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**Form F-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**CELLECTIS S.A.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**France**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**Not Applicable**  
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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

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

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered(2)	Proposed maximum aggregate price per unit(2)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(2)	Amount of registration fee(2)(3)
Ordinary Shares, €0.05 nominal value per share(1)				
Preferred shares				
Warrants				
Total				

- Ordinary shares may be in the form of American Depositary Shares, or ADSs. ADSs issuable upon deposit of the ordinary shares registered hereby have been registered pursuant to a separate registration statement on Form F-6 (333-202488). Each ADS represents one ordinary share.
- An indeterminate number of ordinary shares and preferred shares of Collectis S.A. and such indeterminate number of warrants to purchase ordinary shares or preferred shares of one or more series of Collectis S.A., in any combination, are being registered as may from time to time be offered at currently indeterminable prices. The proposed maximum initial offering price per security will be determined from time to time. Any securities registered by this Registration Statement may be sold separately or in combination with other securities registered hereunder. The securities registered also include such indeterminate amounts and numbers of ordinary shares as may be issued upon conversion of, or in exchange for, preferred shares that provide for conversion or exchange, upon exercise of warrants or pursuant to the antidilution provisions of such securities. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, the shares being registered hereunder include such indeterminate number of ordinary shares and preferred shares as may be issuable with respect to the shares being registered hereunder as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- In reliance on Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Collectis S.A. hereby defers payment of the registration fee required in connection with this registration statement.

PROSPECTUS



**Ordinary Shares Preferred Shares Warrants**

We may offer from time to time the securities described in this prospectus, either individually or in any combination, in one or more offerings at prices and on terms that will be determined at the time of the offering.

We may offer and sell these securities on a continuous or delayed basis to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers. For additional information on the methods of sale, you should refer to the section entitled “Plan of Distribution” in this prospectus.

Other than any securities sold in connection with a rights offering, we will only sell securities pursuant to this prospectus for which preferential subscription rights shall have been waived by our shareholders in accordance with French law.

Our ordinary shares will be sold in the form of American Depositary Shares, or ADSs. Each ADS represents one ordinary share. Our ADSs are listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “CLLS”. On May 5, 2016, the last reported sale price of our ADSs was \$26.95 per ADS.

The applicable prospectus supplement will contain information, where applicable, as to any other listing on the Nasdaq Global Market or any other securities market or other exchange with respect to the securities covered by such prospectus supplement. The preferred shares and warrants described in this prospectus have not been approved for listing on any market or exchange, and we have not made any application for such listing.

This prospectus describes the general terms of the securities we may offer and the general manner in which we may offer these securities. We will provide the specific terms of any offering of securities in one or more supplements to this prospectus. Such prospectus supplements may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, together with the documents we incorporate by reference, before you invest. This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless accompanied by the applicable prospectus supplement.

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**Investing in our securities involves risks. See “[Risk Factors](#)”.**

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**Neither the United States Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or the accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is May 6, 2016.

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus relates to the sale of our ordinary shares in the form of ADSs, preferred shares or warrants, either individually or in any combination.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) using a “shelf” registration process. Under the shelf process, we may sell the securities described in this prospectus from time to time in the future in one or more offerings.

This prospectus only provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities described herein, we will provide prospective investors with a supplement to this prospectus that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering, including the specific amounts, prices and terms of the securities offered. The prospectus supplement may also add to, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Accordingly, to the extent inconsistent, information in this prospectus is superseded by the information in any prospectus supplement. You should carefully read both this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, together with the information incorporated by reference and any other offering materials. See “Where You Can Find More Information” and “Incorporation of Information by Reference.”

Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to “Collectis,” “the Company,” “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to Collectis S.A. and its consolidated subsidiaries. All references in this prospectus to “\$,” “US\$,” “U.S.\$,” “U.S. dollars,” “dollars” and “USD” mean U.S. dollars and all references to “€” and “euros,” mean euros, unless otherwise noted.

We have not authorized anyone to provide any information other than that contained in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or in any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us to which we have referred you. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. We take no responsibility for, and provide no assurances as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you.

You should assume that the information in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement, any document incorporated by reference herein or therein, and any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us to which we have referred you is accurate only as of the respective date on the front of the applicable document, regardless of the time of delivery. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

We are not making an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities described herein in any jurisdiction in which an offer or solicitation is not permitted or in which the person making that offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make an offer or solicitation.

**For investors outside the United States: We have not done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the securities described herein and the distribution of this prospectus outside the United States.**

## TRADEMARKS

We own various trademark registrations and applications, and unregistered trademarks and servicemarks, including “Collectis®”, “TALLEN®”, “PulseAgile™” and our corporate logo, and all such trademarks and servicemarks appearing in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement are the property of Collectis. All other trade names, trademarks and servicemarks of other companies appearing in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement are the property of their respective holders. Solely for convenience, the trademarks and trade names in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement may be referred to without the ® and ™ symbols, but such references, or the failure of such symbols to appear, should not be construed as any indication that their respective owners will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, their rights thereto. We do not intend to use or display other companies’ trademarks and trade names to imply a relationship with, or endorsement or sponsorship of us by, any other companies.

## CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement contain and incorporate by reference “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of applicable federal securities laws, including the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than present and historical facts and conditions, including statements regarding our future results of operations and financial position, business strategy, plans and our objectives for future operations, are forward-looking statements. We use words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “can,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “is designed to,” “may,” “might,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “objective,” “should,” or the negative of these and similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are made in light of information currently available to us and represent our current judgment on what the future may hold. However, these statements are not guarantees of any events or financial results, and our actual results may differ materially due to numerous important factors and uncertainties. Many important factors, in addition to the factors described in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, which may adversely affect such forward-looking statements are set forth in Part I, Item 3.D. of our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, as updated by our subsequent Annual Reports on Form 20-F, Current Reports on Form 6-K and the other documents incorporated by reference herein. See “Where You Can Find More Information” and “Incorporation of Information by Reference.” Many of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions are beyond our control, and may cause our actual results and performance to differ materially from our expectations. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement or the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein.

Forward-looking statements apply only as of the date they are made. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date the forward-looking statement is made.

**CELLECTIS S.A.**

We are a pioneering gene-editing company, employing our core proprietary technologies to develop best-in-class products in the emerging field of immuno-oncology. Our product candidates, based on gene-edited T-cells that express chimeric antigen receptors, or CARs, seek to harness the power of the immune system to target and eradicate cancer cells. We believe that CAR-based immunotherapy is one of the most promising areas of cancer research, representing a new paradigm for cancer treatment. We are designing next-generation immunotherapies that are based on gene-edited CAR T-cells. Our gene-editing technologies allow us to create allogeneic CAR T-cells, meaning they are derived from healthy donors rather than the patients themselves. We believe that the production of allogeneic CAR T-cells will allow us to develop cost-effective, off-the-shelf products that are capable of being cryopreserved, stored and distributed worldwide. Our gene-editing expertise also enables us to develop product candidates that feature additional safety and efficacy attributes, including control properties designed to prevent them from attacking healthy tissues, to enable them to tolerate standard oncology treatments, and to equip them to resist mechanisms that inhibit immune-system activity. In addition to our focus on immuno-oncology, we are exploring the use of our gene-editing technologies in other therapeutic applications, as well as to develop healthier food products for a growing population.

Our legal and commercial name is Collectis S.A. We were incorporated as a *société anonyme*, or S.A., under the laws of the French Republic on January 4, 2000 for a period of 99 years. We are registered at the Paris *Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés* under the number 428 859 052. Our principal executive offices are located at 8, rue de la Croix Jarry, 75013 Paris, France, and our telephone number is +33 1 81 69 16 00. Our agent for service of process in the United States is Puglisi & Associates. We also maintain a website at [www.collectis.com](http://www.collectis.com). The reference to our website is an inactive textual reference only and the information contained in, or that can be accessed through, our website is not a part of this prospectus.

## RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before deciding whether to purchase our securities, you should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated by reference from our most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F and the other information contained in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement, as updated by those subsequent filings with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that are incorporated herein by reference. These risks could materially affect our business, results of operations or financial condition and cause the value of our securities to decline, in which case you may lose all or part of your investment. For more information see “Where You Can Find More Information” and “Incorporation of Information by Reference.”

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise set forth in a prospectus supplement, we currently intend to use the net proceeds of any offering of securities for working capital and other general corporate purposes. Accordingly, we will have significant discretion in the use of any net proceeds. We may provide additional information on the use of the net proceeds from the sale of the offered securities in an applicable prospectus supplement relating to the offered securities.

## EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION

The following table sets forth, for each of the periods indicated, the low and high exchange rates for euros expressed in U.S. dollars and the exchange rate at the end of the periods indicated based on the European Central Bank’s reference U.S. Dollar exchange rate for Euro, as published by Banque de France. The exchange rates set forth below are provided for reference only and to demonstrate trends in exchange rates. They should not be relied upon.

	<u>November 2015</u>	<u>December 2015</u>	<u>January 2016</u>	<u>February 2016</u>	<u>March 2016</u>	<u>April 2016</u>
High	1.1032	1.0990	1.0920	1.1347	1.1385	1.1432
Low	1.0579	1.0600	1.0742	1.0884	1.0856	1.1252
Rate at end of period	1.0579	1.0887	1.0920	1.0880	1.1385	1.1403

On May 5, 2016, the European Central Bank’s reference U.S. Dollar exchange rate for the Euro, as published by the Banque de France, was €1.00 = \$1.1439.

**CAPITALIZATION AND INDEBTEDNESS**

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of December 31, 2015. You should read this table together with our financial statements and the related notes thereto incorporated by reference herein and the other financial information incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

	As of December 31, 2015	
	in thousands	
	€	\$(1)
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>314,238</u>	<u>342,111</u>
Non-current financial debt	66	72
Share capital:		
Ordinary shares, €0.05 nominal value: 35,178,614 shares issued and outstanding	1,759	1,915
Premiums related to the share capital	420,682	457,996
Treasury share reserve	(184)	(200)
Currency translation adjustment	(1,631)	(1,776)
Retained earnings	(137,188)	(149,357)
Net income (loss)	(20,544)	(22,366)
Non controlling interests	725	789
Total shareholders' equity	<u>263,619</u>	<u>287,002</u>
Total capitalization	<u>263,685</u>	<u>287,074</u>

(1) Translated only for convenience into U.S. dollars at an exchange rate of €1.00 = \$1.0887, the European Central Bank's daily reference exchange rate on December 31, 2015, as published by Banque de France.



**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND  
PREFERRED SHARE DIVIDENDS**

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred share dividends for each of the periods indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2014	2015
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred share dividends(1)	— (2)	12.48	— (2)

- (1) For each of 2013, 2014 and 2015, we had no preferred shares outstanding. Earnings consists of pre-tax income from continuing operations before adjustment for income or loss from equity investees and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed and capitalized and an estimate of the interest within rental expense.
- (2) Earnings were not sufficient to cover combined fixed charges and preferred share dividends. Earnings for 2013 and 2015 were insufficient to cover combined fixed charges and preferred share dividends by €26.8 million and €20.4 million, respectively.

## DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

The following description of our share capital summarizes certain provisions of our By-laws. Such summaries do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of our By-laws, copies of which have been filed with the SEC. Holders of ADSs will be able to exercise their rights with respect to the ordinary shares underlying the ADSs only in accordance with the terms of the deposit agreement. See “Description of American Depositary Shares” for more information.

### General

As of December 31, 2015, our outstanding share capital consisted of a total of 35,178,614 issued and fully paid ordinary shares, with nominal value €0.05 per share. We have no preferred shares outstanding.

Under French law, our By-laws set forth only our issued and outstanding share capital as of the date of the By-laws. Our fully diluted share capital represents all issued and outstanding shares, as well as all potential shares which may be issued upon exercise of outstanding employee warrants, employee share options and non-employee warrants, as granted by our board of directors.

We are entitled under French law to issue preferred shares but our By-laws do not currently specify specific characteristics or rights attached to any specific category of preferred shares, which would be determined by the extraordinary general meeting convened for such purpose.

### Shareholder Authorizations Regarding Share Capital

At a shareholders’ meeting held on February 16, 2015, our board of directors received the following authorizations from shareholders:

- delegations of authority to increase our share capital by issuing ordinary shares or other securities giving access to our share capital, through rights issues, public offerings and/or private placements for the maximum duration permitted under French law (18 to 26 months depending on the delegations) within a maximum aggregate potential dilution of 44,129,580 shares (of which 5,500,000 have been issued as of May 6, 2016) for which delegations our shareholders waived their preferential subscription rights with respect to all such issuances (except when conducted through rights issues);
- delegations of authority to grant stock options (*options de souscriptions ou d’achat d’actions*), equity warrants (*bons de souscription d’actions*), redeemable equity warrants (*bons de souscription et/ou d’acquisition d’actions remboursables, or BSAAR*), free ordinary shares (*actions gratuites*), and/or free preferred shares convertible into a variable number of our ordinary shares to our employees and executive officers, directors, observers, consultants and advisors for the maximum duration permitted under French law (18 to 38 months depending on the delegations) within a maximum aggregate potential dilution of 7,354,930 shares (of which 7,246,863 have been issued as of May 6, 2016) for which delegations our shareholders waived their preferential subscription rights with respect to all such grants; and
- authorization to buy back up to 10% of our shares at a maximum price of €50.00 per share for a duration of 18 months.

