

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

36Kr Holdings Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

Not Applicable
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

5-6/F, Tower A1, Junhao Central Park Plaza
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(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

2019 Share Incentive Plan
(Full title of the plans)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer
Smaller reporting company
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered ⁽¹⁾	Amount to be Registered ⁽²⁾	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Class A ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share	101,695,654 ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾	\$0.0001 ⁽³⁾	\$10,169.57	\$1.32
Class A ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share	35,490,346 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	\$0.0001 ⁽⁴⁾	\$3,549.04	\$0.46

- (1) The Class A ordinary shares of 36Kr Holdings Inc. (the "Registrant") registered hereunder are represented by the Registrant's American depositary shares ("ADSs"), with each ADS representing 25 Class A ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share. The registrant's ADSs issuable upon deposit of the Class A ordinary shares have been registered under a separate registration statement on Form F-6 (333-234196).
- (2) Represents Class A ordinary shares issuable under the 2019 Share Incentive Plan (the "Plan") of the Registrant. Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this registration statement is deemed to cover an indeterminate number of Class A ordinary shares which may be offered and issued to prevent dilution resulting from share splits, share dividends or similar transactions as provided in the Plan.
- (3) Represents Class A ordinary shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options previously granted under the Plan as of the date of this registration statement. The maximum offering price per share represents the average exercise price of the options which have been already granted and are outstanding under the Plan.

- (4) Represents Class A ordinary shares reserved for future award grants under the Plan. The maximum offering price per share represents the average exercise price of the options to be granted under the Plan.
 - (5) Any Class A ordinary shares covered by an award granted under the Plan (or portion of an award) that is forfeited, cancelled or otherwise expired for any reason without having been exercised shall be deemed not to have been issued for purposes of determining the maximum aggregate number of ordinary shares which may be issued under the Plan.
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PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

ITEM 1. PLAN INFORMATION*

ITEM 2. REGISTRANT INFORMATION AND EMPLOYEE PLAN ANNUAL INFORMATION*

* Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the Note to Part I of Form S-8. The documents containing information specified in this Part I will be separately provided to the participants in the Plan covered by this Registration Statement, as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") by the Registrant are incorporated herein by reference.

[\(1\) The Registrant's prospectus filed with the Commission on November 12, 2019 pursuant to Rule 424\(b\)\(4\) under the Securities Act \(Securities Act File No. 333-234006\); and](#)

[\(2\) The description of the Registrant's Class A ordinary shares contained in the Registrant's registration statement on Form 8-A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended \(the "Exchange Act"\) filed on November 1, 2019, as modified by any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description \(Exchange Act File No. 001-39117\).](#)

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold, or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. INTEREST OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Cayman Islands law does not limit the extent to which a company's articles of association may provide for indemnification of officers and directors, except to the extent any such provision may be held by the Cayman Islands courts to be contrary to public policy, such as to provide indemnification against civil fraud or the consequences or committing a crime. The Registrant's third amended and restated memorandum and articles of association provide for indemnification of officers and directors against all actions, proceedings, costs, charges, expenses, losses, damages or liabilities incurred or sustained by such officers and directors, other than by reason of such directors or officers' own dishonesty, wilful default or fraud as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, in or about the conduct of the Registrant's business or affairs (including as a result of any mistake of judgment) or in the execution or discharge of his duties, powers, authorities or discretions, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any costs, expenses, losses or liabilities incurred by such directors or officers in defending (whether successfully or otherwise) any civil proceedings concerning the Registrant or its affairs in any court whether in the Cayman Islands or elsewhere.

Pursuant to the indemnification agreements, the form of which was filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's registration statement on Form F-1, as amended (File No. 333-234006), the Registrant has agreed to indemnify its directors and officers against, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all expenses and liabilities actually and reasonably incurred by reason of such director's or officer's corporate status.

The Registrant maintains standard policies of insurance under which coverage is provided (a) to its directors and officers against loss arising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act and (b) to the Registrant with respect to payments which may be made by the Registrant to such officers and directors pursuant to the above indemnification provision or otherwise as a matter of law.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS

The Exhibits listed on the accompanying Exhibit Index are filed as a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this Registration Statement. (See Exhibit Index below).

ITEM 9. REQUIRED 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;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the 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 the Registration Statement; and
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is 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 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.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes 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.

(c) 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.

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
4.1	<u>Third Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's registration statement on Form F-1 filed on September 30, 2019).(Securities Act File No. 333-234006)</u>
4.2	<u>Registrant's Specimen Certificate for Ordinary Shares (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's registration statement on Form F-1 filed on October 28, 2019, as amended).(Securities Act File No. 333-234006)</u>
4.3	<u>Form of Deposit Agreement between the Registrant, the depository and holders of the American Depositary Shares (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant's registration statement on Form F-1 filed on October 28, 2019, as amended).(Securities Act File No. 333-234006)</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of Maples and Calder (Hong Kong) LLP (filed herewith)</u>
10.1	<u>2019 Share Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's registration statement on Form F-1 filed on September 30, 2019).(Securities Act File No. 333-234006)</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of Maples and Calder (Hong Kong) LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).</u>
23.2	<u>Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (filed herewith)</u>
24.1	<u>Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Registration Statement)</u>

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the PRC, on December 30, 2019.

