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#### JD.com, Inc. 京東集團股份有限公司

(A company controlled through weighted voting rights and incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 9618)

# PROPOSED SPIN-OFF AND SEPARATE LISTING OF JD PROPERTY ON THE MAIN BOARD OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED

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in relation to the Proposed Spin-off and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange has confirmed that the Company may proceed with the Proposed Spin-off.

On 30 March 2023, JD Property, through its Joint Sponsors, submitted a listing application form (Form A1) to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to apply for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the JD Property Shares on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

It is currently proposed that the Proposed Spin-off will be effected by way of the Global Offering of the JD Property Shares, comprising the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering. Upon completion of the Proposed Spin-off, the Company will continue to indirectly hold more than 50% of the shareholdings in JD Property and therefore JD Property will remain as a subsidiary of the Company.

Details in respect of the Proposed Spin-off, including the size and structure of the Global Offering, the extent of the decrease in shareholding percentage of the Company in JD Property, have not yet been finalised.

The Proposed Spin-off is subject to, among other things, the obtaining of an approval from the Listing Committee of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for listing of, and permission to deal in, the JD Property Shares, the completion of the filing with the China Securities Regulatory Commission for the listing and offering of JD Property Shares and the final decisions of the Board and of the board of directors and shareholders of JD Property, as applicable. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should be aware that there is no assurance that the Proposed Spin-off will take place or as to when it may take place. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should therefore exercise caution when dealing in or investing in the securities of the Company.

Further announcement(s) will be made by the Company in relation to the Proposed Spin-off as and when appropriate.

### **INTRODUCTION**

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# **INFORMATION ON JD PROPERTY AND THE COMPANY**

The Group is a leading supply chain-based technology and service provider.

JD Property was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 19 January 2012. As at the date of this announcement, the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary, held approximately 74.96% of JD Property's total issued share capital. JD Property is a leading and the fastest growing platform for developing and managing modern infrastructure, consisting primarily of logistics parks, as well as business parks and others, in China and Asia. JD Property provides bespoke, holistic and intelligent infrastructure solutions and has expanded its customer base in third-party logistics, e-commerce, manufacturing, retail and other new economy industries.

Following the completion of the Proposed Spin-off, JD Group will continue to operate, among others, online retail and marketplace e-commerce businesses offering a diverse range of products.

# **PROPOSED SPIN-OFF**

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### **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED SPIN-OFF**

The Board considers that the Proposed Spin-off will be beneficial to both the Company and JD Property for the following reasons, among others:

- (i) the Proposed Spin-Off would enable investors to better value the Company with its focus on JD Group business;
- (ii) the Proposed Spin-off could better reflect the value of JD Property Group on its own merits and increase its operational and financial transparency through which investors would be able to appraise and assess the performance and potential of JD Property Group separately and distinctly from those of JD Group;
- (iii) JD Property Group's business would be appealing to an investor base that forecasts high growth opportunities in the infrastructure asset management and integrated property services business, which is different from the relatively more diverse business model of JD Group's operations; and

(iv) the value of JD Property Group is expected to be enhanced through the Proposed Spinoff which will in turn benefit the Company as JD Property's Controlling Shareholders and its shareholders as a whole, given that a listing on the Stock Exchange will: (a) enhance JD Property Group's standalone profile, which will help accelerate its business growth, especially with external customers; (b) enable JD Property Group to directly and independently access both equity and debt capital markets in the future on a standalone basis should the need arise, as well as further enhance JD Property's ability to secure bank credit facilities; (c) lead to a more direct alignment of the management's responsibilities and accountability of JD Property with its operating and financial performance. This is expected to result in enhanced management focus, which should in turn lead to improved decision-making processes, faster response time to market changes and increased operational efficiency. JD Property's management will be under heightened scrutiny from the investor community and it will be possible to measure their performance against the stock market performance of JD Property. It will also be possible to link management incentives to such performance, thereby increasing management motivation and commitment; and (d) provide clarity of the credit profile of JD Property Group for rating agencies and financial institutions.

# WAIVER FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3(F) OF PN15

Paragraph 3(f) of PN15 requires a listed company contemplating a spin-off to have due regard to the interests of its existing shareholders by providing them with an assured entitlement to shares in the spun-off entity, either by way of a distribution in specie of existing shares in the spun-off entity or by way of preferred application in any offering of existing or new shares in the spun-off entity.

