

Speculators Pare Risk In EUR, GBP & AUD While Adding In JPY

Data in this report cover up to Tuesday Feb. 13 & were released Friday Feb. 16.

• This week’s positioning adjustments showed a deterioration in all of the reporting currencies with the exception of CHF, delivering a notable \$4.7bn narrowing in the aggregate USD short. Considerable risk was pared in EUR, GBP, and AUD as speculators added modestly to JPY positions on both sides. EUR remains by far the largest held net long, followed by modestly bullish positions in MXN, CAD, and GBP. AUD and NZD are held close to flat and havens CHF and JPY are held net short.

• The CAD net long position has seen its first decline of 2018, falling \$0.6bn w/w to \$2.6bn. CAD bulls have pared risk for a second consecutive week, mirroring the recent decline in gross shorts. Recent adjustments suggest a low level of conviction with regards to the near-term path for CAD. Similar adjustments are being observed for AUD, with a notable YTD decline in both gross long and gross short positions. The net long AUD position fell \$0.4bn w/w to \$0.7bn.

• The net long EUR position fell \$2.1bn w/w to \$19.7bn, its second consecutive weekly decline from the record \$23.1bn long reached in late January. Risk has been pared to both sides, and the pace of decline in gross longs is accelerating (down \$3.3bn on the week). The bullish net long GBP position was roughly halved over the last week, falling \$1.1bn to \$1.3bn. The pace of decline is also accelerating as market participants pare risk to both sides.

13-Feb	Sentiment		\$mns	
	Bias	Trend	Position	w/w chg.
CAD	bullish	decreasing	2,583	-632
AUD	bullish	decreasing	714	-373
NZD	neutral	neutral	161	-83
MXN	bullish	neutral	2,593	98
EUR	bullish	decreasing	19,653	-2,134
GBP	bullish	decreasing	1,297	-1,132
CHF	bearish	neutral	-2,664	39
JPY	bearish	increasing	-13,391	-513
Gold	bullish	decreasing	23,348	-1,927
Total USD pos'n (excl. gold)			-10,947	4,730

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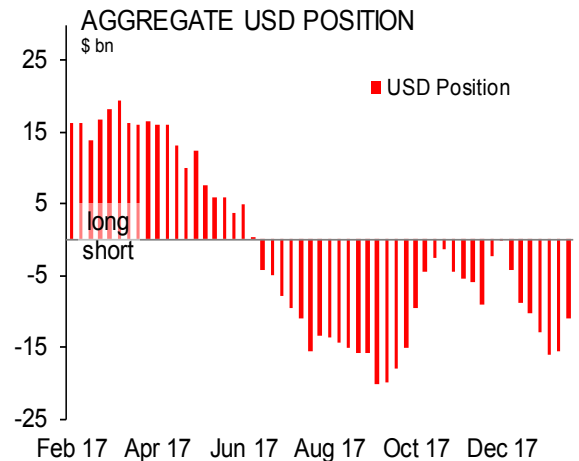
Date	Position - Contracts of 100,000 CAD					
	(\$MM)	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	Open Int.
13-Feb	2,583	62,535	30,006	32,529	-7,635	155,262
6-Feb	3,215	69,492	29,328	40,164	6,699	167,890
30-Jan	2,713	75,296	41,831	33,465	10,908	176,871
23-Jan	1,816	69,446	46,889	22,557	5,001	168,849



