

**Volta Finance Limited (VTA / VTAS) – May 2019 monthly report**

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AXA IM has published the Volta Finance Limited (the “Company” or “Volta Finance” or “Volta”) monthly report for May. The full report is attached to this release and will be available on Volta’s website shortly ([www.voltafinance.com](http://www.voltafinance.com)).

**PERFORMANCE and PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY**

In May, Volta’s NAV\* total return performance was +1.3%, bringing the YTD performance to 7.3%.

This good performance, in May and since the beginning of the year, demonstrated again Volta’s ability to generate performance as soon as the overall environment is supportive. In 2016, after suffering the contagion of the oil and gas crisis in the US, Volta experienced a similarly strong performance (15.2% in calendar 2016). With a 7.4% performance as at the end of May, 2019 is showing very similar momentum as Volta’s portfolio still yields in excess of 11%.

For the rest of 2019 we expect neither a significant economic downturn, nor any significant episode of volatility, as we see signs that investors have been and remain cautious in deploying capital. This continued skepticism, in some way, limits the probability of a significant hike in volatility.

In May, all sub-asset classes contributed to the performance as the monthly performances were, in local currency: +0.8% for Bank Balance Sheet transactions, +1.5% for CLO Equity tranches; +1.1% for CLO Debt; +1.5% for Cash Corporate Credit deals; and +0.2% for ABS.

As at the end of May, taking into account the need to pay the June dividend payment (€15 cents per share on 27<sup>th</sup> June) Volta is almost fully invested having received in May €3.6m as the final payment of a Bank Balance sheet transaction initiated in May 2016 (a Swiss SME transaction that was couponing at CHF3m Libor + 11.8%).

As at the end of May we saw again the positive impact of Volta’s current strategy (increasing the CLO Equity bucket and reducing CLO debt and the leverage on CLO debt) as Volta was able to maintain its ongoing cash flows at an historically high level. The total cash amount generated during the last six months in terms of interest and coupons reached €20.2m, an annualised 13.6% yield to closing NAV.

As at the end of May 2019, Volta’s NAV was €297.5m or €8.13 per share. The GAV stood at €337.5m.

*\*It should be noted that approximately 10.2% of Volta’s GAV comprises investments 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 are valued using the most recently available NAV for each fund or quoted price for such subordinated note. The most recently available fund NAV or quoted price was for 6.3% as at 30 April 2019 and for 3.9% as at 29 March 2019.*

*\*\* “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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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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