

Sales Agreement

On July 1, 2022, we entered into the Sales Agreement with Leerink Partners LLC (previously known as SVB Securities LLC to sell ordinary shares from time to time at our discretion under an "at the market", or ATM, program, with aggregate gross sales proceeds of up to \$100.0 million. The Sales Agreement provides that the commission payable to Leerink Partners LLC (previously known as SVB Securities LLC, as sales agent, for sales of ordinary shares under the ATM program shall be up to 3.0% of the aggregate gross proceeds of any ordinary shares sold under the Sales Agreement. The Sales Agreement contains customary representations and warranties of the parties and indemnification and contribution provisions, including our agreement to indemnify Leerink Partners LLC (previously known as SVB Securities LLC against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. We and Leerink Partners LLC (previously known as SVB Securities LLC have the right, by giving written notice as specified in the Sales Agreement, to terminate the Sales Agreement. As of March [14], 2024, we have not made any sales under the Sales Agreement.

For additional information on our material contracts, please see "Item 4. - Information on the Company," "Item 6. - Directors, Senior Management and Employees," and "Item 7.B. - Related Party Transactions" of this Annual Report.

D. Exchange Controls.

There are no Swiss governmental laws, decrees or regulations that restrict, in a manner material to us, the export or import of capital, including any foreign exchange controls, or that generally affect the remittance of dividends or other payments to non-residents or non-citizens of Switzerland who hold our ordinary shares.

E. Taxation.

Swiss Federal, Cantonal and Communal Individual Income Tax and Corporate Income Tax

Non-Resident Shareholders

Holders of ADSs representing our shares who are not resident in Switzerland for tax purposes, and who, during the relevant taxation year, have not engaged in a trade or business carried on through a permanent establishment or fixed place of business situated in Switzerland for tax purposes (all such shareholders are hereinafter referred to as the Non-Resident Shareholders), will not be subject to any Swiss federal, cantonal and communal income tax on dividends and similar cash or in-kind distributions on ADSs representing our shares (including dividends on liquidation proceeds and stock dividends) (hereinafter referred to as the Dividends), distributions based upon a capital reduction (*Nennwertrückzahlungen*) or paid out of reserves from capital contributions (*Reserven aus Kapitaleinlagen*) on shares underlying the ADSs, or capital gains realized on the sale or other disposition of ADSs (see, however, "Swiss Federal Withholding Tax" for a summary of Swiss federal withholding tax on Dividends).

Resident Private Shareholders

Swiss resident individuals who hold their ADSs as private assets (all such shareholders are hereinafter referred to as the Resident Private Shareholders) are required to include Dividends, but not distributions based upon a capital reduction (*Nennwertrückzahlungen*) or paid out of reserves from capital contributions (*Reserven aus Kapitaleinlagen*) of the shares underlying the ADSs, in their personal income tax return and are subject to Swiss federal, cantonal and communal income tax on any net taxable income for the relevant taxation period, including the Dividends, but not the distributions based upon a capital

reduction (*Nennwertrückzahlungen*) or paid out of reserves from capital contributions (*Reserven aus Kapitaleinlagen*). Capital gains resulting from the sale or other dispositions of ADSs are not subject to Swiss federal, cantonal and communal income tax, and conversely, capital losses are not tax-deductible for Resident Private Shareholders. See "*Domestic Commercial Shareholders*" for a summary of the taxation treatment applicable to Swiss resident individuals, who, for income tax purposes, are classified as "professional securities dealers."