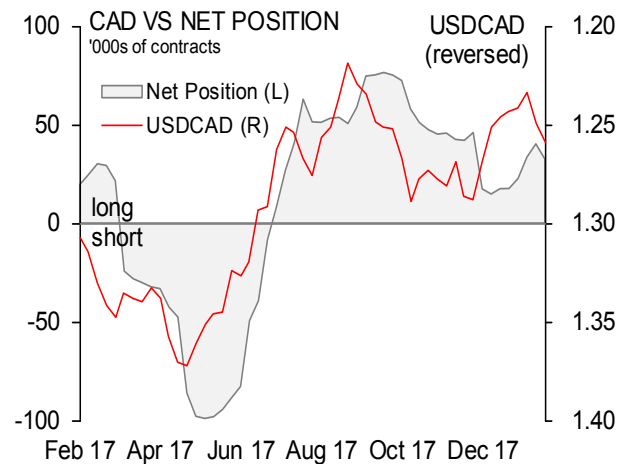
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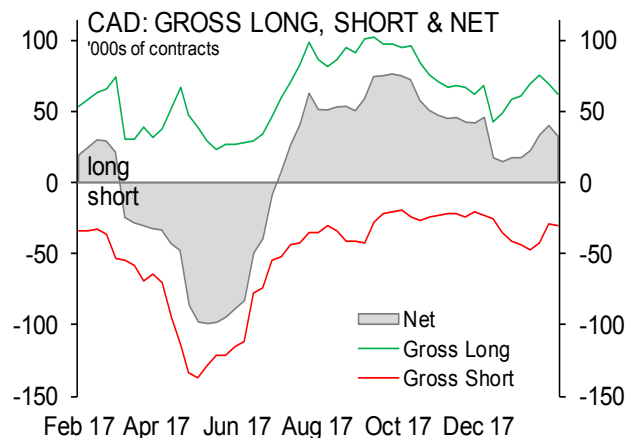
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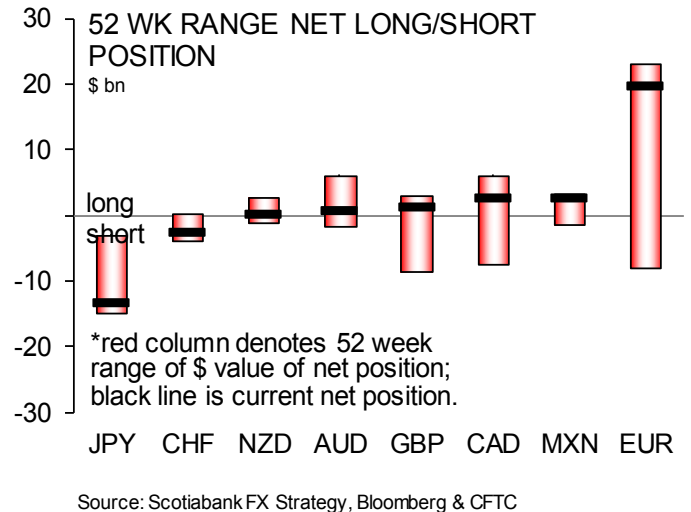
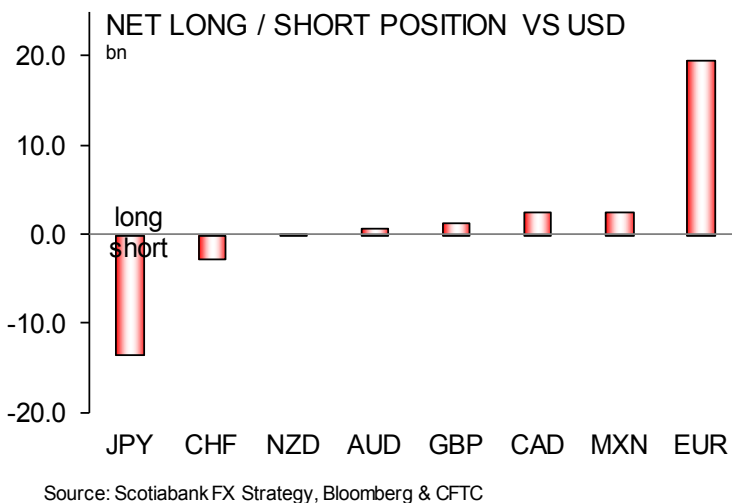
