

SUPPLEMENTARY PROSPECTUS DATED 29 JUNE 2021



Vodafone Group Plc

(incorporated with limited liability in England and Wales)

€30,000,000,000

Euro Medium Term Note Programme

This Supplement (the "**Supplement**") to the Prospectus dated 26 August 2020 (the "**Prospectus**", which definition includes the Prospectus and all information incorporated by reference therein), which constitutes a base prospectus in respect of all Notes other than Exempt Notes for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law in the United Kingdom by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the "**UK Prospectus Regulation**"), constitutes a supplementary prospectus in respect of all Notes other than Exempt Notes for the purposes of Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation and is prepared in connection with the €30,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "**Programme**") established by Vodafone Group Plc (the "**Issuer**"). Terms defined in the Prospectus have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

The purpose of this Supplement is to (a) incorporate by reference the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31 March 2021 in the Prospectus; (b) update the "Significant or Material Change" paragraph contained in the section headed "*General Information*" in the Prospectus; (c) update the "Legal Proceedings" paragraph in the section headed "*General Information*" in the Prospectus; and (d) update certain information in the section headed "*Form of Final Terms*" in the Prospectus.

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and that this Supplement makes no omission likely to affect its import.

The Prospectus, this Supplement and the documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus may be obtained (without charge) from the Issuer's website at <https://investors.vodafone.com/investor-relations> and the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-newshome.html.

This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement or any statement incorporated by reference into the Prospectus by this Supplement and (b) any other statement in, or incorporated by reference in, the Prospectus, the statements in (a) above will prevail.

This Supplement has been approved by the FCA, as competent authority under the UK Prospectus Regulation, as a supplement to the Prospectus in compliance with the UK Prospectus Regulation.

If documents which are incorporated by reference themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, such information or other documents will not form part of this Supplement for the purposes of the UK Prospectus Regulation except where specifically incorporated by reference. Any non-incorporated parts of a document referred to herein are either not relevant for an investor or are otherwise covered elsewhere in the Prospectus.

Save as disclosed in this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or material inaccuracy relating to information included in the Prospectus has arisen since the publication of the Prospectus.

A. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31 March 2021, including the auditors' report thereon, as set out on pages 110 to 216, the section on non-GAAP measures, as set out on pages 217 to 226, and the definitions section as set out on pages 245 to 246 of the Issuer's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021 (<https://investors.vodafone.com/sites/vodafone-ir/files/2021-05/vodafone-annual-report-2021.pdf>) shall, by virtue of this Supplement, be incorporated in, and form part of, the Prospectus.

B. SIGNIFICANT OR MATERIAL CHANGE

The section headed "**Significant or Material Change**" on page 110 of the Prospectus shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"There has been no significant change in the financial performance or financial position of the Issuer and its subsidiaries since 31 March 2021 and there has been no material adverse change in the

prospects of the Issuer and its subsidiaries since 31 March 2021.”

C. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The section headed “**Legal Proceedings**” on page 110 of the Prospectus shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Save as disclosed in this section entitled “*Legal Proceedings*”, there are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) in the previous 12 months preceding the date of this Supplement which may have, or have had a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer and its subsidiaries. Due to inherent uncertainties, no accurate quantification of any cost, or timing of such cost, which may arise from any of the legal proceedings outlined below can be made.

Indian tax cases

In January 2012, the Supreme Court of India found against the Indian tax authority and in favour of Vodafone International Holdings BV (“**VIHBV**”) in proceedings brought after the Indian tax authority alleged potential liability under the Income Tax Act 1961 for the failure by VIHBV to deduct withholding tax from consideration paid to the Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited group (“**HTIL**”) in connection with its 2007 disposal to VIHBV of its interests in a wholly-owned Cayman Island incorporated subsidiary that indirectly held interests in Vodafone India Limited (“**Vodafone India**”).

