

VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

Capital Structure

| Class | Expected Rating | Outlook | Amount (EURm) | CE (%) | Interest Rate (%) | Legal Final Maturity |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|--------|-------------------|----------------------|
| A | AAA(EXP)sf | Stable | [705.0] | 6.8 | 1m Euribor + TBD | February 2028 |
| B | AA(EXP)sf | Stable | [16.5] | 4.6 | 1m Euribor + TBD | February 2028 |
| Subordinated loan | NR(EXP)sf | n.a. | [21.7] | n.a. | 1m Euribor + TBD | February 2028 |
| Total (excluding sub-loan) | | | [721.5] | | | |

Notes: Credit enhancement (CE) includes overcollateralisation (6.0% and 3.8% for classes A and B, respectively) and the static reserve fund of 0.75% of the initial portfolio balance.

VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36 (VCL36) is a securitisation of auto lease receivables originated to German companies and individuals by VW Leasing GmbH (VWL, the seller), a subsidiary of Volkswagen Financial Services AG (VWFS), itself a subsidiary of Volkswagen AG (VW; A-/Stable/F1).

Key Rating Drivers

Base Case Resistance Against Macroeconomic Risks: In its March *Global Economic Outlook* (GEO), Fitch Ratings lowered its GDP forecast for Germany to 2.5% in 2022, from 4.4% in the December 2021 GEO, due to the implications of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. There are still substantial downside risks, especially in light of the high share of commercial businesses directly exposed to macroeconomic disruptions, as it remains unclear how the crisis will unfold.

To account for an expected deterioration, the transaction's default base case of 1.5% includes some buffer over the most recent observed performance, but was set below the stressed pandemic base-case assumptions. The lower base case compared to the predecessor transaction is supported by the solid observed transaction performance of previous Fitch-rated VCL transactions, which have experienced lower cumulative defaults compared to the initial base-case assumptions.

Sensitivity to Pro Rata Period: The transaction has a pro rata allocation mechanism if certain target overcollateralisation (OC) conditions are fulfilled and loss triggers are not breached. The length of the pro rata period and therefore outflow of funds to junior positions in the waterfall is driven by the lifetime loss in combination with loss timing and the amortisation profile together with prepayments. We consider the risk of leakage of funds limited in high rating scenarios as performance triggers are breached swiftly, leading to sequential amortisation.

Liquidity Reduces Servicing Disruption Risk: A cash reserve provides sufficient coverage of at least eight months of senior fees, swap payments, and class A and B notes' interest payments in case of servicing disruptions.

Seller-Related Risks Addressed: A dedicated risk reserve offers protection against potential seller-related obligations, including contingent tax risks. Commingling risk is reduced by a cash advance mechanism upon VW's rating falling below rating thresholds in line with Fitch's counterparty criteria. We consider this mechanism adequate in addressing commingling risk.

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Fitch's related Rating Action Commentary issued at transaction closing will include final ratings, which will include an assessment of any material information that may have changed subsequent to the publication of the presale.

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Highlights

Transaction Highlights

| Effect | Highlight |
|---------|---|
| Neutral | Mostly Unchanged Pool and Structural Characteristics: The key characteristics of the asset portfolio are comparable to previous Fitch-rated VCL transactions, including the split between private and commercial lessees and the pool concentrations within the largest lessees. The transaction structure is similar to predecessors with a slightly lower reserve compared to VCL34 and the initial OC for class A decreased, by 10bp, while target OC levels are unchanged. |
| + | No Exposure to Residual Values: The issuer will not purchase the lease receivables' residual value (RV) portion, which is securitised in a master structure. The issuer is therefore only indirectly exposed to the development of used car prices that are relevant for vehicle remarketing proceeds for defaulted contracts. |
| + | Long Performance History: The originator is a well-known auto lease provider in Germany, with a robust servicing record and long underwriting and securitisation experience, including periods of economic stress. Our expected losses and the stressed levels incorporate the long and robust data track available, good performance of prior Fitch-rated deals and the static nature of the portfolio. |
| Neutral | Minimal Credit Impact from ESG: The highest level of ESG credit relevance is a score of '3', meaning that ESG issues are credit neutral or have only a minimal credit impact on the transaction, either due to their nature or the way in which they are being managed (see ESG Navigator in <i>Appendix 2</i>). |
| Neutral | Estimated Pool CO2 Emission of 128 g/km: About 11.7 % of the vehicles in the pool are battery-electric vehicles (BEVs), and another 15% are hybrid cars, of which Fitch estimates 6pp to be plug-in electric hybrid vehicles (PHEVs). We expect the cumulative 18% of BEVs and PHEVs to fall under the definition of zero- and low-emission vehicles (LZEVs) in line with the EU Clean Vehicle Directive. The estimated share of LZEVs is significantly higher than observed in most recent Fitch-rated auto loan ABS. We further estimate the weighted average emission of the cars in the portfolio to be about 128 g/km (see <i>Appendix 3: Estimated CO2 Emission Levels</i>). The estimated emissions are at the lower end of CO2 levels in German auto ABS issued between 2019 and 2021 (see <i>German Auto ABS CO2 Emissions Are on the Right Path –Further Improvement Coming</i>). The vehicles backing the leases are mostly from the 2021 and 2022 model years, which have seen significant improvements in emission efficiency. The combined share of premium cars (Audi) and light commercial vehicles is about 40%. |

Source: Fitch Ratings, Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt

Euribor Exposure

| Assets | Rated notes | Hedges |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| 100% fixed-rate assets. | Floating-rate liabilities with reference to 1m Euribor. | The fixed rate assets will be swapped into 1m Euribor (plus the margin of the respective note), subject to a floor of zero. |

Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

Key Rating Driver

(Negative/Positive/Neutral)

| Rating impact | Key rating driver |
|---------------|---|
| Negative | War's Credit Impact Limited |
| Negative | Sensitivity to Pro Rata Period |
| Positive | Liquidity Reduces Servicing Disruption Risk |
| Positive | Seller-Related Risks Addressed |

Source: Fitch Ratings

Applicable Criteria

Global Structured Finance Rating Criteria (October 2021)
 Consumer ABS Rating Criteria (December 2021)
 Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Counterparty Rating Criteria (November 2021)
 Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Counterparty Rating Criteria: Derivative Addendum (November 2021)
 Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Interest Rate Stresses Rating Criteria (September 2021)

Related Research

Global Economic Outlook (March 2022)
 War in Ukraine Adds to European SF, CVB Asset Performance Risks (March 2022)
 Fitch Ratings 2022 Outlook: EMEA Structured Finance (December 2021)
 European Auto ABS Index - 1Q22 (Feb 2022)
 German Auto ABS CO2 Emissions Are on the Right Path – Further Improvement Coming (June 2021)

Key Transaction Parties

Please see counterparty risk section for more detail.

