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**GDS Holdings Limited**  
**萬國數據控股有限公司\***

*(A company controlled through weighted voting rights and incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability under the name GDS Holdings Limited and carrying on business in Hong Kong as GDS WanGuo Holdings Limited)*  
**(Stock Code: 9698)**

**OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are making this announcement pursuant to Rule 13.10B of the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

Our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. William Wei Huang, filed an Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13G (the “**Schedule 13G Amendment**”) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to his beneficial ownership in the Company as of December 31, 2020. For details of his filing, please refer to the attached Schedule 13G Amendment.

By order of the Board  
**GDS Holdings Limited \*\***  
**Mr. William Wei Huang**  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, February 8, 2021

*As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Mr. William Wei Huang as the chairman, Mr. Sio Tat Hiang as the vice-chairman, Mr. Satoshi Okada, Mr. Bruno Lopez, Mr. Lee Choong Kwong, and Mr. Gary J. Wojtaszek as directors, and Mr. Lim Ah Doo, Ms. Bin Yu, Mr. Zulkifli Baharudin, Mr. Chang Sun and Ms. Judy Qing Ye as independent directors.*

\* *For identification purposes only*

\*\* *Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability under the name GDS Holdings Limited and carrying on business in Hong Kong as GDS WanGuo Holdings Limited*

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 3)\***

**GDS Holdings Limited**

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(Name of Issuer)

**Class A ordinary shares, US\$0.00005 par value per share**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**36165L108<sup>(1)</sup>**

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(CUSIP Number)

**December 31, 2020**

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the *Notes*).

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(1) This CUSIP number applies to the Issuer's American Depositary Shares, or ADSs, each representing eight Class A ordinary shares.

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**SCHEDULE 13G**

<b>CUSIP No. 36165L108</b>
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<b>1</b>	<b>Name of Reporting Person</b> William Wei Huang		
<b>2</b>	<b>Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (see instructions)</b> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Sec Use Only</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Citizenship or Place of Organization</b> People's Republic of China		
<b>Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Sole Voting Power</b>	80,446,240 <sup>(2)</sup>
	<b>6</b>	<b>Shared Voting Power</b>	0
	<b>7</b>	<b>Sole Dispositive Power</b>	80,446,240 <sup>(2)</sup>
	<b>8</b>	<b>Shared Dispositive Power</b>	0
<b>9</b>	<b>Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person</b> 80,446,240 <sup>(2)</sup>		
<b>10</b>	<b>Check if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>11</b>	<b>Percent of class represented by amount in row (9)</b> 5.4%*		
<b>12</b>	<b>Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)</b> IN		

(2) Represents (i) 3,286,144 Class B ordinary shares held by Solution Leisure Investment Limited, (ii) 42,975,884 Class B ordinary shares held by EDC Group Limited, (iii) 21,328,308 Class B ordinary shares held by GDS Enterprises Limited, and (iv) 1,606,988 ADSs representing 12,855,904 Class A ordinary shares beneficially owned by Mr. William Wei Huang. Such Class A ordinary shares will convert into 12,855,904 Class B ordinary shares if directly held by Mr. Huang. Class B ordinary shares are convertible into Class A ordinary shares. All Class B ordinary shares are subject to automatic conversion into Class A ordinary shares on the same business day as the first to occur of the following: (i) Mr. William Wei Huang collectively ceasing to have beneficial ownership, in aggregate, of not less than five per cent of the issued and outstanding share capital of GDS Holdings Limited on an as-converted basis; (ii) the Foreign Investment Law in the form implemented does not require that the consolidated variable interest entities, or VIEs, of GDS Holdings Limited as it relates to VIE entities be owned or controlled by People's Republic of China, or PRC, nationals or entities; (iii) the PRC law no longer requires the conduct of the businesses carried out, or contemplated to be carried out, by GDS Holdings Limited in the PRC, be owned or controlled by PRC nationals or entities; (iv) the promulgation of the Foreign Investment Law as it relates to VIE entities is abandoned by the relevant authorities in the PRC; or (v) the relevant authorities in the PRC approve the VIE structure of GDS Holdings Limited without the need for the VIE entities of GDS Holdings Limited to be controlled by PRC nationals or entities; provided, however, that the Class B ordinary shares shall not be automatically converted upon ceasing to constitute five per cent of the issued and outstanding share capital of GDS Holdings Limited on an as-converted basis if 75% of the board of directors resolve that such automatic conversion shall, in their opinion, result in GDS Holdings Limited failing to comply with any applicable foreign ownership restrictions under PRC law. Class B shareholders may elect to convert any or all of their Class B ordinary shares into Class A ordinary shares. As of December 31, 2020, each Class B ordinary share was convertible into one Class A ordinary share, or at a conversion rate of 1:1.

