internet information protections. For example, on May 19, 2015, the MIIT published the Provisions on the Administration of Short Message Services, which took effect on June 30, 2015, prohibiting the use of text messages in telemarketing or other commercial settings without consumers' proper request and consent. In addition, the CAC published the AIGC Administrative Measures pursuant to which AIGC service providers must comply with a number of rules and filing requirements in relation to AIGC content, personal data, privacy protection and intellectual property rights. In case of a breach of the rules or non-compliance with the filing requirements, the regulatory authorities will impose warning, fine and other penalties. Failure to rectify the breach or non-compliance may lead to suspension in operations. Moreover, we could also be required to comply with relevant laws and regulations regarding the control and management of unauthorized calls, including, among others, establishing forbidden call lists to prevent telemarketing calls from reaching end-users who have formerly explicitly refused to be reached by telemarketing calls of a particular industry or business, and improving technological capability and risk precautions regarding the prevention and monitoring of unauthorized calls. The scope and interpretation of relevant laws and regulations that are or may be applicable to the delivery of text messages, calls and other content are continuously evolving. See "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Regulations—Regulations relating to cybersecurity and privacy protection—Unauthorized calls and text messages." We have taken certain acts to reduce unauthorized text messages and calls, such as contract restrictions in our agreements with customers. In response to the past misuses by certain of our customers, we have also been more proactive in screening business partners, prohibiting non-compliant behaviors, and conducting rigorous real-time quality inspections. However, as in practice we have little control over text messages, calls and other content delivered by our customers to their end-users, we cannot assure you that our current systems and acts will be sufficient or effective under applicable laws and regulations. If we do not comply with relevant laws and regulations or if we become liable under these laws and regulations, we could face direct liability and loss of customer confidence, which could materially harm our reputation, business, results of operations and financial condition.

The discontinuation of any of the preferential tax treatments available to us could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Under PRC tax laws and regulations, enterprises are generally subject to enterprise income tax at the statutory rate of 25%, and revenues from cloud-based communications services and communications devices are generally subject to value-added tax at the rates of 6% and 13%. Preferential tax treatments are available to certain enterprises, industries and regions. For example, certain of the affiliated entities were recognized as “high and new technology enterprises,” or HNTes, and were entitled to a preferential enterprise income tax rate of 15%. The HNTe status must be reapplied every three years. During the three-year period, HNTes must conduct a self-review each year to ensure they meet the HNTe criteria. We have renewed and intend to continue to renew our HNTe certificates upon the expiration of the three-year period. In addition, if the value-added taxes we actually paid for the sales of our qualified proprietary software exceed an amount equivalent to 3% of our revenues from such software, we are eligible to receive a refund of the excessive amount. However, if PRC government changes its tax policy of supporting new technology and software development, or if we cease to be eligible for any of these preferential tax treatments, we must pay tax at the standard rates, which would adversely affect our profitability.

Most of the lease agreements for our leased properties in China have not been registered with the relevant PRC government authorities as required by PRC law, which may expose us to potential fines.

Under PRC law, all property lease agreements are required to be registered with the local land and real estate administration bureau. Although failure to do so does not in itself invalidate the leases, the lessees may not be able to defend these leases against bona fide third parties and may also be exposed to potential fines if they fail to rectify such non-compliance within the prescribed time frame after receiving notice from the relevant PRC government authorities. The penalty ranges from RMB1,000 to RMB10,000 for each unregistered lease, at the discretion of the relevant authority. As of the date of this annual report, most of the lease agreements for our leased properties in China have not been registered with the relevant PRC government authorities. As of the same date, we have not been subject to any administrative fines or sanctions in this regard, nor have we received any rectification orders. However, there can be no assurance that relevant authorities will not in future implement measures to request us to register our leases. In the event that any fine is imposed on us for our failure to register our lease agreements, we may not be able to recover such losses from the lessors.

Our rights to use our leased properties could be challenged by property owners or other third parties, which may disrupt our operations and cause us to incur relocation costs.

We lease properties as our office premises in the ordinary course of our business. If any lessor of our leased properties in China does not have the relevant property ownership certificates or the right to lease or sublease such properties to us, the relevant lease agreements may be deemed invalid and we may be forced to vacate these properties, which could interrupt our business operations and cause us to incur relocation costs. Moreover, if third parties challenge our lease agreements, it could result in a diversion of managerial attention and cause us to incur costs associated with defending such actions, even if such challenges are ultimately determined in our favor.

Failure to make adequate contributions to social insurance and housing fund as required by PRC regulations may subject us to penalties

In accordance with PRC Social Insurance Law and Regulations on the Administration of Housing Fund and other relevant laws and regulations, an employer is required to pay various statutory employee benefits, including pension insurance, unemployment insurance, maternity insurance, work-related injury insurance, medical insurance and housing fund to designated government agencies in accordance with the rates provided under relevant regulations and withhold the employee benefits that should be assumed by the employees.

We did not make adequate social insurance and housing fund contributions for some employees in accordance with PRC laws and regulations. We may be subject to late fees, fines and/or other penalties as a result. As of the date of this annual report, we have not received any notice from the relevant government authorities or any claim or request from these employees in this regard. We have also made adequate provision in relation to the insufficient contribution of the social insurance and housing fund in our financial statements. However, we cannot assure you that the relevant government authorities will not require us to pay the outstanding amount and impose late fees, fines and/or other penalties on us, in which case our business, results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

We may be held liable for the information and content displayed on, retrieved from or linked to our websites or posted by us on third-party platforms, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The PRC government has adopted laws and regulations governing the distribution of information over the internet. Given the broad scope of these laws and regulations and the uncertainties regarding their interpretation, there can be no assurance that all the information and content displayed on, retrieved from or linked to our websites or posted by us on third-party platforms comply or will comply with the requirements of these laws and regulations at all times. Under applicable PRC laws and regulations, the marketing of our solutions on our websites or third-party platforms may be deemed as internet advertisement, which may subject us to legal or regulatory liabilities. If we were found to violate laws or regulations governing the information and content displayed on, retrieved from or linked to our websites or posted by us on other platforms, including but not limited to the PRC Advertisement Law and the PRC Anti-unfair Competition Law, we may be subject to fines and penalties and may be required to remove the non-compliant content from our websites or refrain from distributing the non-compliant content on third-party platforms, which may materially and adversely affect our reputation, business and results of operations. For example, we were ordered to remove the non-compliant advertisement and were imposed a fine of RMB10,000 in 2018 due to the use of certain inaccurate and unclear phrases regarding our solutions in violation of the PRC Advertisement Law.

Moreover, we may also be sued by private parties for defamation, copyright or trademark infringement, invasion of privacy, personal injury or under other legal theories relating to the information or content that we create or distribute. We could incur significant costs in investigating and defending such claims, even if we are ultimately not held liable. If any of these events occurs, we could incur significant expenses and our revenues could be adversely affected.

We are subject to anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering, financial and economic sanctions and similar laws, and noncompliance with such laws can subject us to administrative, civil and criminal fines and penalties, collateral consequences, remedial measures and legal expenses, all of which could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and reputation.

We are subject to anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering, financial and economic sanctions and similar laws and regulations in various jurisdictions in which we conduct our business or sell our solutions, including the PRC anti-corruption laws and regulations, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, or FCPA, and other anti-corruption laws and regulations. The FCPA prohibit us and our officers, directors, employees and business partners acting on our behalf, including agents, from corruptly offering, promising, authorizing or providing anything of value to a “foreign official” for the purposes of influencing official decisions or obtaining or retaining business or otherwise obtaining favorable treatment. The FCPA also requires companies to make and keep books, records and accounts that accurately reflect transactions and dispositions of assets and to maintain a system of adequate internal accounting controls. The PRC anti-corruption laws and regulations prohibit bribery to government agencies, state or government owned or controlled enterprises or entities, to government officials or officials that work for state or government owned enterprises or entities, as well as bribery to non-government entities or individuals. There is uncertainty in connection with the implementation of PRC anti-corruption laws and regulations. A violation of these laws or regulations could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and reputation.

We have direct or indirect interactions with officials and employees of China’s government agencies and state-owned enterprises in the ordinary course of business. These interactions subject us to an increased level of compliance-related concerns. We have implemented policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by us and our directors, officers, employees, representatives, consultants, agents and business partners with applicable anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering, financial and economic sanctions and similar laws and regulations. However, our policies and procedures may not be sufficient, and our directors, officers, employees, representatives, consultants, agents, and business partners could engage in improper conduct for which we may be held responsible.

Non-compliance with anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering or financial and economic sanctions laws could subject us to whistleblower complaints, adverse media coverage, investigations, and severe administrative, civil and criminal sanctions, collateral consequences, remedial measures and legal expenses, all of which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and reputation. In addition, changes in economic sanctions laws in the future could adversely impact our business and investments in the ADSs.

We have limited insurance coverage, which could expose us to significant costs and business disruption.

We provide social security insurance, including pension insurance, unemployment insurance, maternity insurance, work-related injury insurance and medical insurance, as well as housing fund for our employees. We also purchased additional commercial health insurance to increase insurance coverage of our employees. However, as the insurance industry in China is still in an early stage of development, insurance companies in China currently offer limited business-related insurance products. We do not maintain property insurance policies covering our equipment, systems and other property that are essential to our business operations. We do not maintain business interruption insurance or general third-party liability insurance, nor do we maintain product liability insurance or key-man insurance. We consider our insurance coverage to be in line with that of other companies in the same industry of similar size in China, but we cannot assure you that our insurance coverage is sufficient to prevent us from any loss or that we will be able to successfully claim our losses under our current insurance policies on a timely basis, or at all. If we incur any loss that is not covered by our insurance policies, or the compensated amount is significantly less than our actual loss, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

Risks Related to Doing Business in China

Changes in China's economic, political or social conditions or government policies could have a material adverse effect on our business and operations.

We generate substantially all of our revenues from our operations in China. Accordingly, our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects are influenced by economic, political and legal developments in China. Economic reforms begun in the late 1970s have resulted in significant economic growth. Although the PRC government has been pursuing economic reform policies for past decades, no assurance can be given that the PRC government will continue to pursue such policies or that such policies may not be significantly altered. As a result, while the PRC economy has experienced significant growth in the past decades, growth has still been uneven across different regions and among different economic sectors.

The PRC government exercises significant control in regulating industrial development, allocation of natural and other resources, production, pricing, management of currency, setting monetary policy and providing preferential treatment to particular industries or companies. Some of these measures may benefit the overall PRC economy, but may not benefit us. For example, our results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected by government control over capital investments or changes in tax regulations. In addition, in the past, the PRC government has implemented certain measures, including interest rate adjustment, to control the pace of economic growth. These measures may cause decreased economic activity in China, which may adversely affect our business and results of operations. In addition, the increased global focus on social, ethical and environmental issues may lead to China's adoption of more stringent standards in these areas, which may adversely impact the operations of China-based companies including us. We cannot predict whether changes in China's economic or social conditions or government policies will adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition, lead to reduction in demand for our solutions, or adversely affect our competitive position.

Furthermore, we, the VIE and its subsidiaries, and our investors may face uncertainty about future actions by the government of China that could significantly affect the VIE and its subsidiaries' financial performance and operations, including the enforceability of the contractual arrangements. As of the date of this annual report, neither we nor the VIE have received or have been denied permission from Chinese authorities to list on U.S. exchanges. However, there is no guarantee that we or the VIE will receive or not be denied permission from relevant authorities to list on U.S. exchanges in the future.

We are subject to extensive and evolving legal development, non-compliance with which, or changes in which, may materially and adversely affect our business and prospects, and may result in a material change in our operations.

The PRC legal system is based on written statutes and court decisions that have limited precedential value. The PRC legal system is evolving rapidly, and therefore the interpretations and enforcement of many laws, regulations and rules may be subject to further developments and changes.

From time to time, we may have to resort to administrative and court proceedings to enforce our legal rights. However, since PRC judicial and administrative authorities have discretion in interpreting and implementing statutory and contractual terms, and prior court decisions have limited precedential value, it may be more difficult to predict the outcome of a judicial or administrative proceeding. Furthermore, the PRC legal system is based, in part, on government policies, some of which are not published in a timely manner, or at all. As a result, we may not always be aware of any potential violation of these policies and rules. These uncertainties may impede our contractual, property and procedural rights, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Any actions by the Chinese government, including any decision to intervene or influence the operations of our PRC subsidiaries or the affiliated entities or to exert oversight and control over any offering of securities conducted overseas and/or foreign investment in China-based issuers, may cause us to make material changes to the operations of our PRC subsidiaries or the affiliated entities, limit or completely hinder our ability to offer or continue to offer ADSs and/or other securities to investors, and may cause the value of such securities to significantly decline or be worthless.

The Chinese government continues to exercise significant oversight and control over virtually every sector of the Chinese economy through regulation and state ownership. The ability of our PRC subsidiaries and the affiliated entities to operate in China may be impaired by changes in its laws and regulations, including those relating to value-added telecommunications service industry, taxation, land use rights, foreign investment limitations, and other matters.

The central or local governments of China may impose new, stricter regulations or interpretations of existing regulations that would require additional expenditures and efforts on our part to ensure our PRC subsidiaries and the affiliated entities' compliance with such regulations or interpretations. As such, our PRC subsidiaries and the affiliated entities may be subject to various government actions and regulatory interference in the provinces in which they operate. They could be subject to regulation by various political and regulatory entities, including various local and municipal agencies and government sub-divisions. They may incur increased costs necessary to comply with existing and newly adopted laws and regulations or penalties for any failure to comply. Furthermore, it is uncertain when and whether we will be required to obtain permission from the PRC government in connection with our listing on a U.S. exchange in the future, and even when such permission is obtained, whether it will be later denied or rescinded.

Government actions in the future, including any decision to intervene or influence the operations of our PRC subsidiaries or the affiliated entities at any time, or to exert oversight and control over an offering of securities conducted overseas and/or foreign investment in China-based issuers, may cause us to make material changes to the operations of our PRC subsidiaries or the affiliated entities, may limit or completely hinder our ability to offer or continue to offer securities to investors, and/or may cause the value of such securities to significantly decline or be worthless. See “—The approval of and the filing with the CSRC or other PRC government authorities may be required in connection with our future offshore offerings under PRC law, and, if required, we cannot predict whether or for how long we will be able to obtain such approval or complete such filing.”

The approval of and the filing with the CSRC or other PRC government authorities may be required under PRC law in connection with our future offshore offerings or listing, and, if required, we cannot predict whether or for how long we will be able to obtain such approval or complete such filing.

The Regulations on Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Companies by Foreign Investors, or the M&A Rules, adopted by six PRC regulatory agencies in 2006 and amended in 2009, 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 through acquisitions of PRC domestic enterprises or assets and controlled by PRC enterprises or individuals, to 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, pursuant to the M&A Rules and other PRC laws, the CSRC published on its official website relevant guidance regarding its approval of the listing and trading of special purpose vehicles' securities on overseas stock exchanges, including a list of application materials. However, the M&A Rules may be subject to further interpretation and application. If the CSRC approval is required for our future offshore offerings or listing, it is uncertain whether we can or how long it will take us to obtain the approval and, even if we obtain such CSRC approval, the approval could be lawfully rescinded. Any failure to obtain or delay in obtaining the CSRC approval for any of our future offshore offerings or listing, or a rescission of such approval if obtained, would subject us to penalties imposed by the CSRC or other PRC regulatory authorities, which could include fines and penalties on our operations in China, restrictions or limitations on our ability to pay dividends outside of China, and other forms of sanctions that may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

On July 6, 2021, the relevant PRC government authorities issued Opinions on Strictly Cracking Down Illegal Securities Activities in Accordance with the Law. These opinions emphasized the need to strengthen the administration over illegal securities activities and the supervision on overseas listings by China-based companies and proposed to take effective measures, such as promoting the construction of relevant regulatory systems to deal with the risks and incidents faced by China-based overseas-listed companies. These opinions and any related implementation rules to be enacted may subject us to additional compliance requirement in the future. We cannot assure that we will remain fully compliant with all new regulatory requirements of these opinions or any future implementation rules on a timely basis, or at all.

On February 17, 2023, the CSRC promulgated the Overseas Listing Trial Measures and five supporting guidelines, which took effect on March 31, 2023. Pursuant to the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, PRC domestic companies that directly or indirectly seek to offer or list their securities overseas are required to fulfill the filing procedure with the CSRC and report relevant information to the CSRC. At the press conference held for the Overseas Listing Trial Measures on February 17, 2023, officials from the CSRC clarified that the PRC domestic companies that had already been listed overseas on or before the effective date of the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, i.e., March 31, 2023, shall be deemed as existing issuers, or the Existing Issuers. Existing Issuers are not required to complete the filing procedures immediately but shall carry out filing procedures as required if they conduct refinancing or are involved in other circumstances that require filing with the CSRC. The officials from the CSRC also confirmed that for the PRC domestic companies that seek to list overseas with VIE structure, the CSRC would solicit opinions from relevant regulatory authorities and supplement the filing requirements for the overseas listing of companies with VIE structure which meet the compliance requirements. See “Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Regulations—Regulations relating to M&A Rule and overseas listing in the PRC.” As we had been listed on an overseas stock exchange prior to March 31, 2023, we are not required to make immediate filing with the CSRC in connection with such previous listing. However, we could be subject to the filing requirements with the CSRC if we conduct subsequent offerings or seek to list our securities on a stock exchange. Given that the Overseas Listing Trial Measures were recently promulgated, uncertainties remain as to the implementation and interpretation, and how they will affect our future financing. If we fail to complete the filing with the CSRC in a timely manner or at all, for any future offering or any other financing activities which are subject to the filing requirements under the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, our ability to raise or utilize funds and our operations could be materially and adversely affected.

We cannot assure you that we can complete the filing procedures, obtain the approvals or complete other compliance procedures in a timely manner, or at all, or that any completion of filings or approvals or other compliance procedures would not be rescinded. Any such failure would subject us to sanctions by the CSRC or other PRC regulatory authorities. These regulatory authorities may impose restrictions and penalties on the operations in China, significantly limit or completely hinder our ability to launch any new offering of our securities, limit our ability to pay dividends outside of China, delay or restrict the repatriation of the proceeds from future capital raising activities into China, or take other actions that could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects, as well as the trading price of the ADSs.

In addition, we cannot assure you that any new rules or regulations promulgated in the future will not impose additional requirements on us. If it is determined in the future that approval and filing from the CSRC or other regulatory authorities or other procedures, including the cybersecurity review under the Cybersecurity Review Measures and the CSRC filing under the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, are required for our future offering or other financing activities, it is uncertain whether we can or how long it will take us to obtain such approval or complete such filing procedures and any such approval or filing could be rescinded or rejected. Any failure to obtain or delay in obtaining such approval or completing such filing procedures for our future offering or other financing activities, or a rescission of any such approval or filing if obtained by us, may subject us to sanctions by the CSRC or other PRC regulatory authorities, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects, as well as the trading price of our securities. The CSRC or other PRC regulatory authorities also may take actions requiring us, or making it advisable for us, to halt our future offering or other financing activities before consummation. In addition, if the CSRC or other regulatory authorities later promulgate new rules or explanations requiring that we obtain their approvals or accomplish the required filing or other regulatory procedures for our prior offshore offerings, we may be unable to obtain a waiver of such approval requirements, if and when procedures are established to obtain such a waiver. Any uncertainties or negative publicity regarding such approval requirement could materially and adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition, reputation, and the trading price of our securities.

The ADSs may be prohibited from being traded over the counter in the United States under the HFCAA if the SEC subsequently determines our audit work is performed by auditors that the PCAOB is unable to inspect or investigate completely. The prohibition from trading of the ADSs, or the threat of their being prohibited from being traded, may materially and adversely affect the value of your investment.

The HFCAA was enacted on December 18, 2020. The HFCAA states if the SEC determines that we have filed audit reports issued by a registered public accounting firm that has not been subject to inspection by the PCAOB for two consecutive years beginning in 2021, the SEC shall prohibit our shares or the ADSs from being traded on a national securities exchange or in the OTC trading market in the United States.

On August 26, 2022, the PCAOB, the CSRC and the Ministry of Finance of the PRC signed the Statement of Protocol, which establishes a specific and accountable framework for the PCAOB to conduct inspections and investigations of PCAOB-governed accounting firms in mainland China and Hong Kong. On December 15, 2022, the PCAOB announced that it was able to secure complete access to inspect and investigate PCAOB-registered public accounting firms headquartered in mainland China and Hong Kong in 2022. The PCAOB Board vacated its previous 2021 determinations that the PCAOB was unable to inspect or investigate completely registered public accounting firms headquartered in mainland China and Hong Kong. However, whether the PCAOB will continue to be able to satisfactorily conduct inspections of PCAOB-registered public accounting firms headquartered in mainland China and Hong Kong is subject to uncertainties and depends on a number of factors out of our and our auditor's control. The PCAOB continues to demand complete access in mainland China and Hong Kong moving forward and is making plans to resume regular inspections, as well as to continue pursuing ongoing investigations and initiate new investigations as needed. The PCAOB has also indicated that it will act immediately to consider the need to issue new determinations with the HFCAA if needed. If the PCAOB is unable to inspect and investigate completely registered public accounting firms located in mainland China and Hong Kong, or if we fail to, among others, meet the PCAOB's requirements, including retaining a registered public accounting firm that the PCAOB determines it is able to inspect and investigate completely, and upon two consecutive years of non-inspection under the HFCAA, our shares and the ADSs will not be permitted for trading on a national securities exchange or the OTC trading market in the United States under the HFCAA and related regulations. In that case, we cannot assure you that we will be able to list on a non-U.S. exchange or that a market for our shares will develop outside of the United States. Such a prohibition would substantially impair your ability to sell or purchase the ADSs when you wish to do so and have a negative impact on the price of the ADSs. Moreover, the HFCAA or other efforts to increase U.S. regulatory access to audit information could cause investor uncertainty for affected issuers, including us, and the market price of the ADSs could be adversely affected. Also, such a prohibition would significantly affect our ability to raise capital on terms acceptable to us, or at all, which would have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, and prospects.

It may be difficult for overseas regulators to conduct investigation or collect evidence within China.

Shareholder claims or regulatory investigation that are common in the United States generally are difficult to pursue as a matter of law or practicality in China. For example, in China, there are significant legal and other obstacles to providing information needed for regulatory investigations or litigations initiated outside China. Although the authorities in China may establish a regulatory cooperation mechanism with the securities regulatory authorities of another country or region to implement cross-border supervision and administration, such cooperation with the securities regulatory authorities in the United States may not be efficient in the absence of mutual and practical cooperation mechanism. Furthermore, according to Article 177 of the PRC Securities Law, which became effective in March 2020, no overseas securities regulator is allowed to directly conduct investigation or evidence collection activities within the PRC territory. In addition, the Provision on Confidentiality specifies that requests made by overseas regulators to conduct investigations, including collecting evidence for investigation purpose, and inspections in the Chinese mainland shall be carried out through cross-border regulatory cooperation mechanisms. While the detailed interpretation of or implementation rules under Article 177 or the Provision on Confidentiality have yet to be promulgated, the inability for an overseas securities regulator to directly conduct investigation or evidence collection activities within China may further increase the difficulties you face in protecting your interests. See also “—Risks Related to the ADSs—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 and conduct our operations primarily in emerging markets.”

The custodians or authorized users of our controlling non-tangible assets, including chops and seals, may fail to fulfill their responsibilities, or misappropriate or misuse these assets.

Under the PRC law, legal documents for corporate transactions, including agreements and contracts 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 relevant PRC market regulation administrative authorities.

In order to secure the use of our chops and seals, we have established internal control procedures and rules for using these chops and seals. In any event that the chops and seals are intended to be used, the responsible personnel will submit a formal application, which will be verified and approved by authorized employees in accordance with our internal control procedures and rules. In addition, in order to maintain the physical security of our chops, we generally have them stored in secured locations accessible only to authorized employees. Although we monitor such authorized employees, the procedures may not be sufficient to prevent all instances of abuse or negligence. There is a risk that our employees could abuse their authority, for example, by entering into a contract not approved by us or seeking to gain control of our PRC subsidiaries or the affiliated entities. If any employee obtains, misuses or misappropriates our chops and seals or other controlling non-tangible 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 and divert management from our operations, and we may not be able to recover our loss due to such misuse or misappropriation if the third party relies on the apparent authority of such employees and acts in good faith.

Fluctuations in exchange rates could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and the value of your investment.

The value of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar and other currencies is affected by changes in China's political and economic conditions and relevant foreign exchange policies, among other things. In 2005, the PRC government changed its decades-old policy of pegging the value of the Renminbi to the U.S. dollar, and 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 Renminbi and the U.S. dollar remained within a narrow band. Since June 2010, Renminbi has fluctuated against the U.S. dollar, at times significantly and unpredictably. On November 30, 2015, the Executive Board of IMF completed the regular five-year review of the basket of currencies that make up the Special Drawing Right, or SDR, and decided that with effect from October 1, 2016, Renminbi is determined to be a freely usable currency and will be included in the SDR basket as a fifth currency, along with the U.S. dollar, the Euro, the Japanese yen and the British pound. In the fourth quarter of 2016, the Renminbi has depreciated significantly against the backdrop of a surging U.S. dollar and persistent capital outflows from China. This depreciation halted in 2017, and the Renminbi appreciated approximately 7% against the U.S. dollar during this one-year period. In 2018, a new round of Renminbi depreciation emerged under the influence of a strong U.S. dollar and the Sino-U.S. trade friction. In August 2019, Renminbi once plunged to the weakest level against the U.S. dollar in more than a decade, which raised fears of further escalation in the Sino-U.S. trade friction. With the development of the foreign exchange market and progress towards interest rate liberalization and Renminbi internationalization, the PRC government may in the future announce further changes to the exchange rate system and we cannot assure you that Renminbi will not appreciate or depreciate significantly in value against the U.S. dollar in the future. It is difficult to predict how market forces or relevant government policy may impact the exchange rate between Renminbi and the U.S. dollar in the future.

Significant revaluation of the Renminbi may have a material adverse effect on your investment. For example, 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 would receive from the conversion. 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 the 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 available to us.

Very limited hedging options are available in China to reduce our exposure to exchange rate fluctuations. To date, we have not entered into any hedging transactions in an effort to reduce our exposure to foreign currency exchange risk. While we may decide to enter into hedging transactions in the future, the availability and effectiveness of these hedges may be limited, and we may not be able to adequately hedge our exposure or at all. In addition, our currency exchange losses may be magnified by relevant exchange control regulations that restrict our ability to convert Renminbi into foreign currency.

Governmental control of currency conversion may limit our ability to utilize our revenues in foreign currencies effectively and fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the value of your investment.

The PRC government established specific laws and regulations on the convertibility of the Renminbi into foreign currencies and, in certain cases, the remittance of foreign currency out of China. We receive substantially all of our revenues in Renminbi. Under our current corporate structure, our Cayman Islands holding company may rely on dividend payments from our PRC subsidiaries to fund any cash and financing requirements we may have. Under existing PRC foreign exchange regulations, payments of current account items, including profit distributions, interest payments and trade and service-related foreign exchange transactions, can be made in foreign currencies without prior approval of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, or SAFE, by complying with certain procedural requirements. Specifically, under the existing exchange restrictions, without prior approval of SAFE, cash generated from the operations of our PRC subsidiaries and affiliated entities in China may be used to pay dividends to our company. However, approval from or registration with appropriate government authorities is required where Renminbi is to be converted into foreign currency and remitted out of China to pay capital expenses such as the repayment of loans denominated in foreign currencies.

As a result, we need to obtain SAFE approval to use cash generated from the operations of our PRC subsidiaries and affiliated entities to pay off their respective debt in a currency other than Renminbi owed to entities outside China, or to make other capital expenditure payments outside China in a currency other than Renminbi.

More restrictions and substantial vetting process are put in place by SAFE to regulate cross-border transactions falling under the capital account. If any of our shareholders regulated by such policies fails to satisfy the applicable overseas direct investment filing or approval requirement timely or at all, it may be subject to penalties from the relevant PRC authorities. The PRC government may at its discretion further restrict access in the future to foreign currencies for current account transactions. If the foreign exchange control system prevents us from obtaining sufficient foreign currencies to satisfy our foreign currency demands, or if our access to foreign currencies for current account transactions is subject to oversight, we may not be able to pay dividends in foreign currencies to our shareholders, including holders of the ADSs.

Certain PRC laws and regulations establish complex procedures for certain types of acquisitions of Chinese companies by foreign investors, which could make it more difficult for us to pursue growth through acquisitions in China.

A number of PRC laws and regulations have established additional procedures and requirements that could 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. Moreover, the Anti-Monopoly Law requires that the MOFCOM shall be notified in advance of any concentration of undertaking if certain thresholds are triggered. In addition, the security review rules issued by the MOFCOM that became effective in September 2011 specify that mergers and acquisitions by foreign investors that raise “national defense and security” concerns and mergers and acquisitions through which foreign investors may acquire *de facto* control over domestic enterprises that raise “national security” concerns are subject to strict review by the MOFCOM, and the rules prohibit any activities attempting to bypass a security review, including by structuring the transaction through a proxy or contractual control arrangement. In the future, we may grow our business by acquiring complementary businesses. Complying with the requirements of the above-mentioned regulations and other relevant rules to complete such transactions could be time-consuming, and any required approval processes, including obtaining approval from the MOFCOM or its local counterparts may delay or inhibit our ability to complete such transactions, which could affect our ability to expand our business or maintain our market share.

PRC regulation of loans to and direct investment in PRC entities by offshore holding companies and governmental control of currency conversion may affect our ability to capitalize or otherwise fund our PRC operations.

We are an offshore holding company conducting our operations in China through our PRC subsidiaries and affiliated entities. We may make loans to our PRC subsidiaries and affiliated entities, or we may make additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiary, or we may establish new PRC subsidiaries and make capital contributions to these new PRC subsidiaries, or we may acquire offshore entities with business operations in China in an offshore transaction.

Most of these activities are subject to PRC regulations and approvals. For example, loans by us to our wholly owned PRC subsidiaries to finance their activities cannot exceed statutory limits and must be registered with the local counterpart of SAFE. If we decide to finance our wholly owned PRC subsidiaries by means of capital contributions, these capital contributions are subject to the requirement of making necessary filings in the foreign investment comprehensive administrative system and registration with other governmental authorities in China. Due to the restrictions imposed on loans in foreign currencies extended to PRC domestic companies, we are not likely to make such loans to the affiliated entities as PRC domestic companies. Further, we are not likely to finance the activities of the affiliated entities by means of capital contributions due to regulatory restrictions relating to foreign investment in PRC domestic enterprises engaged in value-added telecommunications services and certain other businesses.

SAFE promulgated the Circular on Reforming the Management Approach regarding the Settlement of Foreign Capital of Foreign-invested Enterprise, or SAFE Circular 19, effective June 2015, in replacement of the Circular on the Relevant Operating Issues Concerning the Improvement of the Administration of the Payment and Settlement of Foreign Currency Capital of Foreign Invested Enterprises, the Notice from the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Relevant Issues Concerning Strengthening the Administration of Foreign Exchange Businesses, and the Circular on Further Clarification and Regulation of the Issues Concerning the Administration of Certain Capital Account Foreign Exchange Businesses. According to SAFE Circular 19, the flow and use of the Renminbi capital converted from foreign currency-denominated registered capital of a foreign-invested company is regulated such that Renminbi capital may not be used for the issuance of Renminbi entrusted loans, the repayment of inter-enterprise loans or the repayment of banks loans that have been transferred to a third-party. Although SAFE Circular 19 allows Renminbi capital converted from foreign currency-denominated registered capital of a foreign-invested enterprise to be used for equity investments within China, it also reiterates the principle that Renminbi converted from the foreign currency-denominated capital of a foreign-invested company may not be directly or indirectly used for purposes beyond its business scope. Although SAFE promulgated in October 2019 the Circular on Further Promoting the Cross-border Trade and Investment Facilitation, or SAFE Circular 28, pursuant to which non-investment foreign-invested companies are allowed to conduct domestic equity investment with settled capital from foreign exchange if such investment projects are true and compliant and do not otherwise violate the existing Special Management Measures (Negative List) for Foreign Investment Access, or the Negative List, it is unclear whether SAFE will permit such capital to be used for equity investments in China in actual practice. SAFE promulgated the Circular on Reforming and Regulating Policies on the Control over Foreign Exchange Settlement of Capital Accounts, or SAFE Circular 16, effective on June 9, 2016, which reiterates some of the rules set forth in SAFE Circular 19, but changes the prohibition against using Renminbi capital converted from foreign currency denominated registered capital of a foreign-invested company to issue Renminbi entrusted loans to a prohibition against using such capital to issue loans to non-associated enterprises. Violations of SAFE Circular 19 and SAFE Circular 16 could result in administrative penalties. SAFE Circular 19 and SAFE Circular 16 may significantly limit our ability to transfer any foreign currency we hold, including the net proceeds from our initial public offering, to our PRC subsidiaries, which may adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to fund and expand our business in China.

In light of the various requirements imposed by PRC regulations on loans to and direct investment in PRC entities by offshore holding companies, we cannot assure you that we will be able to complete the necessary government registrations or obtain the necessary government approvals on a timely basis, or at all, with respect to future loans by us to our PRC subsidiaries or with respect to future capital contributions by us to our PRC subsidiaries. If we fail to complete such registrations or obtain such approvals, our ability to use the proceeds we received from initial public offering and to capitalize or otherwise fund our PRC operations may be negatively affected, which could materially and adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to fund and expand our business.

PRC regulations relating to the establishment of offshore special purpose 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, limit our PRC subsidiaries' ability to increase their registered capital or distribute profits to us, or may otherwise adversely affect us.

SAFE promulgated the Circular of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Issues Concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration over the Overseas Investment and Financing and Round-trip Investment by Domestic Residents via Special Purpose Vehicles, or SAFE Circular 37, in July 2014, which replaced the Notice on Relevant Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Administration for PRC Residents Engaging in Financing and Roundtrip Investments via Overseas Special Purpose Vehicles promulgated by SAFE in October, 2005. SAFE Circular 37 requires PRC residents or entities to register with 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 with such PRC residents or entities' legally owned assets or equity interests in domestic enterprises or offshore assets or interests. On February 13, 2015, SAFE issued Circular on Further Simplifying and Improving the Foreign Currency Management Policy on Direct Investment, or SAFE Circular 13, effective on June 1, 2015, pursuant to which the power to accept SAFE registration was delegated from local SAFE to local qualified banks where the assets or interest in the domestic entity was located. In addition, such PRC residents or entities must update their SAFE registrations when the offshore special purpose vehicle undergoes material events relating to any change of basic information (including change of such PRC citizens or residents, name and operation term), increases or decreases in investment amount, transfers or exchanges of shares, or mergers or divisions.

If our shareholders who are PRC residents or entities do not complete their registration with the local SAFE branches, our PRC subsidiaries may be prohibited from distributing their profits and proceeds from any reduction in capital, share transfer or liquidation to us, and we may be restricted in our ability to contribute additional capital to our PRC subsidiaries. Moreover, failure to comply with the SAFE registration described above could result in liability under PRC laws for evasion of applicable foreign exchange restrictions. In addition, our shareholders who are PRC entities shall complete their overseas direct investment filings according to applicable laws and regulations regarding the overseas direct investment by PRC entities, including filings with the MOFCOM, the NDRC, or the local branch of the MOFCOM and the NDRC based on the investment amount, invested industry or other factors thereof.

We have used our best efforts to notify PRC residents or entities who directly or indirectly hold shares in our Cayman Islands holding company and who are known to us as being PRC residents or entities to complete the foreign exchange registrations or overseas direct investment filings. However, we may not at all times be fully aware or informed of the identities of all our shareholders or beneficial owners that are required to make or update such registration or filings, and we cannot compel them to comply with SAFE registration requirements and filing requirements as set forth in SAFE, MOFCOM and NDRC regulations. As a result, we cannot assure you that all other shareholders or beneficial owners of ours who are PRC residents or entities have complied with, and will in the future make, obtain or update any applicable registrations, filings or approvals required by SAFE, MOFCOM and NDRC regulations. Failure by such shareholders or beneficial owners to comply with SAFE, MOFCOM and NDRC regulations, or failure by us to amend the foreign exchange registrations of our PRC subsidiaries, could subject us to fines or legal sanctions, restrict our overseas or cross-border investment activities, limit our PRC subsidiaries' ability to make distributions or pay dividends to us or affect our ownership structure, which could adversely affect our business and prospects.

Moreover, under existing foreign exchange regulations, circulation of foreign currencies within the territory of the PRC shall be prohibited, and no pricing and settlement shall be made in foreign currencies within the territory of the PRC, unless otherwise stipulated by the state authority. For instance, using foreign exchange to make payments that shall be made with Renminbi violates various foreign exchange regulation requirements, which may result in liabilities under PRC law for circumventing applicable foreign exchange restrictions and be construed as arbitrage of exchange. As a result, relevant foreign exchange regulatory authorities may order the violating entity to convert the foreign exchange and impose a fine of up to 30% of the illegal arbitrage amount; in serious cases, the regulatory authorities may impose a fine in excess of 30% but no more than the illegal arbitrage amount. The violating entity may also be subject to criminal liability if its act constitutes a criminal offence. We have made some acquisitions in China, and as a consideration, we have issued new shares overseas to acquired entities' direct or indirect shareholders who are PRC residents, which may subject such shareholders and us to the above-mentioned fines or criminal liability in serious cases. In addition, we cannot assure you that such shareholders have completed the necessary registrations as required by SAFE Circular 37 and other relevant SAFE regulations and rules, failure of which may subject such shareholders to fines and sanctions and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If we fail to comply with PRC regulations regarding the registration requirements for employee stock ownership plans or share option plans, the PRC plan participants or we could be subject to fines and other legal or administrative sanctions.

In February 2012, SAFE promulgated the Notices on Issues Concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration for Domestic Individuals Participating in Stock Incentive Plans of Overseas Publicly-Listed Companies, or SAFE Circular 7. Under SAFE Circular 7 and other relevant rules and regulations, PRC residents who participate in stock incentive plan in an overseas publicly-listed company are required to register with SAFE or its local branches and complete certain other procedures. Participants of a stock incentive plan who are PRC residents must retain a qualified PRC agent, which could be a PRC subsidiary of such overseas publicly listed company or another qualified institution selected by such PRC subsidiary, to conduct the SAFE registration and other procedures with respect to the stock incentive plan on behalf of its participants. Such participants must also retain an overseas entrusted institution to handle matters in connection with their exercise of share-based awards, the purchase and sale of corresponding shares or interests and fund transfers. In addition, the PRC agent is required to amend the SAFE registration with respect to the stock incentive plan if there is any material change to the stock incentive plan, the PRC agent or the overseas entrusted institution, or any other material changes. We and our employees who are PRC resident and have been granted share-based awards will be subject to SAFE Circular 7 and other relevant rules and regulations. Failure of our PRC share-based award holders to complete their SAFE registrations may subject these PRC residents to fines and legal sanctions and may also limit our ability to contribute additional capital into our PRC subsidiaries, limit our PRC subsidiaries' ability to distribute dividends to us, or otherwise materially adversely affect our business.

If we are classified as a PRC resident enterprise for PRC income tax purposes, such classification could result in unfavorable tax consequences to us and our non-PRC shareholders or the ADSs holders.

Under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, or EIT Law, and its implementation rules, an enterprise established outside of the PRC with its “*de facto* management body” within the PRC is considered a “resident enterprise” and will be subject to PRC enterprise income tax on its global income at the rate of 25%. The implementation rules define the term “*de facto* management body” as the body that exercises full and substantial control and overall management over the business, productions, personnel, accounts and properties of an enterprise. In 2009, the State Administration of Taxation, or SAT, issued the Circular of the State Administration of Taxation on Issues Relating to Identification of PRC-controlled Overseas Registered Enterprises as Resident Enterprises in Accordance with the De Facto Standards of Organizational Management, or SAT Circular 82, which provides certain specific criteria for determining whether the “*de facto* management body” of a PRC-controlled enterprise that is incorporated offshore is located in China. Although this circular only applies to offshore enterprises controlled by PRC enterprises or PRC enterprise groups, but not to those controlled by PRC individuals or foreigners, the criteria set forth in the circular 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 all offshore enterprises. According to SAT Circular 82, an offshore incorporated enterprise controlled by a PRC enterprise or a PRC enterprise group will be regarded as a PRC tax resident by virtue of having its “*de facto* management body” in China and will be subject to PRC enterprise income tax on its global income only if all of the following conditions are met: (1) the primary location of the day-to-day operational management is in the PRC; (2) decisions relating to the enterprise’s financial and human resource matters are made or are subject to approval by organizations or personnel in the PRC; (3) the enterprise’s primary assets, accounting books and records, company seals, and board and shareholder resolutions, are located or maintained in the PRC; and (4) at least 50% of voting board members or senior executives habitually reside in the PRC.

We believe 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.” If the PRC tax authorities determine that any of our entities outside of China is a PRC resident enterprise for enterprise income tax purposes, we may be required to withhold a 10% withholding tax from dividends we pay to our shareholders that are non-resident enterprises, including the holders of the ADSs. In addition, non-resident enterprise shareholders (including the ADSs holders) may be subject to PRC tax at a rate of 10% on gains realized on the sale or other disposition of ADSs or ordinary shares, if such income is treated as sourced from within the PRC. Furthermore, if PRC tax authorities determine that we are a PRC resident enterprise for enterprise income tax purposes, dividends paid to our non-PRC individual shareholders (including the ADSs holders) and any gain realized on the transfer of ADSs or ordinary shares by such shareholders may be subject to PRC tax at a rate of 20% (which, in the case of dividends, may be withheld at source by us), if such gains are deemed to be from PRC sources. These rates may be reduced by an applicable tax treaty, but it is unclear whether non-PRC shareholders of Cloopen Group Holding Limited would be able to claim the benefits of any tax treaties between their country of tax residence and the PRC in the event that Cloopen Group Holding Limited is treated as a PRC resident enterprise. Any such tax may reduce the returns on your investment in the ADSs.

We face uncertainties with respect to indirect transfer of equity interests in PRC resident enterprises by their non-PRC holding companies.

We face uncertainties regarding the reporting on and consequences of previous private equity financing transactions involving the transfer and exchange of shares in our company by non-resident investors. In February 2015, SAT issued the Bulletin on Issues of Enterprise Income Tax on Indirect Transfers of Assets by Non-PRC Resident Enterprises, or SAT Bulletin 7. Pursuant to SAT Bulletin 7, an “indirect transfer” of PRC assets, including a transfer of equity interests in an unlisted non-PRC holding company of a PRC resident enterprise, by non-PRC resident enterprises may be re-characterized and treated as a direct transfer of the underlying PRC 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, and the transferee or other person who is obligated to pay for the transfer is obligated to withhold the applicable taxes, currently at a rate of 10% for the transfer of equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise. On October 17, 2017, SAT issued the Bulletin on Issues Concerning the Withholding of Non-PRC Resident Enterprise Income Tax at Source, or SAT Bulletin 37, which came into effect on December 1, 2017. SAT Bulletin 37 further clarifies the practice and procedure of the withholding of nonresident enterprise income tax.

There is uncertainty as to the application of SAT Bulletin 37 or previous rules under SAT Bulletin 7. We face uncertainties on the reporting and consequences of private equity financing transactions, share exchanges or other transactions involving the transfer of shares in our company by investors that are non-PRC resident enterprises. Under SAT Bulletin 37 and SAT Bulletin 7, our company may be subject to filing obligations or taxes if our company is the transferor in such transactions, and may be subject to withholding obligations if our company is the transferee in such transactions.

Increases in labor costs in the PRC may adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The PRC Labor Contract Law has reinforced the protection of employees who, under the PRC Labor Contract Law, have the right, among others, to have written employment contracts, to enter into employment contracts with no fixed term under certain circumstances, to receive overtime wages and to terminate or alter terms in labor contracts. Furthermore, the PRC Labor Contract Law sets forth additional restrictions and increases the costs involved with dismissing employees. To the extent that we need to significantly reduce our workforce, the PRC Labor Contract Law could adversely affect our ability to do so in a timely and cost-effective manner, and we could be subject to penalties or incur significant liabilities in connection with labor disputes or investigations.

In addition, we are required by PRC laws and regulations to make social insurance registration and open housing fund account with relevant governmental authorities and pay various statutory employee benefits, including pension insurance, unemployment insurance, maternity insurance, work-related injury insurance, medical insurance and housing fund to designated government agencies for the benefit of our employees. The relevant government agencies may examine whether an employer has made adequate payments of the requisite statutory employee benefits, and those employers who fail to make adequate payments may be subject to late fees, fines and/or other penalties. Our social insurance and/or housing fund policies and practices may be found to have violated the relevant laws and regulations. See “—Risks Related to Regulatory Compliance—Failure to make adequate contributions to social insurance and housing fund as required by PRC regulations may subject us to penalties.” For example, some of the affiliated entities did not make adequate social insurance and housing fund contributions or did not make social insurance registration and open housing fund account in accordance with PRC laws and regulations. As a result, we may be subject to late fees, fines and/or other penalties, and our business, results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

Recent litigation and negative publicity surrounding China-based companies listed in the United States may result in increased regulatory scrutiny of us and negatively impact the trading price of the ADSs.

We believe that litigation and negative publicity surrounding companies with operations in China that are listed in the United States have negatively impacted stock prices for such companies. Certain politicians in the United States have publicly warned investors to shun China-based companies listed in the United States. The SEC and the PCAOB also issued a joint statement on April 21, 2020, reiterating the disclosure, financial reporting and other risks involved in the investments in companies that are based in emerging markets as well as the limited remedies available to investors who might take legal action against such companies. Furthermore, various equity-based research organizations have published reports on China-based companies after examining, among other things, their corporate governance practices, related party transactions, sales practices and financial statements that have led to special investigations and stock suspensions on national exchanges. Any similar scrutiny of us, regardless of its lack of merit, could result in a diversion of managerial resources, potential costs to defend ourselves against rumors, decreases and volatility in the ADS trading price, and increased directors and officers insurance premiums, and could have a material adverse effect upon our business, results of operations and financial condition.

A severe or prolonged downturn in the global economic recession and the slowdown in the Chinese economy could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

COVID-19 has had a severe and negative impact on the global and Chinese economy, and its long-term impact on global and Chinese economy is still uncertain. Even before the outbreak of COVID-19, the global macroeconomic environment was facing challenges, including the end of quantitative easing by the U.S. Federal Reserve, the economic slowdown in the Eurozone since 2014 and uncertainties over the impact of Brexit and the ongoing trade and tariffs disputes between China and the United States. The Chinese economy has shown slower growth compared to the previous decade since 2012 and the trend may continue. There is considerable uncertainty over the long-term effects of the monetary and fiscal policies adopted by the central banks and financial authorities of some of the world's leading economies, including the United States and China. In addition, the tension caused by trade friction, the drastic drop in oil prices and the U.S. Federal Reserve's fiscal policies to strengthen the market in early 2020 also create uncertainty and challenges to the development of global economic condition. Economic conditions in China are sensitive to global economic conditions, as well as changes in domestic economic and political policies, and the expected or perceived overall economic growth rate. Any prolonged slowdown in the global or Chinese economy may have a negative impact on individual disposable income and in turn our business, results of operations and financial condition, and continued turbulence in the international capital markets may adversely affect our access to capital markets to meet liquidity needs.

The tension in international trade and rising political tension, particularly between the United States and China, may adversely impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our business could be materially and adversely affected by the tensions in international trade in recent years. Changes to international trade policies could adversely affect the global economic conditions. In addition, geopolitical tensions have escalated due to, among other things, trade disputes, the COVID-19 outbreak, sanctions imposed by the U.S. Department of Treasury, and the executive orders issued by the U.S. government that may prohibit transactions with certain selected Chinese companies as well as their products and services. Rising political tensions could reduce levels of trades, investments, technological exchanges, and other economic activities between the two major economies, and any such tensions or any escalation of such tensions, may negatively affect trading and business environments, which may, in turn, adversely impacting our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure

The PRC government may find that the contractual arrangements that establish our corporate structure for operating our business do not comply with applicable PRC laws and regulations.

Current PRC laws and regulations impose certain restrictions on foreign ownership of companies that engage in certain business operations, such as value-added telecommunications services. In June 2019, the MOFCOM and the NDRC promulgated the Negative List, which became effective on July 30, 2019, in order to amend the Guidance Catalogue of Industries for Foreign Investment. The Negative List was further amended, and the version of the Negative List currently in force was amended on April 8, 2024 and became effective on November 1, 2024. Pursuant to the Negative List (2024 Version), foreign investment in value-added telecommunications services (except for e-commerce, domestic multi-party communications services, store-and-forward services and domestic call center services) falls within the Negative List. As a result, foreign investors can only conduct investment activities through equity or contractual joint ventures with certain shareholding requirements and approvals from competent authorities. PRC partners are required to hold the majority interests in the joint ventures and approval from MOFCOM and the MIIT, for the incorporation of the joint ventures and the business operations. The primary foreign investors must also have operating experience and a good track record in providing value-added telecommunications services overseas.

Current PRC laws and regulations impose restrictions on foreign ownership and investment in companies that engage in value-added telecommunications services. We are an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. Anxun Guantong is our wholly-owned PRC subsidiary and a foreign-invested enterprise under PRC laws. We conduct our business in China through Ronglian Yitong and its subsidiaries, or collectively the affiliated entities, in China, based on a series of contractual arrangements by and among Anxun Guantong, Ronglian Yitong and its shareholders. Our contractual arrangements allow us to (1) exercise effective control over the affiliated entities, (2) receive substantially all of the economic benefits of the affiliated entities, and (3) have an exclusive option to purchase all or part of the equity interests in the affiliated entities when and to the extent permitted by PRC law. We have been and expect to continue to be dependent on the affiliated entities to operate our business in China. As a result of these contractual arrangements, we have control over and are the primary beneficiary of the affiliated entities and consolidate their financial results under U.S. GAAP. See “Item 4. Information on the Company—Corporate History and Structure—C. Organizational Structure—Contractual Arrangements” for details.

In the opinion of our PRC counsel, CM Law Firm, (1) the ownership structures of WFOE and the VIE in China currently are not in any violation of the applicable PRC laws or regulations currently in effect; and (2) the contractual arrangements by and among WFOE, the VIE and its shareholders governed by PRC laws and regulations are currently valid, binding and enforceable, and will not result in any violation of the applicable PRC laws or regulations currently in effect. However, we have been further advised by our PRC counsel that there are substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of current or future PRC laws and regulations. Thus, the PRC government may ultimately take a view contrary to or otherwise different from the opinion of our PRC counsel. If the PRC government otherwise find that we are in violation of any existing or future PRC laws or regulations or lack the necessary permits or licenses to operate our business, the relevant governmental authorities would have broad discretion in dealing with such violation, including, without limitation:

- revoking the business and operating licenses of our company;
- discontinuing or restricting any related-party transactions between our group and the affiliated entities;
- imposing fines and penalties, confiscating the income from our company, or imposing additional requirements for our operations which we may not be able to comply with;
- requiring us to restructure our ownership structure or operations, including terminating the contractual arrangements and deregistering the share pledges of the VIE, which in turn would affect our ability to consolidate, derive economic interests from, or exercise effective control over the affiliated entities;
- restricting or prohibiting our use of the proceeds of our initial public offering to finance our business and operations in China, particularly the expansion of our business through strategic acquisitions; or
- restricting the use of financing sources by us or the affiliated entities or otherwise restricting our or their ability to conduct business.

Any of these events could cause significant disruption to our business operations and severely damage our reputation, which would in turn materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. If occurrences of any of these events results in our inability to direct the activities of the affiliated entities in China, and/or our failure to receive the economic benefits from the affiliated entities, we may not be able to consolidate their financial results in our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Any failure by the VIE or its shareholders to perform their obligations under our contractual arrangements with them would have a material adverse effect on our business.

We have relied and expect to continue to rely on the contractual arrangements with the VIE and its shareholders to operate our business in China. For a description of these contractual arrangements, See “Item 4. Information on the Company—Corporate History and Structure—C. Organizational Structure—Contractual Arrangements.”

However, these contractual arrangements may not be as effective as direct ownership in providing us with control over the affiliated entities. Any of the affiliated entities, including the VIE, and its shareholders, could breach their contractual arrangements with us by, among other things, failing to conduct their operations in an acceptable manner or taking other actions that are detrimental to our interests. In the event that the shareholders of the VIE breach the terms of these contractual arrangements and voluntarily liquidate the VIE, or the VIE declares bankruptcy and all or part of its assets become subject to liens or rights of third-party creditors, or are otherwise disposed of without our consent, we may be unable to conduct some or all of our business operations or otherwise benefit from the assets held by the affiliated entities, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Furthermore, we are a holding company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. As a holding company with no material operations of our own, we conduct substantially all of our operations through our WFOE, the VIE, and its subsidiaries in China. We control and receive the economic benefits of the VIE and its subsidiaries’ business operations through certain contractual arrangements. The ADSs listed on the OTC market represents shares of our offshore holding company instead of shares of the VIE or its subsidiaries in China. We may not be able to continue to satisfy the applicable requirements and rules with respect to such structure.

If the VIE or its shareholders fail to perform their respective obligations under the contractual arrangements, we may have to incur substantial costs and expend additional resources to enforce such arrangements. We may also have to rely on legal remedies under PRC law, including seeking specific performance or injunctive relief, and contractual remedies, which we cannot assure you will be sufficient or effective under PRC law. Our contractual arrangements are governed by PRC law and provide for the resolution of disputes through arbitration in China. Accordingly, these agreements would be interpreted in accordance with PRC law and any disputes would be resolved in accordance with relevant legal procedures, which could be time-consuming and costly and could operate to limit our abilities to enforce these contractual arrangements. Meanwhile, there are very few precedents and little formal guidance as to how contractual arrangements in the context of a consolidated variable interest entity should be interpreted or enforced under PRC law. There remain significant uncertainties regarding the ultimate outcome of such arbitration should legal action become necessary. In addition, under PRC law, rulings by arbitrators are final, parties cannot appeal the arbitration results in courts, and if the losing parties fail to carry out the arbitration awards within a prescribed time limit, the prevailing parties may only enforce the arbitration awards in PRC courts through arbitration award recognition proceedings, which would require additional expenses and delay. In the event that we are unable to enforce these contractual arrangements, or if we suffer significant delay or other obstacles in the process of enforcing these contractual arrangements, we may not be able to exert effective control over the affiliated entities, and our ability to conduct our business may be negatively affected. See “—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—We are subject to extensive and evolving legal development, non-compliance with which, or changes in which, may materially and adversely affect our business and prospects, and may result in a material change in our operations.”

The shareholders of the VIE may have actual or potential conflicts of interest with us, which may materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The shareholders of the VIE may have actual or potential conflicts of interest with us. These shareholders may breach, or cause the VIE to breach, or refuse to renew, the existing contractual arrangements we have with them and the VIE, which would have a material adverse effect on our ability to effectively control the affiliated entities and receive economic benefits from them. For example, the shareholders may be able to cause our agreements with the VIE to be performed in a manner adverse to us by, among other things, failing to remit payments due under the contractual arrangements to us on a timely basis. We cannot assure you that when conflicts of interest arise any or all of these shareholders will act in the best interests of our company or such conflicts will be resolved in our favor. Currently, we do not have any arrangements to address potential conflicts of interest between these shareholders and our company. If we cannot resolve any conflict of interest or dispute between us and these shareholders, we would have to rely on legal proceedings, which could result in disruption of our business and subject us to substantial uncertainties as to the outcome of any such legal proceedings.

Our contractual arrangements may be subject to scrutiny by the PRC tax authorities and they may determine that we or the affiliated entities owe additional taxes, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Under applicable PRC laws and regulations, arrangements and transactions among related parties may be subject to audit or challenge by the PRC tax authorities. The tax authorities may impose reasonable adjustments on taxation if they have identified any related party transactions that are inconsistent with arm's length principles. We could face material and adverse tax consequences if the PRC tax authorities determine that our contractual arrangements were not entered into on an arm's length basis in such a way as to result in an impermissible reduction in taxes under applicable PRC laws, rules and regulations, and adjust income of the affiliated entities in the form of a transfer pricing adjustment. A transfer pricing adjustment could, among other things, result in a reduction of expense deductions recorded by the affiliated entities for PRC tax purposes, which could in turn increase their tax liabilities without reducing our WFOE's tax expenses. In addition, if our WFOE requests the shareholders of the affiliated entities to transfer their equity interests at nominal or no value pursuant to the contractual arrangements, such transfer could be viewed as a gift and subject WFOE to PRC income tax. Furthermore, the PRC tax authorities may impose late payment fees and other penalties on the affiliated entities for the adjusted but unpaid taxes according to the applicable regulations. Our financial position could be materially and adversely affected if the affiliated entities' tax liabilities increase or if they are required to pay late payment fees and other penalties.

Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation and implementation of the newly enacted Foreign Investment Law and how it may impact the viability of our current corporate structure, corporate governance, business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

On March 15, 2019, the National People's Congress promulgated the Foreign Investment Law, which came into effect on January 1, 2020 and replaced the trio of existing laws regulating foreign investment in China, namely, the Sino-foreign Equity Joint Venture Enterprise Law, the Sino-foreign Cooperative Joint Venture Enterprise Law and the Wholly Foreign-invested Enterprise Law, together with their implementation rules and ancillary regulations. The Foreign Investment Law embodies an expected PRC regulatory trend to rationalize its foreign investment regulatory regime in line with prevailing international practice and the legislative efforts to unify the corporate legal requirements for both foreign and domestic investments. The current Foreign Investment Law does not mention concepts such as "actual control" and "controlling PRC companies by contracts or trusts" that were included in the previous drafts, nor does it specify regulations on controlling through contractual arrangements. As a result, this regulatory topic remains uncertain under the Foreign Investment Law. However, since the Foreign Investment Law is relatively new, uncertainties still exist in relation to its interpretation and implementation, and failure to take timely and appropriate measures to cope with the regulatory-compliance challenges could result in a material adverse effect on us. For instance, though the Foreign Investment Law does not explicitly classify contractual arrangements as a form of foreign investment, it contains a catch-all provision under the definition of "foreign investment," which includes investments made by foreign investors in China through means stipulated in laws or administrative regulations or other methods prescribed by the State Council. Therefore, it still leaves leeway for future laws, administrative regulations or provisions promulgated by the State Council to provide for contractual arrangements as a form of foreign investment, at which time it will be uncertain whether our contractual arrangements will be deemed to be in violation of the market access requirements for foreign investment in the PRC and if yes, how our contractual arrangements should be dealt with. In addition, if future laws, administrative regulations or provisions prescribed by the State Council mandate further actions to be taken by companies with respect to existing contractual arrangements, we may face substantial uncertainties as to whether we can complete such actions in a timely manner, or at all. In the worst-case scenario, we may be required to unwind our existing contractual arrangements and/or dispose of the relevant business operations, which could have a material adverse effect on our current corporate structure, corporate governance, business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

We may rely on dividends paid by our PRC subsidiaries to fund cash and financing requirements. Any limitation on the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to pay dividends to us could have a material adverse effect on our ability to conduct our business and to pay dividends to holders of our ordinary shares, including those represented by the ADSs.

