

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-1**

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

**Ascendant Digital Acquisition Corp.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**6770**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

**N/A**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

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 check the following box.

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.  (File No. 333-239623)

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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 Each Class of Security Being Registered	Amount Being Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Security(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee(5)
Units, each consisting of one Class A ordinary share, \$0.0001 par value, and one-half of one redeemable warrant(2)	6,900,000 Units	\$10.00	\$69,000,000	\$8,956.20
Class A ordinary shares included as part of the units(3)	6,900,000 Shares	—	—	—(4)
Redeemable warrants included as part of the units(3)	3,450,000 Warrants	—	—	—(4)
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$69,000,000</b>	<b>\$8,956.20</b>

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee.

(2) Includes 900,000 units, consisting of 900,000 Class A ordinary shares and 450,000 redeemable warrants, which may be issued upon exercise of a 45-day option granted to the underwriters to cover over-allotments, if any.

(3) Pursuant to Rule 416, there are also being registered an indeterminable number of additional securities as may be issued to prevent dilution resulting from share splits, share dividends or similar transactions.

(4) No fee pursuant to Rule 457(g).

(5) The Registrant previously registered securities having a proposed maximum aggregate offering price of \$345,000,000 on its Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (File No. 333-239623), which was declared effective by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on July 23, 2020. In accordance with Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, an additional number of securities having a proposed maximum offering price of \$69,000,000 is hereby registered, which includes securities issuable upon the exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option.

**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, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-1 is being filed with respect to the registration of 6,900,000 additional units, each consisting of one Class A ordinary share, \$0.0001 par value per share, and one-half of one redeemable warrant of Ascendant Digital Acquisition Corp., a Cayman Islands exempted company (the “Registrant”), pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and General Instruction V to Form S-1, including 900,000 units that may be purchased by the underwriters to cover over-allotments, if any. Each whole warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one Class A ordinary share at a price of \$11.50 per share, subject to adjustment. Only whole warrants are exercisable. No fractional warrants will be issued upon separation of the units and only whole warrants will trade. This Registration Statement relates to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (File No. 333-239623) (the “Prior Registration Statement”), initially filed by the Registrant on July 2, 2020 and declared effective by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) on July 23, 2020. The required opinions of counsel and related consent and accountant’s consent are attached hereto and filed herewith. Pursuant to Rule 462(b), the contents of the Prior Registration Statement, including the exhibits thereto, are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

**PART II**  
**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.**

(a) *Exhibits.* All exhibits filed with or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (SEC File No. 333-239623) are incorporated by reference into, and shall be deemed a part of, this Registration Statement, and the following additional exhibits are filed herewith, as part of this Registration Statement:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
5.1	<a href="#"><u>Opinion of White &amp; Case LLP, counsel to the Registrant.</u></a>
5.2	<a href="#"><u>Opinion of Maples and Calder, Cayman Islands counsel to the Registrant.</u></a>
23.1	<a href="#"><u>Consent of WithumSmith+Brown, PC.</u></a>
23.2	<a href="#"><u>Consent of White &amp; Case LLP (included on Exhibit 5.1).</u></a>
23.3	<a href="#"><u>Consent of Maples and Calder (included on Exhibit 5.2).</u></a>

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, New York on the 23rd day of July, 2020.

**ASCENDANT DIGITAL ACQUISITION CORP.**

By:  /s/ David Gomberg  
Name: David Gomberg  
Title: President and Director

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Mark Gerhard</u> Mark Gerhard	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	July 23, 2020
<u>/s/ Riaan Hodgson</u> Riaan Hodgson	Chief Operating Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	July 23, 2020
<u>/s/ David Gomberg</u> David Gomberg	President and Director	July 23, 2020
<u>/s/ Mickie Rosen</u> Mickie Rosen	Director	July 23, 2020
<u>/s/ Diane Nelson</u> Diane Nelson	Director	July 23, 2020
<u>/s/ Michael Jesselson</u> Michael Jesselson	Director	July 23, 2020
<u>/s/ Robert Foresman</u> Robert Foresman	Director	July 23, 2020

**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 6(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, the undersigned has signed this registration statement, solely in its capacity as the duly authorized representative of Ascendant Digital Acquisition Corp., in the City of New York, New York, on the 23rd day of July, 2020.

