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### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM S-3

### REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Under

The Securities Act of 1933

### **QUOTIENT LIMITED**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Jersey, Channel Islands (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 2835 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) Pentlands Science Park Not applicable (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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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.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x

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If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the SEC pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Smaller reporting company "

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of	Amount To Be	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Proposed Maximum	Amount of
Securities To Be Registered <sup>(1)</sup>	Registered <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Per Unit <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Offering Price <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>Registration Fee</b>
Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>				
Preference Shares <sup>(4)</sup>				
Debt Securities <sup>(5)</sup>				
Rights to Purchase Ordinary Shares				
Rights to Purchase Preference Shares				
Warrants to Purchase Ordinary Shares				
Warrants to Purchase Preference Shares				
Warrants to Purchase Debt Securities				
Total	\$200,000,000	100%	\$200,000,000	\$23,240

(1) An indeterminate number or amount of ordinary shares, preference shares, debt securities, rights and warrants of Quotient Limited as may from time to time be issued at indeterminate prices, with an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$200,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in foreign currencies or currency units, or if any debt securities are issued with original issue discount, the greater amount as shall result in an aggregate offering price of \$200,000,000. Securities registered, referred to as the offered securities, may be sold separately, together or as units with other offered securities. Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement also

- covers an indeterminate number of additional ordinary shares that may be issued as a result of adjustments by reason of any share split, share dividend or similar transaction.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. Pursuant to Rule 457(o) of the rules and regulations under the Securities Act of 1933, which permits the registration fee to be calculated on the basis of the maximum offering price of all the securities listed, the table does not specify by each class information as to the amount to be registered, proposed maximum offering price per unit or proposed maximum aggregate offering price. Unless otherwise indicated in an amendment to this filing, no separate consideration will be received for ordinary shares, preference shares or debt securities that are issued by Quotient Limited upon conversion or exchange of debt securities or preference shares registered under this registration statement.
- (3) Also includes the presently indeterminate number of ordinary shares as may be issued by Quotient Limited (a) upon conversion of or exchange for any debt securities or preference shares that provide for conversion or exchange into ordinary shares, (b) upon exercise of rights to purchase ordinary shares or (c) upon exercise of warrants to purchase ordinary shares.
- (4) Also includes the presently indeterminate number of preference shares as may be issued by Quotient Limited (a) upon conversion of or exchange for any debt securities that provide for conversion or exchange into preference shares, (b) upon exercise of rights to purchase preference shares or (c) upon exercise of warrants to purchase preference shares.
- (5) Subject to note (1), an indeterminate principal amount of debt securities.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission acting pursuant to said Section 8(a) may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement becomes effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

#### **SUBJECT TO COMPLETION**

**Preliminary Prospectus Dated July 31, 2015** 

### **QUOTIENT LIMITED**

Ordinary Shares, Preference Shares, Debt Securities, Rights to Purchase Ordinary Shares, Rights to Purchase Preference Shares, Warrants to Purchase Ordinary Shares, Warrants to Purchase Preference Shares and Warrants to Purchase Debt Securities

We may offer and sell, from time to time, the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities and the general manner in which they may be offered. We will provide the specific terms of these securities and such offerings in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. The prospectus supplements will also contain information, where applicable, about certain federal income tax considerations relating to, and any listing on a securities exchange of, the securities covered by such prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and any supplements carefully before you make an investment decision.

We may sell these securities to or through underwriters and also to other purchasers or through agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. The names of any underwriters or agents and the specific terms of a plan of distribution will be stated in an accompanying prospectus supplement. More information about how these securities may be offered and sold is included in the section entitled Plan of Distribution contained in this prospectus. No securities may be sold without delivery of a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of those securities.

Our ordinary shares and the warrants sold in our initial public offering are listed on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbols QTNT and QTNTW, respectively. The last reported sale price of our ordinary shares and warrants on The NASDAQ Global Market on July 30, 2015 was \$16.40 per share and \$5.95 per warrant.

