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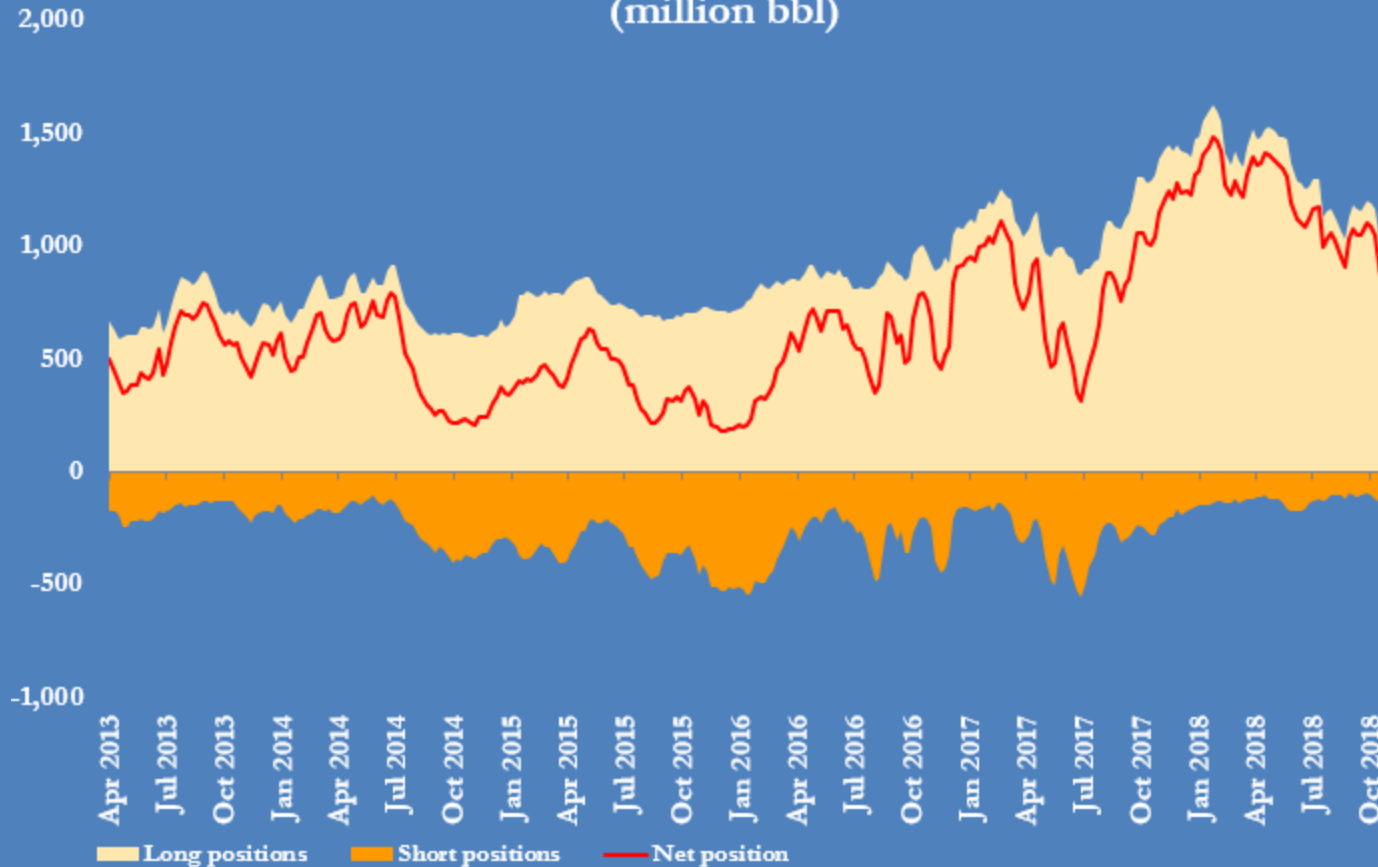
## Selected indicators

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Data for the week ending 30 Oct 2018

# Hedge funds cut net long position in petroleum complex by -73 million bbl to 729 million bbl (longs -45mn, shorts +28mn)

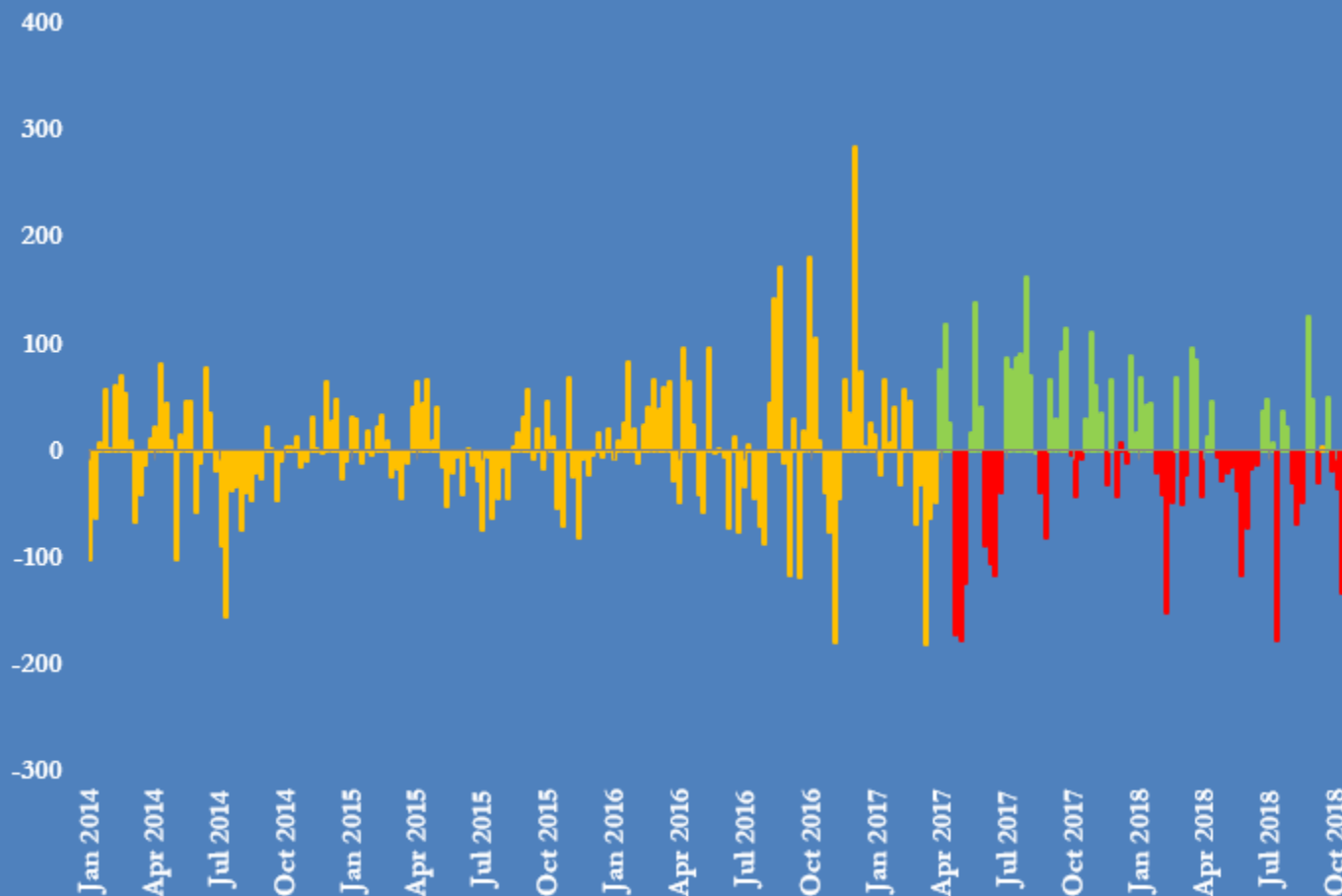
Money managers' total long and short positions in Brent, WTI, U.S. gasoline, U.S. heating oil and European gasoil (million bbl)



Source: U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, ICE Futures Europe

Hedge funds have cut net long position by -371 million bbl in last five weeks after raising it by +196 million bbl in previous five weeks

