

# **ZTO Express**

**2Q Fiscal Year 2017 Investor Relations Presentation** 

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## **2017Q2 Key Financial and Operating Highlights**



### **Significant Scale**

**1,493m** parcel volume in Q2 2017



4,380+ Line-haul Vehicles<sup>(1)</sup>



~28,000
Pickup/Delivery
Outlets<sup>(2)</sup>



Sorting Hubs<sup>(3)</sup>

#### **Robust Growth**



37.6% YoY parcel volume growth in Q2 2017, above industry average of 30.7% YoY<sup>(4)</sup>



29.9% YoY revenue growth in Q2 2017, in line with Q2 guidance



**53.0%** YoY operating profit growth in Q2 2017



66.7% YoY growth in basic and diluted earnings per ADS in Q2 2017

# **Continued Margin Expansion**



### **RMB921m**

operating profit with operating margin of 31.0% in Q2

2017, up from 26.3% in Q2 2016



### **RMB717m**

net income with net margin of

**24.1%** in Q2 2017, up from 18.6% in Q2 2016



### **RMB1.00**

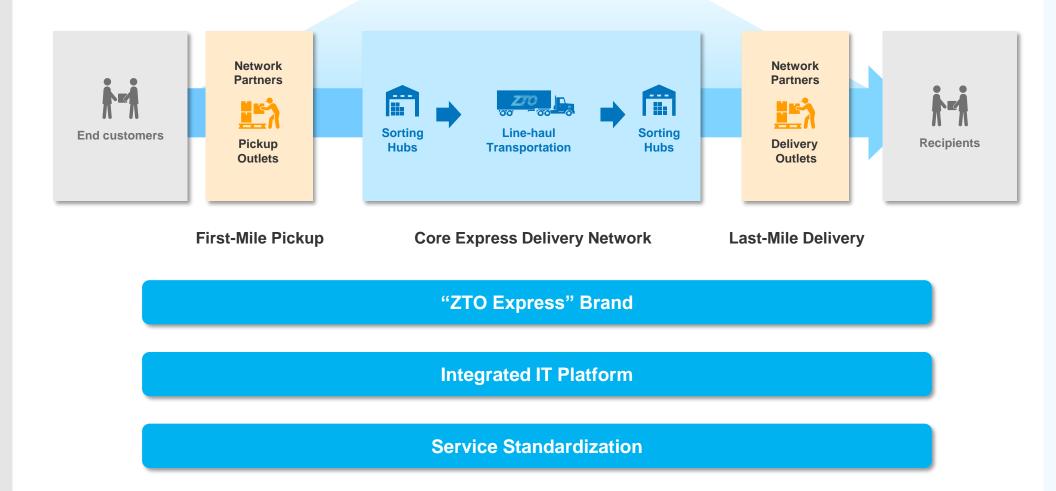
basic and diluted earnings per ADS in Q2 2017, up from RMB0.60 in Q2 2016

- 1. Includes around 3,190 self-owned trucks as of June 30, 2017, an increase from 3,000 self-owned trucks as of March 31, 2017, among which 1,260 are high capacity, 15-17 meter long trucks, as of June 30, 2017, compared to over 1,200 as of March 31, 2017.
- 2. Number of total service outlets across entire network as of June 30, 2017, an increase from about 27,000 service outlets as of March 31, 2017.
- 3. Includes 71 self-operated sorting hubs, and 6 sorting hubs operated by our network partners.
- 4. Average industry parcel volume growth rate for Q2 2017 is from the State Post Bureau.





We are a leading express delivery company in China focusing on providing timely and reliable services through our highly scalable network partner model



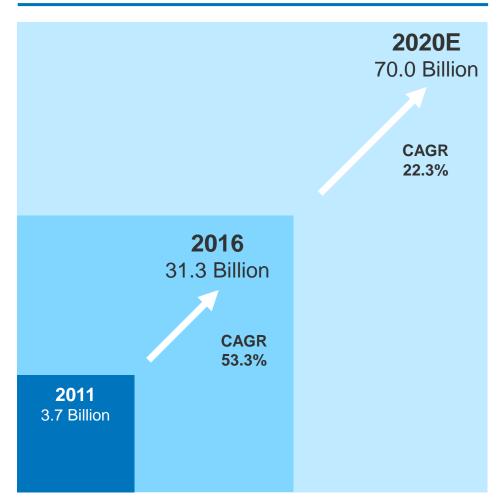
## **Huge Market Opportunities from E-commerce Growth**



