# **Terms of Service**

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- investigate any alleged violations of our Terms;
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## **13. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Any controversy, claim, or dispute arising out of or related to these Terms (or the interpretation, performance, or breach of them), the Site, or the Services, including but not limited to alleged violations (a "Dispute") shall be solely and exclusively resolved according to the procedures set forth in this paragraph. If we are unable to resolve any Dispute through informal means, either party may initiate binding arbitration of such Dispute. The arbitration shall be initiated and conducted according to the JAMS/Endispute Comprehensive Arbitration Rules and Procedures in effect as of the date hereof, including the Optional Appeal Procedure provided for in such rules (the "Arbitration Rules"). The arbitration shall be conducted in Beijing, before a single neutral arbitrator appointed in accordance with the Arbitration Rules. The arbitrator's decision shall be controlled by these Terms, including any applicable Additional Terms. No Disputes may be arbitrated on a class or representative basis; arbitration can decide only the individual Dispute and the arbitrator may not consolidate or join the claims of other persons or parties who may be similarly situated. BY ENTERING INTO THESE TERMS, YOU HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVE YOUR RIGHT TO A TRIAL AND ANY RIGHT YOU MAY HAVE TO JOIN CLAIMS WITH THOSE OF OTHERS IN THE FORM OF A CLASS ACTION OR SIMILAR PROCEDURAL DEVICE. ANY CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF, RELATING TO, OR CONNECTED WITH THESE TERMS MUST BE ASSERTED INDIVIDUALLY. The arbitrator shall not have the power to award punitive damages against any party. Without limiting the foregoing, any lawsuit filed relating to these Terms, the Site, Services, or your relationship with us, must be filed in the courts sitting in Beijing and you agree to irrevocably submit to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of such courts.

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We will be excused from failures or delays in delivery or performance of the Site and/or Services, if such failure or delay is attributable to causes beyond our reasonable control including but not limited to weather, acts of God, natural disaster, war, terrorist attack, disease, epidemic/pandemic, criminal activity, riot, civil unrest, strike, or utility failure. These Terms will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Beijing, without giving effect to any conflict of laws rules or provisions.

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Our failure to enforce any right or provision of these Terms will not act as a waiver of such right or provision and will not prevent us from enforcing such right or provision or any other right or provision in the future.

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We may, in our sole discretion, modify the Terms from time to time. If a change is material, as determined by us in our sole discretion, we will provide at least fourteen (14) days' notice prior to the effective date of the change via a post on the Site and/or email to you. By not terminating your relationship with us prior to the effective date of the change, you acknowledge and agree that you shall be bound by the updated Terms. We suggest periodically visiting this page of the Site to review these Terms.