



# Volta Finance Ltd Monthly Report – July 2019



#### Data as of 31 July 2019

Gross Asset Value €329.0m
Liabilities €38.5m
NAV €290.5m
NAV per share €7.94
Outstanding Shares
Share Price (Euronext) €7.00
Share Price (LSE) €7.00
VTA.NA

### **Fund Facts**

**Assets types** 

**Tickers** 

ISIN

**Launch Date** Dec-2006 **Fund Domicile** Guernsey AEX **Listing and Trading LSE** Closed-ended Type of Fund Dividend Quarterly Dividend Cover<sup>4</sup> 1.9 times **EUR** Base currency Corporate

## **Background and Investment Objective**

AXA Investment Managers Paris ("AXA IM") has been the Investment Manager of Volta Finance Limited ("Volta") since inception. 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. For this purpose, Volta pursues a multi-asset investment strategy on deals, vehicles and arrangements that provide leveraged exposure to target Underlying Assets (including corporate credit, residential and commercial mortgages, auto and student loans, credit card and lease receivables).

# **Fund Performance**

+9.7%

+11.5%

+0.5%

Annualised since inception<sup>1</sup>

Annualised over 5 years<sup>1</sup>

1 month<sup>2</sup>

€290.5m

8.7%

NAV as of July 2019

Trailing 12-month Div. Yield<sup>3</sup>

Returns <sup>2</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2019	3.1%	0.4%	0.5%	1.9%	1.4%	-1.0%	0.5%						6.9%
2018	-0.4%	0.7%	-0.2%	0.9%	2.4%	0.2%	0.6%	1.2%	-0.4%	1.3%	-1.4%	-4.8%	0.1%
2017	1.3%	0.9%	0.9%	-0.5%	0.6%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	1.7%	0.1%	0.6%	6.6%
2016	-4.0%	-2.9%	4.1%	2.0%	1.3%	-0.9%	5.5%	2.8%	1.4%	2.0%	2.7%	1.4%	15.2%
2015	3.7%	1.3%	3.1%	1.7%	1.6%	-0.7%	0.1%	-0.6%	-1.7%	0.1%	1.1%	0.1%	10.0%
2014	2.7%	-1.6%	0.8%	0.7%	1.5%	0.7%	1.3%	1.3%	2.4%	0.4%	1.7%	0.3%	12.4%

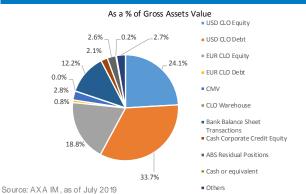
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Share (VTA.NA) performance (annualised figures with dividends re-invested). Source: Bbg (TRA function) <sup>2</sup> Performance of published NAV (including dividend payments)

# Asset Breakdown

Credit and ABS

VTA.LN VTAS.LN

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### **Historical Performance**

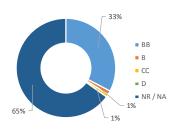


# **Top 10 Underlying Exposures**

Issuer	%	Bloomberg Industry Group
Altice France SA/France	0.71%	Telecommunications
Refinitiv US Holdings Inc	0.38%	Commercial Services
CenturyLink Inc	0.38%	Telecommunications
TransDigm Inc	0.37%	Aerospace/Defense
Panther BF Aggregator 2 LP	0.34%	Auto Parts&Equipment
A surion LLC	0.35%	Insurance
EG Group Ltd	0.33%	Retail
Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Co LLC	0.32%	Electric
Calpine Corp	0.32%	Electric
Upfield B V	0.31%	Food

Source: Intex, Bloomberg, AXA IM Paris as of July 2019 – unaudited figures - not accounting for unsettled trades Figures expressed in %of the NAV

### Portfolio Rating Breakdown



Source: AXA IM, as of July 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Calculated as the most recent annual dividend payments versus the month-end share price (VTA.NA)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Calculated as total income divided by the most recent annual dividend payments





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# **Monthly Commentary**

In July, Volta's NAV\* total return performance was +0.5%, bringing the YTD performance to 6.9%.

The principal driver for the month's performance was the appreciation of the USD appreciation against the EUR by 2.1%, which added slightly more than 0.5% to the monthly performance and reversing the negative impact in June.

The performance of the assets was, on average, slightly positive as the July monthly performances of Volta's sub-asset classes were, in local currency: +1.0% for Bank Balance Sheet transactions, +0.8% for CLO Equity tranches; -0.3% for CLO Debt; -4.4% for Cash Corporate Credit deals: and +0.5% for ABS.

The performance of the CLO equity bucket was driven, this month, by the good performance of Euro CLO equity positions which benefited from the tightening on Euro Senior CLO tranches. In the course of just a few weeks Euro CLO AAA tranches tightened from 115bp over Euribor to 105bp. Further tightening would open the door for refinancing or reset of existing European CLO liabilities to the benefit of Equity positions.

In July, we invested the equivalent of  $\in$ 4.3m in 2 positions (one third of a  $\in$ 9m commitment to a Portuguese REO transaction and an investment in a Euro B rated CLO tranche at discount). On average, based on market standard assumptions, the IRR of these investments was close to 13%. The Portuguese REO transaction is relatively short term (around 2 years WAL) and benefit from a competitive embedded leverage. AXA IM Paris partnered with one of the leading servicer in the Portuguese market for this transaction.

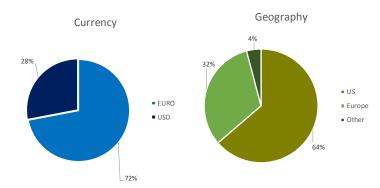
The total cash amount generated during the last six months in terms of interest and coupons reached €21.4m, an annualised 14.7% yield to closing NAV. This is a further new high for this measure of Volta's performance, reflecting the increasing share of CLO Equity positions in Volta's portfolio.

As at the end of July 2019, Volta's NAV was €290.5m or €7.94 per share. The GAV stood at €329.0m.

"It should be noted that approximately 9.9% 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 8.8% as at 30 June 2019 and for 1.1% 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.

### **Currency and Geography exposures (%)**



Source: AXA IM, as of July 2019 (%of NAV for ccy / %of GAV for geography)

### Portfolio Composition by Asset Type

Market Value (€m)	Breakdown (% GAV)			
		USD CLO Equity	24.1%	
		USD CLO Debt	33.7%	
CLO	263.8	EUR CLO Equity	18.8%	
CLO	203.0	EUR CLO Debt	0.8%	
		CMV	2.8%	
		CLO Warehouse	0.0%	
		Synthetic Corporate Credit Equity	0.0%	
Synthetic Corporate Credit	40.2	Synthetic Corporate Credit Debt	0.0%	
		Bank Balance Sheet Transactions	12.2%	
Cash Corporate Credit	6.8	Cash Corporate Credit Equity	2.1%	
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ABS	17.6	ABS Residual Positions	2.6%	
7,50	17.0	ABS Debt	2.7%	
Cash or equivalent	0.6	Cash or equivalent	0.2%	
GAV	329.022			
Liability	(36.132)	Debt from Repurchase Agreement	(11.0)%	
Fees due	(2.414)	Fees due to Investment Manager	(0.7)%	

290.5 Per Share

7.94

Source: AXA IM, as of July 2019

Estimated NAV

### **Last Eighteen Months Performance Attribution**







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