### Key Provisions of Our By-laws and French Law

The description below reflects the terms of our By-laws, and summarizes the material rights of holders of our ordinary shares under French law. Please note that this is only a summary and is not intended to be exhaustive. For further information, please refer to the full version of our By-laws which is included as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. In the event that our By-laws are modified in connection with the establishment of a specific category of preferred shares, the rights of holders of such preferred shares under our By-laws and French law will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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### *Corporate Purpose*

Our corporate purpose, which is set forth in Article 3 of our Bylaws, in France and abroad includes:

- all activities related to genetics and more specifically to genome engineering, in particular, research, development and invention, registration and exploitation of patents and trademarks, sale and marketing, advising and assisting, in all areas, in particular in the agro-food, pharmaceutical, textile and environmental sectors; and
- more generally, all industrial, commercial, financial and civil transactions and transactions involving real estate or movable property relating directly or indirectly to any of the aforementioned corporate purposes or any similar or related purpose.

### *Directors*

*Quorum and Voting.* The board of directors may only deliberate if at least half of the directors attend the applicable meeting in the manner provided for in our By-laws. In particular, French law and the charter of the board allow directors to attend meetings of the board in person or by videoconference or other telecommunications arrangements. In addition, our By-Laws allow a director to grant another director a proxy to represent him or her at a meeting of the board, but no director can hold more than one proxy at any meeting. Decisions of the board are adopted by the majority of the voting rights held by the directors present or represented, it being specified that in case of a vote-split, the Chairman of the board shall have a deciding vote.

*Directors' Voting Powers on Proposal, Arrangement or Contract in which any Director Is Materially Interested.* Under French law, any agreement entered into (directly or through an intermediary) between us and any director that is not entered into (1) in the ordinary course of business and (2) under standard terms and conditions is subject to the prior authorization of the board of directors, excluding the interested director. Further, any agreement with a director entered in the ordinary course of business and under standard terms and conditions shall be communicated by the interested director to the Chairman of the board, unless the agreement is not significant for either party with respect to its purpose or financial implications.

The foregoing requirements also apply to agreements between us and another company if one of our directors is the owner or a general partner, manager, director, general manager or member of the executive or supervisory board of the other company, as well as to agreements in which one of our directors has an indirect interest.

*Decisions Subject to the Prior Approval of the Board of Directors.* Our By-laws provide that none of the decisions listed below (whether they relate to us or to any of our subsidiaries) shall be made without the prior approval of our board acting, upon first notice, by a majority of its members in office and, upon second notice, by a majority of its members, whether they are present or represented by proxy:

- approval and modification to the business plan and budget;
- any decision pertaining to the recruitment, dismissal/removal, or increase of the compensation of executives and corporate officers;
- any material decision relating to a material litigation in which we or any of our subsidiaries may have to pay an amount exceeding €2,000,000;
- any decision relating to the opening of a social or restructuring plan or pre-insolvency proceedings;
- dual listing of the company on a stock market located outside of France;
- any repurchase of our own shares;
- any new borrowings or debts exceeding €1,000,000 and early repayment of loans, if any;
- grants of any pledges on securities exceeding €1,000,000;

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- offshore or relocate activities;
- development of new activities and businesses not described in the budget; and
- entry into any material agreement or partnership.

Our By-laws provide further that none of the strategic decisions listed below (whether they relate to us or to any of our subsidiaries) shall be made without the prior review and approval of our board of directors acting, upon first notice, by two-thirds majority of its members in office and, upon second notice, by a majority of its members, whether they are present or represented by proxy:

- any modification to our main business or to the main business of any of our subsidiaries;
- any modification to the rules relating to the composition of our board and to the voting conditions of our board;
- any modification to our share capital or to the share capital of any of our subsidiaries (e.g. share capital increase or decrease of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries, distributions or initial public offering, merger, spin-off, liquidation, winding up or carve-out transactions);
- any external growth transactions including, acquisitions, disposals or joint-ventures, exceeding €4,000,000;
- any investment and disposition decisions exceeding €2,000,000 per project;
- any related-party agreement and any agreement or transaction between the executives or shareholders of the Company, on the one hand, and the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the other hand;
- any modification to this list of important decisions, and
- convening a shareholders' meeting and requesting the insertion of a resolution on the agenda of the said shareholders' meeting.

*Directors' Compensation.* The aggregate amount of attendance fees (*jetons de présence*) of the board of directors is determined at the shareholders' annual ordinary general meeting. The board then divides this aggregate amount among some or all of its members by a simple majority vote. In addition, the board may grant exceptional compensation (*rémunérations exceptionnelles*) to individual directors on a case-by-case basis for special and temporary assignments. The board may also authorize the reimbursement of reasonable travel and accommodation expenses, as well as other expenses incurred by directors in the corporate interest.

*Board of Directors' Borrowing Powers.* There are currently no limits imposed by our By-laws on the amounts of loans or borrowings that the board may approve.

*Directors' Age Limits.* The number of directors who are more than seventy (70) years old may not exceed one third of the directors in office.

*Employee Director Limits.* The number of directors who are also party to employment contracts with the Company may not exceed one third of the directors in office.

*Directors' Share Ownership Requirements.* None.

### *Rights, Preferences and Restrictions Attaching to Ordinary Shares*

*Dividends.* We may only distribute dividends out of our "*distributable profits*," plus any amounts held in our reserves that the shareholders decide to make available for distribution, other than those reserves that are specifically required to be maintained by law. "*Distributable profits*" consist of our unconsolidated net profit in each fiscal year, as increased or reduced by any profit or loss carried forward from prior years, less any contributions to the reserve accounts pursuant to French law (see below under "*—Legal Reserve*").

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*Legal Reserve.* Pursuant to French law, we must allocate 5% of our unconsolidated net profit for each year to our legal reserve fund before dividends may be paid with respect to that year. Such allocation is compulsory until the amount in the legal reserve is equal to 10% of the aggregate par value of our issued and outstanding share capital. This restriction on the payment of dividends also applies to our French subsidiaries on an unconsolidated basis.

*Approval of Dividends.* Pursuant to French law, our board of directors may propose a dividend and/or reserve distribution for approval by the shareholders at the annual ordinary general meeting.

Upon recommendation of our board of directors, our shareholders may decide to allocate all or part of any distributable profits to special or general reserves, to carry them forward to the next fiscal year as retained earnings or to allocate them to the shareholders as dividends. However, dividends may not be distributed when as a result of such distribution our net assets are or would become lower than the amount of the share capital plus the amount of the legal reserves which, under French law, may not be distributed to shareholders (the amount of our share capital plus the amount of our legal and other reserves which may not be distributed was equal to €1.8 million on December 31, 2015).

Our board of directors may distribute interim dividends after the end of the fiscal year but before the approval of the financial statements for the relevant fiscal year when the interim balance sheet, established during such year and certified by an auditor, reflects that we have earned distributable profits since the close of the last financial year, after recognizing the necessary depreciation and provisions and after deducting prior losses, if any, and the sums to be allocated to reserves, as required by law or the By-laws, and including any retained earnings. The amount of such interim dividends may not exceed the amount of the profit so defined.

If a dividend is declared we may be required to pay a dividend tax in an amount equal to 3% of the aggregate dividend paid by us.

*Distribution of Dividends.* Dividends are distributed to shareholders proportionally to their shareholding interests. In the case of interim dividends, distributions are made to shareholders on the date set by our board of directors during the meeting in which the distribution of interim dividends is approved. The actual dividend payment date is decided by the shareholders at an ordinary general shareholders' meeting or by our board in the absence of such a decision by the shareholders. Shareholders that own shares on the actual payment date are entitled to the dividend.

Dividends may be paid in cash or, if the shareholders' meeting so decides, in kind, provided that all the shareholders receive a whole number of assets of the same nature paid in lieu of cash. Our By-laws provide that, subject to a decision of the shareholders' meeting taken by ordinary resolution, each shareholder may be given the choice to receive his dividend in cash or in shares.

*Timing of Payment.* Pursuant to French law, dividends must be paid within a maximum period of nine months following the end of the relevant fiscal year. An extension of such timeframe may be granted by court order. Dividends that are not claimed within a period of five years after the payment date will be deemed to expire and revert to the French government.

*Voting Rights.* Each of our ordinary shares entitles its holder to vote and be represented in the shareholders' meetings in accordance with the provisions of French law and of our By-laws. The ownership of a share implies the acceptance of our By-laws and any decision of our shareholders.

In general, each shareholder is entitled to one vote per share at any general shareholders' meeting. However, our By-Laws provide that all shares held in registered form (*actions nominatives*) for more than two years will be granted double voting rights.

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Under French law, treasury shares or shares held by entities controlled by us are not entitled to voting rights and are not taken into account for purposes of quorum calculation.

Our By-laws provide that members of our board of directors are elected for a tenure of three years.

*Rights to Share in Our Profit.* Under French law each ordinary share entitles its holder to a portion of the corporate profits and assets proportional to the amount of share capital represented thereby.

*Rights to Share in the Surplus in the Event of Liquidation.* If we are liquidated, any assets remaining after payment of our debts, liquidation expenses and all of our remaining obligations will first be used to repay in full the par value of our outstanding shares. Any surplus will then be distributed among shareholders proportionally to their shareholding in our company.

*Repurchase and Redemption of Shares.* Under French law, we may acquire our own shares for the following purposes only:

- to decrease our share capital, provided that such decision is not driven by losses and that a purchase offer is made to all shareholders on a *pro rata* basis, with the approval of the shareholders at the extraordinary general meeting deciding the capital reduction; in this case, the shares repurchased must be cancelled within one month from their repurchase date;
- to provide shares for distribution to employees or managers under a profit-sharing, free share or share option plan; in this case the shares repurchased must be distributed within 12 months from their repurchase failing which they must be cancelled; or
- under a buy-back program to be authorized by the shareholders in accordance with the provisions of Article L. 225-209 of the French Commercial Code and with the general regulations of the *Autorité des marchés financiers*, or AMF.

No such repurchase of shares may result in us holding, directly or through a person acting on our behalf, more than 10% of our issued share capital. Shares repurchased by us continue to be deemed “issued” under French law but are not entitled to dividends or voting rights so long as we hold them directly or indirectly, and we may not exercise the preemptive rights attached to them.

*Sinking Fund Provisions.* Our By-laws do not provide for any sinking fund provisions.

*Liability to Further Capital Calls.* Shareholders are liable for corporate liabilities only up to the par value of the shares they hold; they are not liable to further capital calls.

*Requirements for Holdings Exceeding Certain Percentages.* There are no such requirements, except as described under the section of this prospectus titled “—Form, Holding and Transfer of Shares—Ownership of Shares by Non-French Persons.”

### *Actions Necessary to Modify Shareholders’ Rights*

Shareholders’ rights may be modified as allowed by French law. Only the extraordinary shareholders’ meeting is authorized to amend any and all provisions of our By-laws. It may not, however, increase any of the shareholders’ commitments without the prior approval of each shareholder.

### *Special Voting Rights of Warrant Holders*

Under French law, the holders of warrants of the same class (i.e., warrants that were issued at the same time and with the same rights), including founders’ warrants, are entitled to vote as a separate class at a general meeting of that class of warrant holders under certain circumstances, principally in connection with any proposed modification of the terms and conditions of the class of warrants or any proposed issuance of preferred shares or any modification of the rights of any outstanding class or series of preferred shares.

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### *Rules for Admission to and Calling Annual Shareholders' Meetings and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings*

*Access to, Participation in and Voting Rights at Shareholders' Meetings.* The right to participate in a shareholders' meeting is granted to all the shareholders whose shares are fully paid up and for whom a right to attend shareholders' meetings has been established by registration of their shares in the names or names of the authorized intermediary acting on their behalf on the second business day prior to the shareholders' meeting at midnight (Paris time), either in the registered shares accounts held by the Company or in the bearer shares accounts held by the authorized intermediary.

Each shareholder may attend the meetings and vote (1) in person, or (2) by granting a proxy to any individual or legal entity, or (3) by sending a proxy to us without indication of the beneficiary (in which case such proxy shall be cast in favor of the resolutions supported by the board of directors), or (4) by correspondence, or (5) by videoconference or another means of telecommunication organized by the board and allowing identification of the relevant shareholder in accordance with applicable laws.

Shareholders may, in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements, send their vote or proxy, either by hard copy or via telecommunications means. Such vote or proxy must be received (1) at least three days prior to the meeting, in the case of hard copies, (2) by 3:00 p.m. (Paris time) on the day before the meeting, in the case of, electronic votes by email, (3) by the date of the meeting, in the case of a proxy granted to a designated person, and (4) by 3:00 p.m. (Paris time) on the day before the meeting, in the case of proxies without a designated attorney and therefore granted to the chairman of the meeting.

Shareholders sending their vote within the applicable time limit, using the form provided to them by us for this purpose, are deemed present or represented at the shareholders' meeting for purposes of quorum and majority calculation.

*Notice of Annual Shareholders' Meetings.* Shareholders' meetings are convened by our board of directors, or, failing that, by our statutory auditors, or by a court appointed agent or liquidator in certain circumstances, or by the majority shareholder in capital or voting rights following a public tender offer or exchange offer or the transfer of a controlling block on the date decided by the board of directors or the relevant person. Meetings are held at our registered offices or at any other location indicated in the convening notice. A meeting notice (*avis de réunion*) is published in the French Journal of Mandatory Statutory Notices (BALO) at least 35 days prior to the date of the shareholders' meeting and made available on the website of the company at least 21 days prior to the date of the shareholders' meeting.

Additionally, a convening notice (*avis de convocation*) is published at least fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting in a legal gazette of the department in which the registered office of the company is located and in the French Journal of Mandatory Statutory Notices (BALO). Further, shareholders having held registered shares (*actions nominatives*) for at least one month at the time of the convening notice must be convened individually, by regular letter (or by registered letter if requested by the relevant shareholder) sent to their last known address.

When the shareholders' meeting cannot deliberate due to the lack of the required quorum, the second meeting must be called at least ten days in advance in the same manner as used for the first notice.