Domestic Commercial Shareholders

Corporate and individual shareholders who are resident in Switzerland for tax purposes and corporate and individual shareholder who are not resident in Switzerland, and who, in each case, hold their ADSs as part of a trade or business carried on in Switzerland, in the case of corporate and individual shareholders not resident in Switzerland, through a permanent establishment or fixed place of business situated, for tax purposes, in Switzerland, are required to recognize Dividends, distributions based upon a capital reduction (*Nennwertrückzahlungen*) or paid out of reserves from capital contributions (*Reserven aus Kapitaleinlagen*) received on shares underlying the ADSs and capital gains or losses realized on the sale or other disposition of ADSs in their income statement for the relevant taxation period and are subject to Swiss federal, cantonal and communal individual or corporate income tax, as the case may be, on any net taxable earnings for such taxation period. The same taxation treatment also applies to Swiss-resident private individuals who, for income tax purposes, are classified as "professional securities dealers" for reasons of, *inter alia*, frequent dealing, or leveraged investments in ADSs and other securities (the shareholders referred to in this section, the Domestic Commercial Shareholders). Domestic Commercial Shareholders who are corporate taxpayers may be eligible for dividend relief (*Beteiligungsabzug*) in respect of Dividends and distributions based upon a capital reduction (*Nennwertrückzahlungen*) or paid out of reserves from capital contributions (*Reserven aus Kapitaleinlagen*) if the shares underlying the ADSs held by them as part of a Swiss business have an aggregate market value of at least CHF 1 million.

Swiss Cantonal and Communal Private Wealth Tax and Capital Tax

Non-Resident Shareholders

Non-Resident Shareholders are not subject to Swiss cantonal and communal private wealth tax or capital tax.

Resident Private Shareholders and Domestic Commercial Shareholders

Resident Private Shareholders and Domestic Commercial Shareholders who are individuals are required to report their ADSs as part of private wealth or their Swiss business assets, as the case may be, and will be subject to Swiss cantonal and communal private wealth tax on any net taxable wealth (including the ADSs), in the case of Domestic Commercial Shareholders to the extent the aggregate taxable wealth is allocated in Switzerland. Domestic Commercial Shareholders who are corporate taxpayers are subject to Swiss cantonal and communal capital tax on taxable capital to the extent the aggregate taxable capital is allocated to Switzerland.

Swiss Federal Withholding Tax

Dividends that the Company pays on the shares underlying the ADSs are subject to Swiss Federal withholding tax (*Verrechnungssteuer*) at a rate of 35% on the gross amount of the Dividend. The Company is required to withhold the Swiss federal withholding tax from the Dividend and remit it to the Swiss Federal Tax Administration. Distributions based upon a capital reduction (*Nennwertrückzahlungen*) or paid out of reserves from capital contributions (*Reserven aus Kapitaleinlagen*) are not subject to Swiss federal withholding tax.

The Swiss federal withholding tax on a Dividend will be refundable in full to a Resident Private Shareholder and to a Domestic Commercial Shareholder, who, in each case, inter alia, as a condition to refund, duly reports the Dividend in his or her individual income tax return as income or recognizes the Dividends in its income statement as earnings, as applicable.

A Non-Resident Shareholder may be entitled to a partial refund of the Swiss federal withholding tax on Dividend if the country of his or her residence for tax purposes has entered into a bilateral treaty for the avoidance of double taxation with Switzerland and the conditions of such treaty are met. Such shareholders should be aware that the procedures for claiming tax treaty benefits (and the time required for obtaining a refund) might be different from country to country. For example, a shareholder who is resident of the U.S. for the purposes of the bilateral treaty between the U.S. and Switzerland is eligible for a refund of the amount of the withholding tax in excess of the 15% treaty rate, provided such shareholder: (i) qualifies for benefits under this treaty and qualifies as beneficial owner of the Dividends; (ii) hold, directly or indirectly, less than 10% of the voting stock of the Company; (iii) does not qualify as a pension scheme or retirement arrangement for the purpose of the bilateral treaty; and (iv) does not conduct business through a permanent establishment or fixed base in Switzerland to which the ADSs are attributable. Such an eligible U.S. shareholder may apply for a refund of the amount of the withholding tax in excess of the 15% treaty rate. The applicable refund request form may be filed with the Swiss Federal Tax Administration following receipt of the dividend and the relevant deduction certificate, however no later than December 31 of the third year following the calendar year in which the dividend was payable.

Swiss Federal Stamp Taxes

Any dealings in the ADSs, where a bank or another securities dealer in Switzerland, as defined in the Swiss Federal Stamp Tax Act, acts as intermediary or is a party to the transaction, are, subject to certain exemptions provided for in the Swiss Federal Stamp Tax Act, subject to Swiss securities turnover tax at an aggregate tax rate of up to 0.15% of the consideration paid for such ADSs.