We are an emerging growth company under applicable Securities and Exchange Commission rules and, as such, have elected to comply with certain reduced public company reporting requirements for this prospectus and future filings.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before buying any of our securities, you should carefully read the discussion of material risks of investing in our securities described in our Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, which is incorporated herein by reference, in addition to the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, in an applicable prospectus supplement or in other offering material. Please see the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 2 of this prospectus, as well as the sections entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 15 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2015.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

No Jersey, Channel Islands regulatory consent is required in respect of this prospectus and, consequently, no consent has been sought from the Jersey Financial Services Commission in connection with this prospectus.

The date of this prospectus is , 2015.

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We have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than that contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any other offering material prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. Do not rely upon any information or representations made outside of such sources. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We are not making an offer to sell, or soliciting an offer to buy, these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer, sale or solicitation is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any other offering material prepared by us is accurate only as of its respective date. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since such date.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit either to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or any document incorporated by reference herein or in any prospectus supplement were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreement, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant made to you or for your benefit. Moreover, such representations, warranties or covenants were accurate only as of the date they were made. Accordingly, such representations, warranties and covenants should not be relied on as accurately representing the current state of our affairs.

Our trademark portfolio includes both United States and foreign trademark registrations and pending United States and foreign trademark applications. Other trademarks or trade names referred to in this prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference herein are the property of their respective owners. Solely for convenience, the trademarks and trade names in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein are generally referred to without the <sup>®</sup> and symbols, but such references should not be construed as any indicator that their respective owners will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, their rights thereto.

Certain market and industry data and forecasts included in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any other offering material were obtained from independent market research, industry publications and surveys, governmental agencies and publicly available information. We did not fund and are not otherwise affiliated with the third party sources that we cite. Industry surveys, publications and forecasts generally state that the information contained therein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but that the accuracy and completeness of such information is not guaranteed. While we are not aware of any misstatements regarding the market or industry data presented or incorporated by reference herein or in any prospectus supplement or other offering material, our estimates involve risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various factors, including those discussed under the heading Risk Factors in this prospectus.

Our fiscal year ends on March 31. Unless otherwise noted, any reference to a year preceded by the word fiscal refers to the twelve months ended March 31 of that year. For example, references to fiscal 2015 refer to the twelve months ended March 31, 2015. Any reference to a year not preceded by fiscal refers to a calendar year.

For investors outside of the United States: We have not done anything that would permit possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than the United States. Persons outside of 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 and the distribution of this prospectus outside of the United States.

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the ordinary shares, preference shares, debt securities, rights to purchase ordinary shares or preference shares and warrants to purchase ordinary shares, preference shares or debt securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide you with this prospectus and a prospectus supplement or other offering material, if applicable, that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement or other offering material may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement or other offering material together with additional information described under the heading. Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference. Information incorporated by reference after the date of this prospectus may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Any information in such subsequent filings that is inconsistent with this prospectus will supersede the information in this prospectus or any earlier prospectus supplement.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, using a shelf registration process. Under a shelf registration process, we may, from time to time, sell the securities covered by this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. For further information, we refer you to the registration statement, including its exhibits, which can be read at the SEC s web site (www.sec.gov) or at the SEC s offices referred to under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

This prospectus contains summaries of certain provisions contained in some of the documents described herein, but reference is made to the actual documents for complete information. All of the summaries are qualified in their entirety by the actual documents. Copies of some of the documents referred to herein have been filed or will be filed or incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and you may obtain copies of those documents as described under the heading Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date of each document.

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### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights some of the information in this prospectus. It does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our securities. You should read carefully the more detailed information set forth under Risk Factors and the other information included in this prospectus. Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this prospectus to Quotient, the Company, we, us and our refer to Quotient Limited and its consolidated subsidiaries.

#### Overview

We are an established, commercial-stage diagnostics company committed to reducing healthcare costs and improving patient care through the provision of innovative tests within established markets. Our initial focus is on blood grouping and serological disease screening, which is commonly referred to as transfusion diagnostics. Blood grouping involves specific procedures performed at donor or patient testing laboratories to characterize blood, which includes antigen typing and antibody identification. Serological disease screening involves the screening of donor blood for unwanted pathogens.

We have over 30 years of experience developing, manufacturing and commercializing conventional reagent products used for blood grouping within the global transfusion diagnostics market. We are developing MosaiQ, our proprietary technology platform, to better address the comprehensive needs of this large and established market. MosaiQ will initially comprise two separate consumables, one for blood grouping and one for serological disease screening, and a high-throughput instrument. We believe MosaiQ has the potential to transform transfusion diagnostics, significantly reducing the cost of blood grouping in a donor or patient testing environment, while improving patient outcomes.

