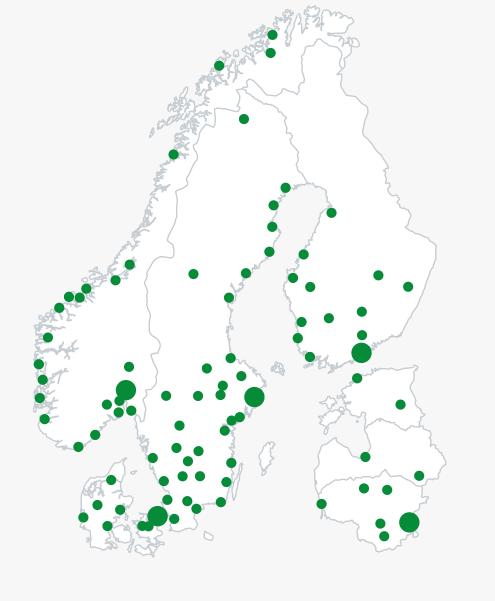


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# Atea ASA

# Remuneration report 2023

This Report on Compensation to Executive Directors and Board members is prepared in in accordance with section 6-16b of the Norwegian Public Limited Liability Companies Act. This section requires that a listed company provide a summary report of compensation to the executive directors employed by the company (in Norwegian: "ledende personer").

According to the Remuneration Policy adopted by the Annual General Meeting in April 2023, the company's Remuneration Policy dated April 2023 provide the framework for the remuneration of Executive Management in 2023. The Remuneration Policy is available on https://www.atea.com/annual-generalmeeting/.

### 1. Key developments in remuneration - 2023

The Nordic market for IT infrastructure was highly volatile during 2023, with a strong first half followed by a softer second half. During the first half of 2023, hardware spending grew rapidly following the COVID pandemic as customers upgraded their workplace IT environments after their employees returned to on-premise work. At the same time,

global constraints in hardware manufacturing eased, enabling delivery of a high volume of customer orders which had been held up in backlog. During the second half of 2023, hardware deliveries returned to more normal volumes, resulting in slowing growth in gross sales compared with last year.

Despite a turbulent market, Atea finished the year with record high gross sales, revenue and EBIT, and with a very healthy cash flow and balance sheet. Revenue grew by 7.1% to NOK 34,704 million, and EBIT increased to NOK 1,244 million. Cash flow from operations was NOK 1,878 million, up from NOK 1,030 million last year, based on higher cash earnings and a reduced working capital balance. Atea finished the year with a net cash balance of NOK 961 million, as defined by Atea's loan covenants.

Atea continued to gain recognition for its industry leadership in corporate social responsibility. Atea was recognized as one of the most sustainable corporations in the world (41st overall, and 1st in the IT services industry) by Corporate Knights as part of their annual "Global 100" ranking. Atea was awarded

the highest rating in environmental and social performance by EcoVadis for the fourth consecutive year, ranking Atea in the top 1% of 100,000 organizations evaluated globally. Atea also earned an A rating in CDP's annual climate change questionnaire, widely recognized as the gold standard of corporate environmental transparency.

Remuneration to Executives and the Board has been in accordance with the Remuneration policy approved by the AGM during 2022. The total value of remuneration to the Executive team was NOK 70 million in 2023, compared to NOK 65 million in 2022. The remuneration reflects solid business results and individual performances by the executives. The total remuneration to the Board of Directors was NOK 2.1 million in 2023.

No changes were made to the Executive team in 2023. There have been changes in the composition of Board of Directors in 2023 related to the shareholder elected members.

## 2. Compensation to Executive Directors

Executive directors at Atea consist of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer ("Corporate Officers") and the Managing Directors of each of the geographies reported as business segments ("Country Managers"). Non-executive directors at Atea consist of the employee-elected Board representatives.

Atea's compensation policy toward Executive Directors is designed to attract and retain a leadership team which will drive Atea's corporate strategy, long-term business development and financial performance. The main principle is that the company executives shall be offered a competitive salary with performance-based compensation tied to business results and to shareholder value.

Each year, the Board of Directors meets with the Corporate Officers to evaluate the Group's long-term business strategy, and to translate this strategy into specific business development plans and financial targets for the coming year. These plans are then drilled down to specific financial targets for each member of the executive team's area of responsibility.