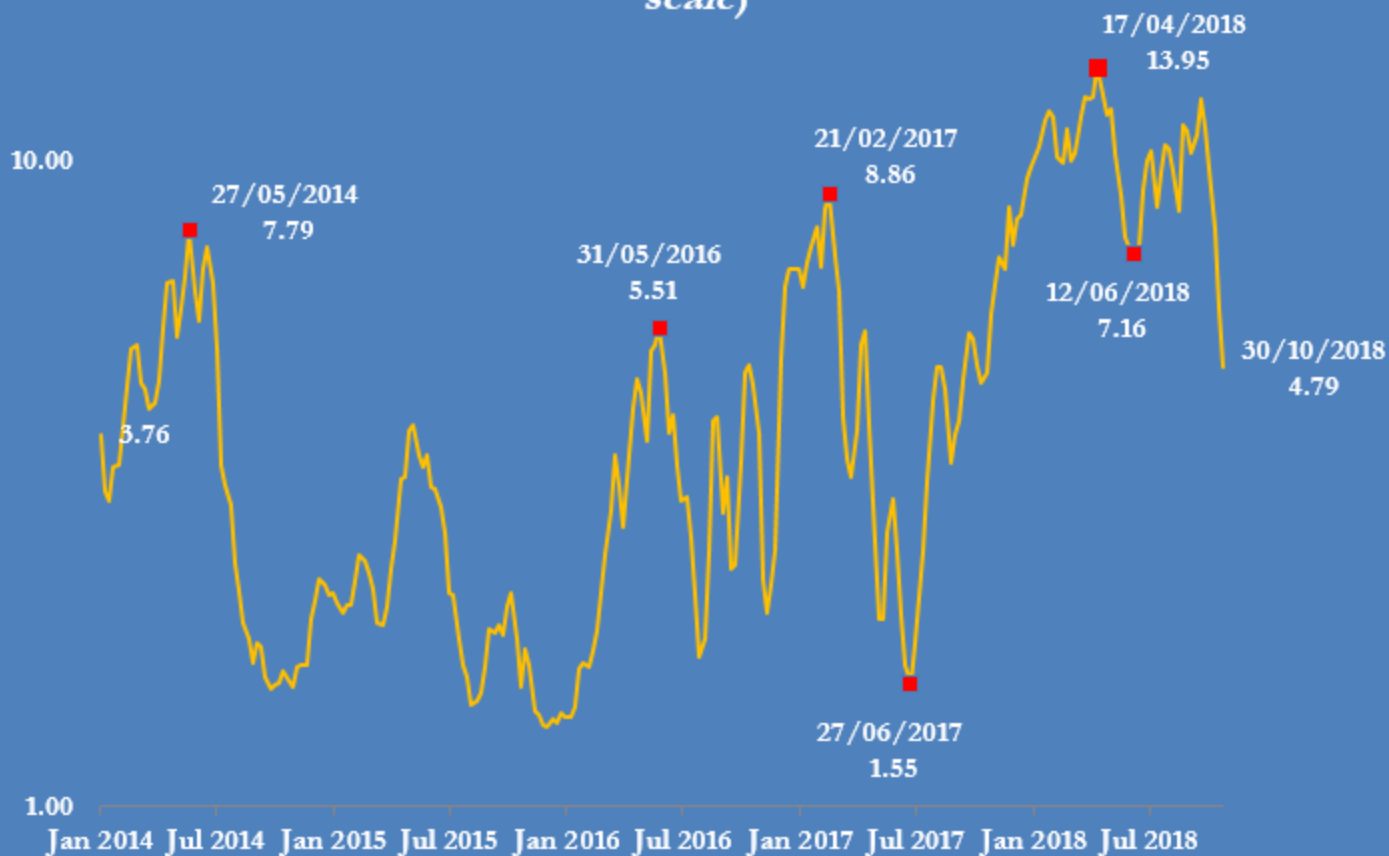
Money managers' weekly net position change in Brent, WTI, U.S. gasoline, U.S. heating oil and Euro gasoil (million bbl)



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Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in petroleum fell to 4.79 from 5.88 the prior week and the lowest for a year

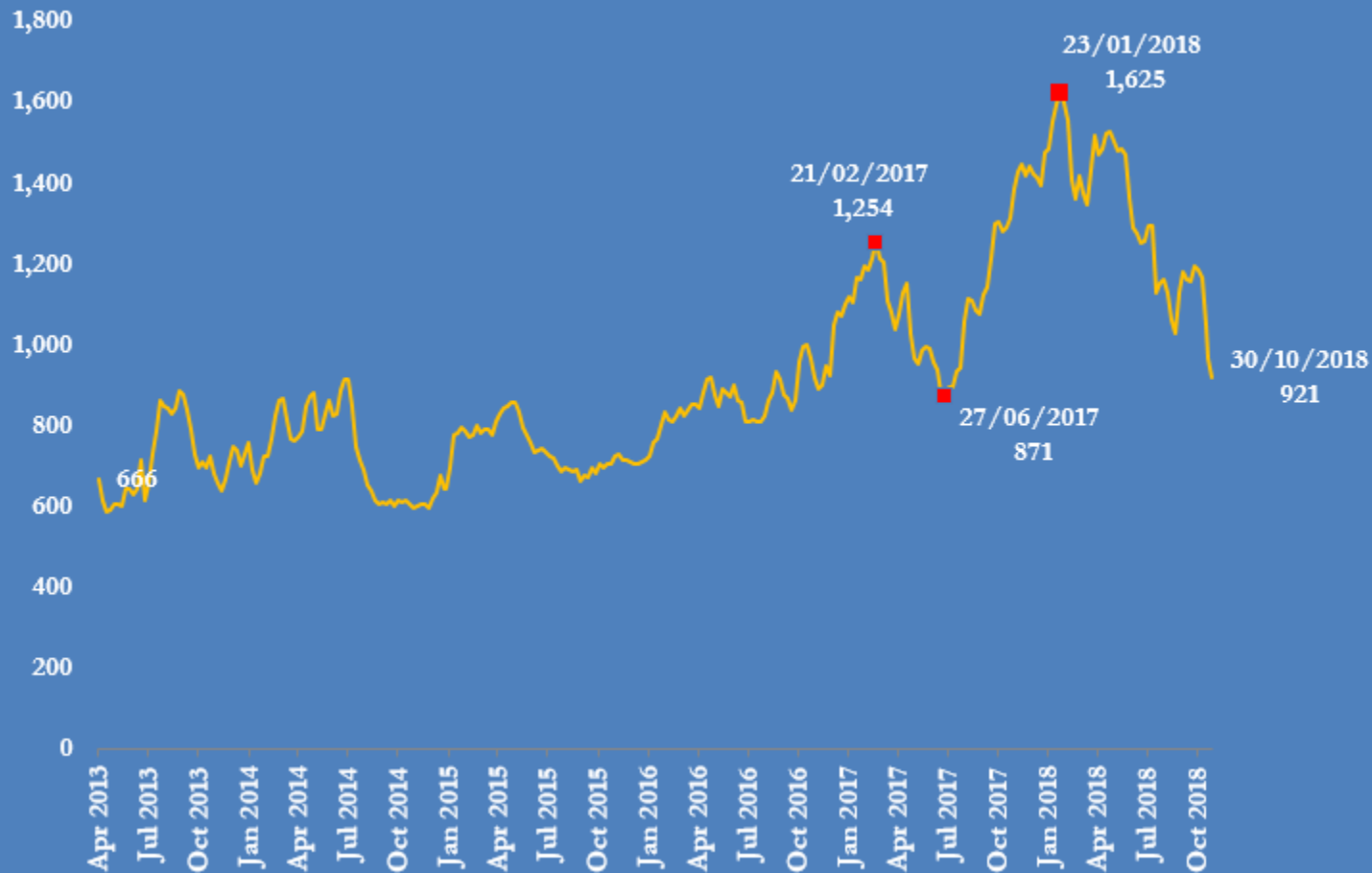
Ratio of money manager long to short positions in petroleum (Brent+WTI+gasoline+heating oil+ gasoil) (*log-scale*)



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# Hedge funds cut total long positions in petroleum by -45 million bbl to 921 million bbl, the lowest level since Jul 2017