*Agenda and Conduct of Annual Shareholders' Meetings.* The agenda of the shareholders' meeting shall appear in the notice to convene the meeting. The shareholders' meeting may only deliberate on the items on the agenda except for the removal of directors and the appointment of their successors, which may be put to vote by any shareholder during any shareholders' meeting. One or more shareholders representing the percentage of share capital required by French law (currently 5%), and acting in accordance with legal requirements and within applicable time limits, may request the inclusion of items or proposed resolutions on the agenda.

Shareholders' meetings shall be chaired by the Chairman of the board of directors or, in his or her absence, by a director appointed for this purpose by the board; failing which, the meeting itself shall elect a Chairman.

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Vote counting shall be performed by the two members of the meeting who are present and accept such duties, who represent, either on their own behalf or as proxies, the greatest number of votes.

*Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting.* Ordinary shareholders' meetings are those meetings called to make any and all decisions that do not result in a modification of our By-laws. An ordinary shareholders' meeting shall be convened at least once a year within six months of the end of each fiscal year in order to approve the annual and consolidated accounts for the relevant fiscal year or, in case of postponement, within the period established by court order. Upon first notice, the meeting may validly deliberate only if the shareholders present or represented by proxy or voting by mail represent at least one-fifth of the shares entitled to vote. Upon second notice, no quorum is required. Decisions are made by a majority of the votes held by the shareholders present, represented by proxy, or voting by mail. Abstentions will have the same effect as a "no" vote.

*Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting.* Only an extraordinary shareholders' meeting is authorized to amend our By-laws. It may not, however, increase shareholders' commitments without the approval of each shareholder. Subject to the legal provisions governing share capital increases from reserves, profits or share premiums, the resolutions of the extraordinary meeting shall be valid only if the shareholders present, represented by proxy or voting by mail represent at least one-fourth of all shares entitled to vote upon first notice, or one-fifth upon second notice. If the latter quorum is not reached, the second meeting may be postponed to a date no later than two months after the date for which it was initially called. Decisions are made by a two-thirds majority vote of the shareholders present, represented by proxy, or voting by mail. Abstentions will have the same effect as a "no" vote.

In addition to the right to obtain certain information regarding us at any time, any shareholder may, from the date on which a shareholders' meeting is convened until the fourth business day preceding the date of the shareholders' meeting, submit written questions relating to the agenda for the meeting to our board of directors. Our board is required to respond to these questions during the meeting.

### *Provisions Having the Effect of Delaying, Deferring or Preventing a Change in Control of the Company*

Provisions contained in our By-laws and the corporate laws of France, the country in which we are incorporated, could make it more difficult for a third-party to acquire us, even if doing so might be beneficial to our shareholders. These provisions include the following:

- a merger (i.e., in a French law context, a stock for stock exchange following which our company would be dissolved without being liquidated into the acquiring entity and our shareholders would become shareholders of the acquiring entity) of our company into a company incorporated in the EU would require the approval of our board of directors as well as a two thirds majority of the votes held by the shareholders present, represented by proxy or voting by mail at the relevant meeting;
- a merger of our company into a company incorporated outside of the EU would require the unanimous approval of our shareholders;
- under French law, a cash merger is treated as a share purchase and would require the consent of each participating shareholder;
- our shareholders have granted and may grant in the future our board of directors broad authorizations to increase our share capital or to issue additional ordinary shares or other securities (for example, warrants) to our shareholders, the public or qualified investors, including as a possible defense following the launching of a tender offer for our shares;
- our shareholders have preferential subscription rights proportionally to their shareholding in our company on the issuance by us of any additional securities as part of a cash capital increase or a capital increase by way of debt set-off. Such rights may only be waived by the extraordinary general meeting (by a two thirds majority vote) of our shareholders or on an individual basis by each shareholder;



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- our board of directors has the right to appoint directors to fill a vacancy created by the resignation or death of a director, subject to the approval by the shareholders of such appointment at the next shareholders' meeting, which prevents shareholders from having the sole right to fill vacancies on our board;
- our board of directors can only be convened by its chairman or, when no board meeting has been held for more than two consecutive months, by directors representing at least one third of the total number of directors;
- our board of directors' meetings can only be regularly held if at least half of the directors attend either physically or by way of videoconference or teleconference enabling the directors' identification and ensuring their effective participation in the board's decisions;
- under French law, a non-resident of France may have to file an administrative notice with French authorities in connection with a direct or indirect investment in us, as defined by administrative rulings—see the section of this prospectus titled “Limitations Affecting Shareholders of a French Company”;
- approval of at least a majority of the votes held by shareholders present, represented by a proxy, or voting by mail at the relevant ordinary shareholders' meeting is required to remove directors with or without cause;
- advance notice is required for nominations to the board of directors or for proposing matters to be acted upon at a shareholders' meeting, except that a vote to remove and replace a director can be proposed at any shareholders' meeting without notice;
- in the event where certain ownership thresholds would be crossed, a number of disclosures should be made by the relevant shareholder; see the section of this prospectus titled “—Declaration of Crossing of Ownership Thresholds”;
- French insider trading rules must be complied with; and
- pursuant to French law, the sections of the By-laws relating to the number of directors and election and removal of a director from office may only be modified by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of our shareholders present, represented by a proxy or voting by mail at the meeting.

### *Declaration of Crossing of Ownership Thresholds*

Subject to requirements of French law, our By-laws do not require any specified disclosure by shareholders that cross ownership thresholds with respect to our share capital, except as described under the section of this prospectus titled “—Form, Holding and Transfer of Shares—Ownership of Shares by Non-French Persons.”

The absence of specific requirement in our By-laws is without prejudice to the following disclosures which are applicable to us according to French legal and regulatory provisions, it being provided that the following is a summary which is therefore not intended to be a complete description of applicable rules under French law:

- Shareholders must make a declaration to us no later than the fourth trading day after such shareholder crosses the following thresholds: 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, 30%, 33.33%, 50%, 66.66%, 90% and 95%.
- Shareholders must make a declaration to the AMF no later than the fourth trading day after such shareholder crosses the following thresholds: 50% and 95%.
- Subject to certain exemptions, any shareholder crossing, alone or acting in concert, the 50% threshold shall file a mandatory public tender offer.

### *Changes in Share Capital*

*Increases in Share Capital.* Pursuant to French law, our share capital may be increased only with shareholders' approval at an extraordinary general shareholders' meeting following the recommendation of our board of directors. The shareholders may delegate to our board either the authority (*délégation de compétence*) or the power (*délégation de pouvoir*) to carry out any increase in share capital.

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Increases in our share capital may be effected by:

- issuing additional shares;
- increasing the par value of existing shares;
- creating a new class of equity securities; and
- exercising the rights attached to securities giving access to the share capital.

Increases in share capital by issuing additional securities may be effected through one or a combination of the following:

- issuances in consideration for cash;
- issuances in consideration for assets contributed in kind;
- issuances through an exchange offer;
- issuances by conversion of previously issued debt instruments;
- issuances by capitalization of profits, reserves or share premium; and
- subject to certain conditions, issuances by way of offset against debt incurred by us.

Decisions to increase the share capital through the capitalization of reserves, profits and/or share premium require shareholders' approval at an extraordinary general shareholders' meeting, acting under the quorum and majority requirements applicable to ordinary shareholders' meetings. Increases in share capital effected by an increase in the par value of shares require unanimous approval of the shareholders, unless effected by capitalization of reserves, profits or share premium. All other capital increases require shareholders' approval at an extraordinary general shareholders' meeting acting under the regular quorum and majority requirements for such meetings.

*Reduction in Share Capital.* Pursuant to French law, any reduction in our share capital requires shareholders' approval at an extraordinary general shareholders' meeting following the recommendation of our board of directors. The share capital may be reduced either by decreasing the par value of the outstanding shares or by reducing the number of outstanding shares. The number of outstanding shares may be reduced by the repurchase and cancellation of shares. Holders of each class of shares must be treated equally unless each affected shareholder agrees otherwise.

*Preferential Subscription Right.* According to French law, if we issue additional securities for cash, current shareholders will have preferential subscription rights to these securities on a *pro rata* basis. Preferential subscription rights entitle the individual or entity that holds them to subscribe proportionally to the number of shares held by them to the issuance of any securities increasing, or that may result in an increase of, our share capital by means of a cash payment or a set-off of cash debts. The preferential subscription rights are transferable during the subscription period relating to a particular offering.

The preferential subscription rights with respect to any particular offering may be waived at an extraordinary general meeting by a two thirds vote of our shareholders or individually by each shareholder. Our board of directors and our independent auditors are required by French law to present reports to the shareholders' meeting that specifically address any proposal to waive the preferential subscription rights.

In the future, to the extent permitted under French law, we may seek shareholder approval to waive preferential subscription rights at an extraordinary general shareholders' meeting in order to authorize the board of directors to issue additional shares and/or other securities convertible or exchangeable into shares.

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### *Form, Holding and Transfer of Shares*

*Form of Shares.* Pursuant to our By-laws, shares may be held in registered or bearer form, at each shareholder's discretion.

Further, in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory provisions, we may request at any time from the authorized intermediary responsible for holding our shares the name or, in the case of a legal entity, the corporate name, nationality and address of holders of securities, giving immediate or future access to voting rights at our shareholders' meetings, the number of securities they own and, where applicable, the restrictions attaching to such securities.

*Holding of Shares.* In accordance with French law concerning the "dematerialization" of securities, the ownership rights of shareholders are represented by book entries instead of share certificates. Shares are registered in individual accounts opened by us or any authorized intermediary, in the name of each shareholder and kept according to applicable legal and regulatory provisions.

*Ownership of Shares by Non-French Persons.* Neither French law nor our By-laws limit the right of non-residents of France or non-French persons to own or, where applicable, to vote our securities. However, non-residents of France must file an administrative notice with the French authorities in connection with certain direct or indirect investments in us, including through ownership of ADSs, on the date a binding purchase agreement is executed or a tender offer is made public. Under existing administrative rulings the following transactions qualify as foreign investments in us that require the filing of an administrative notice:

- any transaction carried out on our capital by a non-French resident provided that after the transaction the cumulative amount of the capital or the voting rights held by non-French residents exceeds 33.33% of our capital or voting rights;
- any transaction mentioned in the preceding bullet carried out by a corporation incorporated under French law whose capital or voting rights are held for more than 33.33% by non-French residents;
- any transaction carried out abroad resulting in a change of the controlling shareholder of a corporation incorporated under a foreign (non-French) law that holds a shareholding or voting rights in us if our capital or voting rights are held for more than 33.33% by non-French residents;
- loans and significant guarantees granted by a corporation incorporated under foreign (non-French) laws to us in amounts evidencing control over our financing; and
- patent licenses granted by a corporation incorporated under foreign (non-French) laws or management or technical assistance agreements with such corporation that place us in a dependent position vis-à-vis such party or its group.

Moreover, certain foreign investments in companies incorporated under French laws are subject to the prior authorization from the French Minister of the Economy, where all or part of the target's business and activity relate to a strategic sector, such as energy, transportation, public health, telecommunications, etc.

*Assignment and Transfer of Shares.* Shares are freely negotiable, subject to applicable legal and regulatory provisions (including, in particular, the prohibition of insider trading).

### **Listing**

Our ADSs have been listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "CLLS" and our ordinary shares have been listed on the Alternext market of Euronext in Paris under the symbol "ALCLS".

### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our ADSs is Citibank, N.A. The transfer agent and registrar for our ordinary shares is Société Générale Securities Services.

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### Differences in Corporate Law

The laws applicable to French *sociétés anonymes* differ from laws applicable to U.S. corporations and their shareholders. Set forth below is a summary of certain differences between the provisions of the French Commercial Code applicable to us and the Delaware General Corporation Law relating to shareholders' rights and protections. This summary is not intended to be a complete discussion of the respective rights and it is qualified in its entirety by reference to Delaware law and French law.

	<u>France</u>	<u>Delaware</u>
<b>Number of Directors</b>	Under French law, a <i>société anonyme</i> must have at least three and may have up to 18 directors. The number of directors is fixed by or in the manner provided in the by-laws.	Under Delaware law, a corporation must have at least one director and the number of directors shall be fixed by or in the manner provided in the by-laws.
<b>Director Qualifications</b>	Under French law, a corporation may prescribe qualifications for directors under its by-laws. In addition, under French law, members of a board of directors of a corporation may be legal entities, and such legal entities may designate an individual to represent them and to act on their behalf at meetings of the board of directors.	Under Delaware law, a corporation may prescribe qualifications for directors under its certificate of incorporation or by-laws. Under Delaware law, only individuals may be members of a corporation's board of directors.
<b>Removal of Directors</b>	Under French law, directors may be removed from office, with or without cause, at any shareholders' meeting without notice or justification, by a simple majority vote.	Under Delaware law, directors may be removed from office, with or without cause, by a majority stockholder vote, except (1) unless otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation, in the case of a corporation whose board is classified, stockholders may effect such removal only for cause, or (2) in the case of a company that has cumulative voting, if less than the entire board is to be removed, no director may be removed without cause if the votes cast against such director's removal would be sufficient to elect such director if then cumulatively voted at an election of the entire board of directors, or, if there are classes of directors, at an election of the class of directors of which such director is a part.
<b>Vacancies on the Board of Directors</b>	Under French law, vacancies on the board of directors resulting from death or a resignation, provided that at least three directors remain in office, may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors pending ratification by the next shareholders' meeting.	Under Delaware law, vacancies on a corporation's board of directors, including those caused by an increase in the number of directors, may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, provided that the court may order an annual meeting upon the application of a director or stockholder if a corporation has not held a meeting within 13 months after the latest of the company's

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**Annual General Meeting**

Under French law, the annual general meeting of shareholders shall be held at such place, on such date and at such time as decided each year by the board of directors and notified to the shareholders in the convening notice of the annual meeting, within six months after the close of the relevant fiscal year unless such period is extended by court order.

organization, the last annual meeting or the last action by written consent to elect directors.

