

### Triple Deal Paves Way for Vodafone Control in Safaricom Plc

At the start of the fiscal year, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning indicated that the government planned to divest part of its stake in Safaricom, aiming to unlock value from one of Kenya's most valuable state-linked assets. The curtain rises.

Safaricom has announced a significant shift in its ownership structure following Vodafone Kenya Limited's intention to acquire an additional 15% stake from the Government of Kenya.

The transaction is valued at Kes. 204.3Bn, with Vodafone set to buy the stake at Kes. 34 per share, which will increase its holding in Safaricom to 55%, making it the controlling shareholder.

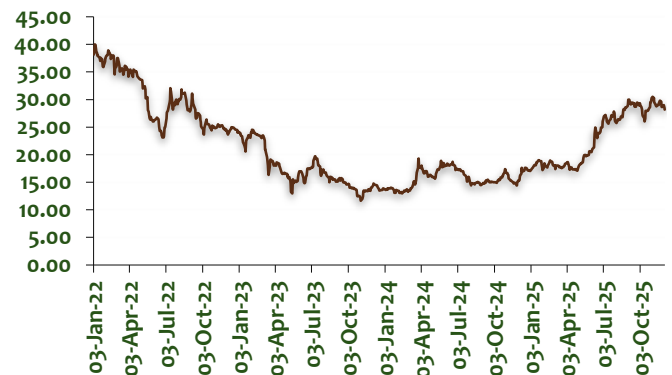
Concurrently, Vodacom Group plans to acquire Vodafone International Holdings' 12.5% stake, giving Vodacom full ownership of Vodafone Kenya and 55% indirect control of Safaricom, consolidating its influence over East Africa's most profitable telco. Post-transaction, the Government of Kenya will retain 20%, while the public holds 25%.

Normally, such a change in control would trigger a mandatory takeover offer. Vodafone Kenya, however, has confirmed it does not intend to make one, and will seek an exemption from the Capital Markets Authority.

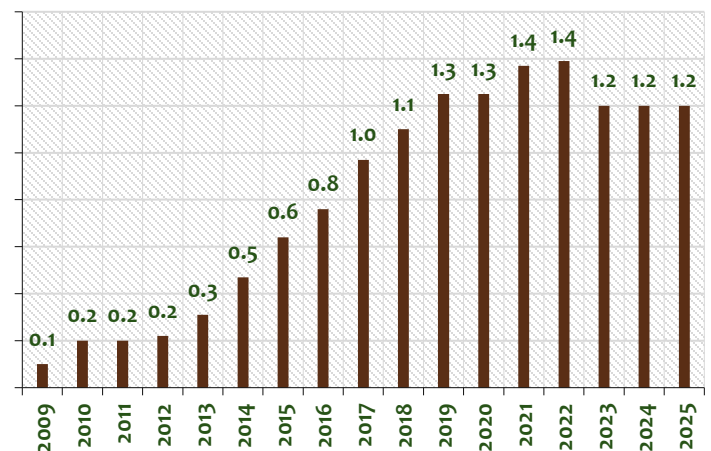
In addition to the equity transfer, the government has agreed to a separate arrangement under which Vodafone Kenya will pay Kes. 40.2Bn upfront in exchange for the right to receive future dividends on the State's remaining 20% stake.

This effectively monetizes a future income stream, giving the government immediate fiscal room while providing Vodafone Kenya with a predictable return tied to Safaricom's dividend performance. The tenure, structure, and duration of this dividend assignment are not yet disclosed, leaving key details pending for the next stage of the deal.

**Safaricom Plc Share Price  
Movement (Kes.)**



**Safaricom Dividend History (Kes.)**



Source: Safaricom, Chart: KSL

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