Key Transaction Parties

| Role | Name | Fitch Rating |
|---|---|---|
| Issuer | VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36 | Not rated |
| Originator, seller and servicer | Volkswagen Leasing GmbH | Not rated |
| Reference entity for remedial action on commingling | Volkswagen AG | A-/Stable/F1 |
| Security trustee | Intertrust Trustees GmbH | Not rated |
| Data protection trustee | Data Custody Agent Services B.V. | Not rated |
| Subordinated lender | Volkswagen Financial Services AG | Not rated |
| Issuer account bank, cash administrator | The Bank of New York Mellon, Frankfurt branch | AA/Stable/F1+ |
| Paying agent | The Bank of New York Mellon, London branch | AA/Stable/F1+ |
| Swap provider | TBD | TBD (dcr) TBD/TBD/TBD |
| Arranger | Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank | A+/Stable/F1 |
| Joint lead managers | Commerzbank Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg | Not rated A+/Stable/F1 A-/Stable/F1 |

Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

Transaction Comparisons

Alongside the most recent Fitch-rated predecessor transaction, VCL34, the comparison table includes two other German auto loan deals. As no residual value (RV) is securitised, VCL's portfolio credit risk could be compared to an auto loan portfolio, though not identical given the customer and product characteristics.

Transaction Comparison

| | VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Comp. VCL 36 | VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Comp. VCL 34 | Silver Arrow S.A. Comp. 14 | Red & Black Auto Germany 8 UG |
|-------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|--|
| Type | Static | Static | Static | Static |
| Closing date | June 2022 | November 2021 | April 2022 | October 2021 |
| Seller | VWL | VWL | Mercedes-Benz Bank | Bank Deutsches Kraftfahrzeuggewerbe GmbH |
| Issuance volume (EURm) | [721.5] | 962.6 | 750.0 | 1,000 |
| Class A – rating | AAAsf | AAAsf | AAAsf | AAAsf |
| Class A – amount (EURm) | [705.0] | 941.1 | 691.8 | 935.0 |
| Class A – CE (%) | [6.8] | 6.9 | 8.2 | 6.7 |
| Class B – rating | AAsf | AAsf | - | AAAsf |
| Class B – amount (EURm) | [16.5] | 21.5 | - | 25.0 |
| Class B – CE (%) | [4.6] | 4.75 | - | 4.2 |
| Class C – rating | - | - | - | A+sf |
| Class C – amount (EURm) | - | - | - | 25 |
| Class C – CE (%) | - | - | - | 1.7 |
| Class D – rating | - | - | - | A-sf |
| Class D – amount (EURm) | - | - | - | 10 |

Transaction Comparison (Cont.)

| | VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. - Comp. VCL 36 | VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. - Comp. VCL 34 | Silver Arrow S.A. Comp. 14 | Red & Black Auto Germany 8 UG |
|--|---|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Class D – CE (%) | - | - | - | 0.7 |
| Portfolio summary as of closing | | | | |
| Type of receivables | Auto leases | Auto leases | Auto loans | Auto loans |
| Total outstanding balance (EURm) | [750] | 1,000 | 750.0 | 1,000 |
| Number of receivables | [82,230] | 121,189 | 33,883 | 80,977 |
| Average outstanding balance (EUR) | [9,884] | 8,252 | 22,135 | 12,349 |
| WA seasoning (months) | [6.5] | 8 | 15.8 | 11.4 |
| WA remaining term (months) | [33] | 32 | 33.3 | 47 |
| Age of vehicle (%) | | | | |
| New vehicles | [92.7] | 91.5 | 39.3 | 13.0 |
| Used/demo vehicles | [7.3] | 8.5 | 60.7 | 87.0 |
| Debtor type (%) | | | | |
| Private | [21.6] | 23.3 | 55.9 | 100.0 |
| Commercial | [78.4] | 76.7 | 44.1 | 0 |
| Type of repayment | | | | |
| Direct debit payments | [99.2] | 99.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Fitch assumptions (%) | | | | |
| Cumulative default rate assumption | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Recovery rate assumption | 67.5 | 67.5 | 70.0 | 55.0 |
| Prepayment rate assumption | 4.0 | 4.0 | 10.0 | 12.0 |

Source: Fitch Ratings

Sector Risks: Additional Perspective

Key Sector Risks

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Sector or asset outlook | Fitch's 2022 asset outlook (see Fitch Ratings 2022 Outlook: EMEA Structured Finance) for consumer ABS is neutral. However, as outlined in Fitch's recent publication War in Ukraine Adds to European SF, CVB Asset Performance Risks , the conflict adds risks to European structured finance asset performance. The severity and duration of the disruption from the war in Ukraine are uncertain, but falling real incomes and higher costs will most likely put pressure on both households and businesses. |
| Macro or sector risks | Used car prices increased in Germany in 2021. The rise has not caused any changes in our loss assumptions for German auto ABS transactions. Price growth has been strong in 2021 but is smaller than longer-term averages and some other markets (see Used Car Prices Not Yet Material for German Auto ABS). The used car price growth will be temporary, but for the assessment of its longevity we continue to monitor price developments, particularly in light of the continued global semiconductor shortage (see Global Chip Shortage to Ease in 2H22, Improvement Will Not Be Linear) and supply-chain frictions caused by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Some German automakers have already announced production suspensions, partly due to barriers to the flow of parts from Ukraine. Rising fuel prices may dampen car price increases. In the medium to long term, we expect the auto market to undergo substantial transformation, as demand and supply shifts from internal combustion engines, which dominate auto ABS portfolios. Used car prices for internal combustion engine vehicles may decline, potentially causing a reduction in recoveries. |
| Relevant Research | German GDP increased by 2.9% in 2021, according to the German Statistical Office. In Fitch's March 2022 GEO, the agency reduced Germany's 2022 baseline GDP growth forecast to 2.5%, from 4.4% in the December GEO. This is due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict causing increased energy prices, further supply-chain disruption, and lower business confidence. In addition, as discussed in the March GEO, global recession risks are rising, and a more severe downside scenario exists, in addition to the baseline scenario. Under the downside scenario, inflation pressures culminate in a major economic shock. |

Source: Fitch Ratings

Asset Analysis

The key asset eligibility criteria, summarised in the following table, are unchanged from the previous Fitch-rated predecessor deal, VCL34.

Key Asset Eligibility Criteria

| Description |
|---|
| Lease contracts are denominated in euros with monthly payments. |
| Lease contracts are legally valid, binding agreements and governed by German law. |
| Not more than 5% of leased vehicles are from brands other than VW, Audi, SEAT, Skoda or VW Nutzfahrzeuge |
| No insolvency proceedings have been initiated against the lessee at closing. |
| Leased vehicles are situated in Germany, which is assumed to be fulfilled if the lessee is resident in Germany. |
| Receivables are free from rights of third parties and of defences and set-off claims of lessees. |
| No terminations have occurred or are pending. |
| No lease receivable was overdue as of the cut-off date, with lessees on coronavirus-related payment holidays considered overdue. |
| None of the lease receivables was subject to a statutory or voluntary coronavirus-related forbearance measure. |
| On the cut-off date, at least two lease instalments have been paid in respect of each of the lease contracts. |
| Lease contracts require substantially equal monthly payments to be made within 12-60 months from origination. |
| The total amount of lease receivables attributable to any single lessee will not exceed 0.5% of aggregate discounted receivables balance at the cut-off date. |

Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

Portfolio Summary

The lease contracts finance vehicles manufactured by the Volkswagen Group, including VW, Audi, SEAT, Skoda and VW Nutzfahrzeuge vehicles, as well as a smaller portion of cars produced by other brands. The portfolio's characteristics as of March 2021 are shown in the [Transaction Comparison](#) section. Portfolio concentrations are shown in the margin on this page.