We are a holding company, and we may rely on dividends to be paid by our PRC subsidiaries for our cash and financing requirements, including the funds necessary to pay dividends and other cash distributions to holders of our ordinary shares, including those represented by the ADSs, and service any debt we may incur. If our PRC subsidiaries incur debt on their own behalf in the future, the instruments governing the debt may restrict its ability to pay dividends or make other distributions to us.

Under PRC laws and regulations, wholly foreign-owned enterprises in the PRC, such as WFOE, may pay dividends only out of their accumulated profits as determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. In addition, a wholly foreign-owned enterprise is required to set aside at least 10% of its after-tax profits each year, after making up previous years' accumulated losses, if any, to fund certain statutory reserve funds, until the aggregate amount of such a fund reaches 50% of its registered capital. These reserve funds are not distributable as cash dividends. Any limitation on the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other distributions to us could materially and adversely limit our ability to grow, make investments or acquisitions that could be beneficial to our business, pay dividends, or otherwise fund and conduct our business.

Risks Related to Corporate Governance

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 are 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 of quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or current reports on Form 8-K with the SEC;
- 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. 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 than 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.

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 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 for so long as we remain an emerging growth company. As a result, if we elect not to comply with such auditor attestation requirements, our investors may 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. Further, as an emerging growth company, we have elected to use the extended transition period for complying with new or revised financial accounting standards. As such, our financial statements may not be comparable to companies that comply with public company effective dates because of the potential differences in accounting standard used. We cannot predict if investors will find the ADSs less attractive because we may rely on these provisions. If some investors find the ADSs less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for the ADSs and the trading price of the ADSs may be more volatile.

We incur significant costs as a result of being a public company, particularly after we cease to qualify as an “emerging growth company.”

We incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses as a result of being a public company. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as rules subsequently implemented by the SEC, impose various requirements on the corporate governance practices of public companies. 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. As a company with less than US\$ 1.235 billion in revenues 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. 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 and the other rules and regulations of the SEC.

As a result of becoming a public company, we have increased the number of independent directors and adopted policies regarding internal controls and disclosure controls and procedures. Operating as a public company has also made it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain and maintain 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 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 lawsuits against the company following periods of instability in the market price of that company’s securities. If we were involved in a class action lawsuit, 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 lawsuit. Any such class action lawsuit, 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 results of operations and financial condition.

Our dual-class voting structure will limit your ability to influence corporate matters and could discourage others from pursuing any change of control transactions that holders of our Class A ordinary shares and ADSs may view as beneficial.

Our authorized and issued ordinary shares have been divided into Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares. Holders of Class A ordinary shares will be entitled to one vote per share, while holders of Class B ordinary shares will be entitled to ten votes per share. Each Class B ordinary share is convertible into one Class A ordinary share at any time by the holder thereof, while Class A ordinary shares are not convertible into Class B ordinary shares under any circumstances. As of the date of this annual report, Mr. Changxun Sun beneficially owns 2,000,000 Class A ordinary shares and all of our 25,649,839 Class B ordinary shares, representing approximately 8.29% of our then total issued and outstanding share capital and 45.79% of our then aggregate voting power.

As a result of the dual-class voting structure and the concentration of ownership, Mr. Changxun Sun has considerable influence over matters such as decisions regarding mergers, consolidations and the sale of all or substantially all of our assets, election of directors and other significant corporate actions. This concentration of ownership may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company, which could have the effect of depriving our other shareholders of the opportunity to receive a premium for their shares as part of a sale of our company and may reduce the price of the ADSs. This concentrated control will limit your ability to influence corporate matters and could discourage others from pursuing any potential merger, takeover or other change of control transactions that holders of Class A ordinary shares and ADSs may view as beneficial.

The dual-class structure of our ordinary shares may adversely affect the trading market for the ADSs.

Certain shareholder advisory firms have announced changes to their eligibility criteria for inclusion of shares of public companies on certain indices, including the S&P 500, to exclude companies with multiple classes of shares and companies whose public shareholders hold no more than 5% of total voting power from being added to such indices. In addition, several shareholder advisory firms have announced their opposition to the use of multiple class structures. As a result, the dual-class structure of our ordinary shares may prevent the inclusion of the ADSs representing Class A ordinary shares in such indices and may cause shareholder advisory firms to publish negative commentary about our corporate governance practices or otherwise seek to cause us to change our capital structure. Any such exclusion from indices could result in a less active trading market for the ADSs. Any actions or publications by shareholder advisory firms critical of our corporate governance practices or capital structure could also adversely affect the value of the ADSs.

Our memorandum and articles of association contain anti-takeover provisions that could have a material adverse effect on the rights of holders of our ordinary shares and the ADSs.

Our memorandum and articles of association contain provisions which could 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. 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, represented by the 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 the ADSs may fall and the voting and other rights of the holders of our ordinary shares and ADSs may be materially and adversely affected.

Risks Related to the ADSs

The delisting of the ADSs from the New York Stock Exchange may continue to have a material adverse effect on the trading and price of the ADSs.

On October 25, 2023, we were delisted from the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, when the NYSE staff filed a Form 25 Notification of Delisting. The delisting of the ADSs from the NYSE has had and may continue to have a material adverse effect on us by, among other things, causing investors to dispose of the ADSs and limiting:

- the liquidity of the ADSs;
- the market price of the ADSs;
- the number of institutional and other investors that will consider investing in the ADSs;
- the availability of information concerning the trading prices and volume of the ADSs;
- the number of broker-dealers willing to execute trades in the ADSs; and
- our ability to obtain equity or debt financing for the continuation of our operations.

The lack of an active trading market may limit the liquidity of an investment in the ADSs, meaning you may not be able to sell the ADSs you own at times, or at prices, attractive to you. Any of these factors may materially and adversely affect the price of the ADSs.

The trading price of the ADSs has been and is likely to continue to be volatile, which could result in substantial losses to investors.

The ADSs had been listed for trading on the NYSE under the symbol “RAAS” since February 8, 2021. On May 17, 2023, the NYSE suspended the trading in the ADSs and commenced delisting proceedings. Following the trading suspension, the ADSs have been quoted on the OTC market in the United States under the symbol “RAASY.” On October 25, 2023, we were delisted from NYSE when the NYSE staff filed a Form 25 Notification of Delisting. The OTC market is a significantly more limited market than the NYSE. The quotation of the ADSs on the OTC market may result in a less liquid market available for existing and potential stockholders to trade the ADSs, could depress the trading price of the ADSs and could have a long-term adverse impact on our ability to raise capital in the future.

The trading price of the ADSs has been and is likely to continue 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 of the market prices of other companies with business operations located mainly in China that have listed their securities in the United States. A number of Chinese companies have listed or are in the process of listing their securities on U.S. stock markets. The securities of some of these companies have experienced significant volatility, including price declines in connection with their initial public offerings. The trading performances of these Chinese companies’ securities after their offerings may affect the attitudes of investors toward Chinese companies listed in the United States in general and consequently may impact the trading performance of the 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. Furthermore, securities markets may from time to time experience significant price and volume fluctuations that are not related to our operating performance, which may have a material and adverse effect on the trading price of the ADSs.

In addition to market and industry factors, the price and trading volume for the ADSs may be highly volatile for factors specific to our own operations, including the following:

- variations in our revenues, earnings and cash flow;
- announcements of new investments, acquisitions, strategic partnerships or joint ventures by us or our competitors;
- announcements of new solutions and expansions by us or our competitors;
- announcements of applicable new policies, rules or regulations relating to the communications industry;
- changes in financial estimates by securities analysts;
- detrimental adverse publicity about us, our solutions, our competitors or our industry;
- additions or departures of key personnel;
- fluctuations of exchange rates between the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar;
- release of lock-up or other transfer restrictions on our outstanding equity securities or sales of additional equity securities; and
- potential litigation or regulatory investigations.

Any of these factors may result in large and sudden changes in the volume and price at which the ADSs will trade.

Moreover, there have been recent instances of extreme stock price run-ups followed by rapid price declines and strong stock price volatility with a number of recent initial public offerings, particularly among companies with relatively smaller public floats. As we currently have a relatively small public float, we may experience greater stock price volatility, including aggressive price run-ups and declines, lower trading volume and less liquidity, compared with companies with larger public floats. In particular, the ADSs may be subject to rapid and substantial price volatility, low volumes of trades and large spreads in bid and ask prices. Such volatility, including any stock run-up, may be unrelated to our actual or expected operating performance, financial condition or prospects, and industry, market or economic factors, which makes it difficult for prospective investors to assess such rapidly changing value of the ADSs. In addition, if the trading volumes of the ADSs are low, persons buying or selling in relatively small quantities may easily influence prices of the ADSs. This low volume of trades could also cause the price of the ADSs to fluctuate significantly, with large percentage changes in price occurring in any trading day session. Holders of the ADSs may also not be able to readily liquidate their investment or may be forced to sell at depressed prices due to such low-volume trading. As a result of such volatility, investors may experience losses on their investment in the ADSs. Such volatility also could adversely affect our ability to issue additional ADSs or other securities and our ability to obtain additional financing in the future, as well as our ability to retain key employees, many of whom have been granted equity incentives. Furthermore, the potential extreme volatility may confuse the public investors of the value of the ADSs, distort the market perception of the price of the ADSs, and our financial performance and public image, and negatively affect the long-term liquidity of the ADSs, regardless of our actual or expected operating performance.

In the past, shareholders of public companies have often brought securities class action lawsuits against those companies following periods of instability in the market price of their securities. If we were involved in a class action lawsuit, it could divert a significant amount of our management's attention and other resources from our business and operations and require us to incur significant expenses to defend the lawsuit, which could harm our results of operations. Any such class action lawsuit, 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 results of operations and financial condition.

The sale or availability for sale of substantial amounts of the ADSs could adversely affect their market price.

Sales of substantial amounts of the ADSs in the public market, or the perception that these sales could occur, could adversely affect the market price of the ADSs and could materially impair our ability to raise capital through equity offerings in the future. The ADSs are freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and shares held by our existing shareholders may also be sold in the public market in the future subject to the restrictions in Rule 144 and Rule 701 under the Securities Act and the applicable lock-up agreements. There are 20,972,233 ADSs, equivalent to 125,833,398 Class A ordinary shares, outstanding as of the date of this annual report. The lock-up agreements that our directors, executive officers and then-existing shareholders signed with the underwriters of our initial public offering have expired, and these shareholders, and the remaining Class A ordinary shares are available for sale subject to volume and other restrictions under Rule 144 and Rule 701 under the Securities Act. To date, the trading volume of the ADSs has been relatively low and, therefore, sales of even relatively small amounts of the ADSs in the public market could adversely affect the market price of the ADSs. We cannot predict what effect, if any, market sales of securities held by our significant shareholders or any other shareholder or the availability of these securities for future sale will have on the market price of the ADSs.

Techniques employed by short sellers may drive down the market price of the 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 interest for the price of the security 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 security short. These short attacks have, in the past, led to selling of shares in the market.

Public companies listed in the United States that have a substantial majority 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.

We may be the subject of unfavorable allegations made by short sellers in the future. Any such allegations may be followed by periods of instability in the market price of our ordinary shares and ADSs and negative publicity. If and when we 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 we can proceed against the relevant short seller by principles of freedom of speech, applicable federal or 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 our business operations and shareholders' equity, and the value of any investment in the ADSs could be greatly reduced or rendered worthless.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about our business, or if they adversely change their recommendations regarding the ADSs, the market price for the ADSs and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for the ADSs will be influenced by research or reports that industry or securities analysts publish about our business. If one or more analysts who cover us downgrade the ADSs, the market price for the ADSs would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease to cover us or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause the market price or trading volume for the ADSs to decline.

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

We currently intend to retain most, if not all, of our available funds and any future earnings 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 the ADSs as a source for any future dividend income.

Our board of directors has complete discretion as to whether to distribute dividends, subject to certain restrictions under Cayman Islands law, namely that our company may only pay dividends out of profits or share premium account, and provided always that in no circumstances may a dividend be paid if this would result in our company being unable to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business. In addition, our shareholders may by ordinary resolution declare a dividend, but no dividend may exceed the amount recommended by our board of directors. 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 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 the ADSs will likely depend entirely upon any future price appreciation of the ADSs. There is no guarantee that the ADSs will appreciate in value or even maintain the price at which you purchased the ADSs. You may not realize a return on your investment in the ADSs or even lose your entire investment in the ADSs.

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 and conduct our operations primarily in emerging markets.

We are an exempted company with limited liability incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands. Our corporate affairs are governed by our memorandum and articles of association, as amended from time to time, the Companies Act (As Revised) 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 responsibilities 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 responsibilities 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 or obtain register of members or corporate records (other than the memorandum and articles of associations, our register of mortgages and charges, and special resolutions passed by our shareholders). Under Cayman Islands law, the names of current directors can be obtained from a search conducted at the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands. Our directors have discretion under our articles of association 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 motion or to solicit proxies from other shareholders in connection with a proxy contest.

Certain corporate governance practices in the Cayman Islands, which is our home country, differ significantly from requirements for companies incorporated in other jurisdictions such as the United States. If we choose to follow home country practice, our shareholders may be afforded less protection than they otherwise would under rules and regulations applicable to U.S. domestic issuers.

In addition, we conduct substantially all of our business operations in emerging markets, including China, and substantially all of our directors and senior management are based in China. The SEC, U.S. Department of Justice, or the DOJ, and other authorities often have substantial difficulties in bringing and enforcing actions against non-U.S. companies and non-U.S. persons, including company directors and officers, in certain emerging markets. Although shareholder claims that are common in the United States, including class action based on securities law and fraud claims, it may be difficult for cross-border and direct claims or regulatory investigation to be conducted within China for lack of international cooperation mechanisms. Even if competent authorities in China may establish a regulatory cooperation mechanism with the securities regulatory authorities of another country or region to implement cross-border supervision and administration, the regulatory cooperation with the securities regulatory authorities in the United States may not achieve desirable result in the absence of a mutual and practical cooperation mechanism. According to Article 177 of the PRC Securities Law which became effective in March 2020, no foreign securities regulator is allowed to directly conduct investigation or evidence collection activities within the territory of the PRC. Accordingly, without the consent of the competent PRC securities regulators and relevant authorities, no organization or individual may provide the documents and materials relating to securities business activities to foreign securities regulators.

As a result 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.

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

We are a Cayman Islands exempted company and all of our assets are located outside of the United States. Substantially all of our current operations are conducted in China. In addition, most of our current directors and officers are nationals and residents of countries other than the United States. All or a substantial portion of the assets of these persons 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 these individuals 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 and of China may render you unable to enforce a judgment against us, our assets, our directors and officers or their assets.

The voting rights of holders of ADSs are limited by the terms of the deposit agreement, and you may not be able to exercise your right to vote your Class A ordinary shares.

As a holder of the ADSs, you will only be able to exercise the voting rights with respect to the Class A ordinary shares represented by your ADSs in accordance with the provisions of the deposit agreement. Under the deposit agreement, you must vote by giving voting instructions to the depositary. If we request the depositary to ask for your instructions, then upon receipt of your voting instructions, the depositary will try, as far as is practicable, to vote the underlying Class A ordinary shares which are represented by your ADSs in accordance with your instructions. If we do not request the depositary to ask for your instructions, the depositary may still vote in accordance with instructions you give, but it is not required to do so. You will not be able to directly exercise your right to vote with respect to the Class A ordinary shares represented by your ADSs unless you withdraw such shares and became the registered holder of such shares prior to the record date for the general meeting. Under our memorandum and articles of association, the minimum notice period required for convening a general meeting is ten calendar days. When a general meeting is convened, you may not receive sufficient advance notice to withdraw the Class A ordinary shares represented by your ADSs and become the registered holder of such shares to allow you to vote with respect to any specific matter. If we ask for your instructions, the depositary will notify you of the upcoming vote and will arrange to deliver our voting materials to you. We cannot assure you that you will receive the voting materials in time to ensure that you can instruct the depositary to vote your shares. In addition, the depositary and its agents are not responsible for failing to carry out voting instructions or for their manner of carrying out your voting instructions. This means that you may not be able to exercise your right to vote and you may have no legal remedy if the Class A ordinary shares represented by your ADSs are not voted as you requested.

The depositary may give us a discretionary proxy to vote our Class A ordinary shares underlying your ADSs if you do not give voting instructions, which could adversely affect your interests and the ability of our shareholders as a group to influence the management of our company.

Under the deposit agreement for the ADSs, if you do not give voting instructions to the depositary to direct how the Class A ordinary shares underlying your ADSs are voted, upon our request, the depositary will give us (or our nominee) a discretionary proxy to vote the Class A ordinary shares underlying your ADSs at shareholders' meetings if:

- we timely provided the depositary with notice of meeting and related voting materials and requested it to solicit your instructions;
- we request the depositary to give a proxy;
- we have informed the depositary that there is no substantial opposition as to a matter to be voted on at the meeting; and
- the matter subject to voting would not have a material adverse impact on shareholders.

The effect of this discretionary proxy is that if you do not give voting instructions to the depositary to direct how the Class A ordinary shares underlying your ADSs are voted, you cannot prevent the Class A ordinary shares underlying your ADSs from being voted, under the circumstances described above. This may make it more difficult for shareholders to influence the management of our company. Holders of our ordinary shares are not subject to this discretionary proxy.

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

The depositary of the ADSs has agreed to pay to you the cash dividends or other distributions it or the custodian receives on our Class A ordinary shares or other deposited securities underlying the ADSs, after deducting its fees and expenses. You will receive these distributions in proportion to the number of Class A 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 the 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.

We and the depositary are entitled to amend the deposit agreement and to change the rights of ADSs holders under the terms of such agreement, and we may terminate the deposit agreement, without the prior consent of the ADSs holders.

We and the depositary are entitled to amend the deposit agreement and to change the rights of the ADSs holders under the terms of such agreement, without the prior consent of the ADSs holders. We and the depositary may agree to amend the deposit agreement in any way we decide is necessary or advantageous to us. Amendments may reflect, among other things, operational changes in the ADS program, legal developments affecting ADSs or changes in the terms of our business relationship with the depositary. In the event that the terms of an amendment are disadvantageous to ADSs holders, ADSs holders will only receive 30 days' advance notice of the amendment, and no prior consent of the ADSs holders is required under the deposit agreement. Furthermore, we may decide to terminate the ADS facility at any time for any reason. For example, terminations may occur when we decide to list our shares on a non-U.S. securities exchange and determine not to continue to sponsor an ADS facility or when we become the subject of a takeover or a going-private transaction. If the ADS facility will terminate, ADSs holders will receive at least 90 days' prior notice, but no prior consent is required from them. Under the circumstances that we decide to make an amendment to the deposit agreement that is disadvantageous to ADSs holders or terminate the deposit agreement, the ADSs holders may choose to sell their ADSs or surrender their ADSs and become direct holders of the underlying Class A ordinary shares, but will have no right to any compensation whatsoever.

You may experience dilution of your holdings due to inability to participate in rights offerings.

We may, from time to time, distribute rights to our shareholders, including rights to acquire securities. Under the deposit agreement, the depositary will not distribute rights to holders of ADSs unless the distribution and sale of rights and the securities to which these rights relate are either exempt from registration under the Securities Act with respect to all holders of ADSs or are registered under the provisions of the Securities Act. The depositary may, but is not required to, attempt to sell these undistributed rights to third parties, and may allow the rights to lapse. We may be unable to establish an exemption from registration under the Securities Act, and we are under no obligation to file a registration statement with respect to these rights or underlying securities or to endeavor to have a registration statement declared effective. Accordingly, holders of ADSs may be unable to participate in our rights offerings and may experience dilution of their holdings as a result.

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 books at any time or from time to time when it deems expedient in connection with the performance of its duties. The depositary may close its books from time to time for a number of reasons, including in connection with corporate events such as a rights offering, during which time the depositary needs to maintain an exact number of ADSs holders on its books for a specified period. The depositary may also close its books in emergencies, and on weekends and public holidays. The depositary may refuse to deliver, transfer or register transfers of the ADSs generally when our share register or the books of the depositary are closed, or at any time if we or the depositary thinks it is 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.

ADSs holders may not be entitled to a jury trial with respect to claims arising under the deposit agreement, which could result in less favorable outcomes to the plaintiff(s) in any such action.

The deposit agreement governing the ADSs representing our Class A ordinary shares provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, ADSs holders waive the right to a jury trial of any claim they may have against us or the depositary arising out of or relating to our shares, the ADSs or the deposit agreement, including any claim under the U.S. federal securities laws.

If we or the depositary opposed a jury trial demand based on the waiver, the court would determine whether the waiver was enforceable based on the facts and circumstances of that case in accordance with the applicable state and federal law. To our knowledge, the enforceability of a contractual pre-dispute jury trial waiver in connection with claims arising under the federal securities laws has not been finally adjudicated by the United States Supreme Court. However, we believe that a contractual pre-dispute jury trial waiver provision is generally enforceable, including under the laws of the State of New York, which govern the deposit agreement, by a federal or state court in the City of New York, which has non-exclusive jurisdiction over matters arising under the deposit agreement. In determining whether to enforce a contractual pre-dispute jury trial waiver provision, courts will generally consider whether a party knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waived the right to a jury trial. We believe that this is the case with respect to the deposit agreement and the ADSs. It is advisable that you consult legal counsel regarding the jury waiver provision before entering into the deposit agreement.

If you or any other holders or beneficial owners of ADSs bring a claim against us or the depositary in connection with matters arising under the deposit agreement or the ADSs, including claims under federal securities laws, you or such other holder or beneficial owner may not be entitled to a jury trial with respect to such claims, which may, among other things, limit and discourage lawsuits against us and/or the depositary and lead to limited access to information and other imbalances of resources between you as ADS holders and us. If a lawsuit is brought against us and/or the depositary under the deposit agreement, it may be heard only by a judge or justice of the applicable trial court, which would be conducted according to different civil procedures and may result in different outcomes than a trial by jury would have had, including results that could be less favorable to the plaintiff(s) in any such action.

Nevertheless, if this jury trial waiver provision is not permitted by applicable law, an action could proceed under the terms of the deposit agreement with a jury trial. No condition, stipulation or provision of the deposit agreement or ADSs serves as a waiver by any holder or beneficial owner of ADSs or by us or the depository of compliance with any provision of the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

We believe we were a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for our taxable year ended December 31, 2024, and may be a PFIC for years after our taxable year ended December 31, 2024. As such, certain adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences may apply to U.S. investors owning the ADSs or our ordinary shares.

A non-U.S. corporation, such as our company, will be considered a PFIC for any taxable year if either (1) 75% or more of its gross income for such taxable year consists of certain types of “passive” income or (2) 50% or more of the value of its assets (generally based on an average of the quarterly values of the assets) during a taxable year is attributable to assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income. Although the law in this regard is not entirely clear, we treat the VIE (and its subsidiaries) as being owned by us for U.S. federal income tax purposes because we control its management decisions and are entitled to substantially all of the economic benefits associated with it. As a result, we consolidate its results of operations in our consolidated U.S. GAAP financial statements.

Based on the market price of the ADSs and the value and composition of our assets, we believe we were a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes for our taxable year ended December 31, 2024, and based on the current and anticipated composition of our income, assets and operations, we believe there is significant risk that we will continue to be treated as a PFIC for future taxable years as well. However, there can be no assurances in this regard or any assurances with respect to our status as a PFIC in any future taxable year, as our status as a PFIC is a fact-intensive determination made on an annual basis. In addition, if it were determined that we are not the beneficial owner of the VIE for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we would be more likely to be treated as a PFIC for our taxable year ended December 31, 2024, and future taxable years.

Because we believe we were a PFIC for the taxable year ended December 31, 2024, certain adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences could apply to U.S. investors with respect to any “excess distribution” received from us and any gain from a sale or other disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares. If we are so classified during a U.S. investor’s holding period, the ADSs or ordinary shares will generally continue to be treated as shares in a PFIC for all succeeding years during which such U.S. investor holds the ADSs or ordinary shares, even if we cease to be a PFIC, unless certain elections are made. See “Item 10. Additional Information—E. Taxation—U.S. Federal Income Taxation—Passive foreign investment company rules.” U.S. investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to their particular circumstances.

ITEM 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

A. History and Development of the Company

We began to provide cloud-based communications solutions in 2014, and have primarily operated our business through Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co. Ltd., or Ronglian Yitong. In January 2014, we incorporated Cloopen Group Holding Limited, our current ultimate holding company, as an exempted company with limited liability in the Cayman Islands, to facilitate our offshore financings.

In February 2014, Cloopen Limited, a subsidiary wholly-owned by Cloopen Group Holding Limited was incorporated in Hong Kong. In April 2014, Anxun Guantong (Beijing) Technology Co., Ltd., or Anxun Guantong, a subsidiary wholly-owned by Cloopen Limited, was established in China.

In July 2014, due to the restrictions imposed by current PRC laws and regulations on foreign ownership and investment in companies that engage in value-added telecommunications services, Anxun Guantong entered into a series of contractual arrangements with Ronglian Yitong and its shareholders, by which we exert control over and are the primary beneficiary of the affiliated entities and consolidate their financial results under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or U.S. GAAP. The contractual arrangements with Ronglian Yitong were subsequently amended and restated in 2018, 2019 and 2020. See “—Contractual Arrangements” for details.

The ADSs had been listed for trading on the NYSE under the symbol “RAAS” since February 8, 2021. We raised approximately US\$340.2 million in net proceeds from issuance of new shares for our initial public offering after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

In March 2021, we acquired all the equity interests of EliteCRM, a leading customer relationship management software provider.

In September 2021, our board approved a share repurchase program to repurchase up to US\$40.0 million of our Class A ordinary shares in the form of the ADSs during a 12-month period commencing on November 22, 2021. The share repurchase program expired on November 21, 2022, and as of such date, we have repurchased 9,041,386 of the ADSs (or 3,013,795 ADSs if retroactively adjusted to reflect the ADS ratio change effected on March 15, 2023) for an aggregate purchase price of US\$17.6 million pursuant to the share repurchase program.

In December 2021, we acquired all the equity interests of Zhuge, a user-centric intelligent data solution provider.

Effective on March 15, 2023, we changed the ratio of the ADSs to Class A ordinary shares from the then ADS ratio of one ADS representing two Class A ordinary shares to a new ADS ratio of one ADS representing six Class A ordinary shares.

On May 17, 2023, the NYSE commenced delisting proceedings of the ADSs on the basis that the ADSs are not suitable for listing due to our failure to file with the SEC our annual reports on Form 20-F for the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022 and current report on Form 6-K for the half year ended June 30, 2022 by May 17, 2023, which is the maximum time allowed under Section 802.01E of the NYSE’s Listed Company Manual. The NYSE suspended the trading in the ADSs on the same date. Following the trading suspension, the ADSs have been quoted on the OTC market in the United States under the symbol “RAASY.” We requested for a review of the delisting determination by a committee of the board of directors of the NYSE, and on October 25, 2023, we received the final delisting determination from the committee. On the same date, we were delisted from NYSE when the NYSE staff filed a Form 25 Notification of Delisting.

Our principal executive offices are located at 16/F, Tower A, Fairmont Tower, 33 Guangshun North Main Street, Chaoyang District, Beijing, the PRC. Our telephone number at this address is (86) 10-6477-5680. Our registered office in the Cayman Islands is located at Maples Corporate Services Limited, PO Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands.

Our website is *yuntongxun.com*. The information contained on our website is not a part of, and will not be incorporated by reference into, this annual report.

B. Business Overview

We are a leading multi-capability cloud-based communications solution provider in China offering a full suite of cloud-based communications solutions, covering communications platform as a service, or CPaaS, cloud-based contact centers, or cloud-based CC, and cloud-based unified communications and collaborations, or cloud-based UC&C. We serve a diverse and loyal customer base consisting of enterprises of all sizes across a variety of industries, including internet, telecommunications, financial services, industrial manufacturing and energy.

China’s cloud-based communications industry is still in the early stages of development relative to more mature markets globally, and is experiencing significant transformation driven by rapid advancements in cloud and AI technologies. Enterprises in China increasingly focus on digital solutions and are adopting new technologies to improve the efficiency and quality of their intra- and extra-organizational communications. We believe that we are well-positioned to capitalize on this great opportunity in the emerging China market and continue to contribute to the growth of this market. As an industry pioneer, we have accumulated extensive expertise, and developed a variety of proprietary products and services characterized by quality and reliability, to enable seamless connectivity across telecommunications networks.

We believe that we are well adapted to serve China's unique market dynamics, leveraging our deep-rooted experience in China's cloud-based communications industry and insights in the specific communications needs of domestic enterprises. With our comprehensive business portfolio and feature-rich solutions, we can accommodate the disparate demands of a broad range of customers across public and private clouds, from small- to medium-sized enterprises to large enterprises. We have developed a highly efficient product development ecosystem, which enables us to capture complex and evolving customer demands and develop new and enhanced features and products that continue to represent compelling value propositions across our customer base. Moreover, we have developed industry-specific solutions with targeted features and functionalities for players in a number of industries, making it efficient for us to scale expediently among enterprises within the same industries.

As of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, we had an active customer base of 9,980, 8,703 and 7,529 enterprises, respectively, among which 118, 121 and 114 were large-enterprise customers, respectively. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, the dollar-based net customer retention rate in relation to solutions that we offer on a recurring basis was 61.7%, 85.8% and 74.6% respectively, and the dollar-based net customer retention rate for active customers was 64.5%, 89.0% and 77.4% respectively. We served 229, 279 and 337 customers for our project-based solutions in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Our revenues decreased by 3.8% from RMB593.6 million in 2022 to RMB571.0 million in 2023, and increased by 0.4% to RMB573.6 million (US\$78.6 million) in 2024, of which 64.0%, 65.6% and 59.2 % were recurring revenues in the same years, respectively. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, we incurred net loss of RMB975.9 million, RMB412.4 million and RMB146.8 million (US\$20.1 million), respectively, and our adjusted EBITDA was million RMB563.4 million, RMB405.5 million and RMB225.4 million (US\$30.9 million), respectively. See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—A. Operating Results—Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for information on how we define and calculate the non-GAAP financial measures as well as a reconciliation of non-GAAP adjusted EBITDA to net loss.

Value Propositions to Our Customers

Our cloud-based communications solutions enable enterprises to transform their business operations with intelligent, efficient and effective intra- and extra-organizational communications. Our cloud-based communications solutions offer the following key benefits to our customers.

Convenient on-demand access to telecommunications resources. Telecommunications networks have traditionally operated independently from the internet. Enterprises with large amounts of communications needs originating from their business operations often lack efficient and expedient access to the telecommunications resources, which are managed by the various mobile network operators, each serving a separate geographical region in China. Our solutions are designed to integrate these networks by pooling the telecommunications resources in our cloud-based infrastructure, centrally managing and distributing them to enterprises upon demand, thus allowing enterprises to access these resources at lower costs and with higher efficiency.

One-stop communications solutions. Our solutions are designed to satisfy all of our customers' various communications needs from text messaging to high-quality audio and video conferencing, and from cloud-based contact centers designed for effective customer service and acquisition to large-scale, multi-format unified communications across scattered worksites. We believe our comprehensive portfolio of offerings save our customers the hassle of seeking multiple providers for different communications needs, making us the go-to one-stop destination for the disparate demands of enterprises of all sizes, industries and stages of cloud adoption.

Intelligent communications. Leveraging our robust AI capabilities, we enable intelligent communications to help save labor costs, improve communications efficiency and achieve higher customer service quality and level of satisfaction. In particular, our AI-powered solutions greatly improve customer service effectiveness by automating certain tasks of contact center agents, monitoring service quality and offering real-time assistance. Our AI technologies also help our customers establish internal knowledge bases and deliver intelligent internal helpdesk services to streamline their business operations.

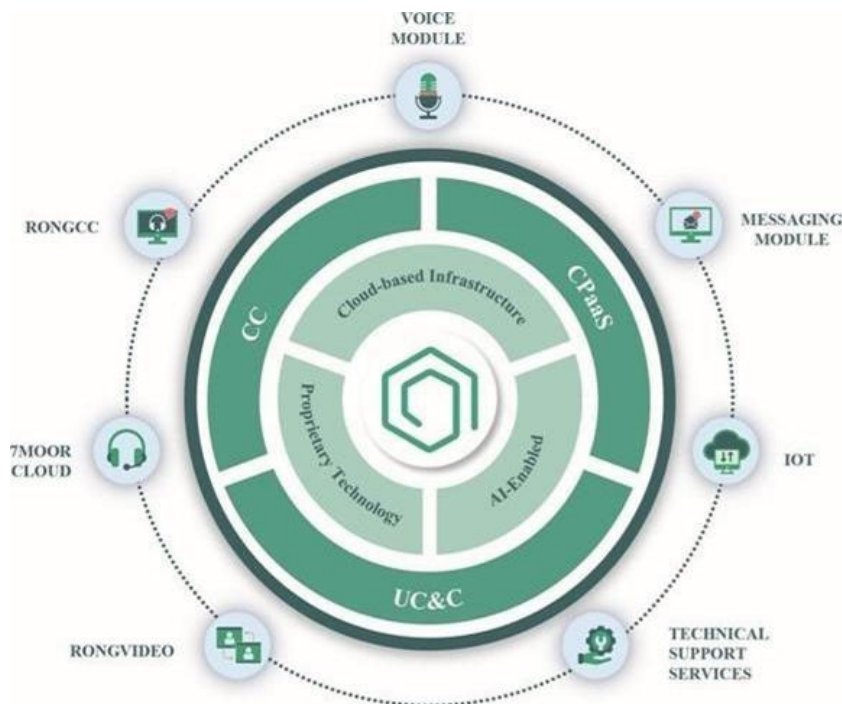
Easy, rapid and scalable deployment. Our solutions are software- and cloud-based, allowing for easy deployment and management across multiple locations and on multiple devices without substantial upfront investment in hardware and infrastructure. This software- and cloud-based nature also makes scalable deployment and upgrades possible as our customers expand their operations and communications needs.

Seamless integration and flexible configuration. Our solutions feature various APIs and SDKs to enable voice, messaging and other communications functions, which can be readily embedded into our customers' business systems and applications as building blocks. We also allow customizable options where customers may select communications functions based on their specific needs without having to purchase pre-packaged bundle of solutions.

Reliable customer experience. We have independently developed many of the core technologies underlying our solutions, which we believe enables consistently high service levels. In particular, our solutions are capable of maintaining stable and safe connections with over 99.95% uptime service level commitments even in cases of sudden spikes in the amount of simultaneous communications. In addition, our robust research and development capabilities and accumulated industry experience allow us to introduce new and enhanced features and functionalities to meet evolving customer needs amid dynamic market conditions. We also provide ongoing customer support and operation maintenance services to ensure superior customer experience.

Our Solutions

Our comprehensive solution offerings primarily include CPaaS, cloud-based CC and cloud-based UC&C. The following diagram sets forth a simplified presentation of our multi-capability solution offerings.



CPaaS solutions

Our CPaaS solutions are dedicated to allowing enterprises to access and utilize telecommunications resources with ease, efficiency and flexibility and in a way that suits their bespoke communications needs. Our customers typically have large intra- and extra-organizational communications needs, which are not often addressed efficiently under their traditional arrangements with China's mobile network operators. Provincial branches of major mobile network operators in China typically do business as separate entities, which means enterprises with nationwide business operations and communications needs often must work with a number of such provincial branches concurrently. We enter into written agreements with mobile network operators to utilize their telecommunications resources. These agreements typically have a fixed term of one year and are automatically renewable upon expiration of the original terms unless otherwise indicated. These agreements generally require monthly payments calculated based upon fixed unit prices and number of text messages and minutes of voice calls we utilize or provide pre-bundled telecommunications resources with fee caps. A smaller number of such agreements also contain minimum usage commitments.

Leveraging our close collaborations with the various mobile network operators across China, we aggregate telecommunications resources from them and offer our customers our CPaaS platform with a wide range of modules in the form of APIs and SDKs to embed voice, messaging and other communications functions into their business systems and applications. Our CPaaS platform saves customers the costs of establishing and maintaining their own network infrastructure and supports highly customizable communications experience with our feature-rich functional modules.

Voice modules

We offer various voice modules that can be readily integrated into our customers' business systems and applications or directly employed through webpages, each enabling a specific voice function. For example, with a voice module integrating a "click-to-call" function into contact centers, our customers can make and receive bulk outbound and inbound calls without leaving their in-house business platforms. Our voice modules also enable various frequently used voice functions such as call routing, call forwarding, callback, mute and three-way calling. We also offer phone menu and IVR to automate certain contact center services. Moreover, our customers can implement effective performance management and cost control leveraging our voice modules, with functions such as call history downloading, call recording, call monitoring, agent online status query and fee calculation. In addition, our customers may utilize our voice module featuring "virtual intermediary phone number" function to preserve users' privacy without compromising efficient communications. For example, a food delivery platform may integrate this voice module into its mobile application, which enables delivery riders and consumers to call each other without revealing their real phone numbers.

Messaging modules

Our messaging modules can also be readily integrated into our customers' business systems and applications, allowing them to send instantaneous authentication codes, marketing messages, text notifications and other forms of messages as needed to a large number of their customers. Our messaging modules support multiple languages and are available in a variety of communications formats with features such as international text messaging and video messaging. Characterized by quality and stability, our messaging modules are capable of initiating bulk outbound text messaging to up to millions of end customers with low latency and high delivery rate. Prompted by the emergence of 5G technology, we are also actively exploring opportunities in the field of 5G-based rich communications suite to support more communications formats with our messaging modules.

We believe our messaging modules can significantly improve the effectiveness of our customers' marketing and customer service activities.

Pursuant to our collaborative arrangements with mobile network operators, we sometimes assist and support them in establishing and operating communications service platforms and share revenues with them. We are typically responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of the platforms under these arrangements, while the mobile network operators offer telecommunications resources and refer customers.

IoT related services

We are dedicated to connecting devices, equipment and facilities with our IoT related services. Our customers can centrally manage SIM cards supplied by China's major mobile network operators, monitor usages and modify usage plans leveraging our services. Our IoT related services also have a broad range of applications across industries. For example, our customers can integrate our services into smart watches to enable connectivity, allowing parents to communicate with their children and live track their locations. Our IoT related services can also enable collaboration among various connected devices with minimum human interference.

As of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, our CPaaS solutions had approximately 4,600, 3,800 and 3,400 active customers, respectively. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, we achieved a dollar-based net customer retention rate of 42.6%, 73.1% and 59.5% for our CPaaS solutions, respectively, and our dollar-based net customer retention rate for active customers in relation to CPaaS solutions was 44.6%, 74.8% and 61.1% respectively. We charge our customers generally based on the number of text messages and call minutes facilitated through our CPaaS solutions. We experienced increased dollar-based net customer retention rate in 2023, primarily due to an increase in the business demand for text messaging services from our financial institution customers. We experienced decreased dollar-based net customer retention rate in 2024, primarily because we replaced certain SMS channel clients due to consideration of pricing. We charge our customers generally based on the number of text messages and call minutes facilitated through our CPaaS solutions.

Cloud-based CC solutions

Our cloud-based CC solutions empower enterprises with highly efficient and effective customer service and acquisition capabilities. Our cloud-based CC solutions include *RongCC* and *7moor Cloud*.

RongCC

RongCC aims to replace large enterprises' legacy on-premises contact centers with cloud-based contact center solutions featuring enhanced agility, efficiency and compatibility. In addition to accommodating diverse customer service and acquisition interactions, *RongCC* serves as an integral part of an enterprise's overall business management capability, empowered by AI and big data technologies, to streamline human labor as well as collect and analyze operational data to enable informed decision-making.

RongCC enables enterprises, freed from cumbersome tasks associated with configuring, integrating, maintaining and upgrading their contact centers, to focus on what matters most to them - their customers and business operations. We offer *RongCC* in the form of pre-built readily available functional modules, which can be configured based on our customers' needs, to achieve easy delivery and rapid deployment. *RongCC* improves enterprises' customer service through the following ways.

- We operate our own data centers and deploy our centrally-managed computing and storage resources and hosting and network equipment to ensure *RongCC*'s stability and security. We have also made *RongCC* readily deployable by supporting the cloud computing platforms from China's major internet infrastructure service providers and providing abundant telecommunications resources to make on-demand access possible.
- To address our customers' considerations of costs and information security, we offer different cloud deployment options for *RongCC*. Our customers may choose private cloud deployment to achieve enhanced information security while leaving ample room for customization. In addition, having no need of sharing resources with other enterprises, private cloud deployment enables contact centers with significant capacity and a large number of agents. We also support proprietary cloud deployment, through which our customers are able to leverage our cloud infrastructure to access exclusive but scalable computing resources in a cost-effective manner. To a lesser extent, we offer public cloud deployment for enterprises with relatively limited business scale and operation and maintenance capabilities.

As market demands and competitive landscape continue to evolve, enterprises need integrated solutions that are able to tackle both customer services and marketing tasks. We have developed *RongCC* with a portfolio of functional modules including data intelligence, multi-channel contact center, and customer relationship management, or the CRM, which form a closed-loop customer services and marketing solution and enable enterprises to optimize marketing strategies, drive sales and enhance operational efficiency.

- Our data intelligence module analyzes customer needs and behaviors to empower enterprises with digital marketing. We gather data on user and sales behaviors across all channels and along the purchasing decision-making process by event tracking, and label users into different groups to create comprehensive user profiling. We also provide an intelligent marketing canvas for enterprises, which allows for flexible and customized marketing strategies for different user groups. Enterprises can then reach target customers across all channels leveraging our multi-channel contact center module, and track and review various metrics in real time to evaluate their marketing effectiveness.
- Our multi-channel contact center module allows enterprises to manage customer services across various platforms and channels, including phone calls, emails, social media platforms and live chats, and to efficiently and conveniently communicate with customers. We support various communications formats, such as text, audio, video, emoji, graphic, document, or a combination of these formats.
- Our CRM module assists enterprises in enhancing their internal collaboration and efficiency and resolving legacy issues with cross-platform operation. Through our unified customer identification and ticket tracking system, enterprises can effectively streamline their customer service process by locating the service requests of a customer and accomplishing all steps needed to resolve the requests, such as to address and assign the inquiries or complaints, to supervise the execution of attempted solutions, and to carry out follow-ups.

Utilizing the large model capability of generative AI, we empower the multi-channel contact center and CRM to improve sales performance and customer experience. In the real-time communications with users, we enable various intelligent value-added functions for customer service or sales agents such as AI-generated talking point suggestion, automatic extraction of large model labels, knowledge-based recommendation, customer intention recognition, customer emotion recognition, and real-time quality inspection, improving operational efficiency while expediting the trial-and-error process for new agents. Leveraging big data mining and analysis capabilities, we also assist enterprises in understanding their customers through each interaction. Specifically, we help create customer profiling, analyze customer needs and collect customer feedback, to identify changes and grasp business opportunities with targeted and informed strategies for marketing, product optimization, and customer experience enhancement.

We offer certain *RongCC* solutions deployed on private clouds on a project basis, for which customers pay us by installment in accordance with agreed-upon project milestones. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, *RongCC* served 125, 209 and 227 enterprises, respectively, on a project basis. We also offer certain *RongCC* solutions on a recurring basis for a combination of subscription and usage. We offer different subscription fee packages according to capacity and number of functional modules embedded. We also charge customers based on the number of call minutes facilitated. As of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, *RongCC* had 154, 134 and 27 active customers, respectively, on a recurring basis. We experienced decreased number of active customers of *RongCC* in 2024, primarily because of a decline in the business demand of *RongCC*'s medium-sized customers.

7moor Cloud

7moor Cloud is a standardized cloud-based contact center solution that strategically focuses on serving small- to medium-sized enterprises, many of which do not have a well-maintained contact center system. Centrally hosted on public clouds, our *7moor Cloud* requires minimal upfront investments and can be deployed expediently, equipping small- to medium-sized enterprises with ready-to-use contact center capabilities without excessive costs.

Consisting of mostly standard functional modules, *7moor Cloud* enables omni-channel access and multi-format communications through its intuitive user interface which presents a unified display of various functions, including personal work record, ticket tracking, customer profile and knowledge base, allowing an enterprise's contact center agents to navigate with ease through various customer service and telemarketing issues. *7moor Cloud* also offers various composable functional modules, such as business intelligence system and text-based customer service AI robots which includes general-purpose *X-Bots* and *E-Bots* specially tailored for e-commerce settings.

7moor Cloud, targeting enterprises that often lack independent business process management systems, is also a comprehensive solution with capabilities beyond contact center services. For example, enterprise can implement effective management of customer relations and sales and procurement leveraging *7moor Cloud*. Catering to the needs of small- to medium-sized enterprises which often do not employ programming specialists, we have invested in the Application Platform as a Service version of *7moor Cloud*, to empower non-specialists to customizably develop their own *7moor Cloud* with pre-built toolkits.

We primarily offer *7moor Cloud* on a recurring basis for a combination of subscription and usage. As of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, *7moor Cloud* had approximately 5,200, 4,700 and 3,900 active customers, respectively, on a recurring basis.

In 2022, 2023 and 2024, we achieved a dollar-based net customer retention rate of 90.9%, 90.3% and 84.9%, respectively, for cloud-based CC solutions that we offer on a recurring basis, i.e., those deployed primarily on public cloud and for which we charge a combination of seat subscription fees and related resource usage fees. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, our dollar-based net customer retention rate for active customers in relation to cloud-based CC solutions that we offer on a recurring basis was 93.9%, 96.3% and 87.6% respectively. The dollar-based net customer retention rate for cloud-based CC solutions that we offer on a recurring basis decreased from 90.3% in 2023 to 84.9% in 2024, primarily due to the decrease in business demands of our clients as a result of their reduction in relevant business.

Cloud-based UC&C solutions

Our cloud-based UC&C solutions consist of primarily *RongVideo* as applied in a variety of settings and use cases, designed to satisfy the needs for reliable and interactive intra-organizational communications and collaboration through instant messaging and video conferencing. Leveraging our enterprise-grade video capability, *RongVideo* can support stable, smooth and high-quality video experience even in remote areas with weak network connections, enabling new use cases across various industries.

In addition to standardized solutions embedding basic features, *RongVideo* supports customization and private cloud deployment to better serve large enterprises' heightened requirements on compatibility, stability and information security.

Our *RongVideo* is predominantly project-based, for which customers pay us by installment in accordance with agreed-upon project milestones. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, *RongVideo* served 49, 48 and 37 enterprises, respectively. The delivery cycle for project-based *RongVideo* typically ranges from three to 12 months, due to the amount of efforts required in configuration, integration and additional customization. Projects with higher customization levels usually require more substantial upfront investment from us and have lower profit margins. However, once we complete a project for an enterprise in a particular industry, subsequent projects for other enterprises in the same industry typically require less investment as we are able to achieve greater economies of scale by replicating certain basic industry-specific features.

We also offer software development and other technical support services to large enterprises in the telecommunications and financial services industries, which allows us to initiate business collaboration with prospective customers and maintain stable business rapport with existing customers.

Our Customers

We serve a diverse and loyal customer base consisting of enterprises of all sizes and across a variety of industries, such as internet, telecommunications, financial services, industrial manufacturing and energy. As of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, we had an active customer base of 9,980, 8,703 and 7,529 enterprises, respectively, among which 118, 121 and 114 were large-enterprise customers, respectively. We experienced decreased number of active customer and large-enterprise customers in 2024, primarily due to natural attrition among small- to medium-sized customers as a result of their operational challenges or reduced business demand, and a decline in business demand from large-enterprise customers. We believe our capabilities in attracting and retaining these large-enterprise customers rest on our ability to develop and offer industry-specific features and functionalities that satisfy their disparate needs and complex internal deployment and integration requirements. We also serve small- to medium-sized enterprises leveraging our comprehensive business portfolio and ready-to-use solution deployment.

We have implemented a “land and expand” strategy to encourage existing customers to explore and expand into other solutions leveraging our multi-capability offering mix. For example, we initiated our business collaboration with a financial institution customer by satisfying its basic instant messaging needs and, as our relationship deepens, up-sold our video-enabled solutions to provide them with capabilities in multi-format internal communications and a novel use case in real-time financial transaction monitoring. For solutions that we offer on a recurring basis, such as CPaaS and cloud-based CC solutions deployed primarily on public cloud, we achieved a dollar-based net customer retention rate of 61.7%, 85.8% and 74.6% in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, our dollar-based net customer retention rate for active customers was 64.5%, 89.0% and 77.4%, respectively. We experienced decreased dollar-based customer retention rate in 2024, primarily because of the decline in the PaaS business retention rate, resulting from the replacement of certain SMS channel clients for consideration of pricing. We believe these solutions present significant cross-selling and up-selling potential as customers tend to stay with us due to the critical role our solutions play in their business operations.

We have developed a full-coverage customer support and success system for large enterprises designed to drive customer satisfaction and expand cross-selling and up-selling opportunities. We place great emphasis on improving customer experience at each step. We provide pre-sale consultation, onboarding implementation support and training at the initial stage. With ongoing 24/7/365 live chat and phone support, we help customers configure and use our solutions. We also offer operation maintenance services to ensure reliable performance. For smaller customers, our intuitive user interfaces serve to reduce our customers’ need for human support, and we offer various self-service options on our websites, including a complimentary knowledge base with detailed documentation and sample code. We believe high customer satisfaction and close customer relationship can keep us posted of their honest feedback and evolving communications needs, which drives innovation and facilitates more targeted services to further increase customer loyalty.

We are also able to rapidly scale our business among customers within the same industry. For certain industry-specific solutions, as we serve more customers from the same industry, we are able to minimize marginal costs and achieve greater economies of scale leveraging replicable technology infrastructure and experience. For example, since we first applied *RongVideo* to build a “virtual counter” for a regional bank customer in China in 2019, we have offered similar solutions to several financial institutions. As we accumulate our knowledge in financial institutions’ business process and compliance requirements, over time we have standardized *RongVideo* in this use case and have shortened the delivery cycle from over six months to about two months and expanded our coverage from regional banks to large nationwide banks. To date, we have accumulated extensive experience in serving enterprises from various industries, including internet, telecommunications, financial services, industrial manufacturing and energy.

Research and Development

We have developed many core technologies underlying our cloud-based communications solutions in-house. We have established our second research and development center in Wuhan, China in addition to the primary research and development center at our Beijing headquarters. As of December 31, 2024, we had a stable and dedicated research and development team of 263 members, accounting for 23.8 % of our total employees. We have received numerous awards and recognitions in recent years for our research and development capabilities. In 2018, we were recognized as an “Artificial Intelligence Innovative Enterprise” by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in China. In 2019, we were recognized as one of the “Top Ten Enterprise Cloud Technology Vendors,” ranking first in the field of cloud-based communications, by iFenxi. In 2020, our proprietary voice-based AI robot was recognized as a “Reliable AI Product” by China Academy of Information and Communications Technology. In 2021, we were recognized as one of the “Top 100 Industry Digitalization Enterprises,” one of the “Top 20 Cloud Computing Big Data Enterprises,” and the “Leading Intelligent Communications Enterprise in the Financial Sector” by China Center for Information Industry Development, and one of the “Top 100 Private Enterprises of Scientific and Technological Innovation” by the United Front Work Department of Beijing Municipal and Beijing Federation of Industry and Commerce. In 2022, we jointly released the Research Report on Intelligent Technology and Application of Customer Service Center with the China Academy of Information and Communication Research. In 2023, we were awarded with the “Co-Innovation Award” and “Best Support Award” by Guangfa Bank Credit Card Center. In 2024, People’s Daily subsequently officially released the “2024 China AI Large Model Industry Development Report” and our Chitu Big Model was selected as the only financial industry big model among the typical representatives of big models in China. In 2025, our big model application Copilot & Agent was selected as one of the “Top 10 Chinese Agents with the Most Global Development Potential” in the “2024 China AI Agent Annual List” released by a leading internationally consulting firm in collaboration with Toubao Research Institute.

We are committed to continually innovating our technologies and solutions to stay ahead of our customers’ rapidly evolving communications needs. We have developed a highly efficient product development ecosystem, which enables us to capture complex and evolving customer demands and develop new and enhanced features and products that continue to represent compelling value propositions across our customer base. Specifically, our research and development team work closely with our customer-facing sales team to collect and analyze latest customer feedback and design new features and functionalities that cater to the evolving customer needs. We also actively communicate with customers from a variety of industry verticals to identify and address industry-specific communications needs with targeted services. Our research and development team are also dedicated to refining our solutions and technology infrastructure to ensure high-quality services at all times.

Sales and Marketing

Our various sales and marketing efforts have played a critical role in customer acquisition and retention.

Branding and customer acquisition

We have invested in establishing a comprehensive online presence and developing various online branding and customer acquisition channels, such as search engine marketing, customized newsfeed advertisements, and advertorials. We believe our online branding and customer acquisition efforts have contributed to our brand awareness and reputation, and have generated a steady stream of user traffic to our websites, through which our prospective customers, especially small- to medium-sized enterprises seeking relatively standardized products, can learn about our solution offerings and make informed purchases based on their specific needs all on a self-service basis.

We have also organized or participated in various industry events for brand building and customer acquisition purposes. For example, in April 2019, we organized the “Cloud Communications through China” event in Shanghai and invited over 100 existing customers and channel partners to initiate and reinforce business collaborations. In addition, we have actively participated in industry events hosted by third parties with a focus on financial services industry. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, we participated in over 60 online and offline industry events to explore business opportunities with a broad range of enterprises. These events have broadened our access to potential customers and have furnished us with valuable opportunities for in-person communications.

We believe our online and offline branding and customer acquisition efforts have contributed to our brand awareness and reputation and effectively fueled our business growth.

Direct sales

We have built a sales and marketing team well-versed in China's cloud-based communications industry. As of December 31, 2024, we had a sales and marketing team of 282 members with an average of approximately ten years of relevant experience. Our sales and marketing team is generally responsible for contacting prospective customers, renewing existing subscriptions, and maintaining customer relationships. Leveraging their sales expertise, thorough knowledge of our business and dedication to customer support, our sales and marketing team focuses primarily on large enterprises in key industry verticals with complex communications requirements and has a strong cross-selling and up-selling track record. We have offered competitive compensation schemes to motivate our sales and marketing personnel, under which we grant them bonuses when their sales achieve the financial targets.

As part of our go-to-market strategy, we had established sales representative offices in 12 cities distributed across China as of December 31, 2024 to expand our sales network. We believe such offices enable us to stay closer to our potential customers, and capture and accommodate specific needs and customs in different localities more effectively. In addition, leveraging such sales representative offices, we are able to recruit experienced sales personnel with first-hand customer resources locally and build collaborative relationships with mobile network operators' local branches, both of which will contribute to our ability to establish a nationwide business network.

Indirect sales

We leverage mobile network operators, distributors and system integrators to reach a wider market without incurring significant costs. We collaborate with all three major mobile network operators in China and have entered into business agreements with a number of provincial branches of these operators, whose business operations cover all geographical areas in China. Through our collaborations, we can capitalize on their nationwide sales and marketing capabilities. In addition, we sell certain solutions that require minimal customization, such as *7moor Cloud*, through distributors, and work with various system integrators, which incorporate our solutions into theirs to better serve end customers.

Data Privacy and Protection

See "Item 16K. Cybersecurity" for details.

Competition

China's cloud-based communications industry is highly competitive and rapidly evolving due to the fast-growing market and technological developments. Our ability to compete successfully depends on many factors, including:

- comprehensiveness of business portfolio;
- innovation capabilities;
- brand awareness and reputation;
- strength of sales and marketing efforts; and
- customer reach.

As a multi-capability provider that offers a full suite of cloud-based communications solutions and serves a diverse and loyal customer base consisting of enterprises of all sizes across a variety of industries, we believe that we compete favorably on the basis of the foregoing factors.

We compete directly and indirectly with various industry participants including SMS-focused vendors, CC-focused vendors, VC-focused vendors, AI-based vendors, ICT vendors, internet companies and other communications vendors. Some of our competitors have greater financial, technological and other resources, greater brand recognitions, larger sales and marketing budgets and larger intellectual property portfolios. As a result, certain of our competitors may be able to respond more quickly and effectively than we can to new or evolving opportunities, technologies, standards or customer requirements. In addition, some competitors may offer products or services that address one or a limited number of functions at lower prices, with greater depth than our solutions or in geographies where we do not operate. We expect competition to intensify in the future, with the introduction of new products and services and market entrants. Moreover, as we expand the scope of our business, we may face additional competition.

Intellectual Property

To protect our proprietary rights in our software, patents, trademarks and other intellectual property, we depend upon a combination of trade secret, misappropriation, copyright, trademark, computer fraud and other laws; registration of patents, copyrights and trademarks; nondisclosure, noncompetition and other contractual provisions with employees; and technical measures.

We are the registered holder of 125 trademarks, 75 patents, 570 software copyrights and 39 domain names in the PRC as of the date of this annual report. We also hold nine pending software copyright applications in the PRC as of the same date.

Insurance

We provide social security insurance, including pension insurance, unemployment insurance, maternity insurance, work-related injury insurance and medical insurance, as well as housing fund for our employees. We also purchased additional commercial health insurance to increase insurance coverage of our employees. However, we did not make adequate contributions to social security insurance and housing fund. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Regulatory Compliance—Failure to make adequate contributions to social insurance and housing fund as required by PRC regulations may subject us to penalties.”

We do not maintain property insurance policies covering our equipment, systems and other property that are essential to our business operations to safeguard against risks and unexpected events. We do not maintain business interruption insurance or general third-party liability insurance, nor do we maintain product liability insurance or key-man insurance. We consider our insurance coverage to be sufficient for our business operations. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Regulatory Compliance—We have limited insurance coverage, which could expose us to significant costs and business disruption.”

