

Xunlei Ltd
Form F-1/A
June 12, 2014

Use these links to rapidly review the document

[Table of Contents](#)

[Index to consolidated financial statements](#)

[Table of Contents](#)

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 12, 2014

Registration No. 333-196221

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Amendment No. 1 to
FORM F-1
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

XUNLEI LIMITED

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Not Applicable

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Cayman Islands <i>(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)</i>	7370 <i>(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)</i>	Not Applicable <i>(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)</i>
4/F, Hans Innovation Mansion, North Ring Road No. 9018 High-Tech Park, Nanshan District Shenzhen, 518057 People's Republic of China (86-755) 3391-2900		

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Law Debenture Corporate Services Inc.
400 Madison Avenue, 4th Floor
New York, New York 10017
(+1) 212-750-6474

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

Z. Julie Gao, Esq.
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
c/o 42/F, Edinburgh Tower
The Landmark
15 Queen's Road Central
Hong Kong
(852) 3740-4700

James C. Lin, Esq.
Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
c/o 18th Floor, The Hong Kong Club Building
3A Chater Road
Hong Kong
(852) 2533-3300

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: as soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. _____

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. _____

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. _____

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered(2)(3)	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(2)(3)	Amount of registration fee
Common shares, par value US\$0.00025 per share(1)	42,061,250	US\$2.20	US\$92,534,750	US\$11,918(4)

(1) American depository shares issuable upon the deposit of the common shares registered hereby will be registered under a separate registration statement on Form F-6 (Registration No. 333-196699). Each American

depository share represents five common shares.

- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the amount of registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(a) under the Securities Act of 1933.
- (3) Includes 5,486,250 common shares that may be purchased by the underwriters pursuant to an over-allotment option. Also includes common shares initially offered and sold outside the United States that may be resold from time to time in the United States either as part of their distribution or within 40 days after the later of the effective date of this registration statement and the date the shares are first bona fide offered to the public. These common shares are not being registered for the purpose of sales outside the United States.
- (4) previously paid.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to such Section 8(a), may determine.

Table of Contents

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PROSPECTUS (Subject to Completion)

Dated June 12, 2014

7,315,000 American Depositary Shares

Xunlei Limited

Representing 36,575,000 common shares

This is an initial public offering of American Depositary Shares, or ADSs, of Xunlei Limited, or Xunlei. We are offering 7,315,000 ADSs. Each ADS represents five common shares, par value US\$0.00025 per share. We anticipate the initial public offering price of the ADSs will be between US\$9.00 and US\$11.00 per ADS.

We intend to apply for listing of our ADSs on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "XNET."

We are an "emerging growth company" under applicable U.S. federal securities laws and are eligible for reduced public company reporting requirements.

	Per ADS	Total
Initial public offering price	US\$	US\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	US\$	US\$
Proceeds to Xunlei Limited, before expenses	US\$	US\$

We have granted the underwriters an option for a period of 30 days to purchase up to an aggregate of 1,097,250 additional ADSs from us at the public offering price less underwriting discounts and commissions to cover over-allotments.

The underwriters expect to deliver the ADSs to purchasers on or about _____, 2014.

Investing in our ADSs involves a high degree of risk. See "Risk factors" beginning on page 17.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed on the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

J.P. Morgan

Oppenheimer & Co.

Citigroup

, 2014.

Table of Contents

Table of Contents

Table of Contents

	Page
<u>Prospectus summary</u>	1
<u>The offering</u>	9
<u>Summary consolidated financial data</u>	12
<u>Risk factors</u>	17
<u>Conventions which apply to this prospectus</u>	68
<u>Special note regarding forward-looking statements</u>	69
<u>Use of proceeds</u>	70
<u>Dividend policy</u>	71
<u>Capitalization</u>	72
<u>Dilution</u>	74
<u>Enforceability of civil liabilities</u>	76
<u>Corporate history and structure</u>	78
<u>Selected consolidated financial data</u>	84
<u>Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations</u>	88
<u>Industry</u>	138
<u>Business</u>	141
<u>Regulation</u>	155
<u>Management</u>	179
<u>Principal shareholders</u>	190
<u>Related party transactions</u>	194
<u>Description of share capital</u>	197
<u>Description of American Depositary Shares</u>	210
<u>Shares eligible for future sale</u>	218
<u>Taxation</u>	220
<u>Underwriting</u>	228
<u>Expenses relating to this offering</u>	236
<u>Legal matters</u>	237

Edgar Filing: Xunlei Ltd - Form F-1/A

<u>Experts</u>	<u>238</u>
<u>Where you can find additional information</u>	<u>239</u>
<u>Index to consolidated financial statements</u>	<u>F-1</u>
<u>Unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information</u>	<u>P-1</u>

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus or in any related free writing prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, the ADSs only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of the ADSs.

We have not taken any action to permit a public offering of the ADSs outside the United States or to permit the possession or distribution of this prospectus outside the United States. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about and observe any restrictions relating to the offering of the ADSs and the distribution of the prospectus outside the United States.

Until 2014 (the 25th day after the date of this prospectus), all dealers that buy, sell or trade ADSs, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to the obligation of dealers to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

Table of Contents

Prospectus summary

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by, and should be read in conjunction with, the more detailed information and financial statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. In addition to this summary, we urge you to read the entire prospectus carefully, especially the risks of investing in our ADSs discussed under "Risk factors," before deciding whether to buy our ADSs. This summary and other sections of this prospectus contain (i) information from a report, referred to in this prospectus as the iResearch Report, which we commissioned from iResearch Consulting Group, or iResearch, a third-party market research firm, to provide certain information including the number of monthly active users of Xunlei Accelerator and (ii) information from other publicly available reports by China Internet Network Information Center, or CNNIC, Analysys International or iResearch, which are identified by the statement "according to CNNIC," "according to Analysys International" or "according to iResearch" in this prospectus, as appropriate, and include, among others, information from the iUser Tracker database of iResearch containing overall market data on the internet industry in China.

Our business

We are one of the top 10 largest Chinese internet companies, as measured by user base. According to iResearch, we had an average of approximately 300 million monthly unique visitors for the three months ended on March 31, 2014. Digital media content, such as video, music and games, is one of the most popular usages for internet users in China. We operate a powerful internet platform in China based on cloud computing to enable users to quickly access, manage, and consume digital media content. We are increasingly extending to mobile devices in part through potentially pre-installed acceleration products in mobile phones and to living rooms through TV coverage (set-top boxes and IPTV) to further expand our user base and offer our users a wider range of access points. We aspire to deliver superior user experience in ease of access, management and consumption of digital media content anywhere, anytime, and on any device.

We are the No. 1 acceleration product provider in China as measured by market share in March 2014, according to iResearch. To address deficiencies of digital media transmission over the internet in China, such as low speed and high delivery failure rates, we provide users with quick and easy access to online digital media content through two core products and services:

Xunlei Accelerator, which enables users to accelerate digital transmission over the internet, is our most popular and free product, with approximately 142 million monthly active users and approximately 204 million monthly unique visitors in March 2014, according to the iResearch Report. Xunlei Accelerator enjoys a market share of 84.1% based on the number of launches among all transmission and acceleration products in China in March 2014, according to iResearch; and

Our cloud acceleration subscription services, delivered through products such as Green Channel, Offline Accelerator and Yunbo, offer users premium services for speed and reliability, with approximately 5.2 million subscribers as of March 31, 2014, up from approximately 1.1 million as of January 31, 2011.

Table of Contents

Benefitting from the large user base for our core product, Xunlei Accelerator, we have further developed various value-added services to meet a fuller spectrum of our users' digital media content access and consumption needs including:

Xunlei Kankan, the 6th largest online video streaming platform in China, with monthly unique visitors of approximately 136.0 million in March 2014, according to iResearch. Users can watch what they want for free from our comprehensive content library;

Pay per view services, launched in the second half of 2012 and serving approximately 155,000 subscribers as of March 31, 2014, providing them with access to our premium content library of over 800 movies, primarily new releases. As of March 31, 2014, about 58% of our pay per view subscribers are also subscribers for our premium acceleration services, presenting opportunities for further cross-selling; and

Online game services, including web games and massive multiplayer online games, or MMOGs, offered on our gaming platform.

We are increasingly expanding our services to living room based internet devices and mobile devices, as part of our cloud-based home and mobile strategies. Starting in 2013, we began to pre-install our acceleration products in set-top boxes distributed by third-party hardware providers. As of March 31, 2014, we had accumulated an installed base of approximately 1,552,000 set-top boxes across China. We believe our living room strategy combined with our success on PC internet will provide a seamless user experience to access digital media content from any device. We also target to make our mobile applications the central user interface for accessing and managing digital media content in a synchronized manner. Since 2012, we have entered into pre-installment service agreements with several mobile phone manufacturers, including a Xiaomi group company, pursuant to which we agree to provide our Xunlei mobile acceleration applications, and the mobile phone manufacturers agree to install such applications on their phones, free of charge. Xiaomi is a well-recognized smart phone brand in China and once such pre-installment arrangements are implemented, Xiaomi phone users will have access to our acceleration services, which could enhance our ability to generate more user traffic. These strategies and our compelling value proposition will provide us with the foundation to further grow our user base and allow our customers to access and enjoy digital media content regardless of device or location.

The technological backbone of our products and services is our cloud acceleration technology, comprised of a proprietary file locating system and massive file index database. Our technology enables us to support greater user expansion with incremental increases in server and bandwidth costs. This technology, based on distributed computing architecture, along with our indexing technology, enables users to access content in an efficient manner.

We have successfully monetized our large user base. We generate revenues primarily through the following services:

Cloud subscription services. We provide premium acceleration services for subscribers to enable faster and more reliable access to digital media content;

Online advertising services. We offer advertising services by providing marketing opportunities on our online video streaming websites and platform to our advertisers; and

Table of Contents

Other internet value-added services. We offer multiple other value-added services to our users, including online games and pay per view services.

We have grown significantly in recent years. Our revenues increased from US\$87.5 million in 2011 to US\$148.2 million in 2012 and US\$180.2 million in 2013. We had net loss attributable to Xunlei Limited of US\$0.01 million in 2011 and net income attributable to Xunlei Limited of US\$0.5 million in 2012 and US\$10.7 million in 2013, respectively. Our revenues were US\$41.3 million and US\$41.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively. We had net income attributable to Xunlei Limited of US\$3.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and US\$0.4 million for the same period in 2014.

Our industry

The proliferation of internet usage in China in recent years has made China the largest internet market in the world. According to China Internet Network Information Center, or CNNIC, the number of internet users in China had reached 618 million as of December 31, 2013. In addition, China had a broadband penetration rate of 88.8% among internet users as of December 31, 2012, according to iResearch. With the increasing internet penetration in China, several leading internet platforms have emerged and attracted large user base. According to iResearch, there are only 12 internet platforms in China with over 300 million monthly unique visitors, based on the data for the month ended March 31, 2014, including Xunlei.

As internet penetration continues to increase in China and throughout the world, digital media has proliferated, resulting in enormous amount of digital media content flow through the internet.

Online video. Online video usage in China has grown significantly in recent years after an initial lag caused by bandwidth limitations and software and hardware compatibility requirements. According to iResearch, the size of China's online video market, as measured by revenues, is expected to grow from 6.3 billion Renminbi, or RMB, in 2011 to RMB29.8 billion in 2016, representing a CAGR of 36.6%.

Online games. Online gaming is one of the most popular online activities in China. According to iResearch, the size of China's online gaming market, as measured by revenues, is expected to grow from RMB53.4 billion in 2011 to RMB183.7 billion in 2016, representing a CAGR of 27.8%.

In addition to PC and mobile, TV is also emerging as a new outlet for internet consumption. According to Analysys International, the installed base of OTT (over-the-top) TVs in China, including smart TVs and TVs with smart set-top boxes connections, was 17.0 million as of December 31, 2012, and is expected to increase to 239.0 million as of December 31, 2016, representing a CAGR of 93.6%.

Although the internet has become the mainstream channel for accessing digital media content, challenges for data transmission still exist. The size of digital media content files continues to grow to provide better user experience, which generates significant demand and opportunities for accelerated data transmission. Increasing consumption of digital media content, especially data-intensive content, may cause latency and other network performance issues. In China, most of the internet traffic goes through the networks of three carriers, China Telecom, China Unicom and China Mobile, which form the internet backbone of the country. However, major subnets are operated by different carriers in each province with limited interconnectivity

Table of Contents

among the three carriers, which causes network congestion despite improving last mile access enabled by increasing bandwidth. As a result, internet users in China constantly seek advanced technologies to enhance the accessibility of internet content.

Our strengths

We believe the following key strengths contribute to our success and differentiate us from our competitors:

Leading consumer internet platform in China;

Large and loyal user base with a growing number of subscribers;

Highly scalable and cost-efficient distributed computing network;

Proven monetization track record; and

Culture of innovation and experienced management team.

Our strategies

Our mission is to become the leading technology company for internet users in China to access, manage and consume digital media content through internet-enabled devices. We intend to achieve this mission by pursuing the following strategies:

Continue to grow our user base and improve user engagement and retention through user experience enhancement;

Further monetize our large user base;

Endeavor to provide seamless cross device user access;

Strengthen relationships with strategic partners to further build our ecosystem;

Continue to focus on research and development and maintain our technological leadership; and

Selectively pursue business expansion via partnerships and acquisitions.

Our challenges

Our ability to achieve our mission and execute our strategies is subject to risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to those relating to our ability to:

continue developing innovative technologies in response to evolving user demand and maintain our technological leadership;

Edgar Filing: Xunlei Ltd - Form F-1/A

maintain and further monetize our user base, expand our subscription services and grow our subscriber base;

develop, maintain and protect intellectual property and other proprietary rights;

license and protect third-party intellectual property rights;

attract and retain qualified personnel;

Table of Contents

maintain and develop relationships with advertisers;

successfully adapt our business model to changes in our industry; and

maintain control over our variable interest entities, which is based upon contractual arrangements rather than equity ownership.

Our history and structure

We commenced operations in January 2003 through the establishment of Shenzhen Xunlei Networking Technologies Co., Ltd., or Shenzhen Xunlei, in China. We established Xunlei Limited (formerly known as Giganology Limited) as our holding company in February 2005 in the Cayman Islands. Xunlei Limited directly owns Giganology (Shenzhen) Ltd., or Giganology Shenzhen, our wholly owned subsidiary in China established in June 2005.

Giganology Shenzhen has entered into a series of contractual arrangements with Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders. The contractual arrangements between Giganology Shenzhen, Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders enable us to (1) exercise effective control over Shenzhen Xunlei; (2) receive substantially all of the economic benefits of Shenzhen Xunlei in consideration for the technical and consulting services provided and the intellectual property rights licensed by Giganology Shenzhen; and (3) have an exclusive option to purchase all of the equity interests in Shenzhen Xunlei when and to the extent permitted under laws and regulations of People's Republic of China, or PRC.

As a result of these contractual arrangements, we are considered the primary beneficiary of Shenzhen Xunlei, and we treat it as our variable interest entity, or VIE, under the generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. We have consolidated the financial results of Shenzhen Xunlei and its subsidiaries in our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

In February 2011, we established a direct wholly owned subsidiary, Xunlei Network Technologies Limited, or Xunlei Network BVI, in the British Virgin Islands. In March 2011, we established Xunlei Network Technologies Limited, or Xunlei Network HK, in Hong Kong, which is the direct wholly owned subsidiary of Xunlei Network BVI.

In November 2011, we established Xunlei Computer (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. (also known as Thunder Computer (Shenzhen) Limited), or Xunlei Computer, in China, which is the direct wholly owned subsidiary of Xunlei Network HK.

Table of Contents

The following diagram illustrates our corporate structure and subsidiaries and variable interest entities as of the date of this prospectus:

(1) Shenzhen Xunlei is our variable interest entity. Mr. Sean Shenglong Zou, our co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Hao Cheng, our co-founder and director, Mr. Jianming Shi, Guangzhou Shulian Information Investment Co., Ltd. and Ms. Fang Wang respectively own 76.0%, 8.3%, 8.3%, 6.7% and 0.7% of Shenzhen Xunlei's equity interests.

(2) The remaining 30% of the equity interest is owned by Mr. Hao Cheng.

In March 2014, we completed the first tranche of series E preferred shares financing, pursuant to which Xiaomi Ventures Limited, or Xiaomi Ventures, subscribed for 70,975,491 series E preferred shares for a total purchase price of US\$200 million, or approximately US\$2.8 per share. As of the date of this prospectus, Xiaomi Ventures holds approximately 27.2% of our total issued and outstanding shares on an as-converted basis. In addition, concurrent with the closing of Xiaomi Ventures' subscription, we issued warrants to Xiaomi Ventures with an exercise price of approximately US\$2.8 per share. As of the date of this prospectus, Xiaomi Ventures is entitled to subscribe for up to 17,744,264 series E preferred shares upon exercise of the warrants. If we are unable to complete this offering by December 31, 2014, then such warrants are exercisable at Xiaomi Ventures' option starting from January 1, 2015 and ending on March 1, 2015. Xiaomi Ventures has agreed to subscribe for up to US\$50 million of ADSs in this offering, subject to the discretion of Xunlei Limited and the lead underwriters as to the amount of ADSs that Xiaomi Ventures will get in this offering, if any, provided that the ADSs subscribed by Xiaomi Ventures will not account for more than 30% the total ADSs being offered and sold in the offering. In the event that the lead underwriters allocate any number of ADSs to Xiaomi Ventures with a total purchase price of no greater than US\$50 million within 30% of the total number of ADSs being offered and sold in this offering, Xiaomi

Table of Contents

Ventures will be obligated to purchase such ADSs at the initial public offering price no later than at the completion of this offering. Furthermore, Xiaomi Ventures or its designee has the right to subscribe for additional series E preferred shares for a total consideration of US\$100 million within three months after the closing of the first tranche of series E preferred shares financing. Moreover, in relation to the first tranche of series E preferred shares financing, we also issued warrants to Skyline Global Company Holdings Limited, or Skyline, with an exercise price of approximately US\$2.8 per share. As of the date of this prospectus, Skyline is entitled to subscribe for up to 3,406,899 series E preferred shares upon its exercise of the warrants. Such warrants are exercisable at Skyline's option no later than the pricing date of this offering or March 1, 2015, whichever is earlier.

In April 2014, we completed the second tranche of series E preferred shares financing with new investors, including King Venture Holdings Limited, or King Venture, an affiliated investment vehicle of Kingsoft Corporation Limited. As a result, King Venture subscribed for 31,939,676 series E preferred shares for a total purchase consideration of US\$90 million, or approximately US\$2.8 per share, and other investors subscribed for an aggregate number of 7,097,706 series E preferred shares for a total purchase consideration of US\$20 million. As of the date of this prospectus, King Venture holds approximately 12.2% of our total issued and outstanding shares on an as-converted basis. The subscription for additional series E preferred shares upon exercise of subscription rights by Xiaomi Ventures or its designee were deemed to have been consummated simultaneously.

In April 2014, we repurchased shares from several existing shareholders. As of the date of this prospectus, we completed the repurchase of an aggregate number of 23,298,276 common shares and preferred shares.

Corporate information

Our principal executive offices are located at 4/F, Hans Innovation Mansion, North Ring Road, No. 9018 High-Tech Park, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, 518057, People's Republic of China. Our telephone number at this address is (86-755) 3391-2900. Our registered office in the Cayman Islands is located at the offices of Maples Corporate Services Limited, PO Box 309, Uglan House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands. Our agent for service of process in the United States is Law Debenture Corporate Services Inc.

Investors should contact us for any inquiries through the address and telephone number of our principal executive offices. Our website is www.xunlei.com. The information contained on our website is not a part of this prospectus.

Implications of being an emerging growth company

As a company with less than US\$1.0 billion in revenues for the last fiscal year, we qualify as an "emerging growth company" pursuant to the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or 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. These provisions include exemption from the auditor attestation requirement under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or Section 404, in the assessment of the emerging growth company's internal control over financial reporting. The JOBS Act also provides that an emerging growth company does not need to comply with any new or revised

Table of Contents

financial accounting standards until such date that a private company is otherwise required to comply with such new or revised accounting standards. However, we have elected to "opt out" of this provision and, as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards as required when they are adopted for public companies. This decision to opt out of the extended transition period under the JOBS Act is irrevocable.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of (a) the last day of our fiscal year during which we have total annual gross revenues of at least US\$1.0 billion; (b) the last day of our fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the completion of this offering; (c) the date on which we have, during the previous three-year period, issued more than US\$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt; or (d) the date on which we are deemed to be a "large accelerated filer" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, which would occur if the market value of our ADSs that are held by non-affiliates exceeds US\$700 million as of the last business day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter. Once we cease to be an emerging growth company, we will not be entitled to the exemptions provided in the JOBS Act discussed above.

Table of Contents

The offering

The following information assumes that the underwriters will not exercise their option to purchase additional ADSs in the offering, unless otherwise indicated.

Offering price	We currently estimate that the initial public offering price will be between US\$9.00 and US\$11.00 per ADS.
ADSs offered by us	7,315,000 ADSs.
ADSs outstanding immediately after this offering	7,315,000 ADSs (or 8,412,250 ADSs, if the underwriters exercise in full their over-allotment option to purchase additional ADSs).
Common shares outstanding immediately after this offering	346,912,180 common shares (or 352,398,430 common shares if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full, including 263,374,445 common shares resulting from the automatic conversion of all of our outstanding preferred shares immediately upon the completion of this offering, assuming the initial public offering price at US\$10.00 per ADS, the mid-point of the estimated range of the initial public offering price shown on the front cover of this prospectus).
The ADSs	<p>Each ADS represents five common shares, par value US\$0.00025 per share.</p> <p>The depositary will hold the common shares underlying your ADSs. You will have rights as provided in the deposit agreement.</p> <p>If we declare dividends on our common shares, the depositary will pay you the cash dividends and other distributions it receives on our common shares, after deducting its fees and expenses.</p> <p>You may turn in your ADSs to the depositary in exchange for common shares. The depositary will charge you fees for any exchange.</p> <p>We may amend or terminate the deposit agreement without your consent. If you continue to hold your ADSs, you agree to be bound by the deposit agreement as amended.</p> <p>To better understand the terms of the ADSs, you should carefully read the "Description of American Depositary Shares" section of this prospectus. You should also read the deposit agreement, which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement that includes this prospectus.</p>

Edgar Filing: Xunlei Ltd - Form F-1/A

Table of Contents

Over-allotment option	We have granted to the underwriters an option, which is exercisable within 30 days from the date of this prospectus, to purchase up to an additional 1,097,250 ADSs.
Use of proceeds	We plan to use the net proceeds we receive from this offering to invest in technology, infrastructure and product development efforts, to acquire digital media content and exclusive online game licenses and for other general corporate purposes, including working capital needs and potential acquisitions. See "Use of proceeds" for additional information.
Lock-up	We, our directors and executive officers, certain of our existing shareholders holding in the aggregate of over 90% of our outstanding shares and certain option holders to purchase our common shares have agreed with the underwriters, subject to certain exceptions, not to sell, transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any of our ADSs or common shares or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our ADSs or common shares for a period of 180 days following the date of this prospectus. Furthermore, all of our directors, executive officers, existing shareholders and holders of the options to purchase our common shares are restricted by our agreement with the depository from depositing common shares in our ADS facility or having new ADSs issued to them during the same period. See "Underwriting" for more information.
Listing	We intend to apply to have the ADSs listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "XNET." Our ADSs and shares will not be listed on any other stock exchange or traded on any automated quotation system.
Payment and settlement	The underwriters expect to deliver the ADSs against payment therefor through the facilities of the Depository Trust Company on _____, 2014.
Depository	The Bank of New York Mellon.
Reserved ADSs	At our request, the underwriters have reserved for sale, at the initial public offering price, up to 420,613 ADSs offered by this prospectus to our directors, officers, employees, business associates and related persons through a directed share program.
Risk Factors	See "Risk factors" and other information included in this prospectus for a discussion of risks you should carefully consider before investing in our ADSs.
The number of common shares that will be outstanding immediately after this offering:	

assumes no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option;

Table of Contents

assumes Skyline does not exercise the warrants to subscribe for up to 3,406,899 series E preferred shares prior to or upon the pricing of this offering;

excludes 26,822,828 common shares reserved for future issuances under our 2010 Plan, of which options to purchase 21,274,267 common shares are outstanding as of the date of this prospectus; and

excludes 23,269,144 common shares issued to Leading Advice Holdings Limited for future issuances of share-based awards under our 2013 Plan and 2014 Plan, except for 180,000 restricted shares which have vested and are deemed outstanding.