International Automatic Exchange of Information in Tax Matters

On November 19, 2014, Switzerland signed the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement, which is based on article 6 of the OECD/Council of Europe administrative assistance convention and is intended to ensure the uniform implementation of automatic exchange of information, or the AEOI. The Federal Act on the International Automatic Exchange of Information in Tax Matters, or the AEOI Act, entered into force on January 1, 2017. The AEOI Act is the legal basis for the implementation of the AEOI standard in Switzerland.

The AEOI is being introduced in Switzerland through bilateral agreements or multilateral agreements. The agreements have, and will be, concluded on the basis of guaranteed reciprocity, compliance with the principle of specialty (i.e., the information exchanged may only be used to assess and levy taxes (and for criminal tax proceedings) and adequate data protection.

Based on such multilateral agreements and bilateral agreements and the implementing laws of Switzerland, Switzerland exchanges data in respect of financial assets, including the Shares, held in, and income derived thereon and credited to, accounts or deposits with a paying agent in Switzerland for the benefit of individuals resident in an EU member state or in a treaty state.

Swiss Facilitation of the Implementation of the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

Switzerland has concluded an intergovernmental agreement with the U.S. to facilitate the implementation of FATCA. The agreement ensures that the accounts held by U.S. persons with Swiss financial

institutions are disclosed to the U.S. tax authorities either with the consent of the account holder or by means of group requests within the scope of administrative assistance. Information will not be transferred automatically in the absence of consent, and instead will be exchanged only within the scope of administrative assistance on the basis of the double taxation agreement between the U.S. and Switzerland. On October 8, 2014, the Swiss Federal Council approved a mandate for negotiations with the U.S. on changing the current direct-notification-based regime to a regime where the relevant information is sent to the Swiss Federal Tax Administration, which in turn provides the information to the U.S. tax authorities.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences for U.S. Holders

The following discussion describes the material U.S. federal income tax consequences relating to the ownership and disposition of our ADSs by U.S. Holders (as defined below). This discussion applies to U.S. Holders that hold our ADSs as capital assets (generally, property held for investment) within the meaning of Section 1221 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code. This discussion is based on the Code, U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, the income tax treaty between the United States and Switzerland, or the Treaty, and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, all as in effect on the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. This discussion does not address all of the U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to specific U.S. Holders in light of their particular circumstances or to U.S. Holders subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax law (such as certain financial institutions, insurance companies, broker-dealers and traders in securities or other persons that generally mark their securities to market for U.S. federal income tax purposes, tax-exempt entities, retirement plans, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, certain former citizens or residents of the United States, persons who hold ADSs as part of a "straddle," "conversion transaction," "synthetic security" or integrated investment, persons who received their ADSs as compensatory payments, persons that have a "functional currency" other than the U.S. dollar, persons that own directly, indirectly or through attribution 10% or more of the voting power or value of our ADSs, corporations that accumulate earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax, S-corporations, partnerships (including entities or arrangements treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and other pass-through entities, and investors in such pass-through entities, or persons who hold our ADSs in connection with a trade or business, permanent establishment or fixed place of business outside the United States, including a permanent establishment in Switzerland). This discussion relates only to U.S. federal income taxes and does not address any other taxes, including but not limited to, U.S. state or local or non-U.S. tax consequences or any U.S. federal estate, gift or alternative minimum tax consequences, or the special tax accounting rules under Section 451(b) of the Code.

As used in this discussion, the term "U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of our ADSs that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (1) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, (2) a corporation (or entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia, (3) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source or (4) a trust (x) with respect to which a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions or (y) that has elected under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a domestic trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If a partnership (including an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds our ADSs, the U.S. federal income tax consequences relating to an investment in the ADSs will depend in part upon the status and activities of such entity or arrangement and the particular partner. Any such entity or arrangement should consult its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal

income tax consequences applicable to it and its partners of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our ADSs.

The discussion below assumes that the representations contained in the deposit agreement are true and that the obligations in the deposit agreement and any related agreement will be complied with in accordance with their terms. A U.S. Holder of our ADSs will generally be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as holding the ordinary shares represented by the ADSs, and, accordingly, no gain or loss will be recognized upon an exchange of the ADSs for the ordinary shares.