We have a proven track record and significant expertise in product development, manufacturing and quality, uniquely tailored to the highly regulated transfusion diagnostics market. We have introduced a range of FDA-licensed products in the United States under the Quotient brand, which we sell directly to donor testing laboratories, hospitals and independent testing laboratories. We have also increased our emphasis on the development, manufacture and sale of conventional reagent products to original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs, such as Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Inc., Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. and Grifols S.A.

We currently derive revenue from a portfolio of products used for blood grouping, as well as whole blood controls used daily for quality assurance testing of third-party blood grouping instruments. We are developing additional conventional reagent products for our OEM customers and for sale directly in the United States under the Quotient brand.

### **Corporate History and Information**

Quotient Limited is a limited liability no par value company incorporated under the laws of Jersey, Channel Islands. Our registered address is Elizabeth House, 9 Castle Street, St. Helier, JE2 3RT, Jersey, Channel Islands. Our agent for service of process is our wholly owned U.S. subsidiary, Quotient Biodiagnostics, Inc., 301 South State Street, Suite S-204, Newton, Pennsylvania 18940.

We were incorporated in Jersey, Channel Islands in 2012. Our principal executive offices are located at Pentlands Science Park, Bush Loan, Penicuik, Midlothian, EH26 OPZ, United Kingdom, and our telephone number is 011-44-0131-445-6159. Our website address is *www.quotientbd.com*. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and should not be considered to be part of this prospectus, and you should not rely on any such information in making the decision whether to purchase our securities.

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### **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before buying any of our securities, you should carefully consider the discussion of material risks of investing in our securities described in our SEC filings, including our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, which is incorporated herein by reference, in addition to the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, in an applicable prospectus supplement or in other offering material, before purchasing any of our securities. Any of these risks could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business operations.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are based on our current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, and other future conditions, and include estimates and projections. Forward-looking statements can be identified by objective, anticipate, believe, words such as strategy, estimate, expect, intend, predict, potential, will, would, could, should, continue, contemplate, might, design and other similar express all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Although we believe that we have a reasonable basis for each forward-looking statement contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, we caution you that these statements are based on a combination of facts and factors currently known by us and our expectations of the future, about which we cannot be certain, and are subject to numerous known and unknown risks and uncertainties.

Forward-looking statements include statements about:

the development, regulatory approval and commercialization of Mosai $Q^{TM}$ ; the design of blood grouping and disease screening capabilities of Mosai $Q^{TM}$  and the benefits of Mosai $Q^{TM}$  for both customers and patients; future demand for and customer adoption of Mosai $Q^{TM}$ , the factors that we believe will drive such demand and our ability to address such demand; our expected profit margins for MosaiQ;

the size of the market for MosaiQ;

the regulation of MosaiQ<sup>TM</sup> by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or the FDA, or other regulatory bodies, or any unanticipated regulatory changes or scrutiny by such regulators;

future plans for our conventional reagent products;

the status of our future relationships with customers, suppliers, and regulators relating to our conventional reagent products;

future demand for our conventional reagent products and our ability to meet such demand;

our ability to manage the risks associated with international operations;

anticipated changes, trends and challenges in our business and the transfusion diagnostics market;

the effects of competition;

the expected outcome or impact of pending or threatened litigation;

our ability to protect our intellectual property and operate our business without infringing upon the intellectual property rights of others;

our anticipated cash needs and our expected sources of funding, including proceeds from exercises of our outstanding warrants, and our estimates regarding our capital requirements and capital expenditures (including the expected cost of a new expanded manufacturing facility in Edinburgh, Scotland); and

our plans for executive and director compensation for the future.

We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements, and you should not place significant reliance on our forward-looking statements. The inclusion of forward-looking information should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that the future plans, estimates or expectations that we contemplate will be achieved. Actual results or events could differ materially from the plans, intentions and expectations disclosed in the forward-looking statements we make.

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Important factors that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements include those identified under the heading Risk Factors in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any other offering material and the factors referenced in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, which is incorporated by reference herein, including those set forth under Risk Factors , Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk therein. These factors should not be construed as exhaustive, and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements included in and incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any other offering material.

