

# Corporate Governance Statement 2016 Atria Plc

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#### 1. Corporate Governance Statement

Atria Plc ("Atria" or "the company") is a Finnish public company, and the responsibilities and obligations of its governing bodies are determined by Finnish law. The parent company, Atria Plc, and its subsidiaries constitute the international Atria Group. The company is domiciled in Kuopio.

Responsibility for the administration and operations of Atria Group lies with the governing bodies of the parent, Atria Plc. These are the General Meeting, the Supervisory Board, the Board of Directors and the CEO.

Atria's decision-making and corporate governance comply with the Finnish Limited Liability Companies Act, the regulations applicable to publicly listed companies, Atria Plc's Articles of Association, the charters for Atria's Board of Directors and its committee, and the rules and guidelines of Nasdaq Helsinki Ltd. Atria follows the Finnish Corporate Governance Code which took effect on 1 January 2016 ("Corporate Governance Code"). The full Corporate Governance Code is available on the website of the Securities Market Association at www.cgfinland.fi. In accordance with the comply or explain principle, the company departs from the recommendations of the Code as follows (the departures are explained under the relevant points):

- The company has a Supervisory Board.
- As an exception to recommendation 6 of the Corporate Governance Code, the term of office of each Board member is three years in accordance with Atria's Articles of Association.
- As an exception to recommendation 10 of the Corporate Governance Code, only three of eight members of the Board of Directors are independent of the company. It is company's view that an understanding of Atria's business requires indepth knowledge of and commitment to the meat industry from the majority of the Board's members.
- As an exception to recommendations 17 and 18a of the Corporate Governance Code, one of the three members on the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is independent of the company. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee is composed of members of the Board of Directors and the majority of the Board members are not independent of the company.

Atria Plc has prepared this Corporate Governance Statement in accordance with the Corporate Governance Code. The Corporate Governance Statement is presented as a report separate from the Report by the Board of Directors.

#### 1.1 Articles of Association

The Articles of Association and the pre-emptive purchase clause can be found in their entirety on the company's website at www.atria.com, under Investors, Corporate Governance.

## 1.2 Shareholder agreement

There is a shareholder agreement between Lihakunta and Itikka Co-operative, two of Atria's shareholders, where they have agreed to ensure that they are both represented on the Supervisory Board in proportion to their holdings of Series KII shares in the company. The parties will also ensure that the Chairman of the Supervisory Board and the Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors are nominated by one party and the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board by the other party.

Regarding the distribution of Board positions, it has been agreed that each of the parties may nominate three ordinary members and their deputy members to the Board of Directors. The agreement also includes stipulations on the mutual proportion of shareholding and on the procedures followed when either party acquires more series KII shares directly or indirectly. According to the agreement, the acquisition of series A shares is not considered in the evaluation of the mutual proportion of shareholding.

Furthermore, Lihakunta, Itikka Co-operative and Pohjanmaan Liha Co-operative, which hold shares in Atria, have shareholder agreement where they have agreed to ensure that Pohjanmaan Liha Co-operative has one representative on the Supervisory Board. The agreement also includes stipulations on Pohjanmaan Liha Co-operative's shareholding.

The company is not aware of any other shareholder agreements.

Despite the above, the Annual General Meeting, as stated in section 3 below, decides on the number of members of the company's Supervisory Board and of the Board of Directors and their election.

#### 2. Corporate Governance Statement

The Corporate Governance Statement can be found in its entirety on the company's website at www.atria.com, under Investors, Corporate Governance.

#### 3. General Meeting

The General Meeting is Atria Plc's highest decision-making body. At the General Meeting, shareholders decide, among other things, on the approval of the financial statements and the use of the profit shown on the balance sheet; the discharge of the members of the Board of Directors and of the Supervisory Board, as well as the CEO, from liability; the number of members of the Supervisory Board and of the Board of Directors, and their election and remuneration; and the election of one or more auditors and the auditor's remuneration.

The Annual General Meeting is held annually by the end of June on a date designated by the Board of Directors, and the agenda includes matters that are to be handled by the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Limited Liability Companies Act and the Articles of Association and any other proposals mentioned in the notice of the meeting. Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened as needed. Under the Limited Liability Companies Act, a shareholder has the right to have a matter falling within the competence of the General Meeting dealt with by the General Meeting if the shareholder so demands in writing from the Board of Directors well in advance of the meeting, so that the matter can be mentioned in the notice. Where applicable, the shareholder must submit a request to have the matter dealt with by the General Meeting by the date set by the company, which is published on the company's website at www.atriagroup.com. The request, together with the accompanying justification or proposed resolution, must be sent in writing to Atria Plc, Group Legal Affairs, P.O. Box 900, FI-60060 ATRIA.

General Meetings are convened by the Board of Directors. General Meeting is held in the company's domicile, Kuopio, or in Helsinki. The notice to convene the General Meeting is communicated by publishing the notice on the Company's website and by a company announcement at the earliest three (3) months and at the latest three (3) weeks before the General Meeting, but nevertheless no later than nine (9) days prior to the record date for the General Meeting. In addition, the Board of Directors may decide to publish the notice, or a notification concerning the delivery of the notice, in one or more Finnish national newspapers determined by the Board of Directors, or in any other manner it may decide.

A shareholder registered in the shareholder register maintained by Euroclear Finland Ltd on the record date of the General Meeting has the right to participate in the General Meeting. To have the right to participate in General Meeting, shareholders must register with the company by the day mentioned in the notice of the meeting, which can be no earlier than ten (10) days before the meeting.

According to recommendation 3 of the Corporate Governance Code the CEO, members of the Board of Directors and members of Supervisory Board shall be present at the General Meeting. The auditor shall be present at the Annual General Meeting. Candidates for Board or Supervisory Board shall be present at the General Meeting deciding on their election.