Regulations

Regulations relating to foreign investment

Company Law

The Company Law of the PRC, as amended in December 29, 2023, has become effective on July 1, 2024, which provides that the amount of capital contributions subscribed for by all the shareholders shall be fully paid up by shareholders within five years as of the date of establishment and the shareholder may forfeit its equities for which the capital contribution has not been paid. Aforementioned new version also provides specific regulations on organization structure of company and duty of diligence of directors and supervisors.

Foreign Investment Law

The Foreign Investment Law, promulgated by the National People’s Congress on March 15, 2019, has come into effect on January 1, 2020 and has replaced the major existing laws and regulations governing foreign investment in the PRC, including the Sino-foreign Equity Joint Ventures Enterprises Law, the Sino-foreign Co-operative Enterprises Law, the Wholly Foreign-invested Enterprise Law, and together with their implementation rules and ancillary regulations. Pursuant to Foreign Investment Law, the existing foreign invested enterprises established prior to the effective of the Foreign Investment Law may keep their corporate organization forms within five years after the effective of the Foreign Investment Law before such existing foreign invested enterprise change their organization forms, organization structures, and their activities of foreign-invested enterprises in accordance with the Company Law, the Partnership Enterprise Law and other laws. According to the Foreign Investment Law, “foreign-invested enterprises” thereof refers to enterprises that are wholly or partly invested by foreign investors and registered within China under the PRC laws, “foreign investment” thereof refers to any foreign investor’s direct or indirect investment in China, including: (1) establishing foreign-invested enterprises in China either individually or jointly with other investors; (2) obtaining stock shares, stock equity, property shares, other similar interests in Chinese domestic enterprises; (3) investing in new projects in China either individually or jointly with other investors; and (4) making investment through other means provided by laws, administrative regulations, or State Council provisions.

Investments conducted by foreign investors in the PRC are subject to the Catalogue of Industries for Encouraging Foreign Investment, or the Catalogue, and the Negative List, which were jointly issued by the NDRC and the MOFCOM. The version of the Catalogue currently in force was amended in 2022 and became effective on January 1, 2023, and the version of the Negative List currently in force was amended on April 8, 2024 and became effective on November 1, 2024, both of which further reduce restrictions on the foreign investment. The Catalogue of Industries for Encouraging Foreign Investment (2022 Version), or the Encouraging Catalogue 2022, replaced the catalogue promulgated in 2020. Pursuant to the Encouraging Catalogue 2022, foreign-invested projects are categorized as encouraged, restricted and prohibited. Foreign-invested projects that are not listed in the Negative List are permitted foreign-invested projects. According to the Negative List, industries such as Value-Added Telecommunications Services (excluding e-commerce, domestic multi-party communications services, store-and-forward services, and contact center services) fall into restricted category, where the shareholding percentage of the foreign investors in the joint venture enterprises shall not exceed 50%.

On December 26, 2019, the State Council issued Implementation Regulations for the Foreign Investment Law, or the Implementation Regulations which came into effect on January 1, 2020. According to the Implementation Regulations, in the event of any discrepancy between the Foreign Investment Law, the Implementation Regulations and relevant provisions on foreign investment promulgated prior to January 1, 2020, the Foreign Investment Law and the Implementation Regulations shall prevail. The Implementation Regulations also indicated that foreign investors that invest in sectors on the Negative List in which foreign investment is restricted shall comply with special management measures with respect to shareholding, senior management personnel and other matters in the Negative List. On December 30, 2019, MOFCOM and the SAMR jointly issued the Measures for Reporting of Foreign Investment Information, or the Foreign Investment Information Measures, which became effective on January 1, 2020 and replaced the Interim Administrative Measures for the Record-filing of the Establishment and Modification of Foreign-invested Enterprises. Since January 1, 2020, for foreign investors carrying out investment activities directly or indirectly in the PRC, foreign investors or foreign-invested enterprises shall submit investment information through the Enterprise Registration System and the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System operated by the SAMR. Foreign investors or foreign-invested enterprises shall disclose their investment information by submitting reports for their establishments, modifications and cancellations and their annual reports in accordance with the Foreign Investment Information Measures. If a foreign-invested enterprise investing in the PRC has submitted its reports for its establishment, modifications and cancellation and its annual reports, the relevant information will be shared by the competent market regulation department to the competent commercial department, and such foreign-invested enterprise is not required to submit the reports to the two departments separately.

Foreign investment in the value-added telecommunications industry

The Regulations for the Administration of Foreign-Invested Telecommunications Enterprises (2022 revision), which was promulgated by the State Council on December 11, 2001 and amended on September 10, 2008 and February 6, 2016 and last amended on March 29, 2022, require foreign-invested value-added telecommunications enterprises in China to be established with the foreign investors owning no more than 50% of the equity interests of such enterprise, except as otherwise stipulated by the state. In addition, the Regulations for the Administration of Foreign-Invested Telecommunications Enterprises (2022 revision) canceled the qualification requirement on the primary foreign investor in a foreign invested value-added telecommunications enterprise for demonstrating a good track record and sound experience in the value-added telecommunications industry as stipulated in the previous version. However, the primary foreign investor still shall have obtained a basic telecommunications services permit from the country or region where it is registered.

On January 13, 2015, the MIIT issued the Circular on Loosening the Restrictions on Shareholding by Foreign Investors in Online Data Processing and Transaction Processing Business (for profit E-commerce), according to which, a foreign investor is allowed to hold 100% of the equity interest in a PRC entity that provides online data processing and transaction processing services (for profit E-commerce) in China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone. On June 19, 2015, the MIIT issued the Circular on Loosening the Restrictions on Shareholding by Foreign Investors in Online Data Processing and Transaction Processing Business (for-profit E-commerce), which expanded the designated districts from China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone to the whole country.

In June 2016, the MIIT issued Notice of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology on Issues Relating to Hong Kong and Macau Service Providers Engaging in Telecommunications Business in Mainland China, or Notice 222, according to which, (1) Hong Kong and Macau service providers are allowed to establish wholly-owned enterprises or joint venture enterprises in Mainland China with no restriction on shareholding percentage for provision of the value-add telecommunications businesses with respect to online data processing and transactions processing (limited to for profit E-commerce), domestic multi-party communications services (under the Classification Catalogue of Telecommunications Services), store-and-forward services, and contact center services, internet access services business (limited to providing internet access services for online users) and information services business (limited to application stores), and (2) Hong Kong and Macau service providers are allowed to establish joint venture enterprises in Mainland China with the shareholding percentage of Hong Kong and Macau investors in the joint venture enterprises not exceeding 50%, for provision of the value-add telecommunications businesses with respect to online data processing and transactions processing (excluding for profit E-commerce), domestic internet virtual private network business (under the Classification Catalogue of Telecommunications Services), internet data center business, internet access services business (except for providing internet access services for online users), and information services business (except for application stores). Hong Kong and Macau service providers referred to in above Notice 222 shall be subject to relevant provisions in the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement or the Mainland and Macau Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement and its relevant supplements.

Due to the lack of interpretative guidance from the relevant PRC governmental authorities, there are uncertainties regarding whether PRC governmental authorities would consider our corporate structure and contractual arrangements to constitute foreign ownership of a value-added telecommunications business. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure.” If our current ownership structure is found to be in violation of current or future PRC laws, rules or regulations regarding the legality of foreign investment in value-added telecommunications services and other types of businesses in which foreign investment is restricted or prohibited, we could be subject to severe penalties.

Regulations relating to value-added telecommunications services

Value-added telecommunications services

An extensive regulatory scheme governing telecommunications services, including value-added telecommunications services and infrastructure telecommunications services, is promulgated by the State Council, MIIT, and other relevant government authorities. Value-added telecommunications service operators may be required to obtain additional licenses and permits in addition to those that they currently have given new laws and regulations may be adopted from time to time. In addition, substantial uncertainties exist regarding the interpretation and implementation of current and any future PRC laws and regulations applicable to the telecommunications activities.

On September 25, 2000, the State Council promulgated the Telecommunications Regulation of the People’s Republic of China, or the Telecommunications Regulations, as last amended on February 6, 2016, to regulate telecommunications activities in China. According to the Telecommunications Regulations, there are two categories of telecommunications activities, namely “infrastructure telecommunications services” and “value-added telecommunications services.” Pursuant to the Telecommunications Regulations, operators of value-added telecommunications services, or VATS, shall be approved by MIIT, or its provincial level counterparts, and obtain a license for value-added telecommunications business, or VAT License. The Measures for the Administration of Telecommunications Business Licensing, or the Licenses Measures, issued on March 1, 2009 and most recently amended on July 3, 2017 for the purpose of strengthening the administration of telecommunications business licensing, which set forth more specific provisions regarding the types of licenses required to operate VATS and the application for and the approval, use and administration of a telecommunications business permit. According to the Licenses Measures and Telecommunications Regulations, any entity conducting VATS without obtaining the VAT License or conducting business beyond the authorized scope on the VAT License may be subject to correction, confiscation of the illegal income, a fine ranging from three to five times the amount of the illegal income (where there is no illegal income, or the illegal income is less than RMB50,000, a fine ranging from RMB100,000 to RMB1 million), and suspension of business operation.

Under the Licenses Measures, where any entity conducting VATS change the name, legal representative or registered capital within the validity period of its VAT License, it shall file an application for updating the VAT License to the competent authority within thirty days immediately after the registration or filing with the State Administration for Market Regulation. Any entity conducting VATS who fail to comply with the required procedures may be ordered to make rectifications, warned or imposed a fine of RMB5,000 to RMB30,000 by the relevant authorities. MIIT issued the Interim Administrative Measures on Telecommunications Services Quality Supervision on January 11, 2001, as amended on September 23, 2014, which apply to the supervision and administration of the licensed telecommunications operators within the territory of the PRC. According to the Interim Administrative Measures on Telecommunications Services Quality Supervision, MIIT supervises and administers the quality of the telecommunications service provided by telecommunications service providers pursuant to applicable laws and regulations. Where a telecommunications operator violates the telecom service standards and injures the lawful rights and interests of the users, such telecommunications operator may be subject to a rectification order, a warning or fines ranging from RMB500 to RMB10,000.

The Classification Catalogue of Telecommunications Services (2015 Version), as last amended on June 6, 2019, defines (1) “domestic multi-party communications services” as real-time interactive or on-demand voice and image communication services realized domestically between two points or among multiple points by virtue of a multi-party communication platform, public communication network or the internet; (2) “contact center services” as business consultation, information consultation and data query services provided to users through the public communication network, by utilizing database technology and call center system which is connected to the public communication network or the internet, and by establishing an information base after information collection, processing and storage; (3) “information services” as the information services provided for users through public communications networks or internet by means of information gathering, development, processing and the construction of the information platform, which include, among others, internet information services and non-internet information service; (4) “internet data center services” as the services including the placement, proxy maintains, system configuration and management services provided for users’ servers or other internet/network-related equipment, the lease of equipment such as database systems or servers and lease of their storage spaces, rental agency service of telecommunications line and export bandwidth and other application services, which are in a form of outsource lease by utilizing corresponding engine room equipment; and (5) “store-and-forward services” as message sending services provided for users based on the store-and-forward mechanism, which include the services of voice mail, e-mail, store-and-forward of fax, etc.

Internet information services

The Administrative Measures on Internet Information Services, or the ICP Measures, promulgated by the PRC State Council on September 25, 2000 and last amended on December 6, 2024, set forth more specific rules on the provision of internet information services, or the ICP Service. According to the ICP Measures, internet information services are classified into two categories: profit-making ICP Services and non-profit-making ICP Services, among which, the profit-making ICP Services generally refers to the provision of specific information content, online advertising, web page construction and other online application services through the internet for profit-making purpose. According to the ICP Measures, a profit-making ICP Services provider shall apply for and obtain a permit for the operation of value-added telecom services of internet information services, while a non-profit-making ICP Services provider shall apply for and obtain relevant record-filing. Any ICP Service provider who does not obtain such permit or does not go through the record-filing formalities shall not engage in ICP Services.

Telecommunications network information service

Measures for Management of Telecommunications Network Code Number Resources, together with the Catalog of the Telecom Code Number Resources under Classified Administration, was issued by MIIT on January 29, 2003 and amended on September 23, 2014, or the Telecommunications Network Code Numbers Measures, according to which, code resources shall be owned by the State, and any telecommunications network information service providers and call center service providers who need to use telecommunications network code numbers shall be approved by MIIT or its provincial level counterparts to use telecommunications network code numbers to provide relevant services, and the time limit and scope of such approval shall be identical with that of the VAT License or other related approval documents obtained by such entity. The approved telecommunications network code numbers users shall enter into a required agreement with the competent infrastructure telecommunications service operators, and file with the competent counterparts of MIIT. Telecommunications network code number users shall commence using telecommunications network code numbers allocated to them within the specified time limit and reach the minimum scale if any or the expected service capability if there is no such minimum scale requirement. In addition, no telecommunications network code number user is permitted to assign or lease telecommunications network code number, nor to use beyond the scope or in more than one local network. Any entity using telecommunications network code numbers without approval or beyond the authorized scope or time limit or assigning or leasing telecommunications network code number without approval may be subject to correction, confiscation of the illegal income, fine ranging from three to five times the amount of the illegal income (where there is no illegal income, or the illegal income is less than RMB50,000, a fine ranging from RMB50,000 to RMB1 million). On January 1, 2005, the Interim Administrative Measures on Telecommunications Network Code Number Resource Occupation Fee and the Standard of Telecommunications Network Code Number Resource Occupation Fee, jointly enacted by the NDRC, the MOF and the MIIT, entered into force. According to the Interim Administrative Measures on Telecommunications Network Code Number Resource Occupation Fee, telecommunications network code numbers are state property and the telecommunications service operators occupying or using telecom code numbers shall pay occupation fee accordingly to the applicable governmental authorities.

On May 19, 2015, the MIIT published the Provisions on the Administration of Short Message Services, or the Short Message Provisions. Pursuant to the Short Message Provisions, short message service operators, like us, shall obtain the telecommunications business licenses in accordance with the law.

While most of the affiliated entities have obtained the requisite licenses from MIIT and/or its local authorities, certain of the affiliated entities are in the process of obtaining, renewing or updating the license, including, among others, the VAT License. We cannot assure you that these affiliated entities can successfully obtain or maintain required license and permits in a timely manner or at all. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Regulatory Compliance—Our business is subject to extensive regulation, and if we fail to obtain and maintain required licenses and permits, we could face government enforcement actions, fines and possibly restrictions on our ability to operate or offer certain of our solutions.”

Regulations relating to cybersecurity and privacy protection

Cybersecurity

On December 28, 2000, the SCNPC enacted the Decision on the Protection of Internet Security, as amended on August 27, 2009, which provides that the following activities conducted through the internet are subject to criminal liabilities: (1) gaining improper entry into any of the computer information networks relating to state affairs, national defensive affairs, or cutting-edge science and technology; (2) violation of relevant provisions of the State in the form of unauthorized interruption of any computer network or communication service, as a result of which the computer network or communication system cannot function normally; (3) spreading rumor, slander or other harmful information via the internet for the purpose of inciting subversion of the state political power; (4) stealing or divulging state secrets, intelligence or military secrets via internet; (5) spreading false or inappropriate commercial information; or (6) infringing on the intellectual property.

On December 13, 2005, the Ministry of Public Security issued the Provisions on the Technical Measures for Internet Security Protection, which took effect on March 1, 2006. These regulations require internet service providers to take proper measures including anti-virus, data back-up, keeping records of certain information such as the login-in and exit time of users, and other related measures, and to keep records of certain information about their users for at least 60 days. On June 22, 2007, the Ministry of Public Security, State Secrecy Bureau, State Cryptography Administration and the Information Office of the State Council jointly promulgated the Administrative Measures for the Multi-level Protection of Information Security, under which the security protection grade of an information system may be classified into five grades. Companies operating and using information systems shall protect the information systems and any system equal to or above level II as determined in accordance with these measures, a record-filing with the competent authority is required.

The Cybersecurity Law, as adopted by the National People’s Congress on November 7, 2016, has come into force on June 1, 2017. Regarded as the fundamental law in the area of cybersecurity in China, the Cybersecurity Law regulates network operators and others from the following perspectives: the principle of Cyberspace sovereignty, security obligations of network operators and providers of network products and services, protection of personal information, protection of critical information infrastructure, data use and cross-border transfer, network interoperability and standardization. Network operators shall, according to the requirements of the rules for graded protection of cybersecurity, fulfill security protection obligations, so as to ensure that the network is free from interference, damage or unauthorized access, and prevent network data from being divulged, stolen or falsified. In addition, any network operator to collect personal information shall follow the principles of legitimacy, rationality and necessity and shall not collect or use any personal information without due authorization of the person whose personal information is collected. Each individual is entitled to require a network operator to delete his or her personal information if he or she finds that collection and use of such information by such operator violate the laws, administrative regulations or the agreement by and between such network operator and such individual; and is entitled to require any network operator to make corrections if he or she finds errors in such information collected and stored by such network operator. Such network operator shall take measures to delete the information or correct the error.

On December 28, 2021, the CAC and other 12 regulatory authorities jointly revised and promulgated the Cybersecurity Review Measures, which became effective on February 15, 2022 and replaced the Measures for Cybersecurity Review promulgated in 2020. The Cybersecurity Review Measures stipulates that (1) critical information infrastructure operators purchasing network products and services and network platform operators carrying out data processing activities, which affect or may affect national security, are subject to the cybersecurity review by the Cybersecurity Review Office, and (2) network platform operators holding personal information of more than one million users seeking for listing in a foreign country must apply for the cybersecurity review. In addition, the relevant PRC governmental authorities may conduct a cybersecurity review against the operators if the authorities believe that network products, services or data processing activities of such operators affect or may affect national security.

The SCNPC promulgated the PRC Data Security Law on June 10, 2021, which came into effect on September 1, 2021. According to the PRC Data Security Law, data collection shall be conducted in a legitimate and proper manner, while theft or illegal collection of data shall be prohibited. In addition, enterprises conducting data processing activities shall establish and improve their data security management systems, organize data security trainings and adopt corresponding technical measures and other necessary measures to guard data security. The State shall establish a data security system to administer data protection at different levels and by different categories, and impose specific compliance obligations on processors of important data, including specifying the person and institution of data security protection responsibilities, conducting regular risk assessment, fulfilling the regulatory requirements for transmitting important data overseas. Any organization or individual carrying out data processing activities that violates the PRC Data Security Law shall bear the corresponding civil, administrative or criminal liability depending on specific circumstances. Where the national core data management system is violated, which endangers national sovereignty, security, and development interests, the relevant competent authority shall impose a fine ranging from RMB2 million to RMB10 million, and order suspension of the related business, suspension of business for rectification, revocation of the related business permit or business license according to the circumstance.

On September 24, 2024, the State Council promulgated the Cyber Data Security Regulations, which is applicable to network data processing activities and the security supervision and administration thereof conducted within the territory of the PRC. The Cyber Data Security Regulations aim to regulate network data processing activities, protect the legitimate rights and interests of individuals and organizations and safeguard national security and public interests. The Cyber Data Security Regulations put forward general requirements and provisions for network data security, further specify rules concerning personal information protection and fine-tune mechanisms for the management of important data.

AIGC services

On November 25, 2022, the CAC, MIIT and Ministry of Public Security jointly issued the Administrative Provisions on Deep Synthesis of Internet Information Services, or the Provisions on Deep Synthesis Services, which took effect on January 10, 2023. According to the Provisions on Deep Synthesis Services, deep synthesis technology refers to any technology that utilizes deep learning, virtual reality or any other generative or synthetic algorithm to produce text, images, audio, video, virtual scenes or other network information. The Provisions on Deep Synthesis Services emphasize that the providers of deep synthesis services, as the primary entities responsible for the information security, should not use deep synthesis services to engage in activities prohibited by laws and regulations.

On July 10, 2023, the CAC issued the AIGC Administrative Measures, which became effective on August 15, 2023, which imposes compliance requirements for providers of generative AI services. The AIGC Administrative Measures provides, among other things, that individuals or organizations that provide generative AI services of text, image or sound shall assume the responsibilities as the producers of such AI-generated content and shall apply for security assessment and complete the filing formalities of algorithms in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations before providing such services to the public.

Privacy protection

On December 29, 2011, the MIIT promulgated the Several Provisions on Regulating the Market Order of Internet Information Services, which became effective on March 15, 2012. On December 28, 2012, the SCNPC promulgated the Decision on Strengthening Network Information Protection to enhance the legal protection of information security and privacy on the internet. The Provisions on Protection of Personal Information of Telecommunications and Internet Users promulgated by the MIIT on July 16, 2013 contains detailed requirements on the use and collection of personal information as well as the security measures to be taken by internet service providers. Specifically, (1) the users' personal information shall not be collected without prior consent; (2) the personal information shall not be collected other than those necessary for internet service providers to provide services; (3) the personal information shall be kept strictly confidential; and (4) a series of detailed measures shall be taken to prevent any divulge, damage, tamper or loss of personal information of users.

Pursuant to the Notice of the Supreme People's Court, the Supreme People's Procuratorate and the Ministry of Public Security on Legally Punishing Criminal Activities Infringing upon the Personal Information of Citizens, issued in April 2013, and the Interpretation of the Supreme People's Court and the Supreme People's Procuratorate on Several Issues regarding Legal Application in Criminal Cases Infringing upon the Personal Information of Citizens, which was issued on May 8, 2017 and took effect on June 1, 2017, the following activities may constitute the crime of infringing upon a citizen's personal information: (1) providing a citizen's personal information to specified persons or releasing a citizen's personal information online or through other methods in violation of relevant national provisions; (2) providing legitimately collected information relating to a citizen to others without such citizen's consent (unless the information is processed, not traceable to a specific person and not recoverable); (3) collecting a citizen's personal information in violation of applicable rules and regulations when performing a duty or providing services; or (4) collecting a citizen's personal information by purchasing, accepting or exchanging such information in violation of applicable rules and regulations. In addition, on May 28, 2020, the National People's Congress of the PRC approved the PRC Civil Code, which took effect on January 1, 2021. Pursuant to the PRC Civil Code, the collection, storage, use, process, transmission, provision and disclosure of personal information shall follow the principles of legitimacy, properness and necessity.

On August 20, 2021, the SCNPC promulgated the Personal Information Protection Law, which came into effect on November 1, 2021. The law aims at protecting the rights and interests of personal information, regulating the processing of personal information and promoting the reasonable use of personal information. With respect to personal information processing, the Personal Information Protection Law defines certain important concepts. First, "personal information" refers to all kinds of information related to identified or identifiable natural persons recorded by electronic or other means, excluding anonymized information. Second, "processing of personal information" includes the collection, storage, use, processing, transmission, provision, disclosure, deletion, etc. of personal information. Personal information processing shall be for a clear and reasonable purpose, directly related to the processing purpose and in a manner that has the minimum impact on the rights and interests of individuals. Collection of personal information shall be limited to the minimum scope necessary for achieving the processing purpose and shall not be excessive. Where the personal information processor entrusts others with processing of personal information, the personal information processor shall agree with the agent on substantial matters like purpose, method of entrusted processing, type of information and protection measures, as well as supervise the processing activities of the agent. In addition, the law provides rules for cross-border provision of personal information. In particular, it is provided that the personal information processors that process personal information up to the number prescribed by the national cyberspace administration shall store personal information collected and generated within the PRC. If it is necessary to provide such personal information overseas, they shall pass the security assessment organized by the national cyberspace administration, except as otherwise stipulated by laws, administrative regulations and the national cyberspace administration. Any processor in violation of this law may be subject to administrative penalties including rectifications, warnings, fines, confiscation of illegal gains, suspension of the apps illegally processing personal information or suspension of the relevant business, revocation of business operation permits or business licenses, civil liabilities or even criminal liabilities.

Unauthorized calls and text messages

We could also be required to comply with rules and regulations regarding the control and management of unauthorized calls, including the Notice on the Special Campaign Program for Comprehensive Action against Unauthorized Calls, issued on July 18, 2018 and the Work Plans for Promoting the Special Campaign Program for Comprehensive Action against Unauthorized Calls issued by MIIT issued and came into effect on October 27, 2018. According to the aforementioned regulations, enterprises including basic telecommunications service providers and call center service providers shall coordinate with the MIIT and its local authorities to control and rectify unauthorized calls, and call center service provider like us shall strictly control the channels for unauthorized calls, including but not limit to (1) establish forbidden call lists so that the telemarketing calls could not reach those end-users who have explicitly refused to be reached by telemarketing calls of a particular industry or business, (2) strictly control the timing and frequency of active call-out and reserve the record of such call within a certain period of time (generally not less than 30 days), and (3) improve technical abilities regarding prevention and monitoring of unauthorized calls and risk precaution.

In addition, the Short Message Provisions also impose similar requirement on short message service providers and short message content providers, and without the consumers' consent or request, they shall not send commercial text messages or shall cease to send such text messages to consumers when the latter explicitly present their refusal after their early consent. Where any consumer explicitly rejects to receive commercial text messages or do not reply, the short message service providers or short message content providers may not send them the text messages of the same or similar contents once again. Besides, short message service providers and short message content providers are also required to explicitly indicate the names of the corresponding content providers in the commercial text messages.

While we have established certain systems and take certain acts to control the unauthorized calls and text messages, we cannot assure you that our current systems and acts will be sufficient or effective under applicable laws and regulations. See "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Regulatory Compliance—Our brand image, business and results of operations may be adversely affected by third-party misconduct and misuse of our solutions, many of which are beyond our control."

The regulatory frameworks regarding privacy issues in many jurisdictions are constantly evolving and can be subject to significant changes from time to time. Any failure to comply with applicable regulations could result in regulatory enforcement actions against us and materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. See "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business and Industry—If we fail to comply with laws and contractual obligations related to data privacy and protection, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected." Pursuant to the PRC Civil Code, if one intentionally infringes upon the intellectual property rights of others and the circumstance is severe, the infringed party is entitled to request for the corresponding punitive compensation.

Regulations relating to intellectual property

Patent

Patents in the PRC are principally protected under the Patent Law of the PRC promulgated by the SCNPC in 1984 and then respectively amended in 1992, 2000 and 2008 and on October 17, 2020, with the latest amendment to take effect from June 1, 2021, and its implementation rules, which was last amended on December 11, 2023 by the State Council, and became effective on January 20, 2024. According to these regulations, patents are divided into three categories, i.e., invention patent, utility model patent and design patent. Novelty, inventiveness and practicality are three essential ingredients of patents in the PRC. The protection period is 20 years for an invention patent and ten years for a utility model patent and a design patent, commencing from their respective application dates.

Copyright

The PRC Copyright Law, promulgated in 1990 and amended in 2001 and 2010, or the Copyright Law, and its related implementing regulations, promulgated in 2002 and then respectively amended in 2013 and on November 11, 2020, with the latest amendment to take effect from June 1, 2021, are the principal laws and regulations governing copyright related matters. The Copyright Law provides that Chinese citizens, legal persons, or other organizations shall, whether published or not, enjoy copyright of their works, which includes, among others, works of literature, art, natural science, social science, engineering technology and computer software. Under the Copyright Law, the term of protection for copyrighted software is 50 years. The Regulation on the Protection of the Right to Communicate Works to the Public over Information Networks, which was most recently amended on January 30, 2013, provides specific rules on fair use, statutory license, and a safe harbor for use of copyrights and copyright management technology and specifies the liabilities of various entities for violations, including copyright holders, libraries and internet service providers.

Trademark

The PRC Trademark Law was adopted in 1982 and then amended in 1993, 2001, 2013 and 2019 respectively. The implementation rules of the PRC Trademark Law was adopted in 2002 and amended in 2014. Registered trademarks are protected under the Trademark Law of the PRC and related rules and regulations. The Trademark Office of National Intellectual Property Administration handles trademark registrations and grants a protection term of ten years to registered trademarks. Where registration is sought for a trademark that is identical or similar to another trademark which has already been registered or given preliminary examination and approval for use in the same or similar category of commodities or services, the application for registration of this trademark may be rejected. Trademark registrations are effective for a renewable ten-year period, unless otherwise revoked.

Domain name

The MIIT, promulgated the Administrative Measures on Internet Domain Name, or the Domain Name Measure on August 24, 2017 to protect domain names. According to the Domain Name Measures, domain name applicants are required to duly register their domain names with domain name registration service institutions. The applicants will become the holder of such domain names upon the completion of the registration procedure. The permits for registered domain names are effective for five years, which are subject to renewals, cancellations or revocations.

Trade secrets

According to the PRC Anti-Unfair Competition Law, promulgated by the SCNPC in September 1993, as amended in November 4, 2017, April 23, 2019 and June 27, 2025 respectively, the term “trade secrets” refers to technical and business information that is unknown to the public, has utility, may create business interests or profits for its legal owners or holders, and is maintained as a secret by its legal owners or holders. Under the PRC Anti-Unfair Competition Law, business persons are prohibited from infringing others’ trade secrets by: (1) obtaining the trade secrets from the legal owners or holders by any unfair methods such as theft, bribery, fraud, coercion, electronic intrusion, or any other illicit means; (2) disclosing, using or permitting others to use the trade secrets obtained illegally under item (1) above; or (3) disclosing, using or permitting others to use the trade secrets, in violation of any contractual agreements or any requirements of the legal owners or holders to keep such trade secrets in confidence. Pursuant to the PRC Civil Code, if one intentionally infringes upon the intellectual property rights of others and the circumstance is severe, the infringed party is entitled to request for the corresponding punitive compensation.

Regulations relating to employment

According to the Labor Law promulgated on July 5, 1994 and amended on August 27, 2009 and December 29, 2018, the PRC Labor Contract Law promulgated on June 29, 2007 and amended on December 28, 2012, and the Implementing Regulations of the Employment Contracts Law of the PRC promulgated by the State Council on September 18, 2008, employers must execute written labor contracts with full-time employees and employers have obligation to sign an unfixed-term labor contract with any employee who has worked for the employer for ten consecutive years. In addition, all employers must comply with local minimum wage standards. The employers must establish a system for labor safety and sanitation, strictly abide by State rules and standards, provide education regarding labor safety and sanitation to its employees, provide employees with labor safety and sanitation conditions and necessary protection materials in compliance with State rules, and carry out regular health examinations for employees engaged in work involving occupational hazards.

According to the Law on Social Insurance of the PRC promulgated by SCNPC on October 28, 2010 and amended on December 29, 2018, and the Regulations on the Administration of Housing Funds promulgated by the State Council on April 3, 1999 and amended on March 24, 2002 and March 24, 2019, employers in China must provide employees with welfare schemes covering pension insurance, unemployment insurance, maternity insurance, work-related injury insurance, medical insurance and housing fund. An enterprise must provide social insurance by going through social insurance registration with local social insurance authorities or agencies and shall pay or withhold relevant social insurance premiums for or on behalf of employees. On July 20, 2018, the General Office of the State Council issued the Plan for Reforming the State and Local Tax Collection and Administration Systems, which stipulated that the State Administration of Taxation of the PRC, or SAT, become solely responsible for collecting social insurance premiums.

Regulations relating to dividend distribution

The principal laws and regulations regulating the dividend distribution of dividends by foreign invested enterprises in the PRC include the Company Law of the PRC, as amended in August 2004, October 2005, December 2013, October 2018 and December 2023, the Law of Wholly Foreign-owned Enterprises promulgated in April 1986 and amended in October 2000 and September 2016 and its implementation regulations promulgated in December 1990 and subsequently amended in April 2001 and February 2014, the Sino-Foreign Equity Joint Venture Law of the PRC promulgated in July 1979 and subsequently amended in April 1990, March 2001 and September 2016 and its implementation regulations promulgated in September 1983 and subsequently amended in January 1986, December 1987, July 2001, January 2011, February 2014 and March 2019, and the Sino-Foreign Cooperative Joint Venture Law of the PRC promulgated in April 1988 and amended in October 2000, September 2016 and November 2017 and its implementation regulations promulgated in September 1995 and amended in March 2014, March 2017 and November 2017 respectively. The Wholly Foreign-owned Enterprise Law, the Sino-Foreign Equity Joint Venture Law of the PRC and the Sino-Foreign Cooperative Joint Venture Law of the PRC were replaced by the

Foreign Investment Law on January 1, 2020. Under the current regulatory regime in the PRC, foreign-invested enterprises in the PRC may pay dividends only out of their retained earnings, if any, determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. A PRC company is required to set aside as statutory reserve funds at least 10% of its after-tax profit, until the cumulative amount of such reserve funds reaches 50% of its registered capital unless laws regarding foreign investment provide otherwise. A PRC company shall not 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.

According to the Notice on Improving the Check of Authenticity and Compliance to Further Promote Foreign Exchange Control promulgated by the SAFE, on January 26, 2017, (1) under the principle of genuine transaction, banks shall check board resolutions regarding profit distribution, the original version of tax filing records and audited financial statements; and (2) domestic entities shall hold income to account for previous years' losses before remitting the profits. Moreover, domestic entities shall make detailed explanations of sources of capital and utilization arrangements, and provide board resolutions, contracts and other proof when completing the registration procedures in connection with an outbound investment.

Regulations relating to foreign exchange

Regulations on foreign currency exchange

The principal regulations governing foreign currency exchange in China are the Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations, as last amended on August 1, 2008, or the FEA Regulations. Pursuant to the FEA Regulations, international payments in foreign exchange and the transfer of foreign exchange under the current account items shall not be subject to any state control or restriction when complying with certain procedural requirements. In contrast, the conversion of Renminbi into foreign currencies and remittance of the converted foreign currency outside the PRC for the purpose of capital account items, such as direct equity investments, loans and repatriation of investment, requires prior approval from SAFE or its local branches.

According to the Circular of SAFE on Further Improving and Adjusting the Foreign Exchange Policies on Direct Investment and its appendix, the Operating Rules for Foreign Exchange Issues with Regard to Direct Investment under Capital Account, promulgated on November 19, 2012 and amended on May 4, 2015, foreign exchange control measures related to foreign direct investment are improved, such as (1) the open of and payment into the foreign exchange account related to direct investment are no longer subject to approval by SAFE; (2) reinvestment with legal income of foreign investors in China is no longer subject to approval by SAFE; (3) purchase and external payment of foreign exchange related to foreign direct investment are no longer subject to approval by SAFE. Later, on February 13, 2015, SAFE issued the Circular on Further Simplifying and Improving Foreign Exchange Administration Policies in Respect of Direct Investment, or Circular 13, effective from June 1, 2015, providing that the bank, instead of SAFE, can directly handle the foreign exchange registration and approval for foreign direct investment and SAFE and its branches.

SAFE released the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Reforming the Mode of Management of Settlement of Foreign Exchange Capital of Foreign Invested Enterprises, or Circular 19, on March 30, 2015, which came into force on June 1, 2015. Under Circular 19, a foreign-invested enterprise, within the registered scope of business, may settle their foreign exchange capital following a principal of authenticity on a discretionary basis according to the actual needs of their business operation, and the Renminbi capital so converted can be used for equity investments within the PRC, which will be regarded as the reinvestment of foreign-invested enterprise, provided that such foreign invested enterprises are not registered as an enterprises mainly engaged in investment business, including foreign investment companies, foreign funded venture capital enterprises and foreign funded equity investment enterprises. The Renminbi converted from the foreign exchange capital will be kept in a designated account and is not allowed to be used directly or indirectly for purposes beyond its business scope or used to provide Renminbi entrusted loans (unless permitted within its registered business scope), repayment of inter-company loans (including third-party advances), and repayment of bank Renminbi loans that have been re-loaned to third parties, and other uses expressly forbidden under Circular 19.

The Circular of the SAFE on Reforming and Regulating Policies on the Control over Foreign Exchange Settlement of Capital Accounts, or the SAFE Circular No. 16, was promulgated and became effective on June 9, 2016 and was amended on December 4, 2023. According to the SAFE Circular No. 16, enterprises registered in PRC may also convert their foreign debts from foreign currency into Renminbi on self-discretionary basis. The SAFE Circular No. 16 provides an integrated standard for conversion of foreign exchange under capital account items (including but not limited to foreign currency capital and foreign debts) on self-discretionary basis, which applies to all enterprises registered in the PRC. The SAFE Circular No. 16 reiterates the principle that Renminbi converted from foreign currency-denominated capital of a company may not be directly or indirectly used for purposes beyond its business scope and may not be used for investments in securities or other investment excluding banks' principal-secured financing products within the PRC unless otherwise specifically provided. Besides, the converted Renminbi shall not be used to make loans for non-affiliated enterprises unless it is permitted within the business scope or to build or to purchase any real estate that is not for the enterprise's own use unless it is a real estate enterprise.

On October 23, 2019, SAFE issued SAFE Circular 28, which was amended on December 4, 2023. The SAFE Circular 28 cancels the restrictions on domestic equity investments by capital fund of non-investment foreign invested enterprises and allows non-investment foreign-invested enterprises to use their capital funds to lawfully make equity investments in China, provided that such investments do not violate the Negative List and the target investment projects are genuine and in compliance with laws. The interpretation and implementation in practice of Circular 28 are still subject to substantial uncertainties given it is a newly issued regulation.

Regulations on foreign exchange registration of overseas investment by PRC domestic residents

On July 4, 2014, SAFE issued 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, to regulate foreign exchange matters in relation to the use of Special Purpose Vehicles, or SPVs, by PRC residents or entities to seek offshore investment and financing or conduct round trip investment in China.

Pursuant to SAFE Circular 37, an SPV refers to an overseas enterprise directly formed or indirectly controlled for investment or financing purposes by a domestic resident (domestic institution or domestic individual resident) with the assets or interests it legally holds overseas or in a domestic enterprise, while "round trip investment" refers to the direct investments made in China by domestic residents directly or indirectly through SPVs, namely, the behavior of establishing foreign invested enterprises or projects, or foreign-funded enterprises, in China by formation, acquisition, merger, or any other means, and acquiring interests, such as ownership, control, or operating right, in them. SAFE Circular 37 provides that, before making contribution into an SPV, PRC residents are required to complete foreign exchange registration with SAFE or its local branch according to SAFE Circular 37 and applicable currently effective SAFE regulations including the Administration of Foreign Exchange in Foreign Direct Investments by Foreign Investors. According to the Circular 13, local banks, instead of SAFE, will examine and handle foreign exchange registration for overseas direct investment, including the initial foreign exchange registration and amendment registration.

Failure to comply with the registration procedures set forth in SAFE Circular 37 and the subsequent notice, or making misrepresentation on or failure to disclose controllers of the foreign invested enterprise that is established through round-trip investment, may result in restrictions being imposed on the foreign exchange activities of the relevant foreign invested enterprise, including payment of dividends and other distributions, such as proceeds from any reduction in capital, share transfer or liquidation, to its offshore parent or affiliate, and the capital inflow from the offshore parent, and may also subject relevant PRC residents or entities to penalties under PRC foreign exchange administration regulations.

We have used our best efforts to notify PRC residents (domestic institution or domestic individual resident) who directly or indirectly hold shares in our Cayman Islands holding company and who are known to us as being PRC residents to complete the foreign exchange registrations. However, we may not at all times be fully aware or informed of the identities of all our shareholders or beneficial owners, and we cannot compel them to comply with SAFE registration requirements. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—PRC regulations relating to the establishment of offshore special purpose 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, limit our PRC subsidiaries’ ability to increase their registered capital or distribute profits to us, or may otherwise adversely affect us.”

Regulations on stock incentive plans

Pursuant 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 on February 15, 2012, employees, directors, supervisors and other senior management participating in any stock incentive plan of an overseas publicly listed company who are PRC citizens or who are non PRC citizens residing in China for a continuous period of not less than one year, subject to a few exceptions, 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. Failure to complete the SAFE registrations may subject them to fines and legal sanctions and may also limit our ability to contribute additional capital into our wholly foreign owned subsidiaries in China and limit these subsidiaries’ ability to distribute dividends to us. The PRC agents shall, on behalf of the PRC residents who have the right to exercise the employee share options, apply to SAFE or its local branches for an annual quota for the payment of foreign currencies in connection with the PRC residents’ exercise of the employee share options. The foreign exchange proceeds received by the PRC residents from the sale of shares under the stock incentive plans granted and dividends distributed by the overseas listed companies must be remitted into the bank accounts in the PRC established by the PRC agents before distribution to such PRC residents. In addition, the PRC agents shall quarterly submit the form for record-filing of information of the Domestic Individuals Participating in the Stock Incentive Plans of Overseas Listed Companies with SAFE or its local branches. We and our PRC citizen employees who have been granted share options, or PRC optionees, are subject to the Stock Option Rules. If we or our PRC optionees fail to comply with the Individual Foreign Exchange Rule or the Stock Option Rules, we and our PRC optionees may be subject to fines and other legal sanctions. In addition, the PRC agents are required to amend the SAFE registration with respect to the stock incentive plan if there is any material change to the stock incentive plan. Moreover, the SAFE Circular 37 provides that PRC residents who participate in a share incentive plan of an overseas unlisted special purpose company may register with local branches of SAFE before exercising rights.

In addition, the Ministry of Finance and the SAT have jointly issued circulars concerning individual income tax on employee share options, under which our employees working in the PRC who exercise share options will be subject to PRC individual income tax. Our PRC subsidiaries and affiliated entities have obligations to file documents related to employee share options with relevant tax authorities and to withhold individual income taxes of those employees who exercise their share options. If our employees fail to pay or if we fail to withhold their income taxes as required by relevant laws and regulations, we may face sanctions imposed by the PRC tax authorities or other PRC government authorities.

Regulations relating to M&A Rule and overseas listing in the PRC

MOFCOM, China Securities Regulatory Commission, or CSRC, SAFE and three other PRC governmental and regulatory agencies promulgated the Rules on Acquisition of Domestic Enterprises by Foreign Investors on August 8, 2006, as later amended on June 22, 2009, or the M&A Rules, governing the mergers and acquisitions of domestic enterprises by foreign investors. The M&A Rules, among other things, require that if a domestic company, domestic enterprise, or a domestic individual, through an overseas company established or controlled by it/him/her, acquires a domestic company which is affiliated with it/him/her, an approval from the MOFCOM is required. The M&A Rules further requires that an SPV that is controlled directly or indirectly by the PRC companies or individuals and that has been formed for overseas listing purposes through acquisitions of PRC domestic interest held by such PRC companies or individuals, shall obtain the approval of CSRC prior to overseas listing and trading of such SPV's securities on an overseas stock exchange. Moreover, if foreign investors merge a domestic enterprise and obtain the actual control over the enterprise, and if such merger involves any critical industry, affects or may affect the security of national economy, or causes transference of actual control over the domestic enterprise who possesses a resound trademark or PRC time-honored brand, the parties to the merger shall file an application to MOFCOM.

The CSRC promulgated the Overseas Listing Trial Measures and five related guidelines on February 17, 2023, which came into effect on March 31, 2023. The Overseas Listing Trial Measures provide that Chinese companies must file with the CSRC within three business days for its follow-on offering of securities after it is listed in an overseas market either in direct or indirect means. Such companies must also follow the relevant reporting requirements within three working days upon the occurrence and public disclosure of any specified circumstances provided thereunder, including (1) change of control, (2) investigations or sanctions imposed by overseas securities regulatory agencies or other relevant competent authorities, (3) change of listing status or transfer of listing segment, and (4) voluntary or mandatory delisting. In addition, where the main business of an issuer undergoes material change after overseas offering and listing, and is therefore beyond the scope of business stated in the filing documents, such issuer shall submit to the CSRC an ad hoc report and a relevant legal opinion issued by a domestic law firm within three working days after occurrence of the changes. In case of any violations of the foregoing requirements, competent Chinese authorities may impose administrative regulatory measures, such as orders for correction, warnings, fines, and may pursue legal liability in accordance with law.

The CSRC and other three relevant government authorities promulgated the Provision on Confidentiality, which came into effect on March 31, 2023. According to the Provision on Confidentiality, Chinese companies that directly or indirectly conduct overseas offerings and listings, shall strictly abide by relevant laws and regulations on confidentiality when providing or publicly disclosing, either directly or through their overseas listed entities, documents and materials to securities service providers such as securities companies, securities service institutions, overseas regulatory authorities and other entities and individuals in the process of their overseas offering and listing. In the event such documents or materials contain state secrets or working secrets of government agencies, the Chinese companies shall first obtain approval from competent authorities according to law, and file with the secrecy administrative department at the same level with the approving authority. In the event that such documents or materials, if leaked, will be detrimental to national security or public interest, the Chinese companies shall strictly fulfill relevant procedures stipulated by applicable national regulations. Chinese companies shall also provide a written statement of the specific state secrets and sensitive information that are contained in the documents and materials provided to securities companies and securities service providers, and the securities companies and securities service providers shall properly retain such written statements for inspection. The working papers formed within the territory of the PRC by the securities companies and securities service institutions that provide related services for the overseas offering and listing of Chinese companies shall be kept within the territory of the PRC. Cross-border transferring of such working papers shall go through the examination and approval formalities in accordance with the relevant regulations.

Regulations relating to taxation

Dividend withholding tax

The National People's Congress enacted the Enterprise Income Tax Law, which became effective on January 1, 2008 and last amended on December 29, 2018. According to Enterprise Income Tax Law and the Regulation on the Implementation of the Enterprise Income Tax Law, or the Implementing Rules, which became effective on January 1, 2008 then further amended on April 23, 2019 and last amended on December 26, 2024, 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 enterprise investor's jurisdiction of incorporation has a tax treaty with China that provides for a preferential withholding arrangement. According 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 Double Tax Avoidance Arrangement, the withholding tax rate in respect of the payment of dividends by a PRC enterprise to a Hong Kong enterprise may be reduced to 5% from a standard rate of 10% if the Hong Kong enterprise directly holds at least 25% of the PRC enterprise and certain other conditions are met, including: (1) the Hong Kong enterprise must directly own the required percentage of equity interests and voting rights in the PRC resident enterprise; and (2) the Hong Kong enterprise must have directly owned such required percentage in the PRC resident enterprise throughout the 12 months prior to receiving the dividends. However, based on the Circular on Certain Issues with Respect to the Enforcement of Dividend Provisions in Tax Treaties issued on February 20, 2009 by the SAT, if the relevant PRC tax authorities determine, in their discretion, that a company benefits from such reduced income tax rate due to a structure or arrangement that is primarily tax-driven, such PRC tax authorities may adjust the preferential tax treatment; and based on the Announcement on Certain Issues with Respect to the "Beneficial Owner" in Tax Treaties issued by the SAT on February 3, 2018 and effective from April 1, 2018, if an applicant's business activities do not constitute substantive business activities, it could result in the negative determination of the applicant's status as a "beneficial owner," and consequently, the applicant could be precluded from enjoying the above-mentioned reduced income tax rate of 5% under the Double Tax Avoidance Arrangement.

Enterprise income tax

The Enterprise Income Tax Law and the Implementing Rules impose a uniform 25% enterprise income tax rate to both foreign invested enterprises and domestic enterprises, except where tax incentives are granted to special industries and projects. Among other tax incentives, the preferential tax treatment continues as long as an enterprise can retain its "High and New Technology Enterprise" status.

Under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, an enterprise established outside China with "*de facto* management bodies" within China is considered a "resident enterprise" for PRC enterprise income tax purposes and is generally subject to a uniform 25% enterprise income tax rate on its worldwide income. A circular issued by the SAT in April 2009 and amended in 2017 regarding the standards used to classify certain Chinese invested enterprises controlled by Chinese enterprises or Chinese enterprise groups and established outside of China as "resident enterprises," which also clarified that dividends and other income paid by such PRC "resident enterprises" will be considered PRC source income and subject to PRC withholding tax, currently at a rate of 10%, when paid to non PRC enterprise shareholders. This circular also subjects such PRC "resident enterprises" to various reporting requirements with the PRC tax authorities. Under the implementing rules, a "*de facto* management body" is defined as a body that has material and overall management and control over the manufacturing and business operations, personnel and human resources, finances and properties of an enterprise.

On October 17, 2017, the SAT issued the SAT Bulletin 37, which replaced the Notice on Strengthening Administration of Enterprise Income Tax for Share Transfers by Non-PRC Resident Enterprises, issued by the SAT, on December 10, 2009, and partially replaced and supplemented by the rules under the SAT Bulletin 7, issued by the SAT, on February 3, 2015. Under SAT Bulletin 7, an "indirect transfer" of assets, including equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise, by non-PRC resident enterprises may be re-characterized 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. In respect of an indirect offshore transfer of assets of a PRC establishment, the relevant gain is to be regarded as effectively connected with the PRC establishment and therefore included in its enterprise income tax filing, and would consequently be subject to PRC enterprise income tax at a rate of 25%. Where the underlying transfer relates to the immovable properties in China or to equity investments in a PRC resident enterprise, which is not effectively connected to a PRC establishment of a non-resident enterprise, a PRC enterprise income tax at 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 bears the withholding obligation. Pursuant to SAT Bulletin 37, the withholding party shall declare and pay the withheld tax to the competent tax authority in the place where such withholding party is located within 7 days from the date of occurrence of the withholding obligation. Both SAT Bulletin 37 and SAT Bulletin 7 do 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.

Value-added tax

The Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-added Tax were promulgated by the State Council on December 13, 1993 and came into effect on January 1, 1994 which were subsequently amended in 2008, 2016 and 2017, or the VAT Regulation.

The Detailed Rules for the Implementation of the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-added Tax (Revised in 2011) was promulgated by the MOF on December 25, 1993 and subsequently amended on December 15, 2008 and October 28, 2011, and together with the VAT Regulation, or the VAT Law. The PRC State Council approved, and the SAT and the MOF officially launched a pilot value-added tax reform program starting from January 1, 2012, or the Pilot Program, applicable to businesses in selected industries. Businesses in the Pilot Program would pay value-added tax instead of business tax. The Pilot Program was initiated in Shanghai, then further applied to ten additional regions such as Beijing and Guangdong province. On November 19, 2017, the State Council promulgated the Decisions on Abolishing the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Business Tax and Amending the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-added Tax, or the Order 691.

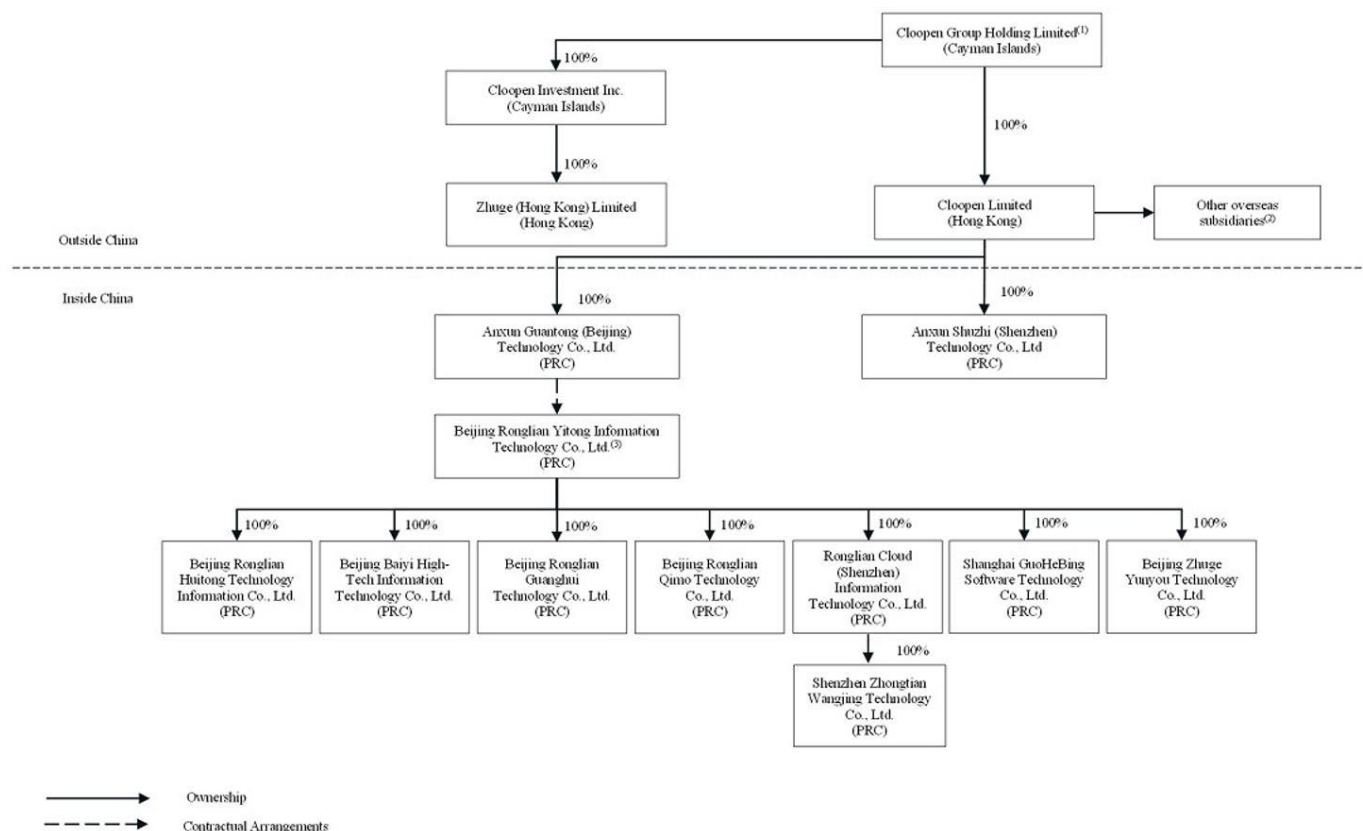
According to the VAT Law and the Order 691, all enterprises and individuals engaged in the sale of goods, the provision of processing, repair and replacement services, sales of services, intangible assets, real property and the importation of goods within the territory of the PRC are the taxpayers of VAT. The VAT rates generally applicable are simplified as 17%, 11%, 6% and 0%, and the VAT rate applicable to the small-scale taxpayers is 3%.

On April 4, 2018, Adjustment to Value-added Tax Rates issued by the Ministry of Finance and the SAT, which came into effect on May 1, 2018, or the Bulletin 32. According to Bulletin 32, the VAT tax rates of 17% and 11% are changed to 16% and 10%, respectively. On March 20, 2019, the Ministry of Finance, State Taxation Administration and General Administration of Customs jointly promulgated the Announcement on Policies for Deepening the VAT Reform or Notice 39, which came into effect on April 1, 2019. Notice 39 further changes the VAT tax rates of 16% and 10% to 13% and 9%, respectively.

C. Organizational Structure

We are a holding company that does not have any substantive operations. We conduct our operations primarily through our subsidiaries and the affiliated entities in China. For more information, see “—Contractual Arrangements.”

The following diagram illustrates our simplified corporate structure, including our principal subsidiaries, the VIE and other principal affiliated entities in China, as of the date of this annual report.



(1) See “Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees—E. Share Ownership” for details of our shareholding structure.

(2) Includes five subsidiaries incorporated in Japan, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Mexico. The subsidiary incorporated in Mexico is owned as to 70.0% by Cloopen Limited and as to 30.0% by Cloopen Investment Inc. Other overseas subsidiaries are wholly owned by Cloopen Limited. We are in the process of dissolving our subsidiaries in Philippines and Mexico as of the date of this annual report.

(3) As of the date of this annual report, Ronglian Yitong is owned as to 72.1% by Mr. Changxun Sun, our founder and chief executive officer, 26.9% by Mr. Jianhong Zhou, and 1.0% by Dazi Heye Investment Management Co., Ltd. (formerly known as Lhasa Heye Investment Management Co., Ltd.).

Contractual Arrangements

Current PRC laws and regulations impose restrictions on foreign ownership and investment in companies that engage in value-added telecommunications services. We are an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. Anxun Guantong, or WFOE, is our wholly-owned PRC subsidiary and a foreign-invested enterprise under PRC laws. We conduct our business in China through Ronglian Yitong, or the VIE, and its subsidiaries, or collectively the affiliated entities, in China, based on a series of contractual arrangements by and among WFOE, the VIE and its shareholders.

Our contractual arrangements allow us to (1) exercise effective control over the affiliated entities, (2) receive substantially all of the economic benefits of the affiliated entities, and (3) have an exclusive option to purchase all or part of the equity interests in the affiliated entities when and to the extent permitted by PRC law.

As a result of our direct ownership in WFOE and the contractual arrangements with the VIE, we have control over and are the primary beneficiary of the affiliated entities, and, therefore, have consolidated the financial results of the VIE and its subsidiaries 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 WFOE, the VIE and its shareholders.

Agreements that provide us with effective control over the VIE

Powers of Attorney. Pursuant to each of the powers of attorney dated March 28, 2019, August 28, 2019 or November 3, 2020 executed and issued by the respective shareholders of the VIE, each of them irrevocably appointed and authorized WFOE or its designee(s) to act on their respective behalf as exclusive agent and attorney, to the extent permitted by PRC law, with respect to all matters concerning all equity interests held by each of these shareholders in the VIE, including but not limited to the power to (1) attend shareholders' meetings, (2) exercise all shareholders' rights and shareholders' voting rights that it is entitled under relevant PRC laws and regulations and the articles of association of the VIE, including but not limited to the right to sell, transfer, pledge or dispose of all the equity interests held in part or in whole, (3) sign minutes and resolutions and filing documents with the companies registry, and (4) designate and appoint on their respective behalf the legal representative, directors, supervisors, chief executive officer and other senior management members of the VIE. Each power of attorney agreement is irrevocable and continuously effective from the execution date.

Share Pledge Agreements. Under each of the share pledge agreements dated March 28, 2019 or November 3, 2020 entered into by and among WFOE, the VIE and each of its shareholders, each of the VIE's shareholders will pledge all of its equity interests in the VIE to WFOE as security for performance of the respective obligations of the VIE and each of its shareholders hereunder and under the exclusive option agreements, the powers of attorney and the exclusive business cooperation agreement, and for payment of all the losses and losses of anticipated profits suffered by WFOE as a result the VIE or its shareholders' defaults. If any of the VIE or its shareholders breach their contractual obligations, WFOE, as the pledgee, may, upon issuing written notice, exercise certain remedy measures, including but not limited to being paid in priority with all pledged equity interests based on monetary evaluation or from the proceeds from auction or sale. Without WFOE's prior written consent, the shareholders of the VIE shall not transfer the pledged equity interests or place or permit the existence of any security interests or other encumbrances over the pledged equity interest. WFOE may assign all or any of its rights and obligations under any of the share pledge agreements to its designee(s) at any time. The pledge will become effective on the date the pledged equity interests are registered with the relevant local branch of State Administration for Market Regulation, and will remain in effect until the fulfillment of all the obligations hereunder and under the exclusive option agreements, the powers of attorney and the exclusive business cooperation agreement and the full payment of all the losses and losses of anticipated profits suffered by the WFOE as a result the VIE or its shareholders' default. As of the date of this annual report, we have completed the registration of all the pledged equity interests in the VIE with the relevant local branch of State Administration for Market Regulation.