Many important factors, in addition to the factors described in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein, may adversely and materially affect our results as indicated in forward-looking statements. You should read this prospectus, the documents that we have incorporated by reference herein and the documents that we have filed as exhibits to either the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or any document incorporated by reference herein, as well as any prospectus supplement or other offering material, completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different and worse from what we expect.

The forward-looking statements in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein represent our views as of the date of this prospectus or such document, as applicable. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise disclosed in the applicable prospectus supplement, we expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of the offered securities under this prospectus to continue the development of MosaiQ<sup>TM</sup>, as described elsewhere in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein, as well as for working capital, operating expenses and other general corporate purposes.

# RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERENCE SHARE DIVIDENDS OF QUOTIENT LIMITED

The ratios of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated are set forth in the following table. Our earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges for each of those periods. For the periods indicated, we had no outstanding preference shares with required dividend payments. Therefore, earnings were insufficient to cover combined fixed charges and preference share dividends by the same amounts referenced in footnote 1 below.

	F	Fiscal Year Ended March 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	

(1) The ratio of earnings to fixed charges is computed by dividing loss before taxes plus fixed charges by fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense (including interest expense from capital leases), debt financing expense and the estimated portion of rental expense deemed by us to be representative of the interest factor of rental payments under operating leases. Earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$654,000, \$638,000, \$592,000, \$1.8 million and \$3.5 million for the years ended March 31, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES

We may, from time to time,	, offer under this prospectus	, separately or together:

preference shares,

ordinary shares,

debt securities,

rights to purchase ordinary shares,

rights to purchase preference shares,

warrants to purchase ordinary shares,

warrants to purchase preference shares, and

warrants to purchase debt securities.

The aggregate initial offering price of the securities offered by us will not exceed \$200,000,000.

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### **DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL**

#### General

Quotient Limited was originally formed as a private limited liability, no par value company named QBDG (Newco) Limited, on January 18, 2012 under the Companies (Jersey, Channel Islands) Law 1991 (referred to below, as amended, as the Jersey Companies Law) with the registered number 109886. The company changed its name to Quotient Biodiagnostics Holdings Limited on January 27, 2012, and changed its name to Quotient Limited on May 10, 2013. On April 3, 2014, the company s status was changed to a public limited liability no par value company.

The registered office of Quotient Limited is at c/o Quotient Limited, P.O. Box 1075, Elizabeth House, 9 Castle Street, St Helier Jersey, Channel Islands, JE2 2QP and its principal executive office is at Pentlands Science Park, Bush Loan, Penicuik, Midlothian, EH26 OPZ, United Kingdom.

#### **Authorized and Issued Share Capital**

We are a no par value company, meaning that our shares do not have any nominal or par value. Our constitutional documents permit us to issue an unlimited number of shares.

The issued share capital of our company as of July 31, 2015 was 17,029,851 fully paid ordinary shares of nil par value and 666,665 fully paid 7% cumulative redeemable preference shares of nil par value.

### **Ordinary Shares**

Ordinary shares we may issue from time to time will have no preemptive rights or other rights to subscribe for additional ordinary shares, no rights of redemption, conversion or exchange and no sinking fund rights. In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, the holders of our ordinary shares are entitled to share equally and ratably in our assets, if any, remaining after the payment of all our debts and liabilities and the liquidation preference of any issued and outstanding preference shares, if applicable. All of the ordinary shares offered will be fully paid and non-assessable. Holders of our ordinary shares are entitled to receive such dividends as may be lawfully declared from time to time by our board of directors.

#### **Preference Shares**

Subject to limitations contained in our Memorandum and Articles of Association and in any Statement of Rights filed at the Companies Registry in Jersey in respect of the Company and any limitations prescribed by applicable law, our Board of Directors is authorized to issue preference shares in one or more series and to fix the designation, powers, preferences and rights and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such shares, including but not limited to dividend rates, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption/repurchase (including sinking fund provisions), redemption/repurchase prices and liquidation preferences, and the number of shares constituting and the designation of any such series, without further vote or action by our shareholders. Each prospectus supplement will describe, as to the preference shares to which it relates, the title of the series, the designation, powers, preferences and rights the series, the qualifications, limitations and restrictions of the series and any other material terms of the series. All of the preference shares offered will be fully paid and non-assessable.