The company's Annual General Meeting for 2016 was held in Helsinki on 28 April 2016. The meeting was attended, either in person or by a representative, by a total of 254 holders of A shares, representing a total of 9,899,611 shares and votes, and three (3) holders of KII shares, representing a total of 9,203,981 shares and 92,039,810 votes. The minutes of the meeting as well as other documents related to the meeting are available on Atria's website at www.atria.com, under Investors, Annual General Meeting.

#### 4. Shareholders' Nomination Board

Atria Plc has a Shareholders' Nomination Board pursuant to recommendation 18b of the Corporate Governance Code. Atria Plc's Annual General Meeting held on 3 May 2012 established a Nomination Board and confirmed its written charter. The charter was amended by a decision made at the Annual General Meeting on 6 May 2014. In accordance with its charter, the Nomination Board preparer proposals concerning the remuneration of the Board of Directors and Supervisory Board and the election of the members of the Board of Directors for the next Annual General Meeting.

Shareholders or their representatives who own series KII shares as well as the largest holder of series A shares who does not own series KII shares, or a representative thereof, shall be elected to the Nomination Board in accordance with their ownership in early November preceding the Annual General Meeting. The right to nominate a representative to the Nomination Board is determined on the basis of the shareholder register maintained by Euroclear Finland Ltd in accordance with the situation on the first banking day of the November preceding the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman of the Board of Directors will also be appointed on the Nomination Board as an expert member.

If a shareholder does not wish to exercise his or her right to nominate a member, the right will be transferred to the next largest series A shareholder in accordance with the shareholder register, who would not otherwise have the right to nominate a member. Some shareholders are obligated to notify the company of certain changes in shareholding when necessary under the Finnish Securities Markets Act. Such shareholders may present a written request to the company's Board of Directors by the end of October for the holdings of corporations or foundations controlled by the shareholder, or the shareholder's holdings in several funds or registers, to be combined when calculating voting rights.

The Nomination Board is convened by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and the Nomination Board elects a Chairman from amongst its members. The Nomination Board shall present its proposal to the Board of Directors by the first day of February preceding the Annual General Meeting.

On 23 November 2016, the owners of Atria's KII shares and the largest owner of series A shares nominated the following members on the Nomination Board: Jyrki Rantsi (Lihakunta), Henrik Holm (Pohjanmaan Liha Co-operative), Juho Anttikoski (Itikka Co-operative) and Timo Sallinen (Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company). Seppo Paavola, the Chairman of Atria's Board of Directors, acts as the Nomination Board's expert member.

The Nomination Board which prepared the proposal for the Annual General Meeting of 2017 convened two times. The Nomination Board submitted its proposals for the Annual General Meeting to be held on 27 April 2017 to the Board of Directors on 13 January 2017. The proposals were published in the form of a stock exchange release on 13 January 2017.

Name	Year of birth	Education	Main occupation	Attendance in meetings	Shareholding on 31 Decem- ber 2016
Juho Anttikoski	1970		Farmer	2/2	4,000
Henrik Holm	1966		Farmer	2/2	430
Jyrki Rantsi	1968	Agrologist	Agricultural en- trepreneur	2/2	700
Timo Sallinen	1970	M.Sc. (Econ.)	Head of Listed Securities	2/2	0

### 5. Supervisory Board

In accordance with Atria Plc's Articles of Association, the company has a Supervisory Board elected by the Annual General Meeting. The Supervisory Board consists of a minimum of 18 and a maximum of 21 members, who are elected for a term of three years at a time. Persons aged sixty-five (65) or older cannot be elected to the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board elects a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman from amongst its members for a term of one year at a time. The Supervisory Board meets four times a year on average.

The duties of the Supervisory Board are specified in the Limited Liability Companies Act and Atria Plc's Articles of Association. The duties of the Supervisory Board are:

- Supervising the company's administration which is under responsibility of the Board of Directors and the CEO;
- Providing instructions to the Board of Directors on matters that are of far-reaching consequence or important in principle; and
- Submitting its statement on the financial statements and the auditors' report to the Annual General Meeting.

Shareholders of the company representing more than 50% of the votes granted by the company's shares have expressed their satisfaction with the current model of the Supervisory Board based on the Articles of Association, because it brings a farreaching perspective on the company's operations and decision-making.

Following the Annual General Meeting held in 2016, the 20 members of Atria Plc's Supervisory Board are as follows:

Name	Born	Mem- ber as of	Education	Main occupa- tion	Attend- ance in meet- ings	Shareholding on 31 December 2016
Hannu Hyry (Chairman)	1956	2013		Farmer	4/4	144
Juho Anttikoski (Deputy Chair- man)	1970	2009		Farmer	4/4	4,000
Mika Asunmaa	1970	2005		Farmer	4/4	6,000
Reijo Flink	1967	2014	Agrologist	CEO	4/4	4,660
Lassi-Antti Haar- ala	1966	2006	Agrologist	Farmer	4/4	6,000
Jussi Hantula	1955	2012	Agrologist	Farmer	4/4	681 110 company author- ity
Henrik Holm	1966	2002		Farmer	2/4	430
Veli Hyttinen	1973	2010	Agrologist	Farmer	4/4	1,500
Pasi Ingalsuo	1966	2004	Agrologist	Farmer	4/4	4,150
Jussi Joki-Erkkilä	1977	2016		Agricultural en- trepreneur	3/4	0
Marja-Liisa Juuse	1963	2015		Farmer	3/4	250
Jukka Kaikkonen	1963	2013	Agrologist	Farmer	4/4	500
Juha Kiviniemi	1972	2010	M.Sc. (Agr.)	Farmer	4/4	300 184 company author- ity

Ari Lajunen	1975	2013	M.Sc. (Agr.)	Farmer	4/4	0
Mika Niku	1970	2009		Farmer	4/4	300
Pekka Ojala	1964	2013	Agrologist	Farmer	4/4	200
Heikki Panula	1955	2005	M.Sc. (Agr.)	Farmer	4/4	500
Ahti Ritola	1964	2013	BBA	Farmer	3/4	0
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						ity
Risto Sairanen	1960	2013		Farmer	4/4	60
Timo Tuhkasaari	1965	2002		Farmer	3/4	600

All members of Atria Plc's Supervisory Board are members of the administrative bodies of the company's principal owners - Lihakunta, Itikka Co-operative and Pohjanmaan Liha Co-operative. All members of the Supervisory Board are dependent of the company and of significant shareholders.