As the high end of the estimated range of the initial public offering price shown on the front cover of this prospectus is below the prevailing conversion prices for our series C, series D and series E preferred shares, we anticipate that we will need to adjust such conversion prices according to the anti-dilution adjustment formula set out under our currently effective memorandum and articles of association. For illustration purpose only, we estimate that we will issue 49,399,444 additional common shares based on the midpoint of the estimated range of the initial public offering price shown on the front cover of this prospectus, representing a post-offering outstanding share capital of 346,912,180 common shares, or 48,563,368 additional common shares based on the high end of the estimated range of the initial public offering price shown on the front cover of this prospectus, representing a post-offering outstanding share capital of 331,875,423 common shares, or 50,352,901 additional common shares based on the low end of the estimated range of the initial public offering price shown on the front cover of this prospectus, representing a post-offering outstanding share capital of 365,235,545 common shares.

Table of Contents**Summary consolidated financial data**

The following summary consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and the summary balance sheet data as of December 31, 2012 and 2013 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary consolidated statements of operations data for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2014 and the summary balance sheet data as of March 31, 2014 are derived from our unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We have prepared the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements on the same basis as our audited consolidated financial statements and include all adjustments, consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments, that we consider necessary for a fair statement of our financial position and operating results for the periods presented. Our consolidated financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Our historical results for any period are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for any future period. You should read the following summary financial information in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes and the information under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included elsewhere in this prospectus.

(in thousands of US\$, except for share, per share and per ADS data)	For the Year Ended December 31,			For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2011	2012	2013(unaudited)	2013 (unaudited)	2014 (unaudited)
Revenues, net of rebates and discounts	87,471	148,200	180,244	41,319	41,190
Business tax and surcharges	(5,569)	(7,679)	(5,650)	(1,245)	(1,192)
Net revenues	81,902	140,521	174,594	40,074	39,998
Cost of revenues	(48,068)	(84,012)	(93,260)	(20,783)	(23,864)
Gross profit	33,834	56,509	81,334	19,291	16,134
Operating expenses ⁽¹⁾					
Research and development expenses	(12,142)	(20,357)	(28,832)	(6,093)	(7,079)
Sales and marketing expenses	(10,966)	(20,219)	(26,610)	(4,443)	(5,027)
General and administrative expenses	(18,601)	(18,474)	(23,073)	(4,409)	(6,068)
Total operating expenses	(41,709)	(59,050)	(78,515)	(14,945)	(18,174)
Net gain/(loss) from exchanges of content copyrights	4,742	4,666	1,020	(171)	826
Operating (loss)/income	(3,133)	2,125	3,839	4,175	(1,214)
Interest income	270	1,377	1,189	190	387
Interest expense	(339)	(1,400)			
Other income, net	1,415	564	4,679	588	1,123
Shares of (loss)/income from equity investee	(7)	(45)	25	(23)	(56)
(Loss)/income before income tax	(1,794)	2,621	9,732	4,930	240
Income tax benefit/(expense)	1,783	(2,239)	647	(862)	(62)

Table of Contents

(in thousands of US\$, except for share, per share and per ADS data)	For the Year Ended December 31,		For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2011	2012	2013 (unaudited)	2014 (unaudited)	
Net (loss)/income	(11)	382	10,379	4,068	178
Less: net (loss)/income attributable to non-controlling interest	(1)	(121)	(283)	167	(219)
Net (loss)/income attributable to Xunlei Limited	(10)	503	10,662	3,901	397
Beneficial conversion feature of series C convertible preferred shares from their modification		(286)			
Deemed contribution from series C preferred shareholders		2,979			
Contingent beneficial conversion feature of series C to a series C shareholder					(57)
Deem dividend to series D shareholder from its modification					(279)
Accretion of series D to convertible redeemable preferred shares redemption value		(3,509)	(4,300)	(1,060)	(1,153)
Accretion of series E to convertible redeemable preferred shares redemption value					(2,525)
Amortization of beneficial conversion feature of series E					(933)
Allocation of net income to participating preferred shareholders			(4,094)	(1,828)	
Net (loss)/income attributable to Xunlei Limited's common shareholders	(10)	(313)	2,268	1,013	(4,550)
Weighted average number of common shares used in per share calculations					
Basic	59,143,208	61,447,372	61,447,372	61,447,372	61,447,372
Diluted	59,143,208	61,447,372	76,065,898	75,901,980	61,447,372
Net (loss)/income attributable to holders of common shares of Xunlei Limited per common share					
Basic	(0.00)	(0.01)	0.04	0.02	(0.07)
Diluted	(0.00)	(0.01)	0.01	0.01	(0.07)
Net (loss)/income attributable to holders of common shares of Xunlei Limited per ADS ⁽²⁾					
Basic			0.01		(0.01)
Diluted			0.01		(0.01)
Weighted average number of common shares used in pro forma per share calculations					
Basic			172,400,906		245,012,554
Diluted			187,019,432		314,032,593

Table of Contents

(in thousands of US\$, except for share, per share and per ADS data)	For the Year Ended			For the Three Months Ended	
	2011	2012	December 31, 2013 (unaudited)	2013	March 31, 2014 (unaudited)
Pro forma earnings per common share (unaudited) ⁽³⁾					
Basic			0.06		0.00
Diluted			0.05		0.00
Adjusted Article 11 pro forma net (loss)/income attributable to Xunlei Limited's common shareholders (unaudited) ⁽⁴⁾					
Basic			(6,994)		823
Diluted			(6,994)		636
Weighted average number of common shares used in adjusted Article 11 pro forma (loss)/earnings per share calculations (unaudited) ⁽⁴⁾					
Basic			260,757,736		260,757,736
Diluted			260,757,736		329,796,236
Adjusted Article 11 pro forma (loss)/earnings per common share (unaudited) ⁽⁴⁾					
Basic			(0.03)		0.00
Diluted			(0.03)		0.00
Weighted average number of common shares used in pro forma as adjusted per share calculations (unaudited)					
Basic			346,732,180		346,732,180
Diluted			346,732,180		415,770,680
Pro forma as adjusted earnings per common share (unaudited) ⁽⁵⁾					
Basic			(0.02)		0.00
Diluted			(0.02)		0.00
Pro forma as adjusted earnings per ADS (unaudited) ⁽⁵⁾					
Basic			(0.00)		0.00
Diluted			(0.00)		0.00

Notes:

(1) Share-based compensation expenses were allocated in operating expenses as follows:

(in thousands of US\$)	For the Year Ended			For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2011	2012	December 31, 2013 (unaudited)	2013	2014 (unaudited)
Research and development expenses	898	1,085	973	235	191
Sales and marketing expenses	73	46	43	9	12
General and administrative expenses	1,128	1,102	1,080	84	859
Total share-based compensation expenses	2,099	2,233	2,096	328	1,062

(2) Each ADS represents five common shares.

(3) The unaudited pro-forma earnings per share give effect to our planned conversion of preferred shares into common shares based on the applicable conversion prices upon the completion of this offering. The unaudited pro

forma presentation does not include (1) the series E preferred shares issued in April 2014, and (2) the repurchase transactions occurred in April 2014.

Table of Contents

(4) The unaudited adjusted Article 11 pro-forma net loss attributable to Xunlei Limited's common shareholders, loss per common share and weighted average number of common shares used in adjusted Article 11 pro forma loss per share calculation for the year ended December 31, 2013 give effect to (1) the series E preferred shares issued in March and April 2014, (2) the repurchase transactions occurred in April 2014, and (3) our planned conversion of preferred shares into common shares based on the applicable conversion prices upon the completion of this offering. The unaudited adjusted Article 11 pro-forma net income attributable to Xunlei Limited's common shareholders, earnings per common share and weighted average number of common shares used in adjusted Article 11 pro forma earnings per share calculation for the three months ended March 31, 2014 give effect to (1) the series E preferred shares issued in April 2014, (2) the repurchase transactions occurred in April 2014, and (3) our planned conversion of preferred shares into common shares based on the applicable conversion prices upon the completion of this offering. Please refer to our unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information on pages P-17 and P-18 for additional information.

(5) The unaudited pro-forma as adjusted net loss attributable to our common shareholders, loss per common share and weighted average number of common shares used in the pro forma as adjusted loss per share calculation for the year ended December 31, 2013 give effect to (1) the series E preferred shares issued in March and April 2014, (2) the repurchase transactions occurred in April 2014, (3) the triggering of the anti-dilution clause for the series C, D, E preferred shares from the issuance and sale of this offering and (4) our planned conversion of preferred shares into common shares based on the applicable conversion prices upon the completion of this offering. The triggering of the anti-dilution clause is in accordance with the anti-dilution clause in the financing documents. At the time of this anti-dilution, the anti-dilution triggered upon this offering contained a beneficial conversion feature of US\$73 million and the amount was charged to additional paid in capital in 2014 as a deemed dividend. The unaudited pro-forma as adjusted net income attributable to Xunlei Limited's common shareholders, earnings per common share and weighted average number of common shares used in pro forma as adjusted earnings per share calculation for the three months ended March 31, 2014 give effect to (1) the series E preferred shares issued in April 2014, (2) the repurchase transactions occurred in April 2014, (3) the triggering of the anti-dilution clause for the series C, D, E preferred shares from the issuance and sale of this offering and (4) our planned conversion of preferred shares into common shares based on the applicable conversion prices upon the completion of this offering. The triggering of the anti-dilution clause is in accordance with the anti-dilution clause in the financing documents. At the time of this anti-dilution, the anti-dilution triggered upon this offering contained a beneficial conversion feature of US\$73 million and the amount was charged to additional paid in capital in 2014 as a deemed dividend.

	As at December 31,		As at March 31,			
	2012	2013	2014	2014 ⁽¹⁾	Article 11 2014 ⁽²⁾ Pro forma as adjusted	2014 ⁽³⁾ Pro forma as adjusted
(in thousands of US\$)	2012	2013	Actual, (unaudited)	Pro forma (unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Selected Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:						
Cash and cash equivalents	81,906	93,906	302,361	302,361	338,277	402,857
Short-term investments	6,523	40,993	32,339	32,339	32,339	32,339
Total current assets	163,830	193,781	385,409	385,409	421,325	435,196
Total assets	202,204	244,403	439,785	439,785	475,701	540,281
Accounts payables	31,834	39,820	36,922	36,922	36,922	36,922

Edgar Filing: Xunlei Ltd - Form F-1/A

Total current liabilities	79,544	105,385	100,961	100,961	101,018	101,018
Total liabilities	97,886	124,835	155,255	155,255	127,460	127,460
Mezzanine equity	35,990	40,290	157,443			
Total Xunlei Limited's shareholders' equity	67,968	79,194	127,222	284,665	348,376	412,956
Non-controlling interest	360	84	(135)	(135)	(135)	(135)
Total liabilities and equity	202,204	244,403	439,785	439,785	475,701	540,281

(1) On a pro forma basis to reflect the planned conversion of preferred shares into common shares based on the applicable conversion prices upon the completion of this offering, and the unaudited pro forma presentation does not include (1) the series E preferred shares issued in April 2014 and (2) the repurchase transactions occurred in April 2014.

(2) On an Article 11 pro forma as adjusted basis to reflect (1) the series E preferred shares issued in April 2014, (2) the repurchase transactions occurred in April 2014, and (3) our planned conversion of preferred shares into common shares based

Table of Contents

on the applicable conversion prices upon the completion of this offering. Please refer to the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information on page P-2 for additional information.

(3) On a pro forma as adjusted basis to reflect (1) the planned conversion of preferred shares into common shares based on the applicable conversion prices, (2) the issuance and sale of series E preferred shares in April 2014, (3) the repurchase transactions occurred in April 2014, (4) the triggering of the anti-dilution clause for the series C, D and E preferred shares from the issuance and sale of this offering and (5) the issuance and sale of 36,575,000 common shares in the form of ADSs by us in this offering at an assumed initial public offering price of US\$10.00 per ADS, the midpoint of the estimated initial public offering price range shown on the front cover of this prospectus, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. The triggering of the anti-dilution clause is in accordance with the anti-dilution clause in the financing documents. At the time of this anti-dilution, the anti-dilution triggered upon this offering contained a beneficial conversion feature of US\$73 million and the amount was charged to additional paid in capital in 2014 as a deemed dividend.

(in thousands of US\$)	For the Year Ended December 31,			For the Three Months Ended	
	2011	2012	2013	2013 (unaudited)	March 31, 2014 (unaudited)
Selected Cash Flow Statement Data:					
Net cash generated from operating activities	18,277	59,914	85,533	16,590	15,019
Net cash used in investing activities	(36,875)	(49,490)	(78,352)	(18,179)	(5,130)
Net cash generated from financing activities	50,032	17,692	2,487	1,307	199,620
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	31,434	28,116	9,668	(282)	209,509
Effect of exchange rate changes	562	441	2,332	169	(1,054)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year/period	21,353	53,349	81,906	81,906	93,906
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year/period	53,349	81,906	93,906	81,793	302,361

Table of Contents

Risk factors

An investment in our ADSs involves significant risks. You should carefully consider all of the information in this prospectus, including the risks and uncertainties described below, before making an investment in our ADSs. Any of the following risks could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In any such case, the market price of our ADSs could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Risks related to our business

If we fail to continue the growth based on our current subscription-based, multiple-source revenue model, our business will be adversely affected.

We launched our core product, Xunlei Accelerator, in 2004 and cloud acceleration subscription services in 2009 to enable users to quickly access and consume digital media content. These cloud acceleration products have rapidly achieved nationwide popularity in the past few years. Coupled with our core products and services, we provide online video streaming services through Xunlei Kankan platform and other internet value-added services. Revenues from our cloud acceleration subscription services have significantly increased since 2009 while revenues from our online advertising and other internet value-added services have increased steadily over the years. We expect our growth trend to continue as we expand our subscriber base. However, due to the limited operating history of our current subscription-based, diversified multiple-source revenue stream business model, our historical growth rate may not be indicative of our future performance, especially if we are unable to continue to convert more users into subscribers. We also cannot assure you that we will grow at the same rate as we did in the past.

We may not be able to retain and grow our large user base, convert our users into subscribers of our premium services or maintain our existing subscribers and attract new subscribers.

We enjoy a large user base. Our platform had an average of approximately 300 million monthly unique visitors for the three months ended March 31, 2014, according to iResearch. Xunlei Kankan attracted approximately 136.0 million monthly unique visitors in March 2014, according to iResearch. However, if we are unable to consistently provide our users with quality experience of quick and easy access to digital media content, or if users do not perceive our service offerings to be of value, or if we introduce new or adjust existing features or change the mix of digital media content in a manner that is not favorably received by them, we may not be able to retain our existing users.

We launched our cloud acceleration subscription services in March 2009, which have since then experienced substantial growth. The total number of our subscribers reached approximately 5.2 million as of March 31, 2014. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain and increase the number of our subscribers. For example, our efforts to provide greater incentives for our users to subscribe, including marketing activities to highlight the value of differentiated subscriber-only services, such as Green Channel and Offline Accelerator, may not continue to succeed. Our subscribers may stop their subscriptions or other spending on our products or services because we no longer serve their needs or if we are unable to successfully compete with current and new competitors in both retaining our existing subscribers and attracting new subscribers, which would adversely impact our business, results of operations and prospects.

Table of Contents

If we fail to keep up with the technological development and users' changing demands in the internet industry, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

The internet industry is rapidly evolving and subject to continual technological changes. As the internet infrastructure continues to develop, the internet may become more easily accessible through alternative technological innovations in the future, which would make our existing products and services less attractive to our users. For example, an increasing number of users access the internet via devices other than PCs, including mobile phones and other hand-held devices, which requires us to upgrade our software and website to make our services easily accessible by users of mobile devices. Although as of the date of this prospectus, approximately 5% of our existing users access the acceleration and online streaming services through mobile devices, if our mobile-based services fail to become popular, we may lose those users and fail to attract new users, which may further adversely impact our growth. In addition, user demands for internet content may also shift over time. Currently, internet users appear to have significant demand for multimedia acceleration, online streaming and online games services, and we expect such demand to continue. However, we cannot assure you that the behavior of internet users will not change in the future. If we do not upgrade our services in response to changes of users' demands in an effective and timely manner, the number of our users and advertisers may decrease. Furthermore, changes in technologies and user demands may require substantial capital expenditures in product development and infrastructure. We are increasingly extending to mobile devices in part through potentially pre-installed acceleration products in mobile phones and to living rooms through TV coverage (set-top boxes and IPTV) to further expand our user base and offer our users a wider range of access points. To achieve this, we are continually developing and upgrading products and services and seeking strategic cooperation with hardware manufacturers which may require significant resources from us. If we fail to implement our strategy successfully, or if our innovations cannot respond to the needs of our users, our business, results of operations and prospects may be materially and adversely affected. Failure to keep up with technological developments may cause our services to become less attractive, which in turn may materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and prospects.

We face and expect to continue to face copyright infringement claims and other related claims, including claims based on content available through our services, which could be time-consuming and costly to defend and may result in damage awards, injunctive relief and/or court orders, divert our management's attention and financial resources and adversely impact our business.

Our success depends, in large part, on our ability to operate our business without infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating third-party rights, including third-party intellectual property rights. Internet, technology and media companies are frequently involved in litigation based on allegations of infringement of intellectual property rights, unfair competition, invasion of privacy, defamation and other violations of other parties' rights.

In May 2014, we entered into a content protection agreement with the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc., or MPAA, and six major U.S. entertainment content providers, which are the members of MPAA. We have agreed to implement a comprehensive system of measures designed to prevent unauthorized downloading of and access to such content providers' works. Among these content protection measures, we have agreed to (1) implement

Table of Contents

a filtering system that will be applied to these content providers' video content, (2) filter these content providers' video content prior to making any such content available to our users through our websites or client applications, (3) adopt state-of-the-art fingerprinting-based filtering technologies, (4) cooperate with these content providers going forward to ensure the effectiveness of our content protection measures, and (5) incorporate additional content protection measures to the extent that they are necessary to effectively protect against copyright infringement. Due to the technological complexities of such content protection measures, we may fail to satisfy certain obligations under such agreement for technological or other reasons which may be out of our control. Even if we comply with all of our obligations under the content protection agreement, the implementation of content protection measures may affect our users' experience or otherwise make our services and products less competitive than those of our competitors, which could in turn materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In the event that the content protection agreement is terminated or we are otherwise deemed not to be fully compliant with its material terms, the content providers may initiate a lawsuit or other proceeding against us, including for any past claims that they might otherwise have made prior to our entering into the agreement. In addition, other third party content providers may still initiate lawsuits or other proceedings against us.

In the ordinary course of our business, we receive written notices from third parties claiming that certain content in our network or on one or more of our websites infringe their copyrights and threatening to take legal actions against us. We have in the past received claims that content and games on our websites infringes third parties' copyrights and requesting us to cease distribution, marketing or displaying such content or games on our websites. Based on our knowledge, we do not think any such allegations are substantiated. However, claims alleging copyright infringement or other claims arising from the content accessible through our distributed computing network, or on our websites or through our other services, such as any potential legal proceeding initiated by MPAA members or the Motion Picture Association Inc., or MPA, with or without merit, may lead to damage awards and/or court orders, diversion of our management's attention and financial resources and negative publicity affecting our brand and reputation, and therefore adversely affect our results of operations and business prospects.

We were subject to a total of 176 lawsuits, 114 lawsuits, 72 lawsuits and 4 lawsuits in China for alleged copyright infringement in 2011, 2012, 2013 and the three months ended March 31, 2014, respectively. Approximately 96.4% of these lawsuits were rejected by relevant PRC courts, withdrawn by the plaintiffs or settled as of March 31, 2014. Among these lawsuits, we have only lost three lawsuits where we were ordered to pay monetary damage in the amount of RMB56,350 (US\$9,054). As of March 31, 2014, we accrued approximately US\$1.0 million in litigation expenses related to cases filed before then, which included US\$0.8 million in copyright infringement litigation. Such amounts included amounts owed pursuant to out-of-court settlements. As of March 31, 2014, we had 17 copyright infringement lawsuits pending against us with an aggregate amount of claimed damages of approximately RMB16.3 million (US\$2.6 million). Between March 31, 2014 and the date of this prospectus, 8 out of 17 copyright infringement lawsuits pending were settled. The settlement of these copyright infringement lawsuits reduced the aggregate amount of claimed damages against us from approximately RMB16.3 million (US\$2.6 million) to RMB0.7 million (US\$0.1 million).

The copyright infringement lawsuits pending against us involve claims alleging copyright infringement arising in connection with videos available on Xunlei Kankan and third-party

Table of Contents

content allegedly accessible through links provided by Gougou, a web search engine. In December 2010, we sold the domain name, trademark rights and copyright interests in software relating to Gougou to a third party. As part of the purchase agreement, the third-party buyer assumed all existing and future liabilities related to Gougou, including liabilities resulting from intellectual property claims by third parties, and agreed to indemnify us for any future losses from such liabilities. However, the risk remains that the buyer may either become unwilling or, through liquidation or other events, unable to honor its obligations under the purchase agreement to assume liabilities related to Gougou, in which case we may be held liable for any liabilities related to Gougou.

The premium acceleration services and other value-added services we provide to our subscribers may expose us to additional copyright infringement claims, which could materially and adversely affect our existing business model.

We provide subscribers limited space to temporarily store content downloaded on our servers for optimal acceleration performance. Subscribers may also request our cloud servers to transmit a file on their behalf and upload it to their properties. See "Business Our Platform Cloud accelerator Subscription services." In addition, certain of our services allow users to upload files after they create accounts with us, converting the files into links and sharing such links with designated persons. We may be liable for transmitting or temporarily storing content or creating links representing content on behalf of our subscribers if such content infringes third-party intellectual property rights, and any such potential legal liabilities could materially and adversely affect our existing business model.

Our technologies, business methods and services, including those relating to our resource discovery network, may be subject to third-party patent claims or rights, such as issued patents or pending patent applications, that limit or prevent their use.

We cannot assure you that holders of patents purportedly relating to our resource discovery network, products or services, if any such holders exist, would not seek to enforce such patents against us in China, the United States or any other jurisdictions. Based on our own analysis, we do not believe that we are currently infringing any third-party patents of which we are aware. However, our analysis may have failed to identify all relevant patents and patent applications. For example, there may be currently pending applications, unknown to us, that may later result in issued patents that are infringed by our products, services or other aspects of our business. There could also be existing patents of which we are not aware that our products may inadvertently infringe. Third parties may attempt to enforce such patents against us. Further, the application and interpretation of China's patent laws and the procedures and standards for granting patents in China are still evolving and are uncertain, and we cannot assure you that PRC courts or regulatory authorities would agree with our analysis. Any patent infringement claims, regardless of their merits, could be time-consuming and costly to us. If we were found to infringe third-party patents and were not able to adopt non-infringing technologies, we may be severely limited in our ability to operate our business, and our results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

The intellectual property protection mechanism we have implemented may not be effective or sufficient and may subject us to future litigation or result in our inability to continue providing certain of our existing services in China.

We may not have obtained licenses for all digital media content available via our services and the scope of the licenses we obtained for certain content may not be broad enough to cover

Table of Contents

all fashions we currently employ to distribute, market or display such content. For digital media content we have lawfully obtained from an authorized licensor, we may not be able to timely detect the expiration of the licensing period of certain of the content available via our services and disable access to such content via our services in a timely manner. We have been involved in litigations based on allegations from rights owners that we have infringed their copyright interests in such content. Assisted by our intellectual property team dedicated to copyright protection, we have implemented internal procedures to meet the requirements under relevant PRC laws and regulations to monitor and review the content we license before it is released on Xunlei Kankan and remove any infringing content promptly after we receive notice of infringement from the legitimate rights holder. See also "Business Intellectual Property digital media data monitoring and copyright protection" for more details. However, due to the significant amount of digital media content available on Xunlei Kankan, or accessible through our resource discovery network and other services, we generally do not seek to identify infringing content absent receiving any notice of infringement. In addition, we organize and recommend to our users, digital media content accessible through our services and provided on certain reputable audio-visual websites that have a cooperation relationship with us. As such, we may be exposed to the risk of copyright infringement liability in the event that such content has not been duly licensed to us or to the operators of those websites. Moreover, some rights owners may not send us a notice before bringing a lawsuit against us. Thus, our inability to identify unauthorized content hosted on our website or servers, or accessible through our network has subjected us to, and is expected to continue to subject us to, claims of infringement of third-party intellectual property rights or other rights. In addition, we may be subject to administrative actions brought by the National Copyright Administration of the PRC or its local branches for alleged copyright infringement.