The portfolio characteristics are comparable to Fitch-rated predecessor transactions' portfolio characteristics at closing. The VCL36 portfolio is well diversified in terms of single obligors, geographical distribution and industry sectors of the lessees, according to VWL's classifications.

Portfolio Credit Analysis

Loss Risk

As VWL neither provides default nor recovery vintage data, Fitch used the available information in reverse order, compared to its standard approach.

- Firstly, a base-case loss rate was set, based on VWL's total leasing book loss data and performance data from prior VCL transactions.
- Secondly, a base-case recovery rate was set, based on data from previous VCL transactions and the experience of the servicer's collection department.
- Thirdly, a lifetime default rate was implicitly derived from the set lifetime loss and recovery rates.

Loss data from VWL reflect write-offs after car sale according to the originator's accounting policy. These data are consistent with the loss definition in the transaction, on which the amortisation type triggers are based. Recovery collections that are received after the lease has been written off belong to VWL, according to the transaction documentation.

Portfolio Concentrations

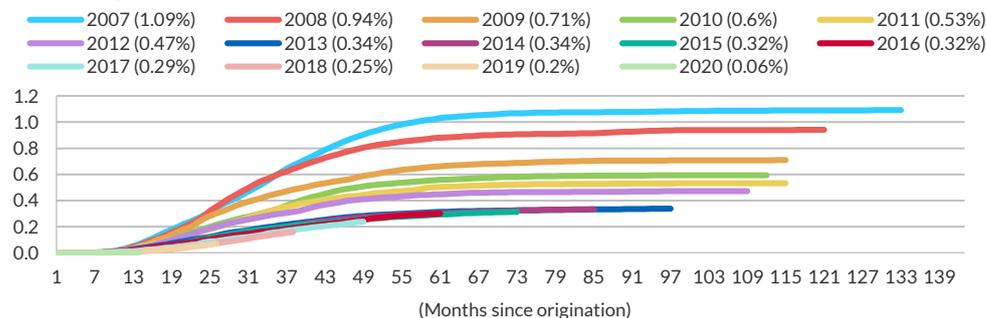
| | % of total (by volume) |
|--|------------------------|
| Largest 20 customers (% of outstanding discounted balance) | [1.16] |
| Largest regional concentration (North Rhine-Westphalia, % of outstanding discounted balance) | [22.6] |
| Largest industry concentration (public sector, % of outstanding discounted balance) | [20.0] |
| Closed-end contracts (% of outstanding balance) ^a | [99.96] |
| Electric vehicle share (% of outstanding discounted balance) | [11.6] |

^a Upon return of the car, the residual value risk is borne by the dealer (or VWL).
Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

The loss rate data for historical originations of VWL are shown below.

VWL Loss Vintages

As % of Origination Volume



Note: 2021 originations are not in the chart as the number of observations is not yet sufficient to create an annualized curve

Source: Fitch Ratings, VW Leasing GmbH

Younger vintages show lower loss rates than older vintages. In Fitch’s view, the better performance of recent vintages reflects improvements in VWL’s origination standards, in addition to the favourable economic environment in Germany in recent years.

Fitch has determined a loss base case of 0.5% over the term of the transaction. Contrary to the initial rating of the last VCL 33 and 34 transactions in 2021, Fitch no longer considers it warranted to keep the higher base case level applied during the peak of the pandemic. This conclusion is supported in particular by the solid transaction performance of predecessor VCL transactions such as VCL 28-33, which have cumulative defaults well below base-case assumptions.

However, the base case is set slightly above the recent loss vintages, including a buffer over the most recent observed performance to account for the macroeconomic downside risk to the transaction considering the high share of commercial clients directly exposed to potential market disruptions (see also [Sector Risks](#) above).

Defaults and Recovery Rates

Fitch has not received recovery information on VWL’s total book. We derived our recovery assumption from default and loss information contained in previous VCL transactions’ investor reporting. Fitch has applied a recovery rate base-case assumption of 67.5%, unchanged from VCL34, which reflects our expectation that used car prices will not be significantly affected by the pandemic.

Combining our loss and recovery rate expectations results in a default base-case assumption of 1.5%, which Fitch views as comparable to peer transactions.

Performance Expectations (%)

| | Default rate expectation | Recovery rate expectation | Loss rate expectation |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Base case | 1.5 | 67.5 | 0.5 |

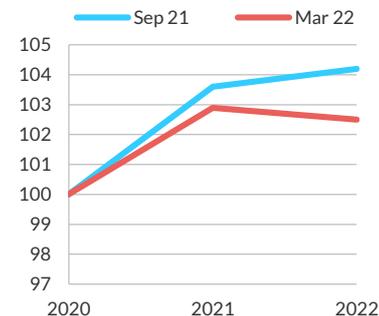
Source: Fitch Ratings

The agency has stressed its assumptions in higher rating scenarios to account for the impact of an unexpected economic deterioration on the transaction’s cash flows.

In line with its criteria, Fitch has applied a higher multiple to the 1.5% default rate expectation (6.0x for ‘AAA’, 4.8x for ‘AA’). The default multiple primarily reflects the base-case assumption’s low absolute level and Fitch’s through-the-cycle rating approach.

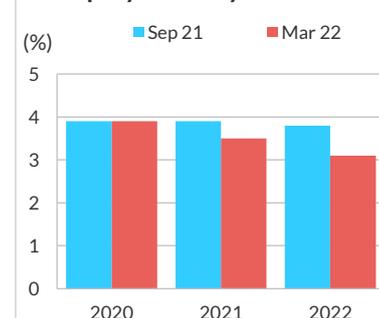
To derive the recovery haircut, we considered the level of base-case recoveries, the secured nature of the assets and VWL’s robust recovery processes as key determining factors. Fitch derived a lower-to-median recovery haircut (‘AAA’: 45%; ‘AA’: 36%).

GDP Trajectory



Source: Fitch Ratings

Unemployment Dynamics



Source: Fitch Ratings

Stressed Assumptions (%)

| | Rating default rate | Rating recovery rate | Rating loss rate |
|-----|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| AAA | 9.0 | 37.1 | 5.7 |
| AA | 7.2 | 43.2 | 4.1 |

Source: Fitch Ratings

Prepayment Risk

Fitch derived its base-case prepayment assumption using data from previous VCL transactions as the originator has not provided us with overall book data on prepayments.