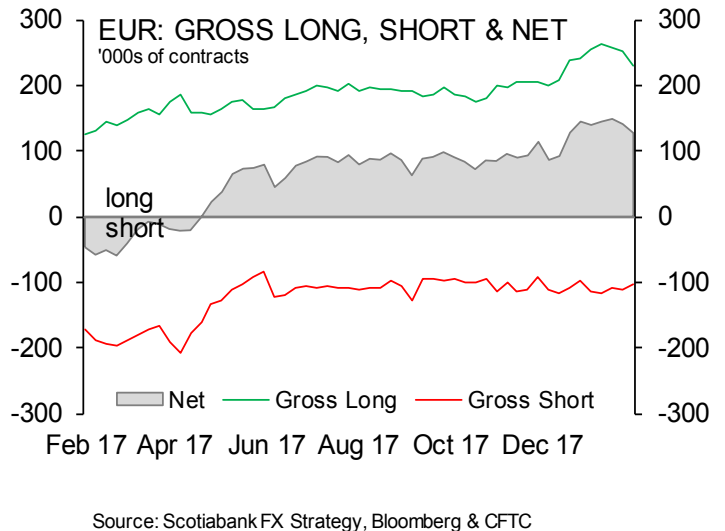
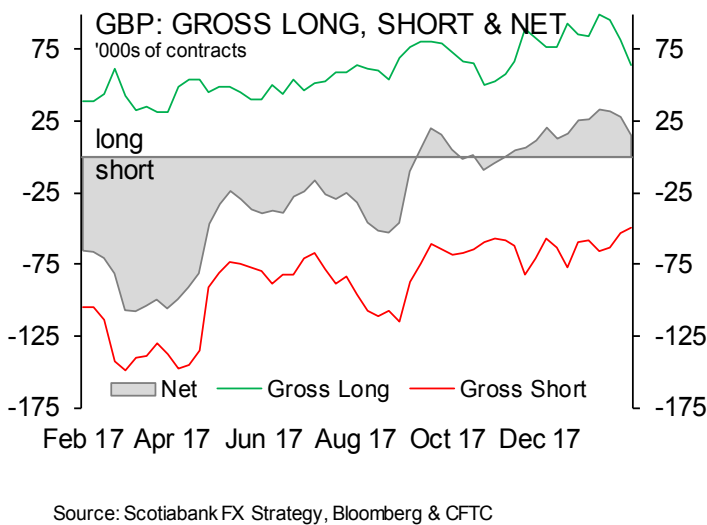
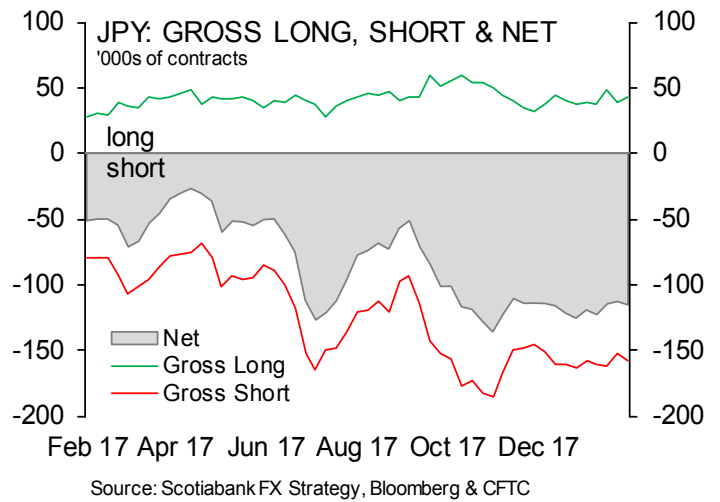
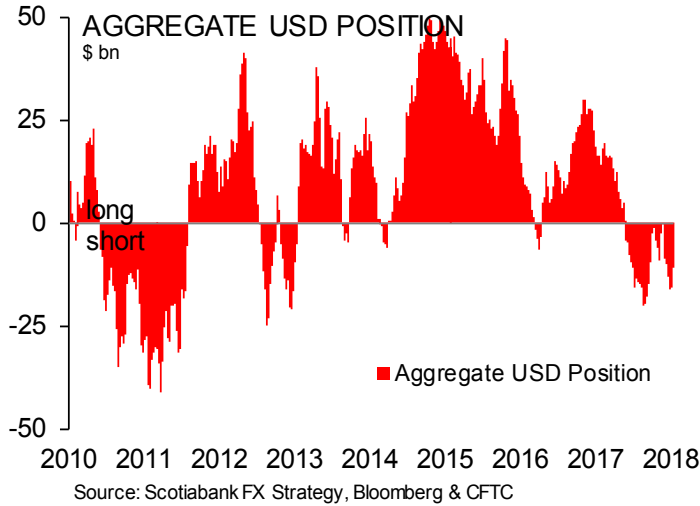
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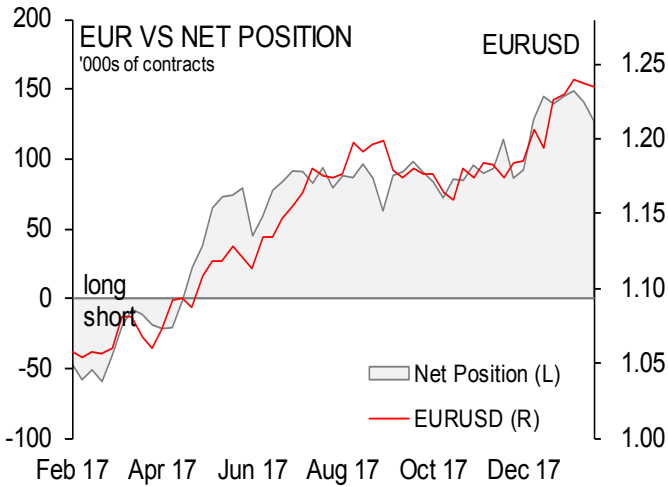