The validity, enforceability and scope of protection of intellectual property in internet-related industries, particularly in China, are uncertain and still evolving. As we face increasing competition and as litigation becomes more common in China in resolving commercial disputes, we face a higher risk of intellectual property infringement claims. The Supreme People's Court of China promulgated a judicial interpretation on infringement of the right of dissemination through internet in December 2012. This judicial interpretation provides that the courts will require service providers to remove not only links or content that have been specifically mentioned in the notices of infringement from rights holders, but also links or content they "should have known" to contain infringing content. The interpretation further provides that where an internet service provider has directly obtained economic benefits from any content made available by an internet user, it has a higher duty of care with respect to internet users' infringement of third-party copyrights. This interpretation may subject us and other internet service providers to significant administrative burdens and litigation risks. See "Regulation Regulation on Intellectual Property Rights." Interested parties may lobby for more robust intellectual property protection in jurisdictions in which we conduct business or may conduct business, and intellectual property laws in China and other such jurisdictions may become less favorable to our business. Intellectual property litigation may be expensive and time-consuming and could divert management attention and resources. If there is a successful claim of infringement, we may be required to discontinue the infringing activities, pay substantial fines and damages and/or seek royalty or license agreements that may not be available on commercially acceptable terms, if at all. Our failure to obtain the required licenses on a timely basis could harm our business. Any intellectual property litigation and/or any negative publicity by third parties alleging our intellectual property infringement could have a material adverse

Table of Contents

effect on our business, reputation, financial condition or results of operations. To address the risks relating to intellectual property infringement, we may have to substantially modify, limit or, in extreme cases, terminate some of our services. Any of such changes could materially affect our users' experience and in turn have a material adverse impact on our business.

We may be subject to claims or lawsuits outside of China, which could increase our risk of direct or indirect liabilities for our existing or future service offerings.

Although we have not been subject to claims or lawsuits outside China, we cannot assure you that we will not become subject to copyright laws in other jurisdictions, such as the United States, by virtue of our listing in the United States, the ability of users to access our services in the United States and other jurisdictions, the ownership of our ADSs by investors, the extraterritorial application of foreign law by foreign courts or for other reasons. We have attracted and expect to continue to attract attention from intellectual property owners outside of China, despite our efforts to control access to our products and services by users outside China. For example, the Recording Industry Association of America filed a letter with the Office of the United States Trade Representative in November 2010 accusing certain of our divested or discontinued products of facilitating intellectual property infringement. Although we take steps to block IP addresses that are located in certain jurisdictions, including the United States, from accessing certain of our services, such efforts may not be technologically successful with 100% accuracy, and any unintended access to our services may increase our risk of becoming subject to copyright laws in such jurisdictions. Even if our efforts to block IP addresses located in the United States or other jurisdictions are successful, recent efforts to amend the laws in such jurisdictions, such as bills intended to expand the extraterritorial scope of the U.S. Copyright Act, may increase our risk of becoming subject to copyright laws in such jurisdictions. In addition, as a publicly listed company, we may be exposed to increased risk of litigation.

Although U.S. copyright laws, including the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (17 U.S.C. § 512), or the DMCA, provide safeguards or "safe harbors" from claims in the United States for monetary relief for copyright infringement for certain entities that host user-uploaded content or provide information location tools that may link to infringing content, these safe harbors apply only to companies that comply with specified statutory requirements. We do not currently satisfy all of the statutory requirements of any DMCA safe harbor. If we are ever held to be subject to United States copyright law, that could increase our risk of direct or indirect copyright liability for our resource discovery, acceleration or other services. If a claim of infringement brought against us in the United States or other jurisdictions is successful, we may be required to (i) pay substantial statutory or other damages and fines, (ii) remove relevant content from our website, (iii) discontinue products or services and/or (iv) seek royalty or license agreements that may not be available on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

We may not be able to prevent unauthorized use of our intellectual property or disclosure of our trade secrets and other proprietary information, which could reduce demand for our services and have material and adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our patents, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights and other intellectual property rights are important assets for us. Events that are outside of our control may pose a threat to our intellectual property rights. For example, effective intellectual property protection may not be available in China and some other jurisdictions in which our services are distributed or made available through the internet. Also, the efforts we have made to protect our proprietary

Table of Contents

rights may not be sufficient or effective. Any significant impairment of our intellectual property rights could harm our business or our competitiveness. Also, protecting our intellectual property rights is costly and time consuming. Any increase in the unauthorized use of our intellectual property could make it more expensive to conduct our business and harm our results of operations.

We seek to obtain patent protection for our innovations; however, it is possible that patent protection may not be available for some of these innovations. In addition, given the costs of obtaining patent protection, we may choose not to protect certain innovations that later turn out to be important. Furthermore, there is always the possibility, despite our efforts, that the scope of the protection gained will be insufficient or that an issued patent may be deemed invalid or unenforceable.

We also seek to maintain certain intellectual property as trade secrets. We require our employees, consultants, advisors and collaborators to enter into confidentiality agreements in order to protect our trade secrets and other proprietary information. These agreements might not effectively prevent disclosure of our trade secrets, know-how or other proprietary information and might not provide an adequate remedy in the event of unauthorized disclosure of such confidential information. In addition, others may independently discover our trade secrets and proprietary information, in which case we could not assert such trade secret rights against such parties. Any unauthorized disclosure or independent discovery of our trade secrets would deprive us of the associated competitive advantages. Costly and time-consuming litigation could be necessary to enforce and determine the scope of our proprietary rights, and failure to obtain or maintain trade secret protection could adversely affect our competitive position.

The success of our business depends on our ability to maintain and enhance a strong brand. If we fail to sustain or improve the strength of our brand, we may subsequently experience difficulty in maintaining market share.

We believe that maintaining and enhancing our Xunlei brand is of significant importance to the success of our business. A well-recognized brand is critical to increasing our user base and, in turn, enhancing our attractiveness to advertisers, subscribers and paying users. Since the Chinese internet market is highly competitive, maintaining and enhancing our brand depends largely on our ability to retain a significant market share in China, which may be difficult and expensive.

We have developed our reputation and established a leading position by providing our users with a superior acceleration and video viewing experience. We will continue to conduct, various marketing and brand promotion activities. We cannot assure you, however, that these activities will be successful and achieve the brand promotion effects we expect. In addition, any negative publicity in relation to our services or our marketing or promotion practices, regardless of its veracity, could harm our brand image and, in turn, result in a reduced number of users and advertisers. Historically there has been negative publicity about our company, our products and services and certain key members of our management team, which has adversely affected our brand, public image and reputation. If we fail to maintain and enhance our brand, or if we incur excessive expenses in this effort, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected. Our operations rely on our networks and servers, which can suffer failures and business interruptions. Unexpected network interruption caused by system failures or computer viruses, for example, or any malfunction,

Table of Contents

capacity constraint or operation interruption for any extended period may have a material adverse impact on our business.

The satisfactory performance, stability, security and availability of our website and our network infrastructure are critical to our reputation and our ability to attract and retain users and advertisers. Our network provides a database of information regarding file index, advertising records, premium licensed digital media content and various other facets of the business to assist management and help ensure effective communication among various departments and offices of our company. A key element of our business is to generate a high volume of user traffic on our resource discovery network and Xunlei Kankan website. Accordingly, any failure to maintain the satisfactory performance, stability, security and availability of our network, website or technology platform may cause significant harm to our reputation and our ability to attract and maintain internet users, which may affect our users' interest in paying for our services and our advertisers' interest in advertising their products and services on our website. From time to time, our users in certain locations may not be able to gain access to our network or our website for a period of time lasting from several minutes to several hours, due to server interruptions, power shutdowns, internet connection problems or other reasons. Although we have not experienced an extended period of such server interruptions, power shutdowns or internet connection problems across our entire network, we cannot assure you that such instances will not occur in the future. Any server interruptions, break-downs or system failures, including failures which may be attributable to events within or outside our control that could result in a sustained shutdown of all or a material portion of our network or website, could reduce the attractiveness of our service offerings. In addition, any substantial increase in the volume of traffic on our network or website will require us to increase our investment in bandwidth, expand and further upgrade our technology platform. Our network systems are also vulnerable to damage from computer viruses, fires, floods, earthquakes, power losses, telecommunication failures, computer hacking and similar events. We do not maintain insurance policies covering losses relating to our network systems. As a result, any capacity constraints or operation interruptions for an extended period may have a materially adverse impact on our revenues and results of operations.

If we change advertising business model or fail to retain existing advertisers or attract new advertisers, our revenues may be materially and adversely affected.

Historically, we generate a substantial portion of our revenues from online advertising. Although the revenues generated from online advertising decreased by 22.3% from US\$61.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2012 to US\$48.0 million in the year ended December 31, 2013 and by 37.0% from US\$11.9 million in the three months ended March 31, 2013 to US\$7.5 million in the same period in 2014 after we discontinued delivering advertisements on Xunlei Accelerator to further improve our user experience and enhance user engagement on Xunlei Accelerator, we expect that the online advertising will continue to be an important revenue source generated from our video streaming services. Our large user base and relatively long user time spent on our website provide advertisers with a broad reach and optimal monetization results. We offer advertising services substantially through contracts entered into with third-party advertising agencies. We cannot assure you that we can continue to retain our advertising agencies and advertisers, or attract new advertising agencies and advertisers. The number of advertisers that use our online advertising services has dropped in the recent years. The number of advertisers decreased from 485 in 2011 to 420 in 2012 and 399 in 2013, and from 127 in the three months ended March 31, 2013 to 103 in the same period in

Table of Contents

2014. If we cannot retain our existing advertisers or develop new advertisers in the future, our revenues generated from online advertising will be materially and negatively affected. In addition, if any advertising agencies or advertisers determine that their expenditures on our online video website do not generate expected returns, they may allocate a portion or all of their advertising budgets to others and reduce or discontinue business with us. Since our arrangements with third-party advertising agencies are typically one-year framework agreements, such advertising arrangements may be easily amended or terminated without incurring liabilities. Failure to retain existing advertising agencies and advertisers or attract new advertising agencies and advertisers may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

A number of our advertisers are e-commerce companies and online game operators. The online game and e-commerce industries in China are rapidly evolving, and the growth of these industries and their demand for online advertising services is uncertain and may be affected by factors out of our control. We also have significant brand advertising and are seeking to further expand this portion of advertising. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to retain existing advertising agencies and advertisers or attract more advertising agencies and advertisers for brand advertising, and if we fail to do so, our business, results of operations and prospects may be materially and adversely affected.

If the online advertising industry does not further grow in China, our profitability and prospects may be materially and adversely affected.

Many advertisers in China have limited experience with online advertising, have historically allocated an insignificant portion of their advertising budgets to online advertising and may consider online advertising a less attractive channel than traditional broadcast and print media in promoting their products and services. Our profitability and prospects largely depend on the continuing development of the online advertising industry in China and may be affected by a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control, including:

development of a larger user base with demographic characteristics attractive to advertisers;

our ability to keep up with technological innovation and improvements in the measurement of user traffic and online advertising;

acceptance of online advertising as an effective marketing channel;

changes in government regulations or policies affecting the online advertising industry; and

increased internet usage in China.

We are strictly regulated in China. Any lack of requisite licenses or permits applicable to our business and any changes in government policies or regulations may have a material and adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our business is subject to governmental supervision and regulations by the relevant PRC governmental authorities including the State Council, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (formerly the Ministry of Information Industry), or MIIT, the General Administration of Press and Publication, Radio, Film and Television (established in March 2013 as a result of institutional reform integrating the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television, and the General Administration of Press and Publication), or GAPPRFT, Ministry of Culture, or MOC and other relevant government authorities. Together these government authorities promulgate and enforce regulations that cover many aspects of operation of telecommunications and internet

Table of Contents

information services, including entry into the telecommunications industry, the scope of permissible business activities, licenses and permits for various business activities and foreign investment.

A license for online transmission of audio-visual programs is required for the display of video content on our websites. See "Regulation Regulation on online transmission of audio-visual programs." Shenzhen Xunlei, the operator of our online video streaming platform, has obtained a license for online transmission of audio-visual programs. The list of websites covered by such license has not included www.xunlei.com and the list of terminals has not included mobile and TV devices. In addition, the business categories as indicated in such license fail to cover all the business activities that we are currently engaging, such as the transmission of political news. We plan to apply for an update of our license for online transmission of audio-visual programs to cover the website of www.xunlei.com, the terminals of mobile devices and TVs and expanding the business categories to cover all of our current business activities. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such updated license in a timely manner or at all. Due to our failure to update our license for online transmission of audio-visual programs, we may be given a warning, ordered to rectify our violations and/or fined up to RMB30,000. In severe cases, our license for online transmission of audio-visual programs may be revoked.

We source digital media content from various content providers, including China-based television and movie production studios, online video sites, media companies and online game companies. In dealing with content providers, we take a series of measures to monitor and protect copyright of such content. For details of such content monitoring and copyright protection measures, see "Business Intellectual property digital media data monitoring and copyright protection." However, we cannot guarantee that the content providers have the legal right to license us the content or are in full compliance with all the relevant PRC permits and licenses set forth by GAPPRFT, and the remedies provided by these content providers, if any, may not be sufficient to compensate us for potential regulatory sanctions imposed by GAPPRFT due to violations of the approval and permit requirements. Nor can we ensure that any such sanctions will not adversely affect either the general availability of video content on our website or our reputation. In addition, such risks may persist due to ambiguities and uncertainties relating to the implementation and enforcement of the applicable regulations. We also source some audio-visual programs directly from foreign content providers. PRC law requires approval from GAPPRFT for introducing and broadcasting foreign movies and television programs into China. See "Regulation Regulation on foreign movies and television programs." However, we have not obtained relevant approvals from GAPPRFT for introducing and broadcasting such foreign audio-visual programs. In practice, it is not uncommon for internet content providers in China to introduce and broadcast foreign audio-visual programs without such approvals. If at a later stage GAPPRFT or its local branch specifically determines and requires us to rectify and obtain the approvals for our introduction and online broadcasting of overseas audio-visual programs, we may not be able to obtain such approval in a timely manner or at all. In such case, the PRC government would have the power to, among other things, levy fines against us, confiscate our income, order us to cease certain content service, or require us to temporarily or permanently discontinue the affected portion of our business.

Pursuant to the relevant PRC regulations promulgated by the State Council Information Office, or SCIO, internet news information service entities engaging in news publishing services,

Table of Contents

current political news bulletin board services or dissemination of current political news to the public via internet are required to obtain an internet news license from SCIO. See "Regulation Regulation on internet news dissemination." The content we currently provide on our websites include some current political news from third party news providers. Currently we do not hold an internet news license from SCIO and we plan to apply for such internet news license. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such license in a timely manner or at all. If we fail to obtain such license or fail to timely remove the current political news related content due to the large volume of content we provide, we may be ordered by SCIO or the local SCIO branches at the provincial level to cease any internet news services, and in severe cases, as determined by SCIO or the local SCIO branches in writing, MIIT may order us to cease all the internet information services or require the internet service provider to disconnect us from the internet.

If the PRC government considers that we were operating without the proper licenses or approvals or promulgates new laws and regulations that require additional licenses or imposes additional restrictions on the operation of any part of our business, it has the power to, among other things, levy fines, confiscate our income, revoke our business licenses, and require us to discontinue our business or impose restrictions on the affected portion of our business. Any of these actions by the PRC government may have a material and adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition, the PRC government may promulgate regulations restricting the types and content of advertisements that may be transmitted online, which could have a direct adverse impact on our business.

Concerns about collection and use of personal data could damage our reputation, deter current and potential users from using our services and substantially harm our business and results of operations.

Pursuant to the applicable PRC laws and regulations concerning the collection, use and sharing of personal data, our PRC subsidiaries and affiliated entities are required to keep our users' personal information confidential and are prohibited from disclosing such information to any third parties without the users' consent. In December 2012 and July 2013, new laws and regulations were issued by the standing committee of the PRC National People's Congress and MIIT to enhance the legal protection of information security and privacy on the internet. The laws and regulations also require internet operators to take measures to ensure confidentiality of information of users. Concerns about our practices with regard to the collection, use or disclosure of personal information or other privacy-related matters, even if unfounded, could damage our reputation and operating results.

We apply strict management and protection to any information provided by users, and under our privacy policy, without our users' prior consent, we will not provide any of our users' personal information to any unrelated third party. While we strive to comply with our privacy guidelines as well as all applicable data protection laws and regulations, any failure or perceived failure to comply may result in proceedings or actions against us by government entities or others, and could damage our reputation. User and regulatory attitudes towards privacy are evolving and concerns about the security of personal data could also lead to a decline in general usage of our products and services, which could lead to lower user numbers. For example, if the PRC government authorities require real-name registration by our users, our user numbers may decrease and our business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected. See " Risks Related to Doing Business in China We may be adversely

Table of Contents

affected by the complexity, uncertainties and changes in PRC regulations of internet-related business and companies." In addition, we may become subject to the data protection or personal privacy laws of jurisdictions outside of China, where more stringent requirements may be imposed on us and we may have to allocate more resources to comply with the legal requirements, and our user numbers may further decrease. A significant reduction in user numbers could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We face risks relating to third parties' billing and payment systems.

We depend on the billing and payment systems of third parties such as online third-party payment processors to maintain accurate records of payments of sales proceeds by subscribers and other paying users and collect such payments. We receive periodic statements from these third parties which indicate the aggregate amount of fees that were charged to subscribers and other paying users of our products and services. Our business and results of operations could be adversely affected if these third parties fail to accurately account for or calculate the revenues generated from the sales of our products and services. If there are security breaches or failure or errors in the payment process of these third parties, user experience may be affected and our business results may be negatively impacted.

Failure to timely collect our receivables from third parties whose billing and payment systems we use and third-party payment processors may adversely affect our cash flows. Our third-party payment processors may from time to time experience cash flow difficulties. Consequently, they may delay their payments to us or fail to pay us at all. Any delay in payment or inability of current or potential third-party payment processors to pay us may significantly harm our cash flow and results of operations.

The channels for the payment of our services and products typically comprise of third-party online system, fixed phone line and mobile phone payment. Although we have been able to control our payment handling fees by encouraging our subscribers to use the third-party online system, which charges relatively less amount of handling fees compared with other payment channels, the subscribers may change their habits to make payments through mobile phones or other channels with higher costs. Approximately 32%, 36%, 18% and 18% of the payments were made by our subscribers via distribution channels such as mobile service operators in 2011, 2012, 2013 and the three months ended March 31, 2014, respectively. If a majority of subscribers use the mobile phone as their payment channels and the cost remains unchanged or even increases in the future, our cost of operations may significant increase. If we fail to minimize the associated payment handling fees and further diversify the payment channels, our business, prospects and results of operations may be adversely affected.

We also do not have control over the security measures of our third-party payment service providers, and security breaches of the online payment systems that we use could expose us to litigation and possible liability for failing to secure confidential customer information and could, among other things, damage our reputation and the perceived security of all of the online payment systems that we use. If a well-publicized internet security breach were to occur, users concerned about the security of their online payments may become reluctant to purchase our products through payment service providers even if the publicized breach did not involve payment systems or methods used by us. In addition, there may be billing software errors that would damage customer confidence in these payment systems. If any of the above were to occur and damage our reputation or the perceived security of the payment systems we use, we

Table of Contents

may lose paying users and users may be discouraged from purchasing our internal mobile products, which may have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

If we are unable to collect accounts receivable in a timely manner or at all, our financial condition, results of operations and prospects may be materially and adversely affected.

A large portion of our advertising revenues are generated from a limited number of advertising agencies. We typically enter into advertising agreements with third-party advertising agencies that represent the advertisers, and under these agreements, the advertising fees are paid to us by the advertising agencies after we deliver our services. In consideration for the third-party advertising agencies' services, we pay them rebates based on the value of business they bring to us. Thus, the financial soundness of our advertisers and advertising agencies with whom we sign these advertising contracts may affect our collection of accounts receivable. We make a credit assessment of our advertisers and advertising agencies to evaluate the collectability of the advertising service fees before entering into any advertising contract. However, we cannot assure you that we are or will be able to accurately assess the creditworthiness of each advertising agency or advertiser, as applicable, and any inability of advertisers or advertising agencies, especially those that accounted for a significant percentage of our amounts receivables in the past, to pay us in a timely manner may adversely affect our liquidity and cash flows. Recently, the financial conditions of a limited number of our small to medium size advertising agency customers have deteriorated. This has adversely affected the collectability of our accounts receivables from them, and consequently lowered our operating margins and profits. In addition, the online advertising market in China is dominated by a small number of large advertising agencies. If the large advertising agencies that we have business relationships with demand higher rebates for their agency services, our results of operations will be materially and adversely affected.

Our continual expansions based on our subscription-based revenue model would require more capital investment. However, we may not be able to generate sufficient returns and offset these additional capital investment, or to obtain sufficient capital to meet the additional capital requirements of these changes to our business.

In order to implement our development strategies to expand our infrastructure and services across internet-enabled devices, and to further accelerate the conversion of our users into subscribers, we will make continual capital investments in terms of acquiring additional bandwidth to support our subscription services and more research and development efforts into investigating user needs and more frequent updates to subscriber-only services. We may also need additional capital to purchase more content for our online content library. In addition, our plan to provide more diversified and enhanced value-added services, such as more exclusive online games offering, requires large amount of capital expenditures. Thus, we will continue to incur substantial capital expenditures on an ongoing basis, and it may become difficult for us to meet such capital requirements.

To date, we have financed our operations primarily through private placements of preferred shares to investors, cash flow from operations and bank loans. However, if we fail to retain a sufficient number of new users, attract new subscribers and convert such users into paying users or subscribers, we may not be able to generate sufficient revenues to cover our investment in various expansion efforts, and our business may be materially and adversely affected.

Table of Contents

We may obtain additional financing, including from equity offerings and debt financings in capital markets, to fund the operation and planned expansion of our business. Our ability to obtain additional financing in the future, however, is subject to a number of uncertainties, including:

our future business development, financial condition and results of operations;

general market conditions for financing activities by companies in our industry; and

macroeconomic, political and other conditions in China and elsewhere.

If we cannot obtain sufficient capital to meet our capital expenditure needs, we may not be able to execute our growth strategies and our business, results of operations and prospects may be materially and adversely affected.

Our costs and expenses, such as bandwidth costs, content costs and research and development expenses, may increase and our results of operations may be adversely affected.

The operation of our extensive resource discovery network and our online video and online game business require significant upfront capital expenditures as well as continual, substantial investment in content, technology and infrastructure. Since inception, we have invested substantially in research and development to maintain our technology leadership, in equipment to increase our network capacity and in expanding the content library for our online video business. Most of our capital expenditures, such as expenditures on servers and other equipment and license fees for professionally produced digital media content, are based upon our estimation of potential future demand and we are generally required to pay the entire purchase price and license fees up front. As a result, our cash flow may be negatively affected in the periods in which such payments are made. We may not be able to quickly generate sufficient revenue from such expenditures, which may negatively affect our results of operations within certain periods thereafter; and if we over-estimate future demand for our services, we may not be able to achieve expected rates of return on our capital expenditures, or at all.

In addition, content license fees and bandwidth and other costs are subject to change and are determined by market supply and demand. The market prices for professionally produced digital media content, especially popular movies, television serial dramas and other shows, have increased significantly in China during the past few years. Due to the improving monetization perspective of online video advertising, online video operators are generating more revenues and are competing aggressively to license popular movies, television serial dramas and other shows, and the increasingly intense content bidding process has in turn led to increases in license fees of professionally produced content in general. Moreover, as the market develops, the expectations of copyright owners, distributors and industry associations may continue to rise, and as such they may demand higher licensing fees for professionally produced digital media content. These factors, together with our plan to expand our content library, will result in increased content costs. In addition, if bandwidth and other providers cease their business with us or raise the prices of their products and services, we will incur additional costs to find alternative service providers or to accept the increased costs in order to provide our services. If we cannot pass on the increased costs and expenses to our users and advertisers, or if our costs to deliver our services do not decline commensurate with any future declines in the prices we charge our users and advertisers, we may fail to achieve profitability.

Table of Contents

We may not be able to successfully address the challenges and risks we face in the online games market, such as a failure to successfully implement our plan to acquire exclusive rights to operate and sub-license games or to obtain all the licenses required to operate online games, which may subject us to penalties from relevant authorities, including the discontinuance of our online game business.