Spousal Consent. Pursuant to the spousal consent dated August 28, 2019 executed and provided by the spouse of the largest shareholder of the VIE, the signing spouse (1) unconditionally and irrevocably agreed to the execution of the share pledge agreements, the exclusive option agreement and the powers of attorney and to the disposal of the individual shareholder' equity interests in the VIE in accordance with these agreements, and (2) confirmed that the individual shareholder of the VIE can perform and further amend or terminate these agreements absent her authorization or consent and that his equity interests do not constitute her communal property or inheritable property, and (3) undertook to not to make any assertions in connection with the individual shareholder' equity interests in the VIE. The spouse further undertook to execute all necessary documents and take all necessary actions to ensure the appropriate performance of the agreements described herein and agreed to be subject to the obligations under the contractual arrangements in the event any equity interests in the VIE will be held by her.

Agreements that allow us to receive economic benefits from the VIE

Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement. Pursuant to the exclusive business cooperation agreement dated November 3, 2020 entered into by and between WFOE and the VIE, WFOE has the exclusive right, during the term of the exclusive business cooperation agreement, to provide or designate its affiliates to provide complete business support and technical and consulting services to the VIE, which may include all or part of the services within the business scope of the VIE as may be determined from time to time by WFOE. In exchange, the VIE shall pay WFOE on a monthly basis service fees equal to 100% of its net income, which may be adjusted by WFOE in its sole discretion. WFOE shall have exclusive and proprietary rights and interests in all rights, ownership, interests and intellectual properties arising out of or created during the performance of this agreement. This agreement shall remain effective for ten years from the execution date and may be extended by WFOE at its sole discretion if confirmed in writing.

Agreements that grant us the option to purchase equity interests in and assets of the VIE

Exclusive Option Agreements. Under each of the exclusive option agreements dated March 28, 2019, August 28, 2019 or November 3, 2020 entered into by and between WFOE, the VIE and its shareholders, each of the shareholders of the VIE irrevocably granted WFOE or its designee(s) an exclusive right to purchase all of their equity interests in the VIE at any time in part or in whole at the sole and absolute discretion of WFOE to the extent permitted by PRC law and at a purchase price of RMB10. In addition, the VIE irrevocably granted WFOE or its designee(s) an exclusive right to purchase all of its assets at any time in part or in whole at the sole and absolute discretion of WFOE to the extent permitted by PRC law after satisfaction of required procedures and at a purchase price of RMB10. Without the prior written consent of WFOE, the shareholders and/or the VIE shall not, among others (1) sell, transfer, mortgage, or dispose of in any other manner any legal or beneficial interests in the equity interests of such shareholders in the VIE, or allow any encumbrances thereon, except for the interest placed in accordance with the share pledge agreements and power of attorney, (2) amend the VIE's articles of association, (3) sell, transfer, mortgage, or dispose of in any other manner any material assets of the VIE or any legal or beneficial interests in the material business or revenues of the VIE of more than RMB500,000, or allow any encumbrances thereon of any security interests, (4) allow the VIE to incur, inherit, guarantee or permit any debts, except for those payables incurred in the ordinary or usual course of business but not incurred by way of borrowing, (5) cause the VIE to enter into any major contracts or terminate any material contracts with a value of more than RMB500,000 to which the VIE is a party, except for those in the ordinary course of business, (6) allow the VIE to provide loan or credit to any person, (7) merger, consolidate with, acquire or invest in any person, (8) declare or distribute dividends, or (9) dissolve or liquidate or terminate the VIE. The shareholders of the VIE and the VIE also agree to, among other, appoint the directors and supervisors designed by WFOE as its directors or supervisors. If the shareholders of the VIE shall receive any profits, interest, dividends or proceeds of liquidation from the VIE or if such shareholders shall receive any monies in connection with a transfer of their equity interests in the VIE, they shall promptly donate to WFOE or its designee(s) to the extent permitted under the applicable PRC law. This agreement shall become effective on the execution date and remain in effect until all equity interests in the VIE have been transferred or assigned to WFOE or its designee(s).

In the opinion of CM Law Firm, our PRC counsel:

- (1) the ownership structures of the VIE and WFOE, currently are not in any violation of the applicable PRC laws or regulations currently in effect; and
- (2) the contractual arrangements between WFOE, the VIE and its shareholders governed by PRC laws and regulations are currently valid, binding and enforceable, and will not result in any violation of applicable PRC laws and regulations currently in effect.

However, we have been further advised by our PRC counsel that there are substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of current PRC laws and regulations. Thus, the PRC government may ultimately take a view contrary to or otherwise different from the opinion of our PRC counsel. It is uncertain whether any new PRC laws or regulations relating to variable interest entity structures will be adopted or if adopted, what they would provide. If we or the VIE is found to be in violation of any existing or future PRC laws or regulations, or fail to obtain or maintain any of the required permits or approvals, the relevant PRC regulatory authorities would have broad discretion to take action in dealing with such violations or failures. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure—The PRC government may find that the contractual arrangements that establish our corporate structure for operating our business do not comply with applicable PRC laws and regulations.”

D. Property, Plant and Equipment

Our principal executive offices are in Beijing, China, where we lease approximately 2,759 square meters of office space that are currently in use. We also maintain other leased offices in cities across China totaling approximately 4,469 square meters that are currently in use. We opened Malaysia office in December 2020, which has approximately 181 square meters of office space. Our Japan office has approximately 274 square meters of office space. In addition, we own approximately 394 square meters of office premises in Shanghai. We believe our existing premises are adequate for our current business operations and that additional space can be obtained on commercially reasonable terms to accommodate our future expansion plans.

ITEM 4A. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 5. OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our results of operations and financial condition together with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this annual report. This discussion contains forward-looking statements based upon current plans, expectations and beliefs that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including those set forth in the section of this annual report captioned “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors” and in other parts of this annual report. Our fiscal year ends on December 31.

A. Operating Results

Overview

We are a leading multi-capability cloud-based communications solution provider in China offering a full suite of cloud-based communications solutions, covering CPaaS, cloud-based CC and cloud-based UC&C. We serve a diverse and loyal customer base consisting of enterprises of all sizes across a variety of industries, including internet, telecommunications, financial services, industrial manufacturing and energy.

We generate our revenues primarily from our CPaaS, cloud-based CC and cloud-based UC&C solutions. We generally charge our customers using our CPaaS solutions on a recurring basis, based on the monthly number of text messages and call minutes facilitated. We charge our customers using our cloud-based CC solutions deployed on public cloud on a recurring basis, with a combination of seat subscription fees and related resource usage fees. We generally charge our customers using our cloud-based CC solution deployed on private cloud and cloud-based UC&C solutions on a project basis. We plan to promote solutions that we offer on a recurring basis to lower customer acquisition costs, which we expect would favorably contribute to our profit margins.

As of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, we had an active customer base of 9,980, 8,703 and 7,529 enterprises, respectively, among which 118, 121 and 114 were large-enterprise customers, respectively. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, the dollar-based net customer retention rate in relation to solutions we offer on a recurring basis was 61.7%, 85.8% and 74.6% respectively, and the dollar-based net customer retention rate for active customers was 64.5%, 89.0% and 77.4% respectively. We served 229, 279 and 337 customers for our project-based solutions in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Our revenues decreased by 3.8% from RMB593.6 million in 2022 to RMB571.0 million in 2023, and increased by 0.4% to RMB573.6 million (US\$78.6 million) in 2024, of which 64.0%, 65.6% and 59.2% were recurring revenues in the same years, respectively. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, we incurred net loss of RMB975.9 million, RMB412.4 million and RMB146.8 million (US\$20.1 million), respectively, and our adjusted EBITDA was RMB563.4 million, RMB405.5 million, and RMB225.4 million (US\$30.9 million), respectively. See “—Non-GAAP Financial Measures” for information on how we define and calculate the non-GAAP financial measures as well as a reconciliation of non-GAAP adjusted EBITDA to net loss.

Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations

Our business and results of operations are affected by China’s overall economic conditions and structural transformations, especially the development of telecommunications industry and cloud-based communications industry, as well as the following industry- and company-specific factors.

Capturing market opportunity

Our ability to capture market opportunity is critical to our growth prospects. Compared to more developed regions such as the North America and Western Europe, enterprises in China are still in the early stages of adopting cloud-based technologies, which presents significant growth opportunity. The maturity level of China's network and related infrastructure for cloud computing also provides a solid foundation for rapid adoption of cloud technologies in China.

In addition, China's communications industry is highly fragmented, consisting primarily of many local players. The software-based nature and scalability of cloud-based communications solutions are well-suited to allow easy deployment across different geographical locations and industries. We focus on applying cloud-based technologies to enterprise communications, leveraging our established partnerships with multiple regional mobile network operators. Equipped with such established business relationships as well as our solutions and proprietary technologies in AI and video communications, we believe we are well-positioned to capture the significant market opportunity to consolidate China's cloud-based communications industry. Meanwhile, in order to achieve a larger market share, we will need to devote more managerial attention and financial and other resources to address the potential challenges faced by a rapidly growing business in an evolving industry.

Improving customer acquisition, retention and lifetime value

Our results of operations are highly dependent on the total number and the lifetime value of our customers. We have cultivated a large and diverse customer base of enterprises of all sizes and various industries, including internet, telecommunications, financial services, industrial manufacturing and energy. As of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, we had an active customer base of 9,980, 8,703 and 7,529 enterprises, respectively, among which 118, 121 and 114 were large-enterprise customers, respectively. To retain and grow our customer base, we need to predict future market acceptance and customer demand and continue to invest in sales and marketing to penetrate into more industry verticals and second- and lower-tier cities and further promote our brand image and recognition in China's cloud-based communications industry. We also plan to expand our cross-selling and up-selling efforts to existing customers.

Introducing new features and solutions

To capitalize on the opportunities from the fast-evolving communications needs of China's enterprises of all sizes, we believe it is critical to continuously develop and introduce new features and solutions that optimize communication efficiency and efficacy and enhance operational productivity. We believe our capabilities of developing and offering a comprehensive portfolio of industry-specific solutions that satisfy disparate needs and complex internal integration and deployment requirements contribute to the success of our business operations. We must continue to invest in research and development with a focus on AI and video technologies and incorporate these technologies to develop more innovative features and solutions. We will also need to enhance the interaction of product development and sales activities and actively seek and analyze customer feedback in order to design new features and solutions catering to customer demands.

Optimizing product offering mix

Our ability to manage our product offering mix affects our results of operations, especially our overall profit margin. For example, our cloud-based CC and cloud-based UC&C solutions typically carry higher gross profit margins, as these solutions are more technologically advanced and, therefore, give us greater pricing power. To improve our overall profit margin and achieve higher financial scalability, we will need to continue to shift our focus toward offering solutions with higher profit margins. We also plan to selectively promote solutions that we offer on a recurring basis to lower customer acquisition costs, which we expect would favorably contribute to our profit margins. In addition, we need to serve more customers in targeted industries to lower the incremental industry customization costs and to achieve greater economies of scale and higher profit margins from the industries we more broadly serve.

Controlling costs and expenses

One of the largest costs we incur during our business operations, particularly for our CPaaS solutions and cloud-based CC solutions that we offer on a recurring basis, is service fees paid for telecommunications resources. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, costs paid for telecommunications resources represented 51.6%, 55.0% and 52.0% of our total cost of revenues, respectively. Mobile network operators in China typically adjust the unit prices for resources, such as text messages and voice calls, once every several years based on government recommendations. A sudden adjustment by major mobile network operators would likely negatively affect our results of operations in current contract periods because we may not be able to pass on the impact to our customers as a result of fixed unit resource price throughout the current contract periods. On the other hand, we are generally able to pass on the impact from such unit price adjustment to customers relatively quickly due to our relatively short contract periods, which enable us to adjust our resource usage fees from time to time. Additionally, we may also benefit from the increase in the unit resource price in the long term because such price increase could eliminate weaker market players and strengthen our market leadership position.

In addition, staff costs and expenses incurred to attract and retain a team of talented staff is a major component of our overall costs and expenses. While we strive to optimize our compensation and incentive structure, we remain mindful that investment in human resources plays a significant role in maintaining our competitive position. As a significant portion of our overall costs and expenses, our ability to control our staff costs and expenses without compromising our competitiveness is critical to our results of operations.

Managing development cycle

Our ability to manage the overall development cycle of our project-based solutions affects our revenues and profit margin in specific periods. We generally incur a significant amount of upfront investment and costs in developing new solutions and serving customers in new industries to meet their complex communications needs, implementation requirements and industry-specific customizations. We have also historically undertaken smaller projects with lower profit margins to enter into the markets for project-based solutions, such as for our cloud-based UC&C solutions. These initial development costs and investments may increase our costs and expenses and decrease our overall profit margins in certain periods. We are generally able to replicate our initial solution development and achieve economies of scale quickly after we deliver our industry-specific projects to more customers within the same industry or build upon our existing projects to develop similar solutions for more customers from other industries. As we continue to standardize our industry-specific solutions for more customers in diverse industries, we expect to manage the upfront investment at reasonable level and optimize our development cycle.

Strategic investment and acquisitions

We have made, and intend to continue to make, strategic acquisitions to solidify our current market presence and expand into new industries. For example, in March 2021, we acquired all the equity interests of EliteCRM, a leading customer relationship management software provider, and in December 2021, we acquired all the equity interests of Zhuge, a user-centric intelligent data solution provider. We intend to selectively pursue strategic alliances and investments to further strengthen our competitiveness. We expect to evaluate and execute alliance, investment and acquisition opportunities that complement and scale up our business, optimize our profitability, help us expand into adjacent industries and add new capabilities to our cloud-based solutions. Our strategic alliances, investments and acquisitions would likely impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Seasonality

Our business is subject to seasonal fluctuations. We believe that our quarterly sales are affected by industry buying patterns. Our customers, especially large enterprises, tend to enter into contracts with us in the second half of each year in accordance with their budget cycles. As such, we generally record higher revenues during such periods. In addition, we typically generate lower revenues in the first quarter during or around Chinese New Year holiday. Changes in seasonal trends may cause fluctuations in our results of operations and financial condition.

Key Operating Metrics

	As of/For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
Number of active customers	9,980	8,703	7,529
Number of large-enterprise customers	118	121	114
Percentage of revenue contribution by large-enterprise customers	65.0%	67.0%	68.7%
Dollar-based net customer retention rate	61.7%	85.8%	74.6%

* The operating metrics of EliteCRM and Zhuge are included in the operating metrics as of/for the year ended December 31, 2022, 2023, and 2024, except that the dollar-based net customer retention rate does not include the operating results of Zhuge in 2022 due to the lack of data for calculation in 2021 because Zhuge was acquired in December 2021.

Our dollar-based net customer retention rate increased from 61.7% in 2022 to 85.8% in 2023, primarily due to an increase in the business demand for text messaging services from our financial institution customers. Our dollar-based net customer retention rate decreased to 74.6% in 2024, primarily because of the decline in the PaaS business retention rate, resulting from the replacement of certain SMS channel clients for consideration of pricing. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, our dollar-based net customer retention rate for active customers was 64.5%, 89.0% and 77.4% respectively.

We expect that, as the applicable regulatory framework becomes more established and China's economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, and as we continuously optimize our existing solutions and develop new features and solutions, our dollar-based net customer retention rate will remain stable at a relatively high level.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement our consolidated financial statements which are presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, we also use non-GAAP net loss and adjusted EBITDA as additional non-GAAP financial measures. We present the non-GAAP financial measures because they are used by our management to evaluate our operating performance. We also believe that the non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our consolidated results of operations in the same manner as our management and in comparing financial results across accounting periods and to those of our peer companies.

We define non-GAAP net loss as net loss excluding share-based compensation, (gains)/losses from disposal of subsidiaries, net, gains from disposal of long-term investments, impairment loss of long-term investments, impairment loss of intangible assets, impairment loss of goodwill, provision for U.S. class action, and other operating (income)/expenses. We define adjusted EBITDA as net loss excluding depreciation and amortization, interest expenses, net, income tax benefit, share-based compensation, investment income, impairment loss of long-term investments, impairment loss of intangible assets, impairment loss of goodwill, provision for U.S. class action, other operating (income)/expenses, (gains)/losses from disposal of subsidiaries, net, gains from disposal of long-term investments, share of (gains)/losses of equity method investments, and foreign currency exchange (gains)/losses, net. We believe that non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results. The non-GAAP financial measures adjust for the impact of items that we do not consider indicative of the operational performance of our business and should not be considered in isolation or construed as an alternative to net loss or any other measure of performance or as an indicator of our operating performance. Investors are encouraged to compare the historical non-GAAP financial measures with the most directly comparable GAAP measures. The non-GAAP financial measures presented here may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies. Other companies may calculate similarly titled measures differently, limiting their usefulness as comparative measures to our data. We encourage investors and others to review our financial information in its entirety and not rely on a single financial measure.

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of our non-GAAP financial measures to net loss for the years indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2022	2023	2024	
	RMB	RMB	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands)			
Net loss	(975,899)	(412,374)	(146,827)	(20,115)
Add:				
Share-based compensation	107,462	22,239	14,305	1,960
(Gains)/losses from disposal of subsidiaries, net	2,739	—	(403)	(55)
Gains from disposal of long-term investments	(5,138)	—	—	—
Impairment loss of long-term investments	7,400	8,011	—	—
Impairment loss of intangible assets	28,011	—	—	—
Impairment loss of goodwill	107,407	—	—	—
Provision for U.S class action	83,575	—	—	—
Other operating (income)/expenses	70,417	—	(49,530)	(6,786)
Non-GAAP net loss	(574,026)	(382,124)	(182,455)	(24,996)
Net loss	(975,899)	(412,374)	(146,827)	(20,115)
Add:				
Depreciation and amortization	13,893	8,775	7,634	1,046
Interest expenses, net	(14,199)	(26,826)	(42,151)	(5,775)
Income tax benefit	(342)	(564)	(316)	(43)
EBITDA:	(976,547)	(430,989)	(181,660)	(24,887)
Adjust:				
Share-based compensation	107,462	22,239	14,305	1,960
Investment income	(340)	(563)	(11,859)	(1,625)
Impairment loss of long-term investments	7,400	8,011	—	—
Impairment loss of intangible assets	28,011	—	—	—
Impairment loss of goodwill	107,407	—	—	—
Provision for U.S class action	83,575	—	—	—
Other operating (income)/expenses	70,417	—	(49,530)	(6,786)
(Gains)/losses from disposal of subsidiaries, net	2,739	—	(403)	(55)
Gains from disposal of long-term investments	(5,138)	—	—	—
Share of (gains)/losses of equity method investments	1,969	1,470	(3)	—
Foreign currency exchange (gains)/losses, net	9,666	(5,699)	3,717	509
Adjusted EBITDA	(563,379)	(405,431)	(225,433)	(30,884)

Key Components of Our Results of Operations

Revenues

We generate revenue primarily from the sales of our CPaaS, cloud-based CC and cloud-based UC&C solutions. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, our revenues were RMB593.6 million, RMB571.0 million and RMB573.6 million (US\$78.6 million), respectively. The following table sets forth the breakdown of our total revenues both in absolute amount and as a percentage of total revenues in the years indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,						
	2022		2023		2024		
	RMB	%	RMB	%	RMB	US\$	%
	(in thousands, except for percentages)						
CPaaS							
Text messaging	119,416	20.1	136,654	23.9	132,242	18,117	23.1
Voice calls	25,953	4.4	25,958	4.5	35,706	4,892	6.2
Jointly-operated CPaaS	27,591	4.6	15,439	2.7	—	—	0.0
IoT	13,268	2.2	13,937	2.4	21,440	2,937	3.7
Others	5,936	1.0	3,423	0.6	18	3	0.0
Subtotal	192,164	32.4	195,411	34.2	189,406	25,949	33.0
Cloud-based CC							
Recurring ⁽¹⁾	187,693	31.6	179,042	31.4	150,165	20,573	26.2
Project	123,072	20.7	77,919	13.6	117,916	16,154	20.6
Subtotal	310,765	52.3	256,961	45.0	268,081	36,727	46.8
Cloud-based UC&C	89,350	15.1	117,554	20.6	116,079	15,902	20.2
Other services	1,355	0.2	1,098	0.2	—	—	0.0
Total revenues	593,634	100.0	571,024	100.0	573,566	78,578	100.0

(1) Includes cloud-based CC solutions deployed primarily on public cloud, for which we charge a combination of seat subscription fees and related resource usage fees.

Our revenues from CPaaS solutions primarily include usage-based fees for sending text messages and making voice calls. We generally charge our customers on a recurring basis, based on the monthly number of text messages and call minutes facilitated through our CPaaS solutions. We also assist and support mobile network operators in establishing and operating communications service platforms, and recognize revenues pursuant to the revenue sharing arrangements.

Our revenues from cloud-based CC solutions primarily consist of seat subscription fees and related resource usage fees, and to a lesser extent, software license fees and related service fees. We charge customers using our cloud-based CC solutions deployed on public cloud a combination of seat subscription fees and related resource usage fees that are determined according to the capacity and number of functional modules embedded as well as the number of texts and call minutes facilitated through our solutions. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, solutions that we offer on a recurring basis generated 60.4%, 69.7% and 56.0% of our revenues from cloud-based CC solutions, respectively. We generally charge customers using our solutions deployed on private cloud software license fees and related customized service fees that are negotiated on a project basis and recognize revenues in accordance with the agreed-upon project milestones. The delivery cycle of our project-based cloud-based CC solutions typically ranges from three to 12 months.

Our revenues from cloud-based UC&C solutions primarily consist of software license fees and related services fees from individual projects, and to a lesser extent, service fees relating to maintenance and upgrade services. We negotiate these fees with customers on a project basis and charge them in accordance with the agreed-upon project milestones. The delivery cycle of our project-based cloud-based UC&C solutions typically ranges from three to 12 months. Additionally, we also generate revenues from software development and other technical support service fees charged on a project basis.

Our revenues from other services primarily consist of revenues generated from mobile network operator services and cloud-based value-added services.

Cost of revenues

Our cost of revenues primarily consists of (1) costs paid for telecommunications resources, (2) outsourcing costs, (3) infrastructure and equipment costs, and (4) staff costs related to solution delivery]. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, our cost of revenues was RMB367.3 million, RMB366.4 million and RMB362.7 million (US\$49.7 million), respectively. The following table sets forth the breakdown of our cost of revenues by nature both in absolute amount and as a percentage of total cost of revenues in the years indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2022		2023		2024	
	RMB	%	RMB	%	RMB	US\$
			(in thousands, except for percentages)			
Costs of telecommunications resources	189,376	51.6	201,683	55.0	188,470	25,820
Outsourcing costs	99,608	27.1	49,264	13.5	67,794	9,288
Infrastructure and equipment costs	41,656	11.3	40,011	10.9	33,909	4,646
Staff costs	33,266	9.1	68,459	18.7	71,388	9,780
Rentals and others	3,428	0.9	6,958	1.9	1,156	158
Total cost of revenues	367,334	100.0	366,375	100.0	362,717	49,692

Costs of telecommunications resources represent fees we pay to mobile network operators based on the number of texts and minutes of voice calls we subscribed for. We typically enter into annual contracts with mobile network operators which set forth the unit price for each text message and every minute of voice call. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, costs of telecommunications resources represented the largest portion of our cost of revenues, representing 51.6%, 55.0% and 52.0% of our total cost of revenues, respectively. We also outsource certain parts of the solution delivery and incur outsourcing costs. Infrastructure and equipment costs relate to our use of servers and our purchase of hardware and equipment to support our solutions. Staff costs represent compensation paid to employees who primarily deliver solution customization and perform other services to customers. Rentals and others primarily consist of rental costs related to our leases.

The following table sets forth the breakdown of our cost of revenues by service type both in absolute amount and as a percentage of total cost of revenues in the years indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,						
	2022		2023		2024		
	RMB	%	RMB	%	RMB	US\$	%
	(in thousands, except for percentages)						
CPaaS							
Text messaging	111,999	30.5	128,564	35.1	121,444	16,597	33.4
Voice calls	24,133	6.6	24,026	6.6	32,827	4,497	9.1
Jointly-operated CPaaS	281	0.1	262	0.1	—	—	—
IoT	—	—	—	—	13,536	1,854	4
Others	2,968	0.8	2,754	0.8	—	—	0.0
Subtotal	139,381	37.9	155,606	42.6	167,507	22,948	46.2
Cloud-based CC							
Recurring(1)	95,260	25.9	86,109	23.5	65,422	8,963	18.0
Project	70,851	19.3	42,997	11.7	62,265	8,530	17.2
Subtotal	166,111	45.2	129,106	35.2	127,687	17,493	35.2
Cloud-based UC&C	60,936	16.6	80,722	22.0	67,523	9,251	18.6
Other services	906	0.2	941	0.3	—	—	0.0
Total cost of revenues	367,334	100.0	366,375	100.1	362,717	49,692	100.0

(1) Includes cloud-based CC solutions deployed primarily on public cloud, for which we charge a combination of seat subscription fees and related resource usage fees.

Gross profit

Our gross profit was RMB226.3 million, RMB204.6 million and RMB210.8 million (US\$28.9 million) in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Our overall gross profit margin was 38.1%, 35.8% and 36.8% respectively. The following table sets forth a breakdown of our gross profit and gross profit margin.

	Year Ended December 31,						
	2022		2023		2024		
	RMB	%	RMB	%	RMB	US\$	%
	(in thousands, except for percentages)						
CPaaS	52,783	27.5	39,805	20.4	21,899	3,001	11.6
Cloud-based CC ⁽¹⁾	144,654	46.5	127,855	49.8	140,394	19,234	52.4
Cloud-based UC&C	28,414	31.8	36,832	31.3	48,556	6,651	41.8
Other services	449	33.1	157	14.3	—	—	0.0
Total	226,300	38.1	204,649	35.8	210,849	28,886	36.8

(1) The gross profit margin for cloud-based CC solutions that we offer on a recurring basis was 49.2%, 51.9% and 56.4% in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

The gross profit margin of our CPaaS solutions and cloud-based CC solutions that we offer on a recurring basis is primarily affected by the costs of telecommunications resources we paid to mobile network operators, which represented a majority of the costs for these solutions] in 2022, 2023 and 2024. See “—Factors Affecting our Results of Operations—Controlling costs and expenses” for details of the impacts.

The gross profit margin of our cloud-based CC solutions on a project basis and cloud-based UC&C solutions is affected primarily by the maturity and complexity of a specific project. See “—Factors Affecting our Results of Operations—Managing development cycle” for details of the impacts.

Operating expenses

The following table sets forth our operating expenses, both in absolute amount and as a percentage of our total operating expenses, for the years indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2022		2023		2024	
	RMB	%	RMB	%	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands, except for percentages)					
Research and development expenses	326,513	35.8	222,538	34.7	177,000	24,249
Selling and marketing expenses	265,304	29.1	227,543	35.5	187,305	25,661
General and administrative expenses	319,217	35.1	191,113	29.9	93,916	12,866
Total	911,034	100.0	641,194	100.0	458,221	62,776

Research and development expenses

Our research and development expenses were RMB326.5 million, RMB222.5 million and RMB177.0 million (US\$24.2 million) in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively, primarily representing (1) compensation paid to our research and development staff and (2) technology service expenses paid to outsourcing service providers for the development of certain non-core features and functions in cloud-based UC&C solutions.

Selling and marketing expenses

Our selling and marketing expenses were RMB265.3 million, RMB227.5 million and RMB187.3 million (US\$25.7 million) in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively, primarily representing (1) compensation paid to our sales and marketing staff, (2) our spending on online advertisement and other online promotional events to reach more customers, and (3) participation and organization of offline events to boost our brand image.

General and administrative expenses

Our general and administrative expenses were RMB319.2 million, RMB191.1 million and RMB93.9 million (US\$12.9 million) in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively, primarily representing (1) compensation paid to our administrative staff and management team, including share-based compensation expenses, (2) professional services fees, rentals and certain administrative expenses, and (3) provision for doubtful accounts.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth a summary of our consolidated results of operations for the years indicated, both in absolute amount and as a percentage of our revenues. You should read this information together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this annual report. The results of operations in any period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future periods.

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2022		2023		2024	
	RMB	%	RMB	%	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands, except for percentages)					
Revenues	593,634	100.0	571,024	100.0	573,566	78,578
Cost of revenues	(367,334)	(61.9)	(366,375)	(64.2)	(362,717)	(49,692)
Gross profit	226,300	38.1	204,649	35.8	210,849	28,886
Operating expenses:						
Selling and marketing expenses	(265,304)	(44.7)	(227,543)	(39.8)	(187,305)	(25,661)
General and administrative expenses	(319,217)	(53.8)	(191,113)	(33.5)	(93,916)	(12,866)
Impairment loss of goodwill	(107,407)	(18.1)	—	—	—	—
Impairment loss of intangible assets	(28,011)	(4.7)	—	—	—	—
Provision for U.S Class Action	(83,575)	(14.1)	—	—	—	—
Other operating income (expenses)	(70,417)	(11.9)	—	—	49,530	6,786
Research and development expenses	(326,513)	(55.0)	(222,538)	(39.0)	(177,000)	(24,249)
Total operating expenses	(1,200,444)	(202.2)	(641,194)	(112.3)	(408,691)	(55,990)
Operating loss	(974,144)	(164.1)	(436,545)	(76.4)	(197,842)	(27,104)
Interest expenses	(428)	(0.1)	—	—	—	—
Interest income	14,627	2.5	26,826	4.7	42,151	5,775
Investment income	340	—	563	0	11,859	1,625
Share of gains (losses) of equity method investments	(1,969)	(0)	(1,470)	(0.3)	3	—
Gains from disposal of other equity investments	5,138	—	—	—	—	—
Impairment loss of long-term investments	(7,400)	(1)	(8,011)	(1.4)	—	—
Gains (losses) from disposal of subsidiaries, net	(2,739)	(0.5)	—	—	403	55
Foreign currency exchange gains (losses), net	(9,666)	(1.6)	5,699	1.0	(3,717)	(509)
Loss before income taxes	(976,241)	(164.4)	(412,938)	(72.3)	(147,143)	(20,158)
Income tax benefit	342	0.1	564	0.1	316	43
Net loss	(975,899)	(164.4)	(412,374)	(72.2)	(146,827)	(20,115)

Year Ended December 31, 2024 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2023

Revenues

Our revenues increased by 0.4% from RMB571.0 million in 2023 to RMB573.6 million (US\$78.6 million) in 2024, primarily due to the following.

- Revenues from our CPaaS solutions decreased by 3.1% from RMB195.4 million in 2023 to RMB 189.4 million (US\$25.9 million) in 2024, primarily due to a 37.6% increase in revenues generated from our voice calls services from RMB26.0 million in 2023 to RMB35.7 million (US\$4.9 million) in 2024, which was primarily due to business recovery from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, partially offset by a significant decrease in revenues generated from our jointly-operated CPaaS services from RMB15.4 million in 2023 to nil in 2024 because we terminated the cooperation with respect to one of the communications service platforms jointly operated with mobile network operators in 2023.
- Revenues from our cloud-based CC solutions increased by 4.3% from RMB257.0 million in 2023 to RMB268.1 million (US\$36.7 million) in 2024. Our recurring revenues decreased by 16.1% from RMB179.0 million in 2023 to RMB150.2 million (US\$20.6 million) in 2024, primarily due to the decreased demands from our customers. Our project-based revenues increased by 51.3% from RMB77.9 million in 2023 to RMB117.9 million (US\$16.2 million) in 2024, primarily due to an increase in the number of projects as a result of our business expansion.
- Revenues from our cloud-based UC&C solutions decreased by 1.3% from RMB117.6 million in 2023 to RMB116.1 million (US\$15.9 million) in 2024, primarily due to the decreased demands from our customers.

Cost of revenues

Our cost of revenues decreased by 1.0% from RMB366.4 million in 2023 to RMB362.7 million (US\$49.7 million) in 2024, primarily due to the following.

- Cost of revenues from our CPaaS solutions increased by 7.6% from RMB155.6 million in 2023 to RMB167.5 million (US\$22.9 million) in 2024, primarily due to the increase of RMB 13.5 million (US\$1.9 million) in costs related to IOT, as the Company start selling IOT devices in 2024, while there was only IOT services in 2023.
- Cost of revenues from our cloud-based CC solutions decreased by 1.1% from RMB129.1 million in 2023 to RMB127.7 million (US\$17.5 million) in 2024, primarily due to (1) a 44.8% increase in cost of revenues from our project-based cloud-based CC solutions from RMB43.0 million in 2023 to RMB62.3 million (US\$8.5 million) in 2024 mainly due to the increased business scale and the increased outsourcing costs for certain projects that we undertook, and (2) a 24.0% decrease in cost of revenues from our subscription-based cloud-based CC solutions from RMB86.1 million in 2023 to RMB65.4 million (US\$9.0 million) in 2024 mainly due to the decreased business scale and the decrease in the number of minutes of voice calls that we facilitated through our solutions.
- Cost of revenues from our cloud-based UC&C solutions decreased by 16.4% from RMB80.7 million in 2023 to RMB67.5 million (US\$9.3 million) in 2024, primarily due to the decreased business scale.

Gross profit

As a result of the foregoing, our gross profit increased by 3.0% from RMB204.6 million in 2023 to RMB210.8 million (US\$28.9 million) in 2024. Our gross profit margin increased from 35.8% in 2023 to 36.8% in 2024, primarily due to a greater portion of revenues generated from our cloud-based CC solutions, which typically have higher profit margins as compared to CPaaS solutions.

Operating expenses

- Research and development expenses. Our research and development expenses decreased by 20.5% from RMB222.5 million in 2023 to RMB177.0 million (US\$24.2 million) in 2024, primarily due to (1) a 24.5% decrease in the R&D staff expenses of RMB43.7 million (US\$6.0 million), mainly due to decreases in the headcount of and the compensation level for our R&D personnel, and (2) a 32.0% decrease in lease expenses of RMB2.7 million (US\$0.4 million), which was in line with the reduced R&D headcount.
- Selling and marketing expenses. Our selling and marketing expenses decreased by 17.7% from RMB227.5 million in 2023 to RMB187.3 million (US\$25.7 million) in 2024, primarily due to (1) a 26.2% decrease in staff expenses of RMB41.5 million (US\$5.7 million), mainly due to decreases in the headcount of and the compensation level for our sales and marketing personnel, and (2) a 8.7% decrease in spending on advertising campaigns and marketing activities of RMB3.7 million (US\$0.5 million), mainly due to our expenses control measures..
- General and administrative expenses. Our general and administrative expenses decreased by 50.9% from RMB191.1 million in 2023 to RMB93.9 million (US\$12.9 million) in 2024, primarily due to (1) a 61.4% decrease in the service fees paid to third parties of RMB43.1 million (US\$5.9 million), mainly due to the settlement of the Class Action in 2023, (2) a 16.9% decrease in staff expenses of RMB10.9 million (US\$1.5 million), mainly due to decreases in the headcount of and the compensation level for our management and administrative personnel, (3) a 79.4% decrease in share-based compensation expenses of RMB13.5 million (US\$1.8 million), mainly due to a decrease in amortized expenses as the options vested, and (4) a significant decrease in allowance for doubtful accounts of RMB20.3 million (US\$2.8 million).
- Other operating income (expenses). We recorded other operating income of RMB49.5 million (US\$6.8 million) in 2024, as compared to nil in 2023, primarily because we ceased the cooperation with some customers and the advances from the customers will not refund in the future according to the suspension agreements.

Operating loss

As a result of the foregoing, our operating loss decreased from RMB436.5 million in 2023 to RMB197.8million (US\$27.1 million) in 2024.

Other income and expenses

- Interest income. Our interest income increased by 57.1% from RMB26.8 million in 2023 to RMB 42.2 million (US\$5.8 million) in 2024, primarily due to an increase in average deposit interest rate and cash and cash equivalent balance denominated in USD.
- Investment income. We recorded investment income of RMB11.9 million (US\$1.6 million) in 2024, as compared to RMB0.6 million in 2023, primarily relating to the increased realized gain related to short-term investments.

- Share of gains (losses) of equity method investments. We recorded share of losses of equity method investments of RMB1.5 million in 2023, and share of gains of equity method investments of RMB3,000 (US\$411) in 2024, primarily due to the gains (losses) incurred by an equity investee that we invested in.
- Impairment loss of long-term investments. We incurred impairment loss of long-term investments of nil in 2024, as compared to RMB8.0 million in 2023, primarily due to a non-temporary impairment of the long-term investments in 2023.
- Losses from disposal of subsidiaries, net. We recorded loss from disposal of subsidiaries of RMB0.4 million (US\$60,000) in 2024, as compared to nil in 2023, primarily due to we had no disposal in 2023.
- Foreign currency exchange gains (losses), net. We recorded foreign currency exchange losses of RMB3.7 million (US\$0.5 million) in 2024, as compared to foreign currency exchange gains of RMB5.7 million in 2023, primarily due to fluctuations in exchange rate between U.S. dollars and Renminbi.

Income tax benefit

We incurred income tax benefit of RMB0.6 million and RMB0.3 million (US\$43,000) in 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Net loss

As a result of the foregoing, our net loss decreased by 64.4% from RMB412.4 million in 2023 to RMB146.8 million (US\$20.1 million) in 2024.

Year Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2022

Revenues

Our revenues decreased by 3.8% from RMB593.6 million in 2022 to RMB571.0 million in 2023, primarily due to the following.

- Revenues from our CPaaS solutions remained relatively stable at RMB192.2 million and RMB195.4 million in 2022 and 2023, respectively, primarily due to a 14.4% increase in revenues generated from our text messaging services from RMB119.4 million in 2022 to RMB136.7 million in 2023, which was primarily due to business recovery from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, partially offset by a 44.0% decrease in revenues generated from our jointly-operated CPaaS services from RMB27.6 million in 2022 to RMB15.4 million in 2023 because we terminated the cooperation with respect to one of the communications service platforms jointly operated with mobile network operators.
- Revenues from our cloud-based CC solutions decreased by 17.3% from RMB310.8 million in 2022 to RMB257.0 million in 2023. Our recurring revenues decreased by 4.6% from RMB187.7 million in 2022 to RMB179.0 million in 2023, primarily due to the decreased demands from our customers. Our project-based revenues decreased by 36.7% from RMB123.1 million in 2022 to RMB77.9 million in 2023, primarily due to the decreased average project value in 2023.
- Revenues from our cloud-based UC&C solutions increased by 31.6% from RMB89.4 million in 2022 to RMB117.6 million in 2023, primarily due to projects delayed during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2022 being delivered and revenues being recognized in 2023.

Cost of revenues

Our cost of revenues remained relatively stable at RMB367.3 million in 2022 and RMB366.4 million (US\$51.6 million) in 2023, primarily due to the following.

- Cost of revenues from our CPaaS solutions increased by 11.6% from RMB139.4million in 2022 to RMB155.6 million in 2023, primarily due to a 14.8% increase in costs related to text messaging from RMB112.0 million in 2022 to RMB128.6 million in 2023, generally in line with the increased revenues from our text messaging services. Our costs related to text messaging are affected by the number of texts sent by our customers and the unit price charged by the major mobile network operators in China.
- Cost of revenues from our cloud-based CC solutions decreased by 22.3% from RMB166.1 million in 2022 to RMB129.1 million in 2023, primarily due to (1) a 39.3% decrease in cost of revenues from our project-based cloud-based CC solutions from RMB70.9 million in 2022 to RMB43.0 million in 2023 mainly due to the decreased business scale and the decreased outsourcing costs for certain projects that we undertook, and (2) a 9.6% decrease in cost of revenues from our subscription-based cloud-based CC solutions from RMB95.3 million in 2022 to RMB86.1 million in 2023 mainly due to the decreased business scale and the decrease in the number of minutes of voice calls that we facilitated through our solutions.
- Cost of revenues from our cloud-based UC&C solutions increased by 32.5% from RMB60.9 million in 2022 to RMB80.7 million in 2023, primarily due to the increased business scale.

Gross profit

As a result of the foregoing, our gross profit decreased by 9.6% from RMB226.3 million in 2022 to RMB204.6 million in 2023. Our gross profit margin decreased from 38.1% in 2022 to 35.8% in 2023, primarily due to a lower proportion of revenues generated from our cloud-based CC solutions, which typically have higher profit margins as compared to CPaaS solutions.

Operating expenses

- Research and development expenses. Our research and development expenses decreased by 31.8% from RMB326.5 million in 2022 to RMB222.5 million in 2023, primarily due to (1) a 35.4% decrease in the R&D staff expenses of RMB97.9 million, mainly due to decreases in the headcount of and the compensation level for our R&D personnel, (2) a 24.4% decrease in the technology service expenses of RMB6.8 million as our solutions grew mature, and (3) a 39.3% decrease in lease expenses of RMB5.5 million, which was in line with the reduced R&D headcount, partially offset by an increase in the share-based compensation expenses from negative RMB6.0 million in 2022 to RMB1.7 million in 2023, mainly due to the departure of certain R&D staff in 2022.
- Selling and marketing expenses. Our selling and marketing expenses decreased by 14.2% from RMB265.3 million in 2022 to RMB227.5 in 2023, primarily due to (1) a 14.8% decrease in staff expenses of RMB27.5 million, mainly due to decreases in the headcount of and the compensation level for our sales and marketing personnel, and (2) a 18.6% decrease in spending on advertising campaigns and marketing activities of RMB9.8 million, mainly due to our expenses control measures.
- General and administrative expenses. Our general and administrative expenses decreased by 40.1% from RMB319.2 million in 2022 to RMB191.1 million in 2023, primarily due to (1) an 85.1% decrease in share-based compensation expenses of RMB96.6 million, mainly due to a decrease in amortized expenses as the options vested, and (2) a 24.5% decrease in staff expenses of RMB20.9 million, mainly due to decreases in the headcount of and the compensation level for our management and administrative personnel, partially offset by a 29.3% increase in the service fees paid to third parties of RMB15.9 million.
- Impairment loss of goodwill. We did not record impairment loss of goodwill in 2023, as compared to RMB107.4 million recorded in 2022, primarily because the fair value of reporting unit was less than the carrying amount as of December 31, 2022.
- Other operating expenses. We did not record operating expenses in 2023, as compared to RMB70.4 million recorded in 2022, primarily because we expensed the prepayments in 2022 as we expected that there was a possibility that such amounts might not be fully recovered in the future.

Operating loss

As a result of the foregoing, our operating loss decreased by 55.2% from RMB974.1 million in 2022 to RMB436.5 million in 2023.

Other income and expenses

- Interest expenses. Our interest expenses decreased from RMB0.4 million in 2022 to nil in 2023, as we had no borrowings in 2023.
- Interest income. Our interest income increased by 83.4% from RMB14.6 million in 2022 to RMB26.8 million in 2023, primarily due to the increases in average deposits and interest rate.
- Investment income. Our investment income increased by 65.6% from RMB0.3 million in 2022 to RMB0.6 million, primarily due to the increased realized gain related to short-term investments.
- Share of losses of equity method investments. Our share of losses of equity method investments decreased by 25.3% from RMB2.0 million in 2022 to RMB1.5 million in 2023, primarily due to the decreased losses incurred by an equity investee that we invested in.
- Gains from disposal of long-term investments. We recorded gain from disposal of long-term investments of nil in 2023 as we had no such disposal in the same year, as compared to RMB5.1 million in 2022.
- Impairment loss of long-term investments. We incurred impairment loss of long-term investments of RMB8.0 million in 2023, as compared to RMB7.4 million in 2022, primarily due to a non-temporary impairment of the long-term investments.
- Gains from disposal of subsidiaries, net. We recorded gain from disposal of subsidiaries of nil in 2023 as we had no such disposal in the same year, as compared to gain from disposal of subsidiaries of RMB2.7 million in 2022.
- Foreign currency exchange gains (losses), net. We recorded foreign currency exchange gains of RMB5.7 million in 2023, as compared to foreign currency exchange loss of RMB9.7 million in 2022, primarily due to fluctuations in exchange rate between U.S. dollars and Renminbi.

Income tax benefit

We recorded income tax benefit of RMB0.3 million and RMB0.6 million in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

Net loss

As a result of the foregoing, our net loss decreased by 57.7% from RMB975.9 million in 2022 to RMB412.4 million in 2023.

B. Liquidity and Capital Resources

In 2022, 2023 and 2024, we incurred net loss of RMB975.9 million, RMB412.4 million and RMB146.8 million (US\$20.1 million), and our net cash used in operating activities was RMB567.3 million, RMB516.2 million and RMB180.2 million (US\$24.7 million) in the same years, respectively. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, we recorded cash used in financing activities of RMB52.8 million, nil and nil, respectively. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, net cash provided by investing activities was RMB351.6 million, RMB351.3 million, and RMB460.2 million (US\$63.1 million), respectively.

Based upon service type and our assessment of customers' credit and ongoing relationships, our payment terms typically range from 60 to 180 days after our customers have been billed. Days sales outstanding, calculated by gross accounts receivable outstanding as of the year end divided by revenues for the year and multiplied by the number of days in such year, were 132 days, 156 days and 131 days for 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Our days sales outstanding decreased from 156 days in 2023 to 131 in 2024, primarily because we have strengthened the Company's collection management of accounts receivable. Our days sales outstanding increased from 132 days in 2022 to 156 days in 2023, primarily because we extended payment cycles for large customers to maintain stable customer relationship. We will closely monitor our outstanding accounts receivable and follow up with relevant customers on a continuous basis in order to collect overdue balances.

In December 2021, we obtained secured bank loans of RMB5.5 million (US\$0.9 million) from the business acquisition of Zhuge, which were secured by the founder of Zhuge. Such bank borrowings were paid off in full in 2022. As of December 31, 2024, we did not have short-term bank borrowings.

As of December 31, 2024, 65.4% of our cash and cash equivalents were held in China, and 25.7% were held by the VIE and denominated in Renminbi. Although we consolidate the results of the affiliated entities, we do not have direct access to the cash and cash equivalents or future earnings of the affiliated entities. However, a portion of the cash balances of the affiliated entities will be paid to us pursuant to our contractual arrangements with the affiliated entities. For restrictions and limitations on liquidity and capital resources as a result of our corporate structure, see “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—B. Liquidity and Capital Resources—Holding Company Structure.”

We believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents and anticipated cash flows from operating and financing activities will be sufficient to meet our anticipated working capital requirements, and capital expenditures in the ordinary course of business for the next 12 months. We may, however, require additional cash resources due to changing business conditions or other future developments, including acquisitions or investments we may decide to selectively pursue. If our existing cash resources are insufficient to meet our requirements, we may seek to issue equity or debt securities or obtain credit facilities. The issue of additional equity securities would result in further dilution to our shareholders. The incurrence of indebtedness would result in increased fixed obligations and could result in operating covenants that would restrict our operations. We cannot assure you that financing will be available in the amounts we need or on terms acceptable to us, if at all. If we are unable to obtain additional equity or debt financing as required, our business operations and prospects may suffer. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business and Industry—We may need additional capital, and we may be unable to obtain such capital in a timely manner or on acceptable terms, or at all.”

The following table sets forth a summary of our cash flows for the years indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2022	2023	2024	
	RMB	RMB	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands)			
Net cash used in operating activities	(567,270)	(516,202)	(180,240)	(24,693)
Net cash provided by investing activities	351,628	351,294	460,228	63,051
Net cash used in financing activities	(52,765)	—	—	—
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash	138,795	20,092	(11,922)	(1,633)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and restricted cash	(129,612)	(144,816)	268,066	36,725
Cash and restricted cash at the beginning of the year	656,877	527,265	382,449	52,395
Cash and restricted cash at the end of the year	527,265	382,449	650,515	89,120

Operating activities

Net cash used in operating activities was RMB180.2 million (US\$24.7 million) in 2024, primarily due to net loss of RMB146.8 million (US\$20.1 million), adjusted primarily by (1) non-cash items including share-based compensation of RMB14.3 million (US\$2.0 million), a decrease of allowance for doubtful accounts RMB3.9 million (US\$0.5 million), depreciation of property and equipment and amortization of intangible assets of RMB7.6 million (US\$1.0 million), amortization of right-of-use asset and interest on lease liabilities of RMB8.5 million (US\$1.2 million), investment income of RMB11.9 million (US\$1.6 million), unrealized foreign exchange losses of RMB3.7 million (US\$0.5 million), (2) changes in working capital that negatively affected operating cash flow, including a decrease in accrued expenses and other current liabilities of RMB22.5 million (US\$3.1 million) primarily due to our timely payments to third parties, a decrease in contract liabilities of RMB57.1 million (US\$7.8 million) primarily as a result of the decrease in cash received from customers, and an increase in contract assets of RMB13.0 million (US\$1.8 million) primarily due to the increased amounts to issue invoices to our project based on customers, and (3) changes in working capital that positively affected operating cash flow, including an increase in accounts receivable of RMB38.6 million (US\$5.3 million) primarily due our strengthened collection management of accounts receivable, and an increase in accounts payable of RMB7.8 million (US\$1.1 million) primarily due to our effectively management of payments to mobile network operators for telecommunications resources.

Net cash used in operating activities was RMB516.2 million in 2023, primarily due to net loss of RMB412.4 million, adjusted primarily by (1) non-cash items including share-based compensation of RMB22.2 million, allowance for doubtful accounts RMB16.5 million, depreciation of property and equipment and amortization of intangible assets of RMB8.8 million, impairment loss of long-term investments of RMB8.0 million, (2) changes in working capital that negatively affected operating cash flow, including a decrease in accrued expenses and other current liabilities of RMB118.2 million primarily relating to payment for U.S class action, a decrease in accounts payable of RMB34.4 million primarily due to the increase of payment to mobile network operators for telecommunications resources, and an increase in accounts receivable from third parties, net of RMB28.1 million primarily due to the decrease in customer collections, and (3) changes in working capital that positively affected operating cash flow, including a decrease in contract assets of RMB26.7 million primarily as such amounts were reclassified into accounts receivable following our issuance of invoices.

Net cash used in operating activities was RMB567.3 million in 2022, primarily due to net loss of RMB975.9 million, adjusted primarily by (1) non-cash items including share-based compensation of RMB107.5 million, impairment loss of goodwill of RMB107.4 million, provision for U.S class action of RMB83.6 million, impairment loss of intangible asset of RMB28.0 million and allowance for doubtful accounts of RMB25.6 million, (2) changes in working capital that negatively affected operating cash flow, including an increase in contract assets of RMB31.4 million, an increase in operating lease right-of-use assets of RMB25.2 million primarily as we adopted new accounting policies for operating leases in January 2022 and recognized right-of-use assets and lease liabilities based on the present value of the lease payments over the lease term, and a decrease in accounts payable of RMB24.6 million primarily due to the decrease in advances to mobile network operators for telecommunications resources, which was in line with the decrease in our CPaaS business, and (3) changes in working capital that positively affected operating cash flow, including an increase in contract liabilities of RMB61.9 million primarily as a result of the increase in cash received from customers, and an decrease in prepayments and other current assets of RMB27.6 million.

Investing activities

Net cash provided by investing activities was RMB460.2 million (US\$63.1 million) in 2024, primarily due to cash received from maturity of term deposits of RMB1,571.5 million (US\$215.3 million) and cash received from sale of short-term investments of RMB357.8 million (US\$49.0 million), partially offset by cash paid for term deposits of RMB1,243.9 million (US\$170.4 million) and cash paid for purchase of short-term investments of RMB222.0 million (US\$30.4 million).

Net cash provided by investing activities was RMB351.3 million in 2023, primarily due to cash received from maturity of term deposits of RMB1,308.9 million and cash received from sale of short-term investments of RMB24.7 million, partially offset by cash paid for term deposits of RMB938.5 million and cash paid for purchase of short-term investments of RMB28.2 million.

Net cash provided by investing activities was RMB351.6 million in 2022, primarily due to cash received from maturity of term deposits of RMB5,040.3 million, cash received from disposal of long-term investments of RMB65.0 million and cash received from sale of short-term investments of RMB64.8 million, partially offset by cash paid for term deposits of RMB4,345.9 million and cash paid for purchase of short-term investments of RMB349.4 million.

Financing activities

We did not incur net cash used in or provided by financing activities in 2023 and 2024, primarily because we possessed sufficient cash and did not engage in any financing activity in 2023 and 2024.

Net cash used in financing activities was RMB52.8 million in 2022, primarily due to repurchase of treasury stock of RMB39.3 million, repayment of long-term borrowings of RMB8.0 million, and repayment for short-term bank borrowings of RMB5.5 million.

Capital Expenditures

Our capital expenditures are incurred primarily in connection with purchase of property and equipment such as computer, software and office equipment and purchase of intangible assets including software copyrights and telecommunication business licenses. Our capital expenditures were RMB6.8 million, RMB1.8 million, and RMB3.2 million (US\$0.4 million) in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. We intend to fund our future capital expenditures with our existing cash balance.

Holding Company Structure

We conduct our operations primarily through our subsidiaries and the affiliated entities in China. As a result, our ability to pay dividends depends upon dividends paid by our subsidiaries and fees paid by the affiliated entities. If our subsidiaries or any newly formed 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 subsidiaries in China are permitted to pay dividends to us only out of their retained earnings, if any, as determined in accordance with the Accounting Standards for Business Enterprise as promulgated by the MOF, or PRC GAAP. Under PRC law, each of our PRC subsidiaries and the affiliated entities is required to set aside at least 10% of its after-tax profits each year, if any, to fund a statutory surplus reserve until such reserve reaches 50% of its registered capital. In addition, our subsidiaries in China may allocate a portion of their after-tax profits based on PRC GAAP to enterprise expansion funds as well as staff bonus and welfare funds at its discretion, and the affiliated entities may allocate a portion of their after-tax profits based on PRC GAAP to a discretionary surplus fund at their discretion. Although the statutory reserves can be used, among other ways, to increase the registered capital and eliminate future losses in excess of retained earnings of the respective companies, the statutory reserve funds are not distributable as cash dividends.

As an offshore holding company, we are permitted under PRC laws and regulations to provide funding from the proceeds of our offshore fundraising activities to our PRC subsidiaries only through loans or capital contributions, and to the affiliated entities only through loans, in each case subject to the satisfaction of the applicable government registration and approval requirements. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—PRC regulation of loans to and direct investment in PRC entities by offshore holding companies and governmental control of currency conversion may affect our ability to capitalize or otherwise fund our PRC operations.” As a result, there is uncertainty with respect to our ability to provide prompt financial support to our PRC subsidiaries and the affiliated entities in China when needed.

Financial Information Related to the VIE

The following tables present the consolidating schedule of financial information relating to Cloopen Group Holding Limited, or the Parent, consolidated affiliated entities and non-VIE consolidated entities as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Selected consolidated statements of comprehensive loss data

	Year ended December 31, 2022				
	Parent	Consolidated affiliated entities	Non-VIE consolidated entities (RMB in thousands)	Inter-company elimination	Group consolidated
Total revenues	—	636,320	52,911	(95,597)	593,634
Cost of revenues	—	(324,465)	(137,686)	94,817	(367,334)
Gross profit	—	311,855	(84,775)	(780)	226,300
Operating expenses	(238,074)	(860,969)	(109,776)	8,375	(1,200,444)
Operating loss	(238,074)	(549,114)	(194,551)	7,595	(974,144)
Loss before income taxes	(238,074)	(548,206)	(194,782)	4,821	(976,241)
Net loss	(238,074)	(544,042)	(198,605)	4,822	(975,899)

Year ended December 31, 2023

	Parent	Consolidated affiliated entities	Non-VIE consolidated entities (RMB in thousands)	Inter-company elimination	Group consolidated
Total revenues	—	553,910	45,600	(28,486)	571,024
Cost of revenues	—	(346,257)	(49,906)	29,788	(366,375)
Gross profit	—	207,653	(4,306)	1,302	204,649
Operating expenses	(89,953)	(439,508)	(92,566)	(19,167)	(641,194)
Operating loss	(89,953)	(231,855)	(96,872)	(17,865)	(436,545)
Loss before income taxes	(89,953)	(233,465)	(103,841)	14,321	(412,938)
Net loss	(89,953)	(232,856)	(103,885)	14,320	(412,374)

Year ended December 31, 2024

	Parent	Consolidated affiliated entities	Non-VIE consolidated entities (RMB in thousands)	Inter-company elimination	Group consolidated
Total revenues	—	563,277	55,685	(45,396)	573,566
Cost of revenues	—	(360,984)	(43,748)	42,015	(362,717)
Gross profit	—	202,293	11,937	(3,381)	210,849
Operating expenses	(32,074)	(222,378)	(103,961)	(50,278)	(408,691)
Operating loss	(32,074)	(20,085)	(92,024)	(53,659)	(197,842)
Loss before income taxes	(32,074)	(33,370)	(89,806)	8,107	(147,143)
Net loss	(32,074)	(33,078)	(89,781)	8,106	(146,827)

Selected consolidated balance sheets data

As of December 31, 2022					
	Parent	Consolidated affiliated entities	Non-VIE consolidated entities (RMB in thousands)	Inter-company elimination	Group consolidated
Total current assets	840,910	562,507	2,919,641	(2,175,169)	2,147,889
Total non-current assets	857,362	526,143	419,966	(1,638,269)	165,202
Total assets	1,698,272	1,088,650	3,339,607	(3,813,438)	2,313,091
Total current liabilities	135,054	2,558,058	(488,308)	(1,460,298)	744,506
Total non-current liabilities	—	6,262	2,381	—	8,643
Total liabilities	135,054	2,564,320	(485,927)	(1,460,298)	753,149
Total shareholders' equity attributable to Cloopen Group Holding Limited	1,563,218	(1,472,394)	3,825,534	(2,353,140)	1,563,218
Non-controlling interests	—	(3,276)	—	—	(3,276)
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	1,698,272	1,088,650	3,339,607	(3,813,438)	2,313,091

As of December 31, 2023					
	Parent	Consolidated affiliated entities	Non-VIE consolidated entities (RMB in thousands)	Inter-company elimination	Group consolidated
Total current assets	145,207	509,400	1,142,659	(163,853)	1,633,413
Total non-current assets	1,108,131	213,207	2,264,779	(3,435,442)	150,675
Total assets	1,253,338	722,607	3,407,438	(3,599,295)	1,784,088
Total current liabilities	52,372	2,728,417	22,400	(2,217,187)	586,002
Total non-current liabilities	—	2,799	249	—	3,048
Total liabilities	52,372	2,731,216	22,649	(2,217,187)	589,050
Total shareholders' equity attributable to Cloopen Group Holding Limited	1,200,966	(2,002,681)	3,384,789	(1,382,108)	1,200,966
Non-controlling interests	—	(5,928)	—	—	(5,928)
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	1,253,338	722,607	3,407,438	(3,599,295)	1,784,088

As of December 31, 2024

	Parent	Consolidated affiliated entities	Non-VIE consolidated entities (RMB in thousands)	Inter-company elimination	Group consolidated
Total current assets	263,126	421,886	805,866	(55,199)	1,435,679
Total non-current assets	993,075	233,663	2,569,349	(3,653,387)	142,700
Total assets	1,256,201	655,549	3,375,215	(3,708,586)	1,578,379
Total current liabilities	181,624	2,655,390	(120,570)	(2,207,841)	508,603
Total non-current liabilities	—	3,173	2,024	—	5,197
Total liabilities	181,624	2,658,563	(118,546)	(2,207,841)	513,800
Total shareholders' equity attributable to Cloopen Group Holding Limited	1,074,577	(1,993,016)	3,493,761	(1,500,745)	1,074,577
Non-controlling interests	—	(9,998)	—	—	(9,998)
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	1,256,201	655,549	3,375,215	(3,708,586)	1,578,379

Selected consolidated statements of cash flows data

Year ended December 31, 2022

	Parent	Consolidated affiliated entities	Non-VIE consolidated entities (RMB in thousands)	Inter-company elimination	Group consolidated
Net cash used in operating activities	(290,137)	(574,227)	(215,296)	512,390	(567,270)
Net cash provided by investing activities	(335,194)	26,940	(15,224)	675,106	351,628
Net cash provided by financing activities	(47,474)	437,759	148,688	(591,738)	(52,765)

Year ended December 31, 2023

	Parent	Consolidated affiliated entities	Non-VIE consolidated entities (RMB in thousands)	Inter-company elimination	Group consolidated
Net cash used in operating activities	(133,979)	(184,395)	(197,828)	—	(516,202)
Net cash used in investing activities	(569,407)	(6,700)	(860,399)	1,787,800	351,294
Net cash provided by financing activities	—	218,926	1,568,874	(1,787,800)	—

Year ended December 31, 2024

	Parent	Consolidated affiliated entities	Non-VIE consolidated entities	Inter-company elimination	Group consolidated
			(RMB in thousands)		
Net cash used in operating activities	115,285	46,516	(342,041)	—	(180,240)
Net cash used in investing activities	(486)	(3,216)	35,173	428,757	460,228
Net cash provided by financing activities	—	(4,712)	4,712	—	—

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

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. 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 product development services with us.