\* The percentages used in this Schedule 13G are calculated based on a total of 1,427,590,059 Class A ordinary shares of the Issuer issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2020, reflect Class B ordinary shares underlying share options exercisable within 60 days after December 31, 2020, reflect Class A ordinary shares (whether or not in the form of ADSs) underlying restricted share units exercisable within 60 days after December 31, 2020, and assume that all Class B ordinary shares beneficially owned by such reporting person are converted into the same number of Class A ordinary shares, or at a conversion rate of 1:1. Beneficial ownership information is presented as of December 31, 2020.

**Item 1.**

- (a) **Name of Issuer:** GDS Holdings Limited
- (b) **Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:**

F4/F5, Building C, Sunland International,  
No. 999 Zhouhai Road,  
Pudong, Shanghai 200137  
People's Republic of China

**Item 2.**

- (a) **Name of Person Filing:** This statement is filed by the Reporting Person listed below:

William Wei Huang

- (b) **Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:**

F4/F5, Building C, Sunland International, No. 999 Zhouhai Road, Pudong, Shanghai 200137, People's Republic of China

- (c) **Citizenship:**

People's Republic of China

- (d) **Title and Class of Securities:** Class A ordinary shares, US\$0.00005 par value per share. Class B ordinary shares are convertible into Class A ordinary shares. All Class B ordinary shares are subject to automatic conversion into Class A ordinary shares on the same business day as the first to occur of the following: (i) Mr. William Wei Huang collectively ceasing to have beneficial ownership, in aggregate, of not less than five per cent of the issued and outstanding share capital of GDS Holdings Limited on an as-converted basis; (ii) the Foreign Investment Law in the form implemented does not require that the VIEs of GDS Holdings Limited as it relates to VIE entities be owned or controlled by PRC nationals or entities; (iii) the PRC law no longer requires the conduct of the businesses carried out, or contemplated to be carried out, by GDS Holdings Limited in the PRC, be owned or controlled by PRC nationals or entities; (iv) the promulgation of the Foreign Investment Law as it relates to VIE entities is abandoned by the relevant authorities in the PRC; or (v) the relevant authorities in the PRC approve the VIE structure of GDS Holdings Limited without the need for the VIE entities of GDS Holdings Limited to be controlled by PRC nationals or entities; provided, however, that the Class B ordinary shares shall not be automatically converted upon ceasing to constitute five per cent of the issued and outstanding share capital of GDS Holdings Limited on an as-converted basis if 75% of the board of directors resolve that such automatic conversion shall, in their opinion, result in GDS Holdings Limited failing to comply with any applicable foreign ownership restrictions under PRC law. Class B shareholders may elect to convert any or all of their Class B ordinary shares into Class A ordinary shares. As of December 31, 2020, each Class B ordinary share was convertible into one Class A ordinary share, or at a conversion rate of 1:1.

- (e) **CUSIP No.:** 36165L108

**Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  A non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k)  Group, in accordance with Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution: \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 4. Ownership**

Four entities, namely, (i) GDS Enterprises Limited, (ii) EDC Group Limited and (iii) Solution Leisure Investment Limited beneficially own in aggregate 67,590,336 Class A ordinary shares of GDS Holdings Limited (the "Issuer"). Mr. William Wei Huang is the ultimate beneficial owner of these four entities. Individually, Mr. William Wei Huang also beneficially owns 1,606,988 ADSs representing 12,855,904 Class A ordinary shares of the Issuer. Such Class A ordinary shares will convert into 12,855,904 Class B ordinary shares if directly held by Mr. Huang.

Solution Leisure Investment Limited beneficially owns 100.0% of EDC Group Limited.

*(i) GDS Enterprises Limited*

GDS Enterprises Limited holds 21,328,308 of the Issuer's Class B ordinary shares, representing 1.5% of the Issuer's Class A ordinary shares on an as-converted basis.

GDS Enterprises Limited is indirectly owned as to 100.0% by a trust of which Mr. Huang's family is a beneficiary.

*(ii) EDC Group Limited*

EDC Group Limited holds 42,975,884 of the Issuer's Class B ordinary shares, representing 2.9% of the Issuer's Class A ordinary shares on an as-converted basis.

EDC Group Limited is owned as to 100.0% by Solution Leisure Investment Limited.

*(iii) Solution Leisure Investment Limited*

Solution Leisure Investment Limited holds 3,286,144 of the Issuer's Class B ordinary shares, and beneficially owns 100.0% of EDC Group Limited. Solution Leisure Investment Limited therefore may be deemed to beneficially own in aggregate 46,262,028, or 3.1%, of the Issuer's Class A ordinary shares on an as-converted basis.<sup>(3)</sup>

Solution Leisure Investment Limited is indirectly owned as to 100.0% by a trust of which Mr. Huang's family is the beneficiary.