Passive Foreign Investment Company Consequences

In general, a corporation organized outside the United States will be treated as a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes for any taxable year in which, after the application of certain look-through rules with respect to income and assets of its subsidiaries, either (1) at least 75% of its gross income is "passive income," or (2) on average at least 50% of its assets, determined on a quarterly basis, for the taxable year are assets that produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income. Passive income for this purpose generally includes, among other things, dividends, interest, royalties, rents, and gains from the sale or exchange of property that gives rise to passive income. Assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income generally include cash (unless held in a non-interest bearing account for short-term working capital needs), marketable securities, and other assets that may produce passive income. Generally, in determining whether a non-U.S. corporation is a PFIC, a proportionate share of the income and assets of each corporation in which it owns, directly or indirectly, at least a 25% interest (by value) is taken into account.

Based upon our analysis of the value of our assets and the nature and composition of our income and assets, we believe that we were a PFIC for the taxable year ended December 31, 2023. However, the determination of whether or not we are a PFIC is a fact-intensive determination made annually after the end of the taxable year and the applicable law is subject to varying interpretations. For instance, the value of our assets may be determined in large part by reference to the market price of our ADSs, which is likely to continue to fluctuate. Accordingly, we cannot provide any assurance regarding, and our U.S. counsel expresses no opinion with respect to, our PFIC status for any taxable year. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, will agree with our conclusion or that the IRS will not successfully challenge our position.

If we are a PFIC in any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder owns our ADSs, the U.S. Holder could be liable for additional taxes and interest charges under the "PFIC excess distribution regime" upon (1) a distribution made during a taxable year that is greater than 125% of the average annual distributions made in the three preceding taxable years, or, if shorter, the U.S. Holder's holding period for the ADSs, and (2) any gain recognized on a sale, exchange or other disposition, including a pledge, of the ADSs, whether or not we continue to be a PFIC. Under the PFIC excess distribution regime, the tax on such distribution or gain would be determined by allocating the distribution or gain ratably over the U.S. Holder's holding period for the ADSs. The amount allocated to the current taxable year (i.e., the year in which the distribution occurs or the gain is recognized) and any year prior to the first taxable year in which we are a PFIC will be taxed as ordinary income earned in the current taxable year. The amount allocated to other taxable years will be taxed at the highest marginal rates in effect for individuals or corporations, as applicable, for ordinary income for each such taxable year, and an interest charge, generally applicable to underpayments of tax, will be added to the tax.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder holds our ADSs, we must generally continue to be treated as a PFIC by that holder for all succeeding years during which the U.S. Holder holds the ADSs, unless we cease to meet the requirements for PFIC status and the U.S. Holder makes a

“deemed sale” election with respect to the ADSs. If this election is made, the U.S. Holder will be deemed to sell the ADSs it holds at their fair market value on the last day of the last taxable year in which we qualified as a PFIC. Any gain recognized from such deemed sale will be taxed under the PFIC excess distribution regime, and any loss will not be recognized. The U.S. Holder’s tax basis in its ADSs will be increased by the amount of gain recognized, and the U.S. Holder’s holding period for its ADSs will start on the day after the last day of the last taxable year in which we qualified as a PFIC. After the deemed sale election, the U.S. Holder’s ADSs will not be treated as shares of a PFIC unless we subsequently become a PFIC.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder holds our ADSs and at any time have a non-U.S. corporate subsidiary that is also a PFIC (i.e., a lower-tier PFIC), such U.S. Holder generally will be treated as owning a proportionate amount (by value) of the shares of the lower-tier PFIC and will be taxed under the PFIC excess distribution regime on distributions by the lower-tier PFIC and on gain from the disposition of shares of the lower-tier PFIC even though such U.S. Holder would not receive the proceeds of those distributions or dispositions. Each U.S. Holder is advised to consult its tax advisors regarding the application of the PFIC rules to our non-U.S. subsidiaries, if any.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder holds our ADSs, such U.S. Holder will not be subject to tax under the PFIC excess distribution regime on distributions or gain recognized on the ADSs if such U.S. Holder makes a valid “mark-to-market” election for our ADSs. A mark-to-market election is available to a U.S. Holder only for “marketable stock.” Our ADSs will be marketable stock as long as they remain listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market and are regularly traded, other than in de minimis quantities, on at least 15 days during each calendar quarter. If a mark-to-market election is in effect, a U.S. Holder generally will take into account, as ordinary income for each taxable year of the U.S. Holder, any excess of the fair market value of the U.S. Holder’s ADSs held at the end of such taxable year over the U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in such ADSs. The U.S. Holder will also take into account, as an ordinary loss for each taxable year, any excess of its adjusted tax basis in such ADSs over their fair market value at the end of the taxable year, but only to the extent of the excess of amounts previously included in income over ordinary losses deducted as a result of the mark-to-market election. The U.S. Holder’s tax basis in its ADSs will be adjusted to reflect any income or loss recognized as a result of the mark-to-market election. Any gain from a sale, exchange or other disposition of the ADSs in any taxable year in which we are a PFIC will be treated as ordinary income and any loss from such sale, exchange or other disposition would be treated first as ordinary loss (to the extent of any net mark-to-market gains previously included in income) and thereafter as capital loss.