Afterward, Corporate officers conduct a quarterly business review of each executive's area of responsibility to assess how their business area is developing relative to the agreed business plans and financial targets. The financial targets for operating profit (EBIT or EBITA) established during the Board strategy review become the basis for determining quarterly and annual bonus compensation paid to each executive throughout the year.

Atea's financial performance has improved steadily for many years. The Board of Directors believes that the compensation policy has been an effective tool to attract and motivate management talent to drive the long term and positive business development of the Group.

The remuneration paid to executives in 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

2023			Fixed compens	sation	Variable com	pensation				Variable
Local currency in million	_			Performance-					remuneration	
				Fringe	based cash	Share-based	Pension	Extraordinary	Total	relative to the
Name	Position	Currency	Base salary	benefits	bonus	compensation 1	costs	items	remuneration	fixed
Steinar Sønsteby	CEO of Atea ASA (Group)	NOK	5.5	0.4	3.8	7.3	0.1	_	17.1	65%
Robert Giori	Chief Financial Officer of Atea ASA (Group)	NOK	3.2	0.0	1.2	3.9	0.1	-	8.3	61%
Carl-Johan Hultenheim	Chief Operating Officer of Atea ASA (Group)	SEK	3.6	0.1	1.5	4.7	1.1	=	11.0	63%
Ole Petter Saxrud	Managing Director of Atea AS (Norway)	NOK	2.6	0.2	1.0	1.5	0.1	-	5.5	47%
Linus Wallin	Managing Director of Atea AB (Sweden)	SEK	2.6	0.1	1.2	2.4	0.9	-	7.1	57%
Kathrine Forsberg	Managing Director of Atea A/S (Denmark)	DKK	2.7	0.1	0.6	1.4	0.2	-	5.0	42%
Juha Sihvonen	Managing Director of Atea Finland Oy (Finland)	EUR	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	=	0.8	56%
Arunas Bartusevicius	Managing Director of Atea Baltic UAB (the Baltics)	EUR	0.2	0.0	-	0.2	0.0	-	0.4	51%

2022	Fixed compensation Variable compensation		pensation				Variable			
Local currency in million		_			Performance-					remuneration
Name	Position	Currency	Base salary	Fringe benefits	based cash bonus	Share-based compensation 1	Pension costs	Extraordinary items	Total remuneration	relative to the fixed
Steinar Sønsteby	CEO of Atea ASA (Group)	NOK	5.0	0.3	3.6	9.7	0.1	-	18.7	71%
Robert Giori	Chief Financial Officer of Atea ASA (Group)	NOK	3.0	0.0	1.2	3.3	0.1	-	7.6	60%
Carl-Johan Hultenheim	Chief Operating Officer of Atea ASA (Group)	SEK	3.3	0.2	1.6	5.4	1.0	-	11.5	67%
Ole Petter Saxrud	Managing Director of Atea AS (Norway)	NOK	2.3	0.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	-	4.7	39%
Linus Wallin	Managing Director of Atea AB (Sweden)	SEK	1.9	0.1	1.4	1.6	0.5	-	5.6	59%
Kathrine Forsberg	Managing Director of Atea A/S (Denmark)	DKK	2.4	0.1	0.5	1.1	0.2	-	4.3	39%
Juha Sihvonen	Managing Director of Atea Finland Oy (Finland)	EUR	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	-	0.7	56%
Arunas Bartusevicius	Managing Director of Atea Baltic UAB (the Baltics)	EUR	0.2	0.0	-	0.3	0.0	-	0.5	59%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Share-based compensation reflects IFRS 2 expense for outstanding stock options to the employee during period.

Growth in total compensation for each executive director during the last five years is stated below. The growth rate is compared to the growth in EBIT for the Atea Group and the growth in compensation for non-executive employees of Atea.