By: /s/ David Gomberg  
Name: David Gomberg  
Title: Authorized Representative

July 23, 2020

WHITE & CASE

Ascendant Digital Acquisition Corp.  
667 Madison Avenue, 5th Floor  
New York, New York 10065

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as New York counsel to Ascendant Digital Acquisition Corp., a Cayman Islands exempted company (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of a registration statement on Form S-1 (the "Rule 462(b) Registration Statement") relating to the registration under the Securities Act of the offer and sale by the Company of 6,900,000 units of the Company, including up to 900,000 units which may be purchased from the Company upon the exercise of the over-allotment option to purchase additional units set forth in the Underwriting Agreement (as defined below) (collectively, the "Units"), with each Unit consisting of one of the Company's Class A ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share (each, an "Ordinary Share"), and one-half of one redeemable warrant (each, a "Warrant"), each whole Warrant entitling the holder to purchase one Ordinary Share. The 462(b) Registration Statement relates to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (File No. 333-239623) (the "Registration Statement"), initially filed by the Company on July 2, 2020 and declared effective by the Commission on July 23, 2020.

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This opinion letter is rendered in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or related prospectus, any prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) with respect thereto or the 462(b) Registration Statement, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the issue of the Units.

In connection with our opinion expressed below, we have examined originals or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction of the following documents and such other documents, corporate records, certificates and other statements of government officials and corporate officers of the Company as we deemed necessary for the purposes of the opinion set forth in this opinion letter:

- (a) the Registration Statement and the 462(b) Registration Statement;
- (b) the Underwriting Agreement, dated July 23, 2020, by and between the Company and the representative on behalf of each of the several underwriters named in Schedule I thereto, filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the Registration Statement (the "Underwriting Agreement");
- (c) the form of Unit certificate, filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement;
- (d) the form of Warrant certificate, filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Registration Statement; and
- (e) the Warrant Agreement, dated as of July 23, 2020, by and between the Company and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as warrant agent (the "Warrant Agent"), pursuant to which the Warrants will be issued (the "Warrant Agreement"), filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Registration Statement.

July 23, 2020

The documents listed in clauses (b) through (e) above and the other documents that we have examined in connection therewith are referred to as the “Transaction Documents”.

We have relied, to the extent we deem such reliance proper, upon such certificates or comparable documents of officers and representatives of the Company and of public officials and upon statements and information furnished by officers and representatives of the Company with respect to the accuracy of material factual matters contained therein which were not independently established by us. In rendering the opinions expressed below, we have assumed, without independent investigation or verification of any kind, the genuineness of all signatures on documents we have reviewed, the legal capacity and competency of all natural persons signing all such documents, the authenticity and completeness of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to authentic, complete original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies, the truthfulness, completeness and correctness of all factual representations and statements contained in all documents we have reviewed, the accuracy and completeness of all public records examined by us and the accuracy of all statements in certificates of officers of the Company that we reviewed.

