

## **VOLTA FINANCE – OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORT**

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*Guernsey, 21 November 2014* – Volta Finance Limited (the "Company" or "Volta Finance" or "Volta") has published its monthly report. The full report is attached to this release and is available on Volta Finance Limited's financial website (<u>www.voltafinance.com</u>).

#### **Gross Asset Value**

	At 30.09.14	At 31.10.14
Gross Asset Value (GAV / € million)	284.4	285.4
GAV per share (€)	7.79	7.82

At the end of October 2014, the Gross Asset Value\* (the "GAV") of Volta Finance Limited (the "Company", "Volta Finance" or "Volta") was €287.0 m or €7.82 per share, an increase of €0.03 per share from the end of September 2014.

This brings the performance for the first 10 months of 2014 to +10.3% including the April dividend payment.

The October mark-to-market variations\* of Volta's asset classes were: -0.1% for Synthetic Corporate Credit deals, +0.3% for CLO Equity tranches; +1.3% for CLO Debt tranches, -0.5% for Cash Corporate Credit deals and +3.4% for ABS. The positive performance of Volta in October is in line with a modest tightening of credit market spreads during the month. These movements masked some intra-month volatility as credit markets reacted to the growth scare early in the month. Accommodative stances of central banks (especially the ECB) later in the month help restoring confidence.

Volta's assets generated the equivalent of  $\in$ 3.3m cash flows in October 2014 (non-Euro amounts converted to Euro using end-of-month cross currency rates and excluding principal payments from debt assets) bringing the total cash generated during the last six months to  $\in$ 14.7m.

In October, Volta made one investment (a BB tranche of a new USD CLO) for the equivalent of €4.1m. Under standard assumptions this asset is expected to have an IRR close to 9%.

At the end of October, Volta held €14.1m in cash not taking into account the €4.1m to be settled in the coming weeks. Taking account of the further unsettled commitment of€4m to the CESL Fund and the dividend payment to be made in December, Volta can be considered as being nearly fully invested.

## MARKET ENVIRONMENT

In October 2014, credit market spreads tightened both in Europe and in the US : the 5 year iTraxx European Main index and 5 year iTraxx European Crossover Index (series 21) spreads went respectively from 63 and 257 bps at the end of September 2014 to 56 and 240 bps at the end of October 2014. In the US, in the same vein, the 5y CDX main index (series 22) tightened from 64 to 56 bps. According to the CSFB Leverage Loan Index, the average price for US liquid first lien loans was roughly unchanged from 97.67% at the end of September 2014 to 97.61% at the end of October 2014. In Europe, the price of the S&P European Leveraged Loan Index modestly decreased from 95.36% to 94.90%. \*\*

# **VOLTA FINANCE PORTFOLIO**



In October 2014, no particular event materially impacted any of Volta's assets.

We continue to see opportunities in several structured credit sectors including mezzanine or equity tranches of CLOs, RMBS tranches as well as tranches of Cash or Synthetic Corporate Credit portfolios.

\* "Mark-to-market variation" is calculated as the Dietz-performance of the assets in each bucket, taking into account the Mark-to-Market of the assets at month-end, payments received from the assets over the period, and ignoring changes in cross currency rates Nevertheless, some residual currency effects could impact the aggregate value of the portfolio when aggregating each bucket.

\*\* Index data source: Markit, Bloomberg.

(Full monthly report in attachment or on www.voltafinance.com)

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## ABOUT VOLTA FINANCE LIMITED

Volta Finance Limited is incorporated in Guernsey under the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008 (as amended) and listed on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam. Its investment objectives are to preserve capital and to provide a stable stream of income to its shareholders through dividends. For this purpose, it pursues a multi-asset investment strategy targeting various underlying assets. The assets that the Company may invest in either directly or indirectly include, but are not limited to: corporate credits; sovereign and quasi-sovereign debt; residential mortgage loans; automobile loans. Volta Finance

Limited's basic approach to its underlying assets is through vehicles and arrangements that provide leveraged exposure to some of those underlying assets.

Volta Finance Limited has appointed AXA Investment Managers Paris, an investment management company with a division specialised in structured credit, for the investment management of all its assets.

## ABOUT AXA INVESTMENT MANAGERS

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