Prepayments in earlier VCL transactions hardly exceed an annualised rate of 4%, which is the figure Fitch assumed as its base-case assumption for VCL34. This was then stressed to test the impact of high and low prepayments in the respective rating scenarios. For example, the base case was multiplied by 1.5x in the 'AAA' scenario. Due to the very low historically observed prepayments, Fitch applied 0% CPR in the low prepayment scenario across all rating levels.

The lease contracts do not contain provisions that allow customers to prepay a contract so prepayments are at the discretion of VWL. If a prepayment is granted, customers are generally obliged to settle the outstanding instalments, comprising both principal and interest, in full. VWL may, however, waive part of the repayment amount out of courtesy to the customer. In such cases, VWL would need to indemnify the issuer for any associated reduction in the principal balance. Fitch does not apply prepayment losses or gains in its cash flow modelling.

Cash Flow Analysis

Fitch used its proprietary cash flow model to test whether the available cash flows were sufficient to enable timely payment of interest and ultimate payment of principal on the notes in various stress scenarios.

Defaults were allocated using the default timings, determined based on the portfolio's WAL and Fitch's assumed base-case prepayment rate, as outlined in our *Consumer ABS Rating Criteria* and summarised in the table below.

Default Distribution

| Months from closing (%) | 4 | 9 | 13 | 17 | 21 | 26 | 30 |
|-------------------------|----|------|------|----|----|----|----|
| Front | 40 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Even | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 0 |
| Back | 10 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 15 | 22 | 15 | 13 |

Source: Fitch Ratings

The recovery timing was derived from lease-by-lease default and loss data from previous VCL transactions. We assumed that a vehicle is typically sold within six months of default and distributed the recoveries over a six-month period.

The portfolio amortisation was modelled based on the pool data provided to Fitch. Defaults, recoveries and prepayments were applied as per the stressed assumptions. Interest income was generated on non-delinquent receivables at a rate equal to the discount rate less the buffer release rate. Available cash was distributed in line with the transaction's waterfall.

Fitch tested the transaction's sensitivity to different default distributions (front-loaded, evenly distributed and back-loaded), combined with high or low prepayments as well as rising, decreasing or stable (i.e. persistently negative at the current spot rate) interest rates.

The transaction is particularly sensitive to the length of the pro rata period, which is determined by the amortisation profile and assumed prepayments, the lifetime loss and the loss timing assumptions.

A high prepayment scenario leads to target OCs being reached sooner and therefore an earlier pro rata allocation towards the class B notes and the unrated sub-loan. However, assuming

back-loaded losses, a forced sequential note amortisation occurs later even in a stressed scenario.

Expected Rating Sensitivity

Rating Sensitivity to Default and Recovery Assumptions

| | Class A | Class B |
|---|---------|---------|
| Original Rating | AAAsf | AAsf |
| Increase default rate by 10% | AAAsf | AA-sf |
| Increase default rate by 25% | AA+sf | A+sf |
| Increase default rate by 50% | Aasf | Asf |
| Reduce recovery rate by 10% | AAAsf | AAsf |
| Reduce recovery rate by 25% | AA+sf | AA-sf |
| Reduce recovery rate by 50% | AA+sf | Asf |
| Increase default rate and reduce recovery rate by 10% | AA+sf | AA-sf |
| Increase default rate and reduce recovery rate by 25% | AAsf | Asf |
| Increase default rate and reduce recovery rate by 50% | Asf | BBBsf |

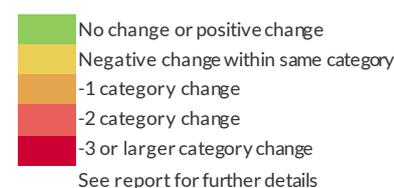
Rating Sensitivities – Upgrade: Lower-than-expected frequency of defaults or increases in recovery rates could produce lower losses than the base case and could result in positive rating action on the class B notes. For example, a simultaneous decrease of the default base case by 10% and increase of the recovery base case by 10%, all else equal, would lead to an upgrade of the notes to ‘AA+sf’.

Rating Sensitivities – Downgrade: Fitch has revised its global economic outlook forecasts as a result of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and related economic sanctions. Downside risks have increased and Fitch has published an assessment of the potential rating and asset performance impact of a worse-than-expected, adverse stagflation scenario on Fitch’s major structured finance and covered bond sub-sectors (see [What a Stagflation Scenario Would Mean for Global Structured Finance](#)).

In the assumed adverse scenario, Fitch expects the European Auto ABS sector to experience a “Mild to Modest” impact on asset performance, and “Virtually No Impact” on ratings.

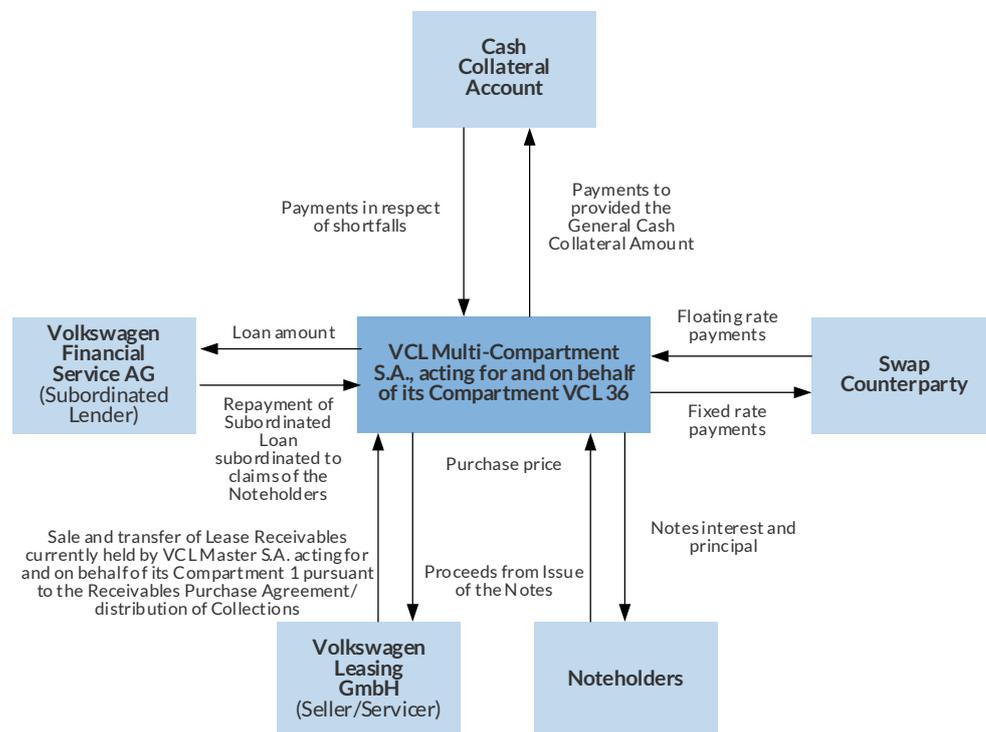
For VCL 36, the agency expects the asset performance impact of the adverse case scenario to be limited for the higher rated notes, based on the transaction’s limited sensitivity to higher default and lower recovery assumptions, as shown above. For the lower rated notes, effects could be more pronounced.

