

Volta Finance Limited (VTA / VTAS) – August 2021 monthly report

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

PERFORMANCE and PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

August’s performance was slightly negative at -0.5% as some profit-taking across European and US CLO equities saw prices slip modestly. The year-to-date total return of the company is 12.8%.

The monthly asset class performances** were: +1.5% for Bank Balance Sheet transactions, -1.3% for CLO equity tranches; +0.6% for CLO debt; +0.7% for Cash Corporate Credit and ABS (together representing 3.3% of GAV).

As usual, August is a low volume month in terms of interest and coupons with the equivalent of €0.8m being received.

Even though it has no instantaneous and direct implications for Volta, we are delighted to announce that our colleagues managing AXA IM US CLOs have been awarded Best US CLO Manager of the year by Credit Flux earlier this week. The recognition of the quality of their work should positively impact Volta when refinancing/resetting some of the AXA IM CLO Equity positions we owned in the Volta portfolio.

On a 6-month rolling basis, Volta received the equivalent of €25.9m at the end of August, representing a 19.6% annualised cash flow yield, based on the end of the month NAV.

This high level of interest and coupons being received gives us confidence that Volta’s strategy to increase the allocation to CLO equity tranches over the past 3 years was a good decision. The Covid-19 crisis has allowed Volta to receive higher cash flows from its securitized assets, thanks to reinvestment in loans at a discount or with higher spreads. These higher cash flows are expected to continue in the medium term.

In August, Volta had one EUR BB tranche called (for €3m) and purchased one EUR B CLO tranche for €0.3m (a top up on an existing position). The projected yield, in Euro, of this B tranche is at 9.75% under standard assumptions.

As at the end of August Volta held nearly €10m of cash available for investment. The pipeline in the primary market for CLO issuance, both in the US and in Europe, is so high for September (with a volume unprecedented YTD) that we are expecting to see some spread widening and so to be able to reinvest this amount at more attractive levels.

As at the end of August 2021, Volta’s NAV was €264.7m or €7.24 per share.

The month-end cash position was €12.8m.

**It should be noted that approximately 8.3% 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 NAV on as timely a basis as possible 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 notes. The most recently available fund NAV or quoted price was 7.3% as at 31 July 2021 and 1.0% as at 30 June 2021.*

*** “performances” of asset classes are calculated as the Dietz-performance of the assets in each bucket, taking into account the Mark-to-Market of the assets at period ends, 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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