In 2016, Atria Plc's Supervisory Board met four (4) times, and the average attendance of the members was 93%.

#### 6. Board of Directors

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Atria's Board of Directors has a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of nine (9) members. The term of office of a member of Atria's Board of Directors departs from the term of one year specified in recommendation 6 of the Corporate Governance Code. As per the Articles of Association, the term of a member of the Board of Directors is three (3) years. Shareholders representing more than 50% of the votes have stated that the term of three (3) years is appropriate for the long-term development of the company and have not seen the need to shorten the term from that specified in the Articles of Association. As an exception to recommendation 10 of the Corporate Governance Code, three of the eight members on the Board of Directors are independent of the company. It is the company's view that an understanding of Atria's business requires in-depth knowledge of and commitment to the meat industry from the majority of the Board's members.

# 6.1 Duties of the Board of Directors

Atria's Board of Directors takes care of the company's administration and its appropriate organisation. The Board of Directors is responsible for the appropriate organisation of the supervision of the company's accounting and asset management. The Board of Directors has confirmed a written charter concerning the duties of the Board, the matters to be dealt with, meeting practices and the decision-making procedure. According to this charter, the Board of Directors supervises and monitors company's operations and management and discusses and decides on significant matters related to the company's strategy, investments, organisation and financing. The charter lays down the following key duties for the Board of Directors:

- Approving the strategic goals and guidelines for the Group and its business areas
- Approving the budgets and business plans for the Group and its business areas
- Deciding on the investment plan for each calendar year and approving major investments that exceed one million euros

- Approving major M&A and restructuring operations
- Approving the Group's operating principles for important elements of management and supervision
- Discussing and adopting interim reports and financial statements
- Monitoring and evaluating the company's financial reporting system
- Preparing the items to be dealt with at Annual General Meetings and ensuring that decisions are implemented
- Approving the audit plan for internal auditing, as well as monitoring and assessing the effectiveness of internal control and auditing as well as the risk management systems
- Appointing the CEO and deciding on his or her remuneration and other benefits
- Approving, at the CEO's proposal, the hiring of his or her direct subordinates and the principal terms of their employment contracts
- Approving the organisational structure and the key principles of incentive schemes
- Monitoring and evaluating the CEO's performance
- Monitoring and evaluating the independence of the auditor and particularly the provision of services other than auditing services provided by the auditor
- Monitoring auditing of financial statements and consolidated financial statements
- Deciding on other matters that are important in view of the size of the Group and that are not part of day-to-day operations, such as considerable expansion or contraction of business or other material changes to operations, the taking of long-term loans and the sale and pledging of fixed assets
- Deciding on other matters which, under the Limited Liability Companies Act, fall within the remit of the Board of Directors
- Performing the Audit Committee's duties referred to in recommendation 16 of the Corporate Governance Code.

The Board of Directors assesses its operations and working methods regularly by conducting a self-evaluation once a year.

#### 6.2. Meeting practices and information flow

The Board of Directors meets at regular intervals about 10 times during the term in accordance with a separate meeting schedule confirmed in advance by the Board, and when necessary. In 2016, the Board of Directors met 15 times. The average attendance of the members of the Board of Directors was 98%.

During the meetings of the Board of Directors, the CEO gives a review of the financial situation of the Group by business area. The review also covers forecasts, investments, organisational changes and other issues that are important for the Group.

The company provides the Board of Directors with sufficient information on the company's operations to enable the Board to properly perform its duties. The agenda of a meeting is delivered to the members of the Board of Directors at least one week before the meeting. The meeting material is prepared by the CEO and the secretary of the Board of Directors according to the instructions provided by the Chairman. The meeting material is delivered to the members at least three days before the meeting.

# 6.1 Composition of the Board of Directors

Name	Seppo Paavola, Chairman
Year of birth	1962
Education	Agrologist (secondary school graduate)
Main occupation	Farmer
Relevant work experience	Farm advisor, Rural Centre of Central Ostrobothnia 1991-1996 Agricultural entrepreneur 1996-present
Member of the Board since	2012
Concurrent key positions of trust	Supervisory Board of Itikka Co-operative, member 2000-pre- sent, Deputy Chairman 2008-2011 and Chairman 2012-present Chairman of the Board of Directors of Kaustinen Co-operative Bank 2002-present Member of the Board of Directors of Pellervo Confederation of Finnish Co-operatives 2012-present Member of the Co-operative Advisory Committee 2012-pre- sent
Past key positions of trust	Supervisory Board of Atria Plc, member 2006-2009 and Deputy Chairman 2009-2012
Independence	Dependent of the company and significant shareholders
Shareholding on 31 December 2016	4,000
Share-based rights in the company	None
Attendance in meetings	15/15

Name	Jyrki Rantsi, Deputy Chairman
Year of birth	1968
Education	Agrologist
Main occupation	Farmer, piglet and pork producer
Relevant work experience	Agricultural entrepreneur
Member of the Board since	2013
Concurrent key positions of trust	Board of Directors of Lihakunta, Deputy Chairman 2013-2015 and Chairman 2015-present Member of the Board of Directors of Finnpig Oy 2013-present Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of A-Farmers Ltd 2015-present
Independence	Dependent of the company and significant shareholders
Share ownership in the company	700
Share-based rights in the company	None
Attendance in meetings	15/15