The *Rating Sensitivity* section provides insight into the model-implied sensitivities the transaction faces when one assumption is stressed, while holding others equal. The modelling process uses the estimation and stress of these variables to reflect asset performance in a stressed environment. The results below should only be considered as one potential outcome, as the transaction is exposed to multiple dynamic risk factors. It should not be used as an indicator of possible future performance.



Transaction Structure

Structure Diagram



Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

Issuer and True Sale

VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. is a Luxembourg-based securitisation company subject to Luxembourg securitisation law.

VCL Master S.A. Compartment 1 (VCL Master) – another Luxembourg-based securitisation company intended to function as a warehousing vehicle – originally acquired certain lease receivables related to selected lease contracts from the seller.

At closing, the issuer purchased certain receivables from VWL (transaction one), selling on the authority granted by VCL Master (transaction two). The receivables are the finance portion, which amortises the purchase price of the vehicle to its agreed residual value. The residual value component itself is not refinanced via VCL36. Certain other receivables are excluded, for example, payments for contractually agreed maintenance services.

The VAT portion of any payments due from the lessee is excluded from the pool and retained by VWL to be advanced to the tax authorities. To secure the performance of the lease receivables, the security title to the leased vehicles was forwarded to VCL36. In case of a lessee's default, the issuer will be entitled to the proportion of recovery proceeds equivalent to its funding share in the sum of outstanding lease receivables and the residual value.

Capital Structure and Credit Enhancement

The issuer's expected assets and liabilities at closing are summarised in the table below.

Balance Sheet

| Assets | Amount (EURm) | % of total pool balance | Liabilities | Amount (EURm) | % of total pool balance |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Receivables | [750.0] | 100.0 | Class A | [705.0] | 94.0 |
| Cash reserve | [5.63] | 0.75 | Class B | [16.5] | 2.2 |
| | | | Subordinated loan | [21.7] | 2.9 |
| | | | PPD cash reserve | [5.63] | 0.75 |
| | | | PPD OC | [6.8] | 0.9 |
| Sum | [755.6] | 100.1 | | [755.6] | 100.1 |

PPD: Purchase price discount

Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

The issuance consists of the class A and B notes as well as a subordinated loan. Credit enhancement is provided by OC and the static cash reserve of 0.75% of the initial discounted pool balance.

All securitised receivables were discounted with a single discount rate of 5.7016%. The following components have been considered when determining the discount rate.

Discount Rate Calculation

| | (%) |
|---|---------------|
| Weighted average swap rate (including sub-loan) | TBD |
| Servicing fee | 1.00 |
| Senior expenses | 0.03 |
| Subtotal (rounded) | TBD |
| Buffer release rate | TBD |
| Total | 5.7016 |

Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

As the buffer release rate will be directly released to the seller, the issuer benefits only from a discount rate of 2.1%. Should VWL become insolvent, the buffer release amounts would become available to the issuer.

Fitch does not consider the buffer release rate as potential excess spread available for note redemption. This is because, in Fitch's view, structural elements that are relied upon in order to pay timely interest and ultimate principal on the notes cannot be conditional on the occurrence of events like a seller/servicer default.

Reserve Fund

A non-amortising cash reserve, which amounts to 0.75% of the initial discounted receivables' balance, was funded through a purchase price discount (PPD). It is available to cover senior expenses, swap payments and notes' interest. The set-up is different from VCL 34, which has a 1.2% reserve, amortising to 1% of the initial balance.

Available funds will refill the reserve fund each period to its target amount. The cash collateral amount can be used for note redemption upon the earlier of the legal final maturity date or the discounted lease balance reaching zero.

There is a further reserve, the VWL risk reserve, to cover seller-related risks, in particular tax-related risks mentioned under tax risk. The VWL risk reserve amounts to 1.1% of the discounted receivables' balance at closing.

Euribor Fall-back Provisions

Assets

The portfolio is not exposed to Euribor discontinuation because it only consists of fixed-rate leases.

Rated Notes

VCL36's servicer will use any (i) officially designated substitute rate, (ii) industry-wide solution, or (iii) generally accepted market practice as substitute for Euribor. If options (i)-(iii) are not available, the servicer will use the overnight index swap. If this is not available either, €STR will be the substitute rate. The servicer will also adjust the spread over the substitute reference rate. Any designated Euribor substitute applies to both the rated notes' reference rate and floating interest rate received on the swap.

Hedges

The issuer will enter into two swaps to hedge against the fixed-floating interest rate mismatch. While it will receive fixed instalments, its obligations under the notes will be linked to one-month Euribor, the latter being determined in accordance with the provisions in the transaction documents described in *Rated Notes* above.

The first swap covers the interest due on the class A notes and the second swap covers interest payments due on the class B notes, both inclusive of the spreads over the reference rate, in exchange for a fixed rate. The floating amounts are subject to a floor of zero. Both swaps are linked to the outstanding balance of the respective notes.

Priority of Payments

The transaction has a combined waterfall for all collections on outstanding receivables. The amount available to be distributed contains the following positions:

Amount Available for Distribution

| | |
|---|--|
| + | Collections received by the servicer. |
| + | Share of realisation proceeds from vehicles belonging to the issuer. |
| + | Amounts from the general cash reserve. |
| + | Net swap receipts. |
| + | Investment earnings from the distribution account. |
| + | Amounts from the VWL risk reserve in case of failure by VWL to pay any secured obligations or in case of a German trade tax event. |
| - | Less the buffer release amount (provided no insolvency event with respect to VWL has occurred). |

Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

Transaction Waterfall

| | |
|-----|--|
| 1-5 | Taxes, senior expenses and net swap payments other than in case of a swap counterparty default. |
| 6 | Interest class A. |
| 7 | Interest class B. |
| 8 | General cash reserve up to its required balance. |
| 9 | In case of an increase in German trade tax, to the VWL risk reserve the increased trade tax risk reserve amount. |
| 10 | Class A principal until class A is at its target size (i.e. target OC class A). |
| 11 | Class B principal until class B is at its target size (i.e. target OC class B). |
| 12 | Any subordinated expenses, if not already covered by one of the senior items. |
| 13 | Interest on the sub-loan. |
| 14 | Redemption of the sub-loan until reduced to zero. |
| 15 | Remainder to VWL as a final success fee. |

Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

Performance Triggers and Note Amortisation

The notes' targeted balance is set to meet a required OC amount, defined as the excess of the assets (excluding write-offs) over respective liabilities, i.e. the class A and B notes.

Incoming funds will first be used to redeem class A notes until their target OC is reached. At this point, incoming funds will also amortise class B notes, building up their target OC, while the target OC for class A notes is maintained. As soon as the asset balance has amortised to 10% of the initial balance or upon the occurrence of a servicer replacement event, note amortisation will again be strictly sequential.

