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Overview & Business Review

Financial Performance

Highlights



Highly Effective Execution of Clear Strategy Propelled Solid Results

- Revenue growth surpassed industry and subscriber addition reached new high
- 2 Strong free cash flow and increase dividend to reward shareholders
- Ecospheres' mutual development drove growth and innovative convergence achieved prominent results
- Network quality steadily enhanced and investment focuses on sustainable development
- To promote high-quality development and accelerate 5G deployment proactively and pragmatically

Solid Revenue and Profit Growth



	2017	2018	Change
Operating Revenue (RMB Mil)	366,229	377,124	3.0%
Service Revenue (RMB Mil)	331,044	350,434	5.9%
EBITDA (RMB Mil)	102,171	104,207	2.0%
EBITDA Margin	30.9%	29.7%	-1.2p.p.
Net Profit (RMB Mil)	18,617	21,210	13.9%
EPS (RMB)	0.230	0.262	13.9%
Free Cash Flow (RMB Mil)	7,267	22,457	209%

Note:

Unless otherwise stated in this presentation

- 1. Service Revenue = Operating Revenue Sales of Mobile Terminals (2017: RMB26,759 mil; 2018: RMB18,836 mil) Sales of Wireline Equipment (2017: RMB6,446 mil; 2018: RMB5,659mil) Other Non-service Revenue (2017: RMB1,980 mil; 2018: RMB2,195 mil)
- $2. \quad \mathsf{EBITDA} = \mathsf{Operating} \ \mathsf{Revenue} \mathsf{Operating} \ \mathsf{Expenses} + \mathsf{Depreciation} \ \& \ \mathsf{Amortization}; \\ \mathsf{EBITDA} \ \mathsf{Margin} = \mathsf{EBITDA} \ \mathsf{/} \ \mathsf{Service} \ \mathsf{Revenue}$
- 3. Net Profit represents profit attributable to equity holders of the Company
- 4. Free Cash Flow = EBITDA CAPEX Income Tax Expenses
- 5. Unless otherwise specified, all % and percentage point (p.p.) changes in this presentation are either 2018 vs 2017, or 2018.12 vs 2017.12

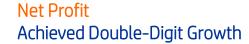
Solid Growth Driven by Scale and Profitability Expansion



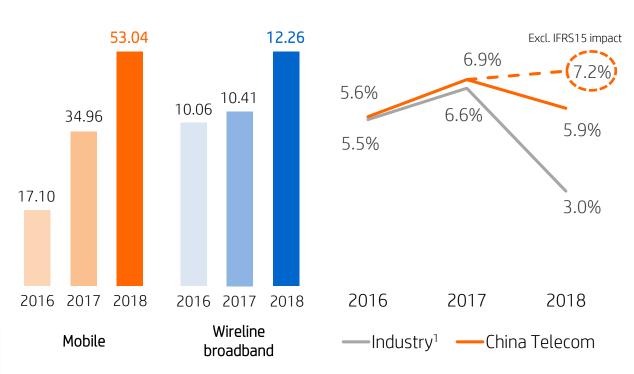


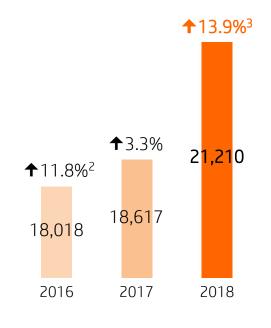
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Service Revenue Growth
Surpassed Industry



RMB Mil





¹ Industry growth figures in 2016 and 2017 is calculated based on figures reported by the three listed Chinese telcos, while that in 2018 was extracted from MIIT website

² Net Profit growth in 2016 was calculated based on the adjusted Net Profit excluding one-off tower assets disposal gain in 2015

³ Net profit growth in 2018 was approximately 8% if excluding the gain from China Tower IPO

Innovative Convergence Achieved Prominent Results



Subs Scale Rapidly Expanded with Leadership in Customer Value











e-Surfing HD (IPTV)
penetration

72.3% **↑**8.1p.p.

e-Surfing HD (IPTV) subs

>100_{Mil}

Triple-play penetration¹

64.7%

↑12.7p.p.