Name	Nella Ginman-Tjeder
Year of birth	1959
Education	M.Sc. (Econ.)
Main occupation	Eira Hospital, Managing Director
Relevant work experience	Ifolor Oy, Managing Director 2007-2014 American Express, Country Manager 2004-2007
Member of the Board since	2016
Concurrent key positions of trust	Member of the Board of Directors of Viking Malt Oy 2014-pre- sent Member of the Board of Directors of Stiftelsen Arcada 2010- present Member of the Board of Directors of Oy Indmeas Ab 2008-pre- sent
Past key positions of trust	Member of the Board of Directors of Tulikivi Corporation 2013-2015
Independence	Independent of the company and significant shareholders
Share ownership in the company	0
Share-based rights in the company	None
Attendance in meetings	9/10

Name	Esa Kaarto
Year of birth	1959
Education	M.Sc. (Agr.)
Main occupation	Farmer
Relevant work experience	Farmer
Member of the Board since	2009
Concurrent key positions of trust	Board of Directors of Itikka Co-operative, member 2002-present and Chairman 2009-present Board of Directors of A-Farmers Ltd, member 2004-present, Deputy Chairman 2009-2015 and Chairman 2015-present Board of Directors of A-Rehu Oy, Deputy Chairman 2009-2015 and Chairman 2015-present Chairman of the Board of Directors of Suurusrehu Oy 2009-present
Past key positions of trust	Member of the Board of Directors of Oy Feedmix Ab 2009-2015 Member of the Board of Directors of Kiinteistö Oy Rehukanava 2009- 2015
Independence	Dependent of the company and significant shareholders
Share ownership in the company	1,100
Share-based rights in the company	None
Attendance in meetings	15/15

Name	Pasi Korhonen
Year of birth	1975
Education	
Main occupation	Farmer
Relevant work experience	Farmer
Member of the Board since	2016
Concurrent key positions of trust	Board of Directors of Lihakunta, member 2013-present and Deputy Chairman 2016-present Board of Directors of Kainuun maa- ja metsäsäätiö, member 2013-present Sotkamo Municipal Council, Councillor 2005-present
Independence	Dependent of the company and significant shareholders
Share ownership in the company	0
Share-based rights in the company	None
Attendance in meetings	10/10

Name	Jukka Moisio
Year of birth	1961
Education	M.Sc. (Econ.), MBA
Main occupation	CEO of Huhtamäki Oyj
Relevant work experi- ence	CEO of Huhtamäki Oyj 2009-present, Ahlström Oyj 1991-2008 (various duties)
Member of the Board since	2014
Concurrent key positions of trust	Member of the Supervisory Board of Finnish Fair Co-operative
Independence	Independent of the company and significant shareholders
Share ownership in the company	0
Share-based rights in the company	None
Attendance in meetings	14/15

Name	Kjell-Göran Paxal
Year of birth	1967
Education	Agrologist
Main occupation	Farmer, piglet and pork producer
Relevant work experi- ence	Feed salesman, Oy Foremix Ab 1990-1997 Primary Production Manager, Pohjanmaan Liha Co-operative 1990-1997
Member of the Board since	2012
Concurrent key positions of trust	Board of Directors of Pohjanmaan Liha Co-operative, deputy member 1999-2001, Deputy Chairman 2002-2009 and Chairman 2010-present Board of Directors of A-Farmers Ltd, deputy member 2001-2002 and member 2003-present Board of Directors of Oy Foremix Ab, member 2004-2009 and Chairman 2010-present Member of the Board of Directors of A-Rehu Oy 2010-present Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ab WestFarm Oy 2010- present
Past key positions of trust	Deputy member of the Board of Directors of the Central Union of Swedish-Speaking Agricultural Producers in Finland 1999-2001
Independence	Dependent of the company and significant shareholders
Share ownership in the company	2,166
Share-based rights in the company	None
Attendance in meetings	15/15

Name	Harri Sivula
Year of birth	1962
Education	M.Sc. (Admin.)
Main occupation	Managing Director of GS1 Finland Oy
Relevant work experi- ence	CEO, Restel Ltd 2010-2014 Onninen Oy, 2006-2010 - CEO of Onninen Oy Kesko Corporation/Kesko Food, 1999-2006 - Executive Vice President Kesko Corporation, 1987-1999 - Sales Manager, Purchasing Manager - Division Manager, Sales Director - Director of Marketkesko - Director of Lähikesko - Director, Retail Division
Member of the Board since	2009

Concurrent key positions of trust	Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tokmanni Oy 2011-pre- sent Member of the Board of Directors of Leipurin Oy 2014-present Member of the Board of Directors of Makua Foods Oy 2015-pre- sent Member of the Board of Directors of GS1 Finland Oy 2016-pre- sent Member of the Board of Directors of Dieta Oy 2016-present
Past key positions of trust	Member of the Board of Directors of Olvi Oyj 2007-2011 Member of the Board of Directors of Norpe Oy 2010-2013 Member of the Board of Directors of Leipurin Oyj 2010-2013 Member of the Supervisory Board of Nets 2011-2013
Independence	Independent of the company and significant shareholders
Share ownership in the company	10,000
Share-based rights in the company	None
Attendance in meetings	15/15

The members of the Board of Directors are obliged to provide the Board with information sufficient to assess their skills and independence and to notify the Board of any changes to the information.

#### 6.4 Principles concerning the diversity of the Board of Directors

For Atria, diversity represents a part of the company's responsible business. When planning the composition of Atria's Board of Directors, diversity is considered from a variety of aspects, also accounting for the extent of the company's business operations and its development needs.

The aim in the selection of a diverse Board of Directors is for the Board to support the development of Atria's current and future business. The selection also aims to ensure that the Board has core competence from a variety of fields within the value chain of Atria's business operations, a wide range of experience of entrepreneurship and business activities, as well as know-how and understanding of international business required by the company's strategy. Rather than every member of the Board being qualified in all of the aforementioned areas, the aim is that every Board member possess some skills in one or more of the aforementioned areas. The diversity of the Board of Directors is furthermore supported by the members' other complementary skills, their training and experience from different occupational fields and industries, as well as by a consideration of the Board members' age and gender distribution. A constructively questioning and challenging Board of Directors brings added value to the management's activities and diversifies the Board's work. In addition to the aforementioned areas, the selection considers the candidates' ability to spend a sufficient amount of time on their Board duties.