Commitments

The following table sets forth our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2024.

	Total		Year Ending December 31,		
	RMB	US\$	2025	2026	2027
			RMB	RMB	RMB
		(in thousands)			
Purchase commitments*	5,424	743	5,274	90	60

* Relates to purchase of software and equipment. The purchase commitments are contracted but not yet reflected in the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2024.

Save as disclosed above, we did not have any significant capital or other commitments, long term obligations or guarantees as of December 31, 2024.

C. Research and Development, Patents and Licenses, etc.

See "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Research and Development" and "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Intellectual Property."

D. Trend Information

Other than as disclosed in this annual report, we are not aware of any trend, uncertainty, demand, commitment or event for the year of 2024 that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our revenues, income, profitability, liquidity or capital resources, or that caused the disclosed financial information to be not necessarily indicative of future operating results or financial condition.

E. Critical Accounting Estimates

We prepared the consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP. When reviewing our financial statements, you should consider our selection of critical accounting policies, our judgments and other uncertainties affecting our applications of those policies and the sensitivity of reported results to changes of such policies, judgments and uncertainties. We believe the following accounting policies involve the most significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements. You should read the following descriptions of critical accounting policies, judgments and estimates in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and other disclosures included in this annual report.

Revenue recognition

We account for our revenue contracts in accordance with ASC Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASC 606). According to ASC 606, revenue is recognized when control of the promised goods or services is transferred to the customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration we expect to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. We determine revenue recognition through the following steps: (1) identify the contract(s) with a customer, (2) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (3) determine the transaction price, (4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and (5) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

We generate substantially all of our revenues from the following services and products:

- 1) CPaaS, which allows customers to send text messages and place voice calls using our cloud-based platform;
- 2) Cloud-based CC, with which customers can operate their virtual contact centers and access related value-added services using our cloud-based platform; and
- 3) Cloud-based UC&C, where we create customized communications software on customers' private clouds to meet their specific needs and deliver the software licenses to customers.

We recognize revenue upon the transfer of control of promised products or services provided to our customers, in the amount of consideration we expect to receive for those products or services (excluding sales taxes collected on behalf of government authorities). Our revenue contracts generally do not include a right of return in relation to the delivered products or services.

The timing of revenue recognition may differ from the timing of invoicing to our customers. We record a contract asset when revenue is recognized prior to invoicing, and a contract liability when payment is received from a customer in advance of revenue recognition. We generally issue invoices based on contract terms, which may be when the services are completed, upon customer acceptance of our deliverables or at preset milestones. Payments are due with standard payment terms which are generally not more than 90 days from invoice issuance.

CPaaS revenues

We account for revenue from customers' usage of text message and voice call services on our CPaaS platform as two separate performance obligations. Our service fees are determined by applying the contractual unit price to the monthly usage volume of text messages sent or minutes of voice calls placed and a contractual monthly fixed charge per subscriber multiplied by the number of subscribers recorded by our CPaaS platform where relevant. The cloud-based services to send text messages and place voice calls are sold separately to customers with observable standalone selling prices.

We also provide services as an agent in provision of CPaaS platforms to customers. We have identified one performance obligation and recognized the revenues, on a monthly basis, at the amount equal to the difference between the amount charged to the customers and the amount charged by telecommunication operators.

The service contracts are generally with a length between three and 12 months and renewable at the latest fee rates of the renewed contract services on the contract renewal date. The option of renewal does not provide the customer with a material right that it otherwise could not obtain without entering into that contract, therefore the renewal option was not recognized as a separate performance obligation in the contract. The service contracts do not grant us or customers a unilateral right to terminate the contracts before completion.

Cloud-based CC revenues

Customers subscribe to our basic cloud-based CC services at a fixed monthly fee and pay for other value-added services on a usage basis. We recognize the monthly service fees ratably over the contract period during which we are obligated to grant customers continuous access to those basic cloud-based CC services. Revenue for other value-added services on top of the basic subscription is determined by applying the contractual unit price to the monthly usage volume and recognized when the related services are provided to customers. The basic subscription is sold to customers at the same price with or without the value-added services, so the transaction price is allocated on the basis of observable stand-alone selling prices.

The service contracts are generally with a length between three and 12 months and renewable at the latest fee rates of the renewed contract services on the contract renewal date. The option of renewal does not provide customers with a material right that it otherwise could not obtain without entering into that contract, therefore the renewal option was not recognized as a separate performance obligation in the contract. The service contracts do not grant us or customers a unilateral right to terminate the contracts before completion.

We also offer customized cloud-based CC solutions to customers with tailored functionalities and interfacing capabilities suitable to their complicated IT environment. We have identified that the nature of our overall promise to customers as the provision of an appropriately customized and interfaced software solution comprising the customized CC license and other highly interdependent and interrelated services, and have accounted for the promise as one combined performance obligation. We apply an iterative process to design, test and implement the software in customers' IT environment and recognizes revenue for this performance obligation over a period of time during which the control of the customized cloud-based CC solution is progressively transferred to the customers. We use an input method to estimate progress, based on the proportion of the labor hours incurred relative to the estimated total labor hours. We also offer standard or non-complex cloud-based CC solutions to customers, and have identified one performance obligation in the agreement and recognized revenue upon delivery of standard software. Our cloud-based CC contracts generally include a standard assurance-type warranty.

Cloud-based UC&C revenues

We offer customized cloud-based UC&C solutions to customers with tailored functionalities and interfacing capabilities suitable to their complicated IT environment. We have identified that the nature of our overall promise to customers as the provision of an appropriately customized and interfaced software solution comprising the customized UC&C license and other highly interdependent and interrelated services, and have accounted for the promise as one combined performance obligation. We apply an iterative process to design, test and implement the software in customers' IT environment and recognize revenue for this performance obligation over a period of time during which the control of the customized UC&C solution is progressively transferred to the customers. We use an input method to estimate progress, based on the proportion of the labor hours incurred relative to the estimated total labor hours. We also offer standard or non-complex cloud-based UC&C solutions to customers, and have identified one performance obligation in the agreement and recognized revenue upon delivery of standard software. Our cloud-based UC&C contracts generally include a standard assurance-type warranty.

Share-based compensation

Share-based awards granted to the founders and employees in the form of restricted shares are measured at the grant date fair value of the awards, and are recognized as compensation expense using the graded-vesting schedules over the requisite service period for each separately vesting portion (or tranche) of the award. We elect to recognize the effect of forfeitures in compensation cost when they occur. To the extent the required vesting conditions are not met resulting in the forfeiture of the share-based awards, previously recognized compensation expense relating to those awards is reversed.

Share-based compensation in relation to the restricted ordinary shares is measured based on the fair value of our ordinary shares at the award grant date, which is estimated using the income approach and equity allocation method. Estimating the fair value of our ordinary shares involves significant assumptions that might not be observable in the market, and a number of complex and subjective variables, discount rate, risk-free interest rate and subjective judgments regarding our projected financial and operating results, our unique business risks, the liquidity of our ordinary shares and our operating history and prospects at the time of the grant. Share-based compensation in relation to the share options is estimated using the binomial option pricing model. The determination of the fair value of share options is affected by the price of our ordinary shares as well as the assumptions regarding a number of complex and subjective variables, including the expected share price volatility, risk-free interest rate, exercise multiple and expected dividend yield. The fair value of these awards was determined by our management with the assistance from a valuation report prepared by an independent valuation firm using our management's estimates and assumptions.

In January 2017, we adopted the 2016 Plan. Under the 2016 Plan, we granted nil, nil and 1,000,000 share options to our directors, officers and employees for 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. In January 2021, we adopted the 2021 Plan, under which restricted share units to purchase 11,707,389 Class A ordinary shares have been granted as of the date of this annual report, excluding those repurchased. See "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees—B. Compensation—Share Incentive Plans" for more information in respect of the key terms of the 2016 Plan and the 2021 Plan and the outstanding options granted under such plans as of the date of this annual report. Further, in connection with the acquisition of EliteCRM in March 2021, we issued 2,411,177 Class A ordinary shares in the form of restricted shares as equity awards to certain management members of EliteCRM. In addition, in connection with the acquisition of Zhuge in December 2021, we issued 468,455 Class A ordinary shares in the form of restricted shares as equity awards to certain management members of Zhuge (excluding those repurchased pursuant to performance target adjustments). These restricted shares were issued under a private placement pursuant to an exemption or exclusion from the registration requirements under the Securities Act, subject to certain vesting schedule and forfeiture to the extent any share remains unvested in case of early termination of employment.

The weighted average grant date fair value of the share options granted was nil, nil and US\$0.29 for 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. The fair values of the options granted are estimated on the dates of grant using the binomial option pricing model with the following assumptions used.

	Year Ended December 31,
	2024
Risk-free rate of return ⁽¹⁾	2.50%
Volatility ⁽²⁾	45.0%
Expected dividend yield ⁽³⁾	0%
Exercise multiple ⁽⁴⁾	2.20
Fair value of underlying ordinary share	US\$0.30- US\$0.52
Expiration terms ⁽⁵⁾	10 years

(1) We estimate risk-free interest rate based on the yield to maturity of U.S. treasury bonds denominated in U.S. dollars for a term consistent with the expected term of our options in effect at the option valuation date.

(2) We estimate expected volatility based on the historical volatility of comparable peer public companies with a time horizon close to the expected term of our options.

(3) Expected dividend yield is zero as we do not anticipate any dividend payments in the foreseeable future.

(4) We estimate the expected exercise multiple as the average ratio of the stock price to the exercise price of when our employees will decide to voluntarily exercise their vested options. As we did not have sufficient information of past employee exercise history, it was estimated by referencing to a widely-accepted academic research publication.

(5) Expiration term is the contract life of the options.

In 2022, 2023 and 2024, we recorded share-based compensation expenses of RMB107.5 million, RMB22.2 million, and RMB14.3 million (US\$2.0 million) related to our share options, restricted shares, ordinary shares issued to management employees to acquire their equity interests in majority-owned subsidiaries. The following table sets forth the breakdown of our share-based compensation expenses both in absolute amount and as a percentage of total share-based compensation expenses in the years indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2022		2023		2024	
	RMB	%	RMB	%	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands, except for percentages)					
Cost of revenues	(621)	(0.6)	3	0.0	-	-
Research and development expenses	(5,953)	(5.5)	1,660	7.5	(490)	(67)
Selling and marketing expenses	510	0.5	3,639	16.4	11,314	1,550
General and administrative expenses	113,526	105.6	16,937	76.1	3,481	477
Total	107,462	100.0	22,239	100.0	14,305	1,960

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

For detailed discussion on recent accounting pronouncements, see Note 2(ii) to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report.

Taxation

Cayman Islands

We are incorporated in the Cayman Islands. 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. 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. In addition, the Cayman Islands does not impose withholding tax on dividend payments.

Hong Kong

Under the current Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance, our Hong Kong subsidiary is subject to Hong Kong Special Administrative Region profits tax at the rate of 16.5% on its taxable income generated from the operations in Hong Kong. Payments of dividends by the Hong Kong subsidiary to the Company is not subject to withholding tax in Hong Kong. A two-tiered profits tax rates regime was introduced in 2018 where the first HK\$2.0 million of assessable profits earned by a company will be taxed at half of the current tax rate at 8.25%, whilst the remaining profits will continue to be taxed at 16.5%. There is an anti-fragmentation measure where each group will have to nominate only one company in the group to benefit from the progressive rates. No material provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made in the financial statements as the subsidiary in Hong Kong has no assessable profits for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Japan

Our Japan subsidiary, Cloopen Japan Co., Ltd., is subject to Japanese corporation tax (including national corporation tax, local enterprise tax and other income-based taxes) on its worldwide income. The statutory effective tax rate is approximately 30% to 34%, depending on the size of the company.

Dividends paid by a Japanese company are generally subject to Japanese withholding tax. If the Japanese company paying dividends is a non-listed company and the payee is a non-resident of Japan, the rate of such withholding tax is 20.42% under Japanese tax law. We enjoy preferential withholding tax rate of 10% under Japan-China tax treaty.

PRC

Our PRC subsidiaries and affiliated entities are subject to the EIT Law and are taxed at the statutory income tax rate of 25%, unless otherwise specified. Certain of the affiliated entities were recognized as HNTEs and were entitled to a preferential enterprise income tax rate of 15%. The HNTE status is subject to annual evaluation and a requirement that relevant entities re-apply for HNTE status every three years.

Our PRC subsidiaries and affiliated entities are subject to value added tax, or VAT. Revenues from providing cloud communication services and communication devices sales are generally subject to VAT at the rate of 6% and 13% since April 1, 2019, or 6% and 16% between May 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019, or 6% and 17% before May 1, 2018, and subsequently paid to PRC tax authorities after netting input VAT on purchases. The excess of output VAT over input VAT is reflected in accrued expenses and other current liabilities, and the excess of input VAT over output VAT is reflected in prepayments and other current assets in the consolidated balance sheets.

The EIT law imposes a withholding income tax of 10% on dividends distributed by a foreign investment enterprise, or FIE, to its immediate holding company outside of China, if such immediate holding company is considered as a non-resident enterprise without any establishment or place within China or if the received dividends have no connection with the establishment or place of such immediate holding company within China, unless such immediate holding company's jurisdiction of incorporation has a tax treaty with China that provides for a different withholding arrangement. The Cayman Islands, where we are incorporated, does not have such tax treaty with China. According to the arrangement between Mainland China and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion in August 2006, dividends paid by an FIE in China to its immediate holding company in Hong Kong will be subject to withholding tax at a rate of no more than 5% if the immediate holding company in Hong Kong owns directly at least 25% of the shares of the FIE and could be recognized as a beneficial owner of the dividend from PRC tax perspective. We did not record any dividend withholding tax, as our PRC subsidiaries and affiliated entities have no retained earnings in any of the periods presented.

The EIT Law also provides that an enterprise established under the laws of a foreign country or region but whose “*de facto* management body” is located in the PRC be treated as a resident enterprise for PRC tax purposes and consequently be subject to the PRC income tax at the rate of 25% for its global income. The Implementing Rules of the EIT Law define the location of the “*de facto* management body” as “the place where the exercising, in substance, of the overall management and control of the production and business operation, personnel, accounting, property, etc., of a non-PRC enterprise is located.” Based on a review of surrounding facts and circumstances, we believe that our operations outside the PRC will unlikely be considered a “resident enterprise” for PRC tax purposes. 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 EIT Law, it would be subject to enterprise income tax on its worldwide income at a rate of 25%. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—If we are classified as a PRC resident enterprise for PRC income tax purposes, such classification could result in unfavorable tax consequences to us and our non-PRC shareholders or the ADSs holders.”

ITEM 6. DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

A. Directors and Executive Officers

In May 2022, each of Mr. Ching Chiu and Mr. Yunhao Liu resigned as an independent director of our company. In the meantime, Mr. Adam J. Zhao and Mr. Tim Yimin Liu agreed to be and were appointed as successor independent directors to serve on our board.

In November 2023, each of Mr. Changxun Sun, Mr. Yipeng Li, Mr. Xiegang Xiong, Mr. Kui Zhou and Mr. Qingsheng Zheng resigned as a director of our company, and Mr. Pengfei Yuan, Mr. Ye Yuan, Mr. Lei Du, Mr. Yuanqi Wang, Mr. Ming Zhao and Mr. Zi Yang agreed to be and were appointed as new directors to serve on our board.

In August 2024, Mr. Lei Du resigned as a director of our company, and Mr. Qingsheng Zheng agreed to be and was appointed as a new director to serve on our board.

The following table sets forth information regarding our directors and executive officers as of the date of this annual report.

Directors and Executive Officers	Age	Position/Title
Changxun Sun	49	Chief executive officer
Yipeng Li	48	Chief financial officer
Xiegang Xiong	55	Chief product officer and chief technology officer
Cheng Luo	42	Chairman of the board, director and chief executive officer assistant
Pengfei Yuan	42	Director and financial director
Qingsheng Zheng	48	Director
Ye Yuan	43	Director
Yuanqi Wang	32	Director
Ming Zhao	50	Director
Zi Yang	40	Director
Adam J. Zhao	57	Independent director
Tim Yimin Liu	49	Independent director
Ziguang Gao	43	Independent director

Changxun Sun is our founder and has served as our chief executive officer since our inception. Mr. Sun served as our chairman of board of directors from our inception to November 2023. Prior to founding our company, Mr. Sun served as the chief engineer and vice president of research and development of Beijing Hisunsray Information Technology Co., Ltd. from August 2000 to August 2013. From July 1998 to August 2000, Mr. Sun served as a software engineer at the research and development center of PCI-Suntek Technology Co. Ltd. (SHEX: 600728). Mr. Sun received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Huazhong University of Science and Technology in 1998, and an MBA from Tsinghua University in 2009.

Yipeng Li has served as our chief financial officer since May 2020. Mr. Li served as our director from February 2021 to November 2023. Mr. Li has also served as an independent director and chairman of audit committee of the board of Lizhi Inc. (Nasdaq: LIZI) since January 2020. Prior to joining us, Mr. Li served as the chief financial officer of Sunlands Technology Group (NYSE: STG) from September 2017 to April 2020. Mr. Li served as the chief financial officer of Alibaba Health Information Technology Limited (HKEx: 241), a subsidiary of Alibaba Group, from September 2015 to September 2017. Prior to that, he was the chief financial officer at Jiuxian.com, a leading online platform for alcohol offerings from March 2015 to August 2015. From June 2010 to February 2015, Mr. Li served as the vice president of iQIYI, Inc. (Nasdaq: IQ), in charge of its financial and legal department. Mr. Li received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Simon Fraser University in 2002. Mr. Li is a member of Chinese Institution of Certified Public Accountants.

Xiegang Xiong has served as our chief product officer since November 2018 and our chief technology officer since May 2020. Mr. Xiong served as our director from February 2021 to November 2023. Prior to joining us, Mr. Xiong served as the chief technology officer of Avaya Greater China from April 2012 to October 2018. From May 2000 to March 2012, Mr. Xiong served as a product director at the UC&C product department of Cisco China. From April 1999 to April 2000, Mr. Xiong served as a system engineer manager of Lucent Technologies, Inc. Mr. Xiong received his bachelor's degree in exploration engineering from Chengdu University of Technology in July 1992, and his master's degree in exploration engineering from China University of Geosciences in July 1995.

Cheng Luo has served as our director since February 2021 and our chairman of the board of directors since November 2023. Mr. Luo has served as our chief executive officer assistant since June 2015. Prior to joining us, Mr. Luo served various positions at Jinluo Group, Linkus Digiwork, Attention Communication Group and ZenithOptimedia, focusing on brand and public relations management. Mr. Luo received his bachelor's degree in law from Peking University in June 2004.

Pengfei Yuan has served as our financial director since November 2014 and as our director since November 2023. Prior to joining us, Mr. Yuan served as the financial manager at the finance department of Dongtian Fashion (Beijing) Culture Communications Co., Ltd. from December 2013 to November 2014. Mr. Yuan served as the budget director at the finance department of China Putian Information Industry Co., Ltd. from October 2011 to November 2013. Mr. Yuan also served as a senior consultant at CaseWare Software Development (Beijing) Co., Ltd. from August 2010 to September 2011, and a senior auditor at Baker Tilly China Certified Public Accountants from November 2005 to August 2010. Mr. Yuan received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Beijing Forestry University in July 2006. Mr. Yuan is a member of Chinese Institution of Certified Public Accountants.

Qingsheng Zheng has served as our director since August 2024. Mr. Zheng previously served as our director since February 2015 to November 2023. Mr. Zheng has served as a partner at HongShan since October 2014, focusing on investments in consumer internet and enterprise. Prior to joining HongShan, Mr. Zheng served as a partner and director of Trustbridge from 2007 to 2014. Mr. Zheng also worked for Shanda Interactive, BearingPoint, IBM and PwC from 1999 to 2007. Mr. Zheng received his bachelor's degree in economics from Fudan University in 1999.

Ye Yuan has served as our director since November 2023. He has served as a vice president at HongShan since October 2019. Prior to joining HongShan, Mr. Yuan worked as a managing director at Zhongrong International Trust Co. Ltd. from October 2013 to October 2019. From July 2011 to October 2013, Mr. Yuan served as a vice investment director at JD Capital. Mr. Yuan received his master's degree in financial economics from Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam in the Netherlands in 2008.

Yuanqi Wang has served as our director since November 2023. He has served as a director of cross-border operations of Hunan Hisun Mobile Pay IT Limited since March 2023. From December 2021 to February 2023, Mr. Wang served as a product manager of Beijing Hisunray Information Technology Co., Ltd. Prior to that, Mr. Wang served as a research and development specialist at Houghton Street Media Co., Ltd. from March to November 2021. From July 2018 to March 2021, Mr. Wang served as an investment associate at JIC Huawei Investment Limited. Mr. Wang received his bachelor's degree in economics from Peking University in July 2015, and his master's degree in management from Tsinghua University in July 2018.

Ming Zhao has served as our director since November 2023. He has served in various positions at Hi Sun Advanced Business Solutions (BJ) Ltd. since January 2003, with his current role as the chairman of the board of directors. Prior to that, Mr. Zhao served as a branch general manager at the Shenzhen Branch of Aude Computer Systems Co., Ltd. from June 2000 to January 2003. Mr. Zhao also served as an independent director of China Science Publishing & Media Ltd. (SHEX: 601858) from February 2018 to February 2023. Mr. Zhao received his bachelor's degree in engineering from Anhui University in July 2000, master's degree in management science and engineering from Chinese Academy of Science in July 2012, and doctorate degree in management science and engineering from Chinese Academy of Science in July 2016.

Zi Yang has served as our director since November 2023. He has served as a legal counsel of Trustbridge Partners since March 2018. Prior to joining Trustbridge, Mr. Yang served as a senior associate of Fangda Partners from August 2014 to March 2018. From June 2013 to August 2014, Mr. Yang served as an in-house legal counsel of Green Woods Assets. Mr. Yang also served as a lawyer of JunHe Law Offices from September 2011 to June 2013. Mr. Yang served as our director from July 2019 to February 2021. Mr. Yang received his bachelor's degree in law in 2008 and master's degree in law in 2011 from East China University of Political Science and Law, and his LL.M from University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2010.

Adam J. Zhao has served as our independent director since May 2022. Mr. Zhao served as the chief financial officer and board secretary of PapayaMobile from January 2015 to February 2021. Prior to joining PapayaMobile, Mr. Zhao served as the chief financial officer and board secretary of Country Style Cooking Restaurant Chain Co., Ltd., a prior NYSE-listed company, from January 2012 to November 2014. Prior to that, Mr. Zhao served as a vice president of Ninetowns Internet Technology Group Company Limited, a prior Nasdaq-listed company, from August 2007 to December 2011. From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Zhao was the chief financial officer of Digital Media Group, which was acquired by VisionChina Media Inc., a prior Nasdaq-listed company. Mr. Zhao's earlier experiences included portfolio management positions at New Hope Capital and serving as an investment director at a Hong Kong investment company. Mr. Zhao also served as an independent director of Jumei International Holding Limited, a prior NYSE-listed company, from 2015 to 2020, and an independent director of eLong, Inc, a prior Nasdaq-listed company, from 2015 to 2018. Mr. Zhao received his bachelor's degree in economics from Beijing International Studies University in 1989 and his MBA from University of Illinois at Chicago in 2003.

Tim Yimin Liu has served as our independent director since May 2022. Mr. Liu has served as a partner at Global Law Office since July 2020. Before joining Global Law Office, Mr. Liu served as a partner of Beijing DHH Law Firm from May 2018 to June 2020. From September 2013 to May 2018, Mr. Liu served as an in-house legal counsel of the China subsidiary of Accenture plc (NYSE: ACN). Mr. Liu worked with Morrison & Foerster, Clifford Chance, Nixon Peabody and Mori Hamada & Matsumoto in his early years of legal practice. Mr. Liu received his bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature from Sichuan International Studies University in 1999. Mr. Liu received his LL.B. degree in Chinese laws from Tsinghua University in 2002, his LL.M. degree in corporate laws from New York University School of Law in 2007. Mr. Liu went to Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business for MBA in Finance program in 2011.

Ziguang Gao has served as our independent director since May 2021. Mr. Gao has served various positions at Xiaomi Corporation (HKEx: 1810), including vice president, since February 2014. Prior to that, Mr. Gao served various positions at Tencent (HKEx: 700) from August 2004 to January 2014, including engineer, expert engineer and project manager, focusing on products including QQ, Soso, Tencent Weibo and WeSee. Mr. Gao received his bachelor's degree in computer science and technology from Xi'an Jiaotong University in July 2004 and an MBA from Tsinghua University in July 2010.

The business address of our directors and executive officers is 16/F, Tower A, Fairmont Tower, 33 Guangshun North Main Street, Chaoyang District, Beijing, the PRC. No family relationship exists between any of our directors and executive officers.

B. Compensation

Compensation of Directors and Executive Officers

For 2024, the aggregate cash compensation to directors and executive officers was approximately RMB9.9 million (US\$1.4 million). This amount consisted only of cash and did not include any share-based compensation or benefits in kind. Each of our directors and officers is entitled to reimbursement for all necessary and reasonable expenses properly incurred in the course of employment or service. We have not set aside or accrued any amount to provide pension, retirement or other similar benefits to our executive officers and directors, except that our PRC subsidiaries, the VIE and its subsidiaries are required by law to make contributions equal to certain percentages of each employee's salary for his or her pension insurance, unemployment insurance, maternity insurance, work-related injury insurance and medical insurance, as well as housing fund. Our board of directors may determine compensation to be paid to the directors and the executive officers. The compensation committee will assist the directors in reviewing and approving the compensation structure for the directors and the executive officers.

For information regarding share awards granted to our directors and officers, See “—Share Incentive Plans.”

Share Incentive Plans

2016 share incentive plan

In January 2017, our board of directors approved and adopted the 2016 share incentive plan, or the 2016 Plan. The 2016 Plan is intended to promote our success and shareholder value by attracting, motivating and retaining selected employees and other eligible participants through the awards.

The maximum aggregate number of Class A ordinary shares which may be issued pursuant to all awards under the 2016 Plan is 29,525,465. As of the date of this annual report, options to purchase an aggregate of 26,095,554 Class A ordinary shares have been granted under the 2016 Plan, excluding those repurchased, among which

- options to purchase 18,839,902 Class A ordinary shares granted to certain employees were exercised on January 25, 2021, which may be repurchased by our company in case of termination of employment;
- options to purchase 3,645,942 Class A ordinary shares granted to certain employees were subsequently exercised; and
- options to purchase 3,609,710 Class A ordinary shares are still outstanding, with exercise prices ranging from US\$0.147 to US\$0.38 per share.

The 18,839,902 Class A ordinary shares issued upon exercise of the options on January 25, 2021 include options granted to certain management members to purchase 6,410,750 Class A ordinary shares, and are subject to restrictions on transfer during their respective original vesting periods and may be repurchased by our company at the original exercise price to the extent any remains unvested in case of termination of employment. As of the date of this annual report, all of the 18,839,902 Class A ordinary shares issued upon exercise of the options have become unrestricted under their respective original vesting schedules.

For discussions of our accounting policies and estimates for awards granted pursuant to the 2016 Plan, See “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—A. Operating Results—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates—Share-based compensation.”

The following paragraphs summarize the principal terms of the 2016 Plan.

Types of awards. The 2016 Plan permits the award of options, or restricted shares.

Eligibility. The 2016 Plan provides for the grant of awards to, among others, employees, directors or consultants of our company, or employees, directors or consultants of our related entities, such as a subsidiary corporation.

Administration. Subject to the terms of the 2016 Plan, the 2016 Plan will be administered by our board of directors, or one or more committees as appointed by our board of directors, comprising at least one member of the board of directors.

Award agreements. Awards granted under the 2016 Plan are evidenced by an award agreement that sets forth terms, conditions and limitations for each award, which may include the term of the award, the provisions applicable in the event that the grantee’s employment or service terminates, and our authority to unilaterally or bilaterally amend, modify, suspend, cancel or rescind the award.

Vesting schedule and price. In general, the plan administrator determines the vesting schedule, which is specified in the relevant award agreement. The plan administrator will have sole discretion in approving and amending the terms and conditions of awards including, among others, exercise or purchase prices, the number of shares granted, vesting and exercise schedules and acceleration provisions, as applicable, which are stated in the award agreement.

Compliance with law. An award may not be exercised nor may any shares be issued thereunder unless the exercise and issuance comply with all applicable laws.

Transferability. An award may not be transferred, except provided in the 2016 Plan, such as transfers by will or by laws of descent or distribution, or as provided in the relevant award agreement or otherwise determined by the plan administrator.

Changes to capitalization. In the event of share splits, combinations, exchanges and other specified changes in our capital structure not involving the receipt of consideration by us, the 2016 Plan provides for the proportional adjustment of the number and class of shares reserved under the 2016 Plan and the number, class and price of shares, if applicable, of all outstanding awards.

Merger or change in control transactions. In the event of a change in control, as defined in the 2016 Plan, each outstanding and unvested award will be treated as the plan administrator deems appropriate, including that the awards may be assumed or substituted, or fully cancelled for no consideration, and each outstanding and vested award will be treated, at the discretion of the plan administrator, in one or more of the manners including assumed or substituted with options or shares of the surviving company or cancelled for cash at the amount equal to the excess of fair value of the underlying shares over the exercise price, otherwise, such outstanding vested awards will be terminated.

Amendment and termination. The 2016 Plan has a term of ten years commencing from the date of the board approval, unless terminated earlier in accordance with its terms. Our board of directors has the authority to terminate, amend or modify the 2016 Plan. However, no amendment or termination of the 2016 Plan may affect any shares previously issued or any options previously granted to a participant and certain changes may require shareholder approval, including if it materially changes the category of persons who are eligible for the grant of options or the restricted shares.

2021 share incentive plan

In January 2021, our shareholders and board of directors adopted our 2021 share incentive plan, or the 2021 Plan, to motivate attract and retain the best available personnel, provide additional incentives to employees, directors and consultants and promote the success of our business. Under the 2021 Plan, the maximum aggregate number of Class A ordinary shares which may be issued pursuant to all awards under such plan is 15,144,221, or the award pool, which constitutes 5% of the total issued and outstanding shares of our company on a fully-diluted basis as of the date of adoption. In addition, the maximum number of Class A ordinary shares under the award pool which may be issued pursuant to all awards under the plan shall be no greater than 40%, 60%, 80% and 100%, respectively, of the award pool on or prior to the first anniversary, second anniversary, third anniversary and fourth anniversary of the effective date of the plan, respectively.

As of the date of this annual report, restricted share units to purchase an aggregate of 11,707,389 Class A ordinary shares are granted under the 2021 Plan, excluding those repurchased, among which (1) restricted share units to purchase 190,656 Class A ordinary shares were exercised, and (2) restricted share units to purchase 11,516,733 Class A ordinary shares are still outstanding.

The following paragraphs summarize the principal terms of the 2021 Plan.

Types of awards. The 2021 Plan permits the awards of options, restricted shares, restricted share units or any other type of awards approved by our board of directors or compensation committee of the board, or the committee.

Plan administration. Our board of directors or the committee administers the 2021 Plan. The board or the committee determines, among other things, the participants to receive awards, the type and number of awards to be granted to each participant, and the terms and conditions of each award grant.

Award agreement. Awards granted under the 2021 Plan are evidenced by an award agreement that sets forth terms, conditions and limitations for each award, which may include the term of the award, the provisions applicable in the event of the grantee's employment or service terminates, and our authority to unilaterally or bilaterally amend, modify, suspend, cancel or rescind the award.

Eligibility. We may grant awards to our employees, directors and consultants.

Vesting schedule. In general, the plan administrator determines the vesting schedule, which is specified in the relevant award agreement.

Exercise of awards. The exercise price per share subject to an option is determined by the plan administrator and set forth in the award agreement, which may be a fixed price or a variable price related to the fair market value of the shares. The vested portion of option will expire if not exercised prior to the time as the plan administrator determines at the time of its grant.

Transfer restrictions. Awards may not be transferred in any manner by the eligible participant other than in accordance with the limited exceptions, such as transfers to our company or a subsidiary of ours, transfers to the immediate family members of the participant by gift, the designation of a beneficiary to receive benefits if the participant dies, permitted transfers or exercises on behalf of the participant by the participant's duly authorized legal representative if the participant has suffered a disability, or, subject to the prior approval of the plan administrator or our executive officer or director authorized by the plan administrator, transfers to one or more natural persons who are the participant's family members or entities owned and controlled by the participant and/or the participant's family members, including but not limited to trusts or other entities whose beneficiaries or beneficial owners are the participant and/or the participant's family members, or to such other persons or entities as may be expressly approved by the plan administrator, pursuant to such conditions and procedures as the plan administrator may establish.

Termination and amendment. Unless terminated earlier, the 2021 Plan has a term of ten years. Our board of directors may terminate, amend or modify the plan, subject to the limitations of applicable laws. However, no such action may adversely affect in any material way any award previously granted without prior written consent of the participant.

The following table summarizes, as of the date of this annual report, the outstanding options and restricted shares granted to our directors and executive officers and other individuals as a group.

Name	Class A Ordinary Shares Underlying Outstanding Options	Exercise Price (US\$/Share)	Class A Ordinary Shares Underlying Restricted Share Units	Date of Grant	Date of Expiration(1)
Changxun Sun	-	-	-	-	-
Yipeng Li	-	-	-	-	-
				November 30, 2022, January 29, 2024	January 29, 2034
Xiegang Xiong	*	0.38	*		
Cheng Luo	-	-	*	April 1, 2024	-
Pengfei Yuan	-	-	*	April 1, 2024	-
Qingsheng Zheng	-	-	-	-	-
Ye Yuan	-	-	-	-	-
Yuanqi Wang	-	-	-	-	-
Ming Zhao	-	-	-	-	-
Zi Yang	-	-	-	-	-
Adam J. Zhao	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Yimin Liu	-	-	-	-	-
Ziguang Gao	-	-	-	-	-
All directors and executive officers as a group	1,000,000		2,900,000		

* Represents less than 1% of our total outstanding shares on an as converted basis.

(1) Not applicable to restricted share units.

As of the date of this annual report, other grantees as a group held options to purchase an aggregate of 2,609,710 Class A ordinary shares, with exercise prices ranging from US\$0.147 per share to US\$0.38 per share, and restricted shares units to purchase an aggregate of 8,616,733 Class A ordinary shares.

C. Board Practices

Board of Directors

Our board of directors consists of ten directors. A director is not required to hold any shares in our company to qualify to serve as a director. A director may vote with respect to any contract, proposed contract or arrangement notwithstanding that he may be interested, whether directly or indirectly, therein, and if he does so his vote shall be counted and he may be counted in the quorum at any meeting of our directors at which any such contract or proposed contract or arrangement is considered, provided (1) such director has declared the nature of his interest at the earliest meeting of the board at which it is practicable for him to do so, either specifically or by way of a general notice and (2) if such contract or arrangement is a transaction with a related party, such transaction has been approved by the audit committee. Our directors may from time to time at their discretion exercise all the powers of the company to borrow money, mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and assets (present or future) and uncalled capital or any party thereof, and issue debentures, debenture share, bonds or other securities whether outright or as collateral security for any obligation of the company or of any third party. None of our directors has a service contract with us that provides for benefits upon termination of service.

Committees of the Board of Directors

We have established three committees under the board of directors including an audit committee, a compensation committee and a nominating and corporate governance committee. We have adopted a charter for each of the three committees. Each committee's members and functions are described below.

Audit committee

Our audit committee consists of Mr. Adam J. Zhao, Mr. Tim Yimin Liu and Mr. Ziguang Gao. Mr. Adam J. Zhao is the chairman of our audit committee. We have determined that each of Mr. Adam J. Zhao, Mr. Tim Yimin Liu and Mr. Ziguang Gao meets the independence standards under Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act. Our board of directors has also determined that Mr. Adam J. Zhao qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of the SEC rules.

The audit committee oversees our accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of our financial statements. The audit committee is responsible for, among other things:

- selecting our independent registered public accounting firm and pre-approving all auditing and non-auditing services performed by our independent registered public accounting firm;
- reviewing with the independent registered public accounting firm any audit problems or difficulties and management's response;
- reviewing and approving proposed related-party transactions, as defined in Item 404 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act;
- discussing the annual audited financial statements with management and our independent registered public accounting firm;
- reviewing major issues as to the adequacy of our internal controls and any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies;
- annually reviewing and reassessing the adequacy of our audit committee charter;
- meeting separately and periodically with management and our independent registered public accounting firms;
- monitoring compliance with our code of business conduct and ethics, including reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of our procedures to ensure proper compliance; and reporting regularly to the board of directors.

Compensation committee

Our compensation committee consists of Mr. Cheng Luo, Mr. Ye Yuan and Mr. Adam J. Zhao. Mr. Cheng Luo is the chairman of our compensation committee.

The compensation committee assists the board in reviewing and approving the compensation structure, including all forms of compensation, relating to our directors and executive officers. Our chief executive officer may not be present at any committee meeting during which his compensation is deliberated. The compensation committee is responsible for, among other things:

- reviewing and approving, or recommending to the board for its approval, the compensation for our chief executive officer and other executive officers;

- reviewing and recommending to the board for determination with respect to the compensation of our non-employee directors;
- reviewing periodically and approving any incentive compensation or equity plans, programs or similar arrangements, annual bonuses, employee pension and welfare benefit plans; and
- selecting compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser only after taking into consideration all factors relevant to that person's independence from management.

Nominating and corporate governance committee

Our nominating and corporate governance committee consists of Mr. Cheng Luo, Mr. Adam J. Zhao and Mr. Tim Yimin Liu. Mr. Cheng Luo is the chairman of our nominating and corporate governance committee.

The nominating and corporate governance committee assists the board of directors in selecting directors and in determining the composition of our board and board committees. The nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for, among other things:

- identifying and recommending nominees for election or re-election to our board of directors, or for appointment to fill any vacancy;
- reviewing annually with our board of directors its composition in light of the characteristics of independence, age, skills, experience and availability of service to us;
- selecting and recommending to the board the names of directors to serve as members of the audit committee and the compensation committee, as well as of the nominating and corporate governance committee itself;
- developing and reviewing the corporate governance principles adopted by the board and advising the board with respect to significant developments in the law and practice of corporate governance and our compliance with such laws and practices; and
- evaluating the performance and effectiveness of the board as a whole.

Terms of Directors and Officers

Our directors may be appointed by a resolution of our board of directors, or by an ordinary resolution of our shareholders, pursuant to the memorandum and articles of association of our company. Our directors are not subject to a term of office and hold office until such time as they are removed from office by ordinary resolution of the shareholders (unless he has sooner vacated office) or upon any specified event or after any specified period in a written agreement between our company and the director, if any; but no such term shall be implied in the absence of an express provision. A director will cease to be a director if, among other things, the director (1) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors; (2) dies or is found by our company to be or becomes of unsound mind; (3) resigns his office by notice in writing to the company; (4) without special leave of absence from our board, is absent from three consecutive board meetings and our board of directors resolve that his office be vacated; or (5) is removed from office pursuant to any other provision of our third amended and restated memorandum and articles of association. Our officers are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the board of directors.

Duties of Directors

Under Cayman Islands law, our directors owe to us fiduciary duties, including a duty of loyalty, a duty to act honestly and a duty to act in what they consider in good faith to be in our best interests. Our directors must also exercise their powers only for a proper purpose. Our directors also have a duty to exercise the skill they actually possess and such care and diligence that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. It was previously considered that a director need not exhibit in the performance of his duties a greater degree of skill than what may reasonably be expected from a person of his 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. In fulfilling their duty of care to us, our directors must ensure compliance with our memorandum and articles of association, as amended and restated from time to time. Our company may have the right to seek damages if a duty owed by our directors is breached. A shareholder may in certain limited exceptional circumstances have the right to seek damages in our name if a duty owed by our directors is breached.

Our board of directors has all the powers necessary for managing, and for directing and supervising, our business affairs. The functions and powers of our board of directors include, among others:

- convening shareholders' annual general meetings and reporting its work to shareholders at such meetings;
- declaring dividends and distributions;
- appointing officers and determining the term of office of officers;
- exercising the borrowing powers of our company and mortgaging the property of our company; and
- approving the transfer of shares of our company, including the registering of such shares in our share register.

Employment Agreements

We have entered into employment agreements with our executive officers. Each of our executive officers is employed for a specified time period, which will be automatically extended for successive one-year terms unless either party gives the other party a prior written notice to terminate employment. We may terminate the employment for cause, at any time, without advance notice or remuneration, for certain acts of the executive officer, including conviction or pleading of guilty to a felony, fraud, misappropriation or embezzlement, negligent or dishonest act to our detriment, misconduct or failure to perform his or her duty, disability, or death. An executive officer may terminate his or her employment at any time with a one-month prior written notice if there is a material and substantial reduction in such executive officer's existing authority and responsibilities or at any time if the termination is approved by our board of directors.

Each executive officer has agreed to hold, both during and after the employment agreement expires or is earlier terminated, in strict confidence and not to use, except for our benefit, any confidential information. Each executive officer has also agreed to assign to us all his or her all inventions, improvements, designs, original works of authorship, formulas, processes, compositions of matter, computer software programs, databases, mask works and trade secrets.

Each executive officer has agreed that, during his or her term of employment and for a period of two years after terminating employment with us, such executive officer will not, without our prior written consent, (1) approach our suppliers, clients, customers or contacts or other persons or entities introduced to the executive officer in his or her capacity as a representative of us for the purpose of doing business with such persons or entities that will harm our business relationships with these persons or entities; (2) assume employment with or provide services to any of our competitors, or engage, whether as principal, partner, licensor or otherwise, any of our competitors, without our express consent; or (3) seek directly or indirectly, to solicit the services of, or hire or engage any of our employees who is employed by us on or after the date of the executive officer's termination, or in the year preceding such termination, without our express consent.

Indemnification Agreements

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. Under these agreements, we agree to indemnify our directors and executive officers against all liabilities and expenses incurred by such persons in connection with claims made by reason of their being a director or officer of our company to the fullest extent permitted by law with certain limited exceptions.

D. Employees

As of December 31, 2024, we had a total of 1,107 employees. The following table sets forth the breakdown of our employees as of December 31, 2024 by function.

Function	Number of Employees	% of Total
Research and development	263	23.8
Sales and marketing	282	25.5
Project execution	473	42.7
General administration	89	8.0
Total	1,107	100

We believe we offer our employees competitive compensation packages and a dynamic work environment that encourages initiative and is based on merit. As a result, we have generally been able to attract and retain qualified personnel and maintain a stable core management team.

We believe that we maintain a good working relationship with our employees, and we have not experienced any major labor disputes. None of our employees is represented by labor unions.

E. Share Ownership

The following table sets forth information concerning the beneficial ownership of our ordinary shares, as of the date of this annual report, for:

- each of our directors and executive officers; and
- each person known to us to beneficially own 5% or more of our ordinary shares.

The percentage of beneficial ownership in the table below is calculated based on 333,703,515 ordinary shares, comprising 308,053,676 Class A ordinary shares (excluding treasury shares) and 25,649,839 Class B ordinary shares outstanding as of the date of this annual report. To our knowledge, except as indicated in the footnotes to the following table, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all ordinary shares beneficially owned by them.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. 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 of the date of this annual report, including through the exercise of any option, warrant or other right or the conversion of any other security. These shares, however, are not included in the computation of the percentage ownership of any other person.

	Class A ordinary shares	Class B ordinary shares	Total ordinary shares on an as- converted basis	% of total ordinary shares on an as- converted basis ^{††}	% of aggregate voting power ^{†††}
Directors and Executive Officers[†]					
Changxun Sun ⁽¹⁾	2,000,000	25,649,839	27,649,839	8.29	45.79
Yipeng Li ⁽²⁾	*	-	*	*	*
Xiegang Xiong ⁽²⁾	*	-	*	*	*
Cheng Luo ⁽²⁾	*	-	*	*	*
Pengfei Yuan ⁽²⁾	*	-	*	*	*
Qingsheng Zheng	-	-	-	-	-
Ye Yuan	-	-	-	-	-
Yuanqi Wang	-	-	-	-	-
Ming Zhao	-	-	-	-	-
Zi Yang	-	-	-	-	-
Adam J. Zhao	*	-	*	*	*
Tim Yimin Liu	-	-	-	-	-
Ziguang Gao	*	-	*	*	*
All directors and executive officers as a group	8,614,978	25,649,839	34,264,817	10.22	46.82
Principal Shareholders:					
Main Access Limited ⁽³⁾	55,677,341	-	55,677,341	16.68	9.86
HSG CV IV Holdco, Ltd and Max Honest Limited ⁽⁴⁾	53,580,097	-	53,580,097	16.06	9.49
Trustbridge Partners V, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾	38,474,611	-	38,474,611	11.53	6.82
Cloopen Co., Ltd.	-	25,649,839	25,649,839	7.69	45.43

* Represents less than 1% of our total outstanding shares on an as converted basis.

† Except as indicated otherwise below, the business address of our directors and executive officers is 16/F, Tower A, Fairmont Tower 33 Guangshun North Main Street, Chaoyang District, Beijing, People's Republic of China.

†† Beneficial ownership information disclosed herein represents direct and indirect holdings of entities owned, controlled or otherwise affiliated with the applicable holder as determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC.

††† For each person or group included in this column, percentage of total voting power represents voting power based on both Class A and Class B ordinary shares held by such person or group with respect to all outstanding shares of our Class A and Class B ordinary shares as a single class. Each holder of our Class A ordinary shares is entitled to one vote per share. Each holder of our Class B ordinary shares is entitled to ten votes per share. Our Class B ordinary shares are convertible at any time by the holder into Class A ordinary shares on a one-for-one basis, while Class A ordinary shares are not convertible into Class B ordinary shares under any circumstances.

- (1) Represents (1) 25,649,839 Class B ordinary shares held by Cloopen Co., Ltd., a company wholly-owned by Mr. Changxun Sun, and (2) 2,000,000 Class A ordinary shares held by Flawless Success Limited, a nominee of an employee incentive trust that holds such shares for and on behalf of the grantees under our share incentive plans issued due to exercise of options under the 2016 Plan. The registered address of Cloopen Co., Ltd. is Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. The registered address of Flawless Success Limited is Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
- (2) Represents Class A ordinary shares held by Flawless Success Limited and Flawless Wisdom Limited, nominees of two employee incentive trusts that hold such shares for and on behalf of the grantees under our share incentive plans, respectively, and Class A ordinary shares the person has the right to acquire within 60 days of the date of this annual report. The registered address of Flawless Success Limited and Flawless Wisdom Limited is Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
- (3) Represents 55,677,341 Class A ordinary shares held by Main Access Limited, a company incorporated in British Virgin Islands, as reported in the Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 9, 2022. Main Access Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Turbo Speed Technology Limited, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Success Bridge Limited, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hi Sun Technology (China) Limited, a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (Stock Code: 818). There is no ultimate controlling person of Main Access limited. Turbo Speed Technology Limited, Success Bridge Limited and Hi Sun Technology (China) Limited disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities other than to the extent of any pecuniary interest they may have therein. The registered office of Main Access Limited is at Vistra Corporate Services Centre, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

- (4) Represents (1) 27,528,456 Class A ordinary shares held by HSG CV IV Holdco, Ltd., a company incorporated in Cayman Islands with limited liability, and (2) 26,051,641 Class A ordinary shares held by Max Honest Limited, as reported in the Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2022. The sole shareholder of HSG CV IV Holdco, Ltd. is HSG CV IV Senior Holdco, Ltd. The sole shareholder of HSG CV IV Senior Holdco, Ltd. is HongShan Capital Venture Fund IV, L.P., the general partner of which is HSG Venture IV Management, L.P., whose general partner is HSG Holding Limited. HSG Holding Limited is wholly owned by SNP China Enterprises Limited, which in turn is wholly owned by Mr. Neil Nanpeng Shen. The registered office of HSG CV IV Holdco, Ltd. is at PO Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands. The sole shareholder of Max Honest Limited is Beijing HongShan Mingde Equity Investment Center (L.P.), or, Mingde, whose general partner is Beijing HongShan Kunde Investment Management Center (Limited Partnership), or Kunde. The general partner of Kunde is Shanghai Huanyuan Investment Management Limited, or Huanyuan. Huanyuan is wholly owned by Mr. Kui Zhou and Ms. Xin Fu. The investment committee of Mingde, which includes Mr. Neil Nanpeng Shen and Mr. Kui Zhou, manages the decisions taken by Mingde to vote or to direct a vote, or to dispose, or direct the disposition of, the shares held by Mingde. As the management power is vested in the investment committee of which Mr. Neil Nanpeng Shen and Mr. Kui Zhou are members, Mr. Shen and Mr. Zhou may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Mingde. The registered office of Max Honest Limited is at PO Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands.
- (5) Represents 38,474,611 Class A ordinary shares, including 1,921,164 ADSs, held by Trustbridge Partners V, L.P., as reported in the Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 5, 2024. Trustbridge Partners V, L.P. is a Cayman registered private equity fund. The registered office of Trustbridge Partners V, L.P. is at PO Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands.

To our knowledge, as of the date of this annual report, a total of 125,833,398 Class A ordinary shares are held by one record holder in the United States, which was the Bank of New York Mellon, the depository of the ADSs, representing approximately 37.71% of our total outstanding shares. None of our shareholders has informed us that it is affiliated with a registered broker-dealer or is in the business of underwriting securities. We are not aware of any arrangement that may, at a subsequent date, result in a change of control of our company.

F. Disclosure of a Registrant's Action to Recover Erroneously Awarded Compensation

Not applicable.

ITEM 7. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A. Major Shareholders

See "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees—E. Share Ownership."

B. Related Party Transactions

Transactions with Certain Related Parties

Transactions with certain unconsolidated affiliates

We recorded revenues of RMB1.3 million, RMB0.9 million, and RMB0.2 million (US\$22,000) from CPaaS services to Shenyang Yunrongxin Technology Co., Ltd, or Shenyang Yunrongxin, in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Amounts due from Shenyang Yunrongxin were RMB99,000, RMB0.7 million and RMB0.4 million (US\$53,000) as of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively, which were recorded under accounts receivable - related parties, net. In addition, we engaged subsidiaries of Shenyang Yunrongxin for outsourcing services in relation to project development, and recognized cost of revenues of nil, RMB0.3 million and nil in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Amounts due to Shenyang Yunrongxin were RMB0.7 million, RMB0.2 million, and RMB91,000(US\$ 12,000) as of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively, which were recorded under amounts due to related parties.

We recorded revenues of RMB2,000, nil and RMB1,000 (US\$140) from CPaaS services to Shenzhen City Yunjitong Technology Co., Ltd, or Shenzhen City Yunjitong, in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Amounts due to Shenzhen City Yunjitong were RMB5,000 and RMB4,000, and RMB1,000 (US\$140), as of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively, which were received in advance for CPaaS services and were recorded under amounts due to related parties. We purchased project development services from Shenzhen City Yunjitong. Amounts due to Shenzhen City Yunjitong were RMB4 and RMB1 as of December 31, 2023 and 2024.

In November 2021, we acquired 20% of the equity interest in Shanghai Keshen Information Technology Co., Ltd, or Shanghai Keshen, and significant influence over it through board representation. Accordingly, we regarded it as one of our related parties since then. We provided cloud-based UC&C services to subsidiaries of Shanghai Keshen. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, we recorded revenues of RMB34,000, RMB6,000, and nil. Amounts due from Shanghai Keshen were nil, RMB4,000 and nil as of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively, which were recorded under accounts receivable - related parties, net. We purchased project development services from Shanghai Keshen, which is included in cost of revenues of nil, RMB3.3 million, and RMB2.0 million (US\$0.3 million) in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Amounts due to Shanghai Keshen were RMB53,000, RMB51,000 and RMB62,000 (US\$8,000) as of December 31, 2022, 2023, and 2024, respectively, which were recorded under amounts due to related parties.

See note 19 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report for more information.

Contractual Arrangements

See “Item 4. Information on the Company—C. Organizational Structure—Contractual Arrangements.”

Private Placements

See “Item 4. Information on the Company—A. History and Development of the Company.”

Shareholders Agreement

In November 2020, we entered into a shareholders agreement (as amended) and a right of first refusal and co-sale agreement (as amended) with all of our existing shareholders and warrant holders, or collectively, the shareholders agreements. The shareholders agreements provide for certain shareholders’ rights, including information and inspection rights, preemptive rights, right of first refusal and co-sale rights, director nomination rights and provisions governing corporate governance matters. The special rights and the corporate governance provisions has automatically terminated upon the completion of our initial public offering.

Registration rights

We have granted certain registration rights to our shareholders. Set forth below is a description of the registration rights granted under the shareholders agreement.

Demand registration rights. At any time or from time to time after six months following the closing of the initial public offering, holders of at least 20% of the registrable securities (including shares issued to our investors) then outstanding have the right to demand that we file a registration statement of all registrable securities that the holders request to be registered and included in such registration statement by written notice. Other than required by the underwriter(s) in connection with our initial public offering, not more than 75% of the registrable securities requested by the holders to be included in such underwriting and registration shall be excluded by the underwriters and shall only be excluded after excluding all other equity securities from the registration and underwritten offering first and so long as the number of shares to be included on behalf of the non-excluded holders is allocated among all holders in proportion to the respective amounts of registrable securities requested by such holders to be included. We have the right to defer filing of a registration statement for a period of not more than 90 days after the receipt of the request of the initiating holders if we furnish to the holders requesting registration a certificate signed by our chief executive officer stating that in the good faith judgment of our board of directors, it would be materially detrimental to us and our shareholders for such registration statement to be filed at such time. However, we cannot exercise the deferral right more than once in any 12-month period. We are obligated to effect no more than three demand registrations, other than demand registration to be effected pursuant to registration statement on Form F-3, for which an unlimited number of demand registrations shall be permitted.

Piggyback registration rights. If we propose to file a registration statement for a public offering of our securities, we must offer the holders of registrable securities an opportunity to include in the registration statement all or any part of the registrable securities held by such holders. If the managing underwriters of any underwritten offering determine in good faith that marketing factors require a limitation of the number of shares to be underwritten, the underwriters may exclude up to all of the registrable securities requested to be registered in connection with the initial public offering and up to 75% of the registrable securities requested to be registered in connection with any other public offering, but in any case only after first excluding all other equity securities (except for securities sold for the account of the company) from the registration and underwriting and so long as the registrable securities to be included in such registration on behalf of any non-excluded holders are allocated among all holders in proportion, as nearly as practicable, to the respective amounts of registrable securities requested by such holders to be included.

Form F-3 registration rights. Our shareholders may request us in writing to file an unlimited number of registration statements on Form F-3. We shall effect the registration of the securities on Form F-3 as soon as practicable, except in certain circumstances.

Expenses of registration. We will bear all registration expenses (other than underwriting discounts and commissions in connection with sale of registrable securities) and expenses incurred by holders upon our or an underwriters’ request in connection with any demand, piggyback or Form F-3 registration. We will not, however, be required to pay for any expenses of any registration proceeding begun pursuant to demand registration rights, whether or not on Form F-3/S-3, if the registration request is subsequently withdrawn by the holders of no less than a majority of the voting power of the registrable securities requested to be registered, subject to certain exceptions.

Termination of registration rights. Our shareholders' registration rights will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the fifth anniversary of the completion of a qualified public offering, (2) the termination, liquidation, dissolution of our company or a liquidation event, and (3) as to any shareholder when the shares subject to registration rights held by such shareholder can be sold without registration in any 90-day period pursuant to Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act.

Employment Agreements and Indemnification Agreements

See "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees—C. Board Practices—Employment Agreements and Indemnification Agreements."

Share Incentive Plans

See "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees—B. Compensation—Share Incentive Plans."

C. Interests of Experts and Counsels

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

We have appended consolidated financial statements filed as part of this annual report.