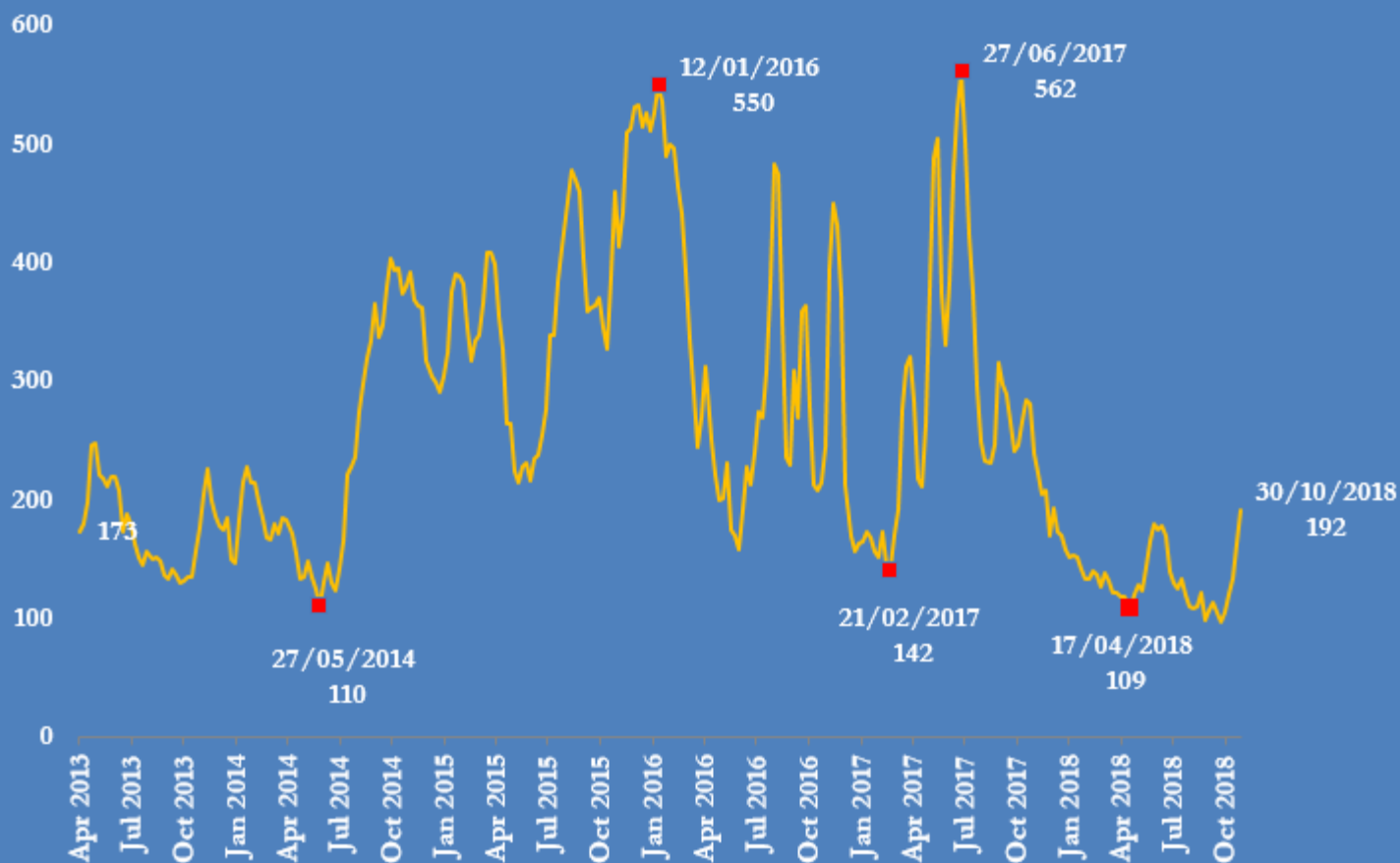
Money managers' total long positions in Brent, WTI, U.S. gasoline, U.S. heating oil and European gasoil (million bbl)



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# Hedge funds raised short positions in petroleum complex by +28 million bbl to 192 million bbl, the highest since Dec 2017

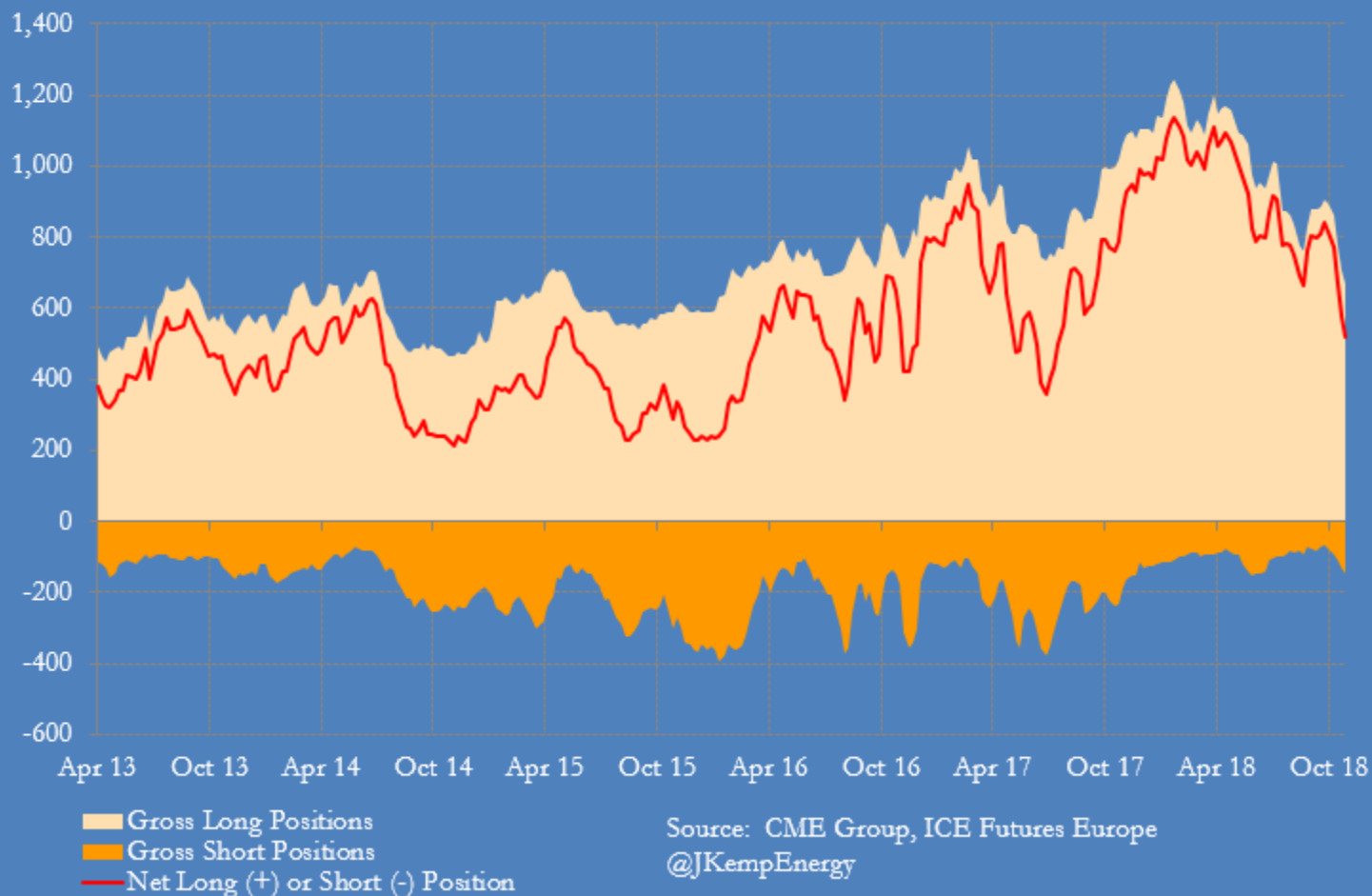
Money managers' total short positions in Brent, WTI, U.S. gasoline, U.S. heating oil and European gasoil (million bbl)



Source: U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, ICE Futures Europe

