THE GLOBAL OFFERING

This prospectus is published in connection with the Hong Kong Public Offering as part of the Global Offering. The Global Offering comprises:

- (a) the Hong Kong Public Offering of 31,220,000 Shares (subject to reallocation as mentioned below) for subscription by the public in Hong Kong as described in the section entitled "—The Hong Kong Public Offering" below; and
- (b) the International Offering of an aggregate of 280,980,000 Shares (comprising 249,760,000 New Shares and 31,220,000 Sale Shares and subject to reallocation and the Over-allotment Option as mentioned below) in the United States with QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A or another exemption under the U.S. Securities Act, and outside the United States (including to professional and institutional investors within Hong Kong) in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S.

Investors may apply for Offer Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offering or apply for or indicate an interest for Offer Shares under the International Offering, but may not do both.

References in this prospectus to applications, Application Forms, application monies or the procedure for application relate solely to the Hong Kong Public Offering.

THE HONG KONG PUBLIC OFFERING

Number of Shares Initially Offered

We are initially offering 31,220,000 Shares for subscription by the public in Hong Kong at the Offer Price, representing 10% of the total number of Shares initially available under the Global Offering. The Hong Kong Public Offering is open to members of the public in Hong Kong as well as to institutional and professional investors. Professional investors generally include brokers, dealers, companies (including fund managers) whose ordinary business involves dealing in shares and other securities and corporate entities which regularly invest in shares and other securities.

Completion of the Hong Kong Public Offering is subject to the conditions as set forth in the section entitled "—Conditions of the Global Offering" below.

Allocation

The allocation of Shares to investors under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be based solely on the level of valid applications received under the Hong Kong Public Offering. The basis of allocation may vary, depending on the number of Hong Kong Offer Shares validly applied for by applicants. Such allocation could, where appropriate, consist of balloting, which would mean that some applicants may receive a higher allocation than others who have applied for the same number of Hong Kong Offer Shares, and those applicants who are not successful in the ballot may not receive any Hong Kong Offer Shares.

The total number of Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering (after taking account of any reallocation) is to be divided into two pools for allocation purposes: Pool A and Pool B with any odd board lots being allocated to Pool A. Accordingly, the maximum number of Hong Kong Offer Shares initially in Pool A and Pool B will be 15,610,000 and 15,610,000, respectively. The Offer Shares in Pool A will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for Offer

Shares with an aggregate price of HK\$5 million (excluding the brokerage, SFC transaction levy and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee payable) or less. The Offer Shares in Pool B will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for Offer Shares with an aggregate price of more than HK\$5 million (excluding the brokerage, SFC transaction levy and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee payable). Investors should be aware that applications in Pool A and applications in Pool B may receive different allocation ratios. If Offer Shares in one (but not both) of the pools are under-subscribed, the surplus Offer Shares will be transferred to the other pool to satisfy demand in that other pool and be allocated accordingly. For the purpose of this paragraph only, the "price" for Offer Shares means the price payable on application therefore (without regard to the Offer Price as finally determined). Applicants can only receive an allocation of Offer Shares from either Pool A or Pool B but not from both pools. Multiple applications or suspected multiple applications and any application for more than 15,610,000 Hong Kong Offer Shares (being 50% of the 31,220,000 Hong Kong Offer Shares initially available under the Hong Kong Public Offering) are liable to be rejected.

Reallocation

The allocation of Offer Shares between the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering is subject to adjustment. Paragraph 4.2 of Practice Note 18 of the Listing Rules requires a clawback mechanism to be put in place which would have the effect of increasing the number of Offer Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offering to a certain percentage of the total number of Offer Shares offered under the Global Offering if certain prescribed total demand levels are reached as further described below:

- if the number of Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents less than 15 times the number of Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then no Offer Shares will be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering, so that the total number of Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 31,220,000 Offer Shares, representing 10% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering;
- if the number of Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 15 times or more but less than 50 times the number of Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then Offer Shares will be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering so that the total number of Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 93,660,000 Offer Shares, representing 30% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering;
- if the number of Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 50 times or more but less than 100 times the number of Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of Offer Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering will be increased so that the total number of Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 124,880,000 Offer Shares, representing 40% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering; and
- if the number of Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 100 times or more the number of Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of Offer Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering will be

increased so that the total number of Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 156,100,000 Offer Shares, representing 50% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering.

In each case, the additional Offer Shares reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering will be allocated between Pool A and Pool B and the number of Offer Shares allocated to the International Offering will be correspondingly reduced in such manner as the Joint Global Coordinators deem appropriate. In addition, the Joint Global Coordinators may reallocate Offer Shares from the International Offering to the Hong Kong Public Offering to satisfy valid applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering.