Additionally, should a performance trigger (recording losses) be breached, target OCs will rise, meaning amortisation will again be sequential until the increased target OC is reached. Finally, should losses exceed 1.6% of the initial balance, the notes' amortisation would also become sequential.

Required OC levels are as follows and are unchanged from previous transactions.

Credit Enhancement Increases Conditions

| Trigger | Class A (%) | Class B (%) |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Initial available OC level | 6.0 | 3.8 |
| Target OC, if no trigger breach | 12.25 | 7.5 |
| Target OC, if level 1 trigger breached | 14.0 | 8.25 |
| Target OC, if level 2 trigger breached | 100 | 100 |

Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

A level 1 trigger is hit if the cumulative losses exceed the following thresholds:

- Prior to (and including) the payment date falling in September 2023: 0.50%; and
- after the payment date falling in September 2023 until (and including) the payment date in June 2024: 1.15%.

A level 2 trigger is hit if cumulative losses exceed 1.6% at any payment date or when the asset balance falls below 10% of the initial balance.

Please refer to the *Cash Flow Modelling* section for more details on the increased sensitivity of the pro-rata structure towards certain modelling assumptions.

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Counterparty Risk

Fitch assesses the counterparty risk under its *Exposure Draft: Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Counterparty Rating Criteria* to be in line with the ratings assigned based on the documentation provisions and analytical adjustments described in the following table.

Counterparty Risk Exposures

| Counterparty role/risk | Counterparty | Relevant rating under criteria | Minimum ratings and remedial actions | Adjustment to analysis if minimum ratings and remedial actions not in line with criteria |
|------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Issuer account bank | Bank of New York Mellon, Frankfurt Branch | Long-Term deposit rating or Issuer Default Rating (IDR)/ Short-Term deposit rating or IDR | Minimum IDR or deposit rating of 'A' or 'F1'; i) replacement; ii) guarantee within 60 calendar days of downgrade below minimum ratings; or iii) any other measure to restore/maintain rating of the notes. | Minimum ratings and remedial actions i) and ii) in line with criteria. Fitch notes that option (iii) is not in line with its counterparty criteria and could lead to a prolonged process as regards remedial actions if option (iii) is favoured over options (i) or (ii). |
| Swap provider | TBD | Derivative counterparty rating (DCR): long-term rating; Short-Term IDR: short-term rating. (Note: Fitch does not issue short-term DCRs, so the relevant short-term rating is the Short-Term IDR.) | DCR of 'A' or Short-Term IDR of 'F1'; or minimum DCR of 'BBB-' or Short-Term IDR of 'F3' with collateral posting required within 14 calendar days (collateralisation for liquidity adjustment and volatility cushion after 60 days) and replacement or guarantee within 60 days of downgrade below both minimum ratings. | Minimum ratings and remedial actions in line with criteria. |
| Servicing continuity | VW Leasing GmbH | Not rated | There is no minimum rating for the servicer. The issuer is entitled to dismiss the servicer and appoint a new servicer. | Servicer continuity risk has been assessed to be reduced in accordance with Fitch's counterparty criteria, because the reserve fund would cover payment obligations long enough to be able to find a replacement (see Operational Risk and Appendix 1). |

Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. – Compartment VCL 36

Operational Risk

VWL acts as servicer for the transaction. Remedial actions regarding the servicer foresee the replacement of the servicer in the event of servicer disruption, which includes a breach of servicer obligations, insolvency of the servicer or non-payment by the servicer. No replacement servicer has been named. However, the transaction documents state that the issuer shall find a replacement servicer after no longer than three months.

Despite the intrinsic problems Fitch sees with the issuer being tasked to find a replacement servicer, we consider that the reserve fund would cover payment obligations long enough to be able to find a replacement and other parties in this transaction, especially the security trustee, would have an interest to lend support to act in the best interest of noteholders.

Fitch expects that the assets' standard nature will facilitate finding a new servicer as there are several potential candidates in the German leasing market that could take over the servicing of these assets.

Account Bank

We consider the issuer's exposure to the transaction account bank to be a primary credit risk.

The issuer will hold its account with The Bank of New York Mellon, Frankfurt branch. Under the transaction documents, should the account bank's deposit rating be below the minimum required rating of 'A' or 'F1', it must find a suitably rated replacement within 60 calendar days.

The documented rating thresholds are in line with those outlined in our counterparty criteria for 'AAA' rated bonds, and the remedial actions are also in line with our criteria, except for the "other actions" option outlined above.

Swap Counterparty

The issuer will enter into a swap agreement with TBD to hedge the mismatch between the fixed payments received from the lease contracts and the floating-rate amounts payable on the rated notes. We classify the exposure to the swap provider as a primary credit risk; documented rating requirements for the swap provider and remedial actions are in line with those outlined in our counterparty criteria.

Commingling Risk

Commingling risk is considered a secondary risk driver in this transaction in line with Fitch's *Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Counterparty Rating Criteria*.

The servicer is no longer entitled to commingle collected payments with its own funds if VW is no longer rated at least 'BBB' or 'F2' by Fitch or the profit and loss sharing agreement between VW and VWFS or between VWFS and VWL is no longer in place. In this case, VWL has to advance expected collections including 5% prepayments for the following monthly period to the issuer's collection account.

Fitch considers the provisions to sufficiently cover commingling risk.

Payment Interruption Risk

As payment interruption risk is a primary risk in the transaction, Fitch tested the cash reserve coverage of the issuer's obligations under the swaps, the ongoing senior expenses and notes' interest. Based on our calculations, the available cash reserve is sufficient to initially maintain these payments for eight months. Fitch considers this horizon sufficient to cover a disruption in the collection process and to re-establish it with a third party.

Set-off Risk

Deposit Set-off Risk

The originator is not a deposit-taking entity, only its legally separated sibling entity VW Bank GmbH is. As a result, there is no deposit-related set-off risk.

Set-Off Risk with Regard to the Service Component, Extended Warranties and Insurance Products

VWFS offers a range of insurance services and extended warranties as a complementary product for lease contracts, i.e. protection against unexpected repair needs after the maturity of the statutory two-year manufacturer guarantee. Neither the insurance nor the extended warranties or the service components of a lease are securitised.

Tax Risk

Based on its understanding of the applicable tax regimes, Fitch considers the risk of significant tax liabilities being imposed on the issuer to be limited.

Nevertheless, there are some remaining legal uncertainties with respect to potential trade tax (i.e. in case the tax authorities deem the special-purpose vehicle to be taxable in Germany) and secondary VAT liability (i.e. in case VWL defaults before it has forwarded the VAT portion to the authorities) that may be imposed on the issuer.

The seller will post and maintain a dedicated risk reserve (VWL risk reserve) equal to 1.1% of the initial discounted asset balance, which can be used to cover tax liabilities of the issuer and other seller-related risks. Fitch regards this reserve, together with the available CE, to be sufficient to address contingent tax liabilities.