In addition, in rendering the opinions expressed below, we have assumed that: (i) each party to each Transaction Document is duly organized and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation or formation and has, and had at all relevant times, full power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, each Transaction Document to which it is a party, (ii) that each Transaction Document has been or will be duly authorized, and will be executed and delivered, by all of the parties thereto, and each party to the each of the Transaction Documents has satisfied or will satisfy all other legal requirements that are applicable to it to the extent necessary to make each Transaction Document enforceable against it, (iii) that each Transaction Document will constitute the valid, binding and enforceable obligation of all of the parties thereto under all applicable laws; provided, however, that this assumption is not made as to the Company to the extent expressly addressed in our opinion in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this opinion letter, (iv) that the execution and delivery of, and the performance of its obligations under, each Transaction Document by each party thereto will not (A) contravene such party’s articles or certificate of incorporation, by-laws or similar organizational documents, (B) contravene any laws or governmental rules or regulations that may be applicable to such party or its assets, (C) contravene any judicial or administrative judgment, injunction, order or decree that is binding upon such party or its assets, or (D) breach or result in a default under any contract, indenture, lease, or other agreement or instrument applicable to or binding upon such party or its assets, (v) that all consents, approvals, licenses, authorizations, orders of, and all filings or registrations with, any governmental or regulatory authority or agency required under the laws of any jurisdiction for the execution and delivery of, and the performance of its obligations under, each Transaction Document by each party thereto have been or will be obtained or made and are in full force and effect, (vi) that there are no agreements or other arrangements that modify, supersede, novate, terminate or otherwise alter any of the terms of any Transaction Document and (vii) that the Registration Statement has been declared effective by the Commission and such effectiveness shall not have been terminated or rescinded.

Based upon the foregoing assumptions and assumptions set forth below, and subject to the qualifications and limitations stated herein, having considered such questions of law as we have deemed necessary as a basis for the opinions expressed below, we are of the opinion that:

1. When the 462(b) Registration Statement becomes effective under the Securities Act and the Units have been issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement against the payment of the consideration set forth in the Underwriting Agreement, the Units will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, subject to (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, conservatorship, liquidation, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer and other laws affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights generally, and (ii) the application of general principles of equity (whether applied by a court in equity or at law).
2. When the 462(b) Registration Statement becomes effective under the Securities Act and the Warrants included in the Units have been delivered by the Company pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement against the payment of the consideration set forth in the Underwriting Agreement, the Warrants will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, subject to (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, conservatorship, liquidation, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer and other laws affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights generally, and (ii) the application of general principles of equity (whether applied by a court of law in equity or at law).

The opinion expressed above is limited to questions arising under the law of the State of New York. We do not express any opinion as to the laws of any other jurisdiction.

July 23, 2020

This opinion letter is for your benefit in connection with the Registration Statement and may be relied upon by you and by persons entitled to rely upon it pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Securities Act. This opinion letter is provided solely in connection with the distribution of the Units pursuant to the Registration Statement and is not to be relied upon for any other purpose.

The opinion expressed above is as of the date hereof only, and we express no opinion as to, and assume no responsibility for, the effect of any fact or circumstance occurring, or of which we learn, subsequent to the date of this opinion letter, including, without limitation, legislative and other changes in the law or changes in circumstances affecting any party. We assume no responsibility to update this opinion letter for, or to advise you of, any such facts or circumstances of which we become aware, regardless of whether or not they affect the opinions expressed in this opinion letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the 462(b) Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm as counsel for the Company that has passed on the validity of the Units and Warrants appearing under the caption "Legal Matters" in the prospectus forming part of the Registration Statement or any prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) with respect thereto. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ White & Case LLP

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Ascendant Digital Acquisition Corp.

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Cayman Islands

23 July 2020

**Ascendant Digital Acquisition Corp.**

We have acted as counsel as to Cayman Islands law to Ascendant Digital Acquisition Corp. (the “**Company**”) in connection with the Company’s registration statement on Form S-1, including all amendments or supplements thereto, filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Act**”) (including its exhibits, the “**Registration Statement**”) for the purposes of, registering with the Commission under Rule 462(b) of the Act, the offering and sale to the public of an additional:

- (a) up to 6,900,000 units (including 900,000 units, which the several underwriters, for whom UBS Securities LLC is acting as representative (“**Representative**”), will have a 45-day option to purchase from the Company to cover over-allotments, if any) (“**Units**”) at an offering price of US\$10 per Unit, each Unit consisting of:
  - (i) one Class A ordinary share of a par value of US\$0.0001 of the Company (“**Ordinary Shares**”); and
  - (ii) one-half of one redeemable warrant, each whole warrant exercisable to purchase one Ordinary Share at a price of US\$11.50 per Ordinary Share (“**Warrants**”);
- (b) all Ordinary Shares and Warrants issued as part of the Units.