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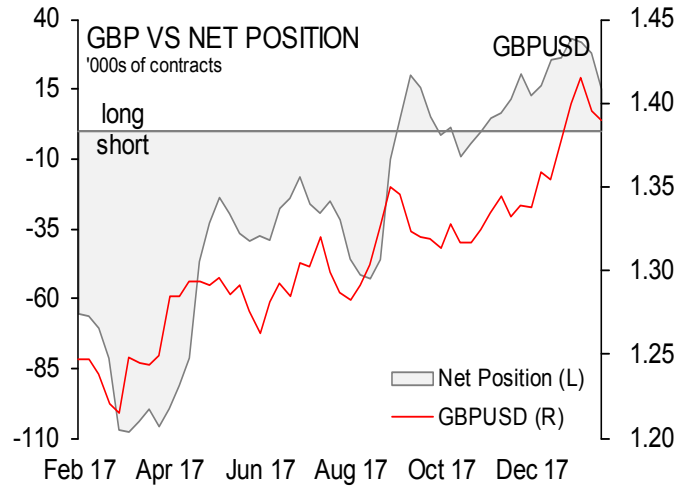


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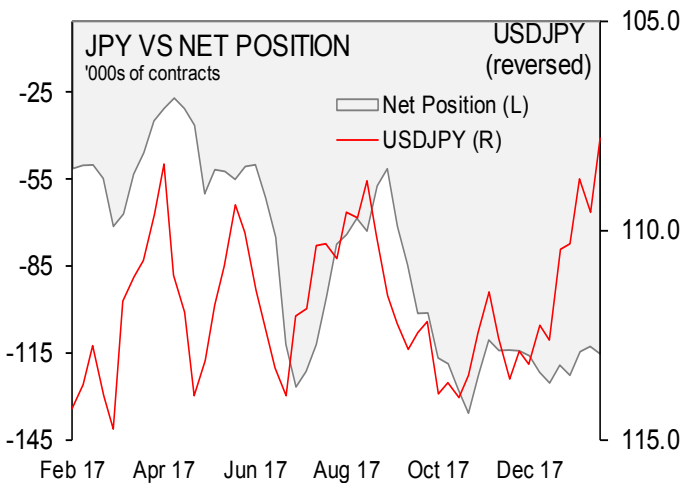
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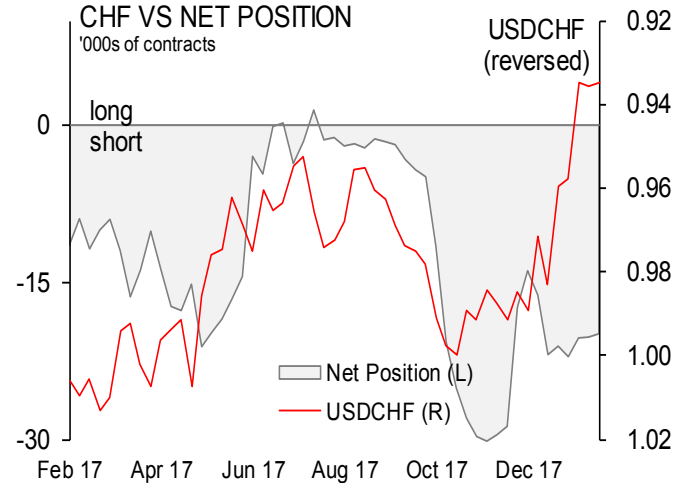
Date	(\$MM)	Position - Contracts of 125,000 EUR				Open Int.
	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	
13-Feb	19,653	230,785	103,496	127,289	-13,534	564,233
6-Feb	21,787	251,369	110,546	140,823	-7,919	596,937
30-Jan	23,059	258,022	109,280	148,742	4,025	603,460
23-Jan	22,248	262,175	117,458	144,717	5,227	608,683