Mobile subs

>300_{Mil}

BestPay red packet

+

Orange Instalment Payment Service

Drove mobile subs new add by

≈20%

To innovate Intelligent Applications services convergence

Broadband access ARPU RMB**44.3**

Broadband blended ARPU² RMB49.0 Mobile ARPU RMB**50.5**

To deepen full-service convergence

To speed up cloud-network integration

To Enhance Competitive Edge by Deepening Convergence on All Fronts and Strengthening Integration and Mutual Development of Ecospheres

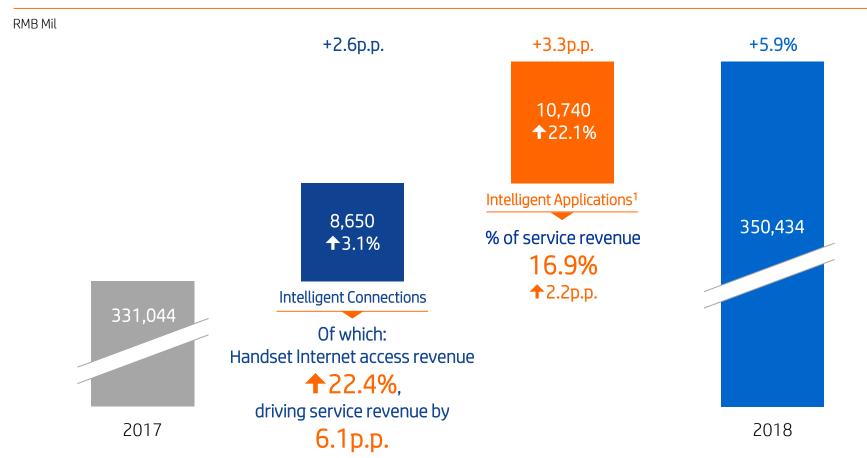
¹ Triple-play penetration = Wireline broadband subs subscribing mobile and e-Surfing HD (IPTV) services at the same time

² Broadband blended ARPU = Sum of monthly average of Smart Family and broadband access revenues/average broadband subs

Mobile Data and Intelligent Applications Revenues As Key Drivers



Service Revenue



¹ Intelligent Applications Ecospheres = Ecospheres of Smart Family, DICT, Internet of Things (IoT) and Internet Finance, where DICT = Converged smart application service integrating three technologies, namely communications technology, information technology and cloud & Big Data technology

Intelligent Connections Achieved Synergetic Growth



Strong Mobile Momentum

Premium Broadband Subs Open Room for Convergence

Rapid Revenue Growth

Market Share Expansion

Industry-Leading Subs Quality

Mobile service revenue

49.1%

Industry #1

Mobile subs net add market share

43.6%

↑6.2p.p.

Industry #1

% of ≥100Mbps subs

66.3%

↑17.1p.p.

Wireline broadband ARPU

RMB 44.3

Handset Internet access revenue as a % of service revenue

31.7%

↑4.3p.p.

Mobile subs

1.2%

Average access bandwidth

104_{Mbps}

↑42.3%

Wireline broadband subs

19.2_%

Convergence and Large Data Traffic Packages Foster Scale Development and Drive Revenue and Subs Market Share, Laying Foundation for Deepening Convergence Development

Smart Family:

Dual Enhancement in Scale and Capability





RMB Mil



e-Surfing HD revenue

↑10.4_%

Smart Home Networking revenue

181.8%

Expanding Scale, Improving User Experience, Planning for Future

Leveraging Broadband as the Gateway to Smart Family and Grasp Family ICT Market Potential

Products tailored for various scenarios to match household demand



Upgrade installation and maintenance teams riding on network operation edge

e-Surfing HD subs

105_{Mil}

↑22.8%

Smart Home Networking

≈20_{Mil}

times of services delivered

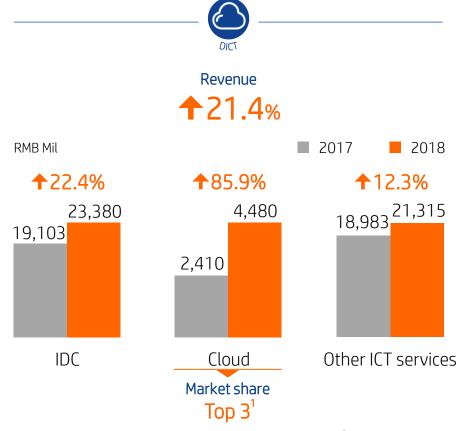
e-Surfing Cloud subs

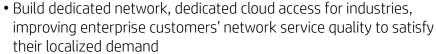
>26_{Mil}

- e-Surfing HD: Create more value-added opportunities by providing members-only HD video service and professional content operation
- Smart Home Networking: Promote service commercialization and standardization
- e-Surfing Cloud Drive: Integrate personal and family clouds and introduce AI to enable intelligent upgrade
- Tap enormous potential of Family ICT services by upgrading "installation and maintenance engineers" to "smart home engineers" and providing products tailored for various scenarios, thus strengthening differentiation edge