Criteria Application, Model and Data Adequacy

Criteria Application

See page 2 for the list of [Applicable Criteria](#).

Fitch applies the *Consumer ABS Rating Criteria* as its sector-specific criteria under the overarching framework provided by the *Global Structured Finance Rating Criteria*, which is the master criteria report for the sector. The remaining criteria listed under *Applicable Criteria* are

cross-sector criteria that outline Fitch’s approach to counterparty risk and interest rate change vulnerability that are relevant for the ratings.

Fitch has analysed the risk of lessee default – and has set its default, recovery and prepayment assumptions – in accordance with its *Consumer ABS Rating Criteria*. Counterparty risks were analysed based on *Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Counterparty Rating Criteria*.

Models

The asset assumptions outlined above were applied in Fitch’s proprietary multi-asset cash flow model, with which the transaction’s cash flows were modelled. Click on the link for the model or for the criteria for a description of the model.

[Multi-Asset Cash Flow Model](#)

Data Adequacy

The following historical information was provided by VWL to support Fitch’s analysis.

Data Adequacy

| Data | Time | Period | Frequency | Type |
|--|---------------|----------|-----------|---------|
| Losses | Jan 07-Dec 21 | 15 years | Monthly | Static |
| Total book volume | Dec 08-Dec 21 | 13 years | Monthly | Dynamic |
| Delinquency | Dec 08-Dec 21 | 13 years | Monthly | Dynamic |
| Previous VCLs’ default/loss performance data | Mar 07-Mar 22 | 15 years | Monthly | Dynamic |

Source: Fitch Ratings

Fitch also received pool stratifications and an amortisation profile of the provisional pool as of end-March 2022.

Fitch will receive a third-party assessment on the asset portfolio information before closing.

Overall, Fitch views the asset pool information relied upon for the agency’s rating analysis according to its applicable rating methodologies to be adequately reliable.

Use of Third-Party Due Diligence Pursuant to SEC Rule 17g-10

Form ABS Due Diligence-15E was not provided to, or reviewed by, Fitch in relation to this rating action.

Surveillance

Throughout the life of the transaction, Fitch will monitor the performance of the collateral and any changes at the servicer, or with the structure, that may influence the ratings of the notes.

Fitch will receive monthly investor reports detailing the performance of the portfolio. These will provide the basis for the agency’s surveillance of the transaction’s performance against base-case expectations and the performance of the industry as a whole. The agency expects to assign an Issuer Report Grade of five stars to the investor reporting in line with previous transactions originated by VWL, as the standards of reporting are expected to remain comparable. Where appropriate, the agency may ask to monitor further data from the originator or the servicer. The ratings of the transaction will be reviewed by a committee at least once every 12 months, or when considered appropriate (e.g. if there is a deterioration in performance, an industry-wide development, or a change at the originators or the servicer that may influence the transaction).

Our quantitative analysis will focus on monitoring the key performance parameters (delinquencies, defaults, recoveries and prepayments) against the base-case assumptions. Fitch will further monitor the market developments of car prices.

Fitch’s structured finance performance analytics team ensures that the assigned ratings remain an appropriate reflection of the issued notes’ credit risk. Details of the transaction’s performance will be available to subscribers at www.fitchratings.com.

Appendix 1: Origination and Servicing

Fitch undertook a virtual operational review in April 2021 and received updates in April 2022. Overall, Fitch considers VWL's underwriting and servicing capacities to be in line with market standards among the top German car finance companies; VWL also has a proven record in its securitisation activity.

VWL

VWL is a wholly owned subsidiary of VWFS, which is part of Volkswagen Group.

VWL's main activities are to promote the sale of the Volkswagen Group's automotive products (VW, Audi, SEAT, Skoda and VW Nutzfahrzeuge) and to strengthen customer loyalty to the Volkswagen Group brands. VWL has about 60 years' experience in the auto-financing business.

Origination

VWL offers leasing for new and used Volkswagen, Audi, SEAT, Skoda and VW Nutzfahrzeuge to commercial and non-commercial customers. Initially, the car is purchased by VWL. At the expiration of the leasing contract the vehicle will be sold by the car dealer or VWL. If the lessee wants to keep the car, it has to purchase the vehicle.

Depending on contract terms, the risk of the residual value being different from the market value of the car is borne by the car dealer or, in a few cases, the lessee (open-end contracts). The car dealer can transfer the residual value risk of closed-end contracts fully or partially, against a premium, to VWFS or the car manufacturer.

Underwriting

VWL manages its underwriting and distribution channel through its Leasing Operations/Underwriting (LOU) department. The LOU processes all leases and co-operates with a network of more than 3,500 dealers. Supported by a separate fraud prevention team, the LOU is also responsible for fraud detection. LOU employees are expected to undergo three months of training before carrying out any operational tasks in the teams and are offered a wide range of additional internal training to improve the consistency and quality of standards within the LOU.

Generally, the system works such that for contracts that fulfil the respective criteria, the steps including the approval are carried out in a fully automated fashion. The evaluation is, in essence, based on the following main categories: customer data, product type, vehicle information, payment history and scoring/credit rating. If a problem occurs, such as inconsistencies found or negative credit information, the request is processed manually. The underwriter then sees the outcome of the scoring and other information sources such as Schufa, Buergel, Creditreform or payment history if applicable and needs to approve the application manually.

The authority to approve a lease depends on the seniority of staff as well as a client's exposure. A junior lease administrator, for example, can approve a lease up to EUR50,000, while applications greater than EUR50,000 are approved by a senior lease administrator. Leases with a balance greater than EUR200,000 are managed by the special clients team.

Arrears Management and Special Servicing

The debt management team is responsible for dealing with delinquent contracts.

Lessees receive calls from VWFS's call centre as soon as possible after the due date to determine the reasons for the missed payment. A first reminder letter is sent out 12 days, a second 24 days and a third 36 days after due date. Once payment agreements are in place, reminders in case of non-payments are sent out every five days.

VWFS has introduced scores to handle delinquent contracts according to priority. Team members have the authority to approve payment holidays or maturity extensions. For corporate customers, a contract is terminated after two missed instalments. For private clients, the point of termination is dependent on the ability of VWL to terminate as prescribed by consumer protection regulation.

The collection centre is responsible for the handling of terminated contracts, second-hand marketing, court collections and charge-offs. It employs external collection agencies, which are compensated on the basis of their performance and success rates.

Vehicles can be repossessed following the effective date of the contract termination. After threatening repossession, a large portion of the terminated contracts has historically returned to performing status. For those contracts that remain non-performing almost all orders for repossession are successful. Generally, VWL judges whether it is worthwhile to pay for the repossession expenses as expected sale prices may be considered too low.

VWL normally obtains three bids from the dealer network before the vehicle is sold. A court settlement, to determine the borrower's outstanding obligation, is initiated around four months after the due date. The foreclosure process normally commences six months after the due date and is followed by the charge-off.