#### Online Retail Sales (GMV) in China

# **2020E** US\$1,465 Billion **CAGR** 20.7% 2016 US\$690 Billion **CAGR** 41.4% 2011 US\$122 Billion

### **Express Delivery Parcel Volume in China**

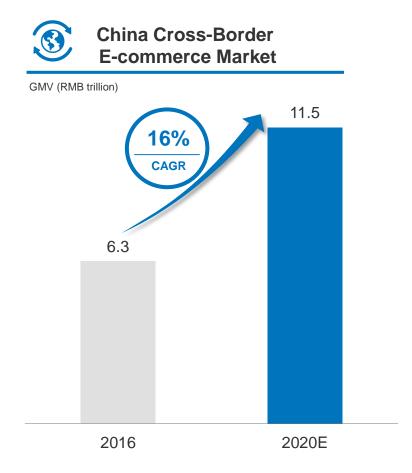


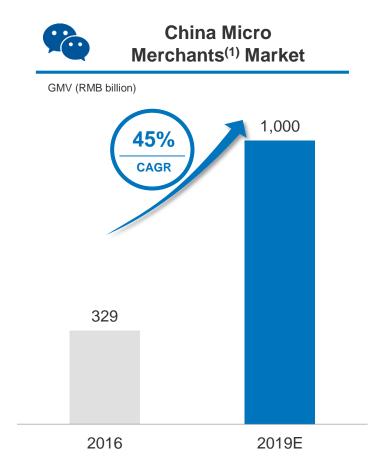
Source: CNNIC, iResearch Report

Source: The 13th Five-Year Plan issued by China Post Bureau.

## **Significant Growth Potential from New Market Segments**







Source iResearch Report, iiMedia

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#### Note

1. Micro merchants refer to online merchants who promote and sell merchandise on social networking and other mobile platforms

## **Our Scale Strengthens Our Leading Market Position**(1)





- 1. Data presented as of June 30, 2017 unless otherwise indicated
- 2. "Parcel volume" in any given period is defined as the number of parcels collected by our network partners using our waybills
- 3. Includes 71 self-operated sorting hubs, and 6 sorting hubs operated by our network partners
- 4. Includes ~3,190 self-owned vehicles and ~1,190 vehicles owned and operated by Tonglu Tongze Logistics Ltd., an entity majority owned by our employees
- 5. Only includes line-haul routes between sorting hubs as of June 30, 2017
- 6. Includes over 3,700 direct network partners and around 5,600 indirect network partners as of June 30, 2017
- 7. As of December 31, 2016,

## **Key Differentiation from Our Competitors**





# **Shared Success System**

- Key regional managers are also the shareholders of ZTO
- ✓ Well-established network partner entry and exit mechanism



# **Operating Efficiency**

- Centralized planning of sorting hubs enables us to accommodate high capacity vehicles
- ✓ Increasing use of self-owned fleet, particularly large trailer trucks





# **Superior Service Quality**

✓ Industry leading service quality in terms of overall customer satisfaction<sup>(1)</sup>, 72-hour punctuality rate<sup>(2)</sup>, and customer complaint rate<sup>(2)</sup>



### Well-Balanced Network

✓ Sophisticated last-mile delivery fee and transit fee mechanism tailored for local conditions



- 1. According to Horizon Consulting Group in 2016
- 2. According to State Post Bureau in 2016

## **Our Growth Strategies to Capture the Market Opportunities**



Strengthen our leading market position in China



Enhance technology platform and infrastructure



Expand
presence in
cross-border
e-commerce
express delivery



Broaden service offerings and expand customer base



**Long-term Vision** 

Become a leading global logistics service provider



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Build and Upgrade Sorting Hubs