If the Hong Kong Public Offering is not fully subscribed, the Joint Global Coordinators have the authority to reallocate all or any unsubscribed Hong Kong Offer Shares to the International Offering in such proportions as the Joint Global Coordinators deem appropriate.

Applications

Each applicant under the Hong Kong Public Offering will also be required to give an undertaking and confirmation in the application submitted by him/her that he/she and any person(s) for whose benefit he is making the application have not applied for or taken up, or indicated an interest for, and will not apply for or take up, or indicate an interest for, any Offer Shares under the International Offering, and such applicant's application is liable to be rejected if the said undertaking and/or confirmation is breached and/or untrue (as the case may be) or it has been or will be placed or allocated Offer Shares under the International Offering.

Applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offering are required to pay, on application, the maximum price of HK\$10.80 per Offer Share in addition to the brokerage, SFC transaction levy and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee payable on each Offer Share. If the Offer Price, as finally determined in the manner described in the section entitled "—Pricing and Allocation" below, is less than the maximum price of HK\$10.80 per Offer Share, appropriate refund payments (including the brokerage, SFC transaction levy and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee attributable to the surplus application monies) will be made to successful applicants, without interest. For details, see the section entitled "How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares."

THE INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

Number of Offer Shares Offered

The International Offering will consist of an initial offering of 280,980,000 Offer Shares, representing 90% of the total number of Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering.

Allocation

The International Offering will include selective marketing of Offer Shares to institutional and professional investors and other investors anticipated to have a sizeable demand for such Offer Shares. Professional investors generally include brokers, dealers, companies (including fund managers) whose ordinary business involves dealing in shares and other securities and corporate entities which regularly invest in shares and other securities. Allocation of Offer Shares pursuant to the International Offering will be effected in accordance with the "book-building" process described in the section entitled

"—Pricing and Allocation" below and based on a number of factors, including the level and timing of demand, the total size of the relevant investor's invested assets or equity assets in the relevant sector and whether or not it is expected that the relevant investor is likely to buy further Shares, and/or hold or sell its Shares, after the listing of the Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Such allocation is intended to result in a distribution of the Shares on a basis which would lead to the establishment of a solid professional and institutional shareholder base to the benefit of our Company and its shareholders as a whole.

The Joint Global Coordinators (on behalf of the Underwriters) may require any investor who has been offered Offer Shares under the International Offering, and who has made an application under the Hong Kong Public Offering, to provide sufficient information to the Joint Global Coordinators so as to allow them to identify the relevant applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering and to ensure that they are excluded from any application of Offer Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offering.

Over-allotment Option

We and the Selling Shareholders expect to grant to the International Underwriters, exercisable by the Joint Global Coordinators (on behalf of the International Underwriters), the Over-allotment Option, which will be exercisable from the Listing Date until 30 days after the last day for the lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering, to require our Company to allot and issue up to an aggregate of 23,415,000 Shares and the Selling Shareholders to sell up to an aggregate of 23,415,000 Shares, representing no more than 15% of the initial Offer Shares, at the same price per Offer Share under the International Offering, to, among other things, cover over-allocations in the International Offering, if any. In the event that the Over-allotment Option is exercised, we will make an announcement.

STABILIZATION

Stabilization is a practice used by underwriters in some markets to facilitate the distribution of securities. To stabilize, the underwriters may bid for, or purchase, the newly issued securities in the secondary market, during a specified period of time, to retard and, if possible, prevent any decline in the market price of the securities below the offer price. In Hong Kong and a number of other jurisdictions, activity aimed at reducing the market price is prohibited, and the price at which stabilization is effected is not permitted to exceed the offer price.

In connection with the Global Offering, the Stabilizing Manager or any person acting for it, as stabilizing manager, on behalf of the Underwriters, may effect transactions with a view to stabilizing or supporting the market price of the Shares at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail for a limited period after the Listing Date. However, there is no obligation on the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any persons acting for it, to conduct any such stabilizing action. Such stabilization action, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time, and is required to be brought to an end after a limited period. Should stabilizing transactions be effected in connection with the Global Offering, this will be at the absolute discretion of the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it.

Stabilization action permitted in Hong Kong pursuant to the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilizing) Rules, as amended, includes (i) over-allocating for the purpose of preventing or minimizing any reduction in the market price of the Shares, (ii) selling or agreeing to sell the Shares so as to establish a short position in them for the purpose of preventing or minimizing any reduction in the

market price of the Shares, (iii) purchasing or subscribing for, or agreeing to purchase or subscribe for, the Shares pursuant to the Over-allotment Option in order to close out any position established under (i) or (ii) above, (iv) purchasing, or agreeing to purchase, any of the Shares for the sole purpose of preventing or minimizing any reduction in the market price of the Shares, (v) selling or agreeing to sell any Shares in order to liquidate any position established as a result of those purchases and (vi) offering or attempting to do anything as described in paragraph (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v).

