







### Data as of 31 July 2018

**Gross Asset Value** €350.5m **Estimated liabilities** €45.0m **Estimated NAV** €305.5m Estimated NAV per share €8.36 36.6m **Outstanding Shares** Share Price (Euronext) €7.08 Share Price (LSE) €7.09

Tickers VTA.LN ISIN GG00B1GHHH78

#### **Fund Facts**

**Launch Date** Dec-2006 **Fund Domicile** Guernsey **AEX Listing and Trading** LSF Type of Fund Closed-ended Dividend Quarterly Dividend Cover<sup>4</sup> 1.6 times Base currency **EUR** Corporate Assets types Credit and ABS

# **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**

+9.8%

+12.9%

+0.6%

Annualised since inception<sup>1</sup>

Annualised over 5 years1

1 month<sup>2</sup>

€305.5m

+8.8%

Estimated NAV as of July 2018

Trailing 12-month Div. Yield3

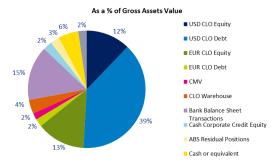
Returns <sup>2</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2018	-0.4%	0.7%	-0.2%	+0.9%	+2.4%	+0.2%	+0.6%						4.2%
2017	1.3%	0.9%	0.9%	-0.5%	0.6%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	1.7%	0.1%	0.6%	6.6%
2016	-4.0%	-2.9%	4.1%	2.0%	1.3%	-0.9%	5.5%	2.8%	1.4%	2.0%	2.7%	1.4%	15.2%
2015	3.7%	1.3%	3.1%	1.7%	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%
2013	3.6%	1.5%	2.5%	0.1%	4.1%	-0.7%	3.1%	2.0%	0.7%	2.4%	2.9%	1.3%	25.3%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Share (VTA.NA) performance (annualised figures with dividends re-invested). Source: Bbg (TRA function)

### Calculated as total income divided by the most recent annual dividend payments

## Asset Breakdown

VTA.NA



Source: AXA IM, as of July 2018

### Top 10 Underlying Exposures

Issuer	%	Bloomberg Industry Group
Altice France SA/France	0.70%	Media
Ziggo Bond Co BV	0.36%	Media
Asurion LLC	0.32%	Insurance
Calpine Corp	0.32%	Electric
TransDigm Inc	0.32%	Aerospace/Defense
Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Co LLC	0.28%	Electric
ION Media Networks Inc	0.30%	Media
BMC Software Inc	0.28%	Software
Paysafe Group Ltd	0.25%	Internet
CenturyLink Inc	0.26%	Telecommunications

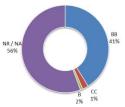
Source: Intex, Bloomberg, AXA IM Paris as of July 2018 – unaudited figures - not accounting for unsettled trades Figures expressed in % of the Estimated NAV

### **Historical Performance**



Source: Bloomberg, as of July 2018

# Portfolio Rating Breakdown



Source: AXA IM, as of July 2018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Performance of published Estimated NAV (including dividend payments)

Calculated as the most recent annual dividend payments versus the month-end share price (VTA.NA)





# **Volta Finance Ltd Monthly Report – July 2018**

### **Monthly Commentary**

In July, Volta's Estimated NAV\* performance was +0.6%, an encouraging performance in a context of relatively quiet credit markets in general.

In July, mark-to-market performances of Volta's asset classes, in local currencies, were: +1.4% for Bank Balance Sheet Transactions; +3.7% for CLO Equity tranches; -0.2% for CLO Debt tranches, -0.9% for Cash Corporate Credit deals and 0.0% for ABS.

The negative performance from CLO debt reflects short term oversupply in the primary CLO market. There is too much CLO trying to price, refinance or reset at the same time. We expect this issue to persist for the remainder of August and probably into September as well. However, we consider this to be an opportunity to look to acquire CLO debt tranches at attractive pricing, after Volta's tilt towards equity tranches in recent months.

During the month, Volta invested the equivalent of €19.4m (various contributions to the 4 CLO warehouses that have been opened previously, the roll of 3 USD BB CLO debt tranches and the purchase of one Euro CLO equity position derived from one of the Company's open European warehouses). On average, and under market standard assumptions, the projected IRR of such instruments is in the area of 12%. Three USD CLO debt tranches were called during the month and represented the equivalent of €9.4m.

In July, Volta generated the equivalent of €7.2m in interest and coupons net of repo costs (non-euro amounts translated into euro using end-ofmonth cross currency rates). This brings the total cash amount generated during the last six months in terms of interest and coupons to €19.8m, a level unseen for several years. €2.6m of these €19.8m are coupons arising from reset of existing CLO Equity positions. Although Refinancing/Reset of CLO have been a very active market for the last two years it could become less profitable on a long term basis.

The increase in interest and coupons generated from Volta's assets continues, reflecting the increase in the 3 month USD Libor rate as well as the growing importance of the CLO Equity bucket in the portfolio (being the asset class with the highest cash on cash contribution).

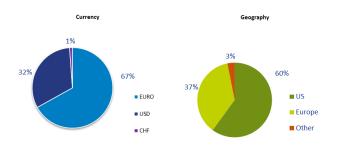
As planned, we continue to allocate capital to CLO warehousing facilities in order to source new CLO equity positions with attractive economic terms. It is anticipated that two warehouses to which Volta contributed this month should lead to a CLO pricing during Q3 2018. Expected returns on such CLO equity positions are in the area of 13% to 15%.

As of the end of July 2018, Volta's Estimated NAV was €305.5m or €8.36 per share. The GAV stood at €350.5m.

\*It should be noted that approximately 11.8% 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 and investments in certain subordinated notes which are in the process of liquidation for which fully up-to-date prices might be unavailable. 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 each such subordinated note. The most recently available fund NAV was for 10.0% of Volta's GAV as at 30 June 2018 and for 1.8% of Volta's GAV as at 31 March 2018.

\*\* "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 (%)**



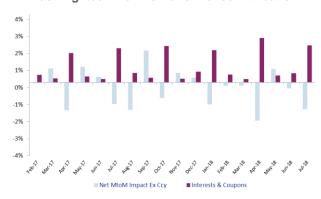
Source: AXA IM, as of July 2018 (% of NAV for ccy / % of GAV for geography)

### Portfolio Composition by Asset Type

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Market Value (€m)		Breakdown (% GAV)				
		USD CLO Equity	12.2%			
		USD CLO Debt	38.7%			
CLO	252.3	EUR CLO Equity	13.4%			
4.0	252.3	EUR CLO Debt	2.2%			
		CMV	1.8%			
		CLO Warehouse	3.9%			
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Synthetic Corporate Credit	52.7	Bank Balance Sheet Transactions	15.0%			
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Cash Corporate Credit	8.8	Cash Corporate Credit Debt	0.0%			
ABS	17.2	ABS Residual Positions	2.5%			
ADS	17.2	ABS Debt	2.4%			
Cash or equivalent	19.6	Cash or equivalent	5.6%			
GAV	350.5	_				
Liability	(42.9)	Debt from Repurchase Agreement	(12.2)%			
Fees due	(2.1)	Fees due to Investment Manager	(0.6)%			
Estimated NAV	305.5	Per Share	8.36			

Source: AXA IM, as of July 2018

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



Source: AXA IM. as of July 2018





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