

## Rated entity:

EUR Floating Rate Asset Backed Class A Notes [with ISIN: XS1956112038] and EUR Floating Rate Asset Backed Class B Notes [with ISIN: XS1956112970] issued by VCL Multi-Compartment S.A., acting for and on behalf of its Compartment 28

## Rating:

EUR Floating Rate Asset Backed Class A notes: AAA<sub>sf</sub>

EUR Floating Rate Asset Backed Class B notes: AA<sub>sf</sub>

## Rating outlook / watch:

Outlook stable

## Rating summary:

Creditreform Rating (CRA) has confirmed the rating of the Class A and upgraded the rating of Class B Notes of VCL Multi-Compartment S.A., acting for and on behalf of its Compartments 28 (VCL 28) as follows:

VCL 28 EUR Floating Rate Asset Backed notes (as of February 2021):

Class	Amount	Rating / Outlook
Class A	223,838,775.30	AAA <sub>sf</sub> / stable
Class B	12,116,537.50	AA <sub>sf</sub> / stable (from AA <sub>-sf</sub> )

The transaction is a securitization of German auto lease receivables, originated by Volkswagen Leasing GmbH (VWL).

Closing of VCL 28 took place in March 2019. As of February 2021, the outstanding discounted balance amounts to EUR 255.09m with a share of 1.25% of the outstanding discounted balance being delinquent two months or more. The cumulative net loss ratio is 0.102% of the initial discounted receivables balance. Currently, the Class A and B Notes represent 87.75% and 4.75% of the outstanding discounted receivables balance, respectively. Credit enhancement to the notes is provided by a Subordinated Loan (4.22%), overcollateralization (3.28%), and a cash reserve amounting to 3.92% of the outstanding discounted receivables balance. Since the closing the total credit enhancement level of the Class A Notes increased from 7.10% to 16.17%, while the credit enhancement level of the Class B Notes increased from 5.20% to 11.42%.

To size the credit risk of the remaining portfolio and derive base case assumptions about loss rates and expected recovery performance, Creditreform Rating used data provided by VWL as well as proprietary data. Following the analysis of historical data, CRA set the total expected net losses at 2.62% (AAA<sub>sf</sub>) and 2.06% (AA<sub>sf</sub>). These scenario-specific assumptions were tested in CRA's proprietary cash flow model, which was tailored to reflect the structure of VCL 28 and to assess the issuer's ability to service its debt in a full and timely manner.

The rating action has taken into account the increased credit enhancement levels for the Class A and B Notes and the overall portfolio performances as of the end of February 2021, including a low level of the cumulative net loss ratio.

## Primary key rating driver:

- + VCL 28 securitizes only the finance portion of the leases; residual values are not securitized by the Issuer
- + Risks related to the Issuer are limited, the compartment structure being ring-fenced and with limited recourse to other creditors of the Issuer, including non-petition provisions
- + Downgrade collateral and replacement provisions mitigate counterparty risk exposure w.r.t. the Swap Counterparty and Account Bank
- No specified back-up servicer, even though contractual provisions enable the replacement of the servicer
- Increased macroeconomic uncertainty and potential market decline due to COVID-19 may have adverse effect on VWL's ABS strategy and future portfolio performance

**Rating sensitivities:**

Best-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) the base case default rate by an amount of -25% and the base case recovery rate by an amount of +25%, resulting in a rating of AAA<sub>sf</sub> and AAA<sub>sf</sub> for the Class A and B Notes, respectively.

Worst-case scenario: In this scenario, a severe 50% stress is applied to the base case default rate in combination with a 50% stress on the base case recovery rate, resulting in a rating of AAA<sub>sf</sub> and AA<sub>sf</sub> for the Class A and B Notes, respectively. In our view, this rating would represent a scenario with higher default correlation and market decline in a stressed pandemic scenario.

**ESG-criteria:**

CRA generally takes ESG-relevant factors (environmental, social and governance) into account when assessing the rating object. Overall, ESG factors have a less significant impact on the current ratings of the Class A and B notes. Nevertheless, CRA identifies macroeconomic factors (particularly with regard to potential changes in consumer behaviour) to have a high significant impact. Increased macroeconomic uncertainty and potential market decline due to the coronavirus crisis may have adverse effect on VWL's ABS strategy and future portfolio performance. Governance is relevant to the ratings with respect to counterparty risk, but downgrade collateral and replacement provisions mitigate counterparty risk exposure with respect to the Swap Counterparties and Account Bank. Other individual factors with a potential key rating influence were not identified, and therefore did not affect the final rating.

On the subject of ESG (environment, social and governance), Creditreform Rating AG has published the basic document ("The Impact of ESG Factors on Credit Ratings"), which is available on the homepage under the following link:

<https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-requirements.html>

**Rating Date / disclosure to rated entity / maximum validity:**

April 21, 2021 / April 21, 2021 / January 21, 2025

Between the disclosure of the credit rating to the rated entity and the public disclosure, no amendments were made to the credit rating.

**Initial rating date / rating:****Class A Notes:**

March 13, 2019 / AAA<sub>sf</sub> – Outlook stable

**Class B Notes:**

March 13, 2019 / AA<sub>sf</sub> – Outlook stable

**Lead-analyst – position / Person approving (PAC):**

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**Status of solicitation:**

The rating is a solicited rating. The degree of participation was as follows:

With Rated Entity or Related Third Party Participation: Yes

With Access to Internal Documents: Yes

With Access to Management: Yes

**Rating methodology / Version / Date of application / Link:**

[Rating Criteria and Definitions, Version 1.3, January 2018](#)

[Technical Documentation Portfolio Loss Distributions, Version 1.4, July 2018](#)

[Rating Methodology Auto ABS Securitizations, Version 1.4, July 2018](#)

Information on the meaning of a rating category, definition of default and sensitivity analysis of relevant key rating assumptions can be found at "Creditreform Rating AG, Rating Criteria and Definitions".

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**Endorsement:**

Creditreform Rating did not endorse the rating according Article 4 (3), CRA-Regulation.

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