# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

# SAFARICOM PLC

### **Change in the Board**

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Adil Arshed Khawaja (MBS) as a Director in Safaricom PLC with effect from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 (now past). The appointment which was approved by the Board of Directors on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023, is subject to regulatory approval.



Mr. Khawaja is a highly distinguished Advocate of the High Court of Kenya with over 30 years work experience in the legal profession ranging from dispute resolution to commercial and real estate. He is recognized as a leading name in the Kenyan legal profession and has been globally recognized in various practice groups as one of the most sought-after lawyers in Kenya.

In recognition of his positive contribution to the country, Adil was recently awarded the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS) by the President of the Republic of Kenya.

Mr. Khawaja currently serves as the Managing Partner at Dentons Hamilton Harrison & Mathews, the oldest law firm in Kenya, established in 1902 with a reputation as an innovative, experienced, responsive, and highly skilled firm.

Adil holds board positions in various companies across various markets. He currently serves on various boards which include Rhino Ark Charitable Trust, Al Futtaim Automotive-CMC Motors Group Limited and Atua Enkop Africa Limited.

He previously served as a director of KCB Bank Group from 2012 and was elected the first chairman of KCB Bank Kenya Limited from 2016 until 2020 when his tenure ended. He has also served as a director in the board of Kenya Power & Lighting Company and as a Trustee of the Kenya Wildlife Service.



The Board also announces the resignation of Mr. John Ngumi as a Director and consequently as the Chairman of the Board with effect from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022. The new Chairman will be elected by the Board of Directors in the coming weeks.

In the brief period following his appointment to the Board, John has provided a wealth of industry knowledge and vast expertise. He has steered the Company through a general election and supported the entrenchment of our purpose of transforming lives through our products and services as well as within the communities we serve.

In particular, John strongly supported and ensured the repositioning of the Fuliza product to better serve Kenyans. He was also an ardent enthusiast for Safaricom's entry into Ethiopia.

John leaves the Board to focus on developing green energy generation across Africa with an emphasis on green hydrogen.



We take this opportunity to thank John for his service, dedication, sound advice and commitment to the Company. The Board wishes him the very best for the future.

### By Order of the Board

#### Kathryne Maundu Company Secretary

#### 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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