A mark-to-market election will not apply to our ADSs for any taxable year during which we are not a PFIC but will remain in effect with respect to any subsequent taxable year in which we become a PFIC. Such election generally will not apply to any lower-tier PFICs that we may organize or acquire in the future, unless shares of such lower-tier PFICs are themselves marketable stock. Accordingly, a U.S. Holder may continue to be subject to tax under the PFIC excess distribution regime with respect to any lower-tier PFICs that we may organize or acquire in the future notwithstanding the U.S. Holder’s mark-to-market election for our ADSs.

The tax consequences that would apply if we are a PFIC would also be different from those described above if a U.S. Holder were able to make a valid qualified electing fund, or QEF, election for taxable years during which the U.S. Holder holds our ADSs and in which we are a PFIC. Instead, a U.S. Holder that makes a QEF election is required for each taxable year to include in income (i) the U.S. Holder’s pro rata share of the PFIC’s ordinary earnings as ordinary income or (ii) the U.S. Holder’s pro rata share of the PFIC’s net capital gains as capital gain, regardless of whether such earnings or gain have in fact been distributed, for each taxable year that the entity is classified as a PFIC. If a U.S. Holder makes a QEF

election with respect to us, any distributions paid by us out of our earnings and profits that were previously included in the U.S. Holder's income under the QEF election would not be taxable to the U.S. Holder. A U.S. Holder will increase its tax basis in its ADSs by an amount equal to any income included under the QEF election and will decrease its tax basis by any amount distributed on the ADSs that is not included in the U.S. Holder's income. If a U.S. Holder has made a QEF election with respect to its ADSs, any gain or loss recognized by the U.S. Holder on a sale or other disposition of such ADSs will constitute capital gain or loss. In addition, if a U.S. Holder makes a timely QEF election, our ADSs will not be considered shares in a PFIC in years in which we are not a PFIC, even if the U.S. Holder had held ADSs in prior years in which we were a PFIC.

U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding making QEF elections in their particular circumstances. If a U.S. Holder does not make and maintain a QEF election for the U.S. Holder's entire holding period for our ADSs by making the election for the first year in which the U.S. Holder owns our ADSs, the U.S. Holder will be subject to the adverse PFIC rules discussed above unless the U.S. Holder can properly make a "purging election" with respect to our ADSs in connection with the U.S. Holder's QEF election. A purging election may require the U.S. Holder to recognize taxable gain on the U.S. Holder's ADSs.

In order to comply with the requirements of a QEF election, a U.S. Holder must receive certain information from us. The QEF election is made on a shareholder-by-shareholder basis and can be revoked only with the consent of the IRS. A shareholder makes a QEF election by attaching a completed IRS Form 8621, including the information provided in a PFIC annual information statement, to a timely filed U.S. federal income tax return and by filing a copy of the form with the IRS. We expect to provide the information necessary for a U.S. Holder to make a QEF election if we were treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, although there is no assurance that we will do so. There is no assurance that we have not been previously classified as a PFIC during a U.S. Holder's holding period for our ADSs. Accordingly, U.S. holders may be unable to make a timely QEF election with respect to our ADSs.

U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors to determine whether any of these above elections would be available and if so, what the consequences of the alternative treatments would be in their particular circumstances.