Increase the Level of Sorting Automation



Invest in Information Technology



Expand and Upgrade Line-haul Fleet



Increase Urban Coverage Density



Increase Rural Penetration

**Near Term Initiatives** 

## **Key Financial and Operating Highlights for Q2 2017**(1)(2)



Robust Growth **Parcel Volume** 

1,493m Up 37.6% YoY Revenue

RMB2,971m Up 29.9% YoY Income from Operations

RMB921m Up 53% YoY

Superior Profitability

**Operating Margin** 

31% vs. 26.3% in Q2 2016

**Net Margin** 

24.1% vs. 18.6% in Q2 2016

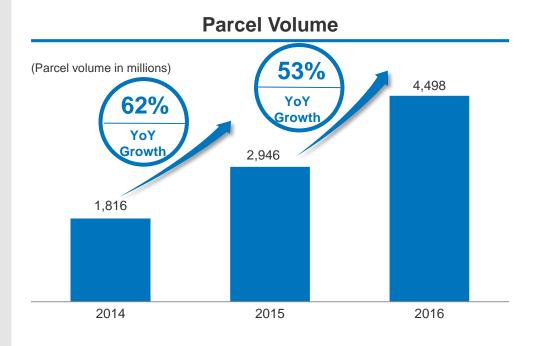
Adjusted Net Income<sup>(3)</sup>

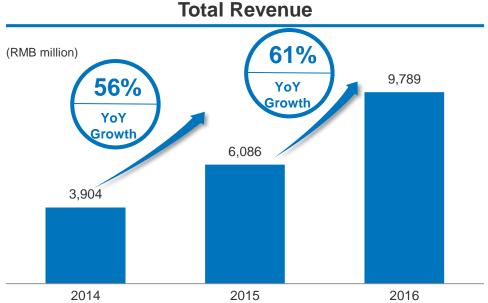
RMB730m Up 43.5% YoY

- 1. Total revenue and margins refer to the quarter ended June 30, 2017.
- 2. All Margins are calculated as a % of total revenue.
- 3. Net income adjusted for share-based compensation expenses

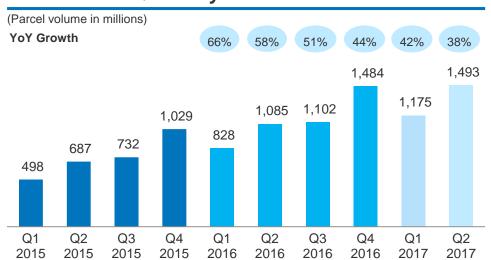
# **Strong Revenue Growth Driven by Robust Parcel Volume Growth**







#### **Quarterly Parcel Volume**



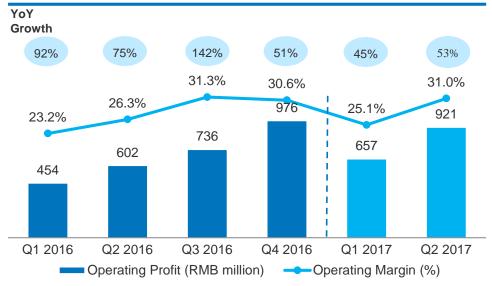
#### **Quarterly Revenue**



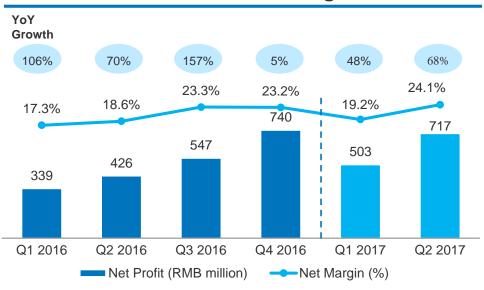
## **Strong Profit Growth and Expanded Margins**