Under Delaware law, the annual meeting of stockholders shall be held at such place, on such date and at such time as may be designated from time to time by the board of directors or as provided in the certificate of incorporation or by the by-laws.

**General Meeting**

Under French law, general meetings of the shareholders may be called by the board of directors or, failing that, by the statutory auditors, or by a court appointed agent or liquidator in certain circumstances, or by the majority shareholder in capital or voting rights following a public tender offer or exchange offer or the transfer of a controlling block on the date decided by the board of directors or the relevant person.

Under Delaware law, special meetings of the stockholders may be called by the board of directors or by such person or persons as may be authorized by the certificate of incorporation or by the by-laws.

**Notice of General Meetings**

A meeting notice (*avis de réunion*) is published in the French Journal of Mandatory Statutory Notices (BALO) at least 35 days prior to the date of the shareholders' meeting and made available on the website of the company at least 21 days prior to the date of the shareholders' meeting. Additionally, a convening notice (*avis de convocation*) is published at least fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting in a legal gazette of the department in which the registered office of the company is located and in the French Journal of Mandatory Statutory Notices (BALO). Further, shareholders having held registered shares (*actions nominatives*) for at least one month at the time of the convening notice must be convened individually, by regular letter (or by registered letter if requested by the relevant shareholder) sent to their last known address.

Under Delaware law, unless otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation or by-laws, written notice of any meeting of the stockholders must be given to each stockholder entitled to vote at the meeting not less than 10 nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting and shall specify the place, date, hour, and purpose or purposes of the meeting.

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	France	Delaware
<b>Proxy</b>	<p>The meeting notice must indicate the conditions under which the shareholders may vote by correspondence and the places and conditions in which they can obtain voting forms by mail.</p> <p>Each shareholder may attend the meetings and vote (1) in person, or (2) by granting proxy to any individual or legal entity, or (3) by sending a proxy to us without indication of the beneficiary (in which case such proxy shall be cast in favor of the resolutions supported by the board of directors), or (4) by correspondence, or (5) by videoconference or another means of telecommunication allowing identification of the relevant shareholder in accordance with applicable laws. The proxy is only valid for a single meeting or successive meetings convened with the same agenda. It can also be granted for two meetings, one ordinary, the other extraordinary, held within a period of fifteen days.</p>	<p>Under Delaware law, at any meeting of stockholders, a stockholder may designate another person to act for such stockholder by proxy, but no such proxy shall be voted or acted upon after three years from its date, unless the proxy provides for a longer period.</p>
<b>Shareholder action by written consent</b>	<p>Under French law, shareholders' action by written consent is not permitted in a <i>société anonyme</i>.</p>	<p>Under Delaware law, unless otherwise provided in a corporation's certificate of incorporation, stockholders may act by written consent signed by stockholders having the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting.</p>
<b>Preemptive Rights</b>	<p>Under French law, in case of issuance of additional shares or other securities for cash or set-off against cash debts, the existing shareholders have preferential subscription rights to these securities on a <i>pro rata</i> basis unless such rights are waived by a two-thirds majority of the votes held by the shareholders present, represented by proxy or voting by mail at the extraordinary meeting deciding or authorizing the capital increase. In case such rights are not waived by the extraordinary general meeting, each shareholder may individually either exercise, assign or not exercise its preferential rights.</p>	<p>Under Delaware law, unless otherwise provided in a corporation's certificate of incorporation, a stockholder does not, by operation of law, possess preemptive rights to subscribe to additional issuances of the corporation's stock.</p>

**Sources of Dividends**

France

Under French law, dividends may only be paid by a French *société anonyme* out of “*distributable profits*,” plus any distributable reserves and “*distributable premium*” that the shareholders decide to make available for distribution, other than those reserves that are specifically required by law.

“*Distributable profits*” consist of the unconsolidated net profits of the relevant corporation for each fiscal year, as increased or reduced by any profit or loss carried forward from prior years.

“*Distributable premium*” refers to the contribution paid by the shareholders in addition to the par value of their shares for their subscription that the shareholders decide to make available for distribution.

Except in the case of a share capital reduction, no distribution can be made to the shareholders when the net equity is, or would become, lower than the amount of the share capital plus the reserves which cannot be distributed in accordance with the law or the by-laws.

Under French law, a corporation may acquire its own shares for the following purposes only:

- to decrease its share capital, provided that such decision is not driven by losses and that a purchase offer is made to all shareholders on a *pro rata* basis, with the approval of the shareholders at the extraordinary general meeting deciding the capital reduction;
- with a view to distributing within one year of their repurchase the relevant shares to employees or managers under a profit-sharing, free share or share option plan; or
- under a buy-back program to be authorized by the shareholders in accordance with the provisions

Delaware

Under Delaware law, subject to any restrictions under a corporation’s certificate of incorporation, dividends may be paid by a Delaware corporation either out of (1) surplus or (2) in case there is no surplus, out of its net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and/or the preceding fiscal year, except when the capital is diminished by depreciation in the value of its property, or by losses, or otherwise, to an amount less than the aggregate amount of capital represented by issued and outstanding stock having a preference on the distribution of assets.

Under Delaware law, a corporation may generally redeem or repurchase shares of its stock unless the capital of the corporation is impaired or such redemption or repurchase would impair the capital of the corporation.

**Repurchase of Shares**

	<u>France</u>	<u>Delaware</u>
<b>Liability of Directors and Officers</b>	<p>of Article L. 225-209 of the French Commercial Code and with the general regulations of the AMF.</p> <p>No such repurchase of shares may result in the company holding, directly or through a person acting on its behalf, more than 10% of its issued share capital.</p> <p>Under French law, the By-laws may not include any provisions limiting the liability of directors.</p>	<p>Under Delaware law, a corporation's certificate of incorporation may generally include a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation and its stockholders for damages arising from a breach of fiduciary duty as a director. However, no provision can limit the liability of a director for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders;</li><li>• acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;</li><li>• intentional or negligent payment of unlawful dividends or stock purchases or redemptions; or</li><li>• any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.</li></ul>
<b>Voting Rights</b>	<p>French law provides that, unless otherwise provided in the by-laws, each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share of capital stock held by such shareholder.</p>	<p>Delaware law provides that, unless otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation, each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of capital stock held by such stockholder.</p>
<b>Shareholder Vote on Certain Transactions</b>	<p>Generally, under French law, completion of a merger, dissolution, sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of a corporation's assets requires: approval by a two-thirds majority of the votes held by the shareholders present, represented by proxy or voting by mail at the relevant meeting, or in the case of a merger with a non-EU company, approval of all the shareholders of the corporation.</p>	<p>Generally, under Delaware law, unless the certificate of incorporation provides for the vote of a larger portion of the stock or under other certain circumstances, completion of a merger, consolidation, sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of a corporation's assets or dissolution requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the approval of the board of directors; and</li><li>• approval by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding</li></ul>



	<u>France</u>	<u>Delaware</u>
<b>Dissent or Dissenters' Appraisal Rights</b>	<p>French law does not provide for any such right but provides that a merger is subject to shareholders' approval by a two-thirds majority vote as stated above.</p>	<p>stock or, if the certificate of incorporation provides for more or less than one vote per share, a majority of the votes of the outstanding stock of a corporation entitled to vote on the matter.</p> <p>Under Delaware law, a holder of shares of any class or series has the right, in specified circumstances, to dissent from a merger or consolidation by demanding payment in cash for the stockholder's shares equal to the fair value of those shares, as determined by the Delaware Chancery Court in an action timely brought by the corporation or a dissenting stockholder. Delaware law grants these appraisal rights only in the case of mergers or consolidations and not in the case of a sale or transfer of assets or a purchase of assets for stock. Further, no appraisal rights are available for shares of any class or series that is listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 stockholders, unless the agreement of merger or consolidation requires the holders to accept for their shares anything other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• shares of stock of the surviving corporation;</li><li>• shares of stock of another corporation that are either listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 stockholders;</li><li>• cash in lieu of fractional shares of the stock described in the two preceding bullet points; or</li><li>• any combination of the above.</li></ul> <p>In addition, appraisal rights are not available to holders of shares of the surviving corporation in specified mergers that do not require the vote of the stockholders of the surviving corporation.</p>
<b>Standard of Conduct for Directors</b>	<p>French law does not contain specific provisions setting forth the standard of conduct of a director. However, directors have a duty to act without self-interest, on a well-informed basis</p>	<p>Delaware law does not contain specific provisions setting forth the standard of conduct of a director. The scope of the fiduciary duties of directors is generally determined by the courts of the State of</p>

France

and they cannot make any decision against a corporation's corporate interest (*intérêt social*).

**Shareholder Suits**

French law provides that a shareholder, or a group of shareholders, may initiate a legal action to seek indemnification from the directors of a corporation in the corporation's interest if it fails to bring such legal action itself. If so, any damages awarded by the court are paid to the corporation and any legal fees relating to such action are borne by the relevant shareholder or the group of shareholders. The plaintiff must remain a shareholder throughout the duration of the legal action. There is no other case where shareholders may initiate a derivative action to enforce a right of a corporation. A shareholder may alternatively or cumulatively bring an individual legal action against the directors, provided he has suffered distinct damages from those suffered by the corporation. In this case, any damages awarded by the court are paid to the relevant shareholder.

**Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation**

Unlike companies incorporated under Delaware law, the organizational documents of which comprise both a certificate of incorporation and by-laws, companies incorporated under French law only have by-laws (*statuts*) as organizational documents. As indicated in the paragraph below, only the extraordinary shareholders' meeting is authorized to adopt or amend the by-laws under French law.

**Amendment of By-laws**

Under French law, only the extraordinary shareholders' meeting is authorized to adopt or amend the by-laws.

Delaware

Delaware. In general, directors have a duty to act without self-interest, on a well-informed basis and in a manner they reasonably believe to be in the best interest of the stockholders.

Under Delaware law, a stockholder may initiate a derivative action to enforce a right of a corporation if the corporation fails to enforce the right itself. The complaint must: state that the plaintiff was a stockholder at the time of the transaction of which the plaintiff complains or that the plaintiff's shares thereafter devolved on the plaintiff by operation of law; and allege with particularity the efforts made by the plaintiff to obtain the action the plaintiff desires from the directors and the reasons for the plaintiff's failure to obtain the action; or state the reasons for not making the effort. Additionally, the plaintiff must remain a stockholder through the duration of the derivative suit. The action will not be dismissed or compromised without the approval of the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Under Delaware law, generally a corporation may amend its certificate of incorporation if: its board of directors has adopted a resolution setting forth the amendment proposed and declared its advisability, and the amendment is adopted by the affirmative votes of a majority (or greater percentage as may be specified by the corporation) of the outstanding shares entitled to vote on the amendment and a majority (or greater percentage as may be specified by the corporation) of the outstanding shares of each class or series of stock, if any, entitled to vote on the amendment as a class or series.

Under Delaware law, the stockholders entitled to vote have the power to adopt, amend or repeal by-laws. A corporation may also confer, in its certificate of incorporation, that power upon the board of directors.

## DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED SHARES

The particular terms of each issue or series of preferred shares will be described in the related prospectus supplement. This description will include, where applicable, a description of:

- the title and nominal value of the preferred shares;
- the number of preferred shares we are offering;
- the liquidation preference per preferred share, if any;
- the issue price per preferred share (or if applicable, the calculation formula of the issue price per preferred share);
- whether preferential subscription rights will be issued to existing shareholders;
- the dividend rate per preferred share, dividend period and payment dates and method of calculation for dividends;
- whether dividends will be cumulative or non-cumulative and, if cumulative, the date from which dividends will accumulate;
- our right, if any, to defer payment of dividends and the maximum length of any such deferral period;
- the relative ranking and preferences of the preferred shares as to dividend rights (preferred dividend if any) and rights if we liquidate, dissolve or wind up the Company;
- the procedures for any auction and remarketing, if any;
- the provisions for redemption or repurchase, if applicable, and any restrictions on our ability to exercise those redemption and repurchase rights;
- any listing of the preferred shares on any securities exchange or market;
- whether the preferred shares will be convertible into our ordinary shares (including in the form of ADSs) or preferred shares of another category, and, if applicable, conditions of an automatic conversion into ordinary shares (including in the form of ADSs), if any, the conversion period, the conversion price, or how such price will be calculated, and under what circumstances it may be adjusted;
- voting rights, if any, of the preferred shares;
- preemption rights, if any;
- other restrictions on transfer, sale or assignment, if any;
- whether interests in the preferred shares will be represented by American Depositary Preferred Shares;
- a discussion of any material or special U.S. federal and French income tax considerations applicable to the preferred shares;
- any limitations on issuances of any class or series of preferred shares ranking senior to or on a parity with the series of preferred shares being issued as to dividend rights and rights if we liquidate, dissolve or wind up our affairs;
- any rights attached to the preferred shares regarding the corporate governance of our company, which may include, for example representation rights to the board of directors; and
- any other specific terms, rights, preferences, privileges, qualifications or restrictions of the preferred shares.

Prior to issuing preferred shares, we must convene an extraordinary shareholders meeting at which shareholders would determine the terms and conditions of the preferred shares, decide the issuance of the

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preferred shares or delegate authority to the board of directors to decide the issuance and vote to modify the By-laws in order to include the characteristics and particular rights of the preferred shares.

The extraordinary shareholders meeting would also decide the maximum aggregate amount of share capital increases which we may carry out by issuing preferred shares, which may not exceed a specified amount of gross issue proceeds to be determined.

When we issue preferred shares under this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, the shares will be fully paid and non assessable and, to the extent permitted under French law, will not have, or be subject to, any preemptive or similar rights.

The issuance of preferred shares could adversely affect the voting power of holders of ordinary shares and ADSs and reduce the likelihood that holders of ordinary shares and ADSs will receive dividend payments and payments upon liquidation. The issuance could have the effect of decreasing the market price of our ADSs. The issuance of preferred shares also could have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change in control of our company.

## DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants for the purchase of our preferred or ordinary shares or any combination of the foregoing. Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase the number of preferred shares, ordinary shares, or combination thereof, as the case may be, at the exercise price and in the manner specified in the prospectus supplement relating to such warrants. Warrants may be exercised at any time up to the date and time specified in the applicable warrant agreement and set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Warrants will be issued under one or more warrant agreements to be entered into between the Company and one or more purchasers of such warrants or a bank or trust company acting as warrant agent. The material terms and provisions of such warrants to be issued and a description of the material provisions of the applicable warrant agreement will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The form of warrant agreement that will be entered into with respect to a particular offering of warrants will be filed as an exhibit to a post-effective amendment to, or incorporated by reference into, the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any warrants in respect of which this prospectus and such prospectus supplement is being delivered, which terms may include the following if applicable to those warrants:

- the title and aggregate number of the warrants;
- the price or prices at which such warrants will be issued;
- the currency or currency unit in which the warrants are denominated;
- if the warrants are for the purchase of preferred shares, the designation and terms of the series of preferred shares, and the number of such preferred shares, purchasable upon exercise of the warrants; the price, or the manner of determining the price, at which the preferred shares may be purchased upon exercise of the warrants;
- if the warrants are for the purchase of ordinary shares, the number of ordinary shares that may be purchased upon exercise of each warrant; the price, or the manner of determining the price, at which the ordinary shares may be purchased upon the exercise of the warrants;
- the price at which the securities purchasable upon exercise of such warrants may be purchased;
- if other than cash, the manner in which the exercise price of the warrants may be paid; and any maximum or minimum number of warrants that may be exercisable at any one time;
- the time or times at which, or period or periods during which, the warrants may be exercised and the expiration date of the warrants;
- the terms of any right of the Company to redeem the warrants;
- the terms of any right of the Company to accelerate the exercise of the warrants upon the occurrence of certain events;
- whether the warrants will be sold with any other securities, and the date, if any, on and after which the warrants and the other related securities will be separately transferable;
- whether the warrants will be issued in registered or bearer form and information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;
- a discussion of certain material tax, accounting and other special considerations, procedures and limitations relating to the warrants; and
- any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such warrants.

## DESCRIPTION OF AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES

Citibank, N.A. has agreed to act as the depository for the American Depositary Shares related to our ordinary shares. Citibank's depository offices are located at 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10013. American Depositary Shares are frequently referred to as ADSs and represent ownership interests in securities that are on deposit with the depository. ADSs may be represented by certificates that are commonly known as American Depositary Receipts or ADRs. The depository typically appoints a custodian to safekeep the securities on deposit. In this case, the custodian is Citibank International Limited, located at EGSP 186, 1 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1 Ireland.

We have appointed Citibank as depository pursuant to a deposit agreement. A copy of the deposit agreement is on file with the SEC under cover of a registration statement on Form F-6. You may obtain a copy of the deposit agreement from the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549 and from the SEC's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)). Please refer to Registration Number 333-202488 when retrieving such copy.

We are providing you with a summary description of the material terms of the ADSs and of your material rights as an owner of ADSs. Please remember that summaries by their nature lack the precision of the information summarized and that the rights and obligations of an owner of ADSs will be determined by reference to the terms of the deposit agreement and not by this summary. We urge you to review the deposit agreement in its entirety.

Each ADS represents the right to receive, and to exercise the beneficial interests in one ordinary share that are on deposit with the depository and/or custodian. An ADS also represents the right to receive, and to exercise the beneficial interests in, any other property received by the depository bank or the custodian on behalf of the owner of the ADS but that has not been distributed to the owners of ADSs because of legal restrictions or practical considerations. The custodian, the depository and their respective nominees will hold all deposited property for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of ADSs. The deposited property does not constitute the proprietary assets of the depository, the custodian or their nominees. Beneficial ownership in the deposited property will under the terms of the deposit agreement be vested in the beneficial owners of the ADSs. The depository, the custodian and their respective nominees will be the record holders of the deposited property represented by the ADSs for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the corresponding ADSs. A beneficial owner of ADSs may or may not be the holder of such ADSs. Beneficial owners of ADSs will be able to receive, and to exercise beneficial ownership interests, in the deposited property only through the registered holders of the ADSs, the registered holders of the ADSs (on behalf of the applicable ADS owners) only through the depository, and the depository (on behalf of the owners of the corresponding ADSs) directly, or indirectly, through the custodian or their respective nominees, in each case upon the terms of the deposit agreement.

If you become an owner of ADSs, you will become a party to the deposit agreement and therefore will be bound to its terms and to the terms of any ADR that represents your ADSs. The deposit agreement and the ADR specify our rights and obligations as well as your rights and obligations as owner of ADSs and those of the depository. As an ADS holder you appoint the depository to act on your behalf in certain circumstances. The deposit agreement and the ADRs are governed by New York law. However, our obligations to the holders of ordinary shares will continue to be governed by the laws of France, which may be different from the laws in the United States.

In addition, applicable laws and regulations may require you to satisfy reporting requirements and obtain regulatory approvals in certain circumstances. You are solely responsible for complying with such reporting requirements and obtaining such approvals. Neither the depository, the custodian, us nor any of their or our respective agents or affiliates shall be required to take any actions whatsoever on your behalf to satisfy such reporting requirements or obtain such regulatory approvals under applicable laws and regulations.

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As an owner of ADSs, we will not treat you as one of our shareholders and you will not have direct shareholder rights. The depositary will hold on your behalf the shareholder rights attached to the ordinary shares underlying your ADSs. As an owner of ADSs you will be able to exercise the shareholders rights for the ordinary shares represented by your ADSs through the depositary only to the extent contemplated in the deposit agreement. To exercise any shareholder rights not contemplated in the deposit agreement you will, as an ADS owner, need to arrange for the cancellation of your ADSs and become a direct shareholder.

As an owner of ADSs, you may hold your ADSs either by means of an ADR registered in your name, through a brokerage or safekeeping account, or through an account established by the depositary in your name reflecting the registration of uncertificated ADSs directly on the books of the depositary, commonly referred to as the direct registration system, or DRS. The direct registration system reflects the uncertificated (book-entry) registration of ownership of ADSs by the depositary. Under the direct registration system, ownership of ADSs is evidenced by periodic statements issued by the depositary to the holders of the ADSs. The direct registration system includes automated transfers between the depositary and The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, the central book-entry clearing and settlement system for equity securities in the United States. If you decide to hold your ADSs through your brokerage or safekeeping account, you must rely on the procedures of your broker or bank to assert your rights as ADS owner. Banks and brokers typically hold securities such as the ADSs through clearing and settlement systems such as DTC. The procedures of such clearing and settlement systems may limit your ability to exercise your rights as an owner of ADSs. Please consult with your broker or bank if you have any questions concerning these limitations and procedures. All ADSs held through DTC will be registered in the name of a nominee of DTC. This summary description assumes you have opted to own the ADSs directly by means of an ADS registered in your name and, as such, we will refer to you as the “holder.” When we refer to “you,” we assume the reader owns ADSs and will own ADSs at the relevant time.

The registration of the ordinary shares in the name of the depositary or the custodian shall, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, vest in the depositary or the custodian the record ownership in the applicable ordinary shares with the beneficial ownership rights and interests in such ordinary share being at all times vested with the beneficial owners of the ADSs representing the ordinary shares. The depositary or the custodian shall at all times be entitled to exercise the beneficial ownership rights in all deposited property, in each case only on behalf of the holders and beneficial owners of the ADSs representing the deposited property.

### **Dividends and Distributions**

As a holder of ADSs, you generally have the right to receive the distributions we make on the securities deposited with the custodian. Your receipt of these distributions may be limited, however, by practical considerations and legal limitations. Holders of ADSs will receive such distributions under the terms of the deposit agreement in proportion to the number of ADSs held as of a specified record date, after deduction of the applicable fees, taxes and expenses.

#### *Distributions of Cash*

Whenever we make a cash distribution for the securities on deposit with the custodian, we will deposit the funds with the custodian. Upon receipt of confirmation of the deposit of the requisite funds, the depositary will arrange for the funds to be converted into U.S. dollars and for the distribution of the U.S. dollars to the holders, subject to French laws and regulations.

The conversion into U.S. dollars will take place only if practicable and if the U.S. dollars are transferable to the United States. The depositary will apply the same method for distributing the proceeds of the sale of any property (such as undistributed rights) held by the custodian in respect of securities on deposit.

The distribution of cash will be made net of the fees, expenses, taxes and governmental charges payable by holders under the terms of the deposit agreement. The depositary will hold any cash amounts it is unable to

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distribute in a non-interest bearing account for the benefit of the applicable holders and beneficial owners of ADSs until the distribution can be effected or the funds that the depository holds must be escheated as unclaimed property in accordance with the laws of the relevant states of the United States.

### *Distributions of Shares*

Whenever we make a free distribution of ordinary shares for the securities on deposit with the custodian, we will deposit the applicable number of ordinary shares with the custodian. Upon receipt of confirmation of such deposit, the depository will either distribute to holders new ADSs representing the ordinary shares deposited or modify the ADS-to-ordinary share ratio, in which case each ADS you hold will represent rights and interests in the additional ordinary shares so deposited. Only whole new ADSs will be distributed; fractional entitlements will be sold and the proceeds of such sale will be distributed as in the case of a cash distribution.

The distribution of new ADSs or the modification of the ADS-to-ordinary share ratio upon a distribution of ordinary shares will be made net of the fees, expenses, taxes and governmental charges payable by holders under the terms of the deposit agreement. In order to pay such taxes or governmental charges, the depository may sell all or a portion of the new ordinary shares so distributed.

No such distribution of new ADSs will be made if it would violate a law (*e.g.*, the U.S. securities laws) or if it is not operationally practicable. If the depository does not distribute new ADSs as described above, it may sell the ordinary shares received upon the terms described in the deposit agreement and will distribute the proceeds of the sale as in the case of a distribution of cash.

### *Distributions of Rights*

Whenever we intend to distribute rights to purchase additional ordinary shares, we will give prior notice to the depository and we will assist the depository in determining whether it is lawful and practicable to distribute rights to purchase additional ADSs to holders.

The depository will establish procedures to distribute rights to purchase additional ADSs to holders and to enable such holders to exercise such rights if it is lawful and practicable to make the rights available to holders of ADSs, and if we provide all of the documentation contemplated in the deposit agreement (such as opinions to address the lawfulness of the transaction). You may have to pay fees, expenses, taxes and other governmental charges to subscribe for the new ADSs upon the exercise of your rights. The depository is not obligated to establish procedures to facilitate the distribution and exercise by holders of rights to purchase new ordinary shares other than in the form of ADSs.

The depository will *not* distribute the rights to you if:

- we do not timely request that the rights be distributed to you or we request that the rights not be distributed to you; or
- we fail to deliver satisfactory documents to the depository; or
- it is not practicable to distribute the rights.

The depository will sell the rights that are not exercised or not distributed if such sale is lawful and practicable. The proceeds of such sale will be distributed to holders as in the case of a cash distribution. If the depository is unable to sell the rights, it will allow the rights to lapse.

### *Elective Distributions*

Whenever we intend to distribute a dividend payable at the election of shareholders either in cash or in additional shares, we will give prior notice thereof to the depository and will indicate whether we wish the elective distribution to be made available to you. In such case, we will assist the depository in determining whether such distribution is lawful and practicable.



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The depositary will make the election available to you only if it is practicable and if we have provided all of the documentation contemplated in the deposit agreement. In such case, the depositary will establish procedures to enable you to elect to receive either cash or additional ADSs, in each case as described in the deposit agreement.

If the election is not made available to you, you will receive either cash or additional ADSs, depending on what a shareholder in France would receive upon failing to make an election, as more fully described in the deposit agreement.

### *Other Distributions*

Whenever we intend to distribute property other than cash, ordinary shares or rights to purchase additional ordinary shares, we will notify the depositary in advance and will indicate whether we wish such distribution to be made to you. If so, we will assist the depositary in determining whether such distribution to holders is lawful and practicable.

If it is practicable to distribute such property to you and if we provide all of the documentation contemplated in the deposit agreement, the depositary will distribute the property to the holders in a manner it deems practicable.

The distribution will be made net of fees, expenses, taxes and governmental charges payable by holders under the terms of the deposit agreement. In order to pay such taxes and governmental charges, the depositary bank may sell all or a portion of the property received.

The depositary will not distribute the property to you and will sell the property if:

- we do not request that the property be distributed to you or if we ask that the property not be distributed to you; or
- we do not deliver satisfactory documents to the depositary bank; or
- the depositary determines that all or a portion of the distribution to you is not practicable.

The proceeds of such a sale will be distributed to holders as in the case of a cash distribution.

### *Redemption*

Whenever we decide to redeem any of the securities on deposit with the custodian, we will notify the depositary in advance. If it is practicable and if we provide all of the documentation contemplated in the deposit agreement, the depositary will provide notice of the redemption to the holders.

The custodian will be instructed to surrender the shares being redeemed against payment of the applicable redemption price. The depositary will convert the redemption funds received into U.S. dollars upon the terms of the deposit agreement and will establish procedures to enable holders to receive the net proceeds from the redemption upon surrender of their ADSs to the depositary. You may have to pay fees, expenses, taxes and other governmental charges upon the redemption of your ADSs. If less than all ADSs are being redeemed, the ADSs to be retired will be selected by lot or on a *pro rata* basis, as the depositary may determine.

### *Changes Affecting Ordinary Shares*

The ordinary shares held on deposit for your ADSs may change from time to time. For example, there may be a change in nominal or par value, a split-up, cancellation, consolidation or reclassification of such ordinary shares or a recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation or sale of assets.