This opinion letter is given in accordance with the terms of the Legal Matters section of the Registration Statement.

## 1 Documents Reviewed

We have reviewed originals, copies, drafts or conformed copies of the following documents:

- 1.1 The certificate of incorporation dated 11 February 2020 and the amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company as registered or adopted on 23 July 2020 (the “**Memorandum and Articles**”).
- 1.2 The written resolutions of the board of directors of the Company dated 23 July 2020 (the “**Resolutions**”), the written resolutions of the pricing committee of the board of directors of the Company (the “**Committee**”) dated 23 July 2020 (the “**Committee Resolutions**”) and the corporate records of the Company maintained at its registered office in the Cayman Islands.
- 1.3 A certificate of good standing with respect to the Company issued by the Registrar of Companies (the “**Certificate of Good Standing**”).
- 1.4 A certificate from a director of the Company a copy of which is attached to this opinion letter (the “**Director’s Certificate**”).
- 1.5 The Registration Statement.
- 1.6 A draft of the form of the unit certificate representing the Units (the “**Unit Certificate**”).
- 1.7 A draft of the form of the warrant agreement and the warrant certificate constituting the Warrants (the “**Warrant Documents**”).
- 1.8 A draft of the underwriting agreement between the Company and the Representative (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”).

The documents listed in paragraphs 1.6 to 1.8 inclusive above shall be referred to collectively herein as the “**Documents**”.

## 2 Assumptions

The following 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. In giving the following opinions, we have relied (without further verification) upon the completeness and accuracy, as at the date of this opinion letter, of the Director’s Certificate and the Certificate of Good Standing. We have also relied upon the following assumptions, which we have not independently verified:

- 2.1 The Documents have been or will be authorised and duly executed and unconditionally delivered by or on behalf of all relevant parties in accordance with all relevant laws (other than, with respect to the Company, the laws of the Cayman Islands).
- 2.2 The Documents are, or will be, legal, valid, binding and enforceable against all relevant parties in accordance with their terms under the laws of the State of New York (the “**Relevant Law**”) and all other relevant laws (other than, with respect to the Company, the laws of the Cayman Islands).
- 2.3 The choice of the Relevant Law as the governing law of the Documents has been made in good faith and would be regarded as a valid and binding selection which will be upheld by the courts of the State of New York and any other relevant jurisdiction (other than the Cayman Islands) as a matter of the Relevant Law and all other relevant laws (other than the laws of the Cayman Islands).

- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 All signatures, initials and seals are genuine.
- 2.6 The capacity, power, authority and legal right of all parties under all relevant laws and regulations (other than, with respect to the Company, the laws and regulations of the Cayman Islands) to enter into, execute, unconditionally deliver and perform their respective obligations under the Documents.
- 2.7 No invitation has been or will be made by or on behalf of the Company to the public in the Cayman Islands to subscribe for any of the Units, the Warrants or the Ordinary Shares.
- 2.8 There is no contractual or other prohibition or restriction (other than as arising under Cayman Islands law) binding on the Company prohibiting or restricting it from entering into and performing its obligations under the Documents.
- 2.9 No monies paid to or for the account of any party under the Documents or any property received or disposed of by any party to the Documents in each case in connection with the Documents or the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby represent or will represent proceeds of criminal conduct or criminal property or terrorist property (as defined in the Proceeds of Crime Law (2020 Revision) and the Terrorism Law (2018 Revision), respectively).
- 2.10 There is nothing under any law (other than the laws of the Cayman Islands) which would or might affect the opinions set out below. Specifically, we have made no independent investigation of the Relevant Law.
- 2.11 The Company will receive money or money's worth in consideration for the issue of the Ordinary Shares and none of the Ordinary Shares were or will be issued for less than par value.

Save as aforesaid we have not been instructed to undertake and have not undertaken any further enquiry or due diligence in relation to the transaction the subject of this opinion letter.