Specifically, prospective applicants for and investors in the Offer Shares should note that:

- the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it may, in connection with the stabilizing action, maintain a long position in the Shares;
- there is no certainty regarding the extent to which and the time or period for which the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it will maintain such a long position;
- liquidation of any such long position by the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it may have an adverse impact on the market price of the Shares;
- no stabilizing action can be taken to support the price of the Shares for longer than the stabilizing period which will begin on the Listing Date, and is expected to expire on Friday, June 22, 2012, being the 30th day after the date of closing of the application lists under the Hong Kong Public Offering. After this date, when no further stabilizing action may be taken, demand for the Shares, and therefore the price of the Shares, could fall;
- the price of the Shares cannot be assured to stay at or above the Offer Price by the taking of any stabilizing action; and
- stabilizing bids may be made or transactions effected in the course of the stabilizing action at any price at or below the Offer Price, which means that stabilizing bids may be made or transactions effected at a price below the price paid by applicants for, or investors in, the Shares.

Over-allocation

Following any over-allocation of Shares in connection with the Global Offering, the Joint Global Coordinators, their affiliates or any person acting for them may cover such over-allocation by, among other methods, using Shares purchased by the Stabilizing Manager or any person acting for it in the secondary market, exercising the Over-allotment Option in full or in part, or through the stock borrowing arrangements mentioned below or by a combination of these means. Any such purchases will be made in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations in place in Hong Kong, including in relation to stabilization, the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilizing) Rules, as amended, made under the SFO. The number of Shares which can be over-allocated will not exceed the number of Shares which may be allotted and issued or sold pursuant to the exercise in full of the Over-allotment Option, being 46,830,000 Shares, representing 15% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering.

STOCK BORROWING AGREEMENT

In order to facilitate the settlement of over-allocations in connection with the Global Offering, the Stabilizing Manager may choose to borrow up to 46,830,000 Shares from Asset Link pursuant

to the Stock Borrowing Agreement. The stock borrowing arrangements under the Stock Borrowing Agreement will comply with the requirements set forth in Listing Rule 10.07(3), including:

- (a) the stock borrowing arrangements are fully described in this prospectus and must be for the sole purpose of covering any short position prior to the exercise of the Over-allotment Option;
- (b) the maximum number of Shares to be borrowed from Asset Link by the Stabilizing Manager is the maximum number of Shares that may be issued upon full exercise of the Over-allotment Option;
- (c) the same number of Shares borrowed under the Stock Borrowing Agreement is returned to Asset Link or its nominee (as the case may be) within three business days after the last day on which the Over-allotment Option may be exercised or, if earlier, the date on which the Over-allotment Option is exercised in full;
- (d) borrowing of Shares pursuant to the Stock Borrowing Agreement will be effected in compliance with applicable Listing Rules, laws and other regulatory requirements; and
- (e) no payments will be made to Asset Link by the Stabilizing Manager in relation to the Stock Borrowing Agreement.

PRICING AND ALLOCATION

The International Underwriters will be soliciting from prospective investors indications of interest in acquiring Offer Shares in the International Offering. Prospective professional and institutional investors will be required to specify the number of Offer Shares under the International Offering they would be prepared to acquire either at different prices or at a particular price. This process, known as "book-building," is expected to continue up to, and to cease on or about, the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering.

The Offer Price is expected to be fixed by agreement between our Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Joint Global Coordinators (on behalf of the Underwriters) on the Price Determination Date, which is expected to be on or around Thursday, May 24, 2012 and in any event no later than Monday, May 28, 2012.

The Offer Price will not be more than HK\$10.80 per Offer Share and is expected to be not less than HK\$7.60 per Offer Share unless otherwise announced, as further explained below, not later than the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. Prospective investors should be aware that the Offer Price to be determined on the Price Determination Date may be, but is not expected to be, lower than the indicative Offer Price range stated in this prospectus.

The Joint Global Coordinators (on behalf of the Underwriters) may, where considered appropriate, based on the level of interest expressed by prospective professional and institutional investors during the book-building process, and with the consent of our Company and the Selling Shareholders, reduce the number of Offer Shares and/or the indicative Offer Price range below that stated in this prospectus at any time on or prior to the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. In such a case, we will, as soon as practicable following the decision to make such reduction, and in any event not later than the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering, cause there to be published in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) and on the website of our Company (www.ydauto.com.cn) and the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange

(www.hkexnews.hk) notices of the reduction. Upon issue of such a notice, the revised Offer Price range will be final and conclusive and the Offer Price, if agreed upon by our Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Joint Global Coordinators (on behalf of the Underwriters), will be fixed within such revised Offer Price range. Applicants should have regard to the possibility that any announcement of a reduction in the number of Offer Shares and/or the indicative Offer Price range may not be made until the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. Such notice will also include confirmation or revision, as appropriate, of the working capital statement and the Global Offering statistics as currently set forth in this prospectus, and any other financial information which may change as a result of any such reduction. In the absence of any such notice so published, the number of Offer Shares will not be reduced and/or the Offer Price, if agreed upon between our Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Joint Global Coordinators (on behalf of the Underwriters), will under no circumstances be set outside the Offer Price range stated in this prospectus.

