

Closed End Investments



Source: LSEG, 2025

Market data

EPIC/TKR	VTA.NA, VTA.LN, VTAS LN
Price (€)	6.82/6.98/595p
12m high (€)	7.02/7.06/614p
12m low (€)	5.15/5.00/416p
NAV p/sh (Aug'25, €)	7.43
Disc. to NAV (%)	-8
Shares (m)	36.6
Mkt cap (€m)	249
FY'24 div. yield (%)	8.1
Market (NL, UK)	AEX, LSE, LSE
Free float	70%
Currency	€, €, GBP

Description

Volta Finance (Volta) is a closed-ended, limited liability investment company with a diversified investment strategy across structured finance assets (primarily CLOs). It aims to provide a stable stream of income through quarterly dividends.

Company information

Ind. Chair	Dagmar Kent Kershaw
Ind. NEDs	Simon Holden, Stephen Le Page (to Dec), Yedau Ogundele Joanne Peacegood
Fund Managers	AXA IM Paris
Co. Sec./	BNP Paribas
Administrator	Securities Services SCA, Guernsey Branch

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Key shareholders (31 July 2024)

AXA SA Bank	21.75%
BNP Paribas	16.01%
AXA Framlington IM	8.23%
BNP Wealth Mgt.	5.91%

Diary

Mid-Oct	Sep estimated NAV
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VOLTA FINANCE LIMITED

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Volta brings investors liquid access to the "hot" private credit market. We note the multi-currency, multi-exchange traded access it provides all investors to i) the illiquid but attractive CLO market, with its embedded risk-enhancement in CLO structures and good risk-adjusted returns, and ii) a manager of that expertise-dependent asset class with a track record of through-cycle, peer outperformance. Private credit has been one of 2025's "hot" asset classes; barely a day passes without some announcement but with investment mainly restricted to larger, institutional investors. Volta's AEX and LSE, and € and £, listings give retail investors liquidity to that market. Volta also offers portfolio diversification, and a high, covered, dividend yield.

- **August factsheet:** Following 6.2% gains in May-July, NAV total return for August was a 0.8% decline (cumulative performance from Aug'24 to date to +13.9%). Volta's latest six-month cashflow generation was slightly up, at €28m; ca.21% of July's NAV on an annualised basis. Cash stood at 16.7% of gross assets.
- **Investor portfolio diversification:** Volta's total returns have no correlation with benchmark bond indices. Over the long term, it has outperformed UK and European markets, and by providing investors with more stable dividend income, and less volatile capital gains, it also provides diversification from this asset class.
- **Valuation:** Volta trades at a double discount: its share price is at an 8% discount to NAV, and we believe its mark-to-market approach includes a sentiment-driven discount to the expected cashflows. Volta's yield is a key attraction, and, in our view, it is likely to be more than 2x covered, giving investors considerable comfort.
- **Risks:** Credit risk is a key sensitivity. We examined the valuation of assets, highlighting the multiple controls to ensure its validity, in our September 2018 [initiation note](#). The NAV is exposed to sentiment towards its own and underlying markets. Volta's long \$ position is only partially hedged.
- **Investment summary:** Volta is an investment for sophisticated investors, as both the NAV and the discount to NAV may be volatile over time. We note that some competitors to Volta, historically, had a more stable NAV valuation due to a different asset valuation approach. Fundamental, long-term share returns are robust: 9.7% p.a. (dividend reinvested basis) since inception to end-July 2025. Volta's performance relative to that of its peers has been strong, and returns for investments made after the financial crisis were double those in prior years.

Financial summary and valuation (Hardman & Co adjusted basis)

Year-end Jul (€m)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E
Coupons & dividend	41.8	42.9	47.0	57.1	55.6	55.0
Operating income	44.5	41.6	44.1	51.5	37.2	61.1
Inv. manager fees	(14.2)	(3.9)	(5.6)	(10.1)	(7.6)	(11.2)
Expenses	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)
Total comp. income	35.2	33.4	35.2	41.0	29.7	48.9
Statutory PTP	76.8	(17.8)	27.0	45.0	35.5	50.1
Underlying EPS (€)	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.3
NAV per share (€)	7.28	6.22	6.45	7.13	7.49	8.23
S/P prem./disc (-) to NAV*	-17%	-16%	-21%	-27%	-9%	-17%
Gearing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Dividend (€)	0.51	0.57	0.51	0.55	0.61	0.63
Dividend yield	7.4%	8.4%	7.5%	8.1%	8.9%	9.2%

*2021-25 actual NAV and share price, 2026 forecast NAV to current share price.

Source: Hardman & Co Research