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## **4G LTE SERVICES LAUNCHED IN MONACO**

Cable & Wireless Communications, which trades in Monaco as Monaco Telecom (MT), has launched the country's first Long Term Evolution (LTE) mobile data services today (1 October).

LTE is a 'fourth generation' (4G) mobile service which will enable the company's customers to access mobile data at far higher download speeds than previously available. Browsing the internet, downloading files and streaming videos will become almost instantaneous for 4G (LTE) customers.

The company's 4G (LTE) network covers 98% of the Principality. The installation, undertaken by Huawei, was part of a broader upgrade of the operator's mobile infrastructure which has resulted in significant improvements for all mobile data users.

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### **What is 4G?**

Mobile phones have been through several generations of development.

The introduction of basic data services (predominantly text messaging) was called second generation (2G). EDGE networks provide faster connectivity to enable easier usage of mobile internet. EDGE networks are often marketed as 2.5G.

The 3G standard was given to networks utilising High Speed Packet Access (HSPA) technology, which enabled even faster download speeds and the use of multimedia services such as video calling and streamed video clips. 3G networks also enabled operators to launch mobile broadband services.

The International Telecoms Union has designated that a further generational leap has taken place in mobile technology. The 4G standard is awarded to a range of network technologies including HSPA+, WiMax and LTE.

## **About Cable & Wireless Communications**

Cable & Wireless Communications is a full-service communications business. We operate leading communications businesses offering mobile, broadband and domestic and international fixed line services in most of our markets as well as pay TV, data centre and hosting, carrier and managed service solutions. Our operations are focused on providing our customers - consumers, businesses, governments - with world-class service. We are the market leader in most products we offer and territories we serve. For more information visit [www.cwc.com](http://www.cwc.com).

## **About Monaco Telecom**

Monaco Telecom is Monaco's only full service telecoms operator and is strongly committed to providing residents of the Principality with the latest services and high quality customer service. We are owned by Cable & Wireless Communications (49%) and the Government of Monaco (45%). The final share of the company (6%) is held in trust by the Compagnie Monégasque de Banque.

In Monaco we are the leading provider of mobile services and sole provider of fixed line, broadband and pay TV.

Our international strategy is to work with partners to build high quality mobile, broadband and satellite services in emerging markets and the Mediterranean region. We have successfully partnered with national mobile operators in Kosovo and Afghanistan to provide network infrastructure and operational support (GSM, data, international voice, management of traffic and roaming, specific country code).

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