Before 2010, we mainly entered into non-exclusive agreements with smaller online game developers to operate their games on our websites. Starting in 2010, we started to enter into exclusive operating agreements with online game developers so that we can gain exclusive rights to certain online games and, in addition to offering these games on our own websites, also have the option of sub-licensing these games to other websites to diversify our game revenue stream. Exclusive arrangements of this type require more initial capital investment in acquiring operating rights for the games, and involve more business risks, such as risks associated with the potential failure to find appropriate sub-licensees for the games or failure to engage a sufficient number of game players to make these games profitable for us. We expect that we will continue to make investments to acquire operating rights under such exclusive operating arrangements. If we are unable to generate sufficient revenues in these markets to obtain sufficient return for our investments, our future results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

In addition, to operate online games in China, a variety of permits and approvals are required. For example, publication of online games, music works and other internet publishing activities are subject to the regulation of the GAPPRFT, which requires operators of online games and other internet publishing services to obtain an internet publication license prior to providing any such services. See "Regulation Regulation on internet publication". Shenzhen Xunlei has obtained an internet publication license for the publication of internet games and is in the process of applying for expansion of the business scope therein to include the publication of music works and other internet publishing activities, and Xunlei Games Development (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd., or Xunlei Games, is in the process of applying for the internet publication license for its publication of online games. However, there is no assurance that we will be granted such licenses. Applicable regulations also specify that each online game must be screened and approved in advance by GAPPRFT before it is allowed to be launched online. Also, an imported online game should be approved in advance by MOC before its initial operation while a domestically developed online game should be filed with MOC within 30 days of commencing operations. See "Regulation Regulation on online games." We license from online game developers and operate MMOGs, and we share profits with these developers. We require developers of certain online games to obtain the requisite approvals from GAPPRFT, and make the filings with MOC, for relevant online games. As of the date of this prospectus, most of our online games currently in operation exclusively by us have obtained GAPPRFT's approval and completed filing with MOC. However, we cannot assure you that we or such online game developers can obtain GAPPRFT's approvals or complete the filings with MOC for all the games in a timely manner or at all. If we or such online game developers fail to obtain these licenses, approvals or filings in a timely manner or at all, the relevant authority may challenge the commercial operation of our online games and determine that we are in violation of the relevant laws and regulations regarding online games, it would have the power to, among other things, levy fines against us, confiscate our income generated from operation of our online games and require us to discontinue our online game business.

Table of Contents

We operate in a competitive market and may not be able to compete effectively.

We face significant competition in different areas of our business. Although we currently have a leading presence in the China market for cloud acceleration products and services, we cannot guarantee we will be able to maintain our leading position in the future. We may face potential competition from leading Chinese internet companies if they start to allocate resources and focus on the development in this business sector, such as Tencent and Baidu. With more entrants into the cloud acceleration business, aggressive price cutting by competitors may result in the loss of our existing subscribers. We may have to take actions to retain our user base and attract more subscribers, which could adversely affect our profitability. If we fail to compete effectively, our market share would decrease and our results of operations would be materially and adversely affected.

In addition, our Xunlei Kankan website competes with other major online video companies such as Youku.com, Tudou.com and iQiyi.com. We also face competition for advertising budgets of our advertisers from other internet companies and other forms of media.

Some of our existing or potential competitors have a longer operating history and significantly greater financial resources than we do, and in turn may be able to attract and retain more users and advertisers. Our competitors may compete with us in a variety of ways, including by conducting brand promotions and other marketing activities and making acquisitions. If we are not able to effectively compete in any aspect of our business our overall user base may shrink, which will reduce the number of our subscribers or make us less attractive to advertisers, which would have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Undetected programming errors or flaws or failure to maintain effective customer service could harm our reputation or decrease market acceptance of our services, particularly our resource discovery network and our online video website, which would materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

Our programs may contain programming errors that may only become apparent after their release, especially in terms of upgrades to, for example, Xunlei Accelerator or cloud acceleration subscription services. We receive user feedback in connection with programming errors affecting their user experience from time to time, and such errors may also come to our attention during our monitoring process. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to detect and resolve all these programming errors effectively or in a timely manner. Undetected programming errors or defects may adversely affect user experience and cause our users to stop using our services and our advertisers to reduce their use of our services, any of which could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Advertisements we display may subject us to penalties and other administrative actions.

Under PRC advertising laws and regulations, advertisement channels such as us are obligated to monitor the advertising content they display to ensure that such content is true, accurate and in full compliance with applicable laws and regulations. PRC advertising laws and regulations set forth certain content requirements for advertisements in the PRC including, among other things, prohibitions on false or misleading content, superlative wording, socially destabilizing content or content involving obscenities, superstition, violence, discrimination or infringement of the public interest. In providing advertising services, we are required to review the

Table of Contents

supporting documents provided to us by advertising agencies or advertisers for the relevant advertisements and verify that the content of the advertisements complies with applicable PRC laws and regulations. Prior to distributing advertisements that are subject to government censorship and approval, we are obligated to verify that such censorship has been performed and approval has been obtained. Violation of these regulations may result in penalties, including fines, confiscation of advertising income, orders to cease dissemination of the advertisements and orders to publish an advertisement correcting the misleading information. In circumstances involving serious violations, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, or the SAIC, or its local branches may revoke violators' licenses or permits for their advertising business operations.

To fulfill these monitoring functions specified by the PRC laws and regulations set forth above, we employ several measures. Almost all of our advertising contracts require that advertising agencies or advertisers that contract with us: (i) must ensure the advertising content provided to us is true, accurate and in full compliance with PRC laws and regulations; (ii) ensure such content does not infringe any third-party's rights and interests; and (iii) indemnify us for any liabilities arising from such advertising content. In addition, a team of our employees reviews all advertising materials to ensure the content does not violate relevant laws and regulations before displaying such advertisements. However, we cannot assure you that all the content contained in such advertisements is true and accurate as required by the advertising laws and regulations, especially given the uncertainty in the application of these laws and regulations, and we have occasionally received fines for certain inappropriate advertisements posted on Xunlei Kankan, and may be subject to similar fines and penalties in the future. If we are found to be in violation of applicable PRC advertising laws and regulations in the future, we may be subject to penalties and our reputation may be harmed, which may have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We have granted, and may continue to grant share awards under our share incentive plans, which may result in increased share-based compensation expenses.

We have granted share-based compensation awards, including share options and restricted shares, to various employees, key personnel and other non-employees to incentivize performance and align their interests with ours. We adopted a share incentive plan on December 30, 2010, or the 2010 Plan, a second share incentive plan on November 18, 2013, as supplemented, or the 2013 Plan, and a third share incentive plan on April 24, 2014, as supplemented, or the 2014 plan. Under the 2010 Plan, we are authorized to issue a maximum number of 26,822,828 common shares of our company upon the exercise of the options or other types of awards (excluding an aggregate of 8,410,200 shares already issued to the directors who are our founders upon exercise of founder options, which were not granted pursuant to the 2010 Plan). As of the date of this prospectus, options to purchase a total of 21,374,267 common shares of our company were outstanding under the 2010 Plan. Under the 2013 Plan, we are authorized to issue a maximum number of 9,073,732 restricted shares to members of our senior management, counsel or consultant to our company. Under the 2014 Plan, we are authorized to issue a maximum number of 14,195,412 restricted shares to our directors, officers, employees and advisors or consultants to our company. As of the date of this prospectus, 7,457,318 restricted shares (excluding those forfeited) have been granted to certain executive officers and other employees under the 2013 Plan. We have not granted any award under the 2014 Plan as of the date of this prospectus. Our unrecognized share-based

Table of Contents

compensation expense amounting to US\$20.4 million as of the date of this prospectus relates to the restricted shares granted under the 2013 Plan. Out of this amount, US\$2.3 million of unrecognized share-based compensation expense is related to the restricted shares granted from April 1, 2014 to the date of this prospectus. All of these unrecognized expenses may be recognized upon completion of this offering if the vesting of these restricted shares is accelerated by the administrator of the 2013 Plan, and however, we have no plan to accelerate the vesting of the restricted shares upon the completion of this offering. See "Management Share incentive plans" for detailed discussion.

After the completion of this offering, we will issue the equivalent number of common shares upon the vesting and exercise of these options. The amount of these expenses is based on the fair value of the share-based compensation award we granted. The expenses associated with share-based compensation have affected our net income and may reduce our net income in the future, and any additional securities issued under share-based compensation schemes will dilute the ownership interests of our shareholders, including holders of our ADSs. We believe the granting of incentive awards is of significant importance to our ability to attract and retain key personnel and employees, and we will continue to grant stock options, restricted shares and other share awards to employees in the future. As a result, our expenses associated with share-based compensation may increase, which may have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

The continuing and collaborative efforts of our senior management and key employees are crucial to our success, and our business may be harmed if we were to lose their services.

Our success depends on the continual efforts and services of Mr. Sean Shenglong Zou, our co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer, and other members of our senior management team. If however, one or more of our executives or other key personnel are unable or unwilling to continue to provide services to us, we may not be able to find suitable replacements easily or at all. Competition for management and key personnel in our industry is intense and the pool of qualified candidates is limited. We may not be able to retain the services of our executives or key personnel, or attract and retain experienced executives or key personnel in the future. If any of our executive officers or key employees joins a competitor or forms a competing company, we may lose advertisers, know-how and key professionals and staff members. Each of our executive officers has entered into an employment agreement (including a non-compete provision) with us. However, if any dispute arises between us and our executives or key employees, these agreements may not be enforceable in China, where these executives and key employees reside, in light of uncertainties with China's legal system.

In addition, while we often grant additional incentive shares to management personnel and other key employees after their hire dates, the initial grants are usually much larger than subsequent grants. Employees may be more likely to leave us after their initial incentive share grant fully vests, especially if the value of the incentive shares have significantly appreciated in value relative to the exercise price. If any member of our senior management team or other key personnel leaves our company, our ability to successfully operate our business and execute our business strategy could be impaired.

Table of Contents

We may not be able to effectively identify or pursue targets for acquisitions or investment, and even if we complete such transactions, we may be unable to successfully integrate the acquired businesses into, or realize anticipated benefits to our business, which may adversely affect our growth and results of operations.

We expect to selectively acquire or invest in businesses that complement our existing business in the future. We may not, however, be able to identify suitable targets for acquisitions or investments in the future. Even if we are able to identify suitable candidates, we may be unable to complete a transaction on terms commercially acceptable to us. If we fail to identify appropriate candidates or complete the desired transactions, our growth may be impeded.

Even if we complete the desired acquisitions or investment, such acquisitions and investment may expose us to new operational, regulatory, market and geographic risks and challenges, including:

diversion of our management's attention and other resources from our existing business;

our inability to maintain the key business relationships and the reputation of the businesses we acquire or invest in;

our inability to retain key personnel of the acquired or invested company;

uncertainty of entry into markets in which we have limited or no prior experience and in which competitors have stronger market positions;

failure to comply with laws and regulations as well as industry or technical standards of the markets into which we expand;

our dependence on unfamiliar affiliates and partners of the companies we acquire or invest in;

unsatisfactory performance of the businesses we acquire or invest in;

our responsibility for the liabilities associated with the businesses we acquire, including those that we may not anticipate;

our inability to integrate acquired technology into our business and operations;

our inability to develop a successful business model and to monetize and generate revenues from the businesses we acquire; and

our inability to maintain internal standards, controls, procedures and policies.

Any of these events could disrupt our ability to manage our business. These risks could also result in our failure to derive the intended benefits of the acquisitions or investments, and we may be unable to recover our investment in such initiatives or may have to recognize impairment charges as a result.

Furthermore, the financing and payment arrangements we use in any acquisition could have a negative impact on you as an investor, because if we issue shares in connection with an acquisition, your holdings could be diluted. Moreover, if we take on significant debt to finance such acquisitions, we would incur additional interest expenses, which would divert resources

Table of Contents

from our working capital and potentially have a material adverse impact on our results of operations.

Our business, financial condition and results of operations, as well as our ability to obtain financing, may be adversely affected by the downturn in the global or Chinese economy.

The global financial markets have experienced significant disruptions since 2008 and the United States, Europe and other economies went into a recession. The recovery from the lows of 2008 and 2009 has been uneven and is facing new challenges, including the escalation of the European sovereign debt crisis since 2011 and the slowdown of the Chinese economy in 2012. It is unclear whether the Chinese economy will resume its high growth rate. There is considerable uncertainty over the long-term effects of the expansionary monetary and fiscal policies adopted by the central banks and financial authorities of some of the world's leading economies, including China's. There have also been concerns over unrest in the Middle East and Africa, which have resulted in volatility in oil and other markets. There have also been concerns about the economic effect of the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis in Japan and tensions in the relationship between China and Japan. The mobile internet products and services industry may be affected by economic downturns. A prolonged slowdown in the world economy, including in the Chinese economy, may lead to a reduced amount of mobile internet advertising, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Certain of our products and services may be viewed as discretionary by our users, who may choose to discontinue or reduce spending on such products and services during an economic downturn. In such an event, our ability to retain existing users and increase new users will be adversely affected, which would in turn negatively impact our business and results of operations.

Moreover, a slowdown or disruption in the global or Chinese economy may have a material and adverse impact on financings available to us. The weakness in the economy could erode investor confidence, which constitutes the basis of the credit market. The recent financial turmoil affecting the financial markets and banking system may significantly restrict our ability to obtain financing in the capital markets or from financial institutions on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. Although we are uncertain about the extent to which the recent global financial and economic crisis and slowdown of Chinese economy may impact our business in the short-term and long-term, there is a risk that our business, results of operations and prospects would be materially and adversely affected by any global economic downturn or disruption or slowdown of Chinese economy.

Our operations depend on the performance of the internet infrastructure in China.

The successful operation of our business depends on the performance of the internet infrastructure and telecommunications networks in China. In China, almost all access to the internet is maintained through state-owned telecommunications operators under the administrative control and regulatory supervision of the MIIT. Moreover, we have entered into contracts with various subsidiaries of a limited number of telecommunications service providers in each province for network-related services. On the one hand, if the internet industry in China does not grow as quickly as expected, our business and operations will be negatively affected. We have limited access to alternative networks or services in the event of disruptions, failures or other problems with China's internet infrastructure or the telecommunications networks provided by telecommunications service providers. Our network and website regularly

Table of Contents

serve a large number of users and advertisers. With the expansion of our business, we may be required to upgrade our technology and infrastructure to keep up with the increasing traffic on our website. However, we have no control over the costs of the services provided by telecommunications service providers. If the prices we pay for telecommunications and internet services rise significantly, our results of operations may be materially and adversely affected. If internet access fees or other charges to internet users increase, our user traffic may decline and our business may be harmed. On the other hand, if the internet industry grows faster than expected and we cannot react to the market demands in a timely manner in terms of our research and development effort, the user experience and the attractiveness of our services may be harmed, which will negatively impact our business and results of operations.

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

We will be subject to reporting obligations under the U.S. securities laws after this offering. Our reporting obligations as a public company will place a significant strain on our management, operational and financial resources and systems for the foreseeable future. Prior to this offering, we have been a private company and have had limited accounting personnel and other resources with which to address our internal control over financial reporting. In preparing our consolidated financial statements, we and our independent registered public accounting firm identified one material weakness, one significant deficiency and other control deficiencies, each as defined in the standards established by U.S. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, in our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013.

The material weakness identified related to the lack of accounting resources in U.S. GAAP and SEC reporting requirements, and the significant deficiency related to the lack of documented comprehensive U.S. GAAP accounting manuals and financial reporting procedures and lack of related implementation controls. Neither we nor our independent registered public accounting firm undertook a comprehensive assessment of our internal control under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for purposes of identifying and reporting material weaknesses and other control deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting. Following the identification of the material weakness, significant deficiency and other control deficiencies, we have taken measures and plan to continue to take measures to remedy these deficiencies. For details of our proposed remedies, see "Management's discussion and analysis Internal control over financial reporting." However, the implementation of these measures may not fully address these deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting, and we cannot conclude that they have been fully remedied. Our failure to correct these control deficiencies or our failure to discover and address any other control deficiencies could result in inaccuracies 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 business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, as well as the trading price of our ADSs, may be materially and adversely affected. Moreover, ineffective internal control over financial reporting significantly hinders our ability to prevent fraud.

Upon completion of this offering, we will become subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, or Section 404, will require that we include a report from management on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in our annual report on Form 20-F beginning with our annual report for the fiscal year ending

Table of Contents

December 31, 2015. 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. If we fail to timely achieve and maintain the adequacy of our internal controls, our management and our independent registered public accounting firm may conclude that our internal control over financial reporting is not effective. This could adversely impact the market price of our ADSs due to a loss of investor confidence in the reliability of our reporting processes. We will need to incur costs and use management and other resources in order to comply with Section 404. In addition, after we become a public company, our reporting obligations may 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.

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. In addition, 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. If we fail to achieve and maintain an effective internal control environment, we could suffer material misstatements in our financial statements and fail to meet our reporting obligations, which would likely cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information. This could in turn limit our access to capital markets, harm our results of operations, and lead to a decline in the trading price of our ADSs.

Additionally, ineffective internal control over financial reporting could expose us to increased risk of fraud or misuse of corporate assets and subject us to potential delisting from the stock exchange on which we list, regulatory investigations and civil or criminal sanctions. We may also be required to restate our financial statements from prior periods.

We have limited business insurance coverage.

Insurance companies in China currently do not offer as extensive an array of insurance products as insurance companies do in more developed economies. We do not have any business liability or disruption insurance to cover our operations. We have determined that the costs of insuring for these risks and the difficulties associated with acquiring such insurance on commercially reasonable terms make it impractical for us to have such insurance. Any uninsured occurrence of business disruption may result in our incurring substantial costs and the diversion of resources, which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

We face risks related to natural disasters such as earthquakes and health epidemics and other outbreaks, which could significantly disrupt our operations.

Our operations may be vulnerable to interruption and damage from natural and other types of catastrophes, including earthquakes, fire, floods, hail, windstorms, severe winter weather (including snow, freezing water, ice storms and blizzards), environmental accidents, power loss, communications failures, explosions, man-made events such as terrorist attacks and similar events. Due to their nature, we cannot predict the incidence, timing and severity of catastrophes. If any such catastrophe or extraordinary event occurs in the future, our ability to

Table of Contents

operate our business could be seriously impaired. Such events could make it difficult or impossible for us to deliver our services and products to our users and could decrease demand for our products. As we do not carry property insurance and significant time could be required to resume our operations, our financial position and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected in the event of any major catastrophic event.

In addition, our business could be adversely affected by the outbreak of influenza A (H1N1), avian influenza, H7N9, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) or other pandemics. Any occurrence of these pandemic diseases or other adverse public health developments in China or elsewhere could severely disrupt our staffing or the staffing of our business partners and otherwise reduce the activity levels of our work force and the work force of our business partners, causing a material and adverse effect on our business operations.

Risks related to our corporate structure

If the PRC government finds that the agreements that establish the structure for operating our businesses in China do not comply with PRC governmental restrictions on foreign investment in internet-related business and foreign investors' mergers and acquisition activities in China, or if these regulations or the interpretation of existing regulations change in the future, we could be subject to severe penalties or be forced to relinquish our interests in those operations.

Current PRC laws and regulations place certain restrictions on foreign ownership of companies that engage in internet businesses, including the provision of online video and online advertising services. For example, foreign investors' equity interests in value-added telecommunication service providers may not exceed 50%. In addition, foreign investors are prohibited from investing in or operating entities engaged in, among others, internet cultural operating service (including online game operation services), internet news service, and production and online transmission of audio-visual programs service. We are a Cayman Islands company and Giganology Shenzhen and Xunlei Computer, our PRC subsidiaries, are considered foreign-invested enterprises. Accordingly, neither of these two PRC subsidiaries is eligible to provide value-added telecommunication services and the aforementioned internet related services in China. As a result, we conduct our operations in China principally through contractual arrangements among Giganology Shenzhen, our wholly-owned PRC subsidiary, and Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders. Shenzhen Xunlei holds the licenses and permits necessary to conduct our resource discovery network, online video, online advertising, online games and related businesses in China and hold various operating subsidiaries that conduct a majority of our operations in China. Our contractual arrangements with Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders enable us to exercise effective control over Shenzhen Xunlei and Shenzhen Xunlei's operating subsidiaries and hence treat them as our consolidated entities and consolidate their results. For a detailed discussion of these contractual arrangements, see "Corporate history and structure."

We cannot assure you, however, that we will be able to enforce these contracts. Although we believe we are in compliance with current PRC regulations, we cannot assure you that the PRC government would agree that these contractual arrangements comply with PRC licensing, registration or other regulatory requirements, with existing policies or with requirements or policies that may be adopted in the future. PRC laws and regulations governing the validity of these contractual arrangements are uncertain and the relevant government authorities have

Table of Contents

broad discretion in interpreting these laws and regulations. If the PRC government determines that we do not comply with applicable laws and regulations, it could revoke our business and operating licenses, require us to discontinue or restrict our operations, restrict our right to collect revenues, block our website, require us to restructure our operations, impose additional conditions or requirements with which we may not be able to comply, or take other regulatory or enforcement actions against us that could be harmful to our business. The imposition of any of these penalties would result in a material and adverse effect on our ability to conduct our business.

We rely on contractual arrangements with our variable interest entities in China and its shareholders for our operations, which may not be as effective as direct ownership in providing operational control.

Since PRC laws restrict foreign equity ownership in companies engaged in internet business in China, we rely on contractual arrangements with Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders to operate our business in China. If we had direct ownership of Shenzhen Xunlei, we would be able to exercise our rights as a shareholder to effect changes in the board of directors of Shenzhen Xunlei, which in turn could effect changes at the management level, subject to any applicable fiduciary obligations. However, under the current contractual arrangements, we rely on Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders' performance of their contractual obligations to exercise effective control. In addition, our operating contract with Shenzhen Xunlei has a term of ten years, which is subject to Giganology Shenzhen's unilateral termination right and may be extended as requested by Giganology Shenzhen. In general, none of Shenzhen Xunlei or its shareholders may terminate the contracts prior to the expiration date. However, the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei may not act in the best interests of our company or may not perform their obligations under these contracts, including the obligation to renew these contracts when their initial contract term expires. Such risks exist throughout the period in which we intend to operate our business through the contractual arrangements with Shenzhen Xunlei. We may replace the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei at any time pursuant to our contractual arrangements with Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders. However, 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 courts and therefore will be subject to uncertainties in the PRC legal system. See "Any failure by Shenzhen Xunlei or its shareholders to perform their obligations under our contractual arrangements with them may have a material adverse effect on our business." Therefore, these contractual arrangements may not be as effective as direct ownership in providing us with control over Shenzhen Xunlei.

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

Shenzhen Xunlei or its shareholders may fail to take certain actions required for our business or follow our instructions despite their contractual obligations to do so. If they fail to perform their obligations under their respective agreements with us, we may have to rely on legal remedies under PRC law, including seeking specific performance or injunctive relief, which may not be effective. As of the date of this prospectus, Mr. Sean Shenglong Zou, our co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer, owns 76% of the equity interest in Shenzhen Xunlei, our variable interest entity. Under the equity pledge agreement among Giganology Shenzhen and the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei, as amended, the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei have pledged all of their equity interests in Shenzhen Xunlei to Giganology Shenzhen to guarantee

Table of Contents

Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders' performance of their respective obligations under the related contractual arrangements. In addition, the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei have completed the registration of equity pledge under the equity pledge agreement with the competent governmental authority. If any of the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei, especially Mr. Sean Shenglong Zou due to his significant equity interest in Shenzhen Xunlei, fails to perform his or her obligations under the contractual arrangements, we may have to enforce these agreements to transfer his or her equity interests to another appointee of Giganology Shenzhen.

Moreover, the exercise of call options under the equity interests disposal agreement, the intellectual properties purchase option agreement and certain other contractual arrangements will be subject to the review and approval of competent governmental authorities and incur additional expenses.

All of these contractual arrangements are governed by PRC law and provide for the resolution of disputes through arbitration in the PRC. Accordingly, these contracts would be interpreted in accordance with PRC law and any disputes would be resolved in accordance with PRC legal procedures. The legal environment in the PRC is not as developed as in certain other jurisdictions, such as the United States. As a result, uncertainties in the PRC legal system could limit our ability to enforce these contractual arrangements, which may make it difficult to exert effective control over our variable interest entities, and our ability to conduct our business may be adversely affected.

Contractual arrangements with our variable interest entity may result in adverse tax consequences to us.