36Kr Holdings Inc.

By: /s/ Jihong Liang

Name: Jihong Liang

Title: Director and Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Dagang Feng and Jihong Liang, and each of them acting individually and without the other, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and re-substitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place, and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments, exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, 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 and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or either of them individually, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on December 30, 2019.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Dagang Feng</u> Name: Dagang Feng	Co-Chairman of Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)
<u>/s/ Chengcheng Liu</u> Name: Chengcheng Liu	Co-Chairman of Board of Directors
<u>/s/ Jihong Liang</u> Name: Jihong Liang	Director and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)
<u>/s/ Chao Zhu</u> Name: Chao Zhu	Director
<u>/s/ Yifan Li</u> Name: Yifan Li	Independent Director
<u>/s/ Hendrick Sin</u> Name: Hendrick Sin	Independent Director
<u>/s/ Peng Su</u> Name: Peng Su	Independent Director

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, the undersigned, the duly authorized representative in the United States of 36Kr Holdings Inc., has signed this registration statement or amendment thereto in New York on December 30, 2019.

Authorized U.S. Representative

Cogency Global Inc.

By: /s/ Colleen A. De Vries

Name: Colleen A. De Vries

Title: Senior Vice President



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30 December 2019

Dear Sirs

36Kr Holdings Inc. (the "Company")

We have acted as Cayman Islands legal counsel to the Company in connection with a registration statement on Form S-8 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") on 30 December 2019 (the "**Registration Statement**") relating to the registration under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the "**Securities Act**") of 137,186,000 class A ordinary shares, par value US\$0.0001 per share (the "**Shares**"), issuable by the Company pursuant to the Company's 2019 Share Incentive Plan (the "**Plan**").

For the purposes of giving this opinion, we have examined copies of the Registration Statement and the Plan. We have also reviewed copies of the third amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company adopted by special resolution passed on 29 September 2019 and effective conditional and immediately prior to the completion of the Company's initial public offering of Shares (the "**Memorandum and Articles**"), the written resolutions of the board of directors of the Company dated 4 September 2019 and 29 September 2019 (together, the "**Resolutions**").

Based upon, and subject to, the assumptions and qualifications set out below, and having regard to such legal considerations as we deem relevant, we are of the opinion that:

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Non-Resident Partners: Aisclair Robertson (Cayman Islands), John Fowler (Cayman Islands), Kieran Walsh (Cayman Islands)

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1. The Shares to be issued by the Company and registered under the Registration Statement have been duly and validly authorized.
2. When issued and paid for in accordance with the terms of the Plan and in accordance with the Resolutions, and appropriate entries are made in the register of members (shareholders) of the Company, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

In this opinion letter, the phrase “non-assessable” means, with respect to the issuance of Shares, that a shareholder shall not, in respect of the relevant Shares, have any obligation to make further contributions to the Company’s assets (except in exceptional circumstances, such as involving fraud, the establishment of an agency relationship or an illegal or improper purpose or other circumstances in which a court may be prepared to pierce or lift the corporate veil).

These opinions are subject to the qualification that under the Companies Law (2018 Revision) of the Cayman Islands, the register of members of a Cayman Islands company is by statute regarded as *prima facie* evidence of any matters which the Companies Law (2018 Revision) directs or authorises to be inserted therein. A third party interest in the shares in question would not appear. An entry in the register of members may yield to a court order for rectification (for example, in the event of fraud or manifest error).

These opinions are given only as to, and based on, circumstances and matters of fact existing and known to us on the date of this opinion letter. These opinions only relate to the laws of the Cayman Islands which are in force on the date of this opinion letter. We express no opinion as to the meaning, validity or effect of any references to foreign (i.e. non-Cayman Islands) statutes, rules, regulations, codes, judicial authority or any other promulgations.

We have also relied upon the assumptions, which we have not independently verified, that (a) all signatures, initials and seals are genuine, (b) copies of documents, conformed copies or drafts of documents provided to us are true and complete copies of, or in the final forms of, the originals, (c) there is nothing contained in the minute book or corporate records of the Company (which we have not inspected) which would or might affect the opinions set out above, and (d) upon the issue of any Shares, the consideration received by the Company shall be not less than the par value of such Shares.

We consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and further consent to all references to us in the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto. In giving such consent, we do not consider that we are “experts” within the meaning of such term as used in the Securities Act, or the rules and regulations of the Commission issued thereunder, with respect to any part of the Registration Statement, including this opinion as an exhibit or otherwise.

Yours faithfully

/s/ Maples and Calder (Hong Kong) LLP
Maples and Calder (Hong Kong) LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of 36Kr Holdings Inc. of our report dated June 28, 2019, except for the effects of the reorganization, as it relates to the transfer of the 36Kr Business by Beijing Duoke to 36Kr Holdings Inc. as described in Note 1, as to which the date is August 14, 2019 relating to the financial statements of 36Kr Holdings Inc., which appears in 36Kr Holdings Inc.'s prospectus filed on November 12, 2019 pursuant to Rule 424(b)(4).

December 30, 2019

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers Zhong Tian LLP
PricewaterhouseCoopers Zhong Tian LLP

Beijing, the People's Republic of China