Atria aims to promote the selection of Board members who are as qualified as possible, with merits from various segments of the value chain regarding the Board's composition and that candidates of both genders have equal opportunities to be selected

for the Board. It is Atria's goal that both genders are represented on the Board of Directors.

To achieve the objectives set in the principles on diversity, the Board of Directors actively conveys these objective to Atria's shareholders. During the 2016 financial period, one of the Board members was a woman while the rest were men. The company's objective with regard to both genders being represented has therefore been fulfilled. The company's objective with regard to multi-professional core competencies covering the various segments of the value chain has also been fulfilled, given the members' in-depth knowledge of the meat industry, as well as of commercial and industrial activities.

## 7. Board Committees

The Board of Directors may decide to establish committees to handle duties designated by the Board. The Board confirms the committees' charters.

The Board of Directors has one board committee: the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. The Board of Directors appoints the members of the Committee from amongst its members according to the Committee's charter. The Committee has no autonomous decision-making power. The Board of Directors makes decisions on the basis of the Committee's preparations and proposals. The Committee reports regularly to the Board of Directors, which supervises the operations of the Committee.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee has three (3) members. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee consists of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and one member of the Board of Directors elected by the Board itself. As an exception to recommendations 17 and 18a of the Corporate Governance Code, one (1) of the three members of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is independent of the company. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee consists of the members of Board of Directors which mostly are dependant of company and significant shareholders. In accordance with recommendations 17 and 18a of the Corporate Governance Code, the company's CEO or other members of the Board of Directors who are a part of the company's management cannot serve as members of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

The aim of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is to prepare the CEO's and Deputy CEO's as well as the management's terms of employment, ensure the objectivity of decision-making, enhance the achievement of the company's goals through bonus schemes, increase the company's value and ensure that bonus schemes are transparent and systematic. The aim of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is also to ensure that the merit pay systems are linked to the company's strategy and the results obtained.

According to its charter, the duties of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee are as follows:

- Making preparations for the nomination of the CEO and Deputy CEO
- Making preparations to search for successors to the CEO and Deputy CEO

- Preparing the terms of the service contracts of the CEO and Deputy CEO and bringing them before the Board of Directors
- Preparing the remuneration, fees and other employment benefits of the directors who report to the CEO and bringing them before the Board of Directors
- Preparing the forms and criteria of the bonus and incentive schemes of top management and bringing them before the Board of Directors
- Preparing the content and group assignments of the pension programmes of the company's management and bringing them before the Board of Directors
- Submitting its statement on the bonus arrangements for the entire personnel before their approval and assessing their functionality and the achievement of the systems' goals
- If required, discussing possible interpretation problems related to the application of the approved bonus schemes and recommending a solution
- If required, reviewing information to be published in the financial statements and, where applicable, in other bonus-related documents
- Performing other duties separately assigned to it by the Board of Directors.

The Chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee convenes the Committee as needed. At the meetings, the matters belonging to the duties of the Committee are reviewed. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee may invite other people to join its meetings if deemed necessary and may use external experts to assist the Committee in fulfilling its duties.

The Chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is Seppo Paavola and the other members are Jyrki Rantsi and Harri Sivula. Seppo Paavola and Jyrki Rantsi are dependent of the company and of significant shareholders. Harri Sivula is independent of the company and of significant shareholders. In 2016, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee met six (6) times, and the average attendance of the members was 100% as follows: Seppo Paavola 6/6; Jyrki Rantsi 6/6; and Harri Sivula 6/6.

As noted in section 4 above, Atria Plc's Annual General Meeting has established a separate Nomination Board to prepare proposals concerning the election and remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors as well as the remuneration of the members of the Supervisory Board for the next Annual General Meeting.

# 8. CEO

The company has a CEO who is in charge of managing the company's day-to-day operations in accordance with the instructions and orders issued by the Board of Directors and informing the Board of Directors of the development of the company's operations and financial performance. The CEO also is also responsible for ensuring the legality of the company's accounting and the reliability of asset management. The CEO is appointed by the Board of Directors, which decides on the terms of his or her service contract.

Since March 2011, Atria Plc's CEO has been Juha Gröhn, M.Sc. (Food Sc.).

## 9. Management Team

Atria Group has a Management Team chaired by the CEO. The Management Team assists the CEO in planning the operations and in operational management. The duties of the Management Team include, among others, preparing strategic plans and putting them into practice, handling significant projects and organisational changes as well as reviewing and implementing the Group's risk management measures in their respective areas of responsibility.

In 2016, the Management Team met eleven (11) times.

Name	Born	Joined Atria in	Education	Position	Sharehold- ing on 31 De- cember 2016
Juha Gröhn	1963	1990	M.Sc. (Food Sc.)	CEO	20,000
Heikki Kyntäjä	1952	2009	B.Sc. (Econ.)	CFO, Deputy CEO	1,000
Mika Ala-Fossi	1971	2000	Meat indus- try techni- cian	Executive Vice Presi- dent Atria Finland	940
Tomas Back	1964	2007	M.Sc. (Econ.)	Executive Vice Presi- dent Atria Scandinavia	1,880
Olle Horm	1967	2012	Engineer	Executive Vice Presi- dent Atria Baltic	0
Jarmo Lindholm	1973	2002	M.Sc. (Econ.)	Executive Vice Presi- dent Atria Russia	1,020
Pasi Luostarinen	1966	2000	M.Sc. (Econ.)	Executive Vice Presi- dent, Marketing & Market Insight	1,880
Lars Ohlin	1958	2007	BA	Executive Vice Presi- dent, Human Re- sources	510

Atria Group's Management Team consists of the following members:

#### 10. Remuneration

Atria Plc has prepared a Remuneration Statement - which constitutes a part of this Corporate Governance Statement - in accordance with the Corporate Governance Code. The statement is available on the company's website at www.atria.com under Investors, Corporate Governance.