DICT and IoT Prompt Rapid Enterprise Services Development

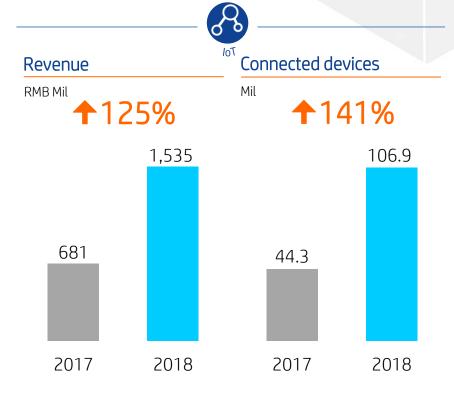












- Expand ecological cooperation with >400 members in the e-Surfing IoT Industry Alliance
- Provide one-stop IoT industrial solutions to customers in vertical industries, e.g. Internet of Vehicles (IoV), public utilities, smart family, industrial Internet

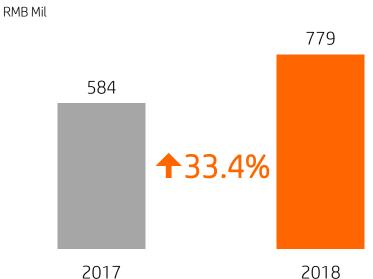
¹ Source: IDC

Internet Finance Expands Substantially



Rapid Scale Expansion Drives Revenue Growth

Facilitate New Retail and Integrated Channel Expansion; Promote Integration and Mutual Development with Fundamental Businesses



Aggregate GMV¹ of personal accounts GMV¹ >1.6Tril

Actively participating merchants

Monthly active users 43.41 Mil

1212%

3.27_{Mil}

131.5%

- Innovative integration of payment channels: Provide one-for-all receipt and payment solution
- One-stop merchant services: Facilitate synergetic development of e-commerce and fundamental businesses
- Expand sales reach and boost activity level: BestPay,
 Orange Instalment Payment Service integrate and
 mutually develop with fundamental businesses,
 stimulating user activity level

★87.1%

Enhancing Network Edge



4G

- 1.38mil BTS¹ (↑210k BTS)
- Network utilization 39%, firmly supporting development of large data traffic package subs
- Supports VoLTE pre-commercialization



Handset Internet access satisfaction Mobile voice satisfaction

Industry #1²

Fibre

- 180 cities Gbps-enabled
- Industry-leading IP metropolitan network bandwidth 500Tbps and backbone network bandwidth 170Tbps



Fixed broadband Internet access satisfaction

Industry #1²

IoT

- NB-IoT network optimization continued
- Basically formed IoT network architecture that enables high-/mid-/ low-speed to offer differentiated service capability on demand
- IoT open platform launched, supporting mainstream IoT standards and transmission protocols, offering onestop IoT solutions with devices adaptability and specialized industry applications

Network Reconstitution

- SDN-based intelligent dedicated line products for SMEs and SDN-based network gateway for households
 - → For self-serve service activation within minutes
- Six regional virtualized vIMS core networks
 - → For network cloudification³ in future
- Seamless connection between national and provincial CDN platforms, and CDN equipment-business decoupling
 - → For e-Surfing HD business scale development





¹ 4G BTS number includes outdoor base stations and indoor distribution systems

² Result from MIIT's 2018 national user satisfaction survey on telecommunication service quality

³ Cloudification: The comprehensive upgrade of service and network to cloud in terms of infrastructure, products service capabilities and sales mode, with a focus on cloud computing

Strengthening Cloud Differentiation



Resource Capability

BIGGEST in Asia Pacific¹ 550 IDC sites

Cloud service provider with MOST nodes

- "2+31+X"² cloud resource layout
- Mega-size capacity
- Enable adjacent customer access

Product and Service Capability

LEADING in secure cloud and dedicated cloud services capability

 Possess differentiated scale service capabilities in public cloud, private cloud, dedicated cloud and hybrid cloud