*William Wei Huang*

Each of (i) GDS Enterprises Limited, (ii) EDC Group Limited and (iii) Solution Leisure Investment Limited is ultimately beneficially owned as to 100.0% by William Wei Huang.

Individually, Mr. William Wei Huang also beneficially owns 1,606,988 of the Issuer's ADSs, representing 12,855,904, or 0.9%, of the Issuer's Class A ordinary shares on an as-converted basis. Such Class A ordinary shares will convert into 12,855,904 Class B ordinary shares if directly held by Mr. Huang.

William Wei Huang may thereby be deemed to beneficially own in aggregate 80,446,240, or 5.4%, of the Issuer's Class A ordinary shares on an as-converted basis.<sup>(4)</sup>

*Convertibility of Class B ordinary shares into Class A ordinary shares*

Class B ordinary shares are convertible into Class A ordinary shares. All Class B ordinary shares are subject to automatic conversion into Class A ordinary shares on the same business day as the first to occur of the following: (i) Mr. William Wei Huang collectively ceasing to have beneficial ownership, in aggregate, of not less than five per cent of the issued and outstanding share capital of GDS Holdings Limited on an as-converted basis; (ii) the Foreign Investment Law in the form implemented does not require that the VIEs of GDS Holdings Limited as it relates to VIE entities be owned or controlled by PRC nationals or entities; (iii) the PRC law no longer requires the conduct of the businesses carried out, or contemplated to be carried out, by GDS Holdings Limited in the PRC, be owned or controlled by PRC nationals or entities; (iv) the promulgation of the Foreign Investment Law as it relates to VIE entities is abandoned by the relevant authorities in the PRC; or (v) the relevant authorities in the PRC approve the VIE structure of GDS Holdings Limited without the need for the VIE entities of GDS Holdings Limited to be controlled by PRC nationals or entities; provided, however, that the Class B ordinary shares shall not be automatically converted upon ceasing to constitute five per cent of the issued and outstanding share capital of GDS Holdings Limited on an as-converted basis if 75% of the board of directors resolve that such automatic conversion shall, in their opinion, result in GDS Holdings Limited failing to comply with any applicable foreign ownership restrictions under PRC law. Class B shareholders may elect to convert any or all of their Class B ordinary shares into Class A ordinary shares. As of December 31, 2020, each Class B ordinary share was convertible into one Class A ordinary share, or at a conversion rate of 1:1.

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(3) Includes 42,975,884 of the Issuer's Class B ordinary shares held by EDC Group Limited.

(4) Includes (i) 3,286,144 of the Issuer's Class B ordinary shares held by Solution Leisure Investment Limited, (ii) 42,975,884 of the Issuer's Class B ordinary shares held by EDC Group Limited, (iii) 21,328,308 of the Issuer's Class B ordinary shares held by GDS Enterprises Limited, and (iv) 1,606,988 ADSs representing 12,855,904 Class A ordinary shares beneficially owned by Mr. William Wei Huang. Such Class A ordinary shares will convert into 12,855,904 Class B ordinary shares if directly held by Mr. Huang.

*Voting and Dispositive Power*

William Wei Huang may thereby be deemed to have sole voting and dispositive power over more than five percent of the Issuer's Class A ordinary shares.

*Calculations*

The percentages used in this Schedule 13G are calculated based on a total of 1,427,590,059 Class A ordinary shares of the Issuer issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2020, reflect Class B ordinary shares underlying share options exercisable within 60 days after December 31, 2020, reflect Class A ordinary shares (whether or not in the form of ADSs) underlying restricted share units exercisable within 60 days after December 31, 2020, and assume that all Class B ordinary shares beneficially owned by each reporting person are converted into the same number of Class A ordinary shares, or at a conversion rate of 1:1. Beneficial ownership information is presented as of December 31, 2020.

William Wei Huang

- (a) **Amount Beneficially Owned:** 80,446,240
- (b) **Percent of Class:** 5.4%
- (c) **Number of shares as to which the person has:**
  - (i) **Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:** 80,446,240
  - (ii) **Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:** 0
  - (iii) **Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:** 80,446,240
  - (iv) **Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:** 0

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof a reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following .

**Item 6. Ownership of more than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.**

Not applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and classification of the subsidiary which acquired the security being reported on by the parent holding company or control person.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Identification and classification of members of the group.**

Not applicable.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.**

Not applicable.

**Item 10. Certifications.**

Not applicable.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 8, 2021

William Wei Huang

/s/ William Wei Huang  
William Wei Huang