Legal and Other Proceedings

From time to time, we may become a party to various legal or administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business, including actions with respect to intellectual property infringement, breach of contract and labor and employment claims. See "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business and Industry—We have been, and may be in the future, party to intellectual property rights claims and other litigation matters, which are expensive to support, and if resolved adversely, could harm our business." We are currently not a party to, and are not aware of any threat of, any legal or administrative proceedings that, in the opinion of our management, are likely to have any material and adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

On April 19, 2021, we and certain of our current and former directors and officers, the underwriters in our initial public offering and our agent for service of process in the United States were named as defendants in a securities class action filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County (captioned *Sonny St. John v. Cloopen Group Holding Limited et al.*, Index No. 652617/2021 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty.)). The plaintiff alleged that our registration statement on Form F-1 in connection with our initial public offering contained material misstatements and omissions in violation of the U.S. federal securities laws, including those relating to our estimates on financial results of the fourth quarter of 2020. On December 3, 2021, defendants in the *Sonny St. John* action filed a motion to dismiss the complaint, and on August 10, 2022, the Supreme Court of the State of New York denied that motion to dismiss. On December 10, 2021, we and certain of our current and former directors and officers, the underwriters in our initial public offering and our agent for service of process in the United States were named as defendants in a securities class action filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (captioned *Dong v. Cloopen Group Holding Limited et al.*, Case No. 1:21-cv-10610-JGK-RWL (S.D.N.Y.)), which also arose out of certain public disclosures made in connection with our initial public offering. On July 15, 2022, defendants in the *Dong* action filed a motion to dismiss the complaint, and on March 16, 2023, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York denied that motion to dismiss. On June 5, 2023, we, as well as all parties to the above-mentioned class action lawsuits, executed a binding term sheet for the settlement of both class action lawsuits. On June 6, 2023, the parties informed the courts that they had reached an agreement-in-principle to settle the claims in the class action lawsuits, and, the same day, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York discontinued and closed the *Dong* action. On August 16, 2023, we entered into a stipulation of settlement with all parties to the suits reflecting the terms of the settlement. The settlement required us to pay a total of US\$12.0 million in cash to the plaintiff class. We and the other defendants received full releases of claims pursuant to the terms of the settlement. On October 5, 2023, the Supreme Court of the State of New York preliminarily approved the settlement of the class action lawsuits. On January 23, 2024, the Supreme Court of the State of New York issued an order granting final approval of the settlement and dismissing the claims in the *Sonny St. John* action.

In addition, we issued a press release on May 3, 2022 regarding the formation of the Special Committee to investigate the employee misconduct and transaction irregularities. We also notified the SEC of the Independent Investigation by the Special Committee, and the SEC subsequently initiated an investigation. We have since cooperated with the SEC and voluntarily provided information. On February 6, 2024, we reached a settlement with the SEC regarding the employee misconduct and transaction irregularities. Under the terms of the settlement, we, without admitting or denying the findings of the SEC, consented to the entry of an order by the SEC that we shall cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of certain federal securities laws, including Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act. In settling this matter, the SEC considered our prompt self-reporting to the SEC staff, and the substantial cooperation provided by us throughout its investigation. The SEC also considered the prompt remedial measures undertaken by us, including, among others, terminating or disciplining the people involved in the fraudulent scheme, reorganizing the departments engaged in the misconduct, strengthening our accounting controls, and recruiting new finance and accounting staff with expertise in U.S. GAAP. The SEC did not impose civil penalties against us because of our self-reporting, cooperation and remediation.

Dividend Policy

We have not declared or paid any dividends. We do not have any present plan to pay any cash dividends on our ordinary shares in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain most, if not all, of our available funds and any future earnings to operate and expand our business. Our board of directors has complete discretion in deciding the payment of any future dividends, subject to certain requirements of Cayman Islands law. In addition, our shareholders may by ordinary resolution declare a dividend, but no dividend may exceed the amount recommended by our board of directors. Under Cayman Islands law, a Cayman Islands company may pay a dividend out of either profits or share premium account, provided that in no circumstances may a dividend be paid if this would result in the company being unable to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business. The declaration and payment of dividends will depend upon, among other things, our future operations and earnings, capital requirements and surplus, our financial condition, contractual restrictions, general business conditions and other factors as our board of directors may deem relevant.

We are a holding company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. We may rely on dividends from our PRC subsidiaries for our cash requirements, including any payment of dividends to our shareholders. PRC regulations may restrict the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to pay dividends to us or of the affiliated entities to pay cash dividend payments to us. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure—We may rely on dividends paid by our PRC subsidiaries to fund cash and financing requirements. Any limitation on the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to pay dividends to us could have a material adverse effect on our ability to conduct our business and to pay dividends to holders of our ordinary shares, including those represented by the ADSs.”

If we pay any dividends, we will pay those dividends which are payable in respect of the Class A ordinary shares underlying the ADSs to the depositary, as the registered holder of such Class A ordinary shares, and the depositary then will pay such amounts to the ADS holders in proportion to the Class A ordinary shares underlying the ADSs held by such ADS holders, subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, including the fees and expenses payable thereunder. Cash dividends on our Class A ordinary shares, if any, will be paid in U.S. dollars.

B. Significant Changes

Except as disclosed elsewhere in this annual report, we have not experienced any significant changes since the date of our audited consolidated financial statements included in this annual report.

ITEM 9. THE OFFER AND LISTING

A. Offer and Listing Details

The ADSs had been listed for trading on the NYSE under the symbol “RAAS” since February 8, 2021. Effective on March 15, 2023, we changed the ratio of the ADSs to Class A ordinary shares from the then ADS ratio of one ADS representing two Class A ordinary shares to a new ADS ratio of one ADS representing six Class A ordinary shares.

On May 17, 2023, the NYSE suspended the trading in the ADSs and commenced delisting proceedings. Following the trading suspension, the ADSs have been quoted on the OTC market in the United States under the symbol “RAASY.” On October 25, 2023, we were delisted from NYSE when the NYSE staff filed a Form 25 Notification of Delisting.

B. Plan of Distribution

Not applicable.

C. Markets

The ADSs have been quoted on the OTC market in the United States under the symbol “RAASY.”

D. Selling Shareholders

Not applicable.

E. Dilution

Not applicable.

F. Expenses of the Issue

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. Share Capital

Not applicable.

B. Memorandum and Articles of Association

We incorporate by reference into this annual report our eighth amended and restated memorandum and articles of association filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this annual report and description of securities filed as Exhibit 2.6 to this annual report.

C. Material Contracts

Material contracts other than in the ordinary course of business are described in “Item 4. Information on the Company” and “Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions” or elsewhere in this annual report.

D. Exchange Controls

See “Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Regulations—Regulations relating to foreign exchange.”

E. Taxation

Cayman Islands Taxation

As advised by Maples and Calder (Hong Kong) LLP, our Cayman Islands legal counsel, 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. 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. The Cayman Islands is not party to any double tax treaties applicable to payments to or by our company. There are no exchange control regulations or currency restrictions in the Cayman Islands.

Payments of dividends and capital in respect of the shares will not be subject to taxation in the Cayman Islands and no withholding will be required on the payment of a dividend or capital to any holder of the Shares, nor will gains derived from the disposal of the shares be subject to Cayman Islands income or corporate tax.

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Tax Concessions Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands, we have obtained an undertaking from the Financial Secretary of the Cayman Islands 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
- the aforesaid tax or any tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax shall not be payable on or in respect of our shares, debentures or other obligations, or by way of the withholding in whole or in part of any relevant payment as defined in the Tax Concessions Act.

The abovementioned concessions shall be for a period of 30 years from April 5, 2020.

PRC Taxation

Under the EIT Law and its implementation rules, an enterprise established outside of the PRC with a “*de facto* management body” within the PRC is considered a resident enterprise and will be subject to the enterprise income tax at the rate of 25% on its global income. The implementation rules define the term “*de facto* management body” as the body that exercises full and substantial control over and overall management of the business, productions, personnel, accounts and properties of an enterprise. In April 2009, SAT issued SAT Circular 82, which provides certain specific criteria for determining whether the “*de facto* management body” of a PRC-controlled enterprise that is incorporated offshore is located in China. Although SAT Circular 82 only applies to offshore enterprises controlled by PRC enterprises or PRC enterprise groups, not those controlled by PRC individuals or foreigners, the criteria set forth in SAT Circular 82 may reflect the general position of SAT on how the “*de facto* management body” test should be applied in determining the tax resident status of all offshore enterprises. According to SAT Circular 82, an offshore incorporated enterprise controlled by a PRC enterprise or a PRC enterprise group will be regarded as a PRC tax resident by virtue of having its “*de facto* management body” in China only if all of the following conditions are met: (1) the primary location of the day-to-day operational management is in the PRC; (2) decisions relating to the enterprise’s financial and human resource matters are made or are subject to approval by organizations or personnel in the PRC; (3) the enterprise’s primary assets, accounting books and records, company seals, and board and shareholder resolutions, are located or maintained in the PRC; and (4) at least 50% of voting board members or senior executives habitually reside in the PRC.

We do not believe that our Cayman Islands holding company meets all of the conditions above. Our Cayman Islands holding company is not a PRC resident enterprise for PRC tax purposes. As a holding company, its key assets are its ownership interests in its subsidiaries, and its key assets are located, and its records (including the resolutions of its board of directors and the resolutions of its shareholders) are maintained, outside the PRC. For the same reasons, we believe our other entities outside of China are not PRC resident enterprises either. 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.” Therefore, there can be no assurance that the PRC government will ultimately take a view that is consistent with ours.

CM Law Firm, our legal counsel as to PRC law, has advised us that if the PRC tax authorities determine that our Cayman Islands holding company is a PRC resident enterprise for enterprise income tax purposes, we may be required to withhold a 10% withholding tax from dividends we pay to our shareholders that are non-resident enterprises, including the holders of the ADSs. In addition, non-resident enterprise shareholders (including the ADS holders) may be subject to a 10% PRC tax on gains realized on the sale or other disposition of ADSs or ordinary shares, if such income is treated as sourced from within the PRC. It is unclear whether our non-PRC individual shareholders (including the ADS holders) would be subject to any PRC tax on dividends or gains obtained by such non-PRC individual shareholders in the event we are determined to be a PRC resident enterprise. If any PRC tax were to apply to such dividends or gains, it would generally apply at a rate of 20% unless a reduced rate is available under an applicable tax treaty. However, it is also unclear whether non-PRC shareholders of our Cayman Islands holding company would be able to claim the benefits of any tax treaties between their country of tax residence and the PRC in the event that our Cayman Islands holding company is treated as a PRC resident enterprise.

Provided that our Cayman Islands holding company is not deemed to be a PRC resident enterprise, holders of the ADSs and ordinary shares who are not PRC residents will not be subject to PRC income tax on dividends distributed by us or gains realized from the sale or other disposition of our shares or ADSs. However, under SAT Circular 7, where a non-resident enterprise conducts an “indirect transfer” by transferring taxable assets, including, in particular, equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise, indirectly by disposing of the equity interests of an overseas holding company, the non-resident enterprise, being the transferor, or the transferee or the PRC entity which directly owned such taxable assets may report to the relevant tax authority such indirect transfer. Using a “substance over form” principle, the PRC tax authority may disregard the existence of the overseas holding company if it lacks a reasonable commercial purpose and was established for the purpose of reducing, avoiding or deferring PRC tax. As a result, gains derived from such indirect transfer may be subject to PRC enterprise income tax, and the transferee obligated to withhold the applicable taxes, currently at a rate of 10% for the transfer of equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise. We and our non-PRC resident investors may be at risk of being required to file a return and being taxed under SAT Circular 7, and we may be required to expend valuable resources to comply with SAT Circular 7, or to establish that we should not be taxed thereunder. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—If we are classified as a PRC resident enterprise for PRC income tax purposes, such classification could result in unfavorable tax consequences to us and our non-PRC shareholders or the ADSs holders.”

U.S. Federal Income Taxation

The following discussion is a summary of U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to the ownership and disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares by a U.S. Holder, as defined below, that holds the ADSs or ordinary shares as “capital assets” (generally, property held for investment) under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code.

This discussion is based upon existing United States federal income tax law, which is subject to differing interpretations or change, possibly with retroactive effect. No ruling has been sought from the Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, with respect to any United States federal income tax consequences described below, and there can be no assurance that the IRS or a court will not take a contrary position.

This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be important to particular investors in light of their individual circumstances, including investors subject to special tax rules, including:

- financial institutions;
- insurance companies;
- regulated investment companies;
- real estate investment trusts;
- broker-dealers;
- traders in securities or other persons that elect mark-to-market treatment;
- partnerships or other pass-through entities and their partners or investors;

- tax-exempt organizations (including private foundations);
- investors that own (directly, indirectly, or constructively) 10% or more of our stock by vote or value;
- investors that hold their ADSs or ordinary shares as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion, constructive sale or other integrated transaction;
- investors that have a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar; or
- investors required to accelerate the recognition of any item of gross income with respect to the ADSs or Class A ordinary shares as a result of such income being recognized on an applicable financial statement.

In addition, this discussion does not address any state or local, alternative minimum tax, or non-U.S. tax considerations, or the Medicare contribution tax on net investment income. Each potential investor is urged to consult its tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal, state or local and non-U.S. income and other tax considerations of an investment in the ADSs or ordinary shares.

General

For purposes of this discussion, a “U.S. Holder” is a beneficial owner of the ADSs or ordinary shares that is, for United States federal income tax purposes, (1) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, (2) a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created in, or organized under the laws of, the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia, (3) an estate the income of which is includible in gross income for United States federal income tax purposes regardless of its source, or (4) a trust (a) the administration of which is subject to the primary supervision of a United States court and which has one or more United States persons who have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (b) that has otherwise elected to be treated as a United States person under the Code.

If a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is a beneficial owner of the ADSs or ordinary shares, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partnerships and partners of a partnership holding the ADSs or ordinary shares are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding an investment in the ADSs or ordinary shares.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, a U.S. Holder of ADSs will generally be treated as the beneficial owner of the underlying shares represented by the ADSs. Accordingly, deposits or withdrawals of ordinary shares for ADSs will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax.

Passive foreign investment company considerations

A non-U.S. corporation, such as our company, will be classified as a “passive foreign investment company,” or PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, if, in the case of any particular taxable year, either (1) 75% or more of its gross income for such taxable year consists of certain types of “passive” income or (2) 50% or more of the value of its assets (generally based on an average of the quarterly values of the assets) during such taxable year is attributable to assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income. For this purpose, cash is categorized as a passive asset and the company’s unbooked intangibles associated with active business activities may generally be classified as active assets. Passive income generally includes, among other things, dividends, interest, rents, royalties, and gains from the disposition of passive assets. We will be treated as owning our proportionate share of the assets and earning our proportionate share of the income of any other non-U.S. corporation in which we own, directly or indirectly, 25% or more (by value) of the stock.

Although the law in this regard is unclear, we treat the affiliated entities, as being owned by us for U.S. federal income tax purposes, not only because we exercise effective control over the operation of such entities but also because we are entitled to substantially all of their economic benefits, and, as a result, we consolidate their operating results in our consolidated financial statements. Based on the market price of the ADSs and the value and composition of our assets, we believe we were a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes for our taxable year ended December 31, 2024, and based on the current and anticipated composition of our income, assets and operations, we believe there is significant risk that we will continue to be treated as a PFIC for future taxable years as well. However, there can be no assurances in this regard or any assurances with respect to our status as a PFIC in any future taxable year, as our status as a PFIC is a fact-intensive determination made on an annual basis. In addition, if it were determined that we are not the beneficial owner of the VIE for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we would be more likely to be treated as a PFIC for our taxable year ended December 31, 2024, and future taxable years.

The determination of whether we were, are or will become a PFIC is a factual determination made annually that will depend, in part, upon the composition of our income (which may differ from our historical results and current projections) and assets. Fluctuations in the market price of our ADSs may cause us to be more likely to be treated as a PFIC for the current or subsequent taxable years because the value of our assets for the purpose of the asset test, including the value of our goodwill and other unbooked intangibles, may be determined by reference to the market price of the ADSs from time-to-time (which may be volatile).

Furthermore, the determination of whether we will be or continue to be a PFIC may also depend, in part, on how, and how quickly, we use our liquid assets, including any remaining cash raised in our initial public offering. Under circumstances where we retain significant amounts of liquid assets, or if the affiliated entities were not treated as owned by us for U.S. federal income tax purposes, our risk of continuing to be classified as a PFIC may substantially increase. Because there are uncertainties in the application of the relevant rules and PFIC status is a factual determination made annually after the close of each taxable year, there can be no assurance regarding our PFIC status for the current taxable year or any future taxable year.

If we are classified as a PFIC for any year during which a U.S. Holder held the ADSs or ordinary shares, we generally would continue to be treated as a PFIC for all succeeding years during which such U.S. Holder held the ADSs or ordinary shares.

The U.S. federal income tax rules that apply if we are classified as a PFIC for the current taxable year or any subsequent taxable year are discussed below under “—Passive foreign investment company rules.”

Dividends

Subject to the PFIC rules described below, any cash distributions (including constructive distributions and the amount of any PRC tax withheld) paid on the ADSs or ordinary shares out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles, will generally be includible in the gross income of a U.S. Holder as dividend income on the day actually or constructively received by the U.S. Holder, in the case of ordinary shares, or by the depository bank, in the case of ADSs. Because we do not intend to determine our earnings and profits on the basis of U.S. federal income tax principles, any distribution will generally be treated as a “dividend” for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Dividends received on the ADSs or ordinary shares will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction allowed to corporations under the Code.

Under current law, a non-corporate recipient of a dividend from a “qualified foreign corporation” will generally be subject to tax on the dividend income at the lower applicable net capital gains rate rather than the marginal tax rates generally applicable to ordinary income provided that certain holding period and other requirements are met. A non-U.S. corporation (other than a corporation that is classified as a PFIC for the taxable year in which the dividend is paid or the preceding taxable year) will generally be considered to be a qualified foreign corporation (1) if it is eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive tax treaty with the United States which the Secretary of Treasury of the United States determines is satisfactory for purposes of this provision and which includes an exchange of information program, or (2) with respect to any dividend it pays on stock (or ADSs in respect of such stock) which is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States. The ADSs are currently quoted and tradeable on the OTC market, which we do not believe is considered to be an established securities market in the United States, and therefore we do not believe that we are a qualified foreign corporation with respect to dividends paid on the ADSs. Since we do not expect that our ordinary shares will be listed on established securities markets, dividends that we pay on our ordinary shares that are not backed by ADSs will not meet the conditions required for the reduced tax rate. Regardless, as discussed above under “—Passive foreign investment company considerations,” we believe we are classified as a PFIC for our taxable year ended December 31, 2024. Accordingly, we do not expect that dividends paid on the ADSs or ordinary shares will meet the conditions required for such reduced tax rates.

For U.S. foreign tax credit purposes, dividends paid on the ADSs or ordinary shares will generally be treated as income from foreign sources and will generally constitute passive category income. In the event that we are deemed to be a PRC resident enterprise under the EIT Law, a U.S. Holder may be subject to PRC withholding taxes on dividends paid, if any, on the ADSs or ordinary shares. A U.S. Holder may be eligible, subject to a number of complex limitations, to claim a foreign tax credit in respect of any foreign withholding taxes imposed on dividends received on the ADSs or ordinary shares. A U.S. Holder who does not elect to claim a foreign tax credit for foreign tax withheld may instead claim a deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes in respect of such withholding, but only for a year in which such holder elects to do so for all creditable foreign income taxes. The rules governing the foreign tax credit are complex. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the availability of the foreign tax credit under their particular circumstances.

Sale or other disposition of ADSs or ordinary shares

Subject to the PFIC rules discussed below, a U.S. Holder will generally recognize capital gain or loss, if any, upon the sale or other disposition of ADSs or ordinary shares in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the disposition and the holder's adjusted tax basis in such ADSs or ordinary shares. Any capital gain or loss will be long-term gain or loss if the ADSs or ordinary shares have been held for more than one year and will generally be U.S. source gain or loss for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. Long-term capital gains of non-corporate taxpayers are currently eligible for reduced rates of taxation. In the event that we are treated as a PRC resident enterprise under the EIT Law, and gain from the disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares is subject to tax in the PRC, such gain may be treated as PRC source gain for foreign tax credit purposes under the United States-PRC income tax treaty. The deductibility of a capital loss may be subject to limitations. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences if a foreign tax is imposed on a disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares, including the availability of the foreign tax credit under their particular circumstances.

Passive foreign investment company rules

If we are classified as a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder holds the ADSs or ordinary shares, unless the U.S. Holder makes a mark-to-market election (as described below), the U.S. Holder will, except as discussed below, be subject to special tax rules that have a penalizing effect, regardless of whether we remain a PFIC, on (1) any excess distribution that we make to the U.S. Holder (which generally means any distribution paid during a taxable year to a U.S. Holder that is greater than 125% of the average annual distributions paid in the three preceding taxable years or, if shorter, the U.S. Holder's holding period for the ADSs or ordinary shares), and (2) any gain realized on the sale or other disposition, including, under certain circumstances, a pledge, of ADSs or ordinary shares. Under the PFIC rules:

- the excess distribution and/or gain will be allocated ratably over the U.S. Holder's holding period for the ADSs or ordinary shares;
- the amount of the excess distribution or gain allocated to the taxable year of the distribution or disposition and any taxable years in the U.S. Holder's holding period prior to the first taxable year in which we are classified as a PFIC, or a pre-PFIC year, will be taxable as ordinary income; and
- the amount of the excess distribution or gain allocated to each taxable year other than the taxable year of the distribution or disposition or a pre-PFIC year, will be subject to tax at the highest tax rate in effect applicable to such U.S. Holder, and the interest charge generally applicable to underpayments of tax will be imposed on the resulting tax attributable to each such year.

If we are classified as a PFIC for any year during which a U.S. Holder held ADSs or ordinary shares, we generally would continue to be treated as a PFIC for all succeeding years during which such U.S. Holder held ADSs or ordinary shares. If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder holds the ADSs or ordinary shares and any of our non-United States subsidiaries is also a PFIC, such U.S. Holder would 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. Each U.S. Holder is advised to consult its own tax advisors regarding the application of the PFIC rules to any of our subsidiaries.

Based on the market price of the ADSs and ordinary shares and the value and composition of our assets, we believe we were a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes for our taxable year ended December 31, 2024, and based on the current and anticipated composition of our income, assets and operations, we believe there is significant risk that we will continue to be treated as a PFIC for future taxable years as well. However, there can be no assurances in this regard or any assurances with respect to our status as a PFIC in any future taxable year, as our status as a PFIC is a fact-intensive determination made on an annual basis. In addition, if it were determined that we are not the beneficial owner of the VIE for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we would nevertheless likely be treated as a PFIC for our taxable year ended December 31, 2024, and future taxable years.

If we are a PFIC at any time when a U.S. Holder holds the ADSs or ordinary shares, we will generally continue to be treated as a PFIC with respect to the U.S. Holder for all succeeding years during which the U.S. Holder holds the ADSs or ordinary shares even if we cease to be a PFIC. However, if we cease to be a PFIC, a U.S. Holder can avoid the continuing impact of the PFIC rules by making a special election, a “Purging Election”, to recognize gain in the manner described above as if the ADSs or ordinary shares had been sold on the last day of the last taxable year during which we were a PFIC. In addition, for a U.S. Holder making such an election, a new holding period would be deemed to begin for the ADSs or ordinary shares for purposes of the PFIC rules. After the Purging Election, the ADSs or ordinary shares with respect to which the Purging Election was made will not be treated as shares in a PFIC, and, as a result, the U.S. Holder will not be subject to the rules described above with respect to any “excess distribution” the U.S. Holder receives from us or any gain from an actual sale or other disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares, unless we subsequently become a PFIC.

If the ADSs were “regularly traded” on a “qualified exchange,” as defined in applicable Treasury Regulations, a U.S. Holder could make a mark-to-market election that would result in tax treatment different from the general tax treatment for PFICs described in the preceding paragraph. However, because the prices of the ADSs are currently quoted on the OTC market, we do not believe mark-to-market treatment of the ADSs is available for as long as the ADSs continue to be delisted from, or not regularly traded on, the NYSE or any other qualified stock exchange. U.S. Holders that made (or wish to make) a mark-to-market election with respect to a taxable year for which the election may be available should consult their tax advisers regarding the availability and advisability of making the election in their particular circumstances and the effect the election would have on their income inclusion with respect to, and the tax basis in, their ADSs.

If a mark-to-market election is able to be made and is made, the U.S. Holder will generally (1) include as ordinary income for each taxable year that we are a PFIC the excess, if any, of the fair market value of ADSs held at the end of the taxable year over the adjusted tax basis of such ADSs and (2) deduct as an ordinary loss the excess, if any, of the adjusted tax basis of the ADSs over the fair market value of such ADSs held at the end of the taxable year, but only to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the mark-to-market election. The U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the ADSs would be adjusted to reflect any income or loss resulting from the mark-to-market election. If a U.S. Holder makes an effective mark-to-market election, in each year that we are a PFIC, any gain recognized upon the sale or other disposition of the ADSs will be treated as ordinary income and 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. Because our ordinary shares are not listed on a stock exchange, U.S. Holders will not be able to make a mark-to-market election with respect to our ordinary shares.

If a U.S. Holder makes a mark-to-market election in respect of a corporation classified as a PFIC and such corporation ceases to be classified as a PFIC, the U.S. Holder will not be required to take into account the mark-to-market gain or loss described above during any period that such corporation is not classified as a PFIC.

Because a mark-to-market election cannot be made for any lower-tier PFICs that a PFIC may own, a U.S. Holder who makes a mark-to-market election with respect to the ADSs may continue to be subject to the general PFIC rules with respect to such U.S. Holder’s indirect interest in any of our non-United States subsidiaries (including the VIE and any of its subsidiaries) that is classified as a PFIC.

We do not intend to provide information necessary for U.S. Holders to make qualified electing fund elections, which, if available, would result in tax treatment different from the general tax treatment for PFICs described above.

In addition, if a U.S. Holder owns the ADSs or ordinary shares during any taxable year that we are a PFIC, the holder must file an annual information return with the IRS. Each U.S. Holder is urged to consult its tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding and disposing of ADSs or ordinary shares if we are or become a PFIC, including the possibility of making a mark-to-market election and the unavailability of the qualified electing fund election.

Information reporting and backup withholding

Certain U.S. Holders are required to report information to the IRS relating to an interest in “specified foreign financial assets,” including shares issued by a non-United States corporation, for any year in which the aggregate value of all specified foreign financial assets exceeds US\$50,000 (or a higher dollar amount prescribed by the IRS), subject to certain exceptions (including an exception for shares held in custodial accounts maintained with a United States financial institution). These rules also impose penalties if a U.S. Holder is required to submit such information to the IRS and fails to do so.

In addition, U.S. Holders may be subject to information reporting to the IRS and backup withholding with respect to dividends on and proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares. Information reporting will apply to payments of dividends on, and to proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, ordinary shares or ADSs by a paying agent within the United States to a U.S. Holder, other than U.S. Holders that are exempt from information reporting and properly certify their exemption. A paying agent within the United States will be required to withhold at the applicable statutory rate, currently 24%, in respect of any payments of dividends on, and the proceeds from the disposition of, ordinary shares or ADSs within the United States to a U.S. Holder (other than U.S. Holders that are exempt from backup withholding and properly certify their exemption) if the holder fails to furnish its correct taxpayer identification number or otherwise fails to comply with applicable backup withholding requirements. U.S. Holders who are required to establish their exempt status generally must provide a properly completed IRS Form W-9.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Amounts withheld as backup withholding may be credited against a U.S. Holder’s U.S. federal income tax liability. A U.S. Holder generally may obtain a refund of any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules by filing the appropriate claim for refund with the IRS in a timely manner and furnishing any required information. Each U.S. Holder is advised to consult with its tax advisor regarding the application of the United States information reporting rules to its particular circumstances.

F. Dividends and Paying Agents

Not applicable.

G. Statement by Experts

Not applicable.

H. Documents on Display

We have previously filed with the SEC our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205), as amended, and a prospectus under the Securities Act with respect to our Class A ordinary shares represented by the ADSs.

We are subject to the periodic reporting and other informational requirements of the Exchange Act. Under the Exchange Act, we are required to file reports and other information with the SEC. Specifically, we are required to file annually a Form 20-F within four months after the end of each fiscal year. Copies of reports and other information, when so filed, may be inspected without charge and may be obtained at prescribed rates at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information regarding the Washington, D.C. Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding registrants that make electronic filings with the SEC using its EDGAR system.

As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt from the rules of the Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of quarterly reports and 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 are not 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.

We will furnish the Bank of New York Mellon, the depositary, with our annual reports, which include a review of operations and annual audited consolidated 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 makes such notices, reports and communications available to holders of ADSs and, upon our request, mails to all record holders of ADSs the information contained in any notice of a shareholders' meeting received by the depositary from us.

I. Subsidiary Information

Not applicable.

J. Annual Reports to Security Holders

Not applicable.

ITEM 11. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Concentration Risk

No customers individually represented greater than 10.0% of our total revenues in 2022, 2023 and 2024. One of our suppliers represented 11.1% of our total purchases in 2022. Two suppliers represented 14.7% and 13.4% of our total purchases in 2023, respectively. One of our suppliers represented 19.6% of our total purchases in 2024.

Two of our customers represented 15.4% and 13.8% of our total accounts receivable, net including related party amounts and contract assets as of December 31, 2023, respectively. One customer represents 16.6% of our total accounts receivable, net including related party amounts and contract assets as of December 31, 2024.

Two of our suppliers represented 14.7% and 11.3% of our total accounts payable as of December 31, 2023, respectively. Two of our suppliers represented 13.3% and 12.4% of our total accounts payable as of December 31, 2023, respectively.

One customer represented 10.2% of our total contract liabilities as of December 31, 2023. No customers of us individually represented greater than 10.0% of our total contract liabilities as of December 31, 2024.

One supplier individually represented 21.0% of our prepayments and other current assets excluding related party amounts as of December 31, 2023. Two of our suppliers represented 20.8% and 10.8% of our prepayments and other current assets excluding related party amounts as of December 31, 2024, respectively.

Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially expose us to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, restricted cash, term deposits, short-term investments and accounts receivable. The total amount of these financial instruments was RMB1,494.0 million and RMB1,285 million (US\$176.1 million) as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Our investment policy requires cash, restricted cash, term deposits and short-term investments to be placed with high-quality financial institutions and to limit the amount of credit risk from any one issuer. We regularly evaluate the credit standing of the counterparties or financial institutions.

We conduct credit evaluations on our 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, we determine what credit terms, if any, to offer to each customer individually. If the assessment indicates a likelihood of collection risk, we 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.

Interest Rate Risk

Our short-term bank borrowings bear interests at fixed rates. If we were to renew these loans, we might be subject to interest rate risk.

Foreign Currency Risk

Our reporting currency is Renminbi. The functional currency of us and our subsidiary incorporated in Hong Kong is the U.S. dollar. The functional currency of our subsidiary incorporated in Japan is Japanese Yen. The functional currency of our PRC subsidiaries, the VIE and the VIE's subsidiaries is Renminbi.

Transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are remeasured into the functional currency at the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are remeasured into the functional currency using the applicable exchange rates at the balance sheet dates. The resulted exchange differences are recorded as foreign currency exchange gains (losses), net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss.

The financial statements of us, our subsidiary incorporated in Hong Kong and our subsidiary incorporated in Japan are translated from the functional currency into Renminbi. Assets and liabilities are translated into Renminbi using the applicable exchange rates at the balance sheet dates. Equity accounts other than earnings (deficits) generated in the current period are translated into Renminbi using the appropriate historical rates. Revenues, expenses, gains and losses are translated into Renminbi using the average exchange rates for the relevant period. The resulted foreign currency translation adjustments are recorded as a component of other comprehensive loss in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, and the accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' deficit.

Renminbi is not a freely convertible currency. The PRC State Administration for Foreign Exchange, under the authority of the PRC government, controls the conversion of Renminbi to foreign currencies. The value of Renminbi is subject to changes of central government policies and international economic and political developments affecting supply and demand in the PRC foreign exchange trading system market.

ITEM 12. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES OTHER THAN EQUITY SECURITIES

A. Debt Securities

Not applicable.

B. Warrants and Rights

Not applicable.

C. Other Securities

Not applicable.

D. American Depositary Shares

Fees and Expenses the ADS Holders May Have to Pay

The Bank of New York Mellon, as depositary, will register and deliver American Depositary Shares, also referred to as ADSs. Each ADS will represent six Class A ordinary shares (or a right to receive Class A ordinary shares) deposited with The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, as custodian for the depositary in Hong Kong. Each ADS will also represent any other securities, cash or other property that may be held by the depositary. The deposited shares together with any other securities, cash or other property held by the depositary are referred to as the deposited securities. The depositary's office at which the ADSs will be administered and its principal executive office are located at 240 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10286.

Persons depositing or withdrawing shares or ADS holders must pay:	For:
US\$5.00 (or less) per 100 ADSs (or portion of 100 ADSs)	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
US\$0.05 (or less) per ADS	Any cash distribution to ADS holders
A fee equivalent to the fee that would be payable if securities distributed to you had been shares and the shares had been deposited for issuance of ADSs	Distribution of securities distributed to holders of deposited securities (including rights) that are distributed by the depositary to ADS holders
US\$0.05 (or less) per ADS per calendar year	Depositary services
Registration or transfer fees	Transfer and registration of shares on our share register to or from the name of the depositary or its agent when you deposit or withdraw shares
Expenses of the depositary	Cable (including SWIFT) 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 ADSs or shares underlying ADSs, such as 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

The depositary collects its fees for delivery and surrender 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 collect any of its fees by deduction from any cash distribution payable (or by selling a portion of securities or other property distributable) to ADS holders that are obligated to pay those fees. The depositary may generally refuse to provide fee-attracting services until its fees for those services are paid.

In performing its duties under the deposit agreement, the depositary may use brokers, dealers, foreign currency dealers or other service providers that are owned by or affiliated with the depositary and that may earn or share fees, spreads or commissions.

The depositary may convert currency itself or through any of its affiliates, or the custodian or we may convert currency and pay U.S. dollars to the depositary. Where the depositary converts currency itself or through any of its affiliates, the depositary acts as principal for its own account and not as agent, advisor, broker or fiduciary on behalf of any other person and earns revenue, including, without limitation, transaction spreads, that it will retain for its own account. The revenue is based on, among other things, the difference between the exchange rate assigned to the currency conversion made under the deposit agreement and the rate that the depositary or its affiliate receives when buying or selling foreign currency for its own account. The depositary makes no representation that the exchange rate used or obtained by it or its affiliate in any currency conversion under the deposit agreement will be the most favorable rate that could be obtained at the time or that the method by which that rate will be determined will be the most favorable to ADS holders, subject to the depositary's obligation to act without negligence or bad faith. The methodology used to determine exchange rates used in currency conversions made by the depositary is available upon request. Where the custodian converts currency, the custodian has no obligation to obtain the most favorable rate that could be obtained at the time or to ensure that the method by which that rate will be determined will be the most favorable to ADS holders, and the depositary makes no representation that the rate is the most favorable rate and will not be liable for any direct or indirect losses associated with the rate. In certain instances, the depositary may receive dividends or other distributions from us in U.S. dollars that represent the proceeds of a conversion of foreign currency or translation from foreign currency at a rate that was obtained or determined by us and, in such cases, the depositary will not engage in, or be responsible for, any foreign currency transactions and neither it nor we make any representation that the rate obtained or determined by us is the most favorable rate and neither it nor we will be liable for any direct or indirect losses associated with the rate.

Fees and Other Payments Made by the Depositary to Us

From time to time, the depositary may make payments to us to reimburse us for costs and expenses generally arising out of establishment and maintenance of the ADS program, waive fees and expenses for services provided to us by the depositary or share revenue from the fees collected from ADS holders. In 2024, we did not receive any reimbursement from the depositary.

PART II

ITEM 13. DEFAULTS, DIVIDEND ARREARAGES AND DELINQUENCIES

Not applicable.

ITEM 14. MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Material Modifications to the Rights of Security Holders

See “Item 10. Additional Information” for a description of the rights of shareholders, which remain unchanged.

Use of Proceeds

The following “Use of Proceeds” information relates to the registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205), as amended, in relation to our initial public offering of 23,000,000 ADSs (reflecting the exercise of the over-allotment option by the underwriters to purchase an additional 3,000,000 ADSs) representing 46,000,000 Class A ordinary shares, at an initial offering price of US\$16.00 per ADS (or 7,666,666 ADSs at an initial offering price of US\$48.00 per ADS if retroactively adjusted to reflect the ADS ratio change effected on March 15, 2023). The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on February 8, 2021. Our initial public offering closed on February 11, 2021. Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Securities Limited were the representatives of the underwriters for our initial public offering.

We received net proceeds of approximately US\$340.2 million from our initial public offering, including the exercise of over-allotment option. Our expenses incurred and paid to others in connection with the issuance and distribution of the ADSs in our offering totaled US\$27.8 million, which included US\$25.8 million for underwriting discounts and commissions and US\$2.0 million for other expenses. None of the transaction expenses included payments to directors or officers of our company or their associates, persons owning more than 10% or more of our equity securities or our affiliates. None of the net proceeds we received from the initial public offering were paid, directly or indirectly, to any of our directors or officers or their associates, persons owning 10% or more of our equity securities or our affiliates.

As of the date of this annual report, we used approximately US\$189.2 million of the net proceeds received from our initial public offering to fund our strategic investments and acquisitions, enhancement and upgrade of our existing solutions and introduction of new ones, investment in technologies and working capital and general corporate purposes. We intend to use the remainder of the net proceeds from our initial public offering as disclosed in our registration statements on Form F-1.

ITEM 15. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, has performed an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act, as of December 31, 2024.

Based upon that evaluation, our management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2024, our disclosure controls and procedures were ineffective due to the outstanding material weaknesses detailed under the below section.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act. Our internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation and fair presentation of our published consolidated financial statements. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

As required by Section 404 and related rules promulgated by the SEC, our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024. In making this assessment, our management used the criteria established in the Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, our management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2024, our internal control over financial reporting was ineffective due to the material weaknesses identified below.

As defined in the standards established by the PCAOB, a “material weakness” is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim consolidated financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

The material weaknesses identified relate to: (1) insufficient accounting personnel with appropriate U.S. GAAP knowledge for accounting of complex transactions, presentation and disclosure of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP and SEC reporting requirements, (2) lack of rigorous implementation of controls over financial closing policies and procedures, (3) lack of sufficient procedures on recognizing revenue on a gross basis or a net basis, (4) insufficient controls and reporting procedures on monitoring the past due status of customer to assess the revenue recognition and provision of accounts receivable, (5) insufficient acceptance control of systems (or subsystems) developed by external subcontractors, (6) insufficient due diligence on long-term equity investments.

To remedy the identified material weaknesses, we have begun to, and will continue to, improve our internal control over financial reporting, including, among others: (1) recruiting more qualified personnel equipped with relevant U.S. GAAP and SEC reporting experience and qualifications to strengthen the financial reporting function and to set up a financial and system control framework, (2) implementing regular and continuous U.S. GAAP accounting and financial reporting training programs for our accounting and financial reporting personnel, (3) enhancing oversight over and clarifying reporting requirements for, non-recurring and complex transactions to ensure consolidated financial statements and related disclosures are accurate, complete and in compliance with U.S. GAAP and SEC reporting requirements, (4) enhancing guidance and manuals on financial closing policies and procedures to improve the quality and accuracy of period-end financial closing process, especially on recognizing a gross or net basis revenue and monitoring the past due status of customer to assess the revenue recognition and provision of accounts receivable, (5) initiating the construction of the project management system and launching the module for the reporting of working hours by outsourced personnel, along with designing a process mechanism where the work tasks of outsourced personnel need to be reviewed by relevant parties, (6) It should be specifically noted that the company has purchased professional external service providers to offer systematic support for process management and revenue-cost accounting for its business, including but not limited to project-based business and subscription-based business, and to provide solutions. The relevant system control functions and reports will be launched successively by 2025. Because such remedial measures had not been fully implemented as of December 31, 2024, our management concluded that the material weaknesses still existed as of the date of this annual report.

We cannot assure you that we will remediate our material weaknesses in a timely manner. See “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to the Independent Investigation and Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements—If we fail to implement and maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting, we could be unable to accurately report our results of operations, meet our reporting obligations or prevent fraud, and investor confidence and the market price of the ADSs may be materially and adversely affected.”

Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm

As a company with less than US\$1.235 billion in 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. Specifically, our independent registered public accounting firm is not required to formally attest to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting until after we are no longer an “emerging growth company.” As such, this annual report on Form 20-F does not include an attestation report of our registered public accounting firm.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Other than as described above, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal year of 2024 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 16A. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

Our board of directors has determined that Mr. Adam J. Zhao qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert” within the meaning of the SEC rules, and that he meets the independence standards under Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act.

ITEM 16B. CODE OF ETHICS

Our board of directors has adopted a code of business conduct and ethics that applies to all of our directors, officers and employees. We have filed our code of business conduct and ethics as Exhibit 99.1 to our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205), initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended, and posted a copy of our code of business conduct and ethics on our website at *ir.yuntongxun.com*.

ITEM 16C. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees by categories specified below in connection with certain professional services rendered by ARK Pro CPA & Co, our incumbent independent registered public accounting firm, for the years indicated. Save as disclosed below, we did not pay any other fees to our independent registered public accounting firm during the periods indicated below.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
	<u>RMB</u>	<u>RMB</u>	<u>RMB</u>	<u>US\$</u>
			<u>(in thousands)</u>	
Audit fees*	7,354	6,280	6,004	826

* Audit fees represent the aggregate fees billed for each of the fiscal years listed for professional services rendered by our principal auditor for the audit of our annual consolidated financial statements, and audit services that are normally provided by the principal audit in connection with regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years.

Our audit committee is responsible for pre-approving all audit and non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm.

ITEM 16D. EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LISTING STANDARDS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEES

Not applicable.

ITEM 16E. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS

Not applicable.

ITEM 16F. CHANGE IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

On July 18, 2022, we engaged Yu Certified Public Accountant, P.C., or Yu CPA, as our independent registered public accounting firm. Yu CPA replaced KPMG Huazhen LLP, or KPMG, who resigned on April 29, 2022. The engagement of our independent registered public accounting firm was made after careful consideration and evaluation process and was approved by our board of directors and our audit committee.

Prior to its resignation, KPMG advised us that its audit opinions on the consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2019 and 2020, and as of and for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2020 should not be relied upon.

During the two fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 and 2021 and the subsequent interim period through April 29, 2022, there were no (1) disagreements as defined in Item 16F(a)(1)(iv) of Form 20-F and the related instructions thereto between us and KPMG on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of KPMG, would have caused KPMG to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreements in connection with its reports on the consolidated financial statements, or (2) reportable events as defined in Item 16F(a)(1)(v) of Form 20-F, except the following: (i) KPMG advised us of the following material weaknesses: (a) insufficient accounting personnel with appropriate U.S. GAAP knowledge for accounting of complex transactions, presentation and disclosure of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP and SEC reporting requirements, (b) lack of sufficient documented financial closing policies and procedures, and (c) insufficient authorization or review controls in the revenue and the purchase processes, and (ii) the Internal Investigation. KPMG had not completed its audit of our consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 at the time of its resignation.

We provided KPMG with a copy of the foregoing disclosure and requested that KPMG furnish us with a letter addressed to the SEC stating whether it agrees with the above statements and, if not, stating the respects in which it does not agree. A copy of the letter from KPMG, dated February 27, 2024, is attached as Exhibit 16.1 to this annual report on Form 20-F.

During the two fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 and 2021 and the subsequent interim period through July 18, 2022, the date of engagement of Yu CPA, neither we nor anyone acting on our behalf consulted Yu CPA regarding any of the matters or events set forth in Item 16F(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Form 20-F.

On February 3, 2023, we engaged ARK Pro CPA & Co, as our independent registered public accounting firm to replace Yu CPA. The change of our independent registered public accounting firm was made after careful consideration and evaluation process and was approved by our board of directors and our audit committee.

From July 18, 2022, the date we engaged Yu CPA as our independent registered public accounting firm, to February 3, 2023, there were no (1) disagreements as defined in Item 16F of Form 20-F, or (2) reportable events as defined in Item 16F of Form 20-F.

We provided Yu CPA with a copy of the above paragraphs and requested that Yu CPA furnish us with a letter addressed to the SEC stating whether it agrees with the above paragraphs and, if not, stating the respects in which it does not agree. A copy of the letter from Yu CPA, dated February 27, 2024, is attached as Exhibit 16.2 to this annual report on Form 20-F.

Prior to the engagement of ARK Pro CPA & Co, neither we nor anyone acting on our behalf consulted ARK Pro CPA & Co regarding any of the matters or events set forth in Item 16F(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Form 20-F.

ITEM 16G. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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 of the securities rules and regulations that are applicable to U.S. domestic issuers. Moreover, 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 Cayman Islands company previously listed on the NYSE, we were subject to the NYSE corporate governance listing standards. However, we were permitted to adopt certain home country practices in relation to corporate governance matters that differ significantly from the NYSE corporate governance listing standards. To the extent that we choose to follow home country practice in the future, our shareholders may be afforded less protection than they otherwise would enjoy under the NYSE corporate governance listing standards applicable to U.S. domestic issuers.

On May 17, 2023, the NYSE suspended the trading in the ADSs and commenced delisting proceedings. Following the trading suspension, the ADSs have been quoted on the OTC market in the United States under the symbol “RAASY.” On October 25, 2023, we were delisted from NYSE when the NYSE staff filed a Form 25 Notification of Delisting.

ITEM 16H. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

ITEM 16I. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS

Not applicable.

ITEM 16J. INSIDER TRADING POLICIES

We have adopted an insider trading policy to promote compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations, including those that prohibit insider trading. This policy applies to all officers, directors, employees and consultants of our company, or each an Affiliate, and extends to all activities within and outside an individual’s duties at our company. The insider trading policy establishes guidelines and procedures for the following:

- **No Trading:** No Affiliate may purchase or sell any type of security or enter into a binding security trading plan in compliance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, as amended, while in possession of material non-public information. Affiliates in possession of such information may not purchase or sell our securities until the later of (1) the expiration of a 48-hour waiting period following public disclosure of the material information by us, and (2) the lapse of one full trading day following such public disclosure. Additionally, Affiliates may not trade during limited trading periods, regardless of the possession of material information. All transactions of securities by officers, directors, and key employees must be pre-approved by our compliance officer.
- **Trading Window:** The insider trading policy establishes a trading window for Affiliates, during which they can trade our securities or enter into a trading plan. The trading window begins at the close of business on the second trading day following the public disclosure of our financial results for the previous fiscal year or quarter and ends on the last day of each fiscal quarter. Trading during the trading window does not provide a safe harbor, and Affiliates must comply with all policies.
- **No Tipping:** No Affiliate may directly or indirectly disclose any material information to anyone who trades in our securities.
- **Confidentiality:** No Affiliate may communicate any material information to anyone outside our company under any circumstances unless approved by the compliance officer in advance, or to anyone within our company other than on a need-to-know basis.
- **No Comment:** No Affiliate may discuss any internal matters or developments of our company with anyone outside our company, except as required in the performance of regular corporate duties. Unless expressly authorized to do otherwise, if an Affiliate receives any inquiries about us or our securities from any press, investment analyst, investor or other outsiders, or any requests for comments or interviews, they should decline to comment and direct the inquiry or request to the compliance officer or any other office designated by the chief executive officer.
- **Corrective Action:** If any information that may be considered material information is inadvertently disclosed, any Affiliate with knowledge of the disclosure should notify the compliance officer immediately.

We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct and have implemented these insider trading policies and procedures to ensure compliance with applicable securities laws and to protect the interests of our shareholders.

ITEM 16K. CYBERSECURITY

Risk Management and Strategy

We have access to certain data and information of enterprises which use our solutions. We may also have access to certain personal data and information of our customers' end-users. Specifically, for our solutions deployed on public cloud, data and information are safely encrypted and stored in cloud servers, where customers can access on demand only with appropriate authorization. We do not have access to data and information of customers which use our solutions deployed on private cloud.

We are committed to protecting our customers' data and privacy and have designed strict protocols on data collection, transmission, storage and usage to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In addition, our agreements with customers generally include a confidentiality clause under which we are obligated not to disclose or otherwise misappropriate the data and information of our customers or their end-users.

We take safety precautions to maintain our technological infrastructure and protect our data and information. We have implemented detailed policies regarding system operation and maintenance, information security and management, and data backup and disaster recovery. Our technological infrastructure applies safeguards such as web application firewalls to ensure data security. As a general principle, data and information in relation to our business operations can only be accessed by our employees with designated authorization level. We enter into confidentiality agreements with our employees who have access to our data and information. The confidentiality agreements provide that, among others, these employees are legally obligated not to disclose or otherwise misappropriate confidential data and information in possession as a result of their employment. Such employees are also legally obligated to surrender all confidential data and information in possession upon resigning and to maintain their confidentiality obligations afterwards. They bear compensation liability if they breach their confidentiality obligations or otherwise commit misconduct resulting in leakage of our confidential data and information. Furthermore, our agreements with business partners generally include a confidentiality clause under which they are legally obligated not to disclose or misappropriate confidential data and information in possession as a result of their relationship with us.

As of the date of this annual report, we have not received any claim from any third party against us on the ground of infringement of such party's right to data protection as provided by applicable laws and regulations in China and other jurisdictions. As of the same date, we have not experienced any cybersecurity incidents that resulted in an interruption to our operations, known losses of any critical data or otherwise had a material impact on our business strategy, results of operations or financial condition. However, the scope and impact of any future incidents cannot be predicted. See "Item 3. Key Information — D. Risk Factors" for more information on how material cybersecurity incidents may impact our business.

Governance

Our board of directors acknowledges the significance of robust cybersecurity management programs and actively participates in overseeing and reviewing our cybersecurity risk profile and exposures.

Our chief technology officer leads the overall assessment, identification and management of risks related to cybersecurity threats. He works collaboratively within our Group and receives regular briefings on cybersecurity matters, such as report on cybersecurity incidents and responses and remedial measures. Our chief technology officer has over 20 years of relevant experience in risk management, cybersecurity and information technology. Our chief technology officer and dedicated staff are responsible for the daily management of our cybersecurity efforts. This includes updates and refinement of cybersecurity policies, execution and management of cybersecurity measures, and the preparation of regular reports on cybersecurity execution. Their primary focus is to consistently update our cybersecurity programs and mitigation strategies, ensuring they align with industry best practices and procedures.

PART III

ITEM 17. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have elected to provide financial statements pursuant to Item 18.

ITEM 18. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our consolidated financial statements are included at the end of this annual report.

ITEM 19. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
1.1	Eighth Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Registrant, as currently in effect (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-40004) filed with the SEC on May 10, 2021)
2.1	Registrant's Specimen American Depositary Receipt (to reflect the ADS ratio change effected on March 15, 2023) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-40004) filed with the SEC on February 27, 2024)
2.2	Registrant's Specimen Certificate for Class A Ordinary Shares (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended)
2.3	Deposit Agreement dated February 8, 2021, by and among the Registrant, the depositary and the owners and holders of American depositary shares issued thereunder (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.3 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-40004) filed with the SEC on May 10, 2021)
2.4	The Sixth Amended and Restated Shareholders Agreement between the Registrant and other parties thereto dated as of November 13, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 of our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended)
2.5	The Sixth Amended and Restated Right of First Refusal and Co-sale Agreement between the Registrant and other parties thereto dated as of November 13, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 of our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended)
2.6	Description of Securities (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.6 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-40004) filed with the SEC on March 24, 2025)
4.1	2016 Share Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended)
4.2	2021 Share Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended)
4.3	Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Registrant and each of its directors and executive officers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended)
4.4	Form of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and each of its executive officers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended)
4.5	Amended and Restated Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement between Anxun Guantong (Beijing) Technology Co., Ltd. and Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd. dated as of November 3, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended)

- 4.6 [Share Pledge Agreement among Anxun Guantong \(Beijing\) Technology Co., Ltd., Dazi Heye Investment Management Co., Ltd. \(formerly known as Lhasa Heye Investment Management Co., Ltd.\), and Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd. dated as of March 28, 2019 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.7 [Share Pledge Agreement among Anxun Guantong \(Beijing\) Technology Co., Ltd., Changxun Sun, and Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd. dated as of March 28, 2019 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.8 [Share Pledge Agreement among Anxun Guantong \(Beijing\) Technology Co., Ltd., Jianhong Zhou, and Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd. dated as of March 28, 2019 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.9 [Share Pledge Agreement among Anxun Guantong \(Beijing\) Technology Co., Ltd., Beijing Hongshan Shengde Equity Investment Center \(Limited Partnership\), and Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd. dated as of November 3, 2020 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.10 [Exclusive Option Agreement among Anxun Guantong \(Beijing\) Technology Co., Ltd., Dazi Heye Investment Management Co., Ltd. \(formerly known as Lhasa Heye Investment Management Co., Ltd.\), and Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd. dated as of August 28, 2019 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.11 [Exclusive Option Agreement among Anxun Guantong \(Beijing\) Technology Co., Ltd., Changxun Sun, and Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd. dated as of August 28, 2019 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.12 [Exclusive Option Agreement among Anxun Guantong \(Beijing\) Technology Co., Ltd., Jianhong Zhou, and Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd. dated as of March 28, 2019 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.13 [Exclusive Option Agreement among Anxun Guantong \(Beijing\) Technology Co., Ltd., Beijing Hongshan Shengde Equity Investment Center \(Limited Partnership\), and Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd. dated as of November 3, 2020 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.14 [Power of Attorney issued by Dazi Heye Investment Management Co., Ltd. \(formerly known as Lhasa Heye Investment Management Co., Ltd.\) dated as of August 28, 2019 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.15 [Power of Attorney issued by Changxun Sun dated as of August 28, 2019 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.16 [Power of Attorney issued by Jianhong Zhou dated as of March 28, 2019 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.17 [Power of Attorney issued by Beijing Hongshan Shengde Equity Investment Center \(Limited Partnership\) dated as of November 3, 2020 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)
- 4.18 [Spousal Consent Letter issued by the spouse of Changxun Sun dated as of August 28, 2019 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 of our registration statement on Form F-1 \(File No. 333-252205\) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended\)](#)

4.19	Series F Preferred Share Purchase Agreement between the Registrant and other parties thereto dated as of November 4, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 of our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended)
4.20	Warrant to Purchase Series F Preferred Shares of the Registrant, dated as of November 13, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 of our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended)
4.21	Termination Agreement in respect of the Current Contractual Agreements among Anxun Guantong (Beijing) Technology Co., Ltd., Beijing HongShan Shengde Equity Investment Center (Limited Partnership) and Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd. dated as of January 5, 2024 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.21 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-40004) filed with the SEC on February 27, 2024)
8.1	List of Principal Subsidiaries and Affiliated Entities of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 8.1 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-40004) filed with the SEC on March 24, 2025)
11.1	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-252205) initially filed with the SEC on January 19, 2021, as amended)
11.2	Insider Trading Policy (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 11.2 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-40004) filed with the SEC on August 27, 2024)
12.1*	CEO Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
12.2*	CFO Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
13.1**	CEO Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
13.2**	CFO Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
15.1*	Consent of Maples and Calder (Hong Kong) LLP
15.2*	Consent of CM Law Firm
15.3*	Consent of ARK Pro CPA & Co
16.1	Letter from KPMG Huazhen LLP to the Securities and Exchange Commission (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 16.1 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-40004) filed with the SEC on February 27, 2024)
16.2	Letter from Yu Certified Public Accountant, P.C. to the Securities and Exchange Commission (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 16.2 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-40004) filed with the SEC on February 27, 2024)
101.INS*	Inline XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

* Filed with this annual report on Form 20-F

** Furnished with this annual report on Form 20-F

SIGNATURES

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

Cloopen Group Holding Limited

By: /s/ Changxun Sun

Name: Changxun Sun

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: September 3, 2025

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To the Shareholders and Board of Directors
Cloopen Group Holding Limited:

Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Cloopen Group Holding Limited (the “Company”), its subsidiaries and its variable interest entities (collectively the “Group”) as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, changes in shareholders’ equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes (collectively, the consolidated financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2024, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

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 are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ ARK PRO CPA & Co

We have served as the Company’s auditor since 2023.