### **Existing Preference Shares**

7% Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares

On January 30, 2015, we issued in a private placement 666,665 7% cumulative redeemable preference shares, which we refer to below as the preference shares, at a price of \$22.50 per share, for an aggregate

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subscription price of approximately \$15 million. The material terms and provisions of the preference shares, as set forth in the Statement of Rights in relation to Preference Shares in the capital of the Company, or the Statement of Rights, are summarized below. The following description is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the Statement of Rights, which is filed as an exhibit to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 30, 2015 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should review a copy of the Statement of Rights for a complete description of the terms and conditions applicable to the preference shares.

Each preference share has a right to a cumulative preferential dividend of 7% per annum of the subscription price paid for that preference share on and from the date of issue of such preference share to (but excluding) the date of redemption of such preference share, or the Preferential Dividend. The Preferential Dividend accrues quarterly and is payable in connection with the redemption of the preference shares. We have the right (but are under no obligation) to make payments from time to time of some or all of the then accrued but unpaid Preferential Dividend balance, and will not declare or pay dividends or make any other distributions of income or profits to the holders of our ordinary shares for so long as any accrued Preferential Dividend remains accrued but unpaid.

The holders of the preference shares have the right to require us to redeem the preference shares after four years, or the Holder Redemption Trigger Date, subject to our right to extend the Holder Redemption Trigger Date in one year increments up to a maximum of ten (10) years from the issue date. We have the right to redeem all or some of the preference shares at any time. The preference shares are subject to automatic redemption upon a Change of Control of our company as defined in the Statement of Rights. On the redemption of the preference shares, we will first pay the amount of the accrued Preferential Dividend and then the redemption price per preference share, which is equal to the subscription price paid therefor.

On a winding-up or liquidation of our company, the preference shares will rank *pari passu* with our ordinary shares with respect to the repayment of amounts paid up thereon. Immediately prior to a winding-up or liquidation of our company, all accrued and unpaid Preferential Dividends in respect of the preference shares will be capitalized into new preference shares on the basis of one (1) new preference share for each whole \$22.50 of Preferential Dividend accrued.

The holders of the preference shares are subject to certain transfer restrictions and also have certain other rights described in the Statement of Rights.

#### **Memorandum and Articles of Association**

Public limited companies formed under the laws of Jersey, Channel Islands are governed in general by two organizational documents, a Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association. The Memorandum of Association sets forth the basic constitutional details of the company and its authorized share capital. The Articles of Association set forth other general corporate matters, including the rights of shareholders and provisions concerning shareholder and director meetings and directors terms and fees. The full text of both our Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association are exhibits to this registration statement and are also available at our website, www.quotientbd.com. Information contained on our website or that is accessible through it is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and should not be considered to be part of this prospectus, and you should not rely on any such information in making the decision whether to purchase the ordinary shares.

### **Quotient Memorandum of Association**

Under the Jersey Companies Law, the capacity of a Jersey company is not limited by anything contained in its Memorandum or Articles of Association. Accordingly, we are able to operate in any markets and to provide any

services which are legally permissible and that the directors deem appropriate. Our Memorandum of Association permits us to issue an unlimited number of shares and warrants.

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### **Quotient Articles of Association**

### Voting rights

Each shareholder (other than holders of the preference shares) is entitled to one vote on a show of hands and to one vote per share held by such shareholder on a poll. There is no cumulative voting of shares.

Shareholders are ineligible to vote (unless our board determines otherwise) if any call or other sum presently payable by the shareholder to us in connection with such shares remains unpaid.

No holder of a preference share is entitled to vote (either in person or by proxy and whether by ballot or on a show of hands) at any general meeting of the Company or be counted in determining the total number of votes which may be cast at any such meeting, or required for the purposes of an ordinary resolution or special resolution of any members or any class of members, or for the purposes of any other consent required under our Articles of Association, except that the holders of the preference shares are entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at any meeting of the holders of the preference shares as a class, where each holder of a preference share is entitled to vote one vote per share on a poll.