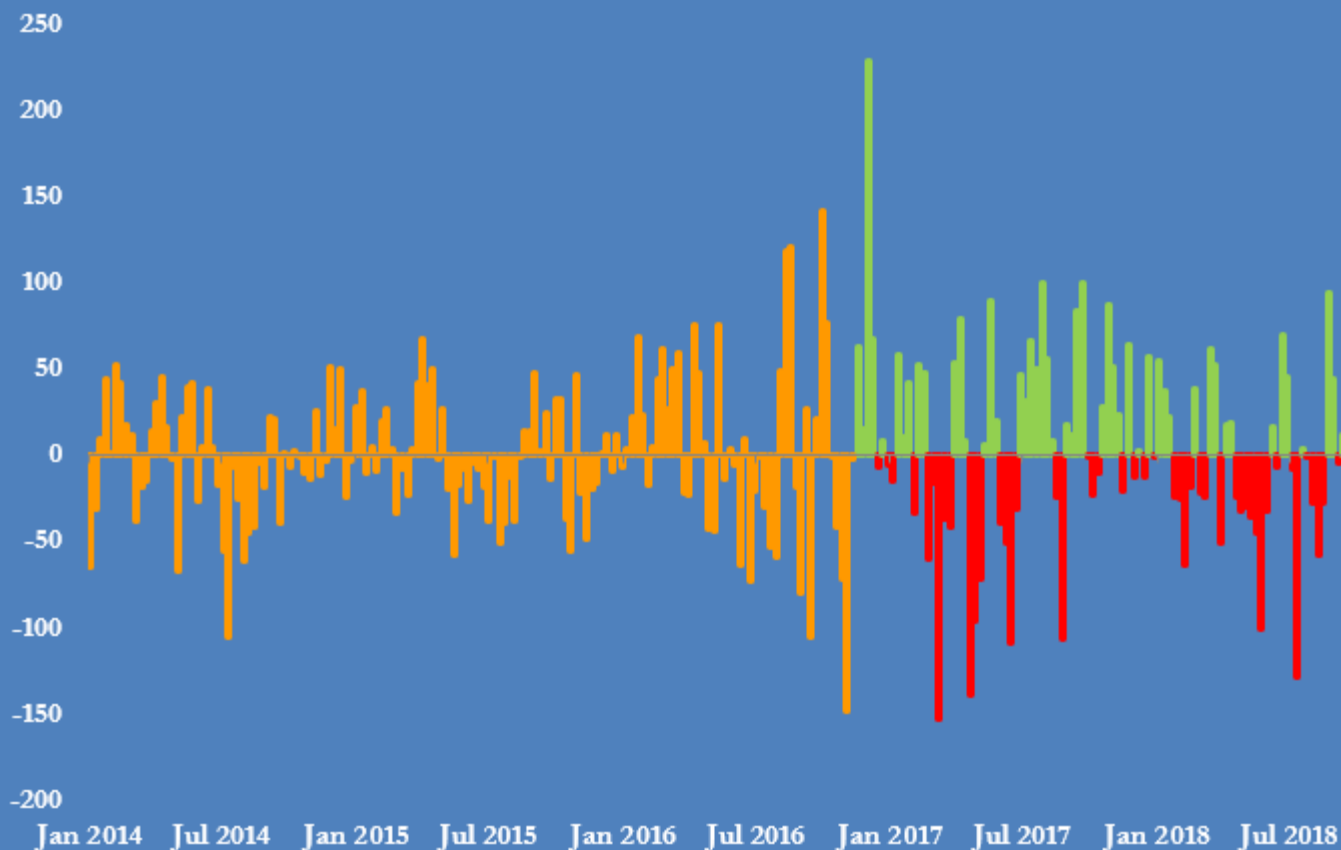
Hedge funds cut combined net long position in Brent+WTI by -56 million bbl to 522 million (longs -36mn, shorts +20mn)

Money managers' long and short positions in the three main crude oil futures and options contracts (million barrels)  
(NYMEX WTI, ICE WTI and ICE Brent)



Hedge funds have cut Brent+WTI net long position by -321 million bbl in last five weeks after raising it +177 million bbl over prior five weeks

Money managers' net long position in Brent+WTI  
Combined NYMEX +ICE, weekly change, million bbl

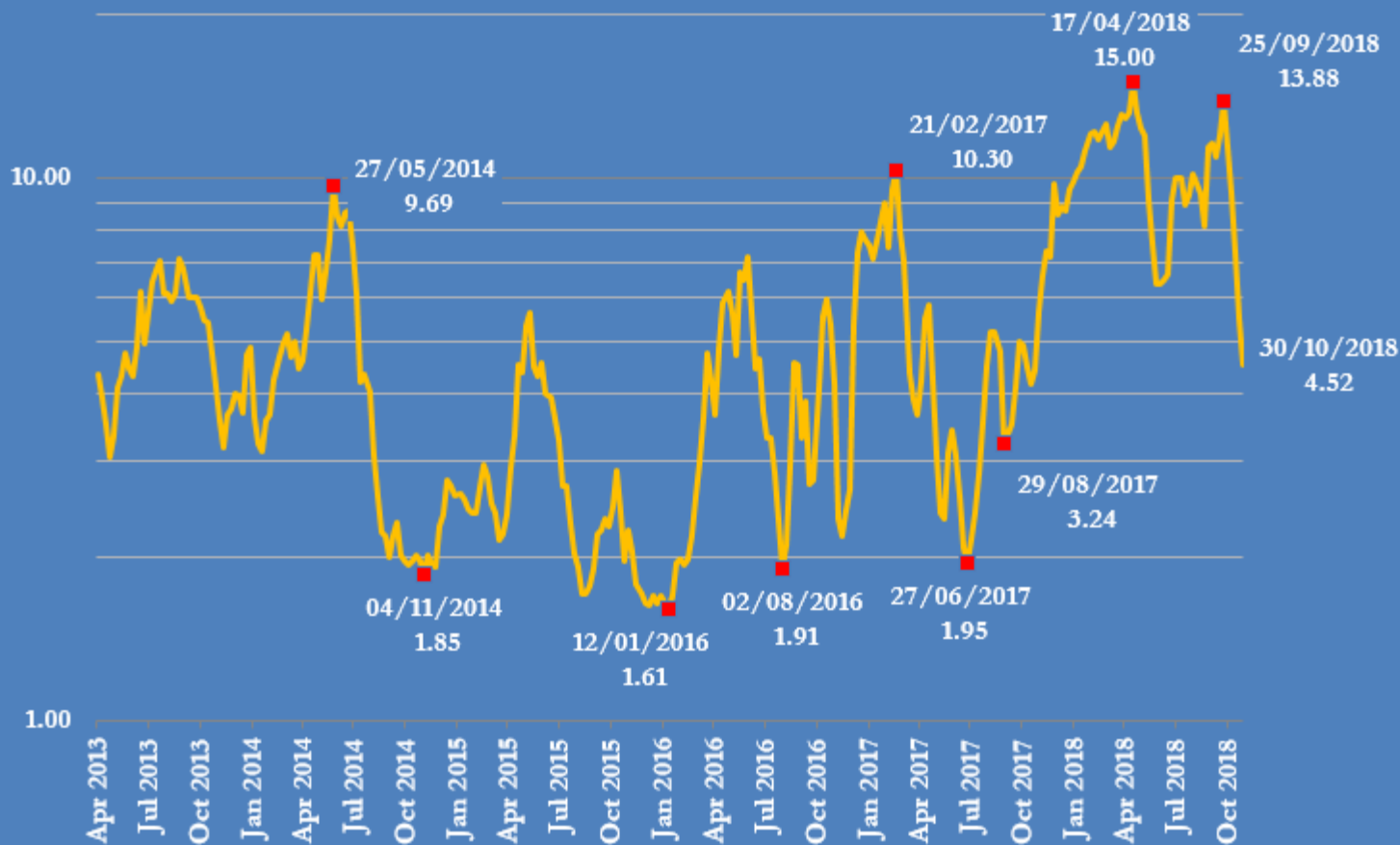


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Hedge funds' ratio of long to short positions in Brent+WTI fell to 4.52 from 5.51 the prior week and the lowest for a year