Hong Kong, China

September 3, 2025

CLOOPEN GROUP HOLDING LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Amounts in thousands of RMB and US\$, except for number of shares and per share data)

	Notes	December 31,		
		2023	2024	
		RMB	RMB	US\$
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash	4	377,947	640,119	87,696
Restricted cash	4	4,502	10,396	1,424
Term deposits	2(i)	545,368	222,783	30,521
Short-term investments	14	422,559	291,280	39,905
Accounts receivable – third parties, net	5	143,421	120,374	16,491
Accounts receivable – related parties, net	5,19	704	389	53
Contract assets	17	26,107	27,752	3,802
Amounts due from a related party	19	3,350	2,590	355
Prepayments and other current assets	6	109,455	119,996	16,439
Total current assets		1,633,413	1,435,679	196,686
Non-current assets				
Long-term investments	7	54,049	54,052	7,405
Property and equipment, net	8	10,385	8,173	1,120
Operating lease right-of-use assets	9	13,992	10,800	1,480
Intangible assets, net	10	14,294	11,609	1,590
Goodwill	11	54,427	54,427	7,457
Other non-current assets		3,528	3,639	498
Total non-current assets		150,675	142,700	19,550
Total assets		1,784,088	1,578,379	216,236
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable		87,729	95,485	13,081
Contract liabilities	17	363,228	306,112	41,937
Operating lease liabilities-current	9	10,300	5,843	801
Amounts due to related parties	19	205	154	21
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	12	124,540	101,009	13,838
Total current liabilities		586,002	508,603	69,678
Non-current liabilities				
Operating lease liabilities-non current	9	2,164	4,731	648
Deferred income tax liabilities	15	857	466	64
Other non-current liabilities		27	-	-
Total non-current liabilities		3,048	5,197	712
Total liabilities		589,050	513,800	70,390
Commitments and contingencies (Note 18)				
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:				
Class A Ordinary Shares (US\$0.0001 par value, 600,000,000 shares authorized, 309,105,485 shares issued as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, and 308,308,147 and 308,053,676 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, respectively)		195	195	27
Class B Ordinary Shares (US\$0.0001 par value, 25,649,839 shares authorized, issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and 2024; each Class B ordinary share is convertible into one Class A ordinary share)		17	17	2
Additional paid-in capital		11,210,542	11,225,945	1,537,948
Treasury stock		(120,899)	(120,899)	(16,563)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(57,327)	(56,362)	(7,722)
Accumulated deficit		(9,831,562)	(9,974,319)	(1,366,476)
Total shareholders' Equity attributable to Cloopen Group Holding Limited		1,200,966	1,074,577	147,216
Non-controlling interests		(5,928)	(9,998)	(1,370)
Total shareholders' Equity		1,195,038	1,064,579	145,846
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		1,784,088	1,578,379	216,236

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CLOOPEN GROUP HOLDING LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(Amounts in thousands of RMB and US\$, except for number of shares and per share data)

	Notes	Year ended December 31,			
		2022	2023	2024	
		RMB	RMB	RMB	US\$
Revenues (including related parties amounts of RMB1,377, RMB 919 and RMB 163 for the years ended December 31,2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively)	17,19	593,634	571,024	573,566	78,578
Cost of revenues (including related parties amounts of RMB nil, RMB3,623 and RMB1,981 for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively)	19	(367,334)	(366,375)	(362,717)	(49,692)
Gross profit		226,300	204,649	210,849	28,886
Operating expenses:					
Selling and marketing expenses		(265,304)	(227,543)	(187,305)	(25,661)
General and administrative expenses		(319,217)	(191,113)	(93,916)	(12,866)
Impairment loss of goodwill		(107,407)	-	-	-
Impairment loss of intangible assets		(28,011)	-	-	-
Provision for U.S Class Action		(83,575)	-	-	-
Other operating income (expenses)		(70,417)	-	49,530	6,786
Research and development expenses	19	(326,513)	(222,538)	(177,000)	(24,249)
Total operating expenses		(1,200,444)	(641,194)	(408,691)	(55,990)
Operating loss		(974,144)	(436,545)	(197,842)	(27,104)
Interest expenses		(428)	-	-	-
Interest income		14,627	26,826	42,151	5,775
Investment income		340	563	11,859	1,625
Share of gains (losses) of equity method investments	7	(1,969)	(1,470)	3	-
Gains from disposal of long-term investments		5,138	-	-	-
Impairment loss of long-term investments	7	(7,400)	(8,011)	-	-
Gains (losses) from disposal of subsidiaries, net		(2,739)	-	403	55
Foreign currency exchange gains (losses), net		(9,666)	5,699	(3,717)	(509)
Loss before income taxes		(976,241)	(412,938)	(147,143)	(20,158)
Income tax benefit	15	342	564	316	43
Net loss		(975,899)	(412,374)	(146,827)	(20,115)
Net loss attributable to non-controlling interests		(1,001)	(2,652)	(4,070)	(558)
Net loss attributable to Cloopen Group Holding Limited		(974,898)	(409,722)	(142,757)	(19,557)
Net loss attributable to ordinary shareholders		(974,898)	(409,722)	(142,757)	(19,557)
Net loss		(975,899)	(412,374)	(146,827)	(20,115)
Other comprehensive income:					
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of nil income taxes		153,655	21,286	965	132
Total other comprehensive income		153,655	21,286	965	132
Comprehensive loss		(822,244)	(391,088)	(145,862)	(19,983)
Comprehensive loss attributable to non-controlling interests		(1,001)	(2,652)	(4,070)	(558)
Comprehensive loss attributable to Cloopen Group Holding Limited		(821,243)	(388,436)	(141,792)	(19,425)
Net loss per ordinary share					
—Basic and diluted	16	(3.03)	(1.27)	(0.44)	(0.06)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding used in computing net loss per ordinary share					
—Basic and diluted	16	321,885,046	321,945,825	322,945,205	322,945,205

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CLOOPEN GROUP HOLDING LIMITED
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

(Amounts in thousands of RMB and US\$, except for number of shares and per share data)

Note	Class A ordinary shares		Class B ordinary shares		Treasury Shares	Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Accumulated deficit	Total shareholders' equity attributable to Cloopen Group Holding Limited	Non- controlling interests	Total shareholders' equity
	Number of shares	RMB	Number of shares	RMB							
Balance as of January 1, 2022	299,727,940	192	25,649,839	17	(81,638)	11,066,975	(232,268)	(8,446,942)	2,306,336	(1,065)	2,305,271
Change in the ownership interest in the subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	4,877	-	-	4,877	(1,210)	3,667
Exercise option	8,529,150	1	-	-	-	4,012	-	-	4,013	-	4,013
Issuance of restricted ordinary shares to company's interest shareholders as share based compensation	15	-	-	-	-	1,034	-	-	1,034	-	1,034
Repurchase of common shares	797,338	-	-	-	(39,261)	-	-	-	(39,261)	-	(39,261)
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(974,898)	(974,898)	(1,001)	(975,899)
Share-based compensation	15	-	-	-	-	107,462	-	-	107,462	-	107,462
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of nil income taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	153,655	-	153,655	-	153,655
Balance as of December 31, 2022	<u>309,054,428</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>25,649,839</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>(120,899)</u>	<u>11,184,360</u>	<u>(78,613)</u>	<u>(9,421,840)</u>	<u>1,563,218</u>	<u>(3,276)</u>	<u>1,559,942</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

(Amounts in thousands of RMB and US\$, except for number of shares and per share data)

Note	Class A ordinary shares		Class B ordinary shares		Treasury Shares	Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Accumulated deficit	Total shareholders' equity attributable to Cloopen Group Holding Limited	Non- controlling interests	Total shareholders' equity
	Number of shares	RMB	Number of shares	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB
Balance as of January 1, 2023	309,054,428	193	25,649,839	17	(120,899)	11,184,360	(78,613)	(9,421,840)	1,563,218	(3,276)	1,559,942
Cumulative effect of adoption of ASC 326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(196)	(196)	-	(196)
Exercise option	1,442,808	2	-	-	-	3,943	-	-	3,945	-	3,945
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(409,526)	(409,526)	(2,652)	(412,178)
Share-based compensation	13	-	-	-	-	22,239	-	-	22,239	-	22,239
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of nil income taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,286	-	21,286	-	21,286
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u>310,491,236</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>25,649,839</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>(120,899)</u>	<u>11,210,542</u>	<u>(57,327)</u>	<u>(9,831,562)</u>	<u>1,200,966</u>	<u>(5,928)</u>	<u>1,195,038</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2023 —US\$	<u>-</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(17,028)</u>	<u>1,578,972</u>	<u>(8,074)</u>	<u>(1,384,747)</u>	<u>169,152</u>	<u>(835)</u>	<u>168,317</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CLOOPEN GROUP HOLDING LIMITED
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

(Amounts in thousands of RMB and US\$, except for number of shares and per share data)

Note	Class A ordinary shares		Class B ordinary shares		Treasury Shares	Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Accumulated deficit	Total shareholders' equity attributable to Cloopen Group Holding Limited	Non- controlling interests	Total shareholders' equity
	Number of shares	RMB	Number of shares	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB
Balance as of January 1, 2024	310,491,236	195	25,649,839	17	(120,899)	11,210,542	(57,327)	(9,831,562)	1,200,966	(5,928)	1,195,038
Exercise option	588,187	-	-	-	-	1,099	-	-	1,099	-	1,099
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(142,757)	(142,757)	(4,070)	(146,827)
Share-based compensation	13	-	-	-	-	14,304	-	-	14,304	-	14,304
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of nil income taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	965	-	965	-	965
Balance as of December 31, 2024	<u>311,079,423</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>25,649,839</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>(120,899)</u>	<u>11,225,945</u>	<u>(56,362)</u>	<u>(9,974,319)</u>	<u>1,074,577</u>	<u>(9,998)</u>	<u>1,064,579</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2024 —US\$	<u>-</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(16,563)</u>	<u>1,537,948</u>	<u>(7,722)</u>	<u>(1,366,476)</u>	<u>147,216</u>	<u>(1,370)</u>	<u>145,846</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CLOOPEN GROUP HOLDING LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Amounts in thousands of RMB and US\$, except for number of shares and per share data)

	Year ended December 31,			
	2022	2023	2024	
	RMB	RMB	RMB	US\$
Operating activities:				
Net loss	(975,899)	(412,374)	(146,827)	(20,115)
<i>Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities</i>				
Allowance for doubtful accounts	25,589	16,456	(3,875)	(531)
Share-based compensation	107,462	22,238	14,304	1,960
Depreciation of property and equipment and amortization of Intangible assets	13,893	8,775	7,634	1,046
Amortization of right-of-use asset and interest on lease liabilities	8,823	4,516	8,468	1,160
Deferred tax benefit	(8,806)	(429)	(390)	(54)
Share of losses (gains) of equity method investments	1,969	1,470	(3)	-
Gains from disposal of long-term investments	(5,138)	-	-	-
Impairment loss of long-term investments	7,400	8,011	-	-
Loss from disposal of property and equipment	62	66	63	9
Investment income	(340)	(563)	(11,859)	(1,625)
Impairment loss of intangible assets	28,011	-	-	-
Impairment loss of goodwill	107,407	-	-	-
Losses (gains) from disposal of subsidiaries, net	2,739	-	(403)	(55)
Provision for U.S Class Action	83,575	-	-	-
Unrealized foreign exchange (gains) losses	9,666	(5,699)	3,717	509
<i>Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of disposal of subsidiaries:</i>				
Accounts receivable - third parties, net	1,234	(28,125)	38,573	5,284
Accounts receivable - related parties, net	216	(724)	34	5
Contract assets	(31,422)	26,675	(13,015)	(1,783)
Amounts due from related parties	(105)	(3,245)	760	104
Prepayments and other current assets	27,591	(1,326)	1,726	236
Operating lease right-of-use assets	(25,165)	(2,166)	(5,276)	(723)
Other non-current assets	(1,452)	1,052	(111)	(15)
Accounts payable	(24,589)	(34,395)	7,756	1,063
Contract liabilities	61,863	3,427	(57,116)	(7,825)
Amounts due to related parties	(14)	(575)	(51)	(7)
Operating lease liabilities	16,610	(4,146)	(1,890)	(259)
Other non-current liabilities	(2,424)	3,063	-	-
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	3,974	(118,184)	(22,459)	(3,077)
Net cash used in operating activities	(567,270)	(516,202)	(180,240)	(24,693)
Investing activities:				
Cash paid for business combination	(116,396)	(8,915)	-	-
Cash paid for purchase of property and equipment	(5,825)	(807)	(2,892)	(396)
Cash paid for purchase of intangible assets	(980)	(952)	(328)	(45)
Cash paid for purchase of other equity investments	-	(5,000)	-	-
Cash received from sale of short-term investments	64,833	24,663	357,825	49,022
Cash paid for purchase of short-term investments	(349,350)	(28,187)	(222,036)	(30,419)
Cash received from disposal of property and equipment	-	15	4	1
Cash Received from disposal of long-term investments	64,987	-	-	-
Cash paid for term deposits	(4,345,910)	(938,458)	(1,243,877)	(170,410)
Cash received from maturity of term deposits	5,040,269	1,308,935	1,571,532	215,298
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	351,628	351,294	460,228	63,051
Financing activities:				
Repayment of long-term borrowings	(8,004)	-	-	-
Repurchase of treasury stock	(39,261)	-	-	-
Repayment for short-term bank borrowings	(5,500)	-	-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	(52,765)	-	-	-
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash	138,795	20,092	(11,922)	(1,633)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and restricted cash	(129,612)	(144,816)	268,066	36,725
Cash and restricted cash at the beginning of the year	656,877	527,265	382,449	52,395
Cash and restricted cash at the end of the year	527,265	382,449	650,515	89,120
Supplemental information				
Interest paid	479	-	-	-
Income tax paid	368	93	11	2
Income tax refund	-	-	(774)	(106)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022, 2023 AND 2024

(Amounts in thousands of RMB and US\$, except for number of shares and per share data)

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Organization and principal activities

Cloopen Group Holding Limited (“the Company”), through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, consolidated variable interest entity (“VIE”) and VIE’s subsidiaries (collectively referred to as “the Group”), is principally engaged in providing integrated communication services based on cloud computing technology. The Group’s principal operations and geographic markets are mainly in the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”).

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company, its subsidiaries, consolidated VIE and VIE’s subsidiaries.

The VIE arrangements

The Group operates its cloud communication business in the PRC through Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd. (“Ronglian Yitong”, or the “VIE”), a limited liability company established under the laws of the PRC on March 31, 2009. Ronglian Yitong and its subsidiaries holds the necessary PRC operating licenses for the online businesses. The equity interests of Ronglian Yitong are legally held by Mr. Changxun Sun, the founder, chairman of board of directors and chief executive officer, Mr. Jianhong Zhou, the director of the Company, Lhasa Heye Investment Management Co., Ltd., and Beijing Hongshan Shengde Equity Investment Center (Limited Partnership) who act as nominee equity holders of the VIE on behalf of Anxun Guantong (Beijing) Technology Co., Ltd. (“Anxun Guantong” or “WFOE”), the Company’s wholly-owned subsidiary. A series of contractual agreements, including Powers of Attorney, Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement, Equity Pledge Agreement, Exclusive Option Agreement and Spousal Consent Letter (collectively, the “VIE Agreements”), were entered among the Company, Anxun Guantong, Ronglian Yitong and its nominee equity holders.

Pursuant to the VIE Agreements, the Company is able to exercise effective control over, bears the risks of, enjoys substantially all of the economic benefits of the VIE, and has an exclusive option to purchase all or part of the equity interests in the VIE when and to the extent permitted by the PRC law at the lowest price possible. The Company’s management concluded that Ronglian Yitong is a VIE and the Company is its primary beneficiary. As such, the consolidated financial statements of the VIE are included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

The principal terms of the VIE Agreements are further described below.

1) Powers of Attorney

The Company and each of the equity holders of Ronglian Yitong entered into Powers of Attorney. Pursuant to the Powers of Attorney, the equity holders of Ronglian Yitong irrevocably appointed Anxun Guantong as their attorney-in-fact to exercise all equity holder rights, including, but not limited to, proposing, convening and attending in the equity holders’ meeting, appointing or removing directors, executive officers and senior management, disposing of all or part of the equity holder’s interests in Ronglian Yitong, casting the equity holders’ votes on matters requiring equity holders’ approval and doing all other acts in the capacity of the equity holders as permitted by Ronglian Yitong’s Memorandum and Articles of Association. In addition, the Company has a right to assign its rights and benefits under the Powers of Attorney to any other parties without an advance notice to the equity holders of Ronglian Yitong. The Powers of Attorney shall continue in force and be irrevocable as long as the equity holders of Ronglian Yitong remain as the equity holders of Ronglian Yitong.

2) Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement

Anxun Guantong and Ronglian Yitong entered into an Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement, whereby Anxun Guantong is appointed as the exclusive service provider for the provision of business support, technology and consulting services to Ronglian Yitong. Unless a written consent is given by Anxun Guantong, Ronglian Yitong is not allowed to engage a third party to provide such services, while Anxun Guantong is able to designate another party to render such services to Ronglian Yitong. Ronglian Yitong shall pay Anxun Guantong on a monthly basis a service fee, which shall be equal to 100% of the monthly net profits of Ronglian Yitong, and Anxun Guantong has the sole discretion to adjust the basis of calculation of the service fee amount according to service provided to Ronglian Yitong. Anxun Guantong owns the exclusive intellectual property rights, whether created by Anxun Guantong or Ronglian Yitong, as a result of the performance of the Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement unless terminated in writing by Anxun Guantong. The Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement may be extended if confirmed in writing by Anxun Guantong prior to the expiration thereof. The extended term shall be determined by Anxun Guantong, and Ronglian Yitong shall accept such extended term unconditionally.

3) Equity Pledge Agreement

An Equity Pledge Agreement was entered into by and among Anxun Guantong, Ronglian Yitong and equity holders of Ronglian Yitong. To guarantee payment from Ronglian Yitong, including but not limited to the service fee pursuant to the Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement, and the performance of Ronglian Yitong and the nominee equity holders' obligations under the contractual arrangements including the Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement, Exclusive Option Agreement and Powers of Attorney, the equity holders of Ronglian Yitong pledged their respective equity in Ronglian Yitong to Anxun Guantong under the Equity Pledge Agreement as collateral. In the event Ronglian Yitong fails to pay Anxun Guantong its service fee, Anxun Guantong will have the right to sell the pledged equity and apply the proceeds received to pay any outstanding service fees due by Ronglian Yitong to Anxun Guantong. The equity holders of Ronglian Yitong agree that, during the term of the Equity Pledge Agreement, they will not dispose of the pledged equity or create or allow any encumbrance on the pledged equity, and they also agree that Anxun Guantong's rights relating to the equity pledges shall not be prejudiced by any legal actions of the equity holders of Ronglian Yitong, their successors or their designees. Except that the pledge of approximately 1.55% of the equity interests of VIE is subject to the registration in compliance with the PRC Property Rights Law, the equity pledge was registered with the relevant local administration for industry and commerce in October 2019 and may only be terminated upon the fulfillment of all contractual obligations under the Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement, Exclusive Option Agreement and Powers of Attorney. During the term of the Equity Pledge Agreement, Anxun Guantong is entitled to receive dividends attributable to the pledged Ronglian Yitong equity.

4) Exclusive Option Agreement

Each of the equity holders of Ronglian Yitong entered into an Exclusive Option Agreement with Anxun Guantong, and Ronglian Yitong, pursuant to which the equity holders of Ronglian Yitong granted Anxun Guantong or other person upon the designation by Anxun Guantong, an irrevocable and exclusive option to purchase, at its discretion and to the extent permitted under the PRC law, all or part of the equity holders' interests in Ronglian Yitong at the lowest price that the PRC law permits at the time unless a valuation of the equity is required by the PRC law. The equity holders of Ronglian Yitong commit that without the prior written consent of Anxun Guantong, the equity holders of Ronglian Yitong will not, among other things, (1) change or amend the Memorandum and Articles of Association, increase or decrease Ronglian Yitong's registered capital, change its structure of registered capital in other manners; (2) sell, transfer, mortgage or dispose of in any manner any assets of Ronglian Yitong or legal or beneficial interest in the business or revenue of Ronglian Yitong, or allow the encumbrance thereon of any security interest; (3) incur, inherit, guarantee or suffer the existence of any debt, except for (i) debts incurred in the ordinary course of business other than through loans and (ii) debts disclosed to Anxun Guantong for which Anxun Guantong's written consent has been obtained; (4) providing any person with any loan or credit or guarantee in any form; (5) cause or permit Ronglian Yitong to merge, consolidate with, acquire or invest in any person, and/or sell permit Ronglian Yitong to sell assets with a value of over RMB500,000; (6) in any manner distribute dividends to its shareholders; (7) create any pledge or encumbrance on their equity interests in Ronglian Yitong; (8) transfer or otherwise dispose of their equity interests in Ronglian Yitong and its equity holders shall appoint those individuals recommended by Anxun Guantong as directors of Ronglian Yitong. Ronglian Yitong shall provide operating and financial information to the Company at the request of Anxun Guantong and ensure the continuance of the business. The Exclusive Option Agreement will remain effective until all equity interests in Ronglian Yitong held by its equity holders are transferred or assigned to the Company or its designee. Ronglian Yitong and its equity holders shall not have any right to terminate the Exclusive Option Agreement.

5) Spousal Consent Letter

Pursuant to the Spousal Consent Letters executed by the spouse of the principal individual shareholder of the VIE, the signing spouse confirmed that she does not enjoy any right or interest in connection with the equity interests of the VIE. The spouse also irrevocably agreed that she would not claim in the future any right or interest in connection with the equity interests in the VIE held by her spouse.

Risks in relation to the VIE structure

In the opinion of the Company's management, the VIE Agreements have resulted in the WFOE having the power to direct activities that most significantly impact the VIE, including appointing key management, setting up operating policies, exerting financial controls and transferring profit or assets out of the VIE at its discretion. The Company considers that it has the right to receive all the benefits and assets of the VIE. As the VIE was established as a limited liability company under the PRC law, its creditors do not have recourse to the general credit of the Company for the liabilities of the VIE, and the Company does not have the obligation to assume the liabilities of the VIE.

The Company has determined that the VIE Agreements are in compliance with the PRC laws and are legally enforceable. However, uncertainties in the PRC legal system could limit the Company's ability to enforce the VIE Agreements; and if the equity holders of the VIE were to reduce their interest in the Company, their interests may diverge from that of the Company and that may potentially increase the risk that they would seek to act contrary to the contractual terms.

The Company's ability to control the VIE also depends on the rights provided to the Company under the Powers of Attorney to vote on all matters requiring equity holders' approval in the respective VIE. As noted above, the Company believes these Powers of Attorney are legally enforceable but yet they may not be as effective as direct equity ownership. In addition, if the corporate structure of the Group or the contractual arrangements among the Company, Anxun Guantong, the VIE and its respective equity holders were found to be in violation of any existing PRC laws and regulations, the relevant PRC regulatory authorities could:

- revoke the business license and/or operating licenses of such entities;
- discontinue or place restrictions or onerous conditions on the Group's operations;
- impose fines, confiscating the income from the VIE, or imposing other requirements with which the Group may not be able to comply;
- require the Group to restructure its ownership structure or operations, including terminating the contractual arrangements with the VIE and deregistering the equity pledges of the VIE, which in turn would affect the Company's ability to consolidate, derive economic interests from, or exert effective control over the VIE; or
- restrict or prohibit our use of the proceeds of this offering to finance our business and operations in the PRC.

The imposition of any of the above restrictions or actions may result in a material and adverse effect on the Group's ability to conduct its business. In addition, if the imposition of any of these restrictions causes the Company to lose the right to direct the activities of the VIE or the right to receive its economic benefits, the Company would no longer be able to consolidate the VIE. The Company's management believes that the likelihood to lose the Company's current ownership structure or the contractual arrangements with the VIE is remote based on the current facts and circumstances.

There is no VIE in which the Company has a variable interest but is not the primary beneficiary. Currently there is no contractual arrangement that could require the Company to provide additional financial support to the VIE.

The following consolidated assets and liabilities information of the Group's VIE as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, and consolidated revenues, net loss and cash flow information for the years then ended, have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements:

	December 31,	
	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB
Cash	106,603	139,299
Restricted cash	4,502	10,396
Accounts receivable - third parties, net	140,673	112,705
Accounts receivable - related parties, net*	50,144	49,603
Contract assets	26,107	27,752
Amounts due from related parties	117,764	8,575
Prepayments and other current assets	63,607	73,556
Total current assets	509,400	421,886
Long-term investments	54,049	54,052
Property and equipment, net	9,943	6,759
Operating lease right-of-use assets	11,094	6,856
Intangible assets, net	13,639	11,507
Goodwill	54,427	54,427
Other non-current assets	2,997	2,949
Total assets	655,549	558,436
Accounts payable	81,211	84,134
Contract liabilities	363,180	299,010
Amounts due to related parties**	2,217,392	2,207,995
Operating lease liabilities-current	7,775	3,930
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	58,859	60,321
Total current liabilities	2,728,417	2,655,390
Operating lease liabilities-non current	1,942	2,707
Deferred income tax liabilities	857	466
Total liabilities	2,731,216	2,658,563

* Accounts receivable-related parties, net includes accounts receivable, net due from the Company and its subsidiaries, which are eliminated upon consolidation, and accounts receivable, net due from one of the Company's shareholders and other related parties of RMB704 and RMB389 as of December 31, 2023, and 2024.

** Amounts due to related parties include amounts due to the Company and its subsidiaries, which are eliminated upon consolidation, and amounts due to one of the Company's shareholders and other related parties of RMB205 and RMB 154 as of December 31, 2023 and 2024.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	<i>RMB</i>	<i>RMB</i>	<i>RMB</i>
Revenues	636,320	553,910	563,277
Net loss	(544,042)	(232,856)	(33,078)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities	(574,227)	(184,395)	46,516
Net cash provided by/ (used in) investing activities	26,940	(6,700)	(3,216)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) financing activities	437,759	218,926	(4,712)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and restricted cash	(109,528)	27,831	38,588
Cash and restricted cash at the beginning of the year	192,803	83,275	111,106
Cash and restricted cash at the end of the year	83,275	111,106	149,694

In accordance with VIE Agreements, WFOE has the power to direct the activities of the VIE. Therefore, the Company considers that there are no assets in the VIE that can be used only to settle obligations of the VIE, except for restricted cash of RMB4,502 and RMB10,396 as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, respectively. The creditors of VIEs do not have recourse to the general credit of WFOE.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”).

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 Group’s ability to operate profitably, to generate cash flows from operations, and its ability to attract investors and to borrow funds on reasonable economic terms.

(b) Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company, its subsidiaries, the VIE for which the WFOE is the primary beneficiary, and the VIE’s subsidiaries.

Subsidiaries are those entities in which the Company, directly or indirectly, controls more than one half of the voting power or has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, to appoint or remove the majority of the members of the board of directors, or to cast a majority of votes at the meeting of directors. A VIE is an entity in which the Company, or its subsidiary, through contractual arrangements, exercises effective control over the activities that most impact the economic performance, bears the risks of, and enjoys the rewards normally associated with ownership of the entity, and therefore the Company or its subsidiary is the primary beneficiary of the entity.

All intercompany transactions and balances among the Company, its subsidiaries, the VIE, and the VIE’s subsidiaries have been eliminated upon consolidation.

The following table lists major subsidiaries and the consolidated VIEs of the Company as of December 31, 2024:

	Palace of Incorporation	Percentage of ownership
Beijing Ronglian Yitong Information Technology Co., Ltd.	PRC	VIE
Beijing Ronglian Qimo Technology Co., Ltd.	PRC	100%
Beijing Ronglian Guanghui Technology Co., Ltd.	PRC	100%
Beijing Baiyi High-tech Information Technology Co., Ltd.	PRC	100%
Beijing Ronglian Huitong Technology Information Co., Ltd.	PRC	100%
Shenzhen Zhongtian Wangjing Technology Co., Ltd.	PRC	100%
Cloopen Japan Co., Ltd.	Japan	100%
Anxun Guantong (Beijing) Technology Co., Ltd.	PRC	100%
Cloopen limited	HK	100%

(c) Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date, and the reported revenues and expenses during the reported period in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and as such, differences may be material to the consolidated financial statements. Significant accounting estimates reflected in the Group’s financial statements include, but not limited to, revenue recognition, fair value of assets and liabilities acquired in business combination, the allowance for credit loss of accounts receivable and contract assets, depreciable lives and recoverability of property and equipment and intangible assets, assessment of impairment of long-lived assets, intangible assets and goodwill, the realization of deferred income tax assets, the fair value of share based compensation awards, short-term investments, equity method investments, other equity investments, incremental borrowing rates for operating lease liabilities, and management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a disease caused by a novel strain of the coronavirus (“COVID-19”) to be a pandemic. After the initial outbreak of the COVID-19, some instances of COVID-19 infections have emerged from time to time. The COVID-19 pandemic has created and may continue to create significant uncertainty in the macroeconomic environment which, in addition to other unforeseen effects of this pandemic, may adversely impact the Group’s results of operations. The extent to which COVID-19 would impacts the results of operations is contingent on the future developments of the outbreak, including constant updates concerning the global severity of and actions needed to contain the outbreak, which are highly uncertain and unpredictable. Due to the uncertainty and the economic implications on global economics conditions from the COVID-19 pandemic, certain estimates and assumptions may change in the near term.

(d) Convenience Translation

Translations of the consolidated financial statements from RMB into US\$ as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 are solely for the convenience of the readers and were calculated at the rate of US\$1.00 = RMB7.2993, representing the noon buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers of RMB as set forth in the H.10 weekly statistical release of Federal Reserve Board on December 31, 2024. No representation is made that the RMB amounts could have been, or could be, converted, realized or settled into US\$ at that rate on December 31, 2024, or at any other rate.

(e) Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Group is subject to loss contingencies, such as legal proceedings and claims arising out of its business, that cover a wide range of matters, including, among others, government investigations, shareholder lawsuits, and non-income tax matters. An accrual for a loss contingency is recognized when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. If a potential material loss contingency is not probable but is reasonably possible, or is probable but cannot be estimated, then the nature of the contingent liability, together with an estimate of the range of possible loss if determinable and material, is disclosed.

(f) Business combinations

Business combinations are recorded using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC topic 805 (“ASC 805”): Business Combinations. The acquisition method of accounting requires an acquirer to determine the identifiable acquired assets, the liabilities assumed and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree at the acquisition date, measured at their fair values as of that date. The consideration transferred for an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the fair values at the date of exchange of the assets given, liabilities assumed, and equity instruments issued as well as the contingent considerations as of the acquisition date. The costs directly attributable to the acquisition are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired or assumed are measured separately at their fair value as of the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any non-controlling interests. The excess of (i) the total cost of the acquisition, fair value of the non-controlling interests and acquisition date fair value of any previously held equity interest in the acquiree over (ii) the fair value of the identifiable net assets of the acquiree, is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of the acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognized directly in earnings.

(g) Cash

Cash consists of cash on hand and cash at bank. Cash at bank are deposited in financial institutions at below locations:

	December 31,	
	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB
Cash balances include deposits in: Financial institutions in the mainland of the PRC		
—Denominated in Renminbi (“RMB”)	237,178	257,829
—Denominated in US\$	58,722	160,963
Total cash balances held at mainland PRC financial institutions	295,900	418,792
Financial institutions in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“HKSAR”)		
—Denominated in US\$	30,882	180,551
Total cash balances held at HKSAR financial institutions	30,882	180,551
Financial institutions in Japan		
—Denominated in Japanese Yen	28,544	25,265
— Denominated in United Stated Dollars (“USD”)	14,720	11,030
Total cash balances held at Japan financial institutions	43,264	36,295
Financial institutions in Malaysia		
—Denominated in Malaysian Ringgit	413	842
—Denominated in US\$	286	77
Total cash balances held at Malaysia financial institutions	699	919
Financial institutions in Singapore		
—Denominated in SGD	6,153	1,978
— Denominated in United Stated Dollars (“USD”)	46	1,166
Total cash balances held at Singapore financial institutions	6,199	3,144
Financial institutions in Korean		
— Denominated in Korean Won (“KRW”)	280	362
— Denominated in United Stated Dollars (“USD”)	227	49
Total cash balances held at Korean financial institutions	507	411
Financial institutions in Mexico		
— Denominated in United Stated Dollars (“USD”)	496	7
Total cash balances held at Korean financial institutions	496	7
Total cash balances held at financial institutions	377,947	640,119
Total cash balances	377,947	640,119

The bank deposits, including term deposits, with financial institutions in the mainland of the PRC and Japan are insured by the government authorities up to RMB500 and JPY10,000, respectively. The bank deposits including term deposits are insured by the government authorities with amounts up to RMB22,854 and RMB20,422 as of December 31, 2023, and 2024, respectively. The Company has not experienced any losses in uninsured bank deposits and does not believe that it is exposed to any significant risks on cash held in bank accounts. To limit exposure to credit risk, the Company primarily places bank deposits with large financial institutions in the PRC and Japan with acceptable credit rating.

(h) Restricted cash

Cash balances that have restrictions as to withdrawal or usage are considered restricted cash. Restricted cash that will be released to cash within the next 12 months is classified as current asset, while the balance restricted for use longer than one year is classified as non-current asset on the consolidated balance sheets.

(i) Term deposits

Term deposits represent deposits at banks with original maturities more than three months but less than one year. The Group's term deposits were denominated in US\$ and were deposited at financial institutions in the mainland of the PRC with the interest rate of 5.13%, and 4.72% per annum as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Term deposits maintained at financial institutions consist of the following:

	2023 RMB	2024 RMB
US\$ denominated bank deposits with financial institutions in the PRC	545,368	222,783

To limit exposure to credit risk relating to bank deposits, the Company primarily places term deposits only with large financial institutions in the PRC with acceptable credit rating.

(j) Short-term Investments

The Group's short-term investments represent the Group's investments in financial products managed by financial institutions in the PRC and Cayman which are redeemable at the option of the Group on any working day. Short-term investments are classified as available for sale debt securities and reported at fair value, with unrealized holding gains or losses, net of any related income tax effect, excluded from earnings and recorded as accumulated other comprehensive loss until realized. Realized gains or losses from the sale of short-term investments are determined on a specific identification basis and are recorded as investment income when earned.

(k) Accounts Receivable, net

Prior to January 1, 2023, the Company assesses recoverability of accounts receivable in accordance with ASC 310. Subsequent to January 1, 2023, accounts receivable is recorded at the realizable value amount, net of allowances for credit loss in accordance with ASC 326 and records the allowance for credit losses as an offset to accounts receivable. The estimated credit losses are classified as "General and administrative" in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss. The Company assesses collectability by reviewing accounts receivable on a collective basis where similar characteristics exist and on an individual basis when the Company identifies specific customers with known disputes or collectability issues. In determining the amount of the allowance for credit losses using probability-of-default method, the Company considers size, the historical credit loss experience, current economic conditions, supportable forecasts of future economic conditions, and any recoveries in assessing the lifetime expected credit losses, and other factors that may affect the Company's ability to collect from customers.

(l) Long-term investments

Equity method investments

The Group applies the equity method to account for an equity interest in an investee over which the Group has significant influence but does not own a majority equity interest or otherwise control.

Under the equity method of accounting, the Group's share of the investee's results of operations is reported as share of losses of equity method investments in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss.

The Group recognizes an impairment loss when there is a decline in value below the carrying value of the equity method investment that is considered to be other than temporary. The process of assessing and determining whether impairment on an investment is other than temporary requires a significant amount of judgment. To determine whether an impairment is other than temporary, management considers whether it has the ability and intent to hold the investment until recovery and whether evidence indicating the carrying value of the investment is recoverable outweighs evidence to the contrary. Evidence considered in this assessment includes the reasons for the impairment, the severity and duration of the decline in value, any change in value subsequent to the period end, and forecasted performance of the investee.

Other equity investments

The Group elects the measurement alternative in ASC 321 and measures investments in "equity investment" at cost, adjusted for changes resulting from impairments and observable price changes in orderly transactions for identical or similar securities of the same issuer. The Group considers information in periodic financial statements and other documentation provided by the investees to determine whether observable price changes have occurred.

The Group makes a qualitative assessment considering impairment indicators to evaluate whether the equity investments without a readily determinable fair value is impaired at each reporting period, and written down to its fair value if a qualitative assessment indicates that the investment is impaired and the fair value of the investment is less than its carrying value. If an equity investment without a readily determinable fair value is impaired, the Group includes an impairment loss in net income equal to the difference between the fair value of the investment and its carrying amount.

(m) Property and Equipment, net

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any recorded impairment.

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Computer and office equipment	3-5 years
Furniture and fixtures	3-5 years
Motor vehicles	4-5 years
Buildings	20 years
Leasehold improvements	The shorter of lease terms and estimated useful lives

Depreciation on property and equipment is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

When items are retired or otherwise disposed of, income is charged or credited for the difference between net book value and the proceeds received thereon. Ordinary maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

(n) Intangible Assets, net

Intangible assets purchased from third parties are initially recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated economic useful lives. The Group performs valuation of the intangible assets arising from business combination to determine the fair value to be assigned to each asset acquired. The acquired intangible assets are recognized and measured at fair value and are expensed or amortized using the straight-line approach over the estimated economic useful lives of the assets.

The estimated useful lives of intangible assets are as follows:

Software copyrights	8 years
Telecommunication business operation licenses	3-5 years
Technology	6-10 years
Non-compete arrangements	4-7 year
Customer relationship	3-10 years
Trademark	10 years
Order backlogs	1-4 years
Software	3-8 years

(o) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase consideration over the acquisition date amounts of the identifiable tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed from the acquired entity as a result of the Company's acquisitions of interests in its subsidiaries. Goodwill is not amortized but is tested for impairment on an annual basis, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired. In accordance with ASC 350, the Company may first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the quantitative goodwill impairment test. In the qualitative assessment, the Company considers factors such as macroeconomic conditions, industry and market considerations, overall financial performance of the reporting unit, and other specific information related to the operations, business plans and strategies of the reporting unit, including consideration of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on the qualitative assessment, if it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than the carrying amount, the quantitative impairment test is performed. The Company may also bypass the qualitative assessment and proceed directly to perform the quantitative impairment test.

The Company performs the quantitative impairment test by comparing the fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill is not considered to be impaired. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value is recognized as impairment. Application of a goodwill impairment test requires significant management judgment, including the identification of reporting units, allocation of assets, liabilities and goodwill to reporting units, and determination of the fair value of each reporting unit.

(p) Impairment of Long-lived Assets

Long-lived assets such as property and equipment and intangible assets with finite lives are evaluated for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be fully recoverable or that the useful life is shorter than the Group had originally estimated. When these events occur, the Group evaluates the impairment for the long-lived assets by comparing the carrying value of the assets to an estimate of future undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated from the use of the assets and their eventual disposition. If the sum of the expected future undiscounted cash flows is less than the carrying value of the assets, the Group recognizes an impairment loss based on the excess of the carrying value of the assets over the fair value of the assets.

(q) Value Added Taxes

The Company's PRC subsidiaries are subject to value added tax ("VAT"). Revenue from providing cloud communication services and communication devices sales are generally subject to VAT at the rate of 6% and 13% since April 1, 2019, or 6% to 16% between May 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019, and subsequently paid to PRC tax authorities after netting input VAT on purchases. The excess of output VAT over input VAT is reflected in accrued expenses and other current liabilities, and the excess of input VAT over output VAT is reflected in prepayments and other current assets in the consolidated balance sheets.

(r) Fair Value Measurements

Fair value represents the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. As such, fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or a liability.

Accounting guidance defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. Accounting guidance establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy and requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. A financial instrument's categorization within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels of inputs are:

Level 1—Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2—Include other inputs that are directly or indirectly observable in the marketplace.

Level 3—Unobservable inputs which are supported by little or no market activity.

Accounting guidance also describes three main approaches to measuring the fair value of assets and liabilities: (1) market approach; (2) income approach and (3) cost approach. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated from market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts to a single present value amount. The measurement is based on the value indicated by current market expectations about those future amounts. The cost approach is based on the amount that would currently be required to replace an asset.

Financial assets and liabilities of the Group primarily consist of cash, restricted cash, term deposits, short-term investments, accounts receivable - third parties, net, accounts receivable - related parties, net, other receivables included in prepayments and other current assets, long-term investment, amounts due from related parties, accounts payable, contract liabilities, other payables included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities. The Group measures short-term investments at fair value on a recurring basis. Short-term investments include financial products issued by financial institutions, which are valued based on prices per units quoted by issuers and are categorized in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The Group's non-financial assets, such as intangible assets and property and equipment, would be measured at fair value only if they were determined to be impaired.

(s) Revenue recognition

The Group accounts for its revenue contracts in accordance with ASC Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASC 606). According to ASC 606, revenue is recognized when control of the promised goods or services is transferred to the customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration the Group expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. The Group determines revenue recognition through the following steps: (1) identify the contract(s) with a customer, (2) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (3) determine the transaction price, (4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and (5) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

The Group generate substantially all of the Group's revenues from the following services and products:

- (1) Communication Platform-as-a-Service ("CPaaS") which allows customers to send text messages and place voice calls using the Company's cloud-based platform;
- (2) Cloud-based Contact Centers ("Cloud-based CC") with which customers can operate their virtual contact centers and access related value-added services using the Company's cloud-based platform; and
- (3) Cloud-based Unified Communications and Collaborations ("Cloud-based UC&C") where the Company creates customized communications software on customers' private clouds to meet their specific needs and deliver the software licenses to customers.

The Company recognizes revenue upon the transfer of control of promised products or services provided to the Company's customers, in the amount of consideration the Company expect to receive for those products or services (excluding sales taxes collected on behalf of government authorities). The Company's revenue contracts generally do not include a right of return in relation to the delivered products or services.

The timing of revenue recognition may differ from the timing of invoicing to the Company's customers. The Company record a contract asset when revenue is recognized prior to invoicing, and a contract liability when payment is received from a customer in advance of revenue recognition. The Company generally issue invoices based on contract terms, which may be when the services are completed, upon customer acceptance of the Company's deliverables or at preset milestones. Payments are due with standard payment terms which are generally not more than 90 days from invoice issuance.

We recognize the incremental costs of obtaining contracts as selling, general and administrative expenses when incurred if the amortization period of the asset that otherwise would have been recognized is one year or less. Assets recognized for costs to obtain a contract were not material as of December 31, 2024. Costs to fulfill a contract are recorded as assets if they relate directly to a contract or a specific anticipated contract, the costs generate or enhance resources that will be used in satisfying performance obligations in the future and the costs are expected to be recovered. Costs to fulfill a contract recognized as assets primarily consist of labor and materials costs and generally relate to engineering and set-up costs incurred prior to the satisfaction of performance obligations. Assets recognized for costs to fulfill a contract are included in the "Prepaid expenses and other current assets" line of the consolidated balance sheets and were not material as of December 31, 2024. Such assets are recognized as expenses as we transfer the related goods or services to the customer. All other costs to fulfill a contract are expensed as incurred.

As of December 31, 2024, there were no material amounts of remaining performance obligations that are required to be disclosed. As permitted by ASC 606, we have elected not to disclose information about remaining performance obligations where i) the performance obligation is part of a contract that has an original expected duration of one year or less or ii) when we recognize revenue from the satisfaction of the performance obligation in accordance with the right-to-invoice practical expedient.

CPaaS revenues

The Company accounts for revenue from customers' usage of text message and voice call services on the Company's CPaaS platform as two separate performance obligations. The Company's service fees are determined by applying the contractual unit price to the monthly usage volume of text messages sent or minutes of voice calls placed and a contractual monthly fixed charge per subscriber multiplied by the number of subscribers recorded by the Company's CPaaS platform where relevant. The cloud-based services to send text messages and place voice calls are sold separately to customers with observable standalone selling prices.

The Company also provides services as an agent in provision of CPaaS platforms to customers. The Company identified one performance obligation and recognized the revenues, on a monthly basis, at the amount equal to the difference between the amount charged to the customers and the amount charged by telecommunication operators. The gross amount of revenue from services as an agent was RMB89 million, 69million and RMB50 million for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. The net amount of revenue from services as an agent was RMB14 million, RMB16 million and RMB15 million for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

The service contracts are generally with a length between 3 and 12 months and renewable at the latest fee rates of the renewed contract services on the contract renewal date. The option of renewal does not provide the customer with a material right that it otherwise could not obtain without entering into that contract, therefore the renewal option was not recognized as a separate performance obligation in the contract. The service contracts do not grant the Company or customers a unilateral right to terminate the contracts before completion.

Cloud-based CC revenues

Customers subscribe to the Company's basic Cloud-based CC services at a fixed monthly fee and pay for other value-added services on a usage basis. The Company recognizes the monthly service fees ratably over the contract period during which the Company is obligated to grant customers continuous access to those basic Cloud-based CC services. Revenue for other value-added services on top of the basic subscription is determined by applying the contractual unit price to the monthly usage volume and recognized when the related services are provided to customers. The basic subscription is sold to customers at the same price with or without the value-added services, so the transaction price is allocated on the basis of observable stand-alone selling prices.

The service contracts are generally with a length between 3 and 12 months and renewable at the latest fee rates of the renewed contract services on the contract renewal date. The option of renewal does not provide customers with a material right that it otherwise could not obtain without entering into that contract, therefore the renewal option was not recognized as a separate performance obligation in the contract. The service contracts do not grant the Company or customers a unilateral right to terminate the contracts before completion.

The Company also offers customized Cloud-based CC solutions to customers with tailored functionalities and interfacing capabilities suitable to their complicated IT environment. The Company has identified that the nature of our overall promise to customers as the provision of an appropriately customized and interfaced software solution comprising the customized CC license and other highly interdependent and interrelated services, and has accounted for the promise as one combined performance obligation. The Company applies an iterative process to design, test and implement the software in customers' IT environment and recognizes revenue for this performance obligation over a period of time during which the control of the customized Cloud-based CC solution is progressively transferred to the customers. The Company uses an input method to estimate progress, based on the proportion of the labour hours incurred relative to the estimated total labour hours. The Company also offers standard or non-complex cloud-based CC solutions to customers, and has identified one performance obligation in the agreement and recognized revenue upon delivery of standard software. The Company's Cloud-based CC contracts generally include a standard assurance-type warranty.

Cloud-based UC&C revenues

The Company offers customized Cloud-based UC&C solutions to customers with tailored functionalities and interfacing capabilities suitable to their complicated IT environment. The Company has identified that the nature of our overall promise to customers as the provision of an appropriately customized and interfaced software solution comprising the customized UC&C license and other highly interdependent and interrelated services, and has accounted for the promise as one combined performance obligation. The Company applies an iterative process to design, test and implement the software in customers' IT environment and recognizes revenue for this performance obligation over a period of time during which the control of the customized UC&C solution is progressively transferred to the customers. The Company uses an input method to estimate progress, based on the proportion of the labour hours incurred relative to the estimated total labour hours. The Company also offers standard or non-complex cloud-based UC&C solutions to customers, and has identified one performance obligation in the agreement and recognized revenue upon delivery of standard software. Our cloud-based UC&C contracts generally include a standard assurance-type warranty.

(t) Cost of Revenues

Cost of revenues mainly consists of payroll and related costs for employees, communication service expense associated with the use of facilities and equipment by these employees, such as rental and depreciation expenses, communication service expense charges to telecom operators or its distributors and cloud service fees to cloud service providers.

(u) Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses mainly consist of payroll and related costs for employees involved in researching in the field of cloud communication, and outsourced design expenses as well as expenses associated with the use by these functions of facilities and equipment, such as rental and depreciation expenses. Research and development expenses are expensed as incurred in accordance with ASC 730 amounted to RMB326,513 RMB222,538 and RMB177,000 for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

(v) Selling and Marketing Expenses

Selling and marketing expenses mainly consist of advertising expenses, promotion expenses, payroll and related expenses for personnel engaged in selling and marketing activities and expenses associated with the use by these functions of facilities and equipment, such as rental and depreciation expenses. Advertising expenses are expensed when incurred and are included in selling expenses in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss. For the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, the advertising expenses were RMB52,716, RMB42,885 and RMB39,154 respectively.

(w) General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses mainly consist of payroll and related costs for employees involved in general corporate functions, expenses associated with the use of facilities and equipment by these employees, such as rental and depreciation expenses, professional fees and other general corporate expenses.

(x) Share-based Compensation

The Group applied ASC 718, *Compensation-Stock Compensation* (“ASC 718”), to account for its employee share-based payments. Share-based awards granted to the founders and employees in the form of restricted shares are measured at the grant date fair value of the awards, and are recognized as compensation expense using the graded-vesting schedules over the requisite service period for each separately vesting portion (or tranche) of the award. The Group elects to recognize the effect of forfeitures in compensation cost when they occur. To the extent the required vesting conditions are not met resulting in the forfeiture of the share-based awards, previously recognized compensation expense relating to those awards is reversed.

Share-based compensation in relation to the restricted ordinary shares is measured based on the fair value of the Company’s ordinary shares at the grant date of the award, which is estimated using the income approach and equity allocation method. Estimation of the fair value of the Company’s ordinary shares involves significant assumptions that might not be observable in the market, and a number of complex and subjective variables, discount rate, risk-free interest rate and subjective judgments regarding the Company’s projected financial and operating results, its unique business risks, the liquidity of its ordinary shares and its operating history and prospects at the time the grants are made. Share-based compensation in relation to the share options is estimated using the binominal option pricing model. The determination of the fair value of share options is affected by the fair value of the Company’s ordinary shares as well as the assumptions regarding a number of complex and subjective variables, including the expected share price volatility, risk-free interest rate, exercise multiple and expected dividend yield. The fair value of these awards was determined by management with the assistance from a valuation report prepared by an independent valuation firm using management’s estimates and assumptions.

A change in any of the terms or conditions of share-based awards is accounted for as a modification of the awards. The Company calculates incremental compensation cost of a modification as the excess of the fair value of the modified awards over the fair value of the original awards immediately before its terms are modified at the modification date. For vested awards, the Company recognizes incremental compensation cost in the period the modification occurs. For awards not being fully vested, the Company recognizes the sum of the incremental compensation cost and the remaining unrecognized compensation cost for the original awards over the remaining requisite service period after modification.

(y) Employee Benefits

The Company’s subsidiaries and the VIE and VIE’s subsidiaries in the PRC participate in a government mandated, multi-employers, defined contribution plan, pursuant to which certain retirement, medical, housing and other welfare benefits are provided to employees. PRC labor laws require the entities incorporated in the PRC to pay to the local labor bureau a monthly contribution calculated at a stated contribution rate on the monthly basic compensation of qualified employees. The Company also makes payments to other defined contribution plans and defined benefit plans for the benefit of employees employed by the subsidiary of Japan. The Group has no further commitments beyond its monthly contribution. Employee social benefits included as expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of comprehensive loss amounted to RMB104,722, RMB86,198 and RMB65,998 for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

(z) Income Taxes

The Company follows the asset and liability method in according for income taxes in according to ASC topic 740 “Taxation” (“ASC 740”), Income Taxes, under this method, current income taxes are provided on the basis of income before income taxes for financial reporting purposes, and adjusted for income and expense items which are not assessable or deductible for income tax purposes, deferred income taxes are provided using the liability method. Under this method, deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the tax effects of temporary differences and are determined by applying enacted statutory tax rates that will be in effect in the period in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse to the temporary differences between the financial statements’ carrying amounts and the tax bases of assets and liabilities. A valuation allowance is provided to reduce the amount of deferred income tax assets if based on the weight of available evidence, it is more-likely-than-not that some portion, or all, of the deferred income tax assets will not be realized. The effect on deferred income taxes arising from a change in tax rates is recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss in the period of change.

The Company adopts ASC740 to account for uncertainty in income taxes. ASC740 clarifies a “more likely than not” recognition threshold in the evaluation of uncertain tax positions. The Group recognizes the benefit of a tax position in its consolidated financial statements if the tax position is “more likely than not” to prevail based on the facts and technical merits of the position. Tax positions that meet the “more likely than not” recognition threshold is measured at the largest amount of tax benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon settlement. Unrecognized tax benefits may be affected by changes in interpretation of laws, rulings of tax authorities, tax audits, and expiry of statutory limitations. In addition, changes in facts, circumstances and new information may require the Group to adjust the recognition and measurement estimates with regard to individual tax positions. Accordingly, unrecognized tax benefits are periodically reviewed and re-assessed. Adjustments, if required, are recorded in the Group’s consolidated financial statements in the period in which the change that necessitates the adjustments occur. The ultimate outcome for a particular tax position may not be determined with certainty prior to the conclusion of a tax audit and, in certain circumstances, a tax appeal or litigation process. The Group records interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits (if any) in interest expenses and general and administrative expenses, respectively. As of December 31, 2023 and 2024, the Group did not have any significant unrecognized uncertain tax positions.

(aa) Operating Leases

The Company adopted ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) (“ASU 2016-02”) from January 1, 2022 by using the modified retrospective method and did not restate the comparable periods. The Company has elected the package of practical expedients, which allows the Company not to reassess (1) whether any expired or existing contracts as of the adoption date are contain a lease, (2) lease classification for any expired or existing leases as of the adoption date and (3) initial direct costs for any expired or existing leases as of the adoption date. The Company also elected the short-term lease exemption for all contracts with lease terms of 12 months or less.

The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease or contains a lease at lease inception. Leases are classified at the inception date as either as a finance lease or an operating lease. The Company classifies a lease as a finance lease when the lease meets any one of the following criteria at lease commencement:

- a. The lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the lessee by the end of the lease term.
- b. The lease grants the lessee an option to purchase the underlying asset that the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise.
- c. The lease term is for a major part of the remaining economic life of the underlying asset.
- d. The present value of the sum of the lease payments and any residual value guaranteed by the lessee that is not already reflected in the lease payments equals or exceeds substantially all of the fair value of the underlying asset.
- e. The underlying asset is of such a specialized nature that it is expected to have no alternative use to the Company at the end of the lease term.

For operating leases, the Company recognizes an ROU asset and a lease liability based on the present value of the lease payments over the lease term on the consolidated balance sheets at commencement date. At lease commencement, operating lease ROU assets represent the right to use underlying assets for their respective lease terms and are recognized at amounts equal to the lease liabilities adjusted for any lease payments made prior to the lease commencement date, less any lease incentives received and any initial direct costs incurred by the Company.

After lease commencement, operating lease liabilities are measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments using the discount rate determined at lease commencement.

Operating lease ROU assets are measured at the amount of the lease liabilities and further adjusted for prepaid or accrued lease payments, the remaining balance of any lease incentives received, unamortized initial direct costs and impairment of the ROU assets, if any. Operating lease expense is recorded as a single cost on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company estimates its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. The incremental borrowing rate is estimated to approximate the interest rate on a collateralized basis with similar terms and payments, and in economic environments where the leased asset is located.

(bb) Foreign Currency Translation and Foreign Currency Risks

The Company's reporting currency is RMB. The functional currency of the Company and its subsidiary incorporated at Hong Kong S.A.R. is the US\$. The functional currency of the Company's subsidiary incorporated at Japan is JPY. The functional currency of the Company's PRC subsidiary, the VIE and the VIE's subsidiaries is RMB.

Transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are remeasured into the functional currency at the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are remeasured into the functional currency using the applicable exchange rate at the balance sheet date. The resulted exchange differences are recorded as foreign currency exchange gains (losses), net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss.

The financial statements of the Company, its subsidiary incorporated at Hong Kong S.A.R. and its subsidiary incorporated at Japan are translated from the functional currency into RMB. Assets and liabilities are translated into RMB using the applicable exchange rates at the balance sheet date. Equity accounts other than earnings (deficits) generated in the current period are translated into RMB using the appropriate historical rates. Revenues, expenses, gains and losses are translated into RMB using the average exchange rates for the relevant period. The resulted foreign currency translation adjustments are recorded as a component of other comprehensive loss in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, and the accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' deficit.

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 RMB is subject to changes of central government policies and international economic and political developments affecting supply and demand in the PRC foreign exchange trading system market.

(cc) Concentration and Risk

Concentration of customers and suppliers

No customers individually represent greater than 10.0% of total revenues of the Group during the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

One supplier represents 11.1% of total purchases of the Group during the year ended December 31, 2022. Two suppliers represent 14.7% and 13.4% of total purchases of the Group during the year ended December 31, 2023, respectively. One supplier represents 19.6% of total purchases of the Group during the year ended December 31, 2024.

Two customers represent 15.4% and 13.8% of total accounts receivable, net including related party amounts and contract assets of the Group as of December 31, 2023, respectively. One customer represents 16.6% of total accounts receivable, net including related party amounts and contract assets of the Group as of December 31, 2024.

Two suppliers represent 14.7% and 11.3% of total accounts payable of the Group as of December 31, 2023, respectively. Two suppliers represent 13.3% and 12.4% of total accounts payable of the Group as of December 31, 2024, respectively.

One customer represents 10.2% of total contract liabilities of the Group as of December 31, 2023. No customers individually represent greater than 10.0% of total contract liabilities of the Group as of December 31, 2024.

One supplier individually represents 21.0% of prepayments and other current assets excluding related party amounts of the Group as of December 31, 2023. Two suppliers represent 20.8% and 10.8% of prepayments and other current assets excluding related party amounts of the Group as of December 31, 2024, respectively.

Concentration of credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially expose the Group to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, restricted cash, term deposits, short-term investments and accounts receivable. The total amount of these financial instruments was RMB1,494 million and RMB1,285 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2024.

The Group's investment policy requires cash, restricted cash, term deposits and short-term investments to be placed with high-quality financial institutions and to limit the amount of credit risk from any one issuer. The Group regularly evaluates the credit standing of the counterparties or financial institutions.

The Group 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 Group 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.

Interest rate risk

The Group's short-term bank borrowings bears interests at fixed rates. If the Group were to renew these loans, the Group might be subject to interest rate risk.

(dd) Loss per Share

In accordance with ASC 260, *Earnings per Share*, basic income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares and participating securities during the period, considering the accretions to redemption value of the preferred shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year using the two-class method. Under the two-class method, any net income is allocated between ordinary shares and other participating securities based on their participating rights. A net loss is not allocated to participating securities when the participating securities does not have contractual obligation to share losses.

The Company's preferred shares and restricted ordinary shares are participating securities. The preferred shares are participating securities as they participate in undistributed earnings on an as-if-converted basis and the restricted ordinary shares are participating securities as the holders of the restricted ordinary shares have a non-forfeitable right to receive dividends with all ordinary shares. Neither the preferred shares nor the restricted ordinary shares has a contractual obligation to fund or otherwise absorb the Group's losses. Accordingly, any undistributed net income is allocated on a pro rata basis to the ordinary shares, preferred shares and restricted ordinary shares; whereas any undistributed net loss is allocated to ordinary shares only.

Unvested restricted ordinary shares are excluded from the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding because the restricted ordinary shareholders must return the restricted ordinary shares to the Company, if the specified condition are not met.

Diluted loss per share is calculated by dividing net loss attributable to ordinary shareholders, as adjusted for the effect of dilutive ordinary equivalent shares, if any, by the weighted average number of ordinary and dilutive ordinary equivalent shares outstanding during the period. Ordinary equivalent shares consist of shares issuable upon the conversion of the preferred shares and shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants, and ordinary shares issuable upon the vest of restricted ordinary shares or exercise of outstanding share option (using the treasury stock method). Ordinary equivalent shares are calculated based on the most advantageous conversion rate or exercise price from the standpoint of the security holder. Ordinary equivalent shares are not included in the denominator of the diluted loss per share calculation when inclusion of such shares would be anti-dilutive.

(ee) Segment Reporting

The Company's chief operating decision maker has been identified as the chief executive officer, who reviews consolidated results when making decisions about allocating resources and assessing performance of the Group. For the purpose of internal reporting and management's operation review, the Company's chief executive officer and management personnel do not segregate the Group's business by product or service. All products and services are viewed as in one and the only operating segment.

(ff) Treasury Stock

The Company accounts for treasury stock using the cost method. Under this method, the cost incurred to purchase the stock is recorded in the treasury stock account on the consolidated balance sheets. At retirement of the treasury stock, the ordinary shares account is charged only for the aggregate par value of the shares. The excess of the acquisition cost of treasury stock over the aggregate par value is allocated between additional paid-in capital and retained earnings.

