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#### Rated entity:

VC 29 Class A and Class B Notes (ISIN: XS2057959954, XS2057983152) issued by VCL Multi-Compartment S.A., Compartment VCL 29

#### Rating:

Class A: AAA<sub>sf</sub>

Class B: AA-sf

#### Rating outlook / watch:

Class A: Outlook stable

Class B: Outlook stable

#### Rating summary:

The VCL Multi-Compartment S.A., Compartment VCL 29 transaction ("VCL 29") is a securitization of a static pool of auto lease receivables originated in Germany. Volkswagen Leasing GmbH ("VWL"), acting as Seller and Servicer of these auto lease receivables, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Volkswagen Financial Services AG ("VWFS").

Issuance of VCL 29 notes took place in November 2019. As of October 2020, the outstanding discounted balance amounts to c. EUR 599m with a share of 1.2% of the outstanding discounted balance being delinquent and a share of 0.1% being defaulted.

The Current Overcollateralization for Class A and B Notes increased to 9.78% and 6.61% of the outstanding discounted receivables balance, respectively. A Subordinated Loan (5.04%) and a cash reserve amounting to 1.67% of the outstanding discounted receivables balance provide credit enhancement to the notes.

Creditreform confirmed the rating of AAA<sub>sf</sub> for Class A notes and AA-<sub>sf</sub> for Class B notes.

#### Primary key rating driver:

- (+) Increased credit enhancements over term of transaction
- (+) VCL 29 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
- (-) Impact of COVID-19 pandemic may impair creditworthiness of lessees
- (-) Legal documentation does not foresee a back-up servicer
- (-) Potentially indirect negative impact of VWAG diesel emission manipulations on future (portfolio) recovery 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  $AAA_{sf}$  and  $AAA_{sf}$  for the Class A and B Notes, respectively

Worst-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) the base case default rate by an amount of +50% and the base case recovery rate by an amount of +50%, resulting in a rating of  $AAA_{sf}$  and  $AA_{sf}$  for the Class A and B Notes, respectively

#### 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 behavior) 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

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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:

November 19, 2020 / November 19, 2020 / August 21, 2024

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:

November 27, 2018 / Class A:  $AAA_{sf}$ , Outlook stable, Class A:  $AA-_{sf}$ , Outlook stable

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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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