### Transfer of Shares

Shareholders may transfer certificated shares through a customary share transfer form and the presentation of the applicable physical share certificate. Any of our shares purchased on NASDAQ represent only beneficial interests in the underlying aggregate certificated share position held by DTC. Transfers in street name through the DTC system are legally considered a transfer of the beneficial interest and are to be conducted in accordance with NASDAQ and DTC procedures.

Beneficial holders in street name may request at any time that actual ordinary shares in certificated form be registered in their name, which would therefore accord them full rights as legal shareholders under Jersey law. A beneficial holder s broker may obtain on such holder s behalf shares in certificated form through Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, our transfer agent. However, the conversion from a beneficial interest in securities legally owned by Cede & Co., the nominee used by DTC, as holder of legal title to the securities to actual securities, and vice versa, may require both time and the payment of processing fees to our transfer agent in addition to fees that may be levied by a beneficial holder s brokerage firm.

Our Board of Directors in its discretion may suspend the registration of transfers of shares for periods not exceeding thirty (30) days in any year. Our Board of Directors may also decline to register transfers of shares:

that are not fully paid; and

upon which we have a lien.

If our Board of Directors declines to register a transfer of shares, we must notify the transferee within two (2) months thereafter.

#### Dividends and Other Distributions

In order to be able to declare any dividends, our directors must issue a statutory solvency statement to the effect that, immediately following the date on which the dividends are proposed to be paid, the company will be able to discharge its liabilities as they fall due and, having regard to the prospects of the company and to the intentions of the directors with respect to the management of the company s business and the amount and character of the financial resources that will in the view of the directors be available to the company, the company will be able to continue to carry on business and discharge its liabilities as they fall due for the twelve (12) months immediately following the date on which the dividend is proposed to be paid (or until the company is dissolved on a solvent basis, if earlier).

Dividends (other than a Preferential Dividend) must be apportioned and paid *pro rata* according to the amounts paid on shares, unless otherwise specified in the rights attached to a specific class or classes of shares. Dividends (other than a Preferential Dividend) do not accrue interest and may, if unclaimed, be invested by our Board of Directors on our behalf until claimed. Any dividend unclaimed after a period of twelve (12) years from the date of declaration of such dividend or the date on which such dividend became due for payment is forfeited and becomes our property.

Our Articles of Association provide that our Board of Directors may offer our shareholders the right to receive in lieu of any cash dividend (or part thereof) that we declare on our ordinary shares, such number of our ordinary shares that are (or nearly as possible) equivalent in value to the cash dividend, based on the market price of such shares determined in accordance with our Articles of Association.

The terms of our preference shares provide that, other than the Preferential Dividend, no holder of preference shares has any right to participate in any distribution made by the Company, whether of income, profits or otherwise.

### Winding Up

If we are wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary, under supervision, or by the courts of Jersey) the liquidator (or the board, where no liquidator is appointed) may, with the authority of a special resolution of our shareholders, divide among our shareholders part or all of our assets, or transfer any part of our assets to a trustee for the benefit of our shareholders.

#### Changes in Capital and Allotment of Securities

We may, by special resolution of our shareholders, alter our Memorandum of Association to increase or reduce the number of shares that we are authorized to issue, to consolidate all or any of our shares (whether issued or not) into fewer shares or to divide all or any of our shares (whether issued or not) into more shares, in each case in compliance with the Jersey Companies Law.

Subject to the provisions of the Jersey Companies Law, our board has the discretion to issue authorized but unissued shares.

#### Variation of Class Rights

The rights attaching to any class of shares may only be altered by written consent of holders of not less than two-thirds (2/3) in number of the issued shares of that class, or by special resolution of the relevant class passed at a class shareholder meeting by the holders of not less than two-thirds (2/3) in number of the issued shares of that class being voted in person or by proxy at such meeting.

### Change in Control

There are no provisions in our Articles of Association which would have an effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in our control.

### **General Meetings**

An annual general meeting and any other shareholders meeting (whether convened for the passing of an ordinary or a special resolution of our shareholders) shall be called by at least fourteen (14) clear days notice given to our shareholders, directors and our auditors.

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### **Borrowing Powers**

Our Board of Directors has the full authority to authorize our entry into agreements to borrow money, to grant security over our assets and to issue debentures and other securities whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of us or of any third party.

#### Directors

We may, by resolution of our shareholders, vary the minimum or maximum number of directors (subject to a minimum of two (2) directors). Currently the minimum number of directors is two (2) and there is no maximum number of directors. We currently have eight (8) members on our Board of Directors.