The Company applied for, and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange has granted, a waiver (the "**Waiver**") from the requirement that the Shareholders be provided an assured entitlement to JD Property Shares (as set out in paragraph 3(f) of PN15) on the basis that: (i) the Company is primarily listed on the Nasdaq and only has a secondary listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, (ii) the Company is not subject to a similar requirement under applicable U.S. laws and Nasdaq rules or its articles of association, (iii) the low feasibility of the Company giving assured entitlement by way of distribution in specie or by way of preferred application in any offering of JD Property Shares, as U.S. securities laws would require JD Property to conduct a public offering in the United States and file a registration statement with the SEC under the U.S. Securities Act among other procedures that would be unduly burdensome, (iv) the majority of the Company's trading volume and activity takes place outside of Hong Kong, (v) the Proposed Spin-off is not material to the Company with reference to the Company's market capitalization, and (vi) small and odd lots will be issued to shareholders of the Company in the event of assured entitlement.

In light of the above, the Board considers that the Proposed Spin-off and the Waiver are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

### LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

Details in respect of the Proposed Spin-off, including the size and structure of the Global Offering, the extent of the decrease in shareholding percentage of the Company in JD Property, have not yet been finalised. It is expected that the Proposed Spin-off, if materialises, will not affect the Company's eligibility or suitability as a secondary listed issuer on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange under Chapter 19C of the Listing Rules.

#### GENERAL

A redacted version of the application proof of JD Property's listing document submitted to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is expected to be available for download on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange's website at http://www.hkexnews.hk/APP/SEHKAPPMainIndex.htm.

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#### **DEFINITION**

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

Term	Definition
"Board"	the board of directors of the Company
"Company"	JD.com, Inc., a company incorporated in the BVI on November 6, 2006 and subsequently redomiciled to the Cayman Islands on January 16, 2014 as an exempted company registered by way of continuation under the laws of the Cayman Islands and the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (stock code: 9618) under Chapter 19C of the Listing Rules and the American Depositary Shares (each representing two Class A ordinary shares) of which are listed on Nasdaq under the symbol "JD"

"Controlling Shareholder(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Global Offering"	the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities (including the JD Property Group)
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
"Hong Kong Public Offering"	the offer of the JD Property Shares for subscription by the public in Hong Kong
"Hong Kong Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"International Offering"	the placing of the JD Property Shares to professional and institutional investors
"JD Property"	JINGDONG Property, Inc. (京东智能产发股份有限公司) (formerly known as JD Property Group Corporation), an exempted company with limited liability incorporated in the Cayman Islands on January 19, 2012
"JD Property Group"	JD Property and its subsidiaries from time to time, including where the context otherwise requires, in respect of the period prior to JD Property becoming the holding company of its present subsidiaries, such subsidiaries as if they were subsidiaries of JD Property at the relevant time
"JD Property Shares"	ordinary shares with a par value of US\$0.0000005 each in the share capital of JD Property
"JD Group"	the Group excluding the JD Property Group
"Joint Sponsors"	Merrill Lynch (Asia Pacific) Limited (" <b>BofA Securities</b> "), Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C. (" <b>Goldman Sachs</b> ") and Haitong International Capital Limited (" <b>Haitong</b> ") (in alphabetical order)
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
"PN15"	Practice Note 15 of the Listing Rules
"Proposed Spin-off"	the proposed spin-off of JD Property by way of a separate listing of the JD Property Shares on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange

"SEC"	the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
"Shareholders"	the shareholders of the Company
"subsidiary(ies)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"U.S. Securities Act"	United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder
	By Order of the Board of Directors

JD.com, Inc. Mr. Richard Qiangdong Liu Chairman of the Board of Directors

Hong Kong, 30 March 2023

As at the date of this announcement, our board of directors comprises Mr. Richard Qiangdong LIU as the chairman, Mr. Lei XU as the executive director, Mr. Ming HUANG, Mr. Louis T. HSIEH, Mr. Dingbo XU, Ms. Caroline SCHEUFELE and Ms. Carol Yun Yau LI as the independent directors