



## Volta Finance Limited (VTA) – July 2016 monthly report

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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’s website ([www.voltafinance.com](http://www.voltafinance.com)).

### **PERFORMANCE and PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY**

In July, Volta’s Estimated NAV gained 5.5% following the broad rally in most credit and equity markets after the retrenchment in June in the wake of the Brexit vote.

As at the end of July, the YTD NAV performance was 4.6%, including the April dividend payment. AXA IM still expects to produce a performance in the area of 10% for this year, after 10% in 2015 and 12.4% in 2014.

Volta purchased four assets in July (two euro CLO Equity tranches, one USD CLO Equity tranche and one European RMBS debt tranche) for a total of €10.6m. On average and based on standard market assumptions, these purchases were yielding close to 10.5%. During the month four positions (two USD CLO Debt tranches and two euro CLO Debt tranches) were sold for the equivalent of €8.0m (having projected yield, on average and based on standard market assumptions, close to 4.5%).

At the end of July 2016, Volta’s Estimated NAV\* was €287.4m or €7.87 per share. The GAV stood at €329.8m.

In July, mark-to-market variations\*\* of Volta’s asset classes were: +0.9% for Synthetic Corporate Credit deals; +4.5% for CLO Equity tranches; +8.0% for CLO Debt tranches, -1.2% for Cash Corporate Credit deals; and, -0.1% for ABS. In July, USD CLO tranches, in particular from 2.0 deals, led the rally. After showing good defensive characteristics for several months Volta was able to participate in the rally.

In July, Volta generated the equivalent of €4.9m in interest and coupons (non-euro amounts translated into euro using end-of-month cross currency rates), bringing the total cash amount generated in terms of interest and coupons during the last six months to €17.9m.

Cash holdings or cash equivalent instruments at the end of July totaled €7.6m (taking into account some trades unsettled at the end of July) and therefore the Company can be considered as fully invested. AXA IM expects to continue to rotate the portfolio from its old positions to more recently issued deals in order to increase the projected yield of the portfolio.

AXA IM continues to see opportunities in several structured credit sectors including mezzanine and equity tranches of CLOs, RMBS tranches and tranches of Cash Corporate Credit and Synthetic Corporate Credit portfolios.

On 12th August 2016, the Company announced a change to the expected frequency of the dividend distributions from semi-annual to quarterly. The Company intends to make dividend distributions in March, June, September and December.



The Board has also decided to implement a dividend currency election mechanism which will give Volta's shareholders the option to elect to receive their dividends in Sterling. Shareholders who do not elect to receive their dividends in Sterling will continue receiving them in euros. Currency elections, once made, apply to all subsequent dividends but forms will be provided prior to each quarterly dividend. There is no change in the distribution policy other than dividend frequency and currency election.

*\* It should be noted that approximately 11% of Volta's GAV comprises investments in funds for which the relevant NAVs as at the month-end date are normally available only after Volta's NAV has already been published. Volta's policy is to publish its own NAV on as timely a basis as possible in order to provide shareholders with Volta's appropriately up-to-date NAV information. Consequently, such investments in funds are valued using the most recently available NAV for each fund. The most recently available fund NAV was as at: 30 June 2016 for 10.3% of Volta's GAV and as at 31 March 2016 for 0.7% of Volta's GAV.*

*\*\* "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.*

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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 Euronext Amsterdam and the London Stock Exchange's Main Market for listed securities. Volta's home member state for the purposes of the EU Transparency Directive is the Netherlands. As such, Volta is subject to regulation and supervision by the AFM, being the regulator for financial markets in the Netherlands.

Volta's investment objectives are to preserve capital across the credit cycle and to provide a stable stream of income to its shareholders through dividends. Volta seeks to attain its investment objectives predominantly through diversified investments in structured finance 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; and, automobile loans. The Company's approach to investment is through vehicles and arrangements that essentially provide leveraged exposure to portfolios of such underlying assets. The Company 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.

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