LEADING in localized service capability

 Three-tier service systems with teams at headquarters, provincial and municipal level

Capability to offer ALL-INCLUSIVE cloud solution

- IaaS-PaaS-SaaS integrated product capability
- Customer demand-oriented

R&D and Operation Capability

Professional R&D team

- Mastering laaS, PaaS core technologies
 - ✓ Mature product series
 - ✓ Reliable sustaining operation
- Building a SaaS cloud ecosystem with features of open and sharing, applications nourishment, and collaboration enabling

¹ Source: Structure Research, Essence Securities

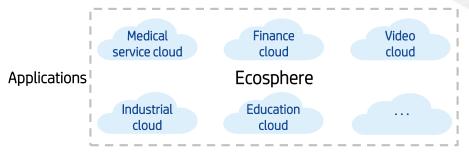
^{2 &}quot;2+31+X": The two data centers in Inner Mongolia and Guizhou, 31 provincial-level IDCs and flexible urban edge nodes according to customers' demand

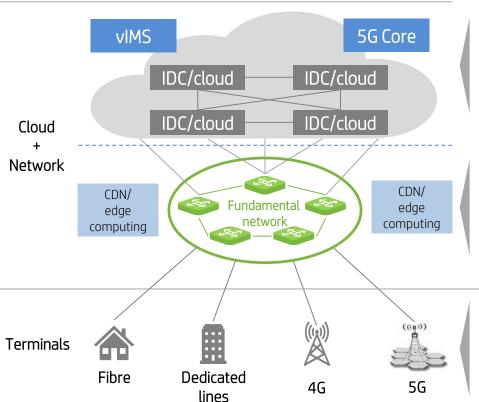
Cloudification Facilitates Cloud-Network Integration to Strengthen Competitiveness



Cloud-Led Network and Cloud-Network Integration

- IDC/cloud-centric network + optimized network architecture
 - → Industry-leading in latency
- CN2-DCI¹, OTN², premium enterprise dedicated network connect to all e-Surfing Cloud resource pools
 - → Satisfy differentiated cloud-network demand of enterprise customers
- New-generation cloud-network operating system
 - → Enable cloud-network service with
 - 1. One-click acceptance
 - 2. Prompt activation
 - 3. Flexible and adjustable, end-to-end observable cloud-network service
- To support rapid deployment of entirely cloudbased 5G
 - ✓ Large bandwidth
- ✓ Low latency
- e-Surfing Cloud product/service/application
 - Create differentiation edge





Newgeneration cloudnetwork operating system

¹ CN2: China Telecom's ChinaNet Next Generation Carrying Network; DCI: Data Centre Interconnect

² OTN: Optical Transport Network

Proactively Accumulating 5G Capability



2018

Outdoor Trial in 17 Cities with >1,000 BTS
Focus on Smart City, Smart Tourism, Remote Education and Other Key Industries

Technology

- Published industry's first 5G Technology White Paper
- Launched industry's first 5G+Al handset standard
- Pioneered to accomplish 4G-5G interoperability on SA network architecture
- Pioneered to interoperate 5G SA on equipment from different vendors

Extensive Application Trials

- IoV: 5G-based remote-controlled driving in Xiong'an and passed test
- Media convergence: Ultra-high definition 5G 4K, VR live broadcasting of gala show
- Smart city: 5G full coverage along a 28km road in city area, performing data traffic management for ultra-high definition 5G+, cloud VR and 5G smart transport
- Energy Internet: Trial on IoT electricity distribution leveraging 5G network slicing, performing 5G precision control on electricity distribution and usage

Network Capability

Prepare for flexible and agile 5G deployment with:

- Prompt assessment and modification of existing network
- Acceleration of network cloudification and intelligent upgrade

Clientele

2B revenue as a % of service revenue

>40%

Spectrum

100MHz spectrum at 3.5GHz band, which has the world's most developed industry chain, for 5G trial

Accelerate 5G Development Pragmatically



CAPEX budget



- Persistence in SA as the goal and direction, to expediate industry chain maturity and conduct scale trials in SA/NSA concurrently in early stage
- Adjust investment plan and expand trial subject to technology maturity, licensing, market competition and results
 of scale trial
- To actively explore network co-building and co-sharing to reduce network construction and maintenance cost