### **3 Opinions**

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

- 3.1 The Company has been duly incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability and is validly existing and in good standing with the Registrar of Companies under the laws of the Cayman Islands.
- 3.2 The Ordinary Shares to be offered and issued by the Company as contemplated by the Registration Statement have been duly authorised for issue, and when issued by the Company against payment in full of the consideration as set out in the Registration Statement and in accordance with the terms set out in the Registration Statement, such Ordinary Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. As a matter of Cayman Islands law, a share is only issued when it has been entered in the register of members (shareholders).

3.3 The execution, delivery and performance of the Unit Certificate and the Warrant Documents have been authorised by and on behalf of the Company and, once the Unit Certificate and the Warrant Documents have been executed and delivered by any director or officer of the Company, the Unit Certificate and the Warrant Documents will be duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Company and will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company enforceable in accordance with their terms.

#### 4 Qualifications

The opinions expressed above are subject to the following qualifications:

- 4.1 The term “**enforceable**” as used above means that the obligations assumed by the Company under the Documents are of a type which the courts of the Cayman Islands will enforce. It does not mean that those obligations will necessarily be enforced in all circumstances in accordance with their terms. In particular:
- (a) enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, reorganisation, readjustment of debts or moratorium or other laws of general application relating to or affecting the rights of creditors;
  - (b) enforcement may be limited by general principles of equity. For example, equitable remedies such as specific performance may not be available, *inter alia*, where damages are considered to be an adequate remedy;
  - (c) where obligations are to be performed in a jurisdiction outside the Cayman Islands, they may not be enforceable in the Cayman Islands to the extent that performance would be illegal under the laws of that jurisdiction; and
  - (d) some claims may become barred under relevant statutes of limitation or may be or become subject to defences of set off, counterclaim, estoppel and similar defences.
- 4.2 To maintain the Company in good standing with the Registrar of Companies under the laws of the Cayman Islands, annual filing fees must be paid and returns made to the Registrar of Companies within the time frame prescribed by law.
- 4.3 Under Cayman Islands law, the register of members (shareholders) is *prima facie* evidence of title to shares and this register would not record a third party interest in such shares. However, there are certain limited circumstances where an application may be made to a Cayman Islands court for a determination on whether the register of members reflects the correct legal position. Further, the Cayman Islands court has the power to order that the register of members maintained by a company should be rectified where it considers that the register of members does not reflect the correct legal position. As far as we are aware, such applications are rarely made in the Cayman Islands and for the purposes of the opinion given in paragraph 3.2, there are no circumstances or matters of fact known to us on the date of this opinion letter which would properly form the basis for an application for an order for rectification of the register of members of the Company, but if such an application were made in respect of the Ordinary Shares, then the validity of such shares may be subject to re-examination by a Cayman Islands court.
- 4.4 Except as specifically stated herein, we make no comment with respect to any representations and warranties which may be made by or with respect to the Company in any of the documents or instruments cited in this opinion letter or otherwise with respect to the commercial terms of the transactions the subject of this opinion letter.

4.5 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 and in the absence of a contractual arrangement, or an obligation pursuant to the memorandum and articles of association, to the contrary, 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).

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the references to our firm under the headings “Legal Matters”, “Risk Factors”, “Shareholder Suits” and “Enforcement of Civil Liabilities” in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement. In providing our consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission thereunder.

This opinion letter is addressed to you and may be relied upon by you, your counsel and purchasers of Units pursuant to the Registration Statement. This opinion letter is limited to the matters detailed herein and is not to be read as an opinion with respect to any other matter.

Yours faithfully

/s/ Maples and Calder

Maples and Calder

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-1, of our report dated July 1, 2020, relating to the balance sheet of Ascendant Digital Acquisition Corp. as of March 2, 2020, and the related statements of operations, changes in shareholder's equity and cash flows for the period from February 11, 2020 (inception) through March 2, 2020, appearing in Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1, File No. 333-239623.

/s/ WithumSmith+Brown, PC

New York, New York  
July 23, 2020