Risk Management

The originator must maintain all lease files, including supporting documents, for regular review to ensure compliance with policies and procedures. Retrospective risk-oriented audits are conducted regularly by internal audit department and by external auditors in course of the annual financial statements audit. VWL regularly backs up its databases and tests its business continuity plans.

Appendix 2: ESG Relevance Scores

Credit-Relevant ESG Derivation

VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. - Compartment VCL 36 has 5 ESG potential rating drivers

- VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. - Compartment VCL 36 has exposure to macroeconomic factors and sustained structural shifts in secular preferences affecting consumer behavior but this has very low impact on the rating.
- Governance is minimally relevant to the rating and is not currently a driver.

| | | | | Overall ESG Scale |
|---------------------|---|--------|---|-------------------|
| key driver | 0 | issues | 5 | |
| driver | 0 | issues | 4 | |
| potential driver | 5 | issues | 3 | |
| not a rating driver | 5 | issues | 2 | |
| | 4 | issues | 1 | |

Environmental (E)

| General Issues | E Score | Sector-Specific Issues | Reference | E Scale |
|--|---------|---|-----------------------------|---------|
| GHG Emissions & Air Quality | 2 | Regulatory risks, fines, or compliance costs related to emissions, energy consumption and/or related reporting standards | Asset Quality; Surveillance | |
| Energy Management | 2 | Assets' energy/fuel efficiency and impact on valuation | Asset Quality; Surveillance | |
| Water & Wastewater Management | 1 | n.a. | n.a. | |
| Waste & Hazardous Materials Management; Ecological Impacts | 1 | n.a. | n.a. | |
| Exposure to Environmental Impacts | 2 | Asset, operations and/or cash flow exposure to extreme weather events and other catastrophe risk, including but not limited to flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes | Surveillance | |

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ESG scores range from 1 to 5 based on a 15-level color gradation. Red (5) is most relevant and green (1) is least relevant.

The Environmental (E), Social (S) and Governance (G) tables break out the individual components of the scale. The right-hand box shows the aggregate E, S, or G score. General Issues are relevant across all markets with Sector-Specific Issues unique to a particular asset class. Scores are assigned to each sector-specific issue. These scores signify the credit-relevance of the sector-specific issues to the transaction's or program's overall credit rating. The Reference box highlights the factor(s) within which the corresponding ESG issues are captured in Fitch's credit analysis.

Social (S)

| General Issues | S Score | Sector-Specific Issues | Reference | S Scale |
|--|---------|--|--------------------------------|---------|
| Human Rights, Community Relations, Access & Affordability | 1 | n.a. | n.a. | |
| Customer Welfare - Fair Messaging, Privacy & Data Security | 2 | Compliance with consumer protection related regulatory requirements, such as fair/transparent lending, data security, and safety standards | Operational Risk; Surveillance | |
| Labor Relations & Practices | 2 | Labor practices, pension obligations and related litigation | Surveillance | |
| Employee Wellbeing | 1 | n.a. | n.a. | |
| Exposure to Social Impacts | 3 | Macroeconomic factors and sustained structural shifts in secular preferences affecting consumer behavior | Asset Quality; Surveillance | |

The Credit-Relevant ESG Derivation table shows the overall ESG score. This score signifies the credit relevance of combined E, S and G issues to the transaction's or program's credit rating. The three columns to the left of the overall ESG score summarize the transaction's or program's sub-component ESG scores. The box on the far left identifies some of the main ESG issues that are drivers or potential drivers of the transaction's or program's credit rating (corresponding with scores of 3, 4 or 5) and provides a brief explanation for the score.

Classification of ESG issues has been developed from Fitch's sector ratings criteria. The General Issues and Sector-Specific Issues draw on the classification standards published by the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB).

Governance (G)

| General Issues | G Score | Sector-Specific Issues | Reference | G Scale |
|---|---------|---|--|---------|
| Rule of Law, Institutional and Regulatory Quality | 3 | Jurisdictional legal risks; regulatory effectiveness; supervisory oversight; foreclosure laws; government support and intervention | Asset Isolation and Legal Structure; Asset Quality; Rating Caps; Surveillance | |
| Transaction & Collateral Structure | 3 | Asset isolation; resolution/insolvency remoteness; legal structure; structural risk mitigants; complex structures | Asset Isolation and Legal Structure; Asset Quality; Financial Structure; Rating Caps; Surveillance | |
| Transaction Parties & Operational Risk | 3 | Counterparty risk; origination, underwriting and/or aggregator standards; borrower/lessee/sponsor risk; originator/service/manager/operational risk | Asset Quality; Financial Structure; Operational Risk; Rating Caps; Surveillance | |
| Data Transparency & Privacy | 3 | Transaction data and periodic reporting | Asset Isolation and Legal Structure; Asset Quality; Financial Structure; Surveillance | |
| | | | | |

CREDIT-RELEVANT ESG SCALE - DEFINITIONS

| How relevant are E, S and G issues to the overall credit rating? | |
|--|---|
| 5 | Highly relevant; a key transaction or program rating driver that has a significant impact on an individual basis. |
| 4 | Relevant to transaction or program ratings; not a key rating driver but has an impact on the ratings in combination with other factors. |
| 3 | Minimally relevant to ratings; either very low impact or actively mitigated in a way that results in no impact on the transaction or program ratings. |
| 2 | Irrelevant to the transaction or program ratings; relevant to the sector. |
| 1 | Irrelevant to the transaction or program ratings; irrelevant to the sector. |

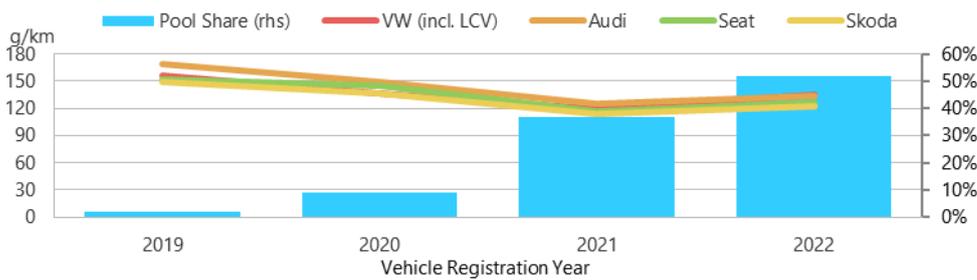
Appendix 3: Estimated CO2 Emission Levels

Fitch estimates the pool's weighted average CO2 emissions at 128 g/km.

We used data on CO2 emissions from the Federal Motor Transport Authority (Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt), reported for new vehicle registrations, to derive an estimated weighted average emissions level for the portfolio. We accounted for the vehicles' model years, brand distribution and the composition of new car registrations in our estimate.

The graph below summarises the pool's model year distribution (by number of vehicles) and the development of the brands' average emissions in the respective full-year registrations, and for 2022 the average emissions up to end-March.

VW Group CO2 Emission Levels



Source: Fitch Ratings, VCL Multi-Compartment S.A. - Compartment VCL 36, Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt

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