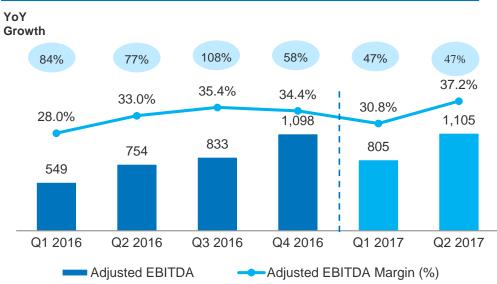




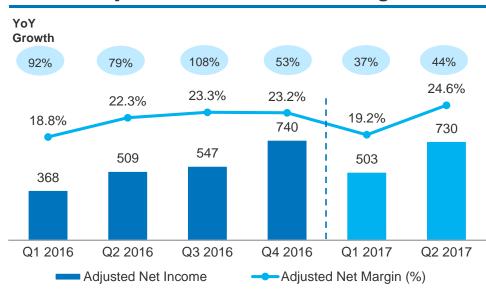
#### **Net Income and Margin**



#### Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> and Margin



#### Adjusted Net Income<sup>2</sup> and Margin

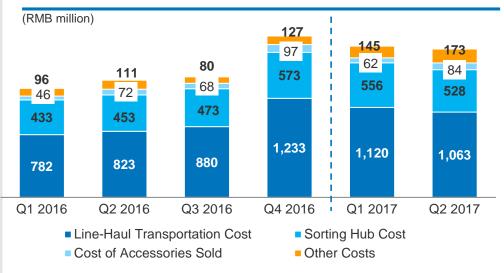


- 1. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure, which is defined as net income before depreciation, amortization, interest expenses and income tax expenses, and further adjusted to exclude (i) shared-based compensation expense; and (ii) gain on deemed disposal of equity method investments.. See slide 15 for GAAP reconciliation.
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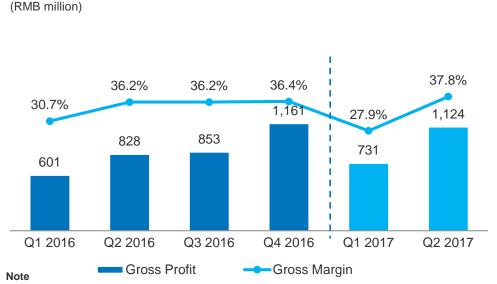
# Cost and Gross Margin Improvement Driven by Economies of Scale and Operational Efficiency Enhancement





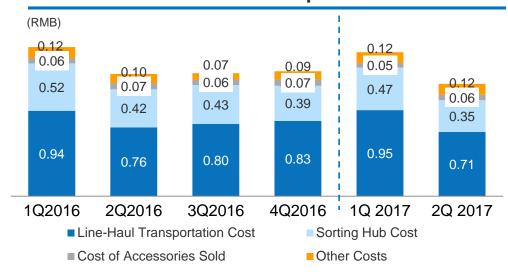


#### **Gross Profit and Margin**



 Cost of revenues per parcel is calculated based on costs of revenues divided by the number of parcels handled in a given quarter.