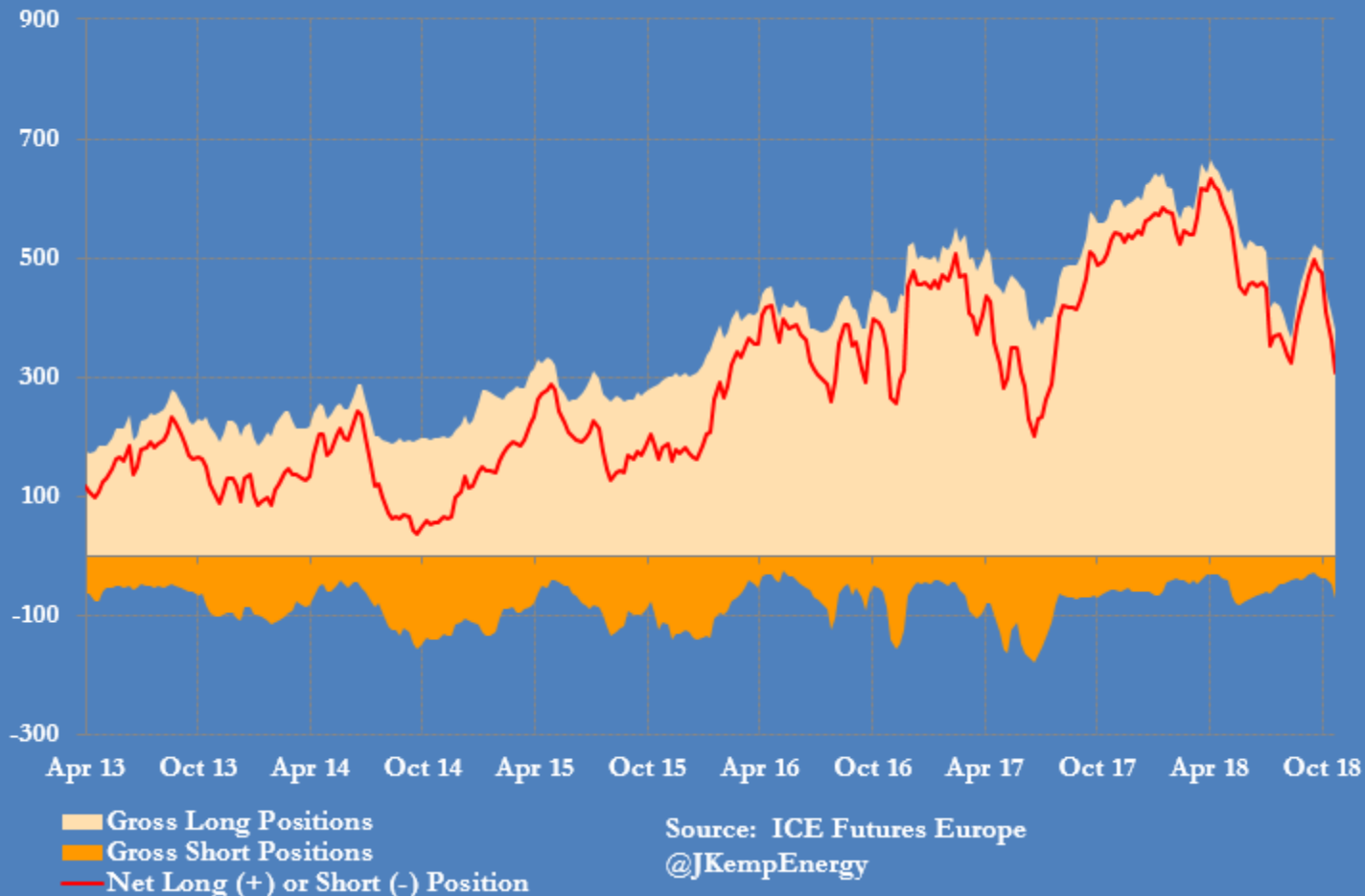
Ratio of money managers' long to short positions in Brent+WTI (NYMEX +ICE) (*log scale*)



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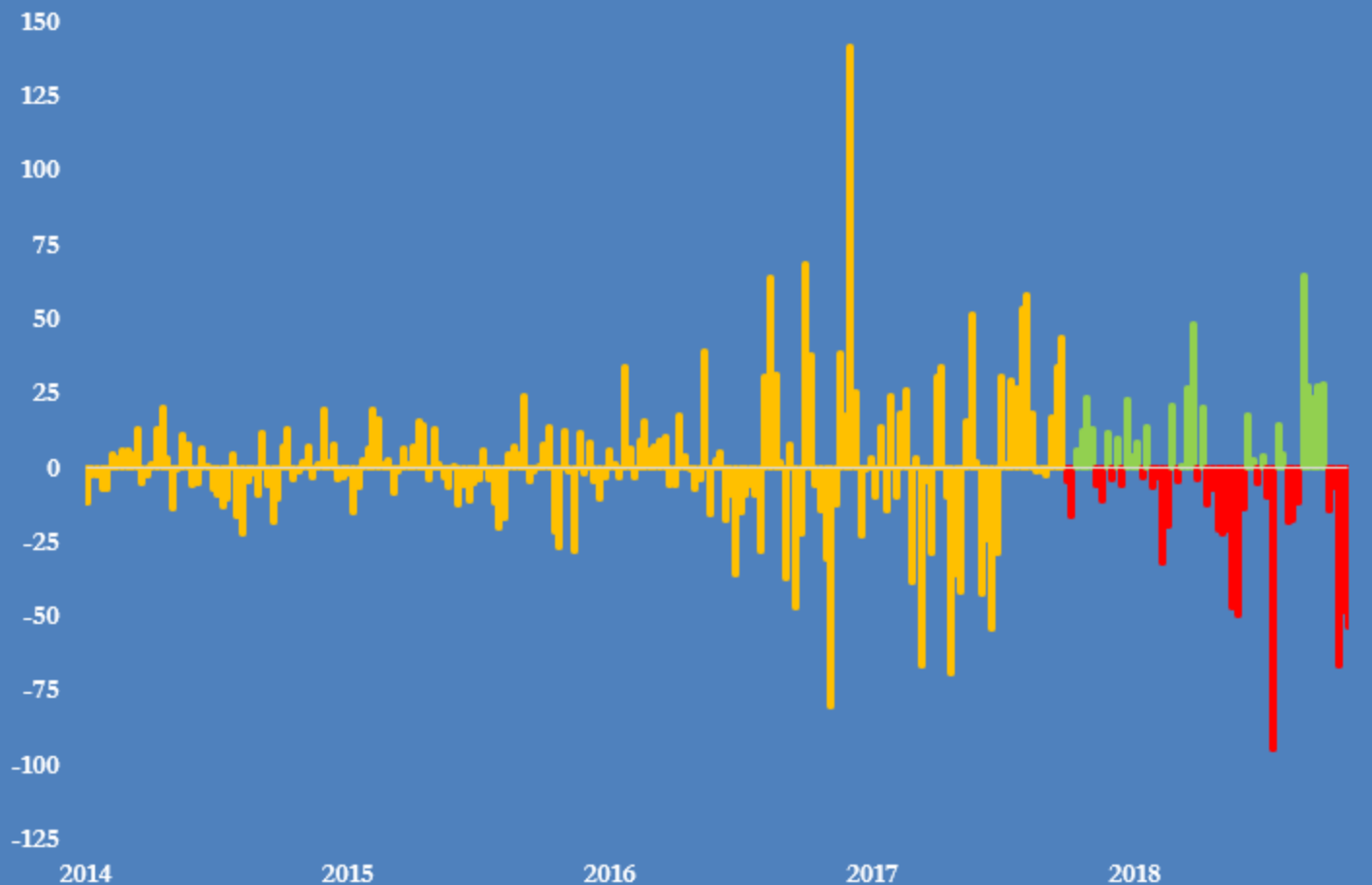
# Hedge funds cut net long position in ICE Brent by -54 million bbl to 307 million bbl (longs -29mn, shorts +24mn)

Money managers' long and short positions in Brent futures and options contracts (million barrels)  
(ICE Brent)



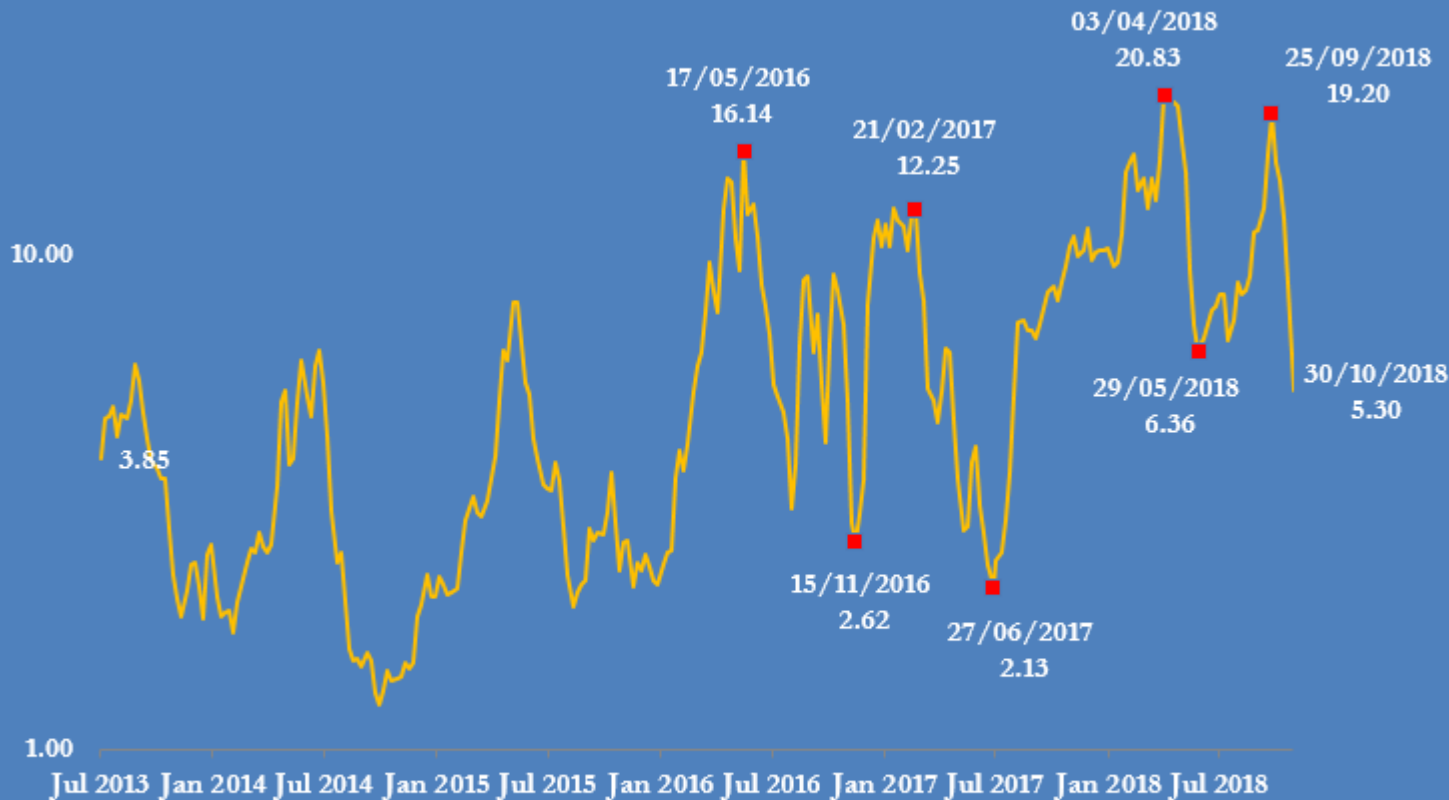
Hedge funds have cut net long position in Brent by -189 million in last five weeks after raising it by +172 million bbl in previous five weeks