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If any such change were to occur, your ADSs would, to the extent permitted by law, represent the right to receive the property received or exchanged in respect of the ordinary shares held on deposit. The depositary may in such circumstances deliver new ADSs to you, amend the deposit agreement, the ADRs and the applicable registration statement(s) on Form F-6, call for the exchange of your existing ADRs for new ADRs and take any other actions that are appropriate to reflect as to the ADSs the change affecting the ordinary shares held in deposit for your ADSs. If the depositary bank may not lawfully distribute such property to you, the depositary may sell such property and distribute the net proceeds to you as in the case of a cash distribution.

### *Issuance of ADSs upon Deposit of Ordinary Shares*

Upon completion of an offering, the ordinary shares being offered pursuant to this prospectus in such offering will be deposited by us with the custodian. Upon receipt of confirmation of such deposit, the depositary will issue ADSs to the applicable underwriters, dealer or other purchaser.

The depositary may create ADSs on your behalf if you or your broker deposit ordinary shares with the custodian. The depositary will deliver these ADSs to the person you indicate only after you pay any applicable issuance fees and any charges and taxes payable for the transfer of the ordinary shares to the custodian. Your ability to deposit ordinary shares and receive ADSs may be limited by U.S. and French legal considerations applicable at the time of deposit.

The issuance of ADSs may be delayed until the depositary or the custodian receives confirmation that all required approvals have been given and that the ordinary shares have been duly transferred to the custodian.

The depositary will only issue ADSs in whole numbers.

When you make a deposit of ordinary shares, you will be responsible for transferring good and valid title to the depositary. As such, you will be deemed to represent and warrant that:

- The ordinary shares are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid, non-assessable and legally obtained.
- All preemptive (and similar) rights, if any, with respect to such ordinary shares have been validly waived or exercised.
- You are duly authorized to deposit the ordinary shares.
- The ordinary shares presented for deposit are free and clear of any lien, encumbrance, security interest, charge, mortgage or adverse claim, and are not, and the ADSs issuable upon such deposit will not be, “restricted securities” (as defined in the deposit agreement).
- The ordinary shares presented for deposit have not been stripped of any rights or entitlements.

If any of the representations or warranties are incorrect in any way, we and the depositary may, at your cost and expense, take any and all actions necessary to correct the consequences of the misrepresentations.

### **Transfer, Combination and Split Up of ADRs**

As an ADR holder, you will be entitled to transfer, combine or split up your ADRs and the ADSs evidenced thereby. For transfers of ADRs, you will have to surrender the ADRs to be transferred to the depositary and also must:

- ensure that the surrendered ADR is properly endorsed or otherwise in proper form for transfer;
- provide such proof of identity and genuineness of signatures as the depositary deems appropriate;
- provide any transfer stamps required by the State of New York or the United States; and

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- pay all applicable fees, charges, expenses, taxes and other government charges payable by ADR holders pursuant to the terms of the deposit agreement, upon the transfer of ADRs.

To have your ADRs either combined or split up, you must surrender the ADRs in question to the depositary with your request to have them combined or split up, and you must pay all applicable fees, charges and expenses payable by ADR holders, pursuant to the terms of the deposit agreement, upon a combination or split up of ADRs.

### **Withdrawal of Ordinary Shares Upon Cancellation of ADSs**

As a holder, you will be entitled to present your ADSs to the depositary for cancellation and then receive the corresponding number of underlying ordinary shares at the custodian's offices. Your ability to withdraw the ordinary shares held in respect of the ADSs may be limited by U.S. and French legal considerations applicable at the time of withdrawal. In order to withdraw the ordinary shares represented by your ADSs, you will be required to pay to the depositary the fees for cancellation of ADSs and any charges and taxes payable upon the transfer of the ordinary shares being withdrawn. You assume the risk for delivery of all funds and securities upon withdrawal. Once canceled, the ADSs will not have any rights under the deposit agreement.

If you hold ADSs registered in your name, the depositary may ask you to provide proof of identity and genuineness of any signature and such other documents as the depositary may deem appropriate before it will cancel your ADSs. The withdrawal of the ordinary shares represented by your ADSs may be delayed until the depositary receives satisfactory evidence of compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Please keep in mind that the depositary will only accept ADSs for cancellation that represent a whole number of securities on deposit.

You will have the right to withdraw the securities represented by your ADSs at any time except for:

- temporary delays that may arise because (1) the transfer books for the ordinary shares or ADSs are closed, or (2) ordinary shares are immobilized on account of a shareholders' meeting or a payment of dividends;
- obligations to pay fees, taxes and similar charges; or
- restrictions imposed because of laws or regulations applicable to ADSs or the withdrawal of securities on deposit.

The deposit agreement may not be modified to impair your right to withdraw the securities represented by your ADSs except to comply with mandatory provisions of law.

### **Voting Rights**

As a holder, you generally have the right under the deposit agreement to instruct the depositary to exercise the voting rights for the ordinary shares represented by your ADSs. The voting rights of holders of ordinary shares are described in the sections of this prospectus titled "Description of Share Capital" and "Limitations Affecting Shareholders of a French Company."

At our request, the depositary will distribute to you any notice of shareholders' meeting received from us together with information explaining how to instruct the depositary to exercise the voting rights of the securities represented by ADSs.

If the depositary timely receives voting instructions from a holder of ADSs, it will endeavor to vote the securities (in person or by proxy) represented by the holder's ADSs in accordance with such voting instructions.

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Please note that the ability of the depositary to carry out voting instructions may be limited by practical and legal limitations and the terms of the securities on deposit. We cannot assure you that you will receive voting materials in time to enable you to return voting instructions to the depositary in a timely manner.

If the depositary receives voting instructions from a holder of ADSs that fail to specify the manner in which the depositary is to vote, the depositary will deem such holder (unless otherwise specified in the notice distributed to holders) to have instructed the depositary to vote in favor of all resolutions endorsed by our board of directors. With respect to securities represented by ADSs for which no timely voting instructions are received by the depositary from the holder, the depositary will (unless otherwise specified in the notice distributed to holders) deem such holder to have instructed the depositary to give a discretionary proxy to a person designated by us to vote the securities. However, no such discretionary proxy will be given by the depositary with respect to any matter to be voted upon as to which we inform the depositary that we do not wish such proxy to be given, substantial opposition exists, or the rights of holders of securities may be materially adversely affected.

### **Fees and Charges**

As an ADS holder, you will be required to pay the following fees under the terms of the depositary agreement:

<i>Service</i>	<i>Fees</i>
— Issuance of ADSs upon deposit of shares (excluding issuance as a result of distributions of shares)	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS issued
— Cancellation of ADSs	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS canceled
— Distribution of cash dividends or other cash distributions (i.e., sale of rights and other entitlements)	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS held
— Distribution of ADSs pursuant to (1) stock dividends or other free stock distributions, or (2) exercise of rights to purchase additional ADSs	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS held
— Distribution of securities other than ADSs or rights to purchase additional ADSs (i.e., spin-off shares)	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS held
— ADS Services	Up to U.S. 5¢ per ADS held on the applicable record date(s) established by the depositary

As an ADS holder you will also be responsible to pay certain fees and expenses incurred by the depositary and certain taxes and governmental charges such as:

- taxes (including applicable interest and penalties) and other governmental charges;
- the registration fees as may from time to time be in effect for the registration of ordinary shares on the share register and applicable to transfers of ordinary shares to or from the name of the custodian, the depositary or any nominees upon the making of deposits and withdrawals, respectively;
- certain cable, telex and facsimile transmission and delivery expenses;
- the expenses and charges incurred by the depositary in the conversion of foreign currency;
- the fees and expenses incurred by the depositary in connection with the compliance with exchange control regulations and other regulatory requirements applicable to ordinary shares, ADSs and ADRs; and
- the fees and expenses incurred by the depositary, the custodian, or any nominee in connection with the servicing or delivery of deposited property.

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ADS fees and charges payable upon (1) deposit of ordinary shares against issuance of ADSs and (2) surrender of ADSs for cancellation and withdrawal of ordinary shares are charged to the person to whom the ADSs are delivered (in the case of ADS issuances) and to the person who delivers the ADS, for cancellation (in the case of ADS cancellations). In the case of ADSs issued by the depositary into DTC or presented to the depositary via DTC, the ADS issuance and cancellation fees and charges may be deducted from distributions made through DTC, and may be charged to the DTC participant(s) receiving the ADSs or the DTC participant(s) surrendering the ADSs for cancellation, as the case may be, on behalf of the beneficial owner(s) and will be charged by the DTC participant(s) to the account(s) of the applicable beneficial owner(s) in accordance with the procedures and practices of the DTC participant(s) as in effect at the time. ADS fees and charges in respect of distributions and the ADS service fee are charged to the holders as of the applicable ADS record date. In the case of distributions of cash, the amount of the applicable ADS fees and charges is deducted from the funds being distributed. In the case of (1) distributions other than cash and (2) the ADS service fee, holders as of the ADS record date will be invoiced for the amount of the ADS fees and charges and such ADS fees and charges may be deducted from distributions made to holders of ADSs. For ADSs held through DTC, the ADS fees and charges for distributions other than cash and the ADS service fee may be deducted from distributions made through DTC, and may be charged to the DTC participants in accordance with the procedures and practices prescribed by DTC and the DTC participants in turn charge the amount of such ADS fees and charges to the beneficial owners for whom they hold ADSs.

In the event of refusal to pay the depositary fees, the depositary may, under the terms of the deposit agreement, refuse the requested service until payment is received or may set off the amount of the depositary fees from any distribution to be made to the ADS holder. Certain ADS fees and charges (such as the ADS service fee) may become payable shortly after the closing of the ADS offering.

Note that the fees and charges you may be required to pay may vary over time and may be changed by us and by the depositary. You will receive prior notice of such changes. The depositary may reimburse us for certain expenses incurred by us in respect of the ADR program, by making available a portion of the ADS fees charged in respect of the ADR program or otherwise, upon such terms and conditions as we and the depositary agree from time to time.

### **Amendments and Termination**

We may agree with the depositary to modify the deposit agreement at any time without your consent. We undertake to give holders 30 days' prior notice of any modifications that would materially prejudice any of their substantial rights under the deposit agreement. We will not consider to be materially prejudicial to your substantial rights any modifications or supplements that are reasonably necessary for the ADSs to be registered under the Securities Act or to be eligible for book-entry settlement, in each case without imposing or increasing the fees and charges you are required to pay. In addition, we may not be able to provide you with prior notice of any modifications or supplements that are required to accommodate compliance with applicable provisions of law.

You will be bound by the modifications to the deposit agreement if you continue to hold your ADSs after the modifications to the deposit agreement become effective. The deposit agreement cannot be amended to prevent you from withdrawing the ordinary shares represented by your ADSs (except as permitted by law).

We have the right to direct the depositary to terminate the deposit agreement. Similarly, the depositary may in certain circumstances on its own initiative terminate the deposit agreement. In either case, the depositary must give notice to the holders at least 30 days before termination. Until termination, your rights under the deposit agreement will be unaffected.

After termination, the depositary will continue to collect distributions received (but will not distribute any such property until you request the cancellation of your ADSs) and may sell the securities held on deposit. After the sale, the depositary will hold the proceeds from such sale and any other funds then held for the holders of

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ADSs in a non-interest bearing account. At that point, the depositary will have no further obligations to holders other than to account for the funds then held for the holders of ADSs still outstanding (after deduction of applicable fees, taxes and expenses).

### **Books of Depositary**

The depositary will maintain ADS holder records at its depositary office. You may inspect such records at such office during regular business hours but solely for the purpose of communicating with other holders in the interest of business matters relating to the ADSs and the deposit agreement.

The depositary will maintain in New York facilities to record and process the issuance, cancellation, combination, split-up and transfer of ADSs. These facilities may be closed from time to time, to the extent not prohibited by law.

### **Limitations on Obligations and Liabilities**

The deposit agreement limits our obligations and the depositary's obligations to you. Please note the following:

- We and the depositary are obligated only to take the actions specifically stated in the deposit agreement without negligence or bad faith.
- The depositary disclaims any liability for any failure to carry out voting instructions, for any manner in which a vote is cast or for the effect of any vote, provided it acts in good faith and in accordance with the terms of the deposit agreement.
- The depositary disclaims any liability for any failure to determine the lawfulness or practicality of any action, for the content of any document forwarded to you on our behalf or for the accuracy of any translation of such a document, for the investment risks associated with investing in ordinary shares, for the validity or worth of the ordinary shares, for any tax consequences that result from the ownership of ADSs, for the credit-worthiness of any third party, for allowing any rights to lapse under the terms of the deposit agreement, for the timeliness of any of our notices or for our failure to give notice.
- We and the depositary will not be obligated to perform any act that is inconsistent with the terms of the deposit agreement.
- We and the depositary disclaim any liability if we or the depositary are prevented or forbidden from or subject to any civil or criminal penalty or restraint on account of, or delayed in, doing or performing any act or thing required by the terms of the deposit agreement, by reason of any provision, present or future of any law or regulation, or by reason of present or future provision of any provision of our By-laws, or any provision of or governing the securities on deposit, or by reason of any act of God or war or other circumstances beyond our control.
- We and the depositary disclaim any liability by reason of any exercise of, or failure to exercise, any discretion provided for in the deposit agreement or in our By-laws or in any provisions of or governing the securities on deposit.
- We and the depositary further disclaim any liability for any action or inaction in reliance on the advice or information received from legal counsel, accountants, any person presenting ordinary shares for deposit, any holder of ADSs or authorized representatives thereof, or any other person believed by either of us in good faith to be competent to give such advice or information.
- We and the depositary also disclaim liability for the inability by a holder to benefit from any distribution, offering, right or other benefit that is made available to holders of ordinary shares but is not, under the terms of the deposit agreement, made available to you.
- We and the depositary may rely without any liability upon any written notice, request or other document believed to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper parties.

