

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

United Kingdom - Registry no. 01833679

Company background report - generated 2026-10-18 - free official public sources only

Assessment

No sanctions or insolvency red flags identified from free public sources. Active, long-established listed telecoms group. Two recent matters are disclosed below: a 2025 German data-protection fine against a subsidiary, and a settled franchisee lawsuit.

- Registry status: active; accounts and confirmation statement up to date.
- No sanctions-list match on the OFAC SDN list or the FCDO UK Sanctions List (downloaded and screened 2026-10-18).
- 5 charges outstanding out of 6 registered.
- Ownership: PSC register exempt because shares are listed on a UK regulated market.
- Adverse media: 2025 BfDI fines (EUR 45m) against subsidiary Vodafone GmbH; 2026 settlement of a franchisee High Court claim, without admission of liability.

1. Registry profile

Companies House, the UK official company register.

Status

Active. Public limited company. [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/01833679> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Incorporated

17 July 1984. [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/01833679> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Registered office

Vodafone House, The Connection, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 2FN. [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/01833679> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Industry (SIC)

61900 - Other telecommunications activities; 70100 - Activities of head offices. [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/01833679> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Accounts and filings

Last accounts made up to 31 Mar 2026; next accounts to 31 Mar 2027 (due 30 Sep 2027). Confirmation statement current (last 15 Aug 2026). Latest filing 12 Oct 2026. [2]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/01833679/filing-history> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

2. Officers

Officers on record

75 officers on record, 62 of them historic resignations. [3]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/01833679/officers> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Serving directors (examples)

Margherita Della Valle; Maaïke Helena de Bie; Stephen Andrew Carter; Michel Roger Demare; Simon Dingemans; Delphine Ernotte Cunci. Serving directors are listed at the source. [3]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/01833679/officers> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

3. Ownership (persons with significant control)

PSC register

Exempt from PSC disclosure since 15 August 2018 because voting shares are admitted to trading on a UK regulated market. Ownership is via the public float. [4]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/01833679/persons-with-significant-control> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

4. Charges and secured debt

Charges register

6 charges registered: 5 outstanding, 1 satisfied, 0 part satisfied. The register entries and their dates are listed

at the source; outstanding charges are common treasury arrangements for large issuers and are not by themselves a distress signal. [5]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/01833679/charges> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

5. Sanctions screening

Exact and fuzzy name match against the lists as downloaded on 2026-10-18. The UN consolidated list is not screened (its terms allow personal, non-commercial use only); the EU list is not yet covered.

OFAC SDN (US)

No match. [6]

Source: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

UK Sanctions List (FCDO)

No match. [7]

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

6. Adverse media and enforcement

Public sources only. Searched for fraud, bribery, insolvency, winding-up and sanctions news.

Germany - data-protection fines (2025)

Germany's Federal Commissioner for Data Protection (BfDI) imposed two fines totalling EUR 45 million on Vodafone GmbH, a German subsidiary: EUR 15m for inadequately reviewing and monitoring partner sales agencies (after fraud cases involving fictitious contracts by malicious agency employees) and EUR 30m for security deficiencies in an authentication process. Vodafone GmbH, not the UK parent, was fined. [8]

Source: https://www.bfdi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/EN/2025/06_Geldbu%C3%9Fe-Vodafone.html (retrieved 2026-10-18)

UK - franchisee lawsuit settled (2026)

Vodafone settled a High Court claim brought by 62 former franchisees who alleged unjust enrichment of up to GBP 85m, following press investigation. The July 2026 settlement was made without admission of liability and ended a 19-month dispute. [9]

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/jul/16/vodafone-settles-legal-claim-brought-by-62-former-franchisees> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Current proceedings

No sanctions designations, insolvency events or winding-up petitions found in the sources searched. The registry overview shows no insolvency history section (it appears only when a company has insolvency events). [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/01833679> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

What we could not check

- Court records and civil litigation: No free, reusable court-records source is covered. Civil claims would not necessarily appear here.
- Politically exposed persons (PEP) screening: Requires a paid PEP database, which this service does not use.
- Beneficial ownership beyond the register: The PSC register is exempt for listed companies, so shareholders above the public float are not shown.
- Credit score, payment behaviour, financial strength: Credit data is commercial. Only filing dates are reported, not accounts analysis.
- Identity verification of individuals, and personal background of officers: This service covers companies, not personal profiling.
- UN Security Council and EU consolidated sanctions lists: UN terms allow personal, non-commercial use only, so the UN list is not screened in a paid report; an EU list source route is not yet covered.
- Group structure and subsidiaries: Not extracted from the register for this report.

Sources

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