Money managers' net long position in Brent  
weekly change, million bbl



Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in Brent fell to 5.30 from 8.65 the prior week and recent high of 19.20 on Sep 25

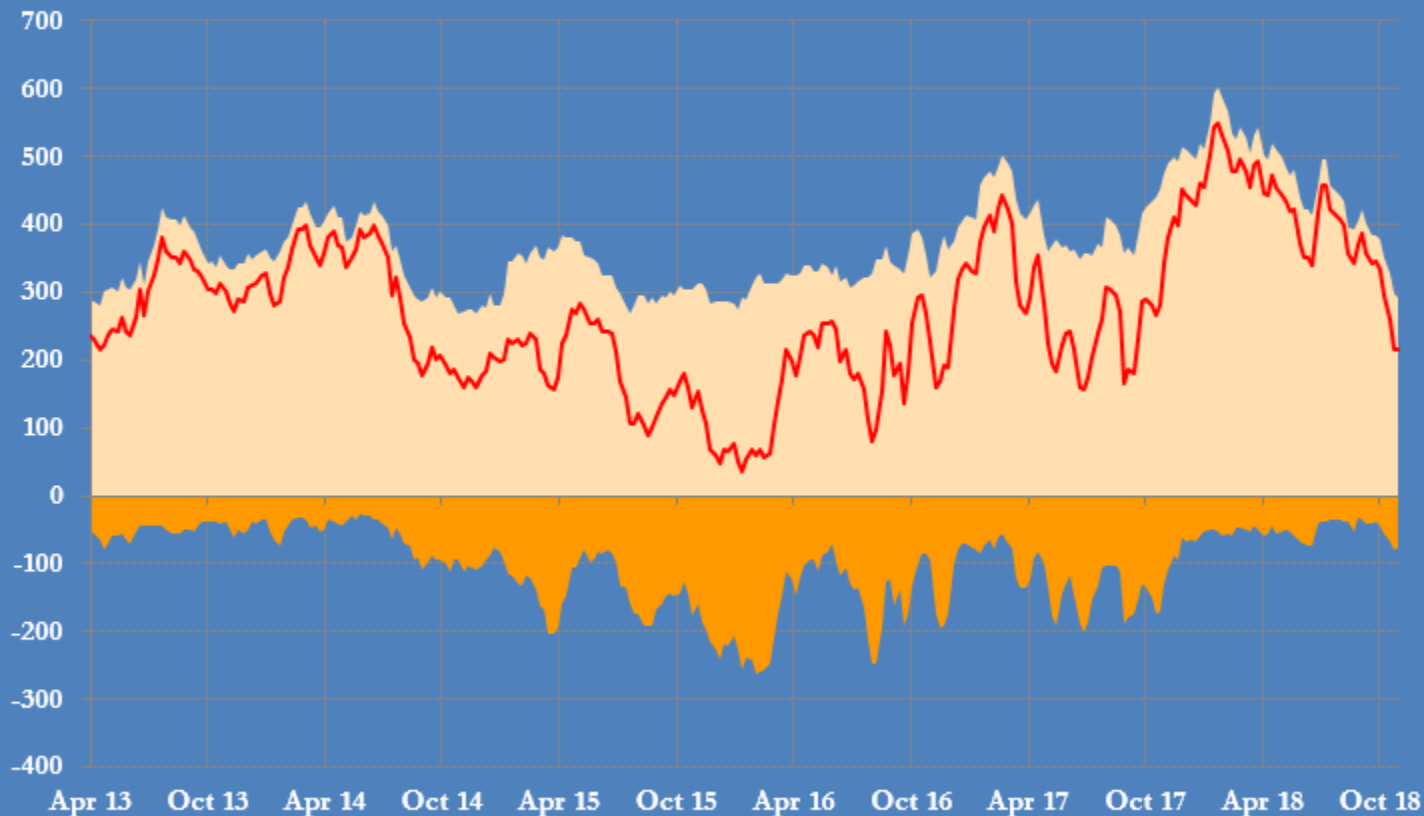
Ratio of money managers' long to short positions  
in ICE Brent (log scale)



Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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# Hedge funds cut net long position in NYMEX+ICE WTI by -2 million bbl to 215 million (longs -6mn, shorts -4mn)

Money managers' long and short positions in WTI futures and options contracts (million barrels)  
(NYMEX WTI and ICE WTI)

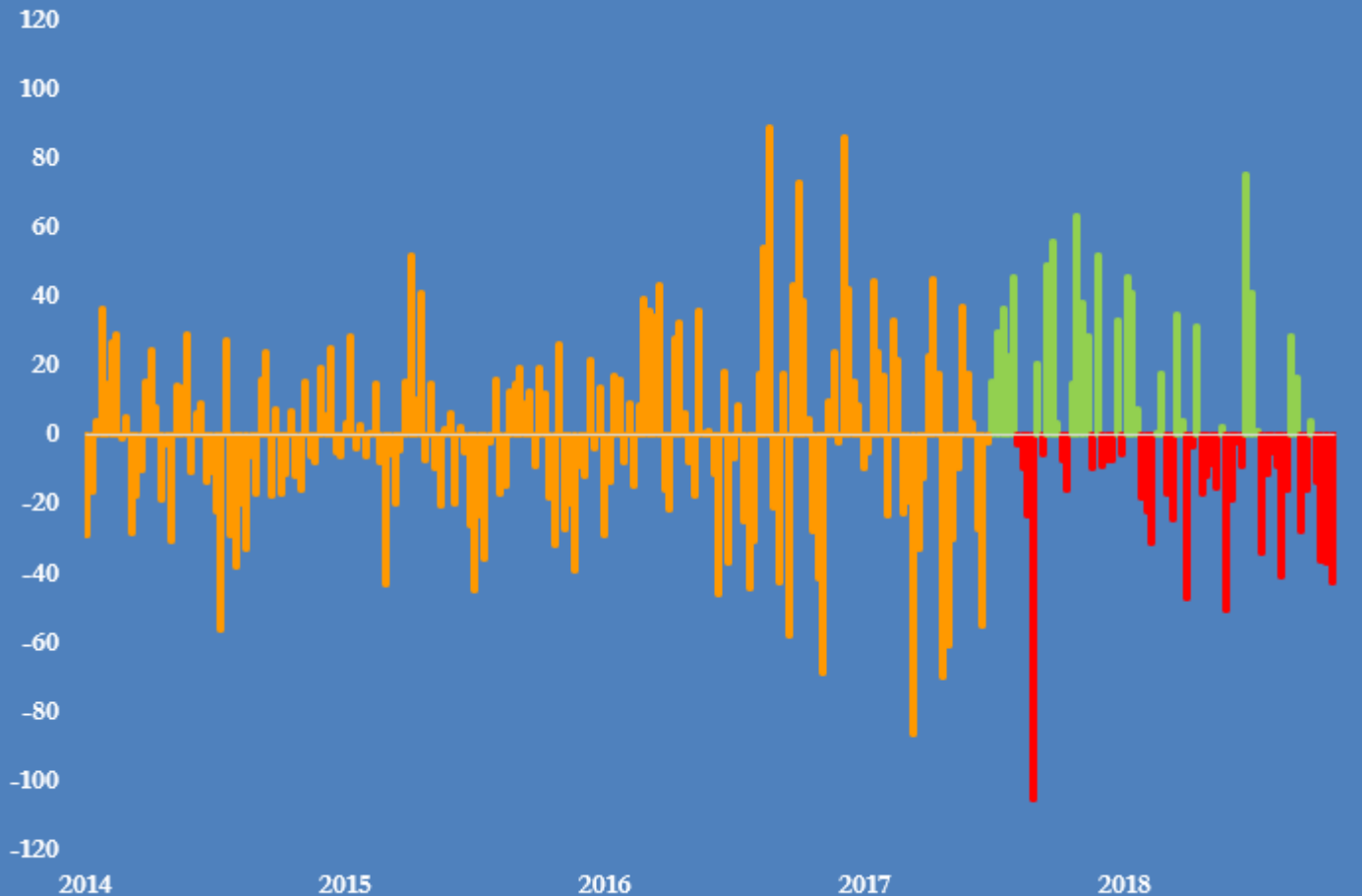


■ Gross Long Positions  
■ Gross Short Positions  
— Net Long (+) or Short (-) Position