#### 11. Internal control, risk management and internal audit

#### 11.1 Internal control

The company's Board of Directors and CEO are responsible for the company's adequate internal control. The Board of Directors determines the operating principles of internal control, and Atria's entire organisation implements the set operating principles. Internal control is a process incorporated into everything that Atria does, aiming to ensure the achievement of the company's strategic and financial objectives. The purpose of internal control is to ensure that Atria's operations are efficient and in line with the company's strategy, that all financial and operational reports are reliable, that the Group's operations comply with the applicable laws and regulations, and that the company's internal principles and codes of conduct are complied with.

Atria has Group-level instructions and rules valid in all of the Group's business areas and business units. The company seeks to ensure compliance with the instructions and rules by way of training and information bulletins as well as with the help of various control activities. The business areas and/or business units may furthermore have their own specific instructions and/or training related internal control.

Atria has strategic and annual financial goals which steer the operations of the entire Group. These goals have been communicated to all business areas, and they have been agreed on and approved as part of the strategy process or the annual goal-setting process. The achievement of the financial goals is monitored on a monthly and quarterly basis in each business area and at Group level. Atria's internal control ensures that the instructions given by the management are followed and that financial reporting is carried out reliably and appropriately. The procedures involved include the documentation of financial processes, various instructions related to financial administration and briefing related to control measures. The control measures consist of both preventive and investigative measures. Typical controls include approval, insurance, verification, reconciliation, operational inspections, the protection of assets, segregation of duties and the administration of access rights.

#### 11.2 Risk management at Atria

The objective of risk management is to support the realisation of Atria's strategy and the achievement of targets, to prevent unfavourable events from occurring and to safeguard business continuity. Atria's risk management operations are guided by the Risk Management Policy, approved by the Board of Directors, which specifies risk management goals, principles, responsibilities and powers, together with the principles of risk assessment and reporting.

Risk management at Atria is systematic and dynamic, and supports the continuous development of the organisation. It is based on a uniform model for risk identification, assessment and reporting in all business areas and Group administration, and forms an integral part of the annual planning process. In risk assessment, a risk management plan is drawn up for managing the risks identified.

Atria defines risk as the effect of uncertainty on the company's objectives. Risks can cause positive or negative deviations from the objectives. Risks may be caused by events within Atria, or by external conditions or events. For reporting purposes, Atria's risks are divided into four categories: strategic risks, operational risks, liability risks and financial risks.

### Organisation and responsibilities of risk management

The Board of Directors approves the Risk Management Policy and any changes to it, and supervises the implementation of the principles specified in the policy. The Group's CEO is responsible for the appropriate organisation of risk management at Atria, and the CFO sees to the development of the risk management and risk reporting framework.

The members of the Group's Management Team are responsible for identifying and assessing strategic risks and for implementing risk management in their respective areas of responsibility. The management teams of the business areas are responsible for identifying and assessing risks and for implementing risk management in their respective business areas. The directors of the business areas ensure that the management teams fulfil their risk management and risk reporting responsibilities.

The Group's Treasury Committee is responsible for identifying and assessing financial risks and for implementing risk management throughout the Group. When preparing an annual plan for internal audit, key observations from the risk assessments made as part of the Group's planning process are taken into account. Every Atria employee is responsible for identifying and assessing risks associated with their work and any other risks that they encounter, and for drawing attention to and preventing such risks.

Major risks and uncertainties which the Board of Directors is aware of are discussed in more detail in the Report by the Board of Directors under "Risk management at Atria".

#### 11.3 Internal audit

Atria's Group Control function handles internal audits in collaboration with an external service provider. An audit plan is drawn up annually for internal audit and approved by the Board of Directors. The annual priority areas of the audit plan are affected by risk management, issues identified as part of the Group's internal reporting, goals related to improving the quality and efficiency of the operations, and current issues in the company's business environment. Where necessary, internal audit also conducts separate studies commissioned by the Board of Directors or the Group's management.

Internal audit ensures and evaluates the functioning of the company's internal control system, the relevance and efficiency of the activities, and compliance with guidelines. It also aims to promote the quality of the operations and process, ensure the achievement of Atria's targets, support the development of risk management practices, and highlight best practices and opportunities in various functions.

Internal audit assesses the following areas:

- Accuracy and adequacy of financial information
- Compliance with operating principles, codes of practice and regulations
- Protection of property against losses

- Cost-effectiveness and efficiency in the use of resources
- Implementation of changes
- Opportunities provided by various practices and the utilisation of best practices

The results of internal auditing are documented and discussed with the audited area of operation and Group management. A summary of the audit results is presented to the Board of Directors at least once a year. Regular discussions are held with the auditor to ensure that the audit activities cover a sufficiently wide range of operations and to avoid overlapping activities.

# 12. Auditing

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the company has at least one (1) and no more than four (4) regular auditors; the number of deputy auditors may not exceed this. The auditors and deputy auditors must be public accountants or firms of independent public accountants authorised by the Finnish Chambers of Commerce. The term of service of the auditors ends at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting following their election.

The auditor provides Atria's shareholders with an Auditor's Report document in accordance with the law, in conjunction with the company's financial statements, and reports regularly to the Board of Directors and management. The auditor participates in a Board meeting at least once a year, on which occasion a discussion of the audit plan and the results of auditing is arranged.

In 2016, Atria Plc's Annual General Meeting elected PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd., a firm of authorised public accountants, as the company's auditor for a term ending at the closing of the next Annual General Meeting. According to the firm, the auditor in charge is Authorised Public Accountant Samuli Perälä. The remuneration is paid to the auditor according to an invoice accepted by the company.

