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Autohome Inc. 汽車之家<sup>\*</sup> (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 2518)

## **OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT**

This overseas regulatory announcement is issued by Autohome Inc. (the "**Company**") pursuant to the Note to Rule 13.10B of The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The Company's shareholders, KAYNE ANDERSON RUDNICK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC and Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc., filed an Amendment No. 9 to Schedule 13G with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission to report their beneficial ownership of securities in the Company. For details of this filing, please refer to the attached Amendment No. 9 to Schedule 13G.

By order of the Board Autohome Inc. Mr. Quan Long Director, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, February 23, 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Mr. Quan Long, Mr. Jun Lu, Dr. Jing Xiao and Mr. Zheng Liu as the directors, and Mr. Junling Liu, Mr. Tianruo Pu and Dr. Dazong Wang as the independent directors.

\* For identification purposes only

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

## **SCHEDULE 13G**

### Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. <u>09</u>)\*

# Autohome Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

#### American Depositary Shares Representing Ordinary Shares

(Title of Class of Securities)

#### 05278C107

(CUSIP Number)

#### December 31, 2021

(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).

CUSIP No.	05278C	107						
1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) KAYNE ANDERSON RUDNICK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC 95-4575414							
	CHECK	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)						
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	PERCE	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)						
11	8.75%							
	TYPE C	F REI	PORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)					
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FOOTNOTES

CUSIP No.	05278C	107					
1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc. 04-2453743						
	CHECK	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)					
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	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)						
11	5.11%						
	TYPE O	F REI	PORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)				
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#### FOOTNOTES

The amounts reported on this page are also included in the amounts reported by Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management, LLC on this Schedule 13G.

#### Item 1.

	(a)	Name of Issuer		
		Autohome Inc.		
	(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices		
		18th Floor Tower B CEC Plaza		
		3 Dan Ling Street, Haidian District		
		Beijing F4 00000		
Item 2.				
	(a)	Name of Person Filing		
		(1) KAYNE ANDERSON RUDNICK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC		
		(2) Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.		
	(b)	Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence		

- (1) KAYNE ANDERSON RUDNICK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC 1800 Avenue of the Stars, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90067
- (2) Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc. One Financial Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103

#### (c) Citizenship

- (1) KAYNE ANDERSON RUDNICK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC: A California Limited Liability Company
- (2) Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.: Massachusetts
- (d) Title of Class of Securities American Depositary Shares Representing Ordinary Shares
- (e) CUSIP Number 05278C107

#### 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) D Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780).
- (b)  $\square$  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c)  $\Box$  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 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  $\Box$  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  $\Box$  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings associations 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 of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  $\Box$  A non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).
- (k)  $\square$  A group, in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

#### Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:
  - (1) KAYNE ANDERSON RUDNICK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC: 11,147,510
  - (2) Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.: 6,510,853
- (b) Percent of class:
  - (1) KAYNE ANDERSON RUDNICK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC: 8.75%
  - (2) Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.: 5.11%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
    - (1) KAYNE ANDERSON RUDNICK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC: 4,118,409
    - (2) Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.: 0
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
    - (1) KAYNE ANDERSON RUDNICK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC: 6,510,853
    - (2) Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.: 6,510,853
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
    - (1) KAYNE ANDERSON RUDNICK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC: 4,636,657
    - (2) Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.: 0
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
    - (1) KAYNE ANDERSON RUDNICK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC: 6,510,853
    - (2) Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.: 6,510,853

#### 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 the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following  $\Box$ .

N/A

#### Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

With respect to securities owned by a registered investment company included in this filing, only the custodian for such investment company, has the right to receive dividends paid with respect to, and proceeds from the sale of, such securities. No other person is known to have such right, except that the shareholders of such investment company participate proportionately in any dividends and distributions so paid.

# Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

N/A

#### Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

N/A

#### Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

N/A

#### Item Certification

10.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a-11.

#### SIGNATURE

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

### Kayne Anderson Rudnick

Date: February 11, 2022

By: /s/ Michael Shoemaker Name: Michael Shoemaker Title: Chief Compliance Officer

#### Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

Date: February 11, 2022

By: /s/ Kevin Carr Name: Kevin Carr Title: Vice President and Clerk

#### Footnotes:

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