The Finance Act 2012 of India, which amended various provisions of the Income Tax Act 1961 with retrospective effect, contained provisions intended to tax any gain on transfer of shares in a non-Indian company, which derives substantial value from underlying Indian assets, such as VIHBV’s transaction with HTIL in 2007. Further, it sought to subject a purchaser, such as VIHBV, to a retrospective obligation to withhold tax. On 3 January 2013, VIHBV received a letter from the Indian tax authority reminding it of the tax demand raised prior to the Supreme Court of India’s judgment and updating the interest element of that demand to a total amount of INR142 billion, which included principal and interest as calculated by the Indian tax authority but did not include penalties.

On 12 February 2016, VIHBV received a notice dated 4 February 2016 of an outstanding tax demand of INR221 billion (plus interest) along with a statement that enforcement action, including against VIHBV’s indirectly held assets in India, would be taken if the demand was not satisfied. On 29 September 2017, VIHBV received an electronically generated demand in respect of alleged principal, interest and penalties in the amount of INR190.7 billion. This demand does not appear to have included any element for alleged accrued interest liability.

In response to the 2013 letter, VIHBV initiated arbitration proceedings under the Netherlands-India Bilateral Investment Treaty (“**Dutch BIT**”). The arbitration hearing took place in February 2019. In September 2020, the arbitration tribunal issued its award unanimously ruling in VIHBV’s favour. The Indian Government applied in Singapore to set aside the award primarily on jurisdictional grounds. The proceedings have been transferred to a senior court, with a hearing date set for September 2021.

Separately, on 24 January 2017, the Issuer and Vodafone Consolidated Holdings Limited formally commenced arbitration with the Indian Government under the United Kingdom-India Bilateral Investment Treaty (“**UK BIT**”) in respect of retrospective tax claims under the Income Tax Act 1961 (as amended by the Finance Act 2012). Although relating to the same underlying facts as the claim under the Dutch BIT, the claim brought by the Issuer and Vodafone Consolidated Holdings Limited is a separate and distinct claim under a different treaty. After the Delhi High Court first upheld, and subsequently dismissed, the Indian Government’s application for an injunction preventing Vodafone from progressing the UK BIT arbitration as an abuse of process, the Indian Government appealed the dismissal. Hearings took place from 2018 to 2020 with frequent adjournments. Following the award in the Dutch BIT, the Delhi High Court dismissed the injunction appeal proceedings. Vodafone has undertaken to take no steps advancing the UK BIT arbitration proceedings pending the outcome of the Indian Government’s application to set aside the Dutch BIT award in Singapore. The Delhi High Court also permitted the formation of the UK BIT tribunal.

VIHBV and the Issuer will continue to defend vigorously any allegation that VIHBV or Vodafone India is liable to pay tax in connection with the transaction with HTIL and will continue to exercise all rights to seek redress including pursuant to the Dutch BIT and the UK BIT. Based on the facts and circumstances of this matter, including the outcome of legal proceedings to date, the Group

considers that it is more likely than not that no present obligation exists at 31 March 2021.

VISPL tax claims

Vodafone India Services Private Limited ("**VISPL**") is involved in a number of tax cases. The total value of the claims is approximately €500 million plus interest, and penalties of up to 300 per cent. of the principal.

Of the individual tax claims, the most significant is in the amount of approximately €249 million (plus interest of €554 million), which VISPL has been assessed as owing in respect of: (i) a transfer pricing margin charged for the international call centre of HTIL prior to the 2007 transaction with Vodafone for HTIL assets in India; (ii) the sale of the international call centre by VISPL to HTIL; and (iii) the acquisition of and/or the alleged transfer of options held by VISPL in Vodafone India. The first two of the three heads of tax are subject to an indemnity by HTIL. The larger part of the potential claim is not subject to an indemnity. A stay of the tax demand on a deposit of £20 million and a corporate guarantee by VIH BV for the balance of tax assessed are in place. On 8 October 2015, the Bombay High Court ruled in favour of Vodafone in relation to the options and the call centre sale. The Indian Tax Authority has appealed to the Supreme Court of India. The appeal hearing has been adjourned indefinitely.