(gg) Statutory Reserves

In accordance with the PRC Company Laws, the Group's PRC subsidiary, VIE and VIE's subsidiaries must make appropriations from their after-tax profits as determined under the generally accepted accounting principles in the PRC ("PRC GAAP") to non-distributable reserve funds including statutory surplus fund and discretionary surplus fund. The appropriation to the statutory surplus fund must be 10% of the after-tax profits as determined under PRC GAAP. Appropriation is not required if the statutory surplus fund has reached 50% of the registered capital of the PRC companies. Appropriation to the discretionary surplus fund is made at the discretion of the PRC companies.

The statutory surplus fund and discretionary surplus fund are restricted for use. They may only be applied to offset losses or increase the registered capital of the respective companies. These reserves are not allowed to be transferred to the Company by way of cash dividends, loans or advances, nor can they be distributed except for liquidation.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2024, no profit appropriation to statutory surplus fund for the Group's entities incorporated in the PRC. No appropriation to discretionary surplus fund was made for any of the periods presented by the Group's PRC subsidiary, VIE and VIE's subsidiaries.

(hh) Impact of newly adopted accounting pronouncement

In September 2022, the FASB issued ASU 2022-04, *Liabilities—Supplier Finance Programs (Subtopic 405-50): Disclosure of Supplier Finance Program Obligations*, which require a buyer in a supplier finance program disclose qualitative and quantitative information about the supplier finance program. The amendments do not affect the recognition, measurement, or financial statement presentation of obligations covered by supplier finance programs. The new guidance is required to be applied retrospectively to each period in which a balance sheet is presented, except for the amendment on rollforward information, which should be applied prospectively. This guidance is effective for the Company for the year ending December 31, 2024 and interim reporting periods during the year ending December 31, 2024. Early adoption is permitted. The Company adopted this guidance for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 with no material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-07, *Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures*. The ASU expands public entities' segment disclosures by requiring disclosure of significant segment expenses that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker ("CODM") and included within each reported measure of segment profit or loss, an amount and description of its composition for other segment items, and interim disclosures of a reportable segment's profit or loss and assets. The ASU also allows, in addition to the measure that is most consistent with U.S. GAAP, the disclosure of additional measures of segment profit or loss that are used by the CODM in assessing segment performance and deciding how to allocate resources. The ASU is effective for the Company's Annual Report on Form 20F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, and subsequent interim periods, with early adoption permitted. The Company adopted this guidance for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 with no material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

(ii) Recently issued accounting pronouncements not yet adopted

In June 2022, the FASB issued ASU 2022-03, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Fair Value Measurement of Equity Securities Subject to Contractual Sale Restrictions*, which clarifies that a contractual restriction on the sale of an equity security is not considered part of the unit of account of the equity security and, therefore, is not considered in measuring fair value. The amendments also clarify that an entity cannot, as a separate unit of account, recognize and measure a contractual sale restriction. This guidance also requires certain disclosures for equity securities subject to contractual sale restrictions. The new guidance is required to be applied prospectively with any adjustments from the adoption of the amendments recognized in earnings and disclosed on the date of adoption. This guidance is effective for the Company for the year ending December 31, 2025 and interim reporting periods during the year ending December 31, 2025. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this standard is not expected to have a material impact on the group's consolidated financial statements.

In March 2023, the FASB issued ASU No. 2023-02, *Investments—Equity Method and Joint Ventures (Topic 323): Accounting for Investments in Tax Credit Structures Using the Proportional Amortization Method*, that is intended to improve the accounting and disclosures for investments in tax credit structures. This ASU allows reporting entities to elect to account for qualifying tax equity investments using the proportional amortization method, regardless of the program giving rise to the related income tax credits. For public business entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, including interim periods within those fiscal years. For all other entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted for all entities in any interim period. The adoption of ASU 2023-02 is not expected to have any impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In October 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-06, *Disclosure Improvements: Codification Amendments in Response to the SEC's Disclosure Update and Simplification Initiative*. This standard was issued in response to the SEC's disclosure update and simplification initiative, which affects a variety of topics within the Accounting Standards Codification. The amendments apply to all reporting entities within the scope of the affected topics unless otherwise indicated. The effective date for each amendment will be the date on which the SEC's removal of that related disclosure from Regulation S-X or Regulation S-K becomes effective, with early adoption prohibited. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its financial statement disclosures.

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures*, which improves income tax disclosures. The amendments require the disclosure of specific categories in the rate reconciliation and additional information for reconciling items that meet a quantitative threshold. The amendments also require disaggregated information about the amount of income taxes paid (net of refunds received), Income (or loss) from continuing operations before income tax expense (or benefit) and Income tax expense (or benefit) from continuing operations. The new guidance is required to be applied either prospectively or retrospectively. This guidance is effective for the Company for the year ending March 31, 2026. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is evaluating the impact of the adoption of this guidance.

In March 2024, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued *The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate - Related Disclosures for Investors*, which requires entities to provide information of certain climate - related information. This update will be effective for the Company's fiscal years beginning in 2027. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the disclosure impact.

In November 2024, the FASB issued ASU2024-03, *Income Statement—Reporting Comprehensive Income—Expense Disaggregation Disclosures (Subtopic 220-40): Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses*. The standard will require additional disclosure of the nature of expenses included in the income statement in response to longstanding requests from investors for more information about an entity's expenses. The new standard requires disclosures about specific types of expenses included in the expense captions presented on the face of the income statement as well as disclosures about selling expenses. ASU2024-03 applies to all public business entities and is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2026 and interim reporting periods within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2027. The requirements will be applied prospectively with the option for retrospective application. Early adoption is permitted. We are evaluating this standard to determine if adoption will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

3. BUSINESS ACQUISITION

The Company accounted for its acquisition in accordance with ASC 805, “Business Combination” (“ASC 805”). The result of the acquiree’s operation has been included in the consolidated financial statements since the acquisition date. The excess of the fair value of the consideration transferred over the fair value of net tangible and intangible assets acquired was recorded as goodwill, which is not deductible for corporate income taxation purposes.

a) Acquisition of EliteCRM

On March 10, 2021, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to acquire all the equity interests of EliteCRM in exchange for RMB180 million consideration in cash. EliteCRM was a customer relationship management software provider, and the Group expected to generate synergy with the Cloud-based CC service line after the closing of acquisition. The Group obtained the control of EliteCRM business on March 22, 2021, and paid off the cash consideration for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The acquisition was recorded as a business combination. The Group determined the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed for this acquisition with assistance of an independent appraiser. The goodwill resulting from the acquisition is primarily attributable to the assembled workforce and established network of customers around China. The acquired goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes. A summary of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed in connection with the acquisition is as follows:

Purchase consideration:	RMB
cash	180,000
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed:	March 22, 2021
Cash	3,986
Accounts receivable	6,455
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	765
Property and equipment, net	4,944
Intangible assets	
Trademark	4,632
Non-compete arrangements	85
Customer relationship	15,000
Technology	4,588
Accounts payable	(5,215)
Contract liabilities	(568)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(8)
Deferred income tax liability	(1,665)
Total identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed	32,999
Goodwill	147,001

The intangible assets consist of trademark, non-compete arrangements, customer relationship and Technology. The fair values of trademark of RMB4,632, non-competition arrangements of RMB85, customer relationship of RMB15,000 and Technology of RMB 4,588 are amortized over 8 years, 2 years, 10 years and 6 years, respectively on a straight-line basis.

Intangible assets and goodwill arising from the above acquisition was subjected to annual impairment assessment, and impairment loss of RMB8,691, nil and nil from intangible assets, and impairment loss of RMB10,107, nil and nil from goodwill was recorded for the year ended December 31 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively (refer to Note 10, and 11).

b) Acquisition of Zhuge Inc.

On December 8, 2021, the Company entered into a share purchase agreement with all of the selling shareholders of Zhuge Inc. to acquire 100% equity interests of Zhuge Inc. in exchange for RMB93.5 million consideration in cash and 30,463 ordinary shares of the Company. Zhuge Inc. mainly provided professional data intelligence solutions, and the Group expected to generate synergy with the Cloud-based CC service line after the closing of acquisition. The Group obtained the control of Zhuge Inc. on December 22, 2021 and paid off the cash consideration of RMB93.5 million as of December 31, 2023.

The acquisition was recorded as a business combination. The Group determined the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed for this acquisition with assistance of an independent appraiser. The goodwill resulting from the acquisition is primarily attributable to the assembled workforce and established network of customers around China. The acquired goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes. A summary of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed in connection with the acquisition is as follows:

Purchase consideration:	RMB
cash	93,511
Fair value of 30,463 ordinary shares	300
	<u>93,811</u>
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed:	December 31, 2021
Cash	6,551
Accounts receivable	815
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	635
Property and equipment, net	19
Intangible assets	
Trademark	2,840
Non-compete arrangements	720
Order backlogs	8,560
Customer relationship	-
Technology	6,400
Short-term loan	(5,500)
Accounts payable	(1,220)
Contract liabilities	(4,129)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(12,780)
Deferred income tax liability	(4,630)
Long-term borrowings	(9,144)
Total identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed	<u>(10,863)</u>
Goodwill	104,674

The intangible assets consist of trademark, non-compete arrangements, order backlogs, customer relationship and Technology. The fair values of trademark of RMB2,840, non-competition arrangements of RM720, order backlogs of RMB8,560, and Technology of RMB6,400 are amortized over 10 years, 4 years, 4 years and 7 years, respectively on a straight-line basis.

Intangible assets and goodwill arising from the above acquisition was subjected to the annual impairment assessment, and impairment loss of RMB15,002 and RMB57,271 from intangible assets and goodwill was recorded for the year ended December 2022, respectively (refer to Note 10, and 11).

The acquisition above did not have a material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements, and, therefore, pro forma disclosures have not been presented.

c) Acquisition of Molun SCRM

On January 26, 2022, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to acquire all the equity interests of Molun SCRM business with the cash consideration of RMB31.8 million, which was the private domain social customer relationship management (“SCRM”) software provider targeting car OEMs and dealers. The Group expected to generate synergy with the Cloud-based CC service line after the closing of acquisition. The Group obtained the control of Molun SCRM business in March, 2022 and paid off the cash consideration of RMB31.8 million as of December 31, 2022.

The transaction was accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC Topic 805. The acquisition was recorded as a business combination. The Group determined the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed for this acquisition with assistance of an independent appraiser. The goodwill resulting from the acquisition is primarily attributable to the assembled workforce and established network of customers around China. The acquired goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes. A summary of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed in connection with the acquisition is as follows:

Purchase consideration:	RMB
cash	31,800
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed:	March, 2022
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	150
Intangible assets	
Order backlogs	100
Trademark	1,000
Technology	3,730
Contract liabilities	(12,002)
Deferred income tax liability	(1,207)
Total identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed	(8,229)
Goodwill	40,029

The intangible assets consist of non-compete arrangements, customer relationship and Technology. The fair values of order backlogs of RMB100, trademark of RMB1,000 and Technology of RMB3,730 are amortized over 1 year, 10 years and 9 years, respectively on a straight-line basis.

Intangible assets and goodwill arising from the above acquisition was subjected to the annual impairment assessment, and impairment loss of RMB4,318 and RMB40,029 from intangible assets and goodwill was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2022, respectively (refer to Note 10, and 11).

The acquisition above did not have a material impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements, and, therefore, pro forma disclosures have not been presented.

4. CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH

A reconciliation of cash and restricted cash in the consolidated balance sheets to the amounts in the consolidated statement of cash flows is as follows:

	December 31,	
	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB
Cash	377,947	640,119
Restricted cash	4,502	10,396
Total cash and restricted cash shown in the consolidated statements of cash flows	382,449	650,515

The balances of restricted cash were mainly related to bank deposits for performance guarantee, which were restricted for use as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, and will be released from restriction within the next 12 months.

5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET

Accounts receivable, net consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB
Accounts receivable - third parties	242,944	204,502
Allowance for credit loss - third parties	(99,523)	(84,128)
Accounts receivable - third parties, net	143,421	120,374
Accounts receivable – related parties	828	663
Allowance for credit loss – related parties	(124)	(274)
Accounts receivable – related parties	704	389

The movement of the allowance for credit loss including both account receivables due from third parties and a related party is as follows:

Allowance for credit loss - third parties	Year ended December 31,	
	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB
Balance at the beginning of the year	81,242	99,523
Additions charged to credit loss	18,281	(15,395)
Write-off	-	-
Balance at the end of the year	99,523	84,128
Allowance for credit loss –related parties	Year ended December 31,	
	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB
Balance at the beginning of the year	5	124
Additions charged to credit loss	119	150
Balance at the end of the year	124	274

The aging analysis table of allowance for credit loss is as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB
Within 1 year	(61,083)	(36,044)
Thereafter	(38,440)	(48,084)
Allowance for credit loss - third parties	<u>(99,523)</u>	<u>(84,128)</u>
Within 1 year	(124)	(274)
Allowance for credit loss - related parties	<u>(124)</u>	<u>(274)</u>

6. PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments and other current assets as of December 31, 2023 and 2024 consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB
Advance to suppliers	44,277	45,325
Deposits	13,452	11,951
Staff advances	967	848
Deductible input VAT	39,999	45,188
Receivables from third party payment platforms	1,594	550
Others	9,166	16,134
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	<u>109,455</u>	<u>119,996</u>

7. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

	For the year ended December 31,	
	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB
Equity method investments		
Shanghai Keshen Information Technology Co., Ltd.	13,165	13,168
Beijing Lingshang Chunding Technology Co., Ltd.	-	-
Total equity method investments	<u>13,165</u>	<u>13,168</u>
Other equity investments		
Shanghai Yuhuan Information System Co.Ltd.	18,784	18,784
Beijing Hujingtiao Yue Technology Co., Ltd.	11,000	11,000
Xinyu Hongling Investment Management Center (limited Partnership)	11,100	11,100
Total other equity investments	<u>40,884</u>	<u>40,884</u>
Total long-term investments	<u>54,049</u>	<u>54,052</u>

(a) Equity method investments

Investments in Shanghai Keshen

In November 2021, Ronglian Yitong acquired 20% equity interest of Shanghai Keshen Information Technology Co., Ltd. (“Shanghai Keshen”), which is principally engaged in technology development, technology transfer, technical consultation and technical services, at a cash consideration of RMB15 million. Ronglian Yitong has the right to appoint one out of three directors for the year ended December 31, 2021. The investments are accounted for under the equity method as Ronglian Yitong is able to exercise significant influence through its board representation. Ronglian Yitong recognized its share of loss of RMB1,969, RMB981 and share of gain of RMB3 for the year ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024. The Company performed an impairment analysis in 2022, 2023 and 2024, and no impairment loss was recognized related to the investments without readily determinable fair value due to the lower-than-expected financial performance, and no other downward adjustment was related to the investments without readily determinable fair value.

Investments in Beijing Lingshang

In January 2023, Ronglian Yitong acquired 20% equity interest of Beijing Lingshang Chunding Technology Co., Ltd. (“Beijing Lingshang”), which is principally engaged in intelligent voice product development, technology transfer, technical consultation and technical services, at a cash consideration of RMB5 million. Ronglian Yitong has the right to appoint one out of three directors for the year ended December 31, 2023. The investments are accounted for under the equity method as Ronglian Yitong is able to exercise significant influence through its board representation. Ronglian Yitong recognized its share of loss RMB489 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Company performed an impairment analysis in 2023, and recognized RMB4,511 impairment loss related to the investments without readily determinable fair value due to the lower-than-expected financial performance, and no other downward adjustment was related to the investments without readily determinable fair value.

(b) Other equity investments

Investments in Hujingtiaoyue

In September 2017, Ronglian Yitong entered into a share purchase agreement to acquire 6.56% equity interest of Beijing Hujingtiaoyue Technology Co., Ltd. (“Hujingtiaoyue”), which is principally engaged in provision of artificial intelligence marketing solutions, at a cash consideration of RMB4,000. According to the shares purchase agreement, Ronglian Yitong, together with another shareholder, has the right to appoint one director. The Group accounts for its investment in Hujingtiaoyue as other equity investments since its investment is not in substance common stock due to the liquidation preference feature, and does not have readily determinable fair value. The Group elected to measure other equity investments without a readily determinable fair value at cost adjusted for changes resulting from impairments, if any, and observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or similar securities of the same issuer.

In June 2018, Hujingtiaoyue entered into new financing agreements with new investors. After Hujingtiaoyue’s new financing, Ronglian Yitong’s equity interest in Hujingtiaoyue decreased to 5.45% and Ronglian Yitong, together with another shareholder, remains the right to appoint one director. The new financing provided an observable price for Ronglian Yitong’s investment in Hujingtiaoyue and Ronglian Yitong evaluated the investment’s carrying amount based on the observable price and recognized a gain of RMB100 from the change in fair value.

In May 2019, Hujingtiaoyue entered into new financing agreements with new investors. After Hujingtiaoyue’s new financing, Ronglian Yitong’s equity interest in Hujingtiaoyue further decreased to 4.29% and Ronglian Yitong, together with another shareholder, remains the right to appoint one director. The new financing provided an observable price for Ronglian Yitong’s investments in Hujingtiaoyue and Ronglian Yitong evaluated this investment’s carrying amount based on the observable price, and recognized a gain of RMB900 from the change in fair value.

In May 2021, Hujingtiaoyue conducted reorganization and setup Beijing Tanma Qifu Technology Co., Ltd. (“Beijing Tanma”), a new VIE. All shareholders of Hujingtiaoyue were transferred to Beijing Tanma, on a pro rate basis. Ronglian Yitong owned 4.29% equity interest in Beijing Tanma.

In October 2021 and December 2021, Beijing Tanma entered into new financing agreements with new investors. After Beijing Tanma's new financing, Ronglian Yitong's equity interest in Beijing Tanma further decreased to 2.45%. Since May 2021, Ronglian Yitong had no right to appoint any director due to reduction of equity interest. The new financing provided an observable price for Ronglian Yitong's investments in Hujingtiao Yue and Ronglian Yitong evaluated the investment's carrying amount based on the observable price, and recognized a gain of RMB8,000 from the change in fair value.

The new financing agreement with new investors provided the observable price for other equity investment and the fair value adjustment was determined primarily based on the market approach as of the transaction date, which takes into consideration a number of factors including recent financing pricing which shall be adjusted as similar securities to reflect difference in the rights and obligations between the equity security that was transacted and the equity security held by the Company, and discount rates from traded companies in the industry and requires the Company to make certain assumptions and estimates regarding industry factors. Specifically, some of the significant unobservable inputs included discount of lack of marketability. The assumptions are inherently uncertain and subjective. Changes in any unobservable inputs may have a significant impact on the fair values.

In December 2022, 2023 and 2024, The Company performed impairment analysis, and recognized RMB2,000, nil and nil impairment loss related to the investments without readily determinable fair value due to the lower-than-expected financial performance, and no other downward adjustment was related to the investments without readily determinable fair value.

Investments in Xinyu Hongling

In August 2021, Ronglian Yitong and other third party entities set up a limited partnership, Xinyu Hongling Investment Management Center (limited partnership) ("Xinyu Hongling"), which is mainly engaged in investment management and asset management, with a subscribed capital of RMB150 million. Xinyu Hongling's fund is used to invest in Xicheng Zhiyuan Digital Power Selection (Beijing) Investment Center (Limited Partnership) ("Xicheng Zhiyuan"), with a target subscription amount of RMB751 million. The subscribed capital contribution of Ronglian Yitong is RMB20,000, accounting for 13.33% and 2.66% of the registered capital of Xinyu Hongling and Xicheng Zhiyuan. According to the investment agreement, Ronglian Yitong does not have the right to appoint any directors. The Group accounts for its investment in Xinyu Hongling as other equity investments since its investment is not in-substance common stock due to the liquidation preference feature, and does not have readily determinable fair value. The Group elected to measure other equity investments without a readily determinable fair value at cost adjusted for changes resulting from impairments, if any, and observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or similar securities of the same issuer.

In December 2022, 2023 and 2024, the Company performed an impairment analysis, and recognized RMB5,400 and RMB3,500 and nil impairment loss related to the investments without readily determinable fair value due to the lower-than-expected financial performance, and no other downward adjustment was related to the investments without readily determinable fair value.

Investments in Shanghai Yuhuan

The Company performed impairment analysis for Shanghai Yuhuan Information System Co., Ltd. ("ShanghaiYuhuan") in 2022, 2023 and 2024, and recognized nil impairment loss related to the investments without readily determinable fair value due to the lower-than-expected financial performance, and no other downward adjustment was related to the investments without readily determinable fair value. To estimate the fair value of investment in Shanghai Yuhuan, the Company used discounted cash flow model ("DCF Model"), which is based on the fair value of the entire invested capital of Shanghai Yuhuan using an income approach. The significant inputs for the valuation model include, but not limited to, future cash flows, discount rate, and the comparable selection set of companies operating in similar businesses.

8. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment as of December 31, 2023 and 2024 consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB
Computer and office equipment	22,045	22,836
Furniture and fixtures	2,855	2,661
Motor vehicles	938	938
Leasehold improvement	3,431	5,448
Buildings	4,702	4,702
Property and Equipment	33,971	36,585
Less: Accumulated depreciation	23,586	28,412
Property and Equipment, net	10,385	8,173

Depreciation expenses were RMB5,304, RMB5,383 and RMB4,992 for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Depreciation expenses on property and equipment were allocated to the following expense items:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Cost of revenues	22	279	106
Research and development expenses	1,403	2,019	1,787
Selling and marketing expenses	2,158	1,299	1,712
General and administrative expenses	1,721	1,786	1,387
Total depreciation expenses	5,304	5,383	4,992

9. Lease

The Group has entered into various non-cancellable operating lease agreements for certain offices. The Group determines if an arrangement is a lease, or contains a lease, at inception and record the leases in the financial statements upon lease commencement, which is the date when the underlying asset is made available for use by the lessor.

The balances for the operating and finance leases where the Group is the lessee are presented as follows within the consolidated balance sheet:

Operating leases:	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2024	
	RMB(000)	RMB(000)	US\$(000)
Assets:			
Right-of-use assets - operating lease	13,992	10,800	1,480
Liability:			
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	10,300	5,843	801
Non-current operating lease liabilities	2,164	4,731	648
Total operating lease liabilities	12,464	10,574	1,449

The components of lease expenses were as follows:

	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2024	
	RMB(000)	RMB(000)	US\$(000)
Lease Cost			
Amortization of right-of-use assets	14,437	9,769	1,338
Interest of operating lease liabilities	3,210	2,719	373
Expenses for short-term leases within 12 months and other non-lease component	2,022	1,281	175
Total lease cost	19,669	13,769	1,886

As of December 31, 2023 and 2024, the weighted average remaining lease term was 1.28 and 2.32 years and weighted average discount rate was 5.49% and 5.93% for the Company's operating leases.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, the Company recognized lease expense of RMB26,954, RMB19,669 and RMB13,769, respectively, under ASC 840.

Supplemental cash flow information related to leases where we are the lessee is as follows:

	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2024	
	RMB(000)	RMB(000)	US\$(000)
Cash payments for operating leases	20,582	14,331	1,963
ROU assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities	7,825	11,634	1,594

As of Dec 31, 2024, the maturities of our operating are as follows:

Year ending December 31.	Operating Lease	
	RMB(000)	US\$(000)
2025	7,849	1,075
2026	4,219	578
2027	1,321	181
Total future lease payments	13,389	1,834
Less: Imputed interest	2,815	385
Total lease liability balance	10,574	1,449

As of Dec 31, 2023, the maturities of our operating are as follows:

Year ending December 31.	Operating Lease	
	RMB	US\$
2024	11,255	1,585
2025	2,320	327
Total future lease payments	13,575	1,912
Less: Imputed interest	1,111	156
Total lease liability balance	12,464	1,756

10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET

The following table summarizes the Company's intangible assets, as of December 31, 2023 and 2024.

	December 31, 2023				
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Accumulated impairment	Net carrying amount	Weighted average amortization Period
	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	Years
Software copyrights	16,860	(11,627)	-	5,233	7.2
Telecommunication business operation licenses	2,882	(2,819)	-	63	4.0
Technology	14,865	(3,027)	(10,474)	1,364	7.2
Non-compete arrangements	805	(260)	(545)	-	3.8
Customer relationship	15,000	(3,448)	(5,586)	5,966	10.0
Trademark	8,472	(1,698)	(5,106)	1,668	8.9
Order backlogs	8,660	(2,223)	(6,437)	-	7.2
Total	67,544	(25,102)	(28,148)	14,294	

	December 31, 2024				
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Accumulated impairment	Net carrying amount	Weighted average amortization Period
	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	Years
Software copyrights	16,816	(12,687)	-	4,129	7.0
Telecommunication business operation licenses	2,882	(2,839)	-	43	4.0
Technology	14,865	(3,447)	(10,474)	944	7.0
Non-compete arrangements	805	(260)	(545)	-	4.0
Customer relationship	15,000	(4,271)	(5,586)	5,143	10.0
Trademark	8,472	(2,016)	(5,106)	1,350	9.0
Order backlogs	8,660	(2,223)	(6,437)	-	4.0
Total	67,500	(27,743)	(28,148)	11,609	

Amortization expenses for intangible assets were RMB8,589, RMB3,392 and RMB2,641 for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

The estimated amortization expense for the next five years is as follows:

	RMB
2025	1,610
2026	1,606
2027	1,292
2028	1,188
2029	950
Then thereafter	4,963

11. GOODWILL

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill by reporting unit is as follows:

	Guohebing	Acquisition of Zhuge Inc.	Molun SAAS	Total
	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB
Balance as of December 31, 2021	64,534	57,271	-	121,805
Additions	-	-	40,029	40,029
Impairment	(10,107)	(57,271)	(40,029)	(107,407)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	54,427	-	-	54,427
Additions	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-
Balance as of December 31, 2023	54,427	-	-	54,427
Additions	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-
Balance as of December 31, 2024	54,427	-	-	54,427

In the annual goodwill impairment assessment, the Company concluded that the carrying amounts of these reporting units exceeded their respective fair values and recorded impairment losses of RMB107.4 million, nil and nil during the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. The fair value of these reporting units was determined using the market value approach.

12. ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

	December 31,	
	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB
Accrued payroll and social insurance	53,679	42,547
Taxes payable	29,666	32,383
Deposits of BNY MELLON	33,078	19,016
Deposits	406	218
Staff reimbursements	5,727	4,915
Other payables	1,984	1,930
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	124,540	101,009

13. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

Restricted ordinary shares

On August 28, 2019, 8,154,893 ordinary shares held by Cloopen Co., Ltd., which is wholly owned by Mr. Sun Changxun, became restricted with a graded vesting as to 1/3 of the restricted ordinary shares vest on the first anniversary of August 28, 2019 and with the remaining 2/3 of the restricted ordinary shares vesting evenly over the next two years. Such restricted shares are also subject to immediate vesting upon the Company's completion of a qualified IPO. The fair value of the shares of US\$9,827 are amortized to consolidated statements of comprehensive loss over the vesting term of three years.

In January 2021, the Company adopted a second share option Plan ("2021 Share Plan"), under which the maximum aggregate number of Class A ordinary shares that may be issued pursuant to all awards under such plan is 15,144,221. The ordinary shares became restricted with a vesting schedule of four years. Under the 2021 Share Plan, 5,898,500 ordinary shares were granted to employees for the year 2021.

In March 2021, the Company offered certain management members of EliteCRM 2,411,177 ordinary shares, which become restricted with a graded vesting as to 1/2 of the restricted ordinary shares vest on the first anniversary of March 22, 2022 and with the remaining 1/2 of the restricted ordinary shares vesting on March 22, 2023. The fair value of the shares of US\$23,883 are amortized to consolidated statements of comprehensive loss over the vesting term of two years.

A summary of the Company's restricted ordinary shares held by the Company's employees for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2024 is presented below:

	Number of shares	Weighted average grant date fair value
Unvested as of January 1, 2023	4,976,485	3.20
Granted	860,000	0.29
Vested	(2,001,838)	1.07
Forfeited	(1,031,670)	1.04
Unvested as of December 31, 2023	2,802,977	4.62
Granted	6,430,000	0.54
Vested	(906,732)	0.89
Forfeited	(87,225)	1.76
Unvested as of December 31, 2024	8,239,020	1.88

Total compensation expenses recognized for restricted ordinary shares for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 were allocated to the following expense items:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Research and development expenses	(5,158)	654	(545)
General and administrative expenses	59,133	10,868	1,828
Selling and marketing expenses	1,275	1,851	10,968
Total restricted ordinary shares compensation expenses	55,250	13,373	12,251

In addition to the restricted ordinary shares held by the Company's employees, 1,700,000 ordinary shares were held by a non-employee founder, which were restricted and have been vested immediately upon the completion of the Company's initial public offering on February 9, 2021. The fair value of 1,700,000 restricted ordinary shares on grant date is US\$111.

As of December 31, 2024, total unrecognized compensation expense related to restricted ordinary shares were RMB21,006 until 2028. The restricted ordinary shares are expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 3.35 years.

Shares Options

In January 2017, the Company's shareholders and board of directors approved a share option Plan ("2016 Share Plan"), under which a maximum aggregate number of 21,119,408 ordinary shares may be issued pursuant to all awards to be granted. In September 2018, the Company's shareholders and board of directors approved that the maximum aggregate number of ordinary shares may be issued under 2016 Share Plan shall be modified to 25,838,502 pre-offering Class A Ordinary Shares. In March 2020 and July 2020, the Company's shareholders and board of directors approved that the maximum aggregate number of ordinary shares may be issued under 2016 Share Plan shall be modified to 26,419,211 and 29,525,465 pre-offering Class A Ordinary Shares, respectively.

In addition, the options may be exercised with respect to 25% to 50% of the shares subject to the options as of the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date with the remaining shares subject to the options shall become vested in equal monthly installments over a period of 12-36 months thereafter. Share options were granted with exercise prices ranging from US\$0.01 to US\$0.38 and will expire 10 years from the grant dates.

Under the 2016 Share Plan, nil and 1,000,000 share options were granted to employees, officers, and board members for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2024, respectively. A summary of the share options activities for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2024 is presented below:

	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price US\$	Weighted remaining contractual years	Aggregate intrinsic value US\$
Outstanding as of January 1, 2023	17,595,037	0.24		
Forfeited	(721,728)	0.15		
Exercised	(3,731,723)	0.17		
Outstanding as of December 31, 2023	13,141,586	0.26		
Granted	1,000,000	0.38		
Forfeited	(736,690)	0.15		
Exercised	(1,018,889)	0.19		1,463
Outstanding as of December 31, 2024	12,386,007	0.28		
Vested and expected to vest as of December 31, 2024	12,386,007	0.28	3.39	24,278
Exercisable as of December 31, 2024	11,499,929	0.25	2.33	24,016

The fair values of the options granted are estimated on the dates of grant using the binomial option pricing model with the following assumptions used:

	Year ended December 31, 2024
Grant dates:	
Risk free rate of return	2.5%
Volatility	45.0%
Expected dividend yield	0%
Exercise multiple	2.20
Fair value of underlying ordinary share	US\$0.30- US\$0.52
Expiration terms	10 years

The expected volatility was estimated based on the historical volatility of comparable peer public companies with a time horizon close to the expected term of the Company's options. The risk-free interest rate was estimated based on the yield to maturity of U.S. treasury bonds denominated in US\$ for a term consistent with the expected term of the Company's options in effect at the option valuation date. Expected dividend yield is zero as the Company does not anticipate any dividend payments in the foreseeable future. The expected exercise multiple was estimated as the average ratio of the stock price to the exercise price of when employees would decide to voluntarily exercise their vested options. As the Company did not have sufficient information of past employee exercise history, it has considered the statistics on exercise patterns of employees compiled by Huddart and Lang in Huddart, S., and M. Lang. 1996. "Employee Stock Option Exercises: An Empirical Analysis." *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, vol. 21, no. 1 (February), pages 5-43, which are widely adopted by valuers as authoritative guidance on expected exercise multiples. Expected term is the contract life of the option.

Compensation expense recognized for share options during the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 is allocated to the following expense items:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Cost of revenues	(621)	3	-
Research and development expenses	(795)	1,006	55
Selling and marketing expenses	(765)	6,068	345
General and administrative expenses	54,393	1,788	1,653
Total share option compensation expenses	52,212	8,865	2,053

As of December 31, 2024, RMB1,111 of total unrecognized compensation expense related to share options that are expected to be recognized until 2028. The share options are expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.84 years.

14. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The following tables present the fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 respectively:

RMB	December 31, 2022			Total Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets				
Short-term investments	-	-	412,031	412,031
RMB	December 31, 2023			Total Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets				
Short-term investments	-	-	422,559	422,559
RMB	December 31, 2024			Total Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets				
Short-term investments	-	-	291,280	291,280

The table below reflects the reconciliation from the opening balances to the closing balances for recurring fair value measurements of the fair value hierarchy for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024:

				Year ended December 31, 2022			
				Gain or Losses			
	January 1, 2022	Purchase/ Issue	Sell / Exercise	Included in earnings	Included in other comprehensive loss	Foreign currency translation adjustment included in other comprehensive loss	December 31, 2022
RMB							
Assets							
Short term investments	127,514	357,142	70,306	-	-	(2,320)	412,031
				Year ended December 31, 2023			
				Gain or Losses			
	January 1, 2023	Purchase/ Issue	Sell / Exercise	Included in earnings	Included in other comprehensive loss	Foreign currency translation adjustment included in other comprehensive loss	December 31, 2023
RMB							
Assets							
Short term investments	412,031	28,187	24,663	563	-	6,441	422,559
				Year ended December 31, 2024			
				Gain or Losses			
	January 1, 2024	Purchase/ Issue	Sell / Exercise	Included in earnings	Included in other comprehensive loss	Foreign currency translation adjustment included in other comprehensive loss	December 31, 2024
RMB							
Assets							
Short term investments	422,559	222,036	357,825	11,859	-	(7,349)	291,280

15. INCOME TAX

a) Income tax

The Cayman Islands

Under the current laws of the Cayman Islands, the Company is not subject to tax on income or capital gain. Additionally, the Cayman Islands does not impose a withholding tax on payments of dividends to shareholders.

No stamp duty is payable in respect of the issue of the shares or on an instrument of transfer in respect of a share.

Hong Kong S.A.R.

Under the current Hong Kong S.A.R. Inland Revenue Ordinance, the Company's Hong Kong S.A.R. subsidiary is subject to Hong Kong S.A.R. profits tax at the rate of 16.5% on its taxable income generated from the operations in Hong Kong S.A.R. Payments of dividends by the Hong Kong S.A.R. subsidiary to the Company is not subject to withholding tax in Hong Kong S.A.R. A two-tiered profits tax rates regime was introduced in 2018 where the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits earned by a company will be taxed at half of the current tax rate (8.25%) whilst the remaining profits will continue to be taxed at 16.5%. There is an anti-fragmentation measure where each group will have to nominate only one company in the group to benefit from the progressive rates. No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made in the financial statements as the subsidiary in Hong Kong has no assessable profits for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Japan

The Company's Japan subsidiary, Cloopen Japan Co., Ltd., is subject to Japanese corporation tax (including national corporation tax, local enterprise tax and other income-based taxes) on its worldwide income. The statutory effective tax rate is approximately 30% to 34%, depending on the size of the company.

Dividends paid by a Japanese company are generally subject to Japanese withholding tax. If the Japanese company paying dividends is a non-listed company and the payee is a non-resident of Japan, the rate of such withholding tax is 20.42% under Japanese Tax law. The Company enjoys preferential withholding tax rate of 10% under Japan-China tax treaty.

The PRC

The Group's PRC subsidiaries, the VIE, and the VIE's subsidiaries are subject to the PRC Corporate Income Tax Law ("CIT Law") and are taxed at the statutory income tax rate of 25%, unless otherwise specified.

In March 2007, a new enterprise income tax law (the "New EIT Law") in the PRC was enacted which became effective on January 1, 2008. The New EIT Law applies a unified 25% enterprise income tax ("EIT") rate to both foreign invested enterprises and domestic enterprises, unless a preferential EIT rate is otherwise stipulated. On April 14, 2008, relevant governmental regulatory authorities released further qualification criteria, application procedures and assessment processes for meeting the High and New Technology Enterprise ("HNTE") status under the New EIT Law which would entitle qualified and approved entities to a favorable EIT tax rate of 15%. In April 2009 and June 2017, the State Administration for Taxation ("SAT") issued Circular Guoshuihan (2009) No. 203 ("Circular 203") and SAT Announcement (2017) No. 24 ("Announcement 24") stipulating that the entities which qualified for the HNTE status should apply with in-charge tax authorities to enjoy the reduced EIT rate of 15% provided under the New EIT Law starting from the year when the new HNTE certificate becomes effective. The HNTE certificate is effective for a period of three years and can be renewed for another three years. Subsequently, an entity needs to re-apply for the HNTE status in order to be able to enjoy the preferential tax rate of 15%.

Ronglian 7Moor obtained the HNTE certificate in December 2016, and subsequently renewed the HNTE certificate in October 2019 and November 2022. Thus, Ronglian 7Moor is entitled to a preferential tax rate of 15% from 2016 to 2024.

Beijing Baiyi High-Tech Information Technology Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the Company, obtained the HNTE certificate in October 2017, which expired in October 2020. In October 2020, Baiyi renewed its HNTE status which entitles it to the preferential income tax rate of 15% from 2020 to 2022. Due to business scope change, Baiyi has no plan to renew the HNTE certificates and could not entitle to the preferential tax rate of 15% after the HNTE certificate became void from January 1, 2023.

Beijing Yunrong Tianxia Technology Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the Company, obtained the HNTE certificates in December 2017 and subsequently renewed the HNTE Certificate in October 2020 and October 2023. Thus, it was entitled to the preferential tax rate of 15% from 2017 to 2025.

Ronglian Yitong, a subsidiary of the Company, obtained the HNTE certificate in September 2015 and subsequently renewed the HNTE certificate in September 2018, December 2021 and December 2024. Thus, it was entitled to the preferential tax rate of 15% from 2015 to 2026.

Beijing Ronglian Huitong Technology Co., Ltd. and Shenzhen Zhongtian Wangjing Technology Co., Ltd., subsidiaries of the Company, obtained the HNTE certificates in December 2019. Thus, they are entitled to the preferential tax rate of 15% from 2019 to 2021. Beijing Ronglian Huitong Technology Co., Ltd., renewed its HNTE status in December 2021 and August 2023, and is entitled to a preferential tax rate of 15% from 2022 to 2024. In December 2022, Shenzhen Zhongtian Wangjing Technology Co., Ltd., renewed its HNTE status which entitled it to the preferential income tax rate of 15% from 2022 to 2024.

Zhuge Yunyou, a subsidiary of the Company, obtained the HNTE certificate in October 2021 and subsequently renewed the HNTE certificate in December 2024. Thus, it was entitled to the preferential tax rate of 15% from 2021 to 2026.

If any entities fail to maintain the HNTE qualification under the New EIT Law, they will no longer qualify for the preferential tax rate of 15%.

The CIT Law also provides that an enterprise established under the laws of a foreign country or region but whose “de facto management body” is located in the PRC be treated as a resident enterprise for the PRC tax purposes and consequently be subject to the PRC income tax at the rate of 25% for its global income. The Implementing Rules of the CIT Law define the location of the “de facto management body” as “the place where the exercising, in substance, of the overall management and control of the production and business operation, personnel, accounting, property, etc., of a non-PRC company is located.” Based on a review of surrounding facts and circumstances, the Group does not believe that it is likely that its operations outside the PRC should be considered a resident enterprise for PRC tax purposes.

The components of loss before income taxes are as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
The Cayman Islands*	(345,945)	(69,414)	(13,599)
Hong Kong S.A.R.*	(34,946)	3,397	35,238
Japan*	(27,883)	(19,507)	(10,690)
The PRC, excluding Hong Kong S.A.R.	(567,467)	(327,414)	(158,092)
Total	(976,241)	(412,938)	(147,143)

* Non-PRC entities not subject to income tax

Withholding tax on undistributed dividends

The CIT law also imposes a withholding income tax of 10% on dividends distributed by a foreign investment enterprise (“FIE”) to its immediate holding company outside of Mainland China, if such immediate holding company is considered as a non-resident enterprise without any establishment or place within Mainland China or if the received dividends have no connection with the establishment or place of such immediate holding company within Mainland China, unless such immediate holding company’s jurisdiction of incorporation has a tax treaty with the PRC that provides for a different withholding arrangement. The Cayman Islands, where the Company is incorporated, does not have such tax treaty with the PRC. According to the arrangement between Mainland China and Hong Kong S.A.R. on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion in August 2006, dividends paid by an FIE in Mainland China to its immediate holding company in Hong Kong S.A.R. will be subject to withholding tax at a rate of no more than 5% (if the foreign investor owns directly at least 25% of the shares of the FIE). The Group did not record any dividend withholding tax, as the Group’s PRC entities, have no retained earnings in any of the years presented.

Pursuant to the PRC Corporate Income Tax Law, a 10% withholding tax is levied on interest income from the foreign investment enterprises established in Mainland China. The requirement is effective from 1 January 2008 and applies to earnings after 31 December 2007. The Group applies a preferential withholding tax rate of 7% due to a tax treaty between Mainland China and the jurisdiction of the foreign investors.

Income tax expense recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss consists of the following:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Current income tax expense	8,464	(135)	74
Deferred income tax benefit	(8,806)	(429)	(390)
Total income tax benefit	(342)	(564)	(316)

Reconciliation of the differences between the income tax benefit computed based on the PRC statutory income tax rate and the Group’s income tax expense for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 are as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Computed expected income tax benefit	(244,060)	(103,234)	(36,786)
Non-deductible expenses / taxable deemed income			
Share-based compensation	26,865	5,560	3,576
Non-deductible entertainment	1,240	1,264	802
Taxable deemed interest income from inter-company interest-free loans	2,659	1,828	1,633
Employee commercial Insurance	291	208	271
Effect of withholding tax at 7% on the interest income of a PRC subsidiary	2,121	-	-
Selling Commission	1,003	1,057	1,016
Others	109	167	97
Non-PRC entities not subject to income tax	66,530	16,571	1,044
Effect of income tax rate differences in jurisdictions other than the PRC	2,964	(282)	(345)
Over provision in respect of prior years	203	36	(65)
NOL expired	38,871	34,921	18,292
Amortization of intangible assets formed by business combinations	(8,806)	(429)	(390)
Others	1,701	(2,759)	(1,725)
Changes in valuation allowance	107,967	44,528	12,264
Actual income tax expense	(342)	(564)	(316)

b) Deferred income tax assets

	December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Net operating loss carry forwards	349,681	388,065	398,464
Un-invoiced expenditures	9,867	9,867	9,867
Accounts receivable and contract assets allowance	22,172	26,561	25,711
Other equity investments impairment	12,777	10,278	10,278
Goodwill impairment	55,534	55,534	55,534
Share of losses of equity method investments	641	980	979
Others	2,050	3,199	5,915
Less: Valuation allowance	(443,306)	(487,834)	(500,098)
Total deferred income tax assets, net	9,416	6,650	6,650
Intangible assets	(1,285)	(857)	(466)
Equity method investment on the gain from the disposal of a subsidiary	(2,766)	-	-
Change in fair value of other equity investments	(6,650)	(6,650)	(6,650)
Total gross deferred income tax liabilities	(10,701)	(7,507)	(7,116)
Net deferred income tax assets	(1,285)	(857)	(466)

As of December 31, 2024, the Group had net operating loss carry forwards of approximately RMB1,945 million attributable to the PRC and Hong Kong S.A.R. subsidiaries, the VIE, and the VIE's subsidiaries. The loss carried forward by the PRC companies will expire during the period from year 2025 to year 2034. As of December 31, 2024, the Group had tax loss carry forwards for PRC and Hong Kong S.A.R. income tax purpose of RMB 1,945,332 which will expire if unused by the following year-end:

Year ending December 31,	RMB
2025	49,758
2026	238,123
2027	207,161
2028	182,163
2029	219,983
Then thereafter	1,048,144
Total	1,945,332

A valuation allowance is provided against deferred income tax assets when the Group determines that it is more likely than not that the deferred income tax assets will not be utilized in the foreseeable future. In making such determination, the Group evaluates a variety of factors including the Group's operating history, accumulated deficit, existence of taxable temporary differences and reversal periods.

As of December 31, 2024, the valuation allowance of RMB 500,098 was related to the deferred income tax assets of the PRC and Hong Kong S.A.R. entities which were in loss position. As of December 31, 2024, management believes it is more likely than not that the Group will realize the deferred income tax assets, net of the valuation allowance.

Changes in valuation allowance are as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Balance at the beginning of the year	(335,339)	(443,306)	(487,834)
Additions	(107,967)	(44,528)	(12,264)
Balance at the end of the year	(443,306)	(487,834)	(500,098)

According to the PRC Tax Administration and Collection Law, the statute of limitation is three years if the underpayment of taxes is due to computational errors made by the taxpayer or the withholding agent. The statute of limitation is extended to five years under special circumstances where the underpayment of taxes is more than RMB100. In the case of transfer pricing issues, the statute of limitation is 10 years. There is no statute of limitation in the case of tax evasion. The income tax returns of the Company's PRC subsidiary, the VIE and the VIE's subsidiaries for the years from 2019 to 2024 are open to examination by the PRC tax authorities.

16. NET LOSS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the basic and diluted net loss per ordinary share computation and provides a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator for the years presented:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2023 RMB	2024 RMB
Numerator:		
Net loss	(409,722)	(142,757)
Numerator for basic and diluted net loss per ordinary share calculation	(409,722)	(142,757)
Denominator:		
Weighted average number of Class A and Class B ordinary shares	321,945,825	322,945,205
Denominator for basic and diluted net loss per ordinary share calculation	321,945,825	322,945,205
Net loss per ordinary share attributable to pre-offering Class A and pre-offering Class B ordinary shareholders		
—Basic and diluted	(1.27)	(0.44)

Securities that could potentially dilute basic net loss per ordinary share in the future that were not included in the computation of diluted net loss per ordinary share because to do so would have been antidilutive for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2024 are as follow:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2023	2024
Share options	13,141,586	12,386,007
Restricted ordinary shares	2,802,977	8,239,020

17. REVENUE INFORMATION

Revenues

The Group's revenues are disaggregated by major products/services lines, timing of revenue recognition and primary geographical markets (based on the location of customers) as follow:

Major products/services lines

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
CPaaS			
- Text messaging	119,416	136,654	132,242
- Voice calls	25,953	25,958	35,708
- Others (Note2)	46,796	32,799	21,457
Cloud-based CC	310,765	256,961	268,081
Cloud-based UC&C	89,350	117,554	116,078
Other services	1,354	1,098	-
Revenues	593,634	571,024	573,566

Note 1: The gross amount of revenue from services as an agent was RMB89 million, RMB69 million and RMB50 million for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024. The net amount of revenue from services as an agent was RMB14 million, RMB16 million and RMB15 million for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 respectively.

Note 2: Others mainly include CPaaS revenue from the customers' use of the Group's Internet of Things (IoT) and jointly-operated CPaaS platforms.

Timing of revenue recognition

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Point in time	381,163	331,220	301,480
Over time	212,471	239,804	272,086
Revenues	593,634	571,024	573,566

Primary geographical markets (based on the location of customers)

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
The PRC	556,663	539,867	543,774
Japan	36,971	31,157	29,792
Revenues	593,634	571,024	573,566

Revenue based on a gross basis/ net basis

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
On a gross basis	579,629	555,409	558,926
On a net basis	14,005	15,615	14,640
Revenues	593,634	571,024	573,566

Contract Assets and Contract Liabilities

The Group's contract assets and contract liabilities as of December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 are as follows:

	December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Contract assets	50,838	26,107	27,752
Contract liabilities	359,801	363,228	306,112

The contract assets primarily relate to the Group's rights to consideration for work performed but not invoiced at the reporting date on Cloud-based UC&C projects and Cloud-based CC projects. The contract assets are transferred to receivables when the rights to consideration become unconditional.

The contract liabilities primarily related to the advanced consideration received from customers in relation to the subsequent provision of Cloud-based CC services and CPaaS solutions. The contract liabilities will be recognized as revenue when the Group fulfills its performance obligations to transfer the promised products or services to customers, which is expected to occur within one year.

Changes in the contract assets balances for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 are as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Gross amount at the beginning of the year	31,722	63,144	36,469
Increases due to revenue recognized during the year	50,825	27,787	44,616
Transfers to accounts receivable during the year	(19,403)	(54,462)	(31,601)
Gross amount at the end of the year	63,144	36,469	49,484
Allowance for credit loss of contract assets	(12,306)	(10,362)	(21,732)
Contract assets, net	50,838	26,107	27,752

The movement of the allowance for contract assets is as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Balance at the beginning of the year	10,604	12,306	10,362
Additions charged to credit loss	1,702	(1,944)	11,370
Balance at the end of the year	12,306	10,362	21,732

Changes in the contract liabilities balances for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 are as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Balance at the beginning of the year	285,936	359,801	363,228
Revenue recognized that was included in the contract liabilities balance at the beginning of the year	(96,082)	(92,339)	(80,856)
Other operating income recognized that was included in the contract liabilities balance at the beginning of the year	-	-	(49,530)
Increase due to cash received, excluding amount recognized as revenue during the year	169,947	95,766	73,270
Balance at the end of the year	359,801	363,228	306,112

The amounts of revenue recognized for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 that were included in the contract liabilities balances at the beginning of the year are RMB96,082, RMB92,339 and RMB80,856, respectively.

The Company has elected the practical expedient in ASC 606-10-50-14(a) to not disclose the information about remaining performance obligations which are part of contracts that have an original expected duration of one year or less.

18. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, the Group is involved in claims and legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of business. The Group records a liability when it is both probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Based on currently available information, the Group has recorded accrued liabilities for class action of US\$12,000 (equivalent to RMB83,575) in this regard as of December 31, 2022, and paid off the settlement amount as of December 31, 2023. On January 23, 2024, the Supreme Court of the State of New York issued an order granting final approval of the settlement and dismissing the claims the in the Sonny St. John action.

Purchase Commitment

The Group's purchase commitments primarily relate to purchase of software and equipment. Total purchase commitments contracted but not yet reflected in the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2024 were as follows:

Year ended December 31,	RMB
2025	5,274
2026 and thereafter	150

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(i) Related Parties

Name of Related Parties	Relationship with the Company
Shanghai Keshen Information Technology Co., Ltd.	One of the Company's investment affiliates and the Company owns 20% equity interest and has significant influence since December 2021
Shenzhen City Yunjitong Technology Co., Ltd	One of the Company's investment affiliates and the Company owns 18.52% equity interest and has significant influence
Shenyang Yunrongxin Technology Co., Ltd	One of the Company's investment affiliates and the Company owns 20% equity interest and has significant influence

(ii) The Company had the following related party transactions for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024:

	Note	Year ended December 31,		
		2022 RMB	2023 RMB	2024 RMB
Cloud-based UC&C services provided to a related party:				
-Shanghai Keshen Information Technology Co., Ltd.	(a)	34	6	-
CPaaS services provided to related parties:				
-Shenyang Yunrongxin Technology Co., Ltd	(b)	1,341	913	162
-Shenzhen City Yunjitong Technology Co., Ltd	(b)	2	-	1
Project development services purchased from related parties:				
-Shenyang Yunrongxin Technology Co., Ltd	(c)	-	321	-
-Shanghai Keshen Information Technology Co., Ltd.	(c)	-	3,302	1,981

(a) Cloud-based UC&C services provided to a related party

The Company provided Cloud-based UC&C services to subsidiaries of Shanghai Keshen Information Technology Co., Ltd ("Shanghai Keshen"). Revenues of RMB34, RMB6 and nil, were recorded in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss for the year ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024. Amounts due from Shanghai Keshen were RMB4 and nil as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, which are included in accounts receivable - related parties, net on the consolidated balance sheets. Amounts due to Shanghai Keshen were RMB51 and RMB62, which were deposits as of December 31, 2023 and 2024.

(b) CPaaS services provided to related parties

The Company provided CPaaS services to Shenyang Yunrongxin Technology Co., Ltd (“Shenyang Yunrongxin”). Revenues of RMB1,341, RMB913 and RMB162 were recorded in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Amounts due from Shenyang Yunrongxin were RMB700 and RMB389 as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, which are included in accounts receivable - related parties, net on the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company provided CPaaS services to Shenzhen City Yunjitong Technology Co., Ltd (“Shenzhen City Yunjitong”). Revenues of RMB2, nil and RMB1 were recorded in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

(c) Outsourcing services purchased from related parties

The Company purchased from Shenyang Yunrongxin project development services, which is included in cost of revenues of nil, RMB321 and nil, for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Amounts due to Shenyang Yunrongxin were RMB150 and RMB91 as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, which are included in accounts amounts due to related parties on the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company purchased project development services from Shanghai Keshen, which is included in cost of revenues of nil, RMB3,302 and RMB1,981, for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Amounts due from Shanghai Keshen were RMB3,350 and RMB2,590, which were prepayment of project development services fee as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

The Company purchased project development services from Shenzhen City Yunjitong, amounts due to Shenzhen City Yunjitong were RMB4 and RMB1 as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, which are included in accounts amounts due to related parties on the consolidated balance sheets.

(iii) The Company had the following related party balances as of December 31, 2023 and 2024:

	Notes	2023 RMB	2024 RMB
Accounts receivable - related parties, net:			
-Shanghai Keshen Information Technology Co., Ltd.	(a)	4	-
-Shenyang Yunrongxin Technology Co., Ltd	(b)	700	389
Amounts due from a related party:			
-Shanghai Keshen Information Technology Co., Ltd.	(c)	3,350	2,590
Total amounts due from related parties		3,350	2,590
Amounts due to related parties:			
-Shenyang Yunrongxin Technology Co., Ltd	(c)	150	91
-Shenzhen City Yunjitong Technology Co., Ltd	(c)	4	1
-Shanghai Keshen Information Technology Co., Ltd.	(a)	51	62
Total amounts due to related parties		205	154

20. PARENT ONLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following condensed parent company financial information of Cloopen Group Holding Limited has been prepared using the same accounting policies as set out in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. As of December 31, 2023, there were no material contingencies, significant provisions of long-term obligations, mandatory dividend or redemption requirements of redeemable stocks or guarantees of Cloopen Group Holding Limited, except for those, which have been separately disclosed in the consolidated financial statements.

(a) Condensed Balance Sheets

	December 31,	
	2023 RMB	2024 RMB
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash	20,475	79,741
Term deposits	85,522	143,768
Short-term investments	39,197	39,536
Other current assets	13	81
Total current assets	145,207	263,126
Non-current asset:		
Investments in and amounts due from subsidiaries and consolidated VIE and VIE's subsidiaries	1,108,131	993,075
Total non-current asset	1,108,131	993,075
Total assets	1,253,338	1,256,201
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	52,372	181,624
Total current liabilities	52,372	181,624
Total liabilities	52,372	181,624
Shareholders' equity:		
Class A Ordinary Shares	195	195
Class B Ordinary Shares	17	17
Additional paid-in capital	11,210,542	11,225,945
Treasury stock	(120,899)	(120,899)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(57,327)	(56,362)
Accumulated deficit	(9,831,562)	(9,974,319)
Total shareholders' equity	1,200,966	1,074,577
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	1,253,338	1,256,201

(b) Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Loss

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Total operating expenses	(238,074)	(89,953)	(32,074)
Share of losses from subsidiaries and consolidated VIE and VIE's subsidiaries	(736,824)	(319,769)	(110,683)
Loss before income taxes	(974,898)	(409,722)	(142,757)
Income tax expense	-	-	-
Net loss	(974,898)	(409,722)	(142,757)
Net loss attributable to ordinary shareholders	(974,898)	(409,722)	(142,757)

(c) Condensed Statements of Cash Flows

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2023	2024
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(290,137)	(133,979)	115,285
Net cash used in investing activities	(335,194)	(569,407)	(486)
Net cash used in financing activities	(47,474)	-	-
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash	73,275	31,168	2,713
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	(599,530)	(672,218)	117,512
Cash at the beginning of the year	1,377,745	778,215	105,997
Cash at the end of the year	778,215	105,997	223,509

**Certification by the Principal Executive Officer
Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Changxun Sun, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of Cloopen Group Holding Limited (the “Company”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Company’s other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Company and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Company’s other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Company’s auditors and the audit committee of the Company’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

Date: September 3, 2025

By: /s/ Changxun Sun
Name: Changxun Sun
Title: Chief Executive Officer

**Certification by the Principal Financial Officer
Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Yipeng Li, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of Cloopen Group Holding Limited (the “Company”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Company’s other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Company and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Company’s other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Company’s auditors and the audit committee of the Company’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

Date: September 3, 2025

By: /s/ Yipeng Li

Name: Yipeng Li

Title: Chief Financial Officer

**Certification by the Principal Executive Officer
Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of Cloopen Group Holding Limited (the “Company”) on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Changxun Sun, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: September 3, 2025

By: /s/ Changxun Sun
Name: Changxun Sun
Title: Chief Executive Officer

**Certification by the Principal Financial Officer
Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of Cloopen Group Holding Limited (the "Company") on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Yipeng Li, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: September 3, 2025

By: /s/ Yipeng Li
Name: Yipeng Li
Title: Chief Financial Officer



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3 September 2025

Dear Sirs

Cloopen Group Holding Limited

We have acted as legal advisers as to the laws of the Cayman Islands to Cloopen Group Holding Limited, an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability (the "**Company**"), in connection with the filing by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**SEC**") of an annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2024 (the "**Annual Report**").

We hereby consent to the reference to our firm under the heading "Item 10. Additional Information—E. Taxation—Cayman Islands Taxation" in the Annual Report.

We consent to the filing with the SEC of this consent letter as an exhibit to the Annual Report. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in each case, as amended, or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir/Madam:

We hereby consent to the reference of our name under the headings “Item 3. KEY INFORMATION—Our Operations in China and Permissions Required from the PRC Authorities for Our Operations,” “Item 3. KEY INFORMATION—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure,” “Item 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY—C. Organizational Structure” and “ITEM 10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—E. Taxation—PRC Taxation” in Cloopen Group Holding Limited’s Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024 (the “Annual Report”), which is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on the date hereof.

We also consent to the filing of this consent letter with the SEC as an exhibit to the Annual Report.

In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in each case, as amended, or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ CM Law Firm



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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statement (Form S-8 No. 333-258130) pertaining to the 2016 Share Incentive Plan and 2021 Share Incentive Plan of Cloopen Group Holding Limited of our report dated September 3, 2025, with respect to our audits of the consolidated financial statements of Cloopen Group Holding Limited as of December 31, 2023 and 2024, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2024, which report is included in the Annual Report on Form 20-F of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2024.

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