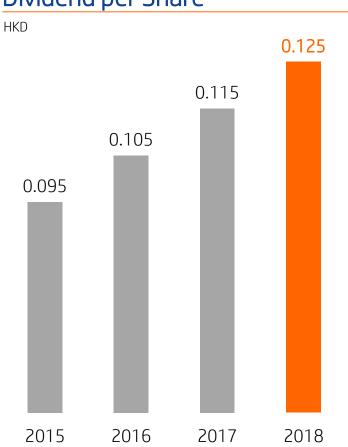
Open Cooperation

- To promote key 5G technology researches, actively participate in formulating 5G international standards and foster end-to-end development of industry chain
- To collaborate with customers and business partners for innovations, enrich products and applications
- Work with industry chain to commence trials on smart city, autonomous driving, industrial Internet, entertainment, medical service, education, etc.

Increase Dividend to Reward Shareholders



Dividend per Share



The Board of Directors recommends to the shareholders a final dividend of HKD0.125 for 2018

Going forward, the Company will seize the 5G opportunity and will strive to enhance profitability for good returns to shareholders with due regard to shareholders' returns, cash flow and capital requirement for future development

Promoting Reform and Innovation at Full Throttle to Enhance Capability and Vitality



Multi-Pronged Measures to Promote Reform and Innovation Injecting New Vitality and Energy for High-Quality Development

Enhancing Technological Innovation Capability

- Modified R&D system to enhance R&D capability of key technologies of strategic, pioneering and fundamental importance, e.g. 5G, network capability, AI, etc
- Innovative incentive system to better motivate talents

Strengthening Product Development Capability

 Form capability development centres for Smart Family, IoT, Cloud, DICT application and Internet Finance

Headquarters for overall coordination

Capability development centres for ecological endowment

Frontline units for market development

Motivating Frontline

 Established nearly 60,000 Sub-Dividing Performance Evaluation Units, basically covering entire frontline

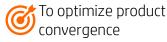
Mobilizing Capital Vitality

- BestPay carried out mixed-ownership reform
- Fostering capital collaboration and forming investment system

High-Quality Development Enhancing Scale and Efficiency



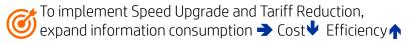
2019 Measures











High-Quality Development

Construct Offer Forge high-quality high-quality high-quality network services products Build Achieve Develop high-quality high-quality high-quality channels customers revenues

Forge the value management system featuring convergence for scale expansion, integration for application development, intelligentization for efficiency enhancement for high-quality development

2019 Key Targets

Mobile subs net add	35Mil
4G subs net add	>Mobile subs net add
Broadband subs net add	8Mil - 10Mil
e-Surfing HD subs net add	12Mil - 15Mil
IoT connected devices Net add	80Mil - 100Mil
Service revenue	Maintain healthy growth
Net profit	Achieve healthy growth



Overview & Business Review



Key Financials



RMB Mil	2017	2018	Change
Operating Revenue	366,229	377,124	3.0%
Service Revenue	331,044	350,434	5.9%
Sales of Terminals & Equipment and Others	35,185	26,690	-24.1%
Operating Expenses	(339,009)	(348,410)	2.8%
Operating Profit	27,220	28,714	5.5%
Net Finance Costs	(3,291)	(2,708)	-17.7%
Investment Income, Income from Investments in Associates	1,024	2,142	109%
Net Profit	18,617	21,210	13.9%
Free Cash Flow	7,267	22,457	209%

Optimizing Cost Structure

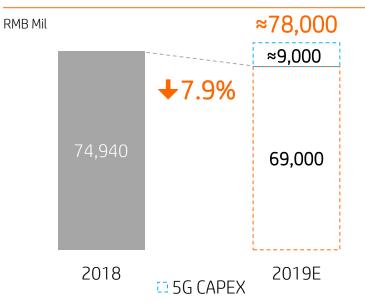


RMB Mil	2018	Change	Change as a % of Operating Revenue	
Operating Expenses	348,410	2.8%	↓ 0.2p.p.	Highly efficient resource allocation, cost structure optimized, resource utilization efficiency improved
Depreciation & Amortization	75,493	0.7%	↓ 0.5p.p.	
Network Operations & Support	116,062	11.6%	↑ 2.4p.p.	Enhanced network capability and quality to support scale development
Personnel	59,736	6.6%	↑ 0.5p.p.	Increased incentives for frontline employees, emerging business talents and technical experts
SG&A	59,422	1.7%	↓ 0.2p.p.	Mainly due to adoption of new revenue accounting standard and optimized sales mode
Interconnection	12,878	5.4%	↑ 0.1p.p.	Mainly due to mobile subs scale expansion
Cost of Terminals Sold & Others	24,819	-25.7%	↓ 2.5p.p.	Mainly due to less mobile terminals sold