Shareholders are only able to appoint a person as a director at a shareholder meeting if (i) the relevant person has been recommended by our board or is a serving director who is retiring at that shareholder meeting; or (ii) if a shareholder (other than the person proposed as a director) who is entitled to attend and vote at that shareholder meeting has submitted written notice to us of their intention to nominate the relevant person during the period from (and including) the date that is one hundred twenty (120) days before, to and including the date that is ninety (90) days before, the first anniversary of the last annual general meeting of the Company meeting, along with a notice from the relevant person confirming their willingness to be appointed.

Directors are required to disclose any conflicts of interest with respect to any contract or proposed contract or any other arrangement or proposed arrangement with us.

### Other Jersey, Channel Islands Law Considerations

### Purchase of Own Shares

As with declaring a dividend, we may not buy back or redeem our shares unless our directors who are to authorize the buy back or redemption have made a statutory solvency statement that, immediately following the date on which the buy back or redemption is proposed, the company will be able to discharge its liabilities as they fall due and, having regard to prescribed factors, the company will be able to continue to carry on business and discharge its liabilities as they fall due for the twelve (12) months immediately following the date on which the buy back or redemption is proposed (or until the company is dissolved on a solvent basis, if earlier).

If the above conditions are met, we may purchase shares in the manner described below.

We may purchase on a stock exchange our own fully paid shares pursuant to a special resolution of our shareholders. The resolution authorizing the purchase must specify:

the maximum number of shares to be purchased;

the maximum and minimum prices which may be paid; and

a date, not being later than eighteen (18) months after the passing of the resolution, on which the authority to purchase is to expire.

We may purchase our own fully paid shares otherwise than on a stock exchange pursuant to a special resolution of our shareholders but only if the purchase is made on the terms of a written purchase contract which has been approved by an ordinary resolution of our shareholders. The shareholder from whom we propose to purchase or redeem shares is not entitled to take part in such shareholder vote in respect of the shares to be purchased.

We may fund a redemption or purchase of our own shares from any source. We cannot purchase our shares if, as a result of such purchase, only redeemable shares would remain in issue.

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If authorized by a resolution of our shareholders, any shares that we redeem or purchase may be held by us as treasury shares. Any shares held by us as treasury shares may be cancelled, sold, transferred for the purposes of or under an employee share scheme or held without cancelling, selling or transferring them. Shares redeemed or purchased by us are cancelled where we have not been authorized to hold these as treasury shares.

### Mandatory Purchases and Acquisitions

The Jersey Companies Law provides that where a person has made an offer to acquire a class of all of our outstanding shares not already held by the person and has as a result of such offer acquired or contractually agreed to acquire ninety percent (90%) or more of such outstanding shares, that person is then entitled (and may be required) to acquire the remaining shares. In such circumstances, a holder of any such remaining shares may apply to the Jersey court for an order that the person making such offer not be entitled to purchase the holder s shares or that the person purchase the holder s shares on terms different to those under which the person made such offer.

Other than as described above, we are not subject to any regulations under which a shareholder that acquires a certain level of share ownership is then required to offer to purchase all of our remaining shares on the same terms as such shareholder s prior purchase.

### **Compromises and Arrangements**

Where we and our creditors or shareholders or a class of either of them propose a compromise or arrangement between us and our creditors or our shareholders or a class of either of them (as applicable), the Jersey court may order a meeting of the creditors or class of creditors or of our shareholders or class of shareholders (as applicable) to be called in such a manner as the court directs. Any compromise or arrangement approved by a majority in number representing seventy-five percent (75%) or more in value of the creditors or seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the voting rights of shareholders or class of either of them (as applicable) if sanctioned by the court, is binding upon us and all the creditors, shareholders or members of the specific class of either of them (as applicable).

Whether the capital of the company is to be treated as being divided into a single or multiple class(es) of shares is a matter to be determined by the court. The court may in its discretion treat a single class of shares as multiple classes, or multiple classes of shares as a single class, for the purposes of the shareholder approval referred to above taking into account all relevant circumstances, which may include circumstances other than the rights attaching to the shares themselves.