### Comparative table over the remuneration and company performance over the last five reported financial years

Name	Position	Currency	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Steinar Sønsteby	CEO of Atea ASA (Group)	NOK	14.5	13.6	15.3	18.7	17.1
% change			9.3%	-6.3%	12.5%	22.1%	-8.8%
Robert Giori	Chief Financial Officer of Atea ASA (Group)	NOK	6.7	6.1	7.2	7.6	8.3
% change			9.5%	-9.1%	18.7%	5.1%	10.1%
Carl-Johan Hultenheim	Chief Operating Officer of Atea ASA (Group)	SEK	6.6	8.0	10.9	11.5	11.0
% change			-26.5%	20.9%	35.4%	5.9%	-4.8%
Ole Petter Saxrud <sup>1</sup>	Managing Director of Atea AS (Norway)	NOK	-	=	1.0	4.7	5.5
% change			-	=	-	-	16.4%
Linus Wallin <sup>2</sup>	Managing Director of Atea AB (Sweden)	SEK	=	=	4.9	5.6	7.1
% change			-	-	-	14.2%	27.0%
Kathrine Forsberg <sup>3</sup>	Managing Director of Atea A/S (Denmark)	DKK	=	3.1	4.2	4.3	5.0
% change			-	=	32.2%	4.1%	15.5%
Juha Sihvonen	Managing Director of Atea Finland Oy (Finland)	EUR	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8
% change			4.1%	11.4%	27.3%	-5.8%	9.4%
Arunas Bartusevicius	Managing Director of Atea Baltic UAB (the Baltics)	EUR	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
% change			-29.9%	24.2%	19.8%	24.3%	-13.0%
Company performance							
EBIT		NOK	746.7	853.5	1,046.0	1,196.2	1,244.2
% change			8.2%	14.3%	22.5%	14.4%	4.0%
Average remuneration of a	full-time equivalent basis of employees <sup>4</sup>						
Employees of the Group							
% change			0.4%	1.1%	4.5%	4.2%	3.2%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ole Petter Saxrud was promoted to an executive position in September 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Linus Wallin was promoted to an executive position in January 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Kathrine Forsberg was promoted to an executive position in January 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Growth in average remuneration for employees in the Atea group is calculated by first determining the growth rate in each country of operations, and then creating a weighted average of these growth rates based on the geographic split of employees in 2023. This ensures that changes in the geographic mix of employees and in foreign currency rates do not skew the calculation.

The total compensation paid to executives in 2023 and 2022 complies with the company's executive compensation policy as follows:

## a) Fixed compensation

The base salary and fringe benefits paid to executives are in line with the market level for corresponding jobs in the industry given the executive's responsibilities, expertise, and performance.

# b) Performance-based cash bonus

During 2023, Atea paid the following cash bonus to executives based on the quarterly or annual business results of their area of responsibility compared with the targets agreed with the Board.

## Performance-based cash bonus paid to executives in 2023

Local currency in million				Target	Actual Bonus	Estimated, unpaid Bonus
Name	Position	Performance Metric	Currency	Bonus	paid in 2023	31 Dec. 2023
Steinar Sønsteby	CEO of Atea ASA (Group)	Atea Group full year EBITA, 2022	NOK	1.81	1.76	
		Overall performance review 2022	NOK	2.00	2.04	
		Atea Group full year EBITA, 2023	NOK	2.19		1.89
		Overall performance review 2023	NOK	2.00		2.00
		Total	NOK		3.80	3.89
Robert Giori	Chief Financial Officer	Atea Group quarterly EBITA, Q4 2022 - Q3 2023	NOK	1.20	1.15	
	of Atea ASA (Group)	Atea Group quarterly EBITA, Q4 2023	NOK	0.30		0.19
		Total	NOK		1.15	0.19
Carl-Johan Hultenheim	Chief Operating Officer	Atea Group quarterly EBITA, Q4 2022 - Q3 2023	SEK	1.60	1.53	
	of Atea ASA (Group)	Atea Group quarterly EBITA, Q4 2023	SEK	0.40		0.25
		Total	SEK		1.53	0.25
Ole Petter Saxrud	Managing Director	Atea Norway quarterly EBIT, Q4 2022-Q3 2023	NOK	1.12	1.01	
	of Atea AS (Norway)	Atea Norway quarterly EBIT, Q4 2023	NOK	0.18		0.17
		Total	NOK		1.01	0.17
Linus Wallin	Managing Director	Atea Sweden quarterly EBIT, Q4 2022 - Q3 2023	SEK	1.36	1.20	
	of Atea AB (Sweden)	Atea Sweden quarterly EBIT, Q4 2023	SEK	0.35		0.22
		Total	SEK		1.20	0.22
Kathrine Forsberg	Managing Director	Atea Denmark quarterly EBITA, Q4 2022 - Q3 2023	DKK	0.80	0.61	
	of Atea A/S (Denmark)	Atea Denmark quarterly EBITA, Q4 2023	DKK	0.20		0.11
		Total	DKK		0.61	0.11
Juha Sihvonen	Managing Director of	Atea Finland full year EBITA, 2022	EUR	0.15	0.13	
	Atea Finland Oy (Finland)	Atea Finland full year EBITA, 2023	EUR	0.15		0.15
		Total	EUR		0.13	0.15