Each U.S. person (as defined in the Code) that is an investor of a PFIC is generally required to file an annual information return on IRS Form 8621 containing such information as the U.S. Treasury Department may require. The failure to file IRS Form 8621 could result in the imposition of penalties and the extension of the statute of limitations with respect to U.S. federal income tax.

The U.S. federal income tax rules relating to PFICs are very complex. U.S. Holders are strongly urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the impact of PFIC status on the ownership and disposition of our ADSs, the consequences to them of an investment in a PFIC, any elections available with respect to the ADSs and the IRS information reporting obligations with respect to the ownership and disposition of ADSs of a PFIC.

Distributions

We do not anticipate declaring or paying dividends to holders of our ADSs in the foreseeable future. However, if we make a distribution contrary to this expectation, subject to the discussion above under "- Passive Foreign Investment Company Consequences," a U.S. Holder that receives a distribution with respect to our ADSs generally will be required to include the gross amount of such distribution in gross income as a dividend when actually or constructively received to the extent of the U.S. Holder's pro rata share of our current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles). To the extent a distribution received by a U.S. Holder is not a dividend because it exceeds the

U.S. Holder's pro rata share of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, it will be treated first as a taxfree return of capital and reduce (but not below zero) the adjusted tax basis of the U.S. Holder's ADSs. To the extent the distribution exceeds the adjusted tax basis of the U.S. Holder's ADSs, the excess will be taxed as capital gain. Because we may not account for our earnings and profits in accordance with U.S. federal income tax principles, U.S. Holders should expect all distributions to them to be treated as dividends. The amount of any dividend income paid in a currency other than the U.S. dollar will be the U.S. dollar amount calculated by reference to the exchange rate in effect on the date of actual or constructive receipt, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars at that time. If the dividend is converted into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt, a U.S. Holder should not be required to recognize foreign currency gain or loss in respect of the dividend income. A U.S. Holder may have foreign currency gain or loss if the dividend is converted into U.S. dollars after the date of receipt.

Distributions on our ADSs that are treated as dividends generally will constitute income from sources outside the United States for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes and generally will constitute passive category income. Subject to certain complex conditions and limitations, Swiss taxes withheld on any distributions on our ADSs at a rate not exceeding the rate provided by the Treaty may be eligible for credit against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability. The rules relating to the determination of the U.S. foreign tax credit are complex, and U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the availability of a foreign tax credit in their particular circumstances and the possibility of claiming a deduction (in lieu of the foreign tax credit) for any foreign taxes paid or withheld.

Dividends paid by a "qualified foreign corporation" are eligible for taxation to non-corporate U.S. Holders at a reduced capital gains rate rather than the marginal tax rates generally applicable to ordinary income provided that certain requirements are met, including holding period and the absence of certain risk reduction transaction requirements. Each U.S. Holder is advised to consult its tax advisors regarding the availability of the reduced tax rate on dividends with regard to its particular circumstances. Prospective investors should be aware, however, that dividends paid by a company that is a PFIC in the taxable year in which the distribution is paid or in the preceding taxable year are not eligible to be taxed at such reduced rate. Distributions on our ADSs that are treated as dividends generally will not be eligible for the "dividends received" deduction generally allowed to corporate shareholders with respect to dividends received from U.S. corporations.

A non-U.S. corporation (other than a corporation that is classified as a PFIC for the taxable year in which the dividend is paid or the preceding taxable year) generally will be considered to be a qualified foreign corporation (a) if it is eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive tax treaty with the United States which the Secretary of Treasury of the United States determines is satisfactory for purposes of this provision and which includes an exchange of information provision, or (b) with respect to any dividend it pays on ADSs that are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States. We believe that we qualify as a resident of Switzerland for purposes of, and are eligible for the benefits of the Treaty, although there can be no assurance in this regard. Further, the IRS has determined that the Treaty is satisfactory for purposes of the qualified dividend rules and that it includes an exchange of information provision. Our ADSs will generally be considered to be readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States if they are listed on Nasdaq Global Select Market, as we intend our ADSs to be. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the availability of the lower rate for dividends paid with respect to our ADSs.

Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Our ADSs

Subject to the discussion above under "- Passive Foreign Investment Company Consequences," a U.S. Holder generally will recognize capital gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the sale, exchange or other disposition of our ADSs in an amount equal to the difference, if any, between the