



Volta Finance Limited (VTA / VTAS) - April 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 April. The full report is attached to this release and will be available on Volta's website shortly (www.voltafinance.com).

PERFORMANCE and PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

In April, Volta's NAV* total return performance was +1.9%, bringing the YTD performance to 6.0% after a volatile end to 2018.

This positive performance was partially due to a change in the way Volta values its CLO Equity positions. Since inception of Volta, CLO Equity positions have been valued using prices from banks or brokers from whom the position was acquired (most of the time the CLO arranging bank). We have now decided to use an independent pricing provider for our CLO Equity positions. As at the end of April, this change had a slightly positive impact on the NAV of +0.2%.

In April, the performances of Volta's asset classes in local currencies were: +0.9% for Bank Balance Sheet transactions, +3.0% for CLO Equity tranches (including the impact mentioned above); +0.4% for CLO Debt; -0.5% for Cash Corporate Credit deals; and +1.1% for ABS.

As at the end of April, Volta was almost fully invested having sold 5 CLO debt positions to finance the settlement of CLO equity positions purchased in March.

As at the end of April 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 established a new record in terms of interest and coupons received. The total cash amount generated during the last six months in terms of interest and coupons reached €20.2m. An annualized 13.7% yield to closing NAV.

CLO Equity tranches, including our investment in a CMV (Capitalized Manager Vehicle), represented 43% of our assets as at the end of April 2019 and already generated more than 50% of Volta's ongoing cash flow even though a quarter of the current CLO equity positions have been recently acquired and have not yet paid any cash out. We continue to have a constructive view on CLO equities as default rates in the loan markets are still very low and spreads in the loan markets have been able to stay at levels that make the CLO arbitrage profitable for Equity positions.

As at the end of April 2019, Volta's NAV was €293.5m or €8.02 per share. The GAV stood at €332.5m.

It has to be noted that we took the opportunity of the settlement of some recent purchases in Euro to slightly decrease the overall exposure of Volta to USD (at the end of April Volta's exposure to USD is 26.2%, down from 31.5% at the end of March.

*It should be noted that approximately 10.3% 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 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 subordinated note. The most recently available fund NAV or quoted price was for 6.4% as at 29 March 2019, 3.9% as at 31 December 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.





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