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- We and the depositary also disclaim liability for any consequential or punitive damages for any breach of the terms of the deposit agreement.
- No disclaimer of any Securities Act liability is intended by any provision of the deposit agreement.

### **Pre-Release Transactions**

Subject to the terms and conditions of the deposit agreement, the depositary may issue to broker/dealers ADSs before receiving a deposit of ordinary shares or release ordinary shares to broker/dealers before receiving ADSs for cancellation. These transactions are commonly referred to as “pre-release transactions,” and are entered into between the depositary and the applicable broker/dealer. The deposit agreement limits the aggregate size of pre-release transactions (not to exceed 30% of the ordinary shares on deposit in the aggregate) and imposes a number of conditions on such transactions (*e.g.*, the need to receive collateral, the type of collateral required and the representations required from brokers). The depositary may retain the compensation received from the pre-release transactions.

### **Taxes**

You will be responsible for the taxes and other governmental charges payable on the ADSs and the securities represented by the ADSs. We, the depositary and the custodian may deduct from any distribution the taxes and governmental charges payable by holders and may sell any and all property on deposit to pay the taxes and governmental charges payable by holders. You will be liable for any deficiency if the sale proceeds do not cover the taxes that are due.

The depositary may refuse to issue ADSs, to deliver, transfer, split and combine ADRs or to release securities on deposit until all taxes and charges are paid by the applicable holder. The depositary and the custodian may take reasonable administrative actions to obtain tax refunds and reduced tax withholding for any distributions on your behalf. However, you may be required to provide to the depositary and to the custodian proof of taxpayer status and residence and such other information as the depositary and the custodian may require to fulfill legal obligations. You are required to indemnify us, the depositary and the custodian for any claims with respect to taxes based on any tax benefit obtained for you.

### **Foreign Currency Conversion**

The depositary will arrange for the conversion of all foreign currency received into U.S. dollars if such conversion is practical, and it will distribute the U.S. dollars in accordance with the terms of the deposit agreement. You may have to pay fees and expenses incurred in converting foreign currency, such as fees and expenses incurred in complying with currency exchange controls and other governmental requirements.

If the conversion of foreign currency is not practical or lawful, or if any required approvals are denied or not obtainable at a reasonable cost or within a reasonable period, the depositary may take the following actions in its discretion:

- convert the foreign currency to the extent practical and lawful and distribute the U.S. dollars to the holders for whom the conversion and distribution is lawful and practical;
- distribute the foreign currency to holders for whom the distribution is lawful and practical; and
- hold the foreign currency (without liability for interest) for the applicable holders.

### **Governing Law/Waiver of Jury Trial**

The deposit agreement and the ADRs will be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. The rights of holders of ordinary shares (including ordinary shares represented by ADSs) are governed by the laws of France.

## LIMITATIONS AFFECTING SHAREHOLDERS OF A FRENCH COMPANY

### Ownership of ADSs or Shares by Non-French Residents

Neither the French Commercial Code nor our By-laws presently impose any restrictions on the right of non-French residents or non-French shareholders to own and vote shares. However, residents outside of France, as well as any French entity controlled by non-French residents, must file an administrative notice with French authorities in connection with their direct and indirect foreign investments in us, including through ownership of ADSs, on the date a binding purchase agreement is executed or a tender offer is made public. Under existing administrative rulings, the following transactions qualify as foreign investments in us:

- any transaction carried out on our capital by a non-French resident provided that after the transaction the cumulative amount of the capital or the voting rights held by non-French residents exceeds 33.33% of our capital or voting rights;
- any transaction mentioned in the preceding bullet carried out by a corporation incorporated under French law whose capital or voting rights are held for more than 33.33% by non-French residents;
- any transaction carried out abroad resulting in a change of the controlling shareholder of a corporation incorporated under a foreign law that holds a shareholding or voting rights in us if our capital or voting rights are held for more than 33.33% by non-French residents;
- loans and guarantees granted by a corporation incorporated under foreign laws to us in amounts evidencing control over our financing; and
- patent licenses granted by a corporation incorporated under foreign laws or management or technical assistance agreements with such corporation that place us in a dependent position vis-à-vis such party or its group.

Violation of this administrative notice requirement is sanctioned by a fine of €750. This amount may be multiplied by five if the violation is made by a legal entity.

### Foreign Exchange Controls

Under current French foreign exchange control regulations there are no limitations on the amount of cash payments that we may remit to residents of foreign countries. Laws and regulations concerning foreign exchange controls do, however, require that all payments or transfers of funds made by a French resident to a non-resident such as dividend payments be handled by an accredited intermediary. All registered banks and substantially all credit institutions in France are accredited intermediaries.

### Availability of Preferential Subscription Rights

In accordance with French law, our shareholders have preferential subscription rights to subscribe for new shares or other securities giving rights to acquire additional shares on a *pro rata* basis, as described under the section of this prospectus titled “Description of Share Capital—Key Provisions of Our By-laws and French Law Affecting Our Ordinary Shares—Changes in Share Capital—Preferential Subscription Right.”

Holders of our securities in the U.S. (which may be in the form of shares or ADSs) may not be able to exercise preferential subscription rights for their securities unless a registration statement under the Securities Act is effective with respect to such rights or an exemption from the registration requirements imposed by the Securities Act is available. We may, from time to time, issue new shares or other securities giving rights to acquire additional shares (such as warrants) at a time when no registration statement is in effect and no Securities Act exemption is available. If so, holders of our securities in the U.S. will be unable to exercise any preferential subscription rights and their interests will be diluted. We are under no obligation to file any registration statement in connection with any issuance of new shares or other securities. We intend to evaluate at the time of any rights



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offering the costs and potential liabilities associated with registering the rights, as well as the indirect benefits to us of enabling the exercise by holders of shares and holders of ADSs in the U.S. of the subscription rights, and any other factors we consider appropriate at the time, and then to make a decision as to whether to register the rights. We cannot assure you that we will file a registration statement.

For holders of our ordinary shares in the form of ADSs, the depositary may make these rights or other distributions available to ADS holders. If the depositary does not make the rights available to ADS holders and determines that it is impractical to sell the rights, it may allow these rights to lapse. In that case the holders will receive no value for them. The section of this prospectus titled “Description of American Depositary Shares—Dividends and Distributions” explains in detail the depositary’s responsibility in connection with a rights offering.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell or otherwise offer our securities described herein:

- through underwriters or dealers;
- through agents;
- directly to purchasers; or
- through a combination of any of these methods of sale.

The distribution of securities may be carried out, from time to time, in one or more transactions, including:

- block transactions and transactions on the Nasdaq Global Market or any other organized market where the securities may be traded;
- purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its own account pursuant to a prospectus supplement;
- ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- sales “at the market” to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market, on an exchange or otherwise; or
- sales in other ways not involving market makers or established trading markets, including direct sales to purchasers.

The prospectus supplement with respect to a particular offering will set forth the terms of the offering, including the following:

- the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents;
- the method of distribution;
- the public offering price or purchase price and the proceeds to us from that sale;
- the expenses of the offering;
- any discounts or commissions to be allowed or paid to the underwriters, dealers or agents;
- all other items constituting underwriting compensation and the discounts and commissions to be allowed or paid to dealers, if any; and
- any other information regarding the distribution of the securities that we believe to be material.

Underwriters may offer and sell the securities at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or from time to time at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. We may, from time to time, authorize agents acting on a best or reasonable efforts basis as our agents to solicit or receive offers to purchase the securities upon the terms and conditions as are set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. In connection with the sale of securities, underwriters or agents may be deemed to have received compensation from us in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions and may also receive commissions from purchasers of securities for whom they may act as agent. Underwriters may sell securities to or through dealers, and dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agent.

Underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of securities and their controlling persons may be entitled, under agreements that may be entered into with us to indemnification by us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments that the underwriters, dealers or agents and their controlling persons may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

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We may also make direct sales through subscription rights distributed to our existing shareholders on a pro rata basis, which may or may not be transferable. In any distribution of subscription rights to our shareholders, if all of the underlying securities are not subscribed for, we may then sell the unsubscribed securities directly to third parties or may engage the services of one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, including standby underwriters, to sell the unsubscribed securities to third parties.

Some of the securities that we offer through this prospectus may be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom we sell our securities for public offering and sale may make a market in those securities, but they will not be obligated to do so and they may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. Accordingly, we cannot assure you of the liquidity of, or continued trading markets for, any securities that we offer.

Certain persons participating in an offering may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the offered securities. If any such activities will occur, they will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **ENFORCEABILITY OF CIVIL LIABILITIES**

We are a *société anonyme*, or S.A., organized under the laws of France. The majority of our directors and officers are citizens and residents of countries other than the United States, and the majority of our assets are located outside of the United States. Accordingly, U.S. investors may find it difficult and may be unable:

- to effect service of process upon or obtain jurisdiction over our company or our officers and directors in U.S. courts in actions predicated on the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws;
- to enforce, either inside or outside the United States, judgments obtained in U.S. or non-U.S. courts in actions predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws against us or our officers and directors;
- to bring an original action in a French court to enforce liabilities based upon the U.S. federal securities laws against us or our officers or directors; and/or
- to enforce against us or our directors in non-U.S. courts, including French courts, judgments of U.S. courts predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws.

We have been informed by Jones Day, our counsel, that there is doubt as to enforceability in France, either in original actions or in actions for enforcement of judgments of U.S. courts, of civil liabilities predicated in the U.S. federal securities laws.

In addition, actions in the United States under the U.S. federal securities laws could be affected under certain circumstances by the French law No. 68-678 of July 26, 1968 as amended by French Law No. 80-538 of July 16, 1980, which may preclude or restrict the obtaining of evidence in France or from French persons in connection with those actions. Each of the foregoing statements also applies to our auditors.

### **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-3 under the Securities Act with respect to the securities described in this prospectus. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement that we filed. In addition, we are subject to the informational and periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act applicable to foreign private issuers and fulfill the obligations with respect to those requirements by filing reports with the SEC. You may read and copy any document that we file with the

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SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F. Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such materials are also available by mail from the Public Reference Branch of the SEC at prescribed rates. In addition, our SEC filings are available to the public at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may obtain further information by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 or by logging on to the SEC's website.

Our ordinary shares are listed on the Alternext market of Euronext in Paris and on the Nasdaq Global Market, the latter in the form of ADSs. You can consult reports and other information about us that are filed pursuant to the rules of the Alternext market of Euronext in Paris and of the Nasdaq Global Market at these exchanges.

You may request a copy of this prospectus, any of the information that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any document summarized in this prospectus, without charge, upon written or oral request. If you would like to obtain this information from us, please direct your request, either in writing or by telephone, to:

Investor Relations Collectis S.A. 8 rue de law Croix Jarry 75013 Paris, France +33 1 81 69 16 00

### **INCORPORATION OF INFORMATION BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement the information we have filed with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will also be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents and will automatically update and supersede previously filed information, including information contained in this document.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement the following documents that we have filed with the SEC:

- Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed with the SEC on March 21, 2016;
- Current Report on Form 6-K, filed with the SEC on February 18, 2016; and
- Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on March 23, 2015.

We are also incorporating by reference all subsequent annual reports on Form 20-F that we file with the SEC and those of our reports on Form 6-K that we furnish to the SEC that we specifically identify in such form or in the applicable prospectus supplement as being incorporated by reference into this prospectus or such prospectus supplement after the date hereof and prior to the completion of an offering of securities under this prospectus.

Any statement made in this prospectus concerning the contents of any contract, agreement or other document is only a summary of the actual document. Each statement regarding a contract, agreement or other document is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual document.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of the ordinary shares represented by the ADSs, the preferred shares and the warrants and certain legal matters relating to French law will be passed upon by Jones Day, Paris, France, and the validity of the warrants and certain legal matters relating to U.S. federal and New York law will be passed upon by Jones Day, New York, New York.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Collectis appearing in Collectis' Annual Report (Form 20-F) for the year ended December 31, 2015 have been audited by Ernst & Young et Autres, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The offices of Ernst & Young et Autres are located at Tour First, 1 place des Saisons, 92037 Paris—La Défense Cedex, France.



**Ordinary Shares  
Preferred Shares  
Warrants**

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**PROSPECTUS**

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## PART II. INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

### ITEM 8. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Under French law, provisions of By-laws that limit the liability of directors and officers are prohibited. However, French law allows *sociétés anonymes* to contract for and maintain liability insurance against civil liabilities incurred by any of their directors and officers involved in a third-party action, provided that they acted in good faith and within their capacities as directors or officers of the company. Criminal liability cannot be indemnified under French law, whether directly by the company or through liability insurance.

We maintain liability insurance for our directors and officers, including insurance against liability under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and we intend to enter into agreements with our directors and executive officers to provide contractual indemnification. With certain exceptions and subject to limitations on indemnification under French law, these agreements will provide for indemnification for damages and expenses including, among other things, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by any of these individuals in any action or proceeding arising out of his or her actions in that capacity.

These agreements may discourage shareholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors and executive officers for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions also may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and executive officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our shareholders. Furthermore, a shareholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these insurance agreements.

Certain of our non-employee directors may, through their relationships with their employers or partnerships, be insured and/or indemnified against certain liabilities in their capacity as members of our board of directors.

In any underwriting agreement we enter into in connection with the sale of securities being registered hereby, the underwriters will agree to indemnify, under certain conditions, us, our directors, our officers and persons who control us within the meaning of the Securities Act against certain liabilities.