# c) Share-based compensation

# Stock options

Executives in Atea held the following shares, RSUs and stock options in Atea ASA during 2023:

# Shares, RSUs and stock options 2023

Shares and RSUs controlled by key employees and board members	Position	Holdings of shares at 1 Jan 2023	Changes	Hoding of shares at 31 Dec. 2023	Hoding of RSUs at 31 Dec. 2023
Steinar Sønsteby	CEO of Atea ASA	125,000	60	125,060	30
Robert Giori	CFO of Atea ASA	126,587	60	126,647	30
Carl-Johan Hultenheim	Chief Operating Officer of Atea ASA (Group)	14,000	60	14,060	30
Linus Wallin	Managing Director of Atea AB (Sweden)	· -	60	60	30
Ole Petter Saxrud	Managing Director of Atea AS (Norway)	1,500	60	1,560	30
Kathrine Forsberg	Managing Director of Atea A/S (Denmark)	· -	65	65	33
Juha Sihvonen	Managing Director of Atea Finland Oy (Finland)	-	70	70	35
Arunas Bartusevicius	Managing Director of Atea Baltic UAB (Baltics)	100,194	70	100,264	35
Lone Kunøe	Member of the Board	31,945,145	140,000	32,085,145	_
Morten Jurs	Member of the Board	1,000	-	1,000	_
Saloume Djoudat	Member of the Board	1,200	-	1,200	_
Nelly Flatland	Member of the Board (employee elected)	13	-	13	7
Marius Hole	Member of the Board (employee elected)	_	60	60	30
Leiv Jarle Larsen	Member of the Board (employee elected)	-	60	60	30

Share option allotment, redemption and holdings for key employees	Holdings at 1 Jan 2023	Granted in 2023	Exercised in 2023	Weighted average exercise price in 2023 (NOK)	Holdings at 31 Dec 2023	Weighted average exercise price holdings at 31 Dec. 2023 (NOK)	Maturity date for options
Steinar Sønsteby	1,241,307	225,000	-225,000	134.66	1,241,307	97.21	15 Dec 2027
Robert Giori	450,000	125,000	-100,000	123.07	475,000	105.08	15 Dec 2027
Carl-Johan Hultenheim	675,000	150,000	-250,000	129.42	575,000	104.83	15 Dec 2027
Linus Wallin	215,000	100,000	-30,000	118.09	285,000	109.16	15 Dec 2027
Ole Petter Saxrud	130,000	100,000	-45,000	140.75	185,000	107.36	15 Dec 2027
Kathrine Forsberg	222,000	100,000	-82,000	137.43	240,000	112.26	15 Dec 2027
Juha Sihvonen	370,000	100,000	-70,000	127.80	400,000	103.64	15 Dec 2027
Arunas Bartusevicius	350,000	70,000	-140,000	118.09	280,000	103.64	15 Dec 2027

The following specific limitations apply with respect to all stock option grants in Atea ASA:

- (i) the stock options vest during a minimum period of three years.
- (ii) The strike price of the stock options is set at the market price at the time of grant. The strike price will be adjusted for any dividends paid before exercise. In 2023 the strike price for the options granted was NOK 115.
- (iii) Stock option grants have a cap of 3 times the market price at the date of grant. If the share price exceeds the cap price, the options may be settled by the company in cash based on the gain calculated at the cap price, providing an absolute limit to the possible gain.