In the event of a reduction in the number of Offer Shares, the Joint Global Coordinators may, at their discretion, reallocate the number of Offer Shares to be offered in the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering, provided that the number of Offer Shares comprised in the Hong Kong Public Offering shall not be less than 10% of the total number of Offer Shares available under the Global Offering. The Offer Shares to be offered in the Hong Kong Public Offering and the Offer Shares to be offered in the International Offering may, in certain circumstances, be reallocated between these offerings at the discretion of the Joint Global Coordinators.

The final Offer Price, the level of indications of interest in the International Offering, the level of applications in the Hong Kong Public Offering and the basis of allocations of Offer Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offering are expected to be announced on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) and on the website of our Company (www.ydauto.com.cn) and the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk).

HONG KONG UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

The Hong Kong Public Offering is fully underwritten by the Hong Kong Underwriters under the terms of the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and is subject to our Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Joint Global Coordinators (on behalf of the Underwriters) agreeing on the Offer Price.

We expect to enter into the International Underwriting Agreement relating to the International Offering on the Price Determination Date.

The underwriting arrangements under the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and the International Underwriting Agreement are summarized in the section entitled "Underwriting."

CONDITIONS OF THE GLOBAL OFFERING

Acceptances of all applications for Offer Shares will be conditional on:

(a) the Listing Committee granting listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares in issue and to be issued pursuant to the Capitalization Issue and the Global Offering (including pursuant to the exercise of the Over-allotment Option) and such listing and permission not subsequently having been revoked prior to the commencement of dealings in the Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange;

- (b) the Offer Price having been agreed between our Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Joint Global Coordinators (on behalf of the Underwriters) on the Price Determination Date;
- (c) the execution and delivery of the International Underwriting Agreement on or about the Price Determination Date; and
- (d) the obligations of the Underwriters under each of the respective Underwriting Agreements becoming and remaining unconditional and not having been terminated in accordance with the terms of the respective Underwriting Agreements,

in each case on or before the dates and times specified in the Underwriting Agreements (unless and to the extent such conditions are validly waived on or before such dates and times).

If, for any reason, the Offer Price is not agreed between our Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Joint Global Coordinators (on behalf of the Underwriters) on or before Monday, May 28, 2012, the Global Offering will not proceed and will lapse.

The consummation of each of the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering is conditional upon, among other things, the other offering becoming unconditional and not having been terminated in accordance with its terms.

If the above conditions are not fulfilled or waived prior to the times and dates specified, the Global Offering will lapse and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will be notified immediately. We will as soon as possible publish or cause to be published a notice of the lapse of the Hong Kong Public Offering in the South China Morning Post (in English), the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) and on the websites of our Company (www.ydauto.com.cn) and the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk). In such eventuality, all application monies will be returned, without interest, on the terms set forth in the section entitled "How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares—VII. Dispatch/Collection of Share Certificates/e-Refund Payment Instructions/Refund Checks." In the meantime, all application monies will be held in (a) separate bank account(s) with the receiving bankers or other bank(s) in Hong Kong licensed under the Banking Ordinance (Chapter 155 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Share certificates issued in respect of the Hong Kong Offer Shares will only become valid at 8:00 a.m. on the Listing Date provided that the Global Offering has become unconditional in all respects (including the Underwriting Agreements not having been terminated in accordance with their terms) at any time prior to 8:00 a.m. on the Listing Date.

APPLICATION FOR LISTING ON THE HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

We have applied to the Listing Committee for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares in issue and to be issued pursuant to the Capitalization Issue and the Global Offering (including pursuant to the exercise of the Over-Allotment Option).

No part of our Company's share or loan capital is listed on or dealt in on any other stock exchange and no such listing or permission to deal is being or proposed to be sought in the near future.

SHARES WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR CCASS

All necessary arrangements have been made to enable the Shares to be admitted into CCASS. If the Hong Kong Stock Exchange grants the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares and we comply with the stock admission requirements of HKSCC, the Shares will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS with effect from the date of commencement of dealings in the Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange or any other date HKSCC chooses. Settlement of transactions between participants of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is required to take place in CCASS on the second business day after any trading day. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time.

DEALING ARRANGEMENTS

Assuming that the Hong Kong Public Offering becomes unconditional at or before 8:00 a.m. in Hong Kong on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, it is expected that dealings in the Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2012. The Shares will be traded on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in board lots of 500 Shares each.