GBP — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING

Date	(\$MM)	Position - Contracts of 62,500 GBP				Open Int.
	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	
13-Feb	1,297	64,164	49,224	14,940	-12,927	193,326
6-Feb	2,429	81,698	53,831	27,867	-3,874	216,402
30-Jan	2,806	95,667	63,926	31,741	-1,304	235,080
23-Jan	2,891	99,369	66,324	33,045	6,841	236,432



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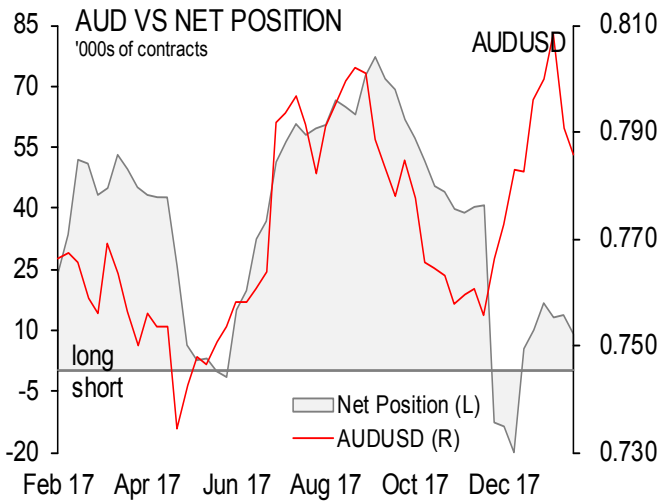
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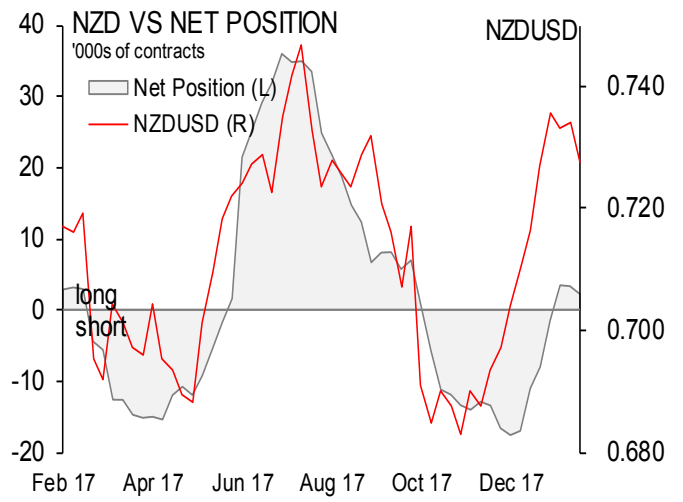
Date	(\$MM)	Position - Contracts of 12.5MM JPY				Open Int.
	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	
13-Feb	-13,391	42,299	157,808	-115,509	-2,633	260,170
6-Feb	-12,878	39,108	151,984	-112,876	1,820	249,478
30-Jan	-13,180	47,828	162,524	-114,696	8,174	260,237
23-Jan	-13,923	37,260	160,130	-122,870	-3,520	241,136

