

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO

Form 6-K

May 31, 2018

**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 May 31, 2018**

**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 30 May 2018 entitled VODAFONE CLOSES US\$11.5 BILLION SEC-REGISTERED BOND OFFERING

RNS: 7536P

**Vodafone Group Plc**

( Vodafone )

**VODAFONE CLOSSES US\$11.5 BILLION SEC-REGISTERED BOND OFFERING**

On 30 May 2018, Vodafone closed a six-tranche US\$11.5 billion SEC-registered fixed and floating rate bond offering with an average life of 14 years and effective average euro rate of 2.0%. This transaction comprises the following securities: US\$2,000,000,000 3.750% notes due 16 January 2024, US\$1,500,000,000 4.125% notes due 30 May 2025, US\$3,000,000,000 4.375% notes due 30 May 2028, US\$1,000,000,000 5.000% notes due 30 May 2038, US\$3,000,000,000 5.250% notes due 30 May 2048, and US\$1,000,000,000 floating rate notes due 16 January 2024. Vodafone has applied to list the notes on the New York Stock Exchange.

Vodafone intends to use the net proceeds from the transaction either to fund the acquisition of Liberty Global plc's operations in Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania or for general corporate purposes.

**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 bond 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 'Principal risk factors and uncertainties' beginning on page 28 of Vodafone's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the financial year ended 31 March 2017 and 'Risk Factors' on page 29 of Vodafone's Half-Year Report for the six months ended 30 September 2017. The Half-Year Report and the Annual Report on Form 20-F can be found on Vodafone's website ([www.vodafone.com/investor](http://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: May 31, 2018

By: /s/ R E S MARTIN  
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Secretary