Under applicable PRC tax laws and regulations, arrangements and transactions among related parties may be subject to audit or scrutiny by the PRC tax authorities within ten years after the taxable year when the arrangements or transactions are conducted. See "Regulations Regulation on tax PRC enterprise income tax." We could face material and adverse tax consequences if the PRC tax authorities were to determine that the contractual arrangements among Giganology Shenzhen, our wholly-owned subsidiary in China, and Shenzhen Xunlei, our variable interest entity in China and its shareholders, as well as the intellectual property framework agreement between Xunlei Computer and Shenzhen Xunlei were not entered into on an arm's-length basis and therefore constituted unfavorable transfer pricing arrangements. Unfavorable transfer pricing arrangements could, among other things, result in an upward adjustment on taxation, and the PRC tax authorities may impose interest on late payments on Shenzhen Xunlei, for the adjusted but unpaid taxes. Our results of operations may be materially and adversely affected if Shenzhen Xunlei's tax liabilities increase significantly or if it is required to pay interest on late payments.

The shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei may have potential conflicts of interest with us, which may materially and adversely affect our business.

Sean Shenglong Zou, Hao Cheng, Fang Wang, Jianming Shi and Guangzhou Shulian Information Investment Co., Ltd. are shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei. We provide no incentives to the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei for the purpose of encouraging them to act in our best interests in their capacity as the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei. We may replace the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei at any time pursuant to the currently effective equity option agreements between us and these shareholders.

Table of Contents

As a director and executive officer of our company, Mr. Zou and Mr. Cheng each has a duty of loyalty and care to us under Cayman Islands law. We are not aware that other publicly listed companies in China with a similar corporate and ownership structure as ours have brought conflicts of interest claims against the shareholders of their respective variable interest entities. However, we cannot assure you that when conflicts arise, the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei will act in the best interests of our company or that conflicts will be resolved in our favor. If we cannot resolve any conflicts of interest or disputes between us and the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei, we would have to rely on legal proceedings, which may be expensive, time-consuming and disruptive to our operations. There is also substantial uncertainty as to the outcome of any such legal proceedings.

We may rely principally on dividends and other distributions on equity paid by our PRC subsidiaries, to fund any cash and financing requirements we may have. Any limitation on the ability of Giganology Shenzhen and Xunlei Computer to pay dividends to us could have a material adverse effect on our ability to conduct our business.

We are a holding company, and in the future, we may rely principally on dividends and other distributions on equity paid by our wholly-owned PRC subsidiaries including Giganology Shenzhen and Xunlei Computer, for our cash and financing requirements, including the funds necessary to pay dividends and other cash distributions to our shareholders and service any debt we may incur. If Giganology Shenzhen incurs debt on its own behalf in the future, the instruments governing the debt may restrict its ability to pay dividends or make other distributions to us. In addition, the PRC tax authorities may require us to adjust our taxable income under the contractual arrangements Giganology Shenzhen currently has in place with Shenzhen Xunlei, our variable interest entity, as well as the intellectual property framework agreement between Xunlei Computer and Shenzhen Xunlei, in a manner that would materially and adversely affect its ability to pay dividends and other distributions to us. As of March 31, 2014, we had cash or cash equivalents of approximately RMB474.3 million (US\$77.1 million) and US\$10.7 million located within the PRC, of which RMB396.9 million (US\$64.5 million) is held by Shenzhen Xunlei and its subsidiaries. The transfer of all the cash or cash equivalents is subject to PRC government's restrictions on currency conversion.

Under PRC laws and regulations, Giganology Shenzhen and Xunlei Computer, as wholly foreign-owned enterprises in the PRC, may pay dividends only out of its accumulated after-tax profits as determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. In addition, wholly foreign-owned enterprises such as Giganology Shenzhen and Xunlei Computer are required to set aside at least 10% of their accumulated after-tax profits each year, if any, to fund certain statutory reserve funds, until the aggregate amount of such a fund reaches 50% of their respective registered capital. At their discretion, wholly foreign-owned enterprises may allocate a portion of their after-tax profits based on PRC accounting standards to staff welfare and bonus funds. These reserve funds and staff welfare and bonus funds are not distributable as cash dividends. Any limitation on the ability of Giganology Shenzhen and Xunlei Computer 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. See also " Risks related to doing business in China Our global income may be subject to PRC taxes under the PRC EIT Law, which may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations."

Table of Contents

PRC regulation of loans to, and direct investment in, PRC entities by offshore holding companies and governmental control of currency conversion may restrict or prevent us from using the proceeds of this offering to make loans to our PRC subsidiaries and variable interest entities or to make additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries, which may materially and adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to fund and expand our business.

In utilizing the proceeds we receive from this offering in the manner described in "Use of proceeds," as an offshore holding company with PRC subsidiaries, we may (i) make additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries, (ii) establish new PRC subsidiaries and make capital contributions to these new PRC subsidiaries, (iii) make loans to our PRC subsidiaries or variable interest entities, or (iv) acquire offshore entities with business operations in China in an offshore transaction. However, most of these uses are subject to PRC regulations and approvals.

For example:

capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries, whether existing ones or newly established ones, must be approved by the PRC Ministry of Commerce or its local counterparts;

loans by us to our PRC subsidiaries, which are foreign-invested enterprises, to finance their respective activities cannot exceed statutory limits and must be registered with the PRC State Administration of Foreign Exchange, or SAFE, or its local branches; and

loans by us to our variable interest entities, which are domestic PRC entities, must be approved by the National Development and Reform Commission and must also be registered with SAFE or its local branches.

On August 29, 2008, SAFE promulgated 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, or SAFE Circular 142, regulating the conversion by a foreign-invested enterprise of foreign currency registered capital into Renminbi by restricting how the converted Renminbi may be used. SAFE Circular 142 provides that the Renminbi capital converted from foreign currency registered capital of a foreign-invested enterprise may only be used for purposes within the business scope approved by the applicable governmental authority and unless otherwise provided by law, such Renminbi capital may not be used for equity investments within the PRC. In addition, SAFE strengthened its oversight of the flow and use of the Renminbi capital converted from foreign currency registered capital of a foreign-invested company. The use of such Renminbi capital may not be altered without SAFE approval, and such Renminbi capital may not in any case be used to repay Renminbi loans if the proceeds of such loans have not been used. Violations of SAFE Circular 142 could result in severe monetary or other penalties. We expect that if we convert the net proceeds we receive from this offering into Renminbi pursuant to SAFE Circular 142, our use of Renminbi funds will be for purposes within the approved business scope of our PRC subsidiaries. The business scopes of Giganology Shenzhen and Xunlei Computer include "technical services," which we believe permits Giganology Shenzhen to purchase or lease servers and other equipment for its own technical data and research and to provide operational support to our variable interest entities.

However, we may not be able to use such Renminbi funds to make equity investments in the PRC through our PRC subsidiaries.

Table of Contents

We may lose the ability to use and enjoy assets held by our affiliated PRC entities that are important to the operation of our business if any of such entities goes bankrupt or becomes subject to a dissolution or liquidation proceeding.

As part of our contractual arrangements with our variable interest entities, these entities hold certain assets that are important to the operation of our business, including patents for the proprietary technology and related domain names and trademarks. If any of our variable interest entity or its subsidiaries goes bankrupt and all or part of its assets become subject to liens or rights of third-party creditors, we may be unable to continue some or all of our business activities, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Under the contractual arrangements, our variable interest entity and its subsidiaries may not, in any manner, sell, transfer, mortgage or dispose of their assets or legal or beneficial interests in the business without our prior consent. If any of our variable interest entities undergoes a voluntary or involuntary liquidation proceeding, the unrelated third-party creditors may claim rights to some or all of these assets, thereby hindering our ability to operate our business, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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.

Substantially all of our assets and operations are located in China. Accordingly, our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may be influenced to a significant degree by political, economic and social conditions in China generally and by continued economic growth in China as a whole.

The Chinese economy differs from the economies of most developed countries in many respects, including the level of government involvement, level of development, growth rate, control of foreign exchange and allocation of resources. Although the Chinese government has implemented measures emphasizing the utilization of market forces for economic reform, the reduction of state ownership of productive assets, and the establishment of improved corporate governance in business enterprises, a substantial portion of productive assets in China is still owned by the government. In addition, the Chinese government continues to play a significant role in regulating industry development by imposing industrial policies. The Chinese government also exercises significant control over China's economic growth through allocating resources, controlling payment of foreign currency-denominated obligations, setting monetary policy, and providing preferential treatment to particular industries or companies.

While the Chinese economy has experienced significant growth over the past decades, growth has been uneven, both geographically and among various sectors of the economy. The Chinese government has implemented various measures to encourage economic growth and guide the allocation of resources. Some of these measures may benefit the overall Chinese economy, but may have a negative effect on us. For example, our financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected by government control over capital investments or changes in tax regulations. In addition, in the past the Chinese government has implemented certain measures, including interest rate increases, to control the pace of economic growth.

Table of Contents

These measures may cause decreased economic activity in China, which may adversely affect our business and operating results.

Uncertainties with respect to the PRC legal system could adversely affect us.

We conduct our business primarily through our PRC subsidiaries and variable interest entities in China. Our operations in China are governed by PRC laws and regulations. Giganology Shenzhen is a foreign-invested enterprise and is subject to laws and regulations applicable to foreign investment in China and, in particular, laws applicable to foreign-invested enterprises. The PRC legal system is a civil law system based on written statutes. Unlike the common law system, prior court decisions under the civil law system may be cited for reference but have limited precedential value.

In 1979, the PRC government began to promulgate a comprehensive system of laws and regulations governing economic matters in general. The overall effect of legislation over the past three decades has significantly enhanced the protections afforded to various forms of foreign investments in China. However, China has not developed a fully integrated legal system, and recently enacted laws and regulations may not sufficiently cover all aspects of economic activities in China. In particular, the interpretation and enforcement of these laws and regulations involve uncertainties. Since PRC administrative and court authorities have significant discretion in interpreting and implementing statutory and contractual terms, it may be difficult to evaluate the outcome of administrative and court proceedings and the level of legal protection we enjoy. These uncertainties may affect our judgment on the relevance of legal requirements and our ability to enforce our contractual or tort rights. In addition, the regulatory uncertainties may be exploited through unmerited or frivolous legal actions or threats in attempts to extract payments or benefits from us.

Furthermore, the PRC legal system is based in part on government policies and internal rules, some of which are not published on a timely basis or at all and may have retroactive effect. As a result, we may not be aware of our violation of any of these policies and rules until sometime after the violation. In addition, any administrative and court proceedings in China may be protracted, resulting in substantial costs and diversion of resources and management attention.

We believe that our patents, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights, and other intellectual property are important to our business. We rely on a combination of patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret protection laws in China and other jurisdictions, as well as confidentiality procedures and contractual provisions to protect our intellectual property and our brand. Protection of intellectual property rights in China may not be as effective as in the United States or other jurisdictions, and as a result, we may not be able to adequately protect our intellectual property rights, which could adversely affect our revenues and competitive position.

We may be adversely affected by the complexity, uncertainties and changes in PRC regulations of internet-related business and companies.

The PRC government extensively regulates the internet industry, including foreign ownership of, and the licensing and permit requirements pertaining to, companies in the internet industry. These internet-related laws and regulations are relatively new and evolving, and their interpretation and enforcement involve significant uncertainty. As a result, in certain

Table of Contents

circumstances it may be difficult to determine what actions or omissions may be deemed to be in violations of applicable laws and regulations. Issues, risks and uncertainties relating to PRC regulation of the internet business include, but are not limited to, the following:

We only have contractual control over our resource discovery network and Xunlei Kankan. We do not own the resource discovery network or the Xunlei Kankan website due to the restriction of foreign investment in businesses providing value-added telecommunication services in China, including internet content provision services. This may significantly disrupt our business, subject us to sanctions, compromise enforceability of related contractual arrangements, or have other harmful effects on us.

There are uncertainties relating to the regulation of the internet business in China, including evolving licensing practices and the requirement for real-name registrations. This means that permits, licenses or operations at some of our companies may be subject to challenge, or we may fail to obtain permits or licenses that may be deemed necessary for our operations or we may not be able to obtain or renew certain permits or licenses. If we fail to maintain any of these required licenses or approvals, we may be subject to various penalties, including fines and discontinuation of or restriction on our operations. Any such disruption in our business operations may have a material and adverse effect on our results of operations. For example, we are providing mobile applications to mobile device users free of charge and we do not believe we, as an internet content provider, or ICP, need to obtain a separate operating license in addition to the operating licenses for the value added telecommunications service, or the ICP Licenses, which we have already obtained. Although we believe this is in line with the current market practice, there can be no assurance that we will not be required to apply for an operating license for our mobile applications in the future and if so, we may not qualify or succeed in obtaining such license.

New laws and regulations may be promulgated that will regulate internet activities, including online video, online games and online advertising businesses. If these new laws and regulations are promulgated, additional licenses may be required for our operations. If our operations do not comply with these new regulations after they become effective, or if we fail to obtain any licenses required under these new laws and regulations, we could be subject to penalties.

In June 2010, MOC promulgated the Provisional Measures on the Administration of Online Games, or the Online Game Measures, which became effective on August 1, 2010. The Online Game Measures provide that any entity engaging in online game operation activities should obtain an Online Culture Operating Permit and must meet certain requirements such as a minimum amount of the registered capital. Online game developers are generally involved in the purchase of servers and bandwidth, the control and management of game data, the maintenance of game systems and certain other maintenance tasks in our operation of online games. There exist uncertainties on MOC's interpretation and implementation of these measures. If MOC determines in the future that such Online Culture Operating Permit or relevant requirement apply to the online game developers for their involvement in the online game operations, we may have to terminate our revenue sharing arrangements with certain unqualified online game developers and may even be subject to various penalties, which may negatively impact our results of operations and financial condition.

Table of Contents

The interpretation and application of existing PRC laws, regulations and policies and possible new laws, regulations or policies relating to the internet industry have created substantial uncertainties regarding the legality of existing and future foreign investments in, and the businesses and activities of, internet businesses in China, including our business. For example, in September 2009, GAPPRFT and the National Office of Combating Pornography and Illegal Publications jointly published a notice, or Circular 13, which expressly prohibits foreign investors from participating in internet game operating business via wholly owned, equity joint venture or cooperative joint venture investments in China, and from controlling and participating in such businesses directly or indirectly through contractual or technical support arrangements. Other government agencies with substantial regulatory authority over online game operations and foreign investment entities in China, such as MIIT and MOC, did not join GAPPRFT in issuing Circular 13. While Circular 13 is applicable to us and our online game business on an overall basis, to date, GAPPRFT has not issued any interpretation of Circular 13 and, to our knowledge, has not taken any enforcement action under Circular 13 against any company that relies on contractual arrangements with affiliated entities to operate online games in China. We cannot assure you that we have obtained all the permits or licenses required for conducting our business in China or will be able to maintain our existing licenses or obtain any new licenses required under any new laws or regulations. There are also risks that we may be found to violate the existing or future laws and regulations given the uncertainty and complexity of China's regulation of internet business.

Regulation and censorship of information disseminated over the internet in China may adversely affect our business, and we may be liable for videos and other digital media content that are displayed on our platform.

China has enacted regulations governing telecommunication service providers, internet and wireless access and the distribution of news and other information. Under these regulations, ICPs like us, are prohibited from posting or displaying over the internet or wireless networks content that, among other things, violates PRC laws and regulations. If an ICP finds that prohibited content is transmitted on its website or stored in its electronic bulletin service system, it must terminate the transmission of such information or delete such information immediately and keep records and report to relevant authorities. Failure to comply with these requirements could result in the revocation of the ICP License and other required licenses and the closure of the offending websites. Cloud network operators or website operators may also be held liable for prohibited content displayed on, retrieved from or linked to such network or website. Since December 2009, the Chinese government has been increasing its efforts on cracking down inappropriate content disseminated over the internet and wireless networks.

Subject to interpretation by the relevant authorities, it may not be possible for us to determine in all cases the type of content that could result in liability for us. In addition, we may not be able to control or restrict all of the digital media content generated or placed on our network by our users, despite our attempt to monitor such content. To the extent that regulatory authorities find any portion of our content on our network or website objectionable or requiring any license or permit that we have not obtained, they may require us to limit or eliminate the dissemination of such information or otherwise curtail the nature of such content, and keep records and report to relevant authorities, which may reduce our user traffic. In addition, we may be subject to significant penalties for violations of those regulations arising from prohibited content displayed on, retrieved from or uploaded to our

Table of Contents

network or website, including a suspension or shutdown of our operations. The enforcement activities may be intensified in connection with any ongoing government campaigns. For example, in April 2014, the Chinese government initiated a campaign to enhance and enforce its scrutiny on the dissemination of pornographic content on the internet in China. As a result, various literary and visual and audio content websites, including certain widely known websites, were subject to administrative penalties ranging from fines to proposed license revocation to suspension of website operations, due to unhealthy and indecent content on these websites. We conducted an internal compliance investigation in order to ensure that the content transmitted by our products are in compliance with the standards set out by the authorities. As of the date of this prospectus, we have not received any warning or order from any government authorities. However, we cannot be sure that our internal investigation was sufficient to remove all content that may be viewed unhealthy, indecent or otherwise problematic. In addition, while we maintain a regular internal monitoring and compliance protocol, we cannot ascertain that we would not fall foul of any changing or new government regulations or standards in the future. If we receive a public warning from the relevant government authorities or our licenses for acceleration or online video streaming services are revoked, our reputation would be harmed and if the operation of our acceleration or online video streaming services is suspended, our revenues and results of operation may be materially and adversely affected. Furthermore, the internal compliance investigation and the removal of content may have a material impact on our cloud acceleration services in future periods, which in turn may have an adverse effect on our revenues and results of operations.

We may be sued by our game players and held liable for losses of virtual assets by such players, which may negatively affect our reputation and business, financial condition and results of operations.

While playing online games or participating in other online activities, players acquire and accumulate some virtual assets, such as special equipment and other accessories. Such virtual assets may be important to online game players and have monetary value and, in some cases, are sold for actual money. In practice, virtual assets can be lost for various reasons, often through unauthorized use of the game account of one user by other users and occasionally through data loss caused by a delay of network service, a network crash or hacking activities.

Currently, there is no PRC law or regulation specifically governing virtual asset property rights. As a result, there is uncertainty as to who the legal owner of virtual assets is, whether and how the ownership of virtual assets is protected by law, and whether an operator of online games such as us would have any liability to game players or other interested parties (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) for loss of such virtual assets. Based on recent PRC court judgments, the courts have typically held online game operators liable for losses of virtual assets by game players, and ordered online game operators to return the lost virtual items to game players or pay damages and losses. In case of a loss of virtual assets, we may be sued by our game players or users and held liable for damages, which may negatively affect our reputation and business, financial condition and results of operations.

Table of Contents

Non-compliance with the laws or regulations governing virtual currency may result in penalties that could have a material adverse effect on our online games business and results of operations.

The issuance and use of "virtual currency" in the PRC has been regulated since 2007 in response to the growth of the online games industry in China. In January 2007, the Ministry of Public Security, MOC, MIIT and GAPPFRFT jointly issued a circular regarding online gambling which has implications for the use of virtual currency. To curtail online games that involve online gambling, as well as address concerns that virtual currency could be used for money laundering or illicit trade, the circular (a) prohibits online game operators from charging commissions in the form of virtual currency in relation to winning or losing of games; (b) requires online game operators to impose limits on use of virtual currency in guessing and betting games; (c) bans the conversion of virtual currency into real currency or property; and (d) prohibits services that enable game players to transfer virtual currency to other players. On June 4, 2009, MOC and the Ministry of Commerce jointly issued a notice regarding strengthening the administration of online game virtual currency, or the Virtual Currency Notice. Furthermore, MOC issued the Online Game Measures in June 2010, which provides, among other things, that virtual currency issued by online game operators may only be used to exchange its own online game products and services and may not be used to pay for the products and services of other entities.

We issue virtual currency to our clients for them to purchase various items to be used in online games and premium services. Although we believe we do not offer online game virtual currency transaction services, we cannot assure you that the PRC regulatory authorities will not take a view contrary to ours. For example, certain virtual items we issue to users based on in-game milestones they achieve or time spent playing games are transferable and exchangeable for our virtual currency or the other virtual items we issue to users. If the PRC regulatory authorities deem such transfer or exchange a virtual currency transaction, then we may be deemed to be engaging in the issuance of virtual currency and we may also be deemed to be providing transaction platform services that enable the trading of such virtual currency. Simultaneously engaging in both of these activities is prohibited under the Virtual Currency Notice. In that event, we may be required to cease either our virtual currency issuance activities or such deemed "transaction service" activities and may be subject to certain penalties, including mandatory corrective measures and fines. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our online games business and results of operations.

In addition, the Virtual Currency Notice prohibits online game operators from setting game features that involve the direct payment of cash or virtual currency by players for the chance to win virtual items or virtual currency based on random selection through a lucky draw, wager or lottery. The notice also prohibits game operators from issuing currency to game players through means other than purchases with legal currency. Although we believe that we are generally in compliance with such requirements and have taken adequate measures to prevent any of the above-mentioned prohibited activities, we cannot assure you that the PRC regulatory authorities will not take a view contrary to ours and deem such feature as prohibited by the Virtual Currency Notice, thereby subjecting us to penalties, including mandatory corrective measures and fines. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could materially and adversely affect our online games business and results of operations.

Table of Contents

Intensified government regulation of the internet industry in China could restrict our ability to maintain or increase user traffic to Xunlei Kankan or the number of users to our online games.

The PRC government has, in recent years, intensified regulation on various aspects of the internet industry in China. For example, in January 2011, MIIT and seven other PRC central government authorities jointly issued a circular entitled Implementation Scheme regarding Parental Guardianship Project for Minors Playing Online Games, under which online game operators are required to adopt various measures to maintain a system to communicate with the parents or other guardians of minors playing their online games and are required to monitor the online game activities of minors and suspend the accounts of minors if so required by their parents or guardians. These restrictions could limit our ability to increase our online game business among minors. See "Regulation Regulation on anti-fatigue system, real-name registration system and parental guardianship project." Failure to implement these restrictions, if detected by the relevant government agencies, may result in fines and other penalties for us, including the shutting down of our online games operations and license revocation. Furthermore, if these restrictions were expanded to apply to adult game players in the future, our online games business could be materially and adversely affected.

In addition, the PRC government has tightened its regulation of internet cafes in recent years. In particular, a large number of unlicensed internet cafes have been closed. The PRC government has imposed higher capital and facility requirements for the establishment of internet cafes. Furthermore, the PRC government's policy, which encourages the development of a limited number of national and regional internet cafe chains and discourages the establishment of independent internet cafes, may slow down the growth of internet cafes in China. In June 2002, the Ministry of Culture, together with other government authorities, issued a joint notice, and in February 2004, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce issued another notice, suspending the issuance of new internet cafe licenses. In May 2007, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce reiterated its position not to register any new internet cafes in 2007. In 2008, 2009 and 2010, the Ministry of Culture, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce and other relevant government authorities, individually or jointly, issued several notices that provide various ways to strengthen the regulation of internet cafes, including investigating and punishing internet cafes that accept minors, cracking down on internet cafes without sufficient and valid licenses, limiting the total number of internet cafes and approving internet cafes within the planning made by relevant authorities, screening unlawful and adverse games and websites, and improving the coordination of regulation over internet cafes and online games. Although currently most of our users access and consume our products and services from their own devices, if internet cafes become one of the main venues for our users to access our website or online games, any reduction in the number, or any slowdown in the growth, of internet cafes in China could limit our ability to maintain or increase user traffic to Xunlei Kankan or the number of users for our online games.

Fluctuations in exchange rates may have a material adverse effect on your investment.

Fluctuation in the value of the Renminbi may have a material adverse effect on the value of your investment. The value of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar and other currencies may fluctuate and is affected by, among other things, changes in political and economic conditions. On July 21, 2005, the PRC government changed its decade-old policy of pegging the value of the Renminbi to the U.S. dollar. Under this policy, the Renminbi was permitted to fluctuate

Table of Contents

within a narrow and managed band against a basket of certain foreign currencies. For almost two years after reaching a high against the U.S. dollar in July 2008, the Renminbi traded within a narrow band against the U.S. dollar, remaining within 1% of its July 2008 high. As a consequence, the Renminbi fluctuated sharply since July 2008 against other freely traded currencies, in tandem with the U.S. dollar. In June 2010, the PRC government announced that it would increase Renminbi exchange rate flexibility and since that time the Renminbi has gradually appreciated against the U.S. dollar. However, it remains unclear how this flexibility might be implemented. There remains significant international pressure on the PRC government to adopt a more flexible currency policy, which could result in greater fluctuation of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar.