CHF — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING

Date	(\$MM)	Position - Contracts of 125,000 CHF				Open Int.
	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	
13-Feb	-2,664	17,763	37,688	-19,925	316	74,651
6-Feb	-2,703	16,898	37,139	-20,241	86	73,968
30-Jan	-2,718	16,673	37,000	-20,327	1,788	72,587
23-Jan	-2,886	14,245	36,360	-22,115	-1,009	71,767



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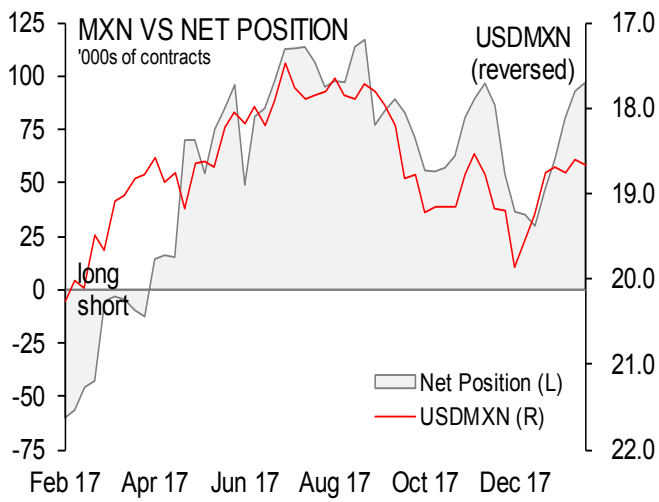
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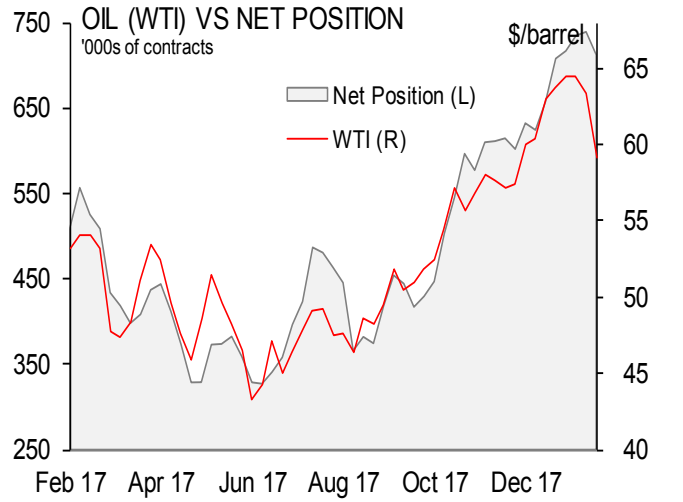
Date	(\$MM)	Position - Contracts of 100,000 AUD				Open Int.
	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	
13-Feb	714	49,208	40,127	9,081	-4,667	113,967
6-Feb	1,087	68,273	54,525	13,748	597	139,810
30-Jan	1,063	63,496	50,345	13,151	-3,528	140,204
23-Jan	1,334	63,551	46,872	16,679	6,605	141,176

NZD — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING

Date	(\$MM)	Position - Contracts of 100,000 NZD				Open Int.
	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	
13-Feb	161	28,648	26,428	2,220	-1,112	53,739
6-Feb	245	29,316	25,984	3,332	-138	55,563
30-Jan	254	29,667	26,197	3,470	4,936	55,783
23-Jan	-108	24,620	26,086	-1,466	6,525	53,374



