# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

# **VOLATO GROUP, INC.**

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (Title of Class of Securities) 74349W 104 (CUSIP Number)

> Matthew Liotta 1954 Airport Road, Suite 124 Chamblee, GA 844-399-8998

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 1, 2023 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provision of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS						
	Argand Group, LLC						
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	SEC USE ONLY						
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6	CITIZEN	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION					
Ü	Delaware	Delaware					
			SOLE VOTING POWER				
		7	0				
			CHARLE VOTING BOWER				
NUMBER OF S	HARES	8	SHARED VOTING POWER				
BENEFICIA	LLY		3,466,153(1)				
OWNED BY I			SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				
WITH		9					
			CHARLE DISPOSITIVE DOWER				
		10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER				
		10	3,466,153 (1)				
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON						
	3,466,153						
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)						
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)						
	12.4%						
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)						
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(1) Each of Matthew Liotta and Jennifer Liotta share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Argand Group, LLC

	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS					
1	PDK Capital, LLC					
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)					
	(b) 🗆					
3	SEC USE ONLY					
	SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)					
4	SC	SC				
5	CHECK I	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(D) OR 2(E)				
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6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION					
6	Delaware					
		7	SOLE VOTING POWER			
		/	1,322,118			
NUMBER OF S	LLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER			
BENEFICIA OWNED BY		0	0			
REPORTING F	PERSON		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
WIII		9	1,322,118			
		10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
		10	0			
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON					
	1,322,118					
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)					
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)					
	4.7%					
	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)					
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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  Matthew Liotta					
	Matthey	Lioua				
2	CHECK	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  (a)  (b)  (c)				
3	SEC USI	SEC USE ONLY				
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	CITIZE	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION				
6	United St	United States of America				
		7	SOLE VOTING POWER 1,466,837			
NUMBER OF S BENEFICIA OWNED BY F	ALLY EACH PERSON	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 3,466,153			
REPORTING P.		9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 144,719			
		10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 4,788,271			
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 4,932,990 (2)					
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)					
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 17.5 %					
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) IN					

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Liotta beneficially owns (i) 3,466,153 shares of Common Stock held by Argand Group LLC in which Mr. Liotta holds shared voting and dispositive power, (ii) 144,719 shares of Common Stock underlying Options which were fully vested as of December 1, 2023; and (iii) 1,322,118 shares of Common Stock held by PDK Capital, LLC in which Mr. Liotta has sole voting power and shares dispositive power with Ms. Liotta.

	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS				
1	Jennifer Liotta				
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  (a) (b)				
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) SC				
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(D) OR 2(E)				
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States of America				
		7	SOLE VOTING POWER 86,851		
NUMBER OF S BENEFICIA OWNED BY	LLY EACH PERSON	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 3,466,153		
REPORTING P		9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 86,851		
		10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 4,788,271		
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 4,875,122 (3)				
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 17.3%				
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) IN				

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Ms. Liotta's beneficial ownership of: (i) 3,466,153 shares of Common Stock held by Argand Group LLC in which she holds shared voting and dispositive power, (ii) 86,831 shares of Common Stock underlying Options which are fully vested as of December 1, 2023; and (iii) 1,322,118 shares of Common Stock held by PDK Capital, LLC in which she has shared dispositive power with Mr. Liotta.

## Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This statement on Schedule 13D (this "Schedule 13D") relates to the common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Volato Group, Inc. (the "Issuer"), a Delaware corporation. The address of the Issuer's principal executive office is 1954 Airport Road, Suite 124, Chamblee, GA 30341.

#### Item 2. Identity and Background.

- (a) This Schedule 13D is filed by the following persons (each a "Reporting Person" and collectively, the "Reporting Persons"):
  - (i) Matthew Liotta;
  - (ii) Jennifer Liotta;
  - (iii) Argand Group, LLC;
  - (iv) PDK Capital, LLC; and
- (b) The business address of each Reporting Person is 1954 Airport Road, Suite 124, Chamblee, GA 30341
- (c) The principal business of Mr. Liotta is serving as the Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer and the principal business of Ms. Liotta is serving as General Counsel of the Issuer
- (d) During the last five years, each Reporting Person has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- (e) During the last five years, each Reporting Person was not a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) Mr. and Ms. Liotta are citizens of the United States of America and each of Argand Group, LLC, and PDK Capital, LLC are Delaware limited liability companies.

## Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

On December 1, 2023, Volato, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("Volato"), PROOF Acquisition Corp I, a Delaware corporation ("PACI") and PACI Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of PACI ("Merger Sub"), consummated a business combination pursuant to that certain Business Combination Agreement, dated August 1, 2023, between Volato, PACI and Merger Sub (the "Business Combination Agreement"). Pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Agreement, the business combination was effected through the merger of Merger Sub with and into Volato, with Volato surviving the merger as a wholly-owned subsidiary of PACI (the "Business Combination," and together with the other transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and the other agreements contemplated thereby, the "Transactions"). In connection with the consummation of the Business Combination (the "Closing"), PACI changed its name to "Volato Group, Inc." ("Volato Group")."

In connection with the Closing, and pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Agreement: (i) each share of common stock of Volato ("Volato Common Stock") issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Closing was converted into the right to receive 1.01508 shares of Common Stock, (ii) each share of preferred stock of Volato ("Volato Preferred Stock") issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Closing was converted into the right to receive 1.01508 shares of Common Stock, (iii) each share of common stock of Merger Sub issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Closing was converted into Volato Common Stock, (iv) each share of Volato Common Stock and Volato Preferred Stock held in the treasury of Volato immediately prior to the Closing was cancelled and no payment or distribution was made in respect thereof, (v) each outstanding unexercised option to purchase shares of Volato Common Stock was converted into an option to acquire shares of Common Stock ("Options"), (vi) each share of Class A common stock of PACI ("PACI Class A Common Stock") issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Closing and not redeemed in connection with the Redemption (as defined below) remained outstanding and is now a share of Common Stock and (vii) each share of Class B common stock of PACI ("PACI Class B Common Stock") issued and outstanding and is now a share of Common Stock.