Optimizing CAPEX Structure for Sustainable Development



CAPEX



CAPEX Structure

RMB Mil	2018	2019E	Change
4G Network	29,575	28,000	-1,575
Broadband & Internet	24,449	18,000	-6,449
Information & Application Services	8,687	10,500	1,813
IT Support	3,227	2,800	-427
Infrastructure & Others	9,002	9,700	698

2018 Enhanced Network Quality and User Experience

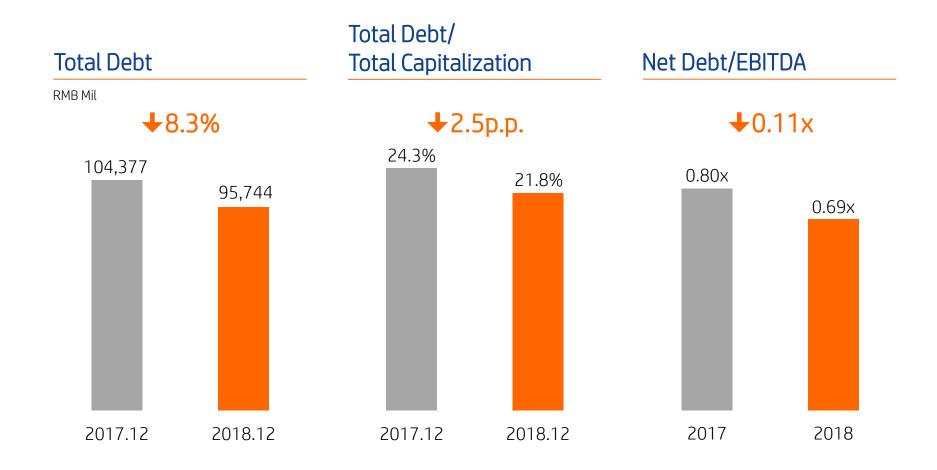
- Precise capacity expansion for better user experience
 4G + Broadband CAPEX: 72.1% (→4.3p.p.)
- Increased DICT investment to match rapid growth of emerging businesses

2019	Forge High-Quality and Efficient Network
4G+ Broadbar	Continue to improve 46 coverage in high data traffic
	 To maintain fibre network edge and strengthen the benchmark and leadership position of Gbps service in key areas
DICT	 Investment to further increase To improve IDC/cloud framework to uplift network agility To strengthen end-to-end servicing capability of cloud-network integration
5G	• To expand pilot trials

Enhancing Financial Position



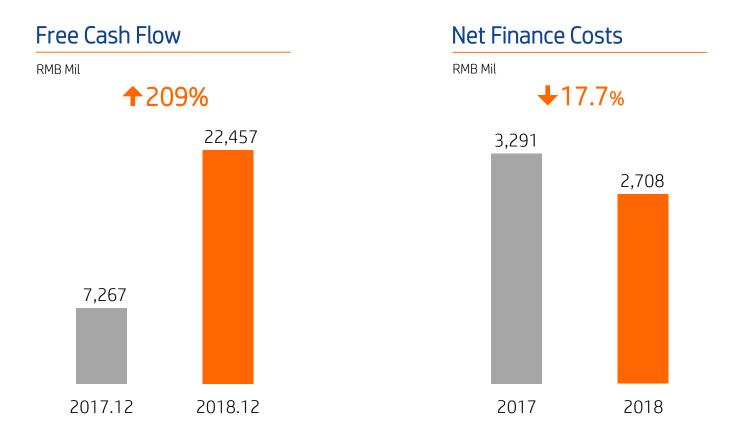
✓ Efficiently-Centralized Capital Management Reduced Interest-Bearing Debt
✓ Healthy Capital Structure to Support Sustainable Development



Healthy Financial Strength



✓ Strong Free Cash Flow ✓ Finance Costs Decreased yoy ✓ Room for Future Funding Requirement







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Appendix 1: Revenue Breakdown