### **Atea Share Savings Program**

During 2023, the Group has established a share savings program for all employees, under which employees may choose to allocate up to NOK 1,000 per month (or equivalent in local currency) from their after-tax income to purchase shares in Atea ASA. Employees who sign up for the program will receive one bonus share for each two shares purchased under the program, if the employee remains employed by Atea and holds their shares through the specified vesting period. For executive management, the vesting period required to receive the bonus share is three years. For financial reporting purposes, the agreement to receive a bonus share is reported as an RSU which converts to an ordinary share at the end of the vesting period. During 2023, each executive acquired between 60-70 shares and therefore received 30-35 RSUs. See table above: "Shares and RSUs controlled by key employees and board members."

## d) Pension

Finally, members of the executive management team have participated in the pension scheme of the local subsidiary in which they are employed.

e) Remuneration in exceptional circumstances
No extraordinary items were paid to executives during
2023 and 2022.

## The compensation is paid in 2023 based on the work for year 2022.

Payments actually received by members		Directors fee in NOK
of the Board of Directors as follows:	Position	including committee work
lb Kunøe	Board Chairman	500,000
Morten Jurs 1	Member of the Board	350,000
Sven Madsen <sup>1</sup>	Member of the Board	300,000
Lisbeth Toftkær Kvan <sup>1</sup>	Member of the Board	300,000
Saloume Djoudat	Member of the Board	200,000
Marianne Urdahl	Member of the Board (employee elected)	150,000
Christian Våge	Member of the Board (employee elected)	150,000
Leiv Jarle Larsen	Member of the Board (employee elected)	150,000
Total		2,100,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Including fee as a member of the Audit Committee

Carl Espen Wollebekk and Karl Martin Stang have received NOK 20 000 each person as compensation for their work for the Nomination and Election committee for 2022.

The Group has an ordinary Directors & Officers Insurance protecting the Board of Directors and management from personal liability. The maximum liability amount covered is NOK 250 million. The company has paid NOK 473.000 in 2023 for this insurance.

# 4. Shareholder feedback on the Remuneration Report 2022

The Remuneration Report 2022 was presented for approval (advisory vote) at the Annual General Meeting in April 2023 and was endorsed by a significant majority. 82.3% of the votes cast were in favor of the Remuneration Report 2022, 17.7% were against.

### The Board of Directors' statement on the Remuneration Report

The Board of Directors has today considered and adopted the Remuneration Report of Atea ASA for the financial year 2023. The Remuneration Report is prepared in accordance with section 6-16b of the Norwegian Public Limited Liability Companies Act. The Remuneration Report will be presented to the Annual General Meeting 2024 for an advisory vote.

Oslo, 21 March 2024

Approved by

The Board of Directors

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# **Auditor's Report**

# Deloitte.

To the General Meeting of Atea ASA INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REPORT ON SALARY AND OTHER REMUNERATION TO DIRECTORS

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### Opinion

We have performed an assurance engagement to obtain reasonable assurance that Atea ASA's report on salary and other remuneration to directors (the remuneration report) for the financial year ended 31. December 2023 has been prepared in accordance with section 6-16 b of the Norwegian Public Limited Liability Companies Act and the accompanying regulation.

In our opinion, the remuneration report has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with section 6-16 b of the Norwegian Public Limited Liability Companies Act and the accompanying regulation.

### Board of directors' responsibilities

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation of the remuneration report and that it contains the information required in section 6-16 b of the Norwegian Public Limited Liability Companies Act and the accompanying regulation and for such internal control as the board of directors determines is necessary for the preparation of a remuneration report that is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

### Our independence and quality control

We are independent of the company as required by laws and regulations and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of International Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. The firm applies International Standard on Quality Management, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

### Auditor's responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the remuneration report contains the information required in section 6-16 b of the Norwegian Public Limited Liability Companies Act and the accompanying regulation and that the information in the remuneration report is free from material misstatements. We conducted our work in accordance with the International Standard for Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 - "Assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information".

We obtained an understanding of the remuneration policy approved by the general meeting. Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of the internal control relevant to the preparation of the remuneration report in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control. Further we performed procedures to ensure completeness and accuracy of the information provided in the remuneration report, including whether it contains the information required by the law and accompanying regulation. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Oslo, 21 March 2024 Deloitte AS

Espen Johansen State Authorised Public Accountant

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