

# **VOLTA FINANCE – NOVEMBER MONTHLY REPORT**

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*Guernsey, 19 December 2013* – 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 Finance Limited's financial website (<u>www.voltafinance.com</u>).

#### **Gross Asset Value**

	At 29.11.13	At 31.10.13
Gross Asset Value (GAV / € million)	270.0	262.2
GAV per share (€)	7.57	7.36

At the end of November 2013, the Gross Asset Value\* (the "GAV") of Volta Finance Limited (the "Company", "Volta Finance" or "Volta") was €270.0 m or €7.57 per share, an increase of €0.21 per share from the end of October 2013.

Year to date 2013 performance is +23.7%.

The November mark-to-market variations\* of Volta's asset classes have been: +0.3% for Synthetic Corporate Credit deals, +6.7% for CLO Equity tranches; +1.7% for CLO Debt tranches, +1.2% for Cash Corporate Credit deals and +5.7% for ABS. The positive performance of assets in November is explained by positive credit markets..

Volta's assets generated the equivalent of  $\leq 1.5$ m cash flows in November 2013 (non-Euro amounts converted to Euro using end-of-month cross currency rates and excluding principal payments from debt assets) bringing the total cash generated during the last six months to  $\leq 15.3$ m compared with  $\leq 16.5$ m for the previous six-month period ended in May 2013.

In November the Company purchased 4 assets for the equivalent of €11.8m (1 equity CLO position and 3 debts of CLOs). Under standard assumptions the average projected IRR of these purchases was 8.8%.

At the end of November, Volta held  $\in$ 19.3m in cash, including  $\in$ 0.3m in relation to the Liquidity Enhancement Contract and excluding  $\in$ 0.5m paid in relation to its currency hedge and T-Notes positions. Volta could be considered to have  $\in$ 7m available to invest when considering the need to finance the upcoming dividend payment.

### MARKET ENVIRONMENT

In November 2013, credit spreads pursued their tightening in Europe and in the US. The 5 year iTraxx European Main index and 5 year iTraxx European Crossover Index (series 20) spreads went respectively, from 83 and 342 bps at the end of October 2013 to 79 and 320 bps at the end of November 2013. During the same period, credit spreads in the US, as illustrated by the 5y CDX main index (series 21) went from 73 to 70 bps. According to the CSFB Leverage Loan Index, the average price for USA liquid first lien loans increased from 98.22% at the end of October 2013 to 98.44% at the end of November 2013. In Europe: the price of the S&P European Leverage Loan Index increased significantly from 94.66% to 95.15% at the end of November 2013.\*\*

## VOLTA FINANCE PORTFOLIO



In November 2013, no particular event materially affected the situation of the Synthetic Corporate Credit deals. However, the first loss positions in this bucket (ARIA III and the residual positions in JAZZ III) remain highly sensitive to any new credit event.

Regarding the Cash Corporate Credit Deals, no particular event or information materially affected the situation of the positions in this bucket during the month.

Regarding the Company's investments in Equity or Debt tranches of CLOs, in November 2013, no particular event materially affected the situation of the positions in this bucket. All the positions are currently paying coupons.

Regarding the Company's ABS investments, no particular event affected the situation of these investments.

The Company considers that opportunities could arise in several structured credit sectors in the current market environment. Amongst others, mezzanine or equity tranches of CLOs, RMBS tranches as well as tranches of Cash or Synthetic Corporate Credit portfolios could be considered for investment.

The Company took the opportunity of this summer's increases in US government rates to put in place a long position on US T-notes futures. At the end of November the initial position has been closed with a USD1m gain. A new modest position was put in place on the March contract as opportunities to enter into a fixed rate position have been considered weak in November.

\* "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.

\*\* Index data source: Markit, Bloomberg.

(Full monthly report in attachment or on <u>www.voltafinance.com</u>)

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### ABOUT VOLTA FINANCE LIMITED

Volta Finance Limited is incorporated in Guernsey under the Companies (Guernsey) Laws, 1994 to 1996 (as amended) and listed on Euronext Amsterdam. Its investment objectives are to preserve capital and to provide a stable stream of income to its shareholders through dividends. For this purpose, it pursues a multi-asset investment strategy targeting various underlying 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; automobile loans. Volta

Finance Limited's basic approach to its underlying assets is through vehicles and arrangements that provide leveraged exposure to some of those underlying assets.

Volta Finance Limited 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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