#### Auditor's remuneration for the 2016 accounting period

In 2016, the Group paid EUR 351,000 to PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd. as the auditor's remuneration. The whole Group paid a total of EUR 14,000 for services not related to auditing.

#### 13. Insider policy

Atria complies with Nasdaq Helsinki Ltd.'s Guidelines for Insiders. Atria's Board of Directors has furthermore confirmed Atria's insider policy, which complement other insider guidelines and include instructions concerning insiders and insider administration. The company's insider policy has been distributed to all Managers as defined by the company, as well as to the people involved in the preparation of periodic disclosure or who have regular access to unpublished financial information. The guidelines are furthermore available on the company's intranet.

Following the entry into force of the Market Abuse Regulation (EU No 596/2014) on 3 July 2016, Atria no longer maintains a public insider register. Nor does Atria main-

tain a permanent, company-specific insider list; rather, Atria maintains solely project-specific insider registers established and maintained according to need. All project-specific insiders are informed of their insider status in writing and provided with the appropriate insider instructions.

Atria has determined that the members of the Board of Directors, members of the Supervisory Board, the CEO and the Deputy CEO satisfy the definition of Managers with a notification obligation. The company maintains a list of the Managers and their closely associated persons.

The company maintains a list of the Managers and subject to a notification obligation in cooperation with Euroclear Finland Oy. The company's legal department and CFO monitor compliance with the insider guidelines. Managers` and people`s, involved in the preparation of periodic disclosure or who have regular access to unpublished financial information, right to trade in the company's financial instruments has been restricted in such a way that the aforementioned people may not trade in the company's shares 30 days prior to the publication of an interim report and a release of the financial statements and further should the period between the end of a review period and the publication of the report/release exceed 30 days.

#### 14. Related-party transactions

The company has defined its related parties and maintains a list of such related parties. Atria monitors and assesses related-party transactions to ensure that any possible conflicts of interest are accounted for in the appropriate manner in the decision-making of the company.

#### 15. Communications

The aim of Atria's investor reporting is to ensure that the market is, at all times, in possession of information correct and sufficient to determine the value of Atria's shares. An additional aim is to provide the financial markets with comprehensive information to enable active participants in the capital markets to form a justified image of Atria as an investment.

#### Silent Period

Atria has established a silent period for its investor relations communications; this period covers 30 calendar days prior to the publication of interim reports and annual reports. During this period, Atria issues no statements on its financial standing.

#### Investor information

Atria publishes financial information in real time on its website at www.atria.com. The site contains annual reports, interim reports, and press and stock exchange releases. Information on the company's largest shareholders is updated regularly on the website.

The disclosure policy approved by Atria's Board of Directors describes the key principles and procedures followed by Atria as a listed company in its communications with the media, capital markets and other stakeholders. Atria's disclosure policy is available in its entirety on the company's website at www.atriagroup.com, under Investors, Disclosure Policy.



# **Remuneration statement**

#### 1 Remuneration statement

This remuneration statement of Atria Plc ("Atria" or "the company") is a consistent description of the remuneration of the company's Board of Directors and management pursuant to the Corporate Governance Code.

#### 2 Remuneration of the members of the Supervisory Board

The Annual General Meeting decides on the remuneration of the members of the Supervisory Board annually, on the basis of the proposal prepared to the Annual General Meeting by the Shareholders' Nomination Board. The remuneration paid to the Supervisory Board in 2016 was as follows:

- Meeting compensation: EUR 250/meeting
- Compensation for loss of working time: EUR 250 for meeting and assignment dates
- Fee of the Chairman of the Supervisory Board: EUR 1,500/month
- Fee of the Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board: EUR 750/month
- Travel allowance according to the Company's travel policy.

The members of the Supervisory Board have no share incentive plans or share-based bonus schemes, nor are they entitled to any other financial benefits besides the remunerations decided on by the Annual General Meeting.

In 2016, the monthly and meeting fees paid to the members of the Supervisory Board for participating in the work of the Supervisory Board (including fees for work performed in other companies within the same Group) were as follows:

Name	Work of the Su-	Benefits from	Total (EUR)
	pervisory Board	Group companies	
Hannu Hyry, Chairman	22,750		22,750
Juho Anttikoski, Deputy Chairman	14,250		14,250
Mika Asunmaa	2,000		2,000
Reijo Flink	1,500		1,500
Lassi Antti Haarala	2,000		2,000
Jussi Hantula	2,000		2,000
Henrik Holm	2,500	1,800	4,300
Veli Hyttinen	2,250	10,800	13,050
Pasi Ingalsuo	2,000	4,800	6,800
Jussi Joki-Erkkilä (as of 28 April 2016)	1,000		1,000
Marja-Liisa Juuse	1,500		1,500
Jukka Kaikkonen	2,000		2,000
Juha Kiviniemi	2,000		2,000
Pasi Korhonen (until 28 April 2016)	500		500
Ari Lajunen	2,250		2,250
Mika Niku	2,000	4,200	6,200
Pekka Ojala	2,750		2,750
Heikki Panula	2,000		2,000
Ahti Ritola	1,500		1,500

Risto Sairanen	1,250		1,250
Timo Tuhkasaari	1,000		1,000
TOTAL	71,000	21,600	92,600

#### 3 Remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors

The Annual General Meeting decides on the remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors annually, on the basis of the proposal prepared to the Annual General Meeting by the Shareholders' Nomination Board. Remuneration is handled in the form of monetary compensation. The members of the Board of Directors have no share incentive plans or share-based bonus schemes, nor are they entitled to any other financial benefits besides the remunerations decided on by the Annual General Meeting.

The remuneration paid to the Board of Directors in 2016 was as follows:

- Meeting compensation: EUR 300/meeting
- Compensation for loss of working time: EUR 300 for meeting and assignment dates
- Fee of the Chairman of the Board of Directors: EUR 4,400/month
- Fee of the Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors: EUR 2,200/month
- Fee of members of the Board of Directors: EUR 1,700/month
- Travel allowance according to the Company's travel policy.