RMB Mil	2017	2018	Change
Service Revenue	331,044	350,434	5.9%
Mobile Service Revenue	153,776	167,705	9.1%
Incl.: Voice	39,415	31,088	-21.1%
Data	114,258	136,519	19.5%
Incl.: Handset Internet Access	90,865	111,218	22.4%
Others	103	98	-4.9%
Wireline Service Revenue	177,268	182,729	3.1%
Incl.: Voice	22,263	19,723	-11.4%
Data	150,465	158,041	5.0%
Incl.: Broadband Access	76,744	74,262	-3.2%
Information & Application Services	52,037	60,849	16.9%
Others	4,540	4,965	9.4%
Sales of Terminals & Equipment and Others	35,185	26,690	-24.1%
Sales of Mobile Terminals & Equipment	26,759	18,836	-29.6%
Sales of Wireline Equipment & Other Non-service Revenue	8,426	7,854	-6.8%
Total	366,229	377,124	3.0%



RMB Mil	2017	2018	Change
Intelligent Connections	282,464	291,114	3.1%
Intelligent Applications	48,580	59,320	22.1%
Incl.: Smart Family	6,819	7,831	14.8%
DICT	40,496	49,175	21.4%
IoT	681	1,535	125%
Internet Finance	584	779	33.4%
Service Revenue	331,044	350,434	5.9%

1 Voice
2 Data
3 Others
2.2 IoT Data & Application
2.3 Mobile DICT
2.4 BestPay and Other Internet Finance
2.5 Other Mobile Data
Wireline Service Revenue

Mobile Service Revenue

Sales of Wireline Equipment & Other

Non-service Revenue

4 Voice

5 Data

6 Others

5.1 Broadband Access

5.2 e-Surfing HD and Other Smart Family

2.1 Handset Internet Access and Other Data

5.3 Wireline DICT

5.4 Other Wireline Data

Intelligent Connections = 1 + 2.1 + 2.5 + 3 + 4 + 5.1 + 5.4 + 6

Smart Family = 5.2

DICT = 2.3 + 5.3

IoT = 2.2

Internet Finance = 2.4

Appendix 2: Key Financial Information



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Operating Expenses	339,009	348,410	2.8%
Depreciation & Amortization	74,951	75,493	0.7%
Network Operations & Support	103,969	116,062	11.6%
Incl.: Tower Leasing Fee	15,389	16,063	4.4%
Personnel	56,043	59,736	6.6%
SG&A	58,434	59,422	1.7%
Incl.: Selling Expense	50,345	50,794	0.9%
Interconnection & Others	45,612	37,697	-17.4%
Incl.: Interconnection	12,223	12,878	5.4%
Cost of Terminals & Equipment Sold	31,712	23,185	-26.9%
Operating Profit	27,220	28,714	5.5%
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Appendix 3



Extracted from Audited Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31 Dec 2018

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Operating Expenses	(339,009)	(348,410)
Net Finance Costs	(3,291)	(2,708)
Investment Income, Income from Investments in Associates	1,024	2,142
Profit Before Taxation	24,953	28,148
Income Tax	(6,192)	(6,810)
Profit for the Year	18,761	21,338
Equity Holders of the Company	18,617	21,210
Non-controlling Interests	144	128

Extracted from Audited Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 Dec 2018

RMB Mil	2017.12	2018.12
Current Assets	71,550	73,005
Non-current Assets	589,644	590,377
Total Assets	661,194	663,382
Current Liabilities	275,408	258,920
Non-current Liabilities	59,089	60,363
Total Liabilities	334,497	319,283
Total Equity	326,697	344,099
Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company	325,867	343,069
Non-controlling Interests	830	1,030

Appendix 4



Selected Operating Metrics for the Year Ended 31 Dec 2018

Subscriber (Mil)	2017.12	2018.12	Change
Mobile	249.96	303.00	+53.04
Incl.: 4G	182.04	242.43	+60.39
Wireline Broadband	133.53	145.79	+12.26
Incl.: FTTH	126.17	140.66	+14.49
Access Lines in Service	121.80	116.48	-5.32
e-Surfing HD	85.76	105.35	+19.59
BestPay Monthly Active Users	33.00	43.41	+10.41
IoT Connected Devices	44.30	106.93	+62.63

	2017	2018	Change
Mobile ARPU	55.1	50.5	-8.3%
4G ARPU	65.5	55.8	-14.8%
4G DOU (GB / Sub / Month)	2.0	5.5	+182%
Handset Data Traffic (kTB)	3,597	14,073	+291%
Wireline Broadband ARPU	49.8	44.3	-11.1%