While there is some uncertainty as to the outcome of the tax cases involving VISPL, the Group believes it has valid defences and does not consider it probable that a financial outflow will be required to settle these cases.

Other cases in the Group

UK: IPCoM v the Issuer and Vodafone UK

On 22 February 2019, IPCoM sued the Issuer and Vodafone Limited for alleged infringement of two patents claimed to be essential to UMTS and LTE network standards. If IPCoM could have established that one or more of its patents was valid and infringed, it could have sought an injunction against the UK network if a global licence for the patents was not agreed. The Court ordered expedited trials on the infringement and validity issues. The trial on the first patent was in November 2019 and removed the risk of an injunction so IPCoM withdrew the second patent trial listed for May 2020. Both IPCoM and Vodafone appealed certain aspects of the judgment from the first trial at a hearing in January 2021. The Court of Appeal found in favour of both IPCoM and Vodafone on different issues. Vodafone is seeking permission to appeal a discrete issue from the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. The validity of the first patent will be considered by the Board of Appeal of the European Patent Office at a hearing in July 2021. Although the outcome of this hearing is unknown, the Issuer believes that there is a high probability that the first patent will be found to be invalid and as a result Vodafone has no liability for patent infringement which would mean that the Group has no present obligation. IPCoM has indicated that it wishes to pursue a damages assessment for the limited infringement found by the trial court. However, IPCoM has suggested that these proceedings be deferred until the outcome of the Board of Appeal of the European Patent Office. In any event, were the patent found to be valid the Group believes that the resulting damages would be minimal.

Spain and UK: TOT v the Issuer, VGSL, and Vodafone UK

The Issuer has been sued in Spain by TOT Power Control ("**TOT**"), an affiliate of Top Optimized Technologies. The claim makes a number of allegations including patent infringement, with TOT initially seeking over €500 million in damages from the Issuer as well as an injunction against using the technology in question. Huawei has also been sued by TOT in the same action.

In a decision dated 30 October 2017, the Commercial Court of Madrid ruled that while it did have jurisdiction to hear the infringement case relating to the Spanish patent, it was not competent to hear TOT's contractual and competition law claims against Vodafone. The trial took place in September 2018 and in January 2020 judgment was handed down in Vodafone and Huawei's favour. TOT appealed but limited its claims against Vodafone to seek approximately €4 million in damages and injunctive relief. The appeal judgment was issued on 23 April 2021 and TOT's claims for damages and injunctive relief against both Vodafone and Huawei were rejected, therefore the Group does not believe that any present obligation exists. TOT is seeking permission to appeal from the Supreme Court.

In December 2019, TOT brought a similar claim in the English High Court against Vodafone Group and Vodafone UK alleging breach of confidentiality and patent infringement. The value of the claim is not pleaded. Proceedings have been stayed until 30 September 2021 pending the outcome of the

appeal in Spain. Vodafone has issued an application seeking to strike out certain aspects of TOT's case which will be heard once the stay has been lifted. It remains unclear how much of the claim will remain after the strike out application. Vodafone has not yet filed its defence. At this stage of proceedings, the Issuer is not able reliably to evaluate the likelihood of, or amount of, any financial outflow.

Germany: Kabel Deutschland takeover – class actions

The German courts have been determining the adequacy of the mandatory cash offer made to minority shareholders in Vodafone's takeover of Kabel Deutschland. Hearings took place in May 2019 and a decision was delivered in November 2019 in Vodafone's favour, rejecting all claims by minority shareholders. A number of shareholders appealed. The appeal process is ongoing. While the outcome is uncertain, the Group believes it has valid defences and that the outcome of the appeal will be favourable to Vodafone.

Italy: Iliad v Vodafone Italy

In July 2019, Iliad filed a claim for €500 million against Vodafone Italy in the Civil Court of Milan. The claim alleges anti-competitive behaviour in relation to portability and certain advertising campaigns by Vodafone Italy. Preliminary hearings have taken place, including one at which the Court rejected Iliad's application for a cease and desist order against alleged misleading advertising by Vodafone. The main hearing on the merits of the claim took place on 8 June 2021 and Vodafone are waiting to receive the judgment.