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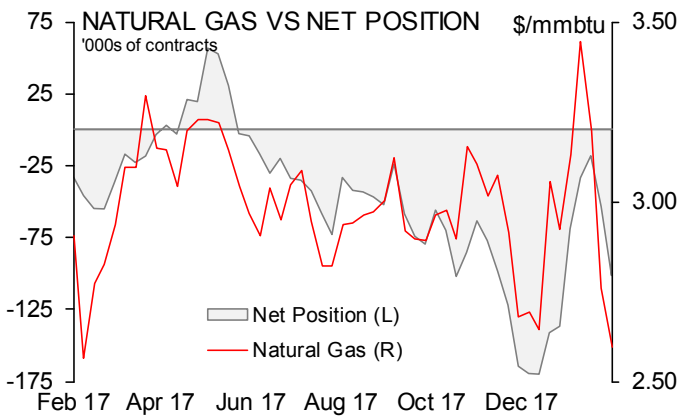
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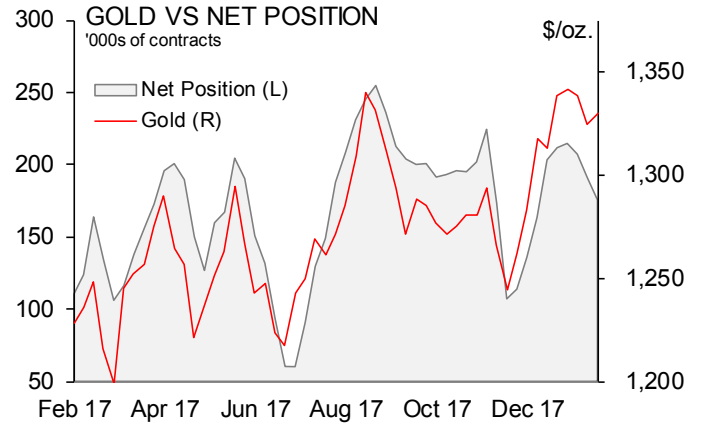
Date	(\$MM)	Position - Contracts of 500,000 MXN				Open Int.
	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	
13-Feb	2,593	122,762	25,984	96,778	3,923	196,517
6-Feb	2,495	127,650	34,795	92,855	12,810	201,316
30-Jan	2,133	110,923	30,878	80,045	18,890	188,829
23-Jan	1,635	97,964	36,809	61,155	14,360	178,983

NYMEX Crude — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING

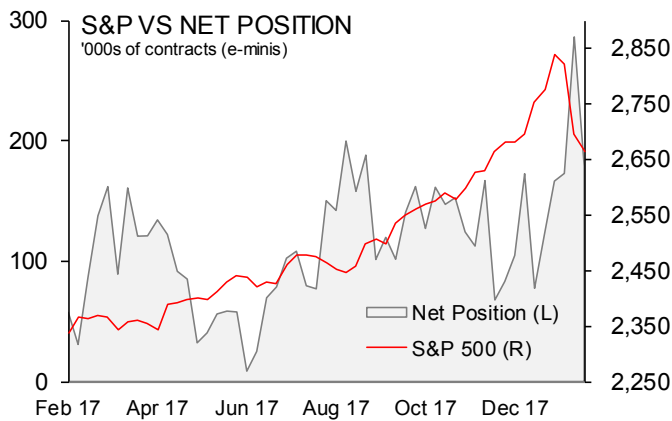
Date	(\$MM)	Position - Contracts of 1000 barrels				Open Int.
	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	
13-Feb	42,159	837,456	125,195	712,261	-26,836	2,530,604
6-Feb	46,851	862,102	123,005	739,097	4,539	2,589,270
30-Jan	47,379	866,033	131,475	734,558	17,863	2,643,683
23-Jan	46,205	852,332	135,637	716,695	8,908	2,593,128



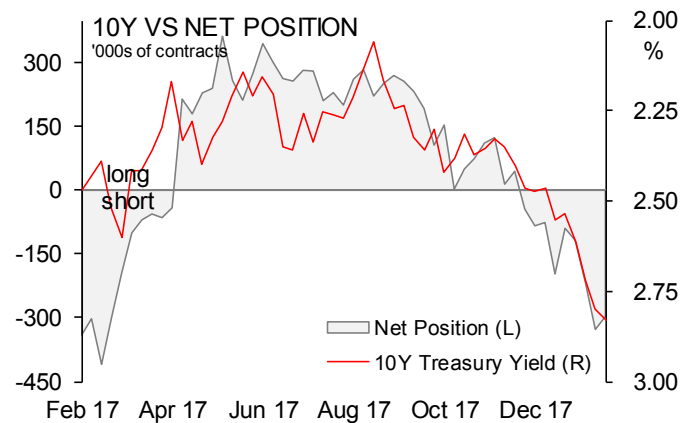
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