

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rules 13a-16 or 15d-16 under
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Dated April 5, 2019

Commission File Number: 001-10086

VODAFONE GROUP
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

VODAFONE HOUSE, THE CONNECTION, NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE, RG14 2FN, ENGLAND

(Address of principal executive offices)

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This Report on Form 6-K contains a Stock Exchange Announcement dated 04 April 2019 entitled VODAFONE CLOSES US\$2 BILLION HYBRID SECURITIES OFFERING

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Vodafone Group Plc

4 April 2019

Vodafone Group Plc

(Vodafone)

VODAFONE CLOSSES US\$2 BILLION HYBRID SECURITIES OFFERING

On 4 April 2019, Vodafone closed a US\$2 billion hybrid securities offering. The securities are due on 4 April 2079. Vodafone has applied to list the securities on the New York Stock Exchange. The securities have a euro equivalent rate of 4.38%.

This concludes Vodafone's funding requirements for the acquisition of Liberty Global's assets in Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania, having raised a total of 20 billion at an average euro equivalent rate of 2.3% and a weighted average maturity of 9.7 years.

Forward-looking statements

This announcement contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to the use of proceeds from Vodafone's SEC-registered capital securities offering. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

A review of the reasons why actual results and developments may differ materially from the expectations disclosed or implied within forward-looking statements can be found by referring to the information contained under the heading Risk management beginning on page 38 of Vodafone's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the financial year ended 31 March 2018 and Risk Factors on page 20 of Vodafone's Half-Year Report for the six months ended 30 September 2018. The Half-Year Report and the Annual Report on Form 20-F can be found on Vodafone's website (www.vodafone.com/investor). Except as otherwise stated herein and as may be required to comply with applicable law and regulations, Vodafone does not intend to update these forward-looking statements and does not undertake any obligation to do so.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

VODAFONE GROUP
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
(Registrant)

Dated: April 5, 2019

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