### ITEM 9. EXHIBITS.

The following exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated by reference herein:

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| 1.1* | Form of Underwriting Agreement.   |
| 4.1  | By-laws ( <i>statuts</i> ) of the registrant (English translation) (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-1 filed as of March 10, 2015, incorporated by reference herein).   |
| 4.2  | Form of Deposit Agreement by and among the Company, Citibank, N.A., as depository, and all Holders and Beneficial Owners of American Depositary Shares issued thereunder (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-1 filed as of March 10, 2015, incorporated by reference herein). |
| 4.3  | Form of American Depositary Receipt (included in Exhibit 4.2)   |
| 4.4* | Form of Warrant   |
| 5.1  | Opinion of Jones Day, French counsel to the Registrant.   |
| 5.2  | Opinion of Jones Day, U.S. counsel to the Registrant.   |
| 12.1 | Statement Regarding Computation of Ratio of Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Share Dividends  |

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- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young et Autres.
- 23.2 Consent of Jones Day (included in Exhibits 5.1 and 5.2).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney of certain directors and officers of the Registrant (included in signature page of this registration statement).

\* To be filed by amendment to the registration statement or incorporated by reference from documents filed or to be filed with the SEC under the Exchange Act.

### **ITEM 10. UNDERTAKINGS.**

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act");
  - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20-percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;
  - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this registration statement or any material change to such information in this registration statement;

*Provided, however, that:*

Paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the registration statement is on Form F-3 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) To file a post-effective amendment to the registration statement to include any financial statements required by Item 8.A of Form 20-F at the start of any delayed offering or throughout a continuous offering. Financial statements and information otherwise required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act need not be furnished, *provided* that the registrant includes in the prospectus, by means of a post-effective amendment, financial statements required pursuant to this paragraph and other information necessary to ensure that all other information in the prospectus is at least as current as the date of those



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financial statements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to registration statements on Form F-3, a post-effective amendment need not be filed to include financial statements and information required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act or Rule 3-19 of Regulation S-X if such financial statements and information are contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Form F-3.

- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, to any purchaser:
- (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424 (b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
  - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 (b)(2), or (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. *Provided, however,* that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- (6) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities: The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
  - (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
  - (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
  - (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (7) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

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- (8) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
- (9) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (b) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form F-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Paris, France, on May 6, 2016.

### CELLECTIS S.A.

By: /s/ André Choulika

Name: André Choulika

Title: Chief Executive Officer

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors, officers and / or authorized representative in the United States of Collectis S.A., hereby severally constitute and appoint Dr. André Choulika and Marie-Bleuenn Terrier, and each of them singly, our true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power to any of them, and to each of them singly, to sign for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to any related registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of securities of Collectis, and to file or cause to be filed the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as each of them might or could do in person, and hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys, and each of them, or their substitute or substitutes, shall do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on May 6, 2016.

/s/ André Choulika

André Choulika

Chief Executive Officer and Director  
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Eric Dutang

Eric Dutang

Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

/s/ Mathieu Simon

Mathieu Simon

Director, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer

/s/ David Sourdivé

David Sourdivé

Director, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Co-Founder

/s/ Alain Godard

Alain Godard

Director

/s/ Pierre Bastid

Pierre Bastid

Director

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/s/ Laurent Arthaud

Laurent Arthaud

Director

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/s/ Annick Schwebig

Annick Schwebig

Director

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/s/ Jean Marie Messier

Jean Marie Messier

Director

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/s/ Donald Puglisi

Donald Puglisi

Authorized Representative in the United States

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

The following exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated by reference herein:

- 1.1\* Form of Underwriting Agreement.
- 4.1 By-laws (*statuts*) of the registrant (English translation) (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-1 filed as of March 10, 2015, incorporated by reference herein).
- 4.2 Form of Deposit Agreement by and among the Company, Citibank, N.A., as depositary, and all Holders and Beneficial Owners of American Depositary Shares issued thereunder (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-1 filed as of March 10, 2015, incorporated by reference herein).
- 4.3 Form of American Depositary Receipt (included in Exhibit 4.2)
- 4.4\* Form of Warrant
- 5.1 Opinion of Jones Day, French counsel to the Registrant.
- 5.2 Opinion of Jones Day, U.S. counsel to the Registrant.
- 12.1 Statement Regarding Computation of Ratio of Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Share Dividends
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young et Autres.
- 23.2 Consent of Jones Day (included in Exhibits 5.1 and 5.2).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney of certain directors and officers of the Registrant (included in signature page of this registration statement).

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\* To be filed by amendment to the registration statement or incorporated by reference from documents filed or to be filed with the SEC under the Exchange Act.

## [JONES DAY LETTERHEAD]

May 6, 2016

Collectis S.A.  
8, rue de la Croix Jarry  
75013 Paris, France

Re: Registration Statement on Form F-3 filed by Collectis S.A.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as special French counsel for Collectis S.A., a French *société anonyme* (the “Company”) in connection with the authorization of the possible issuance and sale from time to time, on a delayed basis, by the Company of an indeterminate amount of (i) ordinary shares of the Company (the “Ordinary Shares”); (ii) preferred shares of the Company (the “Preferred Shares”); or (iii) warrants to purchase Ordinary Shares and/or Preferred Shares (the “Warrants”, and together with the Ordinary Shares and the Preferred Shares, the “Securities”) in each case as contemplated by the Registration Statement on Form F-3 as filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) to which this opinion is filed as an exhibit (as the same may be amended from time to time, the “Registration Statement”). The Securities may be offered and sold from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”).

In connection with the opinions expressed herein, we have examined such documents, records and matters of law as we have deemed relevant or necessary for purposes of such opinions. Based on the foregoing, and subject to the further limitations, qualifications and assumptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Ordinary Shares, when (a) the extraordinary shareholders’ meeting of the Company and, as the case may be, the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”), and/or the meeting of any holders of a specific category of securities of the Company, have taken all necessary corporate action to approve the issuance of, and establish the terms of, the offering of the Ordinary Shares and related matters, and (b) issued, sold and delivered in the manner and for the consideration stated in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting, placement or similar agreement approved by the Board, as the case may be, upon payment of the consideration provided therein to the Company, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
2. The Preferred Shares, when (a) the extraordinary shareholders’ meeting of the Company and, as the case may be, the Board and/or the meeting of any holders of a specific category of securities of the Company, have taken all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of, and establish the terms of, the offering of Preferred Shares and related matters, and (b) issued, sold and delivered in the manner and for the consideration stated in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting, placement or similar agreement approved by the Board, as the case may be, upon payment of the consideration provided therein to the Company, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

3. The Warrants, when (a) the extraordinary shareholders' meeting of the Company and, as the case may be, the Board and/or the meeting of any holders of a specific category of securities of the Company, have taken all necessary corporate action to approve the issuance of and establish the terms of such Warrants, the terms of the offering of the Warrants and related matters, and (b) issued, sold and delivered in the manner and for the consideration stated in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting, placement or similar agreement approved by the Board as the case may be, and upon payment of the consideration approved by the Board, the Warrants will be validly issued.

In rendering the foregoing opinion, we have assumed that (i) the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto, will have become effective under the Securities Act (and will remain effective at the time of issuance of any Securities thereunder); (ii) a prospectus supplement describing each class and/or series of Securities offered pursuant to the Registration Statement, to the extent required by applicable law and the relevant rules and regulations of the Commission will be timely filed with the Commission; (iii) the resolutions authorizing the Company to issue, offer and sell the Securities as adopted by the extraordinary shareholders' meeting and/or the Board, as applicable, will be in full force and effect at all times at which the Securities are issued, offered or sold by the Company; (iv) the definitive terms of the Securities will have been established in accordance with the authorizing resolutions adopted by the extraordinary shareholders' meeting and/or the Board, as applicable, the Company's By-laws and applicable law; (v) the Company will issue and deliver the Securities in the manner contemplated in the Registration Statement and the amount of Securities issued will remain within the limits of the then authorized but unissued amounts of such Securities; (vi) all Securities will be issued in compliance with applicable securities and corporate law; and (vii) any deposit agreement, warrant agreement, purchase contract agreement or similar agreement will constitute a valid and binding obligation of each party thereto other than the Company.

As to facts material to the opinions and assumptions expressed herein, we have relied upon written statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company. We are members of the Paris bar and this opinion is limited to the laws of the Republic of France. This opinion is subject to the sovereign power of the French courts to interpret the facts and circumstances of any adjudication. This opinion is given on the basis that it is to be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Republic of France.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement and to the reference to Jones Day under the caption "Legal Matters" in the prospectus constituting a part of such Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are included in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jones Day

**[JONES DAY LETTERHEAD]**

May 6, 2016

Collectis S.A.  
8, rue de la Croix Jarry  
75013 Paris, France

Re: Registration Statement on Form F-3 Filed by Collectis S.A.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special United States counsel for Collectis S.A., a French société anonyme (the “Company”), in connection with the authorization of the possible issuance and sale from time to time, on a delayed basis, by the Company of an indeterminate amount of warrants to purchase ordinary shares of the Company and/or preferred shares of the Company (the “Warrants”) as contemplated by the Registration Statement on Form F-3 as filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”), to which this opinion is filed as an exhibit (as the same may be amended from time to time, the “Registration Statement”). The Warrants may be offered and sold from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”).

In connection with the opinion expressed herein, we have examined such documents, records and matters of law as we have deemed relevant or necessary for purposes of such opinion. Based on the foregoing, and subject to the further limitations, qualifications and assumptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that the Warrants, upon receipt by the Company of such lawful consideration therefore as the Company’s Board of Directors (or an authorized committee thereof) may determine, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company.

In rendering the foregoing opinion, we have assumed that: (i) the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto, will have become effective under the Securities Act (and will remain effective at the time of issuance of any Warrants thereunder); (ii) a prospectus supplement describing the terms of the Warrants offered pursuant to the Registration Statement, to the extent required by applicable law and the relevant rules and regulations of the Commission, will be timely filed with the Commission; (iii) the resolutions authorizing the Company to issue, offer and sell the Warrants will have been adopted by the Board of Directors (or an authorized committee thereof) and/or the shareholders of the Company, as applicable, and will be in full force and effect at all times at which the Warrants are offered and sold by the Company; (iv) the definitive terms of the Warrants will have been established in accordance with all requisite corporate action and applicable law, including French law; (v) the Company will issue and deliver the Warrants in the manner contemplated by the Registration Statement; (vi) all Warrants will be issued in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws; and (vii) any Warrant Agreement (defined below) will be governed, in whole or in part by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and will constitute a valid and binding obligation of each party thereto other than the Company.

We have further assumed that (i) the warrant agreement, approved by us, relating to the Warrants (the “Warrant Agreement”) to be entered into between the Company and an entity selected by the Company to act as the warrant agent (the “Counterparty”) will have been authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Counterparty, and (ii) the Warrants will be authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Counterparty in accordance with the provisions of the Warrant Agreement.



We have further assumed that (a) the Company is and will be a French *société anonyme* existing and in good standing under the laws of France, (b) the Warrant Agreement and the underlying ordinary and/or preferred shares have been or will have been (i) authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company and (ii) executed and delivered by the Company under the laws of France, (c) the choice of New York law to govern, in whole or in part, the Warrant Agreement and any choice of New York forum provisions included in the Warrant Agreement are valid choices under the laws of France, (d) the execution, delivery, performance and compliance with the terms and provisions of the Warrant Agreement by the Company do not and will not violate or conflict with the laws of France or the terms and provisions of the Company's By-laws (including any amendments thereto), or any rule, regulation, order, decree, judgment, instrument or agreement binding upon or applicable to the Company or its properties.

The opinion expressed herein is limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent transfer and fraudulent conveyance, voidable preference, moratorium or other similar laws and related regulations and judicial doctrines from time to time in effect relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, and by general equitable principles and public policy considerations, whether such principles and considerations are considered in a proceeding at law or at equity.

As to facts material to the opinion and assumptions expressed herein, we have relied upon oral or written statements of representations of officers and other representatives of the Company.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the laws of the State of New York, as currently in effect, and we express no opinion as to the effect of the laws of any other jurisdiction, including in particular the laws of France.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 5.2 to the Registration Statement and to the reference to Jones Day under the caption "Legal Matters" in the prospectus constituting a part of such Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are included in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jones Day

## Collectis S.A.

## Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Share Dividends

Year ended December 31, (€ in thousands)	2013	2014	2015	
Pre-tax income from continuing operations before adjustment for income or loss from equity investees (4)	(26,839)	1,850	(20,373)	
Fixed charges	294	161	21	
Amortization of capitalized interest	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Distributed income of equity investees	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Share of pre-tax losses of equity investees for which charges arising from guarantees are included in fixed charges	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Interest capitalized	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Preference security dividend requirements of consolidated subsidiaries	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Noncontrolling interest in pre-tax income of subsidiaries that have not incurred fixed charges	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>Total Earnings</b>	<b>(26,545)</b>	<b>2,011</b>	<b>(20,352)</b>	
Interest expensed and capitalized	198	113	1	
Amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Estimate of the interest within rental expense	96	48	20	
Preference security dividend requirements of consolidated subsidiaries.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>Total Fixed charges</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>21</b>	
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (1)	*	12.48	*	
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred share dividends (1) (3)	*	12.48	*	
(1) Earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by:				
	(€ in thousands)	26,839	—	20,373
	(\$ in thousands) (2)	35,717	—	22,504
(2) Dollar amounts have been translated solely for the convenience of the reader at the following exchange rates:		1.3308	N/A	1.1046
(3) The Company did not have any outstanding preferred shares over the indicated periods.				
(4) Pre-tax incomes from continuing operations include the following Non-cash stock-based compensation expense		461	548	30,103

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption “Experts” in the Registration Statement (Form F-3) and related Prospectus of Collectis S.A. for the registration of an indeterminate number of ordinary shares, preferred shares and warrants, and to the incorporation by reference therein of our report dated March 21, 2016, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Collectis S.A., included in its Annual Report (Form 20-F) for the year ended December 31, 2015, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ERNST & YOUNG et Autres

/s/ Franck Sebag

Paris La Defense, France

May 6, 2016