The Group is currently unable to estimate any possible loss in this claim in the event of an adverse judgment but while the outcome is uncertain, the Group believes it has valid defences and that it is probable that no present obligation exists.

Greece: Papistas Holdings SA, Mobile Trade Stores (formerly Papistas SA) and Athanasios and Loukia Papistas v Vodafone Greece

In October 2019, Mr. and Mrs. Papistas, and companies owned or controlled by them, filed several new claims against Vodafone Greece with a total value of approximately €330 million for purported damage caused by the alleged abuse of dominance and wrongful termination of a franchise arrangement with a Papistas company. Lawsuits which the Papistas claimants had previously brought against the Issuer and certain Directors and officers of Vodafone were withdrawn. Vodafone Greece filed a counter claim and all claims were heard in February 2020. All of the Papistas claims were rejected by the Greek Court because the stamp duty payments required to have the merits of the case considered had not been made. Vodafone Greece's counter claim was also rejected. The Papistas claimants and Vodafone Greece have each filed appeals and, subject to the Papistas claimants paying the requisite stamp duty, the hearing on the merits of these appeals will take place in late 2021 and early 2022.

The amount claimed in these lawsuits is substantial and, if the claimants are successful, the total potential liability could be material. However, Vodafone is continuing vigorously to defend the claims and based on the progress of the litigation so far the Group believes that it is highly unlikely that there will be an adverse ruling for the Group. On this basis, the Group does not expect the outcome of these claims to have a material financial impact.

UK: Phones 4U in Administration v Vodafone Limited and the Issuer and Others

In December 2018, the administrators of former UK indirect seller, Phones 4U, sued the three main UK mobile network operators ("MNOs"), including Vodafone, and their parent companies. The administrators allege a conspiracy between the MNOs to pull their business from Phones 4U thereby causing its collapse. Vodafone and the other defendants filed their defences in April 2019 and the Administrators filed their replies in October 2019. Disclosure has taken place and witness statements are due to be filed by the end of July 2021. The judge has also ordered that there should be a split trial between liability and damages. The first trial will start in May 2022.

Taking into account all available evidence, the Group assesses it to be more likely than not that a present obligation does not exist and that the allegations of collusion are completely without merit; the Group is vigorously defending the claim. The value of the claim is not pleaded but the Issuer understands it to be the total value of the business, possibly equivalent to approximately £1 billion. Vodafone's alleged share of the liability is also not pleaded. The Group is not able to estimate any possible loss in the event of an adverse judgment."

D. FORM OF FINAL TERMS

The following shall be added after the existing paragraph headed “[MIFID II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ELIGIBLE COUNTERPARTIES ONLY TARGET MARKET...” on page 30 of the Prospectus:

“[UK MiFIR PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ELIGIBLE COUNTERPARTIES ONLY TARGET MARKET – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer’s product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook (“COBS”), and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law in the United Kingdom (the “UK”) by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 [(the “EUWA”)] [(“UK MiFIR”)]; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a “distributor”) should take into consideration the manufacturer[’s/s’] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer[’s/s’] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]”

The paragraph headed “[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA [AND UNITED KINGDOM] RETAIL INVESTORS...” on page 30 of the Prospectus shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA RETAIL INVESTORS – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area (the “EEA”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended) (“MiFID II”); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (the “IDD”), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the “EU Prospectus Regulation”). Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended) (the “EU PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the EU PRIIPs Regulation.]”

[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UNITED KINGDOM RETAIL INVESTORS – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom (the “UK”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point 8 of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law in the UK by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the “EUWA”); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) (the “FSMA”) and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law in the UK by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law in the UK by virtue of the EUWA (the “UK Prospectus Regulation”). Consequently, no key information document required by the Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended) as it forms part of domestic law in the UK by virtue of the EUWA (the “UK PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.]”