Our financial statements are expressed in U.S. dollars, and most of our assets, costs and expenses are denominated in Renminbi. Substantially all of our revenues were denominated in Renminbi. We principally rely on dividends and other distributions paid by our subsidiaries in China which are denominated in Renminbi. Our results of operations and the value of your investment in our ADSs will be affected by the foreign exchange rate between U.S. dollars and Renminbi. To the extent we hold assets denominated in Renminbi, any depreciation of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar could result in a reduction in the value of our Renminbi denominated assets. Similarly, should we repatriate any portion of the net proceeds to us from this offering or cash from other offshore financing activities into China, such amount would also be affected by shifts in the exchange rate between the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar. On the other hand, a decline in the value of Renminbi against the U.S. dollar could reduce the U.S. dollar equivalent amounts of our financial results, the value of your investment in our company and the dividends we may pay in the future, if any, all of which may have a material adverse effect on the prices of our ADSs.

Limited hedging transactions are available in China to reduce our exposure to exchange rate fluctuations. We did not enter into any forward contracts to hedge our exposure to Renminbi-U.S. dollar 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 successfully hedge our exposure at all. In addition, our currency exchange losses may be magnified by PRC 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 effectively and affect the value of your investment.

The PRC government imposes controls on the convertibility of the Renminbi into foreign currencies and, in certain cases, the remittance of currency out of China. We receive substantially all of our revenues in Renminbi. Under our current corporate structure, our Cayman Islands holding company primarily relies on dividend payments from our wholly-owned 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 SAFE approval by complying with certain procedural requirements. However, approval from or registration with appropriate government authorities is required where the 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. Specifically, under the existing exchange restrictions, without prior approval

Table of Contents

of SAFE, cash generated from the operations of our PRC subsidiaries in China may be used to pay dividends by our PRC subsidiaries to our company and pay employees of our PRC subsidiaries who are located outside China in a currency other than the Renminbi. With prior approval from SAFE, cash generated from the operations of our PRC subsidiaries and affiliated entity may be used to pay off debt in a currency other than the Renminbi owed by our PRC subsidiaries and variable interest entities to entities outside China, and make other capital expenditures outside China in a currency other than the Renminbi. If our variable interest entity liquidates, the proceeds from the liquidation of its assets may be used outside of the PRC or be given to investors who are not PRC nationals. The PRC government may at its discretion restrict access to foreign currencies for current account transactions in the future. If the foreign exchange control system prevents us from obtaining sufficient foreign currencies to satisfy our foreign currency demands, we may not be able to pay dividends in foreign currencies to our shareholders, including holders of our ADSs.

The approval of the China Securities Regulatory Commission may be required in connection with this offering under a regulation adopted in August 2006, and, if required, we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such approval.

On August 8, 2006, six PRC regulatory agencies, including the China Securities Regulatory Commission, or CSRC, promulgated the Regulations on Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Companies by Foreign Investors, or the M&A Rules, which became effective on September 8, 2006 and was amended on June 22, 2009. The M&A Rules, among other things, require offshore special purpose vehicles, or SPVs, formed for the purpose of an overseas listing and controlled by PRC companies or individuals, to obtain CSRC approval prior to listing their securities on an overseas stock exchange. The application of the M&A Rules remains unclear. Our PRC legal counsel has advised us that, based on their understanding of the current PRC laws, rules and regulations:

CSRC currently has not issued any definitive rule or interpretation concerning whether offerings like ours under this prospectus are subject to the M&A Rules; and

given that (i) our PRC subsidiaries were directly established by us as wholly foreign-owned enterprises, and we have not acquired any equity interest or assets of a PRC domestic company owned by PRC companies or individuals as defined under the M&A Rules that are our beneficial owners after the effective date of the M&A Rules and (ii) no provision in this regulation clearly classifies contractual arrangements as a type of transaction subject to this regulation, we are not required to submit an application to CSRC for its approval of the listing and trading of our ADSs on the NASDAQ Global Market.

Our PRC legal counsel also advised that because there has been no official interpretation or clarification of the M&A Rules since adoption, there is uncertainty as to how these rules will be interpreted or implemented. If it is determined that the CSRC approval is required for this offering, we may face sanctions by CSRC or other PRC regulatory agencies for failure to seek the CSRC approval for this offering. These sanctions may include fines and penalties on our operations in the PRC (although to our knowledge, no definitive rules or interpretations have been issued to determine or quantify such fines or penalties), delays or restrictions on the repatriation of the proceeds from this offering into the PRC, restrictions on or prohibition of the payments or remittance of dividends by our PRC subsidiaries, or other actions that may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations,

Table of Contents

reputation and prospects, as well as the trading price of our ADSs. CSRC or other PRC regulatory agencies may also take actions requiring us, or making it advisable to us, to halt this offering before the settlement and delivery of the ADSs that we are offering. Consequently, if you engage in market trading or other activities in anticipation of and prior to the settlement and delivery of the ADSs we are offering, you would be doing so at the risk that the settlement and delivery may not occur.

Certain regulations in the PRC may make it more difficult for us to pursue growth through acquisitions.

Among other things, the M&A Rules and certain regulations and rules concerning mergers and acquisitions established additional procedures and requirements that could make merger and acquisition activities by foreign investors more time-consuming and complex. For example, the M&A Rules require that the Ministry of Commerce be notified in advance of any change-of-control transaction in which a foreign investor takes control of a PRC domestic enterprise or a foreign company with substantial PRC operations, if certain thresholds under the Provisions on Thresholds for Prior Notification of Concentrations of Undertakings, issued by the State Council on August 3, 2008, are triggered. Moreover, the Anti-Monopoly Law promulgated by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on August 30, 2007 and took effect on August 1, 2008 requires that transactions which are deemed concentrations and involve parties with specified turnover thresholds (i.e., during the previous fiscal year, (i) the total global turnover of all operators participating in the transaction exceeds RMB10 billion and at least two of these operators each had a turnover of more than RMB400 million within China, or (ii) the total turnover within China of all the operators participating in the concentration exceeded RMB2 billion, and at least two of these operators each had a turnover of more than RMB400 million within China) must be cleared by the Ministry of Commerce before they can be completed. In addition, according to the Implementing Rules Concerning Security Review on the Mergers and Acquisitions by Foreign Investors of Domestic Enterprises issued by the Ministry of Commerce in August 2011, mergers and acquisitions by foreign investors involved in an industry related to national security are subject to strict review by the Ministry of Commerce. These rules also prohibit any transactions attempting to bypass such security review, including by controlling entities through contractual arrangements. We believe that our business is not in an industry related to national security. However, we cannot preclude the possibility that the Ministry of Commerce or other government agencies may publish interpretations contrary to our understanding or broaden the scope of such security review in the future. Although we have no current definitive plans to make any acquisitions, we may elect to grow our business in the future in part by directly acquiring complementary businesses in China. Complying with the requirements of these regulations to complete such transactions could be time-consuming, and any required approval processes, including obtaining approval from the Ministry of Commerce, may delay or inhibit our ability to complete such transactions.

PRC regulations relating to the establishment of offshore SPVs 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 has promulgated several regulations that require PRC residents and PRC corporate entities to register with local branches of SAFE in connection with their direct or indirect offshore

Table of Contents

investment activities. These regulations apply to our shareholders who are PRC residents and may apply to any offshore acquisitions that we make in the future. Under these foreign exchange regulations, PRC residents who make, or have previously made prior to the implementation of these foreign exchange regulations, direct or indirect investments in offshore special purpose vehicles, or SPVs, will be required to register those investments. In addition, any PRC resident who is a direct or indirect shareholder of an SPV, is required to update the previously filed registration with the local branch of SAFE, with respect to that SPV, to reflect any material change. Moreover, the PRC subsidiaries of that SPV are required to urge the PRC resident shareholders to update their registration with the local branch of SAFE. If any PRC shareholder fails to make the required registration or update the previously filed registration, the PRC subsidiaries of that SPV may be prohibited from distributing their profits and the proceeds from any reduction in capital, share transfer or liquidation to their SPV parent, and the SPV may also be prohibited from injecting additional capital into its PRC subsidiaries. Moreover, failure to comply with the various foreign exchange registration requirements described above could result in liabilities for such PRC subsidiaries under PRC laws for evasion of applicable foreign exchange restrictions. Furthermore, the persons-in-charge and other persons at such PRC subsidiaries who are held directly liable for the violations may be subject to criminal sanctions.

These foreign exchange regulations provide that PRC residents include both PRC citizens and individuals who are non-PRC citizens but primarily reside in the PRC due to their economic ties to China. We have requested PRC residents holding direct or indirect interest in our company to our knowledge to make the necessary applications, filings and amendments as required under SAFE regulations. Mr. Sean Shenglong Zou, Mr. Hao Cheng and Ms. Fang Wang have completed the registration and amendment registration with the local SAFE branch in relation to all our previous private financings and their subsequent ownership changes by April 2012 as required under the SAFE regulations and are in the process of applying for the relevant amendment registrations with the local SAFE branch in relation to their ownership changes in our Company and our series E financing after April 2012. However, we may not be informed of the identities of all the PRC residents holding direct or indirect interest in our company, and we cannot provide any assurances that these PRC residents will comply with our request to make or obtain any applicable registrations or comply with other requirements required by SAFE regulations. The failure or inability of our PRC resident shareholders to make any required registrations or comply with other requirements under SAFE regulations may subject such PRC residents or our PRC subsidiaries to fines and legal sanctions and may also limit our ability to raise additional financing and contribute additional capital into or provide loans to (including using the proceeds from this offering) our PRC subsidiaries, limit our PRC subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends or otherwise distribute profits to us, or otherwise adversely affect us.

Furthermore, because of the uncertainty over how the SAFE regulations will be interpreted and implemented, and how SAFE will apply them to us, we cannot predict how these regulations will affect our business operations or future strategies. For example, we may be subject to a more stringent review and approval process with respect to our foreign exchange activities, such as remittance of dividends and foreign-currency-denominated borrowings, which may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, if we decide to acquire a PRC domestic company, we cannot assure you that we or the owners of such company, as the case may be, will be able to obtain the necessary approvals or complete the necessary filings and registrations required by the foreign exchange regulations. This may restrict our ability to implement our acquisition strategy and could adversely affect our business and prospects.

Table of Contents

Failure to comply with PRC regulations regarding the registration requirements for employee stock ownership plans or share option plans may subject the PRC plan participants or us to fines and other legal or administrative sanctions.

In December 2006, the People's Bank of China promulgated the Administrative Measures of Foreign Exchange Matters for Individuals, which set forth the respective requirements for foreign exchange transactions by individuals (both PRC or non-PRC citizens) under either the current account or the capital account. On February 15, 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 the Stock Option Rules, which replaced the Application Procedures of Foreign Exchange Administration for Domestic Individuals Participating in Employee Stock Ownership Plans or Stock Option Plans of Overseas Publicly-Listed Companies issued by SAFE on March 28, 2007. Under the Stock Option Rules 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 stock options, the purchase and sale of corresponding stocks 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 other material changes. We and our PRC employees who have been granted stock options will be subject to these regulations upon the completion of this offering. Failure of our PRC stock option 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.

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

We face uncertainties on the reporting and consequences on private equity financing transactions, private share exchange transactions and private transfer of shares, including private transfer of public shares, in our company by non-resident investors. According to the Notice on Strengthening Administration of Enterprise Income Tax for Share Transfers by Non-PRC Resident Enterprises issued by the PRC State Administration of Taxation on December 10, 2009, with retroactive effect from January 1, 2008, or SAT Circular 698, where a non-resident enterprise transfers the equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise indirectly through a disposition of equity interests in an overseas holding company in a non-public market, or an Indirect Transfer, and such overseas holding company is located in a tax jurisdiction that: (a) has an effective tax rate less than 12.5% or (b) does not tax foreign income of its residents, the non-resident enterprise, as the seller, shall report such Indirect Transfer to the competent tax authority of the PRC resident enterprise within 30 days of execution of the equity transfer agreement for such Indirect Transfer. However, the term "Indirect Transfer" is not clearly defined, and it is understood that the relevant PRC tax

Table of Contents

authorities have the authority to request information on a wide range of foreign entities that have no direct contact with the PRC. Moreover, the tax authorities have not yet promulgated any formal provisions or made any formal announcement as to the procedure for reporting an Indirect Transfer to the relevant tax authority. In addition, there are no official interpretations concerning how to determine whether a foreign investor has adopted an abusive arrangement in order to reduce, avoid or defer PRC tax. Given the aforementioned uncertainties with respect to the interpretation and application of the SAT Circular 698, we cannot determine whether our offshore transactions where non-resident investors were involved should be subject to the SAT Circular 698, nor can we identify the filing procedures related thereto. Therefore, neither we nor our non-resident investors have undertaken the filing formalities for our offshore transactions. Nevertheless, SAT Circular 698 may be determined by the tax authorities to be applicable to our offshore transactions where non-resident investors were involved. The PRC tax authorities may request non-resident investors to conduct a filing regarding the transactions and request our PRC subsidiaries to assist in the filing. In addition, if the tax authorities consider that the foreign investor has adopted an abusive arrangement without reasonable commercial purposes and for the purpose of avoiding or reducing PRC tax, they will disregard the existence of the overseas holding company that is used for tax planning purposes and recharacterize the Indirect Transfer. As a result, gains derived from such Indirect Transfer may be subject to PRC withholding tax at the rate of up to 10% and our relevant subsidiaries or variable interest entities may be held liable for paying such tax. SAT Circular 698 also provides that when a non-resident enterprise transfers its equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise to a related party at a price lower than the fair market value, the competent tax authorities have the power to make a reasonable adjustment to the taxable income of the transaction. As a result, we and our non-resident investors may be at risk of being taxed under SAT Circular 698 and may have to expend additional resources and costs to comply with SAT Circular 698 or to establish that we and our non-resident investors should not be taxed under SAT Circular 698, which may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations or non-resident investors' investments in us.

Discontinuation or reduction of any of the preferential tax treatments or other government incentives available to us in the PRC, or imposition of any additional PRC taxes could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

The Chinese government has provided various tax incentives to our subsidiaries in China. These incentives include reduced enterprise income tax rates. For example, under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law which became effective in January 2008, or the EIT Law, the statutory enterprise income tax rate is 25%. The EIT Law permits companies established before March 16, 2007 to continue to enjoy their existing tax incentives, adjusted by certain transitional phase-out rules set forth in the Circular to Implementation of the Transitional Preferential Policies for the Enterprise Income Tax promulgated by the State Council on December 26, 2007, and provides tax incentives, subject to various qualification criteria. Pursuant to the circular, the income tax rates for us and our wholly-owned subsidiary established in the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone before March 16, 2007 were 24% for 2011 and are 25% starting from 2012. The EIT Law and its implementation rules also permit qualified "high and new technology enterprises," or HNTEs, to enjoy a preferential enterprise income tax rate of 15% upon filing with relevant tax authorities. The qualification as a HNTE generally has a valid term of three years and the renewal of such qualification is subject to review by the relevant authorities in China. Shenzhen Xunlei, our variable interest entity, obtained its HNTE certificate in

Table of Contents

February 2011 with a valid period of three years and will apply for the renewal of the HNTE certificate in June 2014. In addition, the PRC government has provided various incentives to accredited "software enterprise" incorporated in the PRC in order to encourage development of the software industry. In December 2013, Shenzhen Xunlei obtained the certificate of the Key Software Enterprise for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2014, which enables Shenzhen Xunlei to enjoy the preferential tax rate of 10% for the years of 2013 and 2014. Xunlei Computer has been accredited as a "software enterprise" and become profitable since 2013 and thus enjoys a two-year income tax exemption for 2013 and 2014 and a 50% income tax reduction for 2015, 2016 and 2017. Moreover, local governments have adopted incentives to encourage the development of technology companies. As approved by the relevant local tax authority, our wholly-owned subsidiary, Giganology Shenzhen, and our variable interest entity, Shenzhen Xunlei, were further exempt from enterprise income tax from the first year of profitable operation and are subject to phase-out tax reduction thereafter. Xunlei Computer and Shenzhen Xunlei currently benefit from the tax incentives. See "Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operation Taxation." We also benefited from government incentives in the form of cash subsidies in 2011.

Preferential tax treatment and other government incentives granted to Xunlei Computer and Shenzhen Xunlei by the local governmental authorities are subject to review and may be adjusted or revoked at any time. The discontinuation or reduction of any preferential tax treatment currently available to us and our wholly-owned PRC subsidiaries will cause our effective tax rate to increase, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. We cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain our current effective tax rate in the future.

Our global income may be subject to PRC taxes under the PRC EIT Law, which may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

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 bodies" as "establishments that carry out substantial and overall management and control over the manufacturing and business operations, personnel, accounting, properties, etc. of an enterprise." On April 22, 2009, the SAT issued a circular, 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. See "Regulation Regulations on Tax PRC enterprise income tax." Although SAT Circular 82 applies only to offshore enterprises controlled by PRC enterprises or PRC enterprise groups and not to those controlled by PRC individuals or foreigners, the determining criteria set forth in the SAT Circular 82 may reflect the SAT'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 worldwide income only if all of the following conditions set forth in the SAT Circular 82 are met: (i) the primary location of the day-to-day operational management is in the PRC; (ii) decisions relating to the enterprise's financial and human resource matters are made or are

Table of Contents

subject to approval by organizations or personnel in the PRC; (iii) the enterprise's primary assets, accounting books and records, company seals, and board and shareholder resolutions are located or maintained in the PRC; and (iv) at least 50% of voting board members or senior executives habitually reside in the PRC.

Xunlei Limited is not controlled by a PRC enterprise or PRC enterprise group and we do not believe that Xunlei Limited meets all of the conditions above. Xunlei Limited is a company incorporated outside the PRC. As a holding company, certain of Xunlei Limited's key assets are located, and records (including the resolutions of its board of directors and the resolutions of its shareholders) are maintained, outside the PRC. Therefore, we do not believe Xunlei Limited should be treated as a "resident enterprise" for PRC tax purposes if the criteria for "de facto management body" as set forth in the relevant SAT Circular 82 were deemed applicable to us. However, as 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" as applicable to Xunlei Limited, we may be considered a resident enterprise and may therefore be subject to the enterprise income tax at 25% on our global income. If we are considered a resident enterprise and earn income other than dividends from our PRC subsidiaries, a 25% enterprise income tax on our global income could increase our tax burden and adversely affect our cash flow and profitability. In addition to the uncertainty regarding how the new "resident enterprise" classification may apply, it is also possible that the rules may change in the future, possibly with retroactive effect.

Dividends paid by us to our foreign investors and gains on the sale of our ADSs or common shares by our foreign investors may be subject to taxes under PRC tax laws.

Under the EIT Law and its implementation regulations issued by the State Council, a 10% PRC withholding tax is applicable to dividends paid to investors that are "non-resident enterprises," which do not have an establishment or place of business in the PRC or which have such establishment or place of business but the dividends are not effectively connected with such establishment or place of business, to the extent such dividends are derived from sources within the PRC. Any gain realized on the transfer of ADSs or common shares by such investors is subject to PRC tax, at a rate of 10% unless otherwise reduced or exempted by relevant tax treaties, if such gain is regarded as income derived from sources within the PRC. If we are deemed a "PRC resident enterprise," dividends paid on our common shares or ADSs, and any gain realized from the transfer of our common shares or ADSs, may be treated as income derived from sources within the PRC and may as a result be subject to PRC taxation (which in the case of dividends would be withheld at source). It is unclear whether our non-PRC individual investors would be subject to any PRC tax in the event we are deemed a "PRC resident enterprise." If any PRC tax were to apply to such dividends or gains of non-PRC individual investors, it would generally apply at a rate of 20% (unless a reduced rate is available under an applicable tax treaty). It is also unclear whether, if we are considered a PRC "resident enterprise," holders of our ADSs or common shares would be able to claim the benefit of income tax treaties or agreements entered into between China and other countries or areas (and we do not expect to withhold at treaty rates if any withholding is required). If dividends payable to our non-PRC investors, or gains from the transfer of our common shares or ADSs by such investors are subject to PRC tax, the value of your investment in our common shares or ADSs may be adversely affected.

Table of Contents

Increases in labor costs and enforcement of stricter labor laws and regulations in the PRC may adversely affect our business and our profitability.

China's overall economy and the average wage in China have increased in recent years and are expected to continue to grow. The average wage level for our employees has also increased in recent years. We expect that our labor costs, including wages and employee benefits, will continue to increase. Unless we are able to pass on these increased labor costs to our users by increasing prices for our products or services, our profitability and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

In addition, we have been subject to stricter regulatory requirements in terms of entering labor contracts with our employees and paying various statutory employee benefits, including pensions, housing fund, medical insurance, work-related injury insurance, unemployment insurance and childbearing insurance to designated government agencies for the benefit of our employees. Pursuant to the PRC Labor Contract Law, or the Labor Contract law, that became effective in January 2008, as amended on December 28, 2012 and effective as of July 1, 2013, and its implementation rules that became effective in September 2008, employers are subject to stricter requirements in terms of signing labor contracts, minimum wages, paying remuneration, determining the term of employees' probation and unilaterally terminating labor contracts. In the event that we decide to terminate some of our employees or otherwise change our employment or labor practices, the Labor Contract Law and its implementation rules may limit our ability to effect those changes in a desirable or cost-effective manner, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations. On October 28, 2010, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress promulgated the PRC Social Insurance Law, or the Social Insurance Law, which became effective on July 1, 2011. According to the Social Insurance Law, employees must participate in pension insurance, work-related injury insurance, medical insurance, unemployment insurance and maternity insurance and the employers must, together with their employees or separately, pay the social insurance premiums for such employees.

As the interpretation and implementation of labor-related laws and regulations are still evolving, we cannot assure you that our employment practice do not and will not violate labor-related laws and regulations in China, which may subject us to labor disputes or government investigations. If we are deemed to have violated relevant labor laws and regulations, we could be required to provide additional compensation to our employees and our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

The audit report included in this prospectus is prepared by an auditor who is not inspected by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and, as such, you are deprived of the benefits of such inspection.

Auditors of companies that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, and traded publicly in the United States, including our independent registered public accounting firm, must be registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or the PCAOB, and are required by the laws of the United States to undergo regular inspections by PCAOB to assess their compliance with the laws of the United States and professional standards. Because we have substantiated operations within the Peoples' Republic of China and the PCAOB is currently unable to conduct inspections of the work of our auditors as it relates

Table of Contents

to those operations without the approval of the Chinese authorities, our auditor's work related to our operations in China is not currently inspected by the PCAOB.

This lack of PCAOB inspections of audit work performed in China prevents the PCAOB from regularly evaluating audit work of any auditors that was performed in China including that performed by our independent registered public accounting firm. As a result, investors may be deprived of the full benefits of PCAOB inspections.

The inability of the PCAOB to conduct inspections of audit work performed in China makes it more difficult to evaluate the effectiveness of our auditor's audit procedures as compared to auditors in other jurisdictions that are subject to PCAOB inspections on all of their work. Investors may lose confidence in our reported financial information and procedures and the quality of our financial statements.

Proceedings instituted recently by the SEC against certain PRC-based accounting firms, including our independent registered public accounting firm, could result in financial statements being determined to not be in compliance with the requirements of the Exchange Act.

Proceedings instituted recently by the SEC against certain PRC-based accounting firms, including an independent registered public accounting firm which has a substantial role in the audit of our company, could result in financial statements being determined to not be in compliance with the requirements of the Exchange Act. In December 2012, the SEC instituted administrative proceedings against certain PRC-based accounting firms, including an independent registered public accounting firm which has a substantial role in the audit of our company, alleging that these firms had violated U.S. securities laws and the SEC's rules and regulations thereunder by failing to provide to the SEC the firms' work papers related to their audits of certain PRC-based companies that are publicly traded in the United States and which are the subject of certain ongoing SEC investigations. On January 22, 2014, an initial administrative law decision was issued, sanctioning these accounting firms and suspending them from practicing before the SEC for a period of six months. On February 12, 2014, four of these PRC-based accounting firms appealed to the SEC against this sanction. Accordingly, the sanction will not become effective until after a full appeal process is concluded and a final decision is issued by the SEC. We were not and are not the subject of any SEC investigations nor are we involved in the proceedings brought by the SEC against the accounting firms. We may be adversely affected by the outcome of the proceedings, along with other U.S.-listed companies audited by these accounting firms. Our financial statements could be determined to not be in compliance with the requirements for financial statements of public companies registered under the Exchange Act, as amended, or the Exchange Act. Such a determination could ultimately lead to the delay or abandonment of this offering, or, after the completion of this offering, delisting of our common stock from the NASDAQ Global Market or deregistration from the SEC, or both, which would substantially reduce or effectively terminate the trading of our common stock in the United States.