In connection with the Closing, Mr. Liotta received and beneficially owned: (i) 3,466,153 shares of Common Stock through Argand Group LLC in which Mr. Liotta holds shared voting and investment power, (ii) 144,719 shares of Common Stock underlying options which are fully vested as of December 1, 2023 with an exercise price of \$0.16 per share; and (iii) 1,322,118 shares of Common Stock held by PDK Capital, LLC in which Mr. Liotta has sole voting and shared investment power with Ms. Liotta.

In connection with the Closing, Ms. Liotta received and beneficially owned: (i) 3,466,153 shares of Common Stock held by Argand Group LLC in which she holds shared voting and dispositive power, (ii) 86,831 shares of Common Stock underlying options which are fully vested as of December 1, 2023 with an exercise price of \$0.16 per share; (iii) 1,322,118 shares of Common Stock held by PDK Capital, LLC in which she has shared dispositive power with Mr. Liotta; and (iv) 20 shares of Common Stock.

The foregoing description of the Business Combination Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Business Combination Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The information set forth in Item 3 of this Schedule 13D is incorporated herein by reference.

Each Reporting Person may, directly or through one or more affiliates, from time to time or at any time, acquire or seek to acquire additional Common Stock either in the open market or in private transactions, or dispose of or seek to dispose of all or a portion of such Common Stock now owned or hereafter acquired. In addition, the Reporting Person may, directly or through one or more affiliates, from time to time or at any time, (i) engage in discussions with or make proposals to the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Issuer, other stockholders of the Issuer, and/or other third parties, or (ii) encourage, cause or seek to cause the Issuer or any of such persons: to consider or explore extraordinary corporate transactions involving the Issuer, including, among other things, a merger, reorganization, consolidation or other take-private transaction that could result in the de-listing or de-registration of the Common Stock; sales or acquisitions of assets or businesses; joint ventures; changes to the Issuer's capitalization or dividend policy; or other material changes to the Issuer's business or capital or governance structure. Any action or actions the Reporting Person may undertake with respect to his investment in the Issuer will be dependent upon the Reporting Person's review of numerous factors, including, among other things, the Issuer's business, prospects, and/or financial condition, the market for the Common Stock, general economic conditions, regulatory matters, tax considerations, debt and/or stock market conditions, other opportunities available to the Reporting Person, and other factors and future developments.

Mr. Liotta, in his capacity as CEO of the Issuer, and Ms. Liotta, in her capacity as general counsel, may be entitled to receive cash compensation and equity compensation, including stock option or other equity awards, pursuant to the Issuer's 2023 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2023 Stock Incentive Plan"), filed as Exhibit 3 to this Schedule 13D and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

- (a) See Rows (11) and (13) of the cover pages to this Schedule 13D. The percentages used in this Schedule 13D are based on 28,043,449 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of December 1, 2023, as adjusted to reflect the options which are fully vested for each of Mr. and Ms. Liotta.
- (b) See Rows (7) through (10) of the cover pages to this Schedule 13D.
- (c) Other than as disclosed in this Schedule 13D, none of the Reporting Persons has effected any transactions in the Issuer's securities within the past 60 days.
- (d) No person other than the Reporting Persons is known to have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the shares of Common Stock held by the Reporting Persons.
- (e) Not applicable.

### Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

On the Closing Date, in connection with the Closing, the Issuer and each Reporting Person entered into a Company Stockholder Lock-up Agreement (the "Lock-up Agreement"), a form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and is incorporated herein by reference. Pursuant to the Lock-up Agreement, the Reporting Person agreed, subject to certain customary exceptions, that during the period that is the earlier of (i) the date that is 180 days following the Closing Date and (ii) the date specified in a written waiver of the provisions of the Lock-up Agreement duly executed by Proof Acquisition Sponsor I, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the Issuer, not to dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock subject to the Lock-up Agreement, or take other related actions with respect to such shares. The shares of Common Stock subject to the Lock-up Agreement include all such shares held by the Reporting Person.

Except as otherwise described in this Schedule 13D, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or similar relationships with respect to the securities of the Issuer between any Reporting Persons and any other person or entity.

The information set forth in Item 3 with respect to the Business Combination Agreement, Lock-Up Agreement, and Item 4 with respect to the 2023 Stock Incentive Plan, is incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 7. Material to be filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit 1	Business Combination Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2023, by and among PROOF Acquisition Corp I, PACI Merger Corp, Inc., and Volato, Inc. (included as Annex A to PROOF Acquisition Corp I's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-274082), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 18, 2023).
Exhibit 2	Form of Lock-up Agreement ((incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to PROOF Acquisition Corp I's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-274082), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 18, 2023)
Exhibit 3	Volato Group, Inc. 2023 Stock Incentive Plan (included as Annex C to PROOF Acquisition Corp I's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-274082), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 18, 2023).

[The signature page follows.]

# SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 11, 2023

/s/ Matthew Liotta Matthew Liotta /s/ Jennifer Liotta Jennifer Liotta **Argand Group, LLC** /s/ Matthew Liotta Matthew Liotta By: Name: Title: Member PDK Capital, LLC /s/ Matthew Liotta By: Name: Matthew Liotta Title: Manager