In 2016 monthly fees and meeting fees paid to the members of the Board of Directors for participating in the procedures of the Board of Directors (including being a member of the Board of another company that is part of the same Group) were the following:

Name	Position	Board of Di- rectors and committee work	Benefits from Group compa- nies	Total (EUR)
Seppo Paavola	Chairman	69,600		69,600
Jyrki Rantsi	Deputy Chairman	40,850	11,700	52,550
Nella Ginman-Tjeder	Member (as of 28 April 2016)	15,100		15,100
Esa Kaarto	Member	31,200	34,500	65,700
Timo Komulainen	Member (until 28 April 2016)	12,200		12,200
Pasi Korhonen	Member (as of 28 April 2016)	20,250		20,250
Jukka Moisio	Member	22,500		22,500
Kjell-Göran Paxal	Member	30,900	7,800	38,700
Maisa Romanainen	Member (until 28 April 2016)	8,300		8,300
Harri Sivula	Member	27,600		27,600
TOTAL		278,500	54,000	332,500

In accordance with the proposal of the Nomination Committee, the Annual General Meeting held in 2016 decided to keep the fees and compensation of the members of the Board of Directors unchanged.

#### 4 Bonus scheme for the CEO and other management

The remuneration of Atria Plc's management aims to promote the company's longterm financial success and competitiveness and the favourable development of shareholder value. The bonus scheme for the management consists of a fixed monthly salary, merit pay and pension benefits. The company has no share incentive plan or option scheme in place.

The Board of Directors' Nomination and Remuneration Committee prepares the following for a decision to be made by the Board of Directors: (i) the terms of the service contracts of the CEO and Deputy CEO; (ii) the remuneration, fees and other employment benefits of the directors who report to the CEO; (iii) the forms and criteria of the bonus and incentive schemes of top management; and (iv) the content and group assignments of the pension programmes of the company's management.

Atria Plc's Board of Directors decides on the remuneration, other financial benefits and criteria applied in the merit pay system for the Group's CEO and Management Team, as well as the merit pay principles used for other management members.

The directors of each business area and the Group's CEO decide on the remuneration of the members of the management teams of the various business areas according to the one-over-one principle. The performance bonus systems for the management teams of the business areas are approved by the Group's CEO.

The base salary for CEO is EUR 498,000/year containing fringe benefits. According to the terms of short-term incentive plan decided by the Board of Directors the CEO can earn yearly not more than 50 % of the yearly salary as merit pays. According to the terms of long-term incentive plan decided by the Board of Directors the CEO can earn yearly not more than 33 % of the yearly salary as merit pays.

The retirement age for the CEO is 63 years. The CEO nevertheless has the right to retire at the age of 60. The pension arrangement is payment-based and the amount of pension is based on the CEO's annual earnings at Atria Group as specified by the Board of Directors. The earnings include monetary salary and fringe benefits without cash payments of incentive schemes.

According to the CEO's contract, the period of notice is six months for both parties. If the company terminates the contract, the CEO is entitled to the salary for the period of notice and severance pay, which together correspond to 18 months' salary. There are no terms and conditions for any other compensation based on the termination of employment.

### 5 Incentive plans for management and key personnel

### 5.1.1 Long-term incentive plan

Atria's long-term incentive plan includes an earning period consisting of periods of three years.

Possible payments from the earning period to be implemented in 2015-2017 will be based on the Group's earnings per share (EPS) excluding extraordinary items. Bonuses earned during the period will be paid in instalments in the coming years. Cash rewards payable under the plan for the entire 2015-2017 earning period are capped at EUR 4.5 million. The plan will end on 31 December 2017, and it covers a maximum of 45 people. The plan covers the CEO and the rest of the Group's Management Team.

#### 5.1.2 Short-term incentive plan

The maximum bonus payable of Atria Plc's short-term incentive plan is 25% to 50% of annual salary, depending on the performance impact and requirement level of each individual's role. The criteria in the merit pay scheme are the performance requirements and net sales at Group level and in the area of responsibility of the person concerned. In addition to the CEO and other members of the Group's Management Team, Atria Plc's merit pay schemes cover approximately 40 people.

#### 5.1.3 Pension benefits

Managerial group pension benefits confirmed by Atria's Board of Directors have been arranged for the members of Atria Group's Management Team who are covered by Finnish social security. The retirement age of the group pension insurance is 63 years for the members of the Management Team. The retirement age determined in the insurance agreement can be changed if the earnings-related pension legislation is changed. Members of the Management Team nevertheless have the right to retire at the age of 60. The pension plan is payment-based, and the pension is based on the annual earnings (monetary salary and fringe benefits) of the insured as specified by the Board of Directors.

	Salaries	Fringe benefits	Merit pay	Supple- mentary pension contribu- tions	Total (EUR)
CEO					
Juha Gröhn	499,609	20,186	58,238	129,949	707,982
Deputy CEO: Heikki Kyntäjä					
	215,449	14,829	35,424	28,785	294,487
Other members of the Management					
Team	1,286, 232	67,407	268,641	93,499	1,715,779
TOTAL	2,001,290	102,422	362,303	252,233	2,718,248

The financial benefits paid to the CEO and the Management Team in 2016 were as follows:

### 5.1.4 Share incentive plan

The company has no share incentive plan or option scheme in place.

### 5.1.5 The Board of Directors' valid authorisations concerning remuneration

Atria Plc's Annual General Meeting held on 28 April 2016 authorised the Board of Directors to decide on (i) the acquisition of a maximum of 2,800,000 of the company's own series A shares; and (ii) an issue of a maximum of 7,000,000 new series A shares and/or on the disposal of any series A shares held by the company through a share issue or by granting option rights or other special rights entitling people to shares as referred to in Chapter 10, Section 1 of the Limited Liability Companies Act, in both cases under terms and conditions which enable the use of the acquired and/or issued shares as part of the company's incentive plan.