Table of Contents

Risks related to this offering

There has been no public market for our shares or ADSs prior to this offering, and you may not be able to resell our ADSs at or above the price you paid, or at all.

Prior to this initial public offering, there has been no public market for our shares or ADSs. We will apply for our ADSs to be listed on the NASDAQ Global Market. Our common shares will not be listed on any exchange or quoted for trading on any over-the-counter trading system. If an active trading market for our ADSs does not develop after this offering, the market price and liquidity of our ADSs will be materially and adversely affected.

Negotiations with the underwriters will determine the initial public offering price for our ADSs which may bear no relationship to their market price after the initial public offering. We cannot assure you that an active trading market for our ADSs will develop or that the market price of our ADSs will not decline below the initial public offering price.

The market price for our ADSs may be volatile.

The trading prices of our ADSs are likely 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 in the market prices or the underperformance or deteriorating financial results of other similarly situated companies in China that have listed their securities in the United States in recent years. The securities of some of these companies have experienced significant volatility since their initial public offerings, including, in some cases, substantial price declines in the trading prices of their securities. The trading performances of these Chinese companies' securities after their offerings, including companies in the internet businesses, may affect the attitudes of investors toward Chinese companies listed in the United States, which consequently may impact the trading performance of our ADSs, regardless of our actual operating performance. In addition, any negative news or perceptions about inadequate corporate governance practices or fraudulent accounting or other practices at other Chinese companies may also negatively affect the attitudes of investors towards Chinese companies in general, including us, regardless of whether we have engaged in such practices. In addition, 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 adverse effect on the market price of our ADSs.

The market price for our ADSs is likely to be highly volatile and subject to wide fluctuations in response to factors including the following:

regulatory developments affecting us, our advertisers or our industry;

announcements of studies and reports relating to our services or those of our competitors;

changes in the economic performance or market valuations of other internet companies in China;

actual or anticipated fluctuations in our quarterly results of operations and changes of our expected results;

changes in financial estimates by securities research analysts;

conditions in the internet or online advertising industry in China;

Table of Contents

announcements by us or our competitors of new services, acquisitions, strategic relationships, joint ventures or capital commitments;

additions to or departures of our senior management;

fluctuations of exchange rates between the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar;

release or expiry of lock-up or other transfer restrictions on our outstanding shares or ADSs; and

sales or perceived potential sales of additional shares or ADSs.

In addition, the securities market has from time to time experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that are not related to the operating performance of any particular companies. These market fluctuations may also have a material adverse effect on the market price of our ADSs.

If securities or industry analysts cease to publish research or reports about our business, or if they adversely change their recommendations regarding our ADSs, the market price for our ADSs and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our 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 our ADSs, the market price for our 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 our ADSs to decline.

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

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

Our board of directors has complete discretion as to whether to distribute dividends. Our shareholders may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, 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, among other things, 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 our ADSs will likely depend entirely upon any future price appreciation of our ADSs. There is no guarantee that our ADSs will appreciate in value after this offering or even maintain the price at which you purchased the ADSs. You may not realize a return on your investment in our ADSs and you may even lose your entire investment in our ADSs.

Table of Contents

Substantial future sales or perceived potential sales of our ADSs in the public market could cause the price of our ADSs to decline.

Sales of our ADSs or common shares in the public market after this offering, or the perception that these sales could occur, could cause the market price of our ADSs to decline. Upon completion of this offering, we will have 346,912,180 common shares outstanding represented by ADSs, assuming the underwriters do not exercise their over-allotment option. All ADSs sold in this offering will be freely transferable without restriction or additional registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act.

Upon completion of this offering, certain holders of our common shares will have the right to cause us to register under the Securities Act the sale of their shares, subject to the 180-day lock-up period in connection with this offering. Registration of these shares under the Securities Act would result in ADSs representing these shares becoming freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act immediately upon the effectiveness of the registration. Sales of these registered shares in the form of ADSs, in the public market could cause the price of our ADSs to decline.

Your right to participate in any future rights offerings may be limited, which may cause dilution to your holdings, and you may not receive cash dividends if it is impractical to make them available to you.

We may from time to time distribute rights to our shareholders, including rights to acquire our securities. However, we cannot make rights available to you in the United States unless we register both the rights and the securities to which the rights relate under the Securities Act or an exemption from the registration requirements is available. Under the deposit agreement, the depositary will not make rights available to you unless both the rights and the underlying securities to be distributed to ADS holders are either registered under the Securities Act or exempt from registration under the Securities Act. We are under no obligation to file a registration statement with respect to any such rights or securities or to endeavor to cause such a registration statement to be declared effective and we may not be able to establish a necessary exemption from registration under the Securities Act. Accordingly, you may be unable to participate in our rights offerings and may experience dilution in your holdings.

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

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 transfer books at any time or from time to time when it deems expedient in connection with the performance of its duties. In addition, the depositary may refuse to deliver, transfer or register transfers of ADSs generally when our books or the books of the depositary are closed, or at any time if we or the depositary deems it advisable to do so because of any requirement

Table of Contents

of law or of any government or governmental body, or under any provision of the deposit agreement, or for any other reason.

You may face difficulties in protecting your interests, and your ability to protect your rights through the U.S. federal courts may be limited because we are incorporated under Cayman Islands law, we conduct substantially all of our operations in China and substantially all of our directors and officers reside outside the United States.

We are incorporated in the Cayman Islands and conduct substantially all of our operations in China through our PRC subsidiaries and variable interest entities. Substantially all of our directors and officers reside outside the United States and a substantial portion of their assets are located outside of 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 Cayman Islands or in the United States in the event that you believe that your rights have been infringed under the U.S. 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 our assets or the assets of our directors and officers.

There are uncertainties as to whether Cayman Islands courts would:

recognize or enforce against us judgments of courts of the United States based on certain civil liability provisions of U.S. securities laws; and

impose liabilities against us, in original actions brought in the Cayman Islands, based on certain civil liability provisions of U.S. securities laws that are penal in nature.

There is no statutory recognition in the Cayman Islands of judgments obtained in the United States, although the courts of the Cayman Islands will in certain circumstances recognize and enforce a non-penal judgment of a foreign court of competent jurisdiction without retrial on the merits. For more information regarding the relevant laws of the Cayman Islands and China, see "Enforceability of civil liabilities."

Our corporate affairs are governed by our memorandum and articles of association, as amended and restated from time to time, and by the Companies Law (2013 Revision) and common law of the Cayman Islands. The rights of shareholders to take legal action against us and our 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 English common law, which provides persuasive, but not binding, authority in 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 precedents in the United States. In particular, the Cayman Islands has a less developed body of securities laws than the United States and provides significantly less protection to investors. In addition, shareholders in Cayman Islands companies may not have standing to initiate a shareholder derivative action in U.S. federal courts.

As a result, our public shareholders may have more difficulty in protecting their interests through actions against us, our management, our directors or our major shareholders than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a jurisdiction in the United States.

Table of Contents

Our management has discretion as to the use of the net proceeds from this offering, and such use may not produce income or increase our ADS price.

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for, among other things, establishing a customer service center and cloud computing data centers to better serve our subscribers, acquiring digital media content and exclusive online game licenses, investing in technology, infrastructure and product and service development efforts and other general corporate purposes. However, our management will have considerable discretion in the application of the net proceeds received by us. For more information, see "Use of proceeds." You will not have the opportunity, as part of your investment decision, to assess whether proceeds are being used appropriately. You must rely on the judgment of our management regarding the application of the net proceeds of this offering. The net proceeds may be used for corporate purposes that do not improve our efforts to maintain profitability or increase our ADS price. The net proceeds from this offering may be placed in investments that do not produce income or that lose value.

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 various 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 are 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. However, we have elected to "opt out" of this provision and, as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards as required when they are adopted for public companies. This decision to opt out of the extended transition period under the JOBS Act is irrevocable.

Our memorandum and articles of association will contain anti-takeover provisions that could adversely affect the rights of holders of our common shares and ADSs.

We plan to adopt an amended and restated memorandum and articles of association that will become effective immediately upon the closing of this offering. Our new memorandum and articles of association will contain certain provisions that could limit the ability of others to acquire control of our company, including a provision that grants authority to our board directors to establish from time to time one or more series of preferred shares without action by our shareholders and to determine, with respect to any series of preferred shares, the terms and rights of that series. The provisions could have the effect of depriving our shareholders of the opportunity to sell their shares at a premium over the prevailing market price by discouraging third parties from seeking to obtain control of our company in a tender offer or similar transactions.

Table of Contents

Our corporate actions are substantially controlled by our directors, executive officers and other principal shareholders, who can exert significant influence over important corporate matters, which may reduce the price of our ADSs and deprive you of an opportunity to receive a premium for your shares.

After this offering, our directors, executive officers and existing principal shareholders will beneficially own approximately 82.9% of our outstanding common shares, assuming the underwriters do not exercise their over-allotment option to purchase additional ADSs. These shareholders, if acting together, could exert substantial influence over matters such as electing directors and approving material mergers, acquisitions or other business combination transactions. This concentration of ownership may also discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company, which could have the dual effect of depriving our shareholders of an opportunity to receive a premium for their shares as part of a sale of our company and reducing the price of our ADSs. These actions may be taken even if they are opposed by our other shareholders, including those who purchase ADSs in this offering. In addition, these persons could divert business opportunities away from us to themselves or others.

We will incur increased costs as a result of being a public company, particularly after we cease to qualify as an "emerging growth company."

Upon completion of this offering, we will become a public company in the United States. As a public company, we will incur significant accounting, legal and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act, as well as rules subsequently implemented by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the NASDAQ Global Market, require significantly heightened corporate governance practices of public companies, including Section 404 relating to internal control over financial reporting. As a company with less than US\$1.0 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. These provisions include exemption from the auditor attestation requirement under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 in the assessment of the emerging growth company's internal control over financial reporting and permission to delay adopting new or revised accounting standards until such time as those standards apply to private companies. However, we have elected to "opt out" of this provision and, as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards as required when they are adopted for public companies. This decision to opt out of the extended transition period under the JOBS Act is irrevocable.

We expect these and other rules and regulations applicable to public companies will increase our accounting, legal and financial compliance costs and will make certain corporate activities more time-consuming and costly. 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 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the other rules and regulations of the SEC. Compliance with these rules and requirements may be especially difficult and costly for us because we may have difficulty locating sufficient personnel in China with experience and expertise relating to U.S. GAAP and U.S. public company reporting requirements, and such personnel may command high salaries relative to similarly experienced personnel in the United States. If we cannot employ sufficient personnel to ensure compliance with these rules and regulations, we may need to rely more on outside legal, accounting and financial experts, which may be costly. If we fail to comply with these

Table of Contents

rules and requirements, or are perceived to have weaknesses with respect to our compliance, we could become the subject of a governmental enforcement action and investor confidence could be negatively impacted and the market price of our ADSs could decline. In addition, we will incur additional costs associated with our public company reporting requirements. We are currently evaluating and monitoring developments with respect to these rules and regulations, and we cannot predict or estimate with reasonable certainty the amount of additional costs we may incur or the timing of such costs.

There is a significant risk that we will be classified as a passive foreign investment company, which could subject United States investors in the ADSs or common shares to significant adverse United States income tax consequences.

Whether we will be a "passive foreign investment company", or "PFIC", for United States federal income tax purposes for any taxable year will depend upon the value of our assets (which could be determined based on the market value of our ADSs from time to time, which may be volatile) and the nature and composition of our assets and income for such year.

We currently hold, and may continue to hold, a substantial amount of cash. As cash is treated as a passive asset, and in light of the expected value of our assets (which is based on the expected price of our ADSs in this offering), there is a significant risk that we will become a PFIC for the current or future taxable years. In particular, the determination of whether we are a PFIC for any particular year will depend upon the composition of our income and assets and the value of our assets from time to time, including, the value of our goodwill and other unbooked intangibles (which may depend upon the market value of our ADSs and common shares from time-to-time, which may be volatile) and may also be affected by how, and how quickly, we spend our liquid assets and cash (including the cash raised in this offering).

In addition, although the law in this regard is unclear, we treat Shenzhen Xunlei as being owned by us for United States federal income tax purposes, not only because we exercise effective control over the operation of such entity but also because we are entitled to substantially all of the economic benefits associated with this entity, and, as a result, we consolidate this entity's operating results in our consolidated financial statements. If it were determined, however, that we are not the owner of Shenzhen Xunlei for United States federal income tax purposes, we may be treated as a PFIC for our current taxable year and any future taxable year.

Because we hold a substantial amount of cash, and 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, including ascertaining the fair market value of our assets on a quarterly basis and the character of each item of income we earn, there is a significant risk that we will be a PFIC for the current taxable year or any future taxable year.

If we were to be classified as a PFIC in any taxable year, a U.S. Holder (as defined in "Taxation United States federal income tax considerations") would be subject to special rules generally intended to reduce or eliminate any benefits from the deferral of United States federal income tax that a U.S. Holder could derive from investing in a non-United States corporation that does not distribute all of its earnings on a current basis. Further, if we are classified as a PFIC for any year during which a U.S. Holder holds our ADSs or common shares, we generally will continue to be treated as a PFIC for all succeeding years during which such U.S. Holder holds our ADSs or common shares. For more information see the section titled "Taxation United States federal income tax considerations Passive foreign investment company considerations."

Table of Contents

Conventions which apply to this prospectus

Unless we indicate otherwise, all information in this prospectus reflects the following:

no exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase up to 1,097,250 additional ADSs representing 5,486,250 common shares from us, assuming Skyline does not exercise the warrants to subscribe for up to 3,406,899 series E preferred shares upon the pricing of this offering; and

conversion of all outstanding series A, series A-1, series B, series C, series D and series E preferred shares into 263,374,445 common shares immediately upon the completion of this offering.

Except where the context otherwise requires and for purposes of this prospectus only:

"we," "us," "our company," "our," and "Xunlei" refer to Xunlei Limited, a Cayman Islands company, and its consolidated subsidiaries and variable interest entities, including our variable interest entity, or VIE, controlled by us, and the VIE's subsidiaries;

"China" or "PRC" refers to the People's Republic of China, excluding, for the purpose of this prospectus only, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau;

"digital media content" refers to videos, music, games, software and documents transmitted in digital form;

"monthly active users" refers to the number of internet users who activated and used a Xunlei acceleration product for at least 60 minutes within a month; under this method, a user that activated and used multiple Xunlei acceleration products with the same user information would count only once no matter how many times such user activated and used the acceleration products;

"monthly unique visitors" in relation to our platform, refers to the number of different individual visitors who access Xunlei products (including websites and software) on our platform from the same computer at least once within a month; under this method, a user that used Xunlei products on two different computers would be counted as two unique visitors as he or she accessed the Xunlei product from different computers; in relation to our Xunlei Kankan website, refers to the number of different individual visitors to our Xunlei Kankan website from the same computers; For the purposes of the calculation, each visit counts only once no matter how many times the user from the same computer accesses the Xunlei Kankan website;

"shares" or "common shares" refers to our common shares, par value US\$0.00025 per share;

"preferred shares" refers to our series A, series A-1, series B, series C, series D and series E convertible preferred shares, par value US\$0.00025 per share, collectively;

"ADSs" refers to our American depositary shares, each of which represents five common shares, and "ADRs" refers to any American depositary receipts that evidence our ADSs;

all references to "RMB" or "Renminbi" refer to the legal currency of China; and

all references to "US\$," "dollars" or "U.S. dollars" refer to the legal currency of the United States.

Edgar Filing: Xunlei Ltd - Form F-1/A

We use U.S. dollar as reporting currency in our financial statements and in this prospectus. Transactions in Renminbi are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing when the transactions occur. On June 6, 2014, the noon buying rate set forth in the H.10 statistical release of the Federal Reserve Board was RMB6.2498 to US\$1.00.

Table of Contents

Special note regarding forward-looking statements

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical facts are forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

You can identify these forward-looking statements by words or phrases such as "may," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "aim," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "believe," "likely to" 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 financial condition, results of operations, business strategy and financial needs. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about:

our growth strategies;

our future business development, results of operations and financial condition;

our ability to maintain and strengthen our leading market position in China;

our ability to increase and retain subscribers for our premium acceleration and other services;

our ability to develop new products and services and attract, maintain and monetize user traffic;

trends and competition in the internet industry in China;

our ability to handle intellectual property rights-related matters;

our expectation regarding the use of proceeds from this offering; and

general economic and business conditions in China.

You should read thoroughly this prospectus and the documents that we refer to in this prospectus with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from and worse than what we expect. Other sections of this prospectus include additional factors which could adversely impact our business and financial performance. Moreover, we operate in an evolving environment. 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 rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

This prospectus also contains statistical data and estimates that we obtained from industry publications and reports generated by third parties, including industry data from iResearch and Analysys International. Statistical data in these publications and reports also include projections based on a number of assumptions. The internet industry may not grow at the rate projected by market data, or at all. Failure of this market to grow at the projected rate may have a material and adverse effect on our business and the market price of our ADSs. In addition, the rapidly changing nature of the internet industry results in significant uncertainties for any projections or estimates relating to the growth prospects or future condition of our market. Furthermore, if any one or more of the assumptions underlying the market data are later found to be incorrect, actual results may differ from the projections based on these assumptions. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking

statements.

Table of Contents

Use of proceeds

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately US\$64.6 million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and the estimated offering expenses payable by us. These estimates are based upon an assumed initial offering price of US\$10.00 per ADS, the midpoint of the estimated initial public offering price range shown on the front cover page of this prospectus. A US\$1.00 change in the assumed initial public offering price of US\$10.00 per ADS would, in the case of an increase, increase and, in the case of a decrease, decrease the net proceeds of this offering by US\$6.80 million, assuming the sale of 7,315,000 ADSs at US\$10.00 per ADS, the midpoint of the range shown on the front cover page of this prospectus and after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and the estimated offering expenses payable by us.

The primary purposes of this offering are to create a public market for our shares for the benefit of all shareholders, retain and attract talented employees by providing them with equity incentives and obtain additional capital. We plan to use the net proceeds of this offering as follows:

US\$10.0 million to invest in technology, infrastructure and product development efforts;

US\$10.0 million to acquire digital media content and exclusive online game licenses; and

the balance for other general corporate purposes, including working capital needs and potential acquisitions.

The amounts and timing of any expenditures will vary depending on the amount of cash generated by our operations, competitive and technological developments and the rate of growth, if any, of our business. Accordingly, our management will have significant flexibility in applying the net proceeds of the offering. If an unforeseen event occurs or business conditions change, we may use the proceeds of this offering differently than as described in this prospectus.

In utilizing the proceeds from this offering, we are permitted under PRC laws and regulations to provide funding to our PRC subsidiaries and variable interest entities only through loans or capital contributions, and only if we satisfy the applicable government registration and approval requirements. We cannot assure you that we will be able to meet these requirements on a timely basis, if at all. See "Risk factors Risks related to our corporate structure PRC regulation of loans to, and direct investment in, PRC entities by offshore holding companies and governmental control of currency conversion may restrict or prevent us from using the proceeds of this offering to make loans to our PRC subsidiaries and variable interest entities or to make additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries, which may materially and adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to fund and expand our business."

Pending use of the net proceeds, we intend to hold our net proceeds in demand deposits or invest them in interest-bearing government securities.

Table of Contents

Dividend policy

We have not previously declared or paid cash dividends and we have no plan to declare or pay any dividends in the near future. We currently intend to retain most, if not all, of our available funds and any future earnings to operate and expand our business.

We are a holding company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. We rely principally on dividends from our subsidiaries in China 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. See "Regulation Regulation on dividend distributions."

Our board of directors has complete discretion as to whether to distribute dividends. Our shareholders may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, but no dividend may exceed the amount recommended by our board of directors. Even if our board of directors decides to pay dividends, the form, frequency and amount will depend upon our future operations and earnings, capital requirements and surplus, general financial condition, contractual restrictions and other factors that the board of directors may deem relevant. Under Cayman Islands law, we may declare and pay dividends on our shares only out of our profit or our share premium account, provided always that even if our company has sufficient profit or share premium, we may not pay a dividend if this would result in our company being unable to pay our debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business. If we pay any dividends, we will pay our ADS holders to the same extent as holders of our common shares, subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, including the fees and expenses payable thereunder. See "Description of American Depositary Shares." Cash dividends on our common shares, if any, will be paid in U.S. dollars.

Table of Contents

Capitalization

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of March 31, 2014:

on an actual basis;

on a pro forma basis to reflect the planned conversion of preferred shares into the common shares based on the applicable conversion prices upon the completion of this offering, and the unaudited pro forma presentation does not include the series E preferred share issued in April 2014 and the repurchase transactions which occurred in April 2014;

on an Article 11 pro forma basis as adjusted to reflect (1) the series E preferred shares issued in April 2014, (2) the repurchase transactions occurred in April 2014, and (3) our planned conversion of preferred shares into the common shares based on the applicable conversion prices upon the completion of this offering. Please refer to the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information on page P-2 for additional information;

on a pro forma as adjusted basis to reflect (1) the planned conversion of preferred shares into common shares, (2) the issuance and sale of series E preferred shares in April 2014, (3) the repurchase transactions which occurred in April 2014, (4) the triggering of the anti-dilution clause for the series C, D, and E preferred shares from the issuance and sale of this offering and (5) the issuance and sale of 36,575,000 common shares in the form of ADSs by us in this offering at an assumed initial public offering price of US\$10.00 per ADS, the midpoint of the estimated initial public offering price range shown on the front cover of this prospectus, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

Table of Contents

You should read this table together with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus and the information under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

(in US\$ thousands)	As at March 31, 2014			
	Actual	Pro forma(1)	Article 11 Pro forma as adjusted(2)	Pro forma as adjusted(3)
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Mezzanine equity				
Series E preferred shares (US\$0.00025 par value); 127,613,933 shares authorized, 70,975,491 shares issued and outstanding on an actual basis; nil outstanding on a pro forma basis or a pro forma as adjusted basis	115,721			
Series D preferred shares (US\$0.00025 par value); 18,000,000 shares authorized, 10,580,397 issued and outstanding on an actual basis; nil outstanding on a pro forma basis or a pro forma as adjusted basis	41,722			
Equity				
Series C preferred shares (US\$0.00025 par value; 5,728,264 shares authorized, 5,728,264 issued and outstanding on an actual basis; nil outstanding on a pro forma basis or a pro forma as adjusted basis)	1			
Series B preferred shares (US\$0.00025 par value; 30,308,284 shares authorized, 30,308,284 shares issued and outstanding on an actual basis; nil outstanding on a pro forma basis or a pro forma as adjusted basis)	8			
Series A-1 preferred shares (US\$0.00025 par value; 36,400,000 shares authorized, 36,400,000 shares issued and outstanding on an actual basis; nil outstanding on a pro forma basis or a pro forma as adjusted basis)	9			
Series A preferred shares (US\$0.00025 par value; 26,416,560 shares authorized, 26,416,560 shares issued and outstanding on an actual basis; nil outstanding on a pro forma basis or a pro forma as adjusted basis)	7			
Common shares (US\$0.00025 par value; 355,532,959 shares authorized, 70,521,104 shares issued and 61,447,372 shares outstanding on an actual basis; 254,086,286 common shares issued and 245,012,554 shares outstanding on a pro forma basis and 355,805,912 common shares issued and 346,732,180 shares outstanding on a pro forma as adjusted basis)	15	61	65	87
Additional paid-in capital ⁽³⁾	115,130	272,552	338,746	403,304
Accumulated other comprehensive income	5,085	5,085	5,085	5,085
Statutory reserve	4,478	4,478	4,478	4,478
Treasury shares (US\$0.00025 par value, 9,073,732 shares outstanding as at March 31, 2014, 9,073,732 shares outstanding on a pro forma basis or a pro forma as adjusted basis)	2	2	2	2
Retained earnings	2,487	2,487		
Total Xunlei Limited's shareholders' equity⁽⁴⁾	127,222	284,665	348,376	412,956
Non-controlling interest	(135)	(135)	(135)	(135)
Total capitalization⁽⁴⁾	127,087	284,530	348,241	412,821

Notes:

- (1) The unaudited pro forma presentation does not include (1) the series E preferred shares issued in April 2014, (2) the repurchase transaction occurred in April 2014.
- (2) On an Article 11 pro forma as adjusted basis to reflect (1) the series E preferred shares issued in April 2014, (2) the repurchase transactions occurred in April 2014, and (3) our planned conversion of preferred shares into the common shares based on the applicable conversion prices upon the completion of this offering. Please refer to the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information on page P-2 for additional information.
- (3) The pro forma as adjusted information discussed above is illustrative only. Our additional paid-in capital, total shareholders' equity and total capitalization following the completion of this offering are subject to adjustment based on the actual initial public offering price and other terms of this offering determined at pricing.
- (4) Assuming the number of ADSs offered by us as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus remains the same, and after deduction of underwriting discounts and commissions and the estimated offering expenses payable by us, a US\$1.00 change in the assumed initial public offering price of US\$10.00 per ADS would, in the case of increase, increase and, in the case of decrease, decrease each of additional paid-in capital, total equity and total capitalization by US\$6.80 million.