#### No Pre-Emptive Rights

The Jersey Companies Law does not confer any pre-emptive rights to purchase our shares or warrants on our security holders.

### Rights of Minority Shareholders

Under Article 141 of the Jersey Companies Law, a shareholder may apply to court for relief on the ground that the conduct of our affairs, including a proposed or actual act or omission by us, is unfairly prejudicial to the interests of our shareholders generally or of some part of our shareholders, including at least the shareholder making the application. What amounts to unfair prejudice is not defined in the Jersey Companies Law. There may also be common law personal actions available to our shareholders.

Under Article 143 of the Jersey Companies Law (which sets out the types of relief a court may grant in relation to an action brought under Article 141 of the Jersey Companies Law), the court may make an order regulating our affairs, requiring us to refrain from doing or continuing to do an act complained of, authorizing civil proceedings and providing for the purchase of shares by us or by any of our other shareholders.

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### **Share Registrar (Transfer Agent)**

The share registrar and transfer agent for our ordinary shares in the United States is Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 17 Battery Place, New York, NY 10004. Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company and its affiliates in Jersey, Channel Islands are collectively responsible for managing both our legal share register in Jersey, Channel Islands and our interaction, including moving our shares into and out of, the DTC system. Our legal share register is kept at Elizabeth House, 9 Castle Street, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3RT.

### Listing

Our ordinary shares are quoted on the Nasdaq Global Market under the trading symbol QTNT.

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### DESCRIPTION OF THE DEBT SECURITIES

The following description of our debt securities sets forth certain terms and provisions of our debt securities that we may offer from time to time in one or more distinct series. This section summarizes certain terms of any debt securities that we anticipate will be common to all series. Please note that the terms of any series of debt securities that we may offer may differ significantly from the common terms described in this prospectus. Most of the specific terms of any series of debt securities that we offer, and any differences from the common terms described in this prospectus, will be described in the prospectus supplement for such securities to be attached to the front of this prospectus.

An indenture will govern any debt securities that we issue. An indenture is a contract between us and a financial institution acting as trustee on your behalf. We will enter into an indenture with an institution having corporate trust powers, which will act as trustee, relating to any debt securities that are offered by this prospectus. The indenture will be subject to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. The trustee under an indenture has the following two main roles:

the trustee can enforce your rights against us if we default; there are some limitations on the extent to which the trustee acts on your behalf, which are described later in this prospectus; and

the trustee will perform certain administrative duties for us, which include sending you interest payments and notices

As this section is a summary of some of the terms of the debt securities we may offer under this prospectus, it does not describe every aspect of the debt securities. In particular, the form of indenture we have filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part is a base indenture which contemplates that the specific terms of any debt securities may be set forth in one or more resolutions of our board of directors or supplemental indentures to the indenture. We urge you to read the indenture and the other documents (including any supplemental indentures) we file with the SEC relating to the debt securities because the indenture for those securities and those other documents, and not this description, will define your rights as a holder of our debt securities. We have filed the form of indenture as an exhibit to the registration statement that we have filed with the SEC, and we will file any such other documents (including any supplemental indentures) as exhibits to an annual, quarterly or other report that we file with the SEC. See Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference, for information on how to obtain copies of the indenture and any such other documents. References to the indenture mean the indenture that will define your rights as a holder of debt securities, a form of which we have filed as an exhibit to the registration statement. The actual indenture we enter into in connection with an offering of debt securities may differ significantly from the form of indenture we have filed.

### General

The indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of our debt securities that we may issue. We may issue our debt securities under the indenture from time to time in one or more series. The indenture does not limit the amount of other indebtedness, or our debt securities other than secured indebtedness, which we or our subsidiaries may issue.

Unless otherwise provided in a prospectus supplement, our senior debt securities will be our unsecured obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. Our subordinated debt securities will be our unsecured obligations and will be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full

of all of our senior indebtedness.

Each prospectus supplement will describe the following terms of the offered debt securities:

the title of the series;

any limit on the aggregate principal amount;

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the principal payment dates;

the interest rates, if any, which rate may be zero if our debt securities are issued at a discount from the principal amount payable at maturity, or the method by which the interest rates will be determined, including, if applicable, any remarketing option or similar method;

the date or dates from which interest, if any, will accrue or the method by which the date or dates will be determined;

the interest payment dates and regular record dates;