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### **The Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority has approved a supplement to the prospectus prepared for the merger of Altia Plc and Arcus ASA**

The Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority has today, on 3 May 2021, approved a supplement (the “**Supplement**”) to the merger prospectus (the “**Merger Prospectus**”) concerning the merger between Altia Plc (“**Altia**”) and Arcus ASA (“**Arcus**”).

The Supplement relates to Altia’s unaudited business review as at and for the three months ended 31 March 2021, published on 28 April 2021.

A certificate of approval of the Supplement, with a copy of the Supplement will be notified to the competent authority of Norway in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the “**Prospectus Regulation**”).

The Supplement, together with the Merger Prospectus, will be available on or about 3 May 2021 in English on Altia’s website at [www.altiagroup.com/investors](http://www.altiagroup.com/investors), at Altia’s registered office at Kaapeliaukio 1, 00180 Helsinki, Finland, at Arcus’ website at [www.arcus.no/en/investor](http://www.arcus.no/en/investor), at Arcus’ registered office at Destilleriveien 11, Gjelleråsen, Norway, and at Nasdaq Helsinki at Fabianinkatu 14, 00100 Helsinki, Finland.

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#### **Information on Altia and Arcus in brief**

Altia is a leading Nordic alcoholic beverage brand company operating in the wine and spirits markets in the Nordic and Baltic countries. Altia wants to support a development of a modern, responsible Nordic drinking culture. Altia’s

key exports brands are Koskenkorva, O.P. Anderson and Larsen. Other iconic Nordic brands are Chill Out, Blossa, Xanté, Jaloviina, Leijona, Explorer and Grönstedts.

Altia's current strategy is built on two core strengths: Altia is the Nordic distillery that masters the sustainable production of high-quality grain-based spirits, and provides the best route-to-market through distribution and channel execution for its brands and partners.

Arcus is a leading Nordic branded consumer goods company within wine and spirits. Arcus is the world's largest producer of aquavit, and holds strong market positions for wine and spirits across the Nordics. Vectura, a wholly owned company, supplies complete logistics solutions for the beverage industry in Norway. Arcus was spun off from the Norwegian state monopoly, Vinmonopolet, in 1996 and since then has grown from a local company to an international group with the Nordic region and Germany as its home market. The Group also exports a significant volume of spirits to other countries. Arcus is listed on Oslo Børs.

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Altia is a Finnish company and Arcus is a Norwegian company. The transaction, including the information distributed in connection with the merger and the related shareholder votes, is subject to disclosure, timing and procedural requirements of a non-U.S. country, which are different from those of the United States. The financial information included or referred to in this release has been prepared in accordance with IFRS, which may not be comparable to the accounting standards, financial statements or financial information of U.S. companies or applicable in the United States.

It may be difficult for U.S. shareholders of Arcus to enforce their rights and any claim they may have arising under U.S. federal or state securities laws, since Altia and Arcus are not located in the United States, and all or some of their officers and directors are residents of non-U.S. jurisdictions. It may be difficult to compel a foreign company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a U.S. court's judgment. U.S. shareholders of Arcus may not be able to sue Altia or Arcus or their respective officers and directors in a non-U.S. court for violations of U.S. laws, including federal securities laws, or at the least it may prove to be difficult to evidence such claims. Further, it may be difficult to compel Altia or Arcus and their affiliates to subject themselves to the jurisdiction of a U.S. court. In addition, there is substantial doubt as to the enforceability in a foreign country in original actions, or in actions for the enforcement of judgments of U.S. courts, based on the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws.

Arcus' shareholders should be aware that Altia is prohibited from purchasing Arcus' shares otherwise than under the Merger, such as in open market or privately negotiated purchases, at any time during the pendency of the Merger under the Merger Plan.

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The new shares in Altia have not been and will not be listed on a U.S. securities exchange or quoted on any inter-dealer quotation system in the United States. Neither Altia nor Arcus intends to take any action to facilitate a market in the new shares in Altia in the United States.

The new shares in Altia have not been approved or disapproved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission in the United States or any other regulatory authority in the United States, nor have any of the foregoing authorities passed comment upon, or endorsed the merit of, the merger or the accuracy or the adequacy of this release. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.