Table of Contents**Dilution**

Our net tangible book value as of March 31, 2014 was approximately US\$4.24 per common share and US\$21.20 per ADS. Net tangible book value per common share represents the amount of total tangible assets, minus the amount of total liabilities, divided by the total number of common shares outstanding. Our pro forma net tangible value as of March 31, 2014 was approximately US\$1.06 per common share and US\$5.30 per ADS. Dilution is determined by subtracting pro forma net tangible book value per common share from the assumed public offering price per common share.

Without taking into account any other changes in such net tangible book value after March 31, 2014, other than to give effect to (1) the planned conversion of preferred shares into the common shares based on the applicable conversion prices, (2) our issuance and sale of series E preferred shares in April 2014, (3) the repurchase transactions which occurred in April 2014, (4) the triggering of the anti-dilution clause for the series C, D, and E preferred shares from the issuance and sale of this offering and (5) our issuance and sale of 7,315,000 ADSs in this offering, at an assumed initial public offering price of US\$10.00 per ADS, the mid-point of the estimated public offering price range, and after deduction of underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value at March 31, 2014 would have been US\$1.04 per outstanding common share, including common shares underlying our outstanding ADSs, or US\$5.20 per ADS. This represents an immediate decrease in net tangible book value of US\$0.02 per common share, or US\$0.10 per ADS, to existing shareholders and an immediate dilution in net tangible book value of US\$0.96 per common share, or US\$4.80 per ADS, to purchasers of ADSs in this offering.

The following table illustrates the dilution on a per common share basis assuming that the initial public offering price per common share is US\$2.00 and all ADSs are exchanged for common shares:

		Per common share		Per ADS
Assumed initial public offering price	US\$	2.00	US\$	10.00
Net tangible book value as of March 31, 2014	US\$	4.24	US\$	21.20
Pro forma net tangible book value after giving effect to the conversion of our series A, series A-1, series B, series C, series D and series E preferred shares	US\$	1.06	US\$	5.30
Pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value after giving effect to the conversion of our series A, series A-1, series B, series C, series D and series E preferred shares, sale of series E preferred shares in April 2014, repurchase transactions in April 2014, the triggering of anti-dilution clause and this offering	US\$	1.04	US\$	5.20
Dilution in net tangible book value to new investors in the offering	US\$	0.96	US\$	4.80

A US\$1.00 change in the assumed initial public offering price of US\$10.00 per ADS would, in the case of an increase, increase and, in the case of a decrease, decrease our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value after giving effect to the offering by US\$6.80 million, the

Table of Contents

pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per common share and per ADS after giving effect to this offering by US\$0.02 per common share and US\$0.10 per ADS and the dilution in pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per common share and per ADS to new investors in this offering by US\$0.18 per common share and US\$0.90 per ADS, assuming no change to the number of ADSs offered by us as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, and after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other offering expenses. The pro forma information discussed above is illustrative only. Our net tangible book value following the completion of this offering is subject to adjustment based on the actual initial public offering price of our ADSs and other terms of this offering determined at pricing.

The following table summarizes, on a pro forma as adjusted basis as of March 31, 2014, the differences between the shareholders as of March 31, 2014 and the new investors with respect to the number of common shares purchased from us, the total consideration paid and the average price per common share paid at an assumed initial public offering price of US\$10.00 per ADS before deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses.

	Common shares purchased		Total consideration		Average price per common share	Average price per ADS
	Number ⁽¹⁾	Percent	Amount (in thousands of US\$)	Percent		
Existing shareholders	310,157,180	89%	327,224	82%	1.06	5.28
New investors	36,575,000	11%	73,150	18%	2.00	10.00
Total	346,732,180	100%	400,374	100%	1.16	5.78

(1) Assuming automatic conversion of all existing preferred shares into 263,374,445 common shares, as we planned, upon completion of this offering. The total number of common shares does not include the common shares issued to Leading Advice Holdings Limited for grants under our 2013 Plan and 2014 Plan (except for restricted shares that have already vested), which are not deemed outstanding.

A US\$1.00 change in the assumed initial public offering price of US\$10.00 per ADS would, in the case of an increase, increase and, in the case of a decrease, decrease total consideration paid by new investors, total consideration paid by all shareholders, average price per common share and average price per ADS paid by all shareholders by US\$7,315,000, US\$7,315,000, US\$0.03 and US\$0.15, respectively, assuming the sale of 7,315,000 ADSs at US\$10.00, the mid-point of the range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus.

The discussion and tables above also assume no exercise of any vested and unvested stock options or unvested restricted shares as of the date of this prospectus. As of the date of this prospectus, there were 21,374,267 common shares issuable upon exercise of vested and unvested stock options at a weighted average exercise price of US\$1.41 per common share and there were 7,277,318 unvested restricted shares. To the extent that any of these options are exercised or any of these restricted share units are vested, there will be further dilution to new investors.

Table of Contents

Enforceability of civil liabilities

We were incorporated in the Cayman Islands to take advantage of certain benefits associated with being a Cayman Islands exempted company:

political and economic stability;

an effective judicial system;

a favorable tax system;

the absence of exchange control or currency restrictions; and

the availability of professional and support services.

However, certain disadvantages accompany incorporation in the Cayman Islands. These disadvantages include, but are not limited to, the following:

the Cayman Islands has a less developed body of securities laws as compared to the United States and these securities laws provide significantly less protection to investors as compared to the United States; and

Cayman Islands companies may not have standing to sue before the federal courts of the United States.

Our constituent documents do not contain provisions requiring that disputes, including those arising under the securities laws of the United States, between us, our officers, directors and shareholders, be arbitrated.

All of our operations are conducted outside the United States, and substantially all of our assets are located outside the United States. A majority of our officers are nationals or residents of jurisdictions other than the United States and a substantial portion of their assets are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for a shareholder to effect service of process within the United States upon these persons, or to enforce against us or them judgments obtained in United States courts, including judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States.

We have appointed Law Debenture Corporate Services Inc. as our agent upon whom process may be served in any action brought against us under the securities laws of the United States.

Maples and Calder, our counsel as to Cayman Islands law, and Zhong Lun Law Firm, our counsel as to PRC law, have advised us, respectively, that there is uncertainty as to whether the courts of the Cayman Islands and China, respectively, would:

recognize or enforce judgments of United States courts obtained against us or our directors or officers predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States; or

entertain original actions brought in each respective jurisdiction against us or our directors or officers predicated upon the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States.

Table of Contents

Maples and Calder has further advised us that although there is no statutory enforcement in the Cayman Islands of judgments obtained in the federal or state courts of the United States (and the Cayman Islands are not a party to any treaties for the reciprocal enforcement or recognition of such judgments), a judgment obtained in such jurisdiction will be recognized and enforced in the courts of the Cayman Islands at common law, without any re-examination of the merits of the underlying dispute, by an action commenced on the foreign judgment debt in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands, provided that such judgment (a) is given by a foreign court of competent jurisdiction, (b) imposes on the judgment debtor a liability to pay a liquidated sum for which the judgment has been given, (c) is final, (d) is not in respect of taxes, a fine or a penalty; and (e) was not obtained in a manner and is not of a kind the enforcement of which is contrary to natural justice or the public policy of the Cayman Islands. However, the Cayman Islands courts are unlikely to enforce a punitive judgment of a United States court predicated upon the liabilities provision of the federal securities laws in the United States without retrial on the merits if such judgment gives rise to obligations to make payments that may be regarded as fines, penalties or similar charges.

Zhong Lun Law Firm has further advised us that the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments are provided for under PRC Civil Procedures Law. PRC courts may recognize and enforce foreign judgments in accordance with the requirements of PRC Civil Procedures Law based either on treaties between China and the country where the judgment is made or on reciprocity between jurisdictions provided that the foreign judgments do not violate the basic principles of laws of the PRC or its sovereignty, security, or social and public interest. However, China does not have any treaties or other form of reciprocity with the United States that provide for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments. As a result, it is uncertain whether and on what basis a PRC court would enforce a judgment rendered by a court in the United States, and it may be inevitable to relitigate at a competent Chinese court in order to seek available remedies.

In addition, although U.S. shareholders may be able to originate actions against us in China in accordance with PRC law, it will be difficult for U.S. shareholders to do so, because we are incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands and it is difficult for U.S. shareholders, by virtue only of holding our ADSs or common shares, to establish a connection to the PRC for a PRC court to have subject matter jurisdiction as required by the PRC Civil Procedures Law. U.S. shareholders may be able to originate actions against us in the Cayman Islands based upon Cayman Islands law. However, we do not have any substantial assets other than certain corporate documents and records in the Cayman Islands and it may be difficult for a shareholder to enforce a judgment obtained in a Cayman Islands court in China, where substantially all of our operations are conducted.

Table of Contents

Corporate history and structure

We commenced operations in January 2003 through the establishment of Shenzhen Xunlei Networking Technologies Co., Ltd., or Shenzhen Xunlei, together with its various subsidiaries in the PRC, currently operating our Xunlei internet platform.

In February 2005, we established Xunlei Limited as our holding company in the Cayman Islands. Xunlei Limited directly owns Giganology (Shenzhen) Ltd., or Giganology Shenzhen, our wholly owned subsidiary in China established in June 2005. Giganology Shenzhen primarily engages in the research and development of new technologies.

Giganology Shenzhen has entered into a series of contractual arrangements with Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders. The contractual arrangements between Giganology Shenzhen, Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders enable us to (1) exercise effective control over Shenzhen Xunlei; (2) receive substantially all of the economic benefits of Shenzhen Xunlei in consideration for the technical and consulting services provided and the intellectual property rights licensed by Giganology Shenzhen; and (3) have an exclusive option to purchase all of the equity interests in Shenzhen Xunlei when and to the extent permitted under PRC laws and regulations.

As a result of these contractual arrangements, we are considered the primary beneficiary of Shenzhen Xunlei, and we treat it as our variable interest entity, or VIE, under the generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. We have consolidated the financial results of Shenzhen Xunlei and its subsidiaries in our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The VIE contributed revenues in amounts of US\$87.5 million, US\$148.2 million, US\$180.2 million and US\$41.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and for the three months ended March 31, 2014, respectively, accounting for almost 100% of our total consolidated revenues for each of the relevant periods.

The existing PRC subsidiaries of Shenzhen Xunlei include the following:

Shenzhen Fengdong Networking Technologies Co., Ltd., which was established in December 2005, and it primarily engages in software development.

Shenzhen Xunlei KanKan Information Technologies Co., Ltd. (formerly named as 155 Networking (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.), which was established in August 2008, and it primarily engages in software development.

Xunlei Networking Technologies (Beijing) Co., Ltd., which was established in June 2009, and it primarily engages in software development.

Xunlei Software (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd., which was established in January 2010, and it primarily engages in the development of software technology and the development of computer software.

Xunlei Games Development (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd., which was established in February 2010, and it primarily engages in the development of online game and computer software and advertising services; and

Table of Contents

Shenzhen Wangxin Technologies Co., Ltd., which was established in September 2013, and it has not started operation as of the date of this prospectus and it will engage in sales and marketing activities of our services and products.

In February 2011, we established a direct wholly owned subsidiary, Xunlei Network Technologies Limited, or Xunlei Network BVI, in the British Virgin Islands. In March 2011, we established Xunlei Network Technologies Limited, or Xunlei Network HK, in Hong Kong, which is the direct wholly owned subsidiary of Xunlei Network BVI. Xunlei Network HK primarily engages in the development of computer software and advertising services.

In November 2011, we established Xunlei Computer (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd., or Xunlei Computer, in China, which is the direct wholly owned subsidiary of Xunlei Network HK. Xunlei Computer primarily engages in the development of computer software and information technology services.

We previously pursued an initial public offering in 2011 with a view to obtaining additional funding for our business development and to providing liquidity to our existing investors. However, due to the adverse market conditions in the global capital market in the second half year of 2011, we decided not to proceed with the offering at that time.

The following diagram illustrates our corporate structure and subsidiaries and variable interest entity as of the date of this prospectus:

(1) Shenzhen Xunlei is our variable interest entity. Mr. Sean Shenglong Zou, our co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Hao Cheng, our co-founder and director, Mr. Jianming Shi, Guangzhou Shulian Information Investment Co., Ltd. and Ms. Fang Wang respectively own 76.0%, 8.3%, 8.3%, 6.7% and 0.7% of Shenzhen Xunlei's equity interests.

(2) The remaining 30% of the equity interest is owned by Mr. Hao Cheng.

Table of Contents

The following is a summary of the currently effective contracts among our subsidiary, Giganology Shenzhen, our variable interest entity, Shenzhen Xunlei, and the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei.

Agreements that provide us effective control over Shenzhen Xunlei

Business operation agreement

Pursuant to the business operation agreement among Giganology Shenzhen, Shenzhen Xunlei and the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei, as amended, Shenzhen Xunlei's shareholders must appoint the candidates nominated by Giganology Shenzhen to be the directors on its board of directors in accordance with applicable laws and the articles of association of Shenzhen Xunlei, and must cause the persons recommended by Giganology Shenzhen to be appointed as its general manager, chief financial officer and other senior executives. Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders also agree to accept and strictly follow the guidance provided by Giganology Shenzhen from time to time relating to employment, termination of employment, daily operations and financial management. Moreover, Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders agree that Shenzhen Xunlei will not engage in any transactions that could materially affect its assets, business, personnel, liabilities, rights or operations, including but not limited to the amendment of Shenzhen Xunlei's articles of association, without the prior consent of Giganology Shenzhen and Xunlei Limited or their respective designees. For instance, in May 2011, Shenzhen Xunlei sought and obtained consent from Giganology Shenzhen and Xunlei Limited to increase its registered capital by RMB20 million and to revise its articles of association accordingly. The term of this agreement will expire in 2016 and may be extended at Giganology Shenzhen's request prior to the expiration date.

Equity pledge agreement

Pursuant to the equity pledge agreement between Giganology Shenzhen and the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei, as amended, the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei have pledged all of their equity interests in Shenzhen Xunlei to Giganology Shenzhen to guarantee Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders' performance of their respective obligations and any ensuing liabilities under the exclusive technology support and service agreement, as amended, the exclusive technology consulting and training agreement, as amended, the proprietary technology license agreement, the business operation agreement, as amended, the equity interests disposal agreement, as amended, the loan agreements, as amended, and the intellectual properties purchase option agreement, as amended. In addition, the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei have completed the registration of equity pledge under the equity pledge agreement with the competent governmental authority. If Shenzhen Xunlei and/or its shareholders breach their contractual obligations under those agreements, Giganology Shenzhen, as pledgee, will be entitled to certain rights, including the right to sell the pledged equity interests.

Powers of attorney

Pursuant to the irrevocable powers of attorney executed by each shareholder of Shenzhen Xunlei, each such shareholder appointed Giganology Shenzhen as its attorney-in-fact to exercise such shareholders' rights in Shenzhen Xunlei, including, without limitation, the power to vote on its behalf on all matters of Shenzhen Xunlei requiring shareholder approval in accordance with PRC laws and regulations and the articles of association of Shenzhen Xunlei. Each power of attorney will remain in force for 10 years from the date of execution unless the

Table of Contents

business operation agreement, as amended, among Giganology Shenzhen, Shenzhen Xunlei and the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei is terminated at an earlier date. The term may be extended at Giganology Shenzhen's discretion.

Agreements that transfer economic benefits to us

Exclusive technology support and services agreement

Pursuant to the exclusive technology support and services agreement between Giganology Shenzhen and Shenzhen Xunlei, as amended, Giganology Shenzhen has the exclusive right to provide to Shenzhen Xunlei technology support and technology services related to all technologies needed for its business. Giganology Shenzhen exclusively owns any intellectual property rights resulting from the performance of this agreement. The service fee payable by Shenzhen Xunlei to Giganology Shenzhen is a certain percentage of its earnings. The term of this agreement will expire in 2025 and may be extended with Giganology Shenzhen's written confirmation prior to the expiration date. Giganology Shenzhen is entitled to terminate the agreement at any time by providing 30 days' prior written notice to Shenzhen Xunlei.

Exclusive technology consulting and training agreement

Pursuant to the exclusive technology consulting and training agreement between Giganology Shenzhen and Shenzhen Xunlei, as amended, Giganology Shenzhen has the exclusive right to provide to Shenzhen Xunlei technology consulting and training services related to its business. Giganology Shenzhen exclusively owns any intellectual property rights resulting from the performance of this agreement. The service fee payable by Shenzhen Xunlei to Giganology Shenzhen is a certain percentage of its earnings. The term of this agreement will expire in 2025 and may be extended with Giganology Shenzhen's written confirmation prior to the expiration date. Giganology Shenzhen is entitled to terminate the agreement at any time by providing 30 days' prior written notice to Shenzhen Xunlei.

Proprietary technology license contract

Pursuant to the proprietary technology license contract between Giganology Shenzhen and Shenzhen Xunlei, Giganology Shenzhen grants Shenzhen Xunlei a non-exclusive and non-transferable right to use Giganology Shenzhen's proprietary technology. Shenzhen Xunlei can only use the proprietary technology to conduct its business within China. Giganology Shenzhen or its designated representative(s) owns the rights to any improvements developed based on the proprietary technology licensed pursuant to this contract. The term of the agreement will expire in 2022 and, at Giganology Shenzhen's discretion, may be extended for an additional 10 years or for other time period as agreed by both Giganology Shenzhen and Shenzhen Xunlei.

Intellectual properties purchase option agreement

Pursuant to the intellectual properties purchase option agreement between Giganology Shenzhen and Shenzhen Xunlei, as amended, Shenzhen Xunlei irrevocably grants Giganology Shenzhen (or its designated representative(s)) an exclusive option to purchase certain specified intellectual properties that it owns for RMB1.0 or the minimum amount of consideration permitted under the PRC law. The term of the agreement will expire in 2022 and may be automatically extended for an additional 10 years at each expiration date as long as these intellectual properties have not been transferred to Giganology Shenzhen and/or its designee and Shenzhen Xunlei then still exist.

Table of Contents

Agreements that provide us the option to purchase the equity interest in Shenzhen Xunlei

Equity interests disposal agreement

Pursuant to the equity interests disposal agreement among Giganology Shenzhen, Shenzhen Xunlei and the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei, as amended, Shenzhen Xunlei's shareholders irrevocably grant Giganology Shenzhen (or its designated representative(s)) an exclusive option to purchase all or part of their equity interests in Shenzhen Xunlei for RMB1.0 or the minimum amount of consideration permitted under PRC law. The term of the agreement will expire in 2016 and may be extended at Giganology Shenzhen's discretion.

Loan agreements

Under the loan agreement between Giganology Shenzhen and Guangzhou Shulian Information Investment Co., Ltd., Sean Shenglong Zou, Hao Cheng, Fang Wang and Jianming Shi, as amended, Giganology Shenzhen made interest-free loans of approximately RMB1.8 million, RMB2.5 million, RMB2.3 million, RMB0.2 million and RMB2.3 million, respectively, to each of the above shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei and all of these shareholders have used the full amount of loans to make capital contribution to Shenzhen Xunlei. The term of this agreement is two years from the date it was signed, and will be automatically extended afterwards on a yearly basis until each shareholder of Shenzhen Xunlei has repaid the loan in its entirety in accordance with the loan agreement. The loan for each shareholder will be deemed to be repaid under this agreement only when all equity interest held by the relevant shareholder in Shenzhen Xunlei has been transferred to Giganology Shenzhen or its designated parties. As of the date of this prospectus, all the loans under the loan agreements are outstanding. At any time during the term of the loan agreement, Giganology Shenzhen may, at its sole discretion, require any of the shareholders of Shenzhen Xunlei to repay all or any portion of his outstanding loan under the agreement.

In addition, following the loan agreement mentioned above, under a separate loan agreement between Giganology Shenzhen and Mr. Sean Shenglong Zou as a shareholder of Shenzhen Xunlei, as amended, Giganology Shenzhen made an additional interest-free loan of RMB20 million to Mr. Zou, the entire amount of which was used to contribute to the registered capital of Shenzhen Xunlei, increasing the registered capital of Shenzhen Xunlei to RMB30 million. The term of this agreement is two years from the date it was signed, and will be automatically extended afterwards on a yearly basis until Mr. Zou has repaid the loan in its entirety in accordance with the loan agreement. This loan will be deemed to be repaid under this agreement only when all equity interest held by the relevant shareholder in Shenzhen Xunlei has been transferred to Giganology Shenzhen or its designated parties. At any time during the term of the loan agreement, Giganology Shenzhen may, at its sole discretion, require all or any portion of the outstanding loan under the agreement to be repaid.

In the opinion of our PRC legal counsel:

the ownership structures of our variable interest entity and our subsidiaries in China, both currently and after giving effect to this offering, comply with all existing PRC laws and regulations; and

the contractual arrangements among Giganology Shenzhen, our PRC subsidiary, Shenzhen Xunlei and its shareholders governed by PRC law are valid, binding and enforceable, and will not result in any violation of PRC laws or regulations currently in effect.

Table of Contents

We have been advised by our PRC legal counsel, however, that there are substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of current and future PRC laws, regulations and rules. Accordingly, the PRC regulatory authorities may take a view that is contrary to the above opinion of our PRC legal counsel. We have been further advised by our PRC legal counsel that if the PRC government finds that the agreements that establish the structure for operating our business to provide digital media data transmission and streaming services, online games and other value-added telecommunication services do not comply with PRC government restrictions on foreign investment in the aforesaid business we engage in, we could be subject to severe penalties including being prohibited from continuing operations. See "Risk factors Risks related to our corporate structure If the PRC government finds that the agreements that establish the structure for operating our businesses in China do not comply with PRC governmental restrictions on foreign investment in internet-related business and foreign investors' mergers and acquisition activities in China, or if these regulations or the interpretation of existing regulations change in the future, we could be subject to severe penalties or be forced to relinquish our interests in those operations."

Table of Contents**Selected consolidated financial data**

The following selected consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and the selected balance sheet data as of December 31, 2012 and 2013 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary consolidated statements of operations data for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2014 and the summary balance sheet data as of March 31, 2014 are derived from our unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We have prepared the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements on the same basis as our audited consolidated financial statements and include all adjustments, consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments, that we consider necessary for a fair statement of our financial position and operating results for the periods presented. Our consolidated financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Our historical results for any period are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for any future period. You should read the following selected financial information in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes and the information under "Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations" included elsewhere in this prospectus.

(in thousands of US\$, except for share, per share and per ADS data)	2011	For the Three Months			
		For the Year Ended December 31, 2012	For the Year Ended December 31, 2013(unaudited)	Ended March 31, 2013 (unaudited)	Ended March 31, 2014 (unaudited)
Revenues, net of rebates and discounts	87,471	148,200	180,244	41,319	41,190
Business tax and surcharges	(5,569)	(7,679)	(5,650)	(1,245)	(1,192)
Net revenues	81,902	140,521	174,594	40,074	39,998
Cost of revenues	(48,068)	(84,012)	(93,260)	(20,783)	(23,864)
Gross profit	33,834	56,509	81,334	19,291	16,134
Operating expenses(1)					
Research and development expenses	(12,142)	(20,357)	(28,832)	(6,093)	(7,079)
Sales and marketing expenses	(10,966)	(20,219)	(26,610)	(4,443)	(5,027)
General and administrative expenses	(18,601)	(18,474)	(23,073)	(4,409)	(6,068)
Total operating expenses	(41,709)	(59,050)	(78,515)	(14,945)	(18,174)
Net gain/(loss) from exchanges of content copyrights					