# **Cost of Revenues per Parcel** (1)

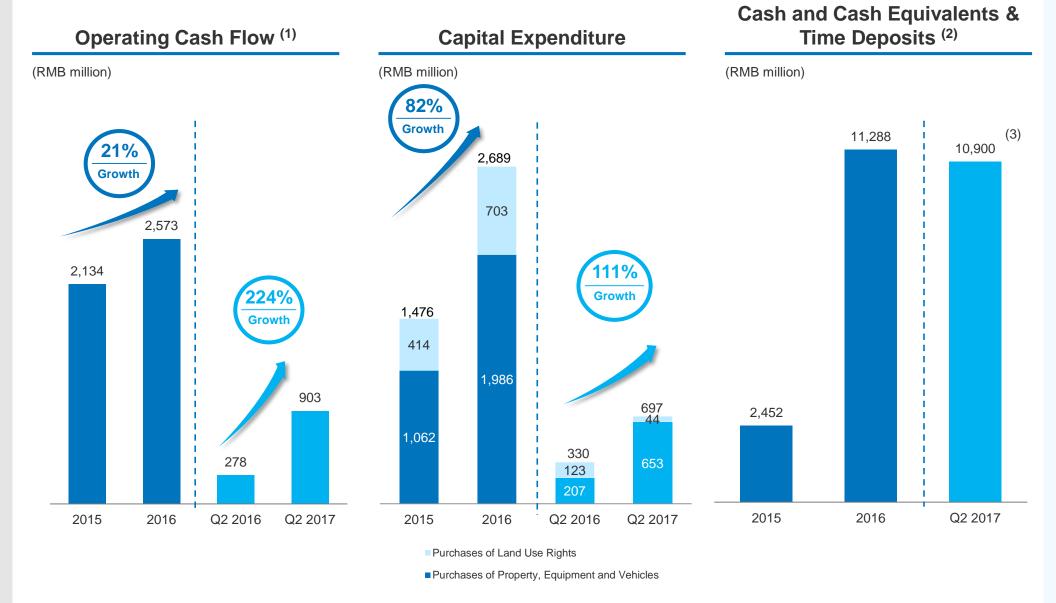


#### **Key Observations**

- Line-haul transportation cost per parcel decreased yoy mainly due to (i) economies of scale, (ii) increased use of self-owned, costefficient trucks, and (iii) increased truck utilization through optimized route planning and increased back-haul transportation.
- Sorting hub cost per parcel decreased yoy mainly due to economies of scale and efficiency improvement from increased use of automated equipment in sorting hubs
- Cost of accessories sold per parcel decreased yoy mainly due to operating leverage
- Other costs per parcel increased yoy mainly due to rising costs to serve enterprise customers
- Gross margin increased to 37.8% from 36.2% in the same period last year, mainly attributable to cost savings from parcel mix optimization and efficiency improvement in transportation and sorting 3

# **Strong Cash Flow and Continued Investment in Capacity Expansion**





#### Note

- (1): The operating cash flow in 2015 and 2016 has been retroactively adjusted to reflect the impact of restricted cash presentation in the cash flow statement as a result of ZTO's adoption of a new accounting standard starting from 2017.
- (2): Cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2016 included net proceeds of about RMB9.2bn from the initial public offering.
- (3): Time deposits were about RMB5,186m as of June 30, 2017.

# **Reconciliation of GAAP to Adjusted / Non-GAAP Measures**



For the Three	Months I	Ended
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	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	
Adjusted EBITDA	RMB million	RMB million 717	
Net Income	426		
Add: Depreciation	62	127	
Add: Amortization	5	9	
Add: Interest Expenses	5	5	
Add: Income Tax Expenses	172	233	
EBITDA	670	1,091	
Add: Share-based Compensation Expense	83	13	
Less: Gain on Deemed Disposal of Equity Method Investments	-		
Adjusted EBITDA	754	1,105	
Adjusted EBITDA margin	33%	37%	
Adjusted Net Income			
Net Income	426	717	
Add: Share-based Compensation Expense	83	13	
Less: Gain on Deemed Disposal of Equity Method Investments	-	<u>-</u>	
Adjusted Net Income	509	730	
Adjusted Net Margin	22%	25%	

Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding

## **Reconciliation of GAAP to Adjusted / Non-GAAP Measures**



	For the Three Months Ended 2016				For the Three Months Ended 2017	
	Mar 31, 2016	Jun 30, 2016	Sep 30, 2016	Dec 31, 2016	Mar 31, 2017	Jun 30, 2017
Adjusted EBITDA	RMB '000	RMB '000	RMB '000	RMB '000	RMB '000	RMB '000
Net Income	338,814	425,802	547,177	739,811	502,870	716,923
Add: Depreciation	51,008	62,453	89,174	99,032	122,011	127,083
Add: Amortization	4,688	5,349	6,310	6,963	7,595	8,702
Add: Interest Expenses	3,644	4,742	3,766	834	5,708	5,029
Add: Income Tax Expenses	122,018	171,954	186,468	251,547	166,609	233,323
EBITDA	520,172	670,300	832,895	1,098,187	804,793	1,091,060
Add: Share-based Compensation Expense	38,634	83,366	251	251	251	13,492
Less: Gain on Deemed Disposal of Equity Method Investments	(9,551)	-	-	-	-	_
Adjusted EBITDA	549,255	753,666	833,146	1,098,438	805,044	1,104,552
Adjusted EBITDA margin	28.00%	32.96%	35.40%	34.40%	30.77%	37.17%
Adjusted Net Income	RMB '000	RMB '000	RMB '000	RMB '000	RMB '000	RMB '000
Net Income	338,814	425,802	547,177	739,881	502,870	716,923
Add: Share-based Compensation Expense	38,634	83,366	251	251	251	13,492
Less: Gain on Deemed Disposal of Equity Method Investments	(9,551)	_	-	_	_	
Adjusted Net Income	367,897	509,168	547,428	740,062	503,121	730,415
Adjusted Net Margin	18.80%	22.27%	23.30%	23.20%	19.24%	24.58%

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