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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.

We furnished a current report on Form 6-K with a press release in respect of releasing the Company’s inaugural Environmental, Social and Governance (“**ESG**”) report and setting its carbon neutral target (“**Form 6-K**”) to the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States. For details, please refer to the attached Form 6-K.

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

Hong Kong, November 30, 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*

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

November 2021

Commission File Number: 001-37925

### GDS Holdings Limited

(Registrant's name)

F4/F5, Building C, Sunland International  
No. 999 Zhouhai Road  
Pudong, Shanghai 200137  
People's Republic of China  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K on paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

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**EXHIBITS**

99.1      [Press release – GDS Releases Inaugural ESG Report and Sets Carbon Neutral Target](#)

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**GDS Holdings Limited**

Date: November 30, 2021

By: /s/ William Wei Huang

Name: William Wei Huang

Title: Chief Executive Officer

### GDS Releases Inaugural ESG Report and Sets Carbon Neutral Target

SHANGHAI, China, November 30, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- GDS Holdings Limited (“GDS Holdings,” “GDS” or the “Company”) (NASDAQ: GDS; HKEX: 9698), a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China, today announced the publication of its inaugural Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) report. The report underscores the Company’s vision of “Connecting a smart infrastructure platform to a sustainable future” and highlights its commitment to achieve 100% renewable energy usage and carbon neutrality by 2030.

“Our mission is to provide the world’s leading innovators with a unique, open and sustainable smart infrastructure platform,” said Mr. William Huang, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “To this end, we seek to build sustainability into everything we do. We have set a target for GDS to be carbon neutral by 2030 and we are on track to meet this goal. As a market leader, we have the responsibility to lead our industry toward a more sustainable future.”

“We will continue to transition to renewable energy, develop green data centers, and optimize operational efficiency,” commented Mr. Dan Newman, Chief Financial Officer. “Our inaugural ESG report demonstrates that we’re serious about enhancing transparency and taking initiative. We have committed to targets that are ambitious yet realistic.”

The report describes GDS’s ESG performance and introduces the Company’s long-term ESG commitments, which include minimizing impact on the environment, creating value for all stakeholders, and engendering trust through rigorous adherence to corporate governance.

The report’s highlights include:

- In 2020, 22.6% of the Company’s energy consumption came from renewable energy sources. The Company committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2030.
  - In 2020, 34% of the Company’s senior level management employees were female, reflecting the Company’s commitment to diversity and inclusion.
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- Recently, the Company signed a multi-year agreement with CGN New Energy, to procure approximately 30,000 GWh of renewable energy certificates, equivalent to over seven times the Company's current annual electricity consumption.

To view the report in full, please visit the ESG section on the GDS corporate website or access the report at: [https://www.gds-services.com/esg2020/docs/GDS\\_ESG\\_Report\\_2020.pdf](https://www.gds-services.com/esg2020/docs/GDS_ESG_Report_2020.pdf).

### **About GDS Holdings Limited**

GDS Holdings Limited (NASDAQ: GDS; HKEX: 9698) is a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China. The Company's facilities are strategically located in China's primary economic hubs where demand for high-performance data center services is concentrated. The Company also builds, operates and transfers data centers at other locations selected by its customers in order to fulfill their broader requirements. The Company's data centers have large net floor area, high power capacity, density and efficiency, and multiple redundancies across all critical systems. GDS is carrier and cloud-neutral, which enables its customers to access all the major PRC telecommunications networks, as well as the largest PRC and global public clouds which are hosted in many of its facilities. The Company offers co-location and managed services, including direct private connection to leading public clouds, an innovative service platform for managing hybrid clouds and, where required, the resale of public cloud services. The Company has a 20-year track record of service delivery, successfully fulfilling the requirements of some of the largest and most demanding customers for outsourced data center services in China. The Company's customer base consists predominantly of hyperscale cloud service providers, large internet companies, financial institutions, telecommunications carriers, IT service providers, and large domestic private sector and multinational corporations.

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