Source: CME Group, ICE Futures Europe  
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# Hedge funds have cut net long position in NYMEX+ICE WTI by a total of -172 million bbl in last eight weeks to lowest level since Sep 2017

Money managers' combined net long position in NYMEX+ICE WTI, weekly change, million bbl

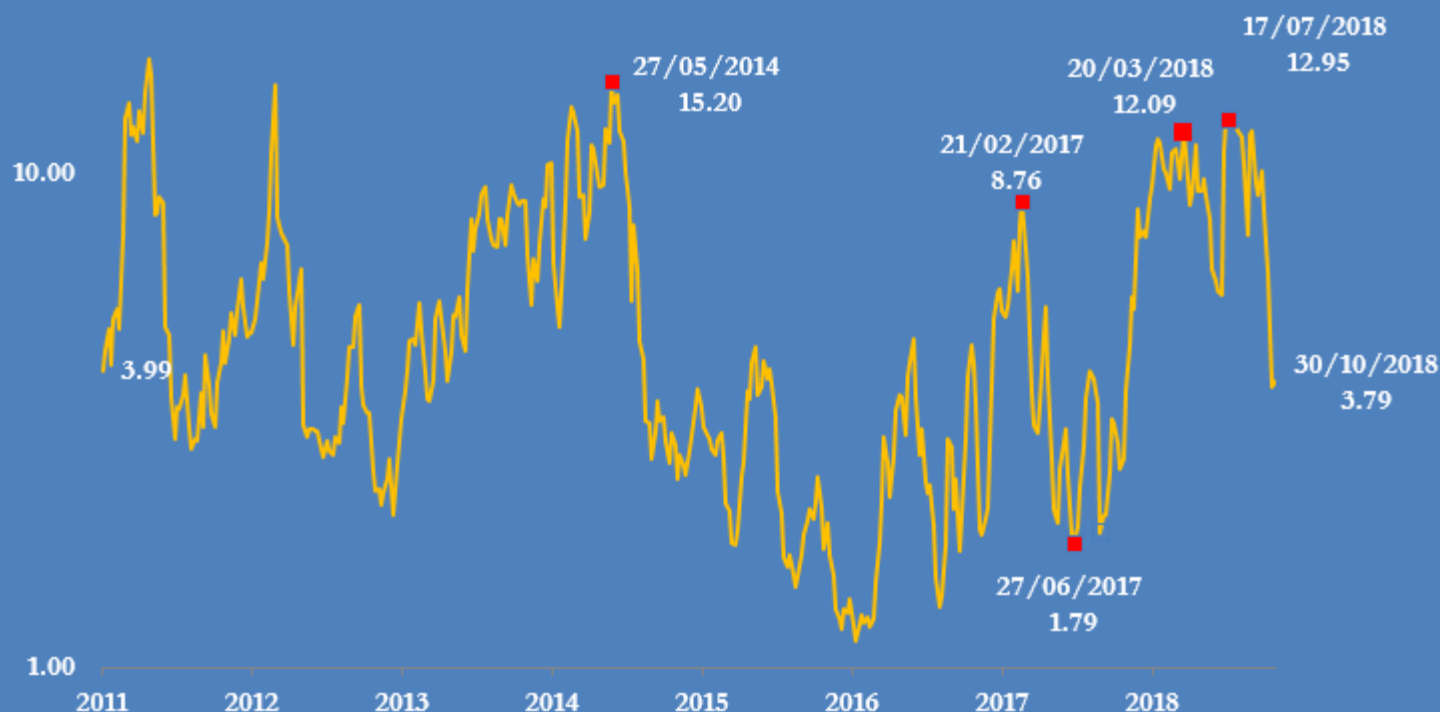


Source: U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission

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Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in NYMEX+ICE WTI edged up to 3.79 from 3.68 the prior week, which was lowest since Oct 2017

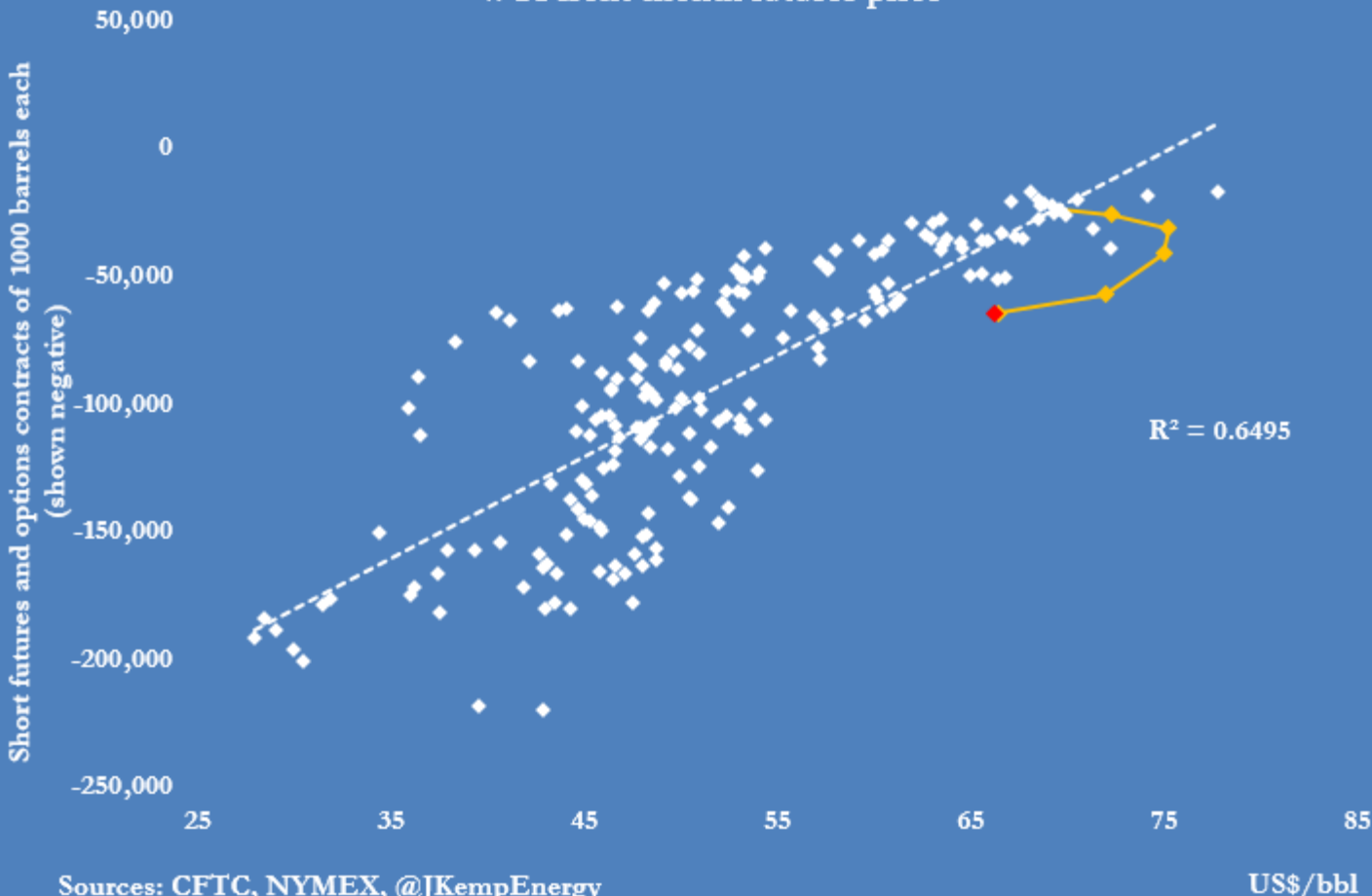
Ratio of money managers' long to short positions  
in NYMEX and ICE WTI (*log scale*)



Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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# Hedge funds left short positions in NYMEX WTI unchanged at 65 million bbl, the highest level since Nov 2017

Money managers' short positions and US oil prices in 2015-18  
Gross short position in main NYMEX light sweet crude contract  
WTI front-month futures price

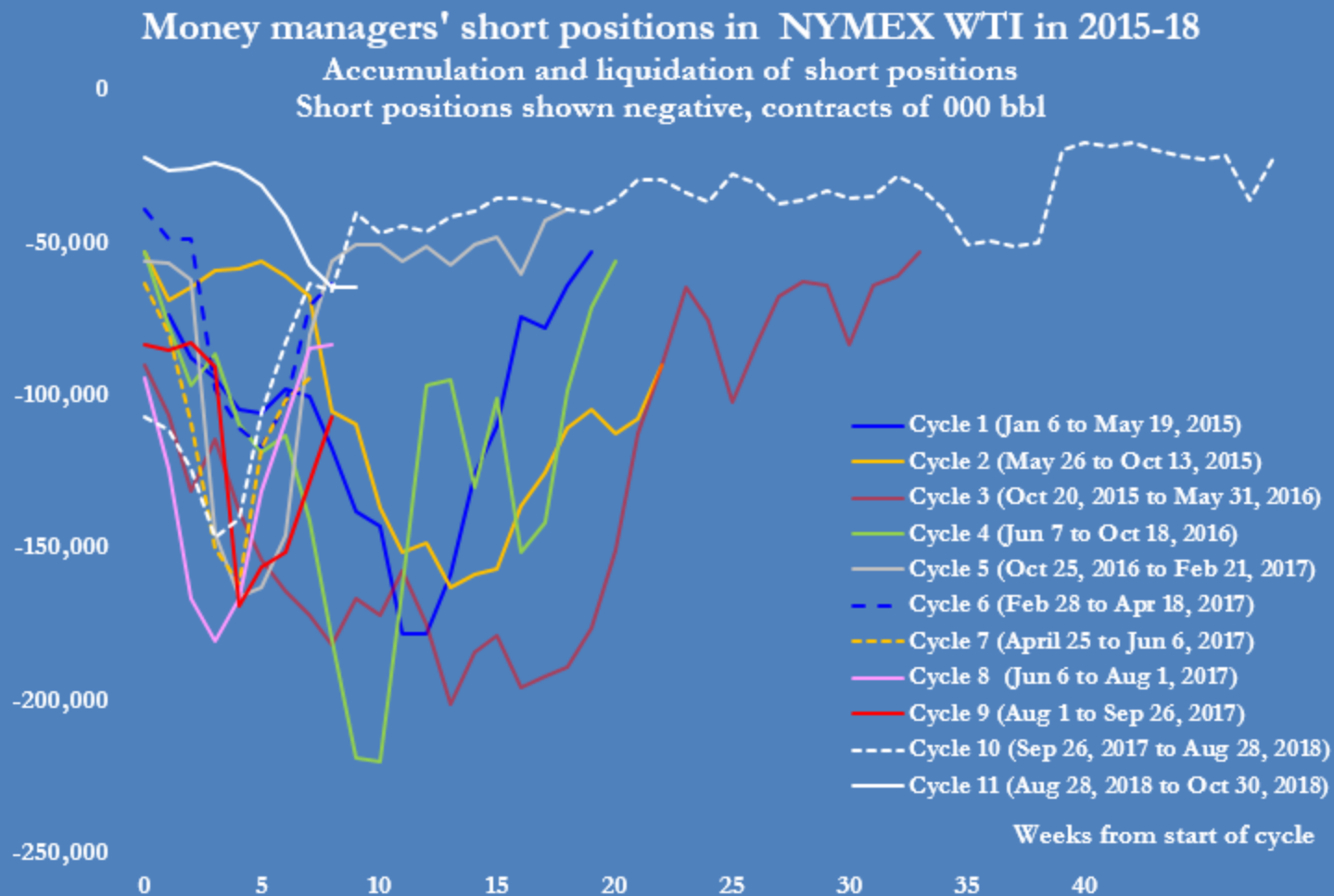


Sources: CFTC, NYMEX, @JKempEnergy  
Current value highlighted in red, prior value in orange

US\$/bbl



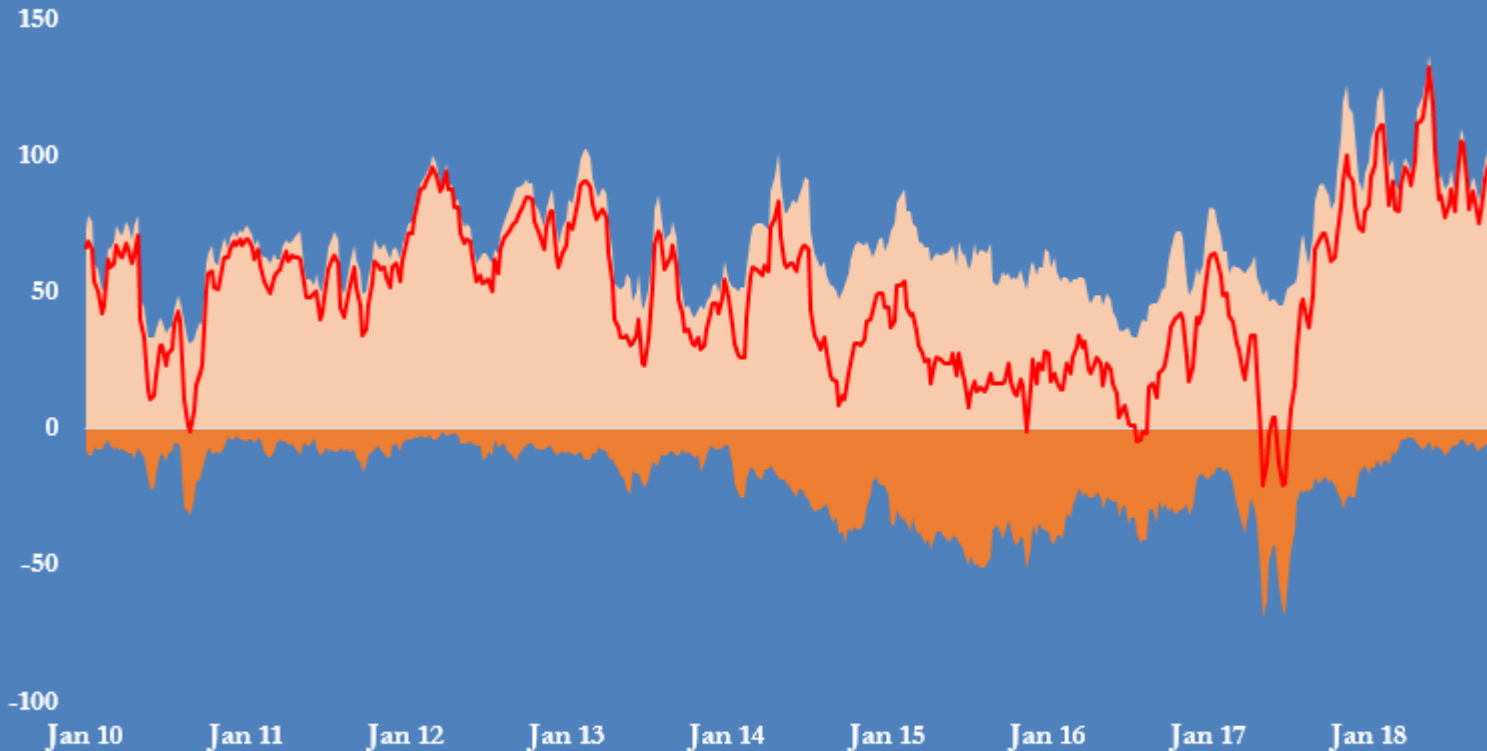
Hedge funds initiated a new cycle of short-selling in NYMEX WTI at the end of Aug and have since increased short positions by +42mn bbl



Source: U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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# Hedge funds cut net long position in NYMEX gasoline by -11 million bbl to 62 million bbl (longs -4mn, shorts +7mn)

Money managers' long and short positions in New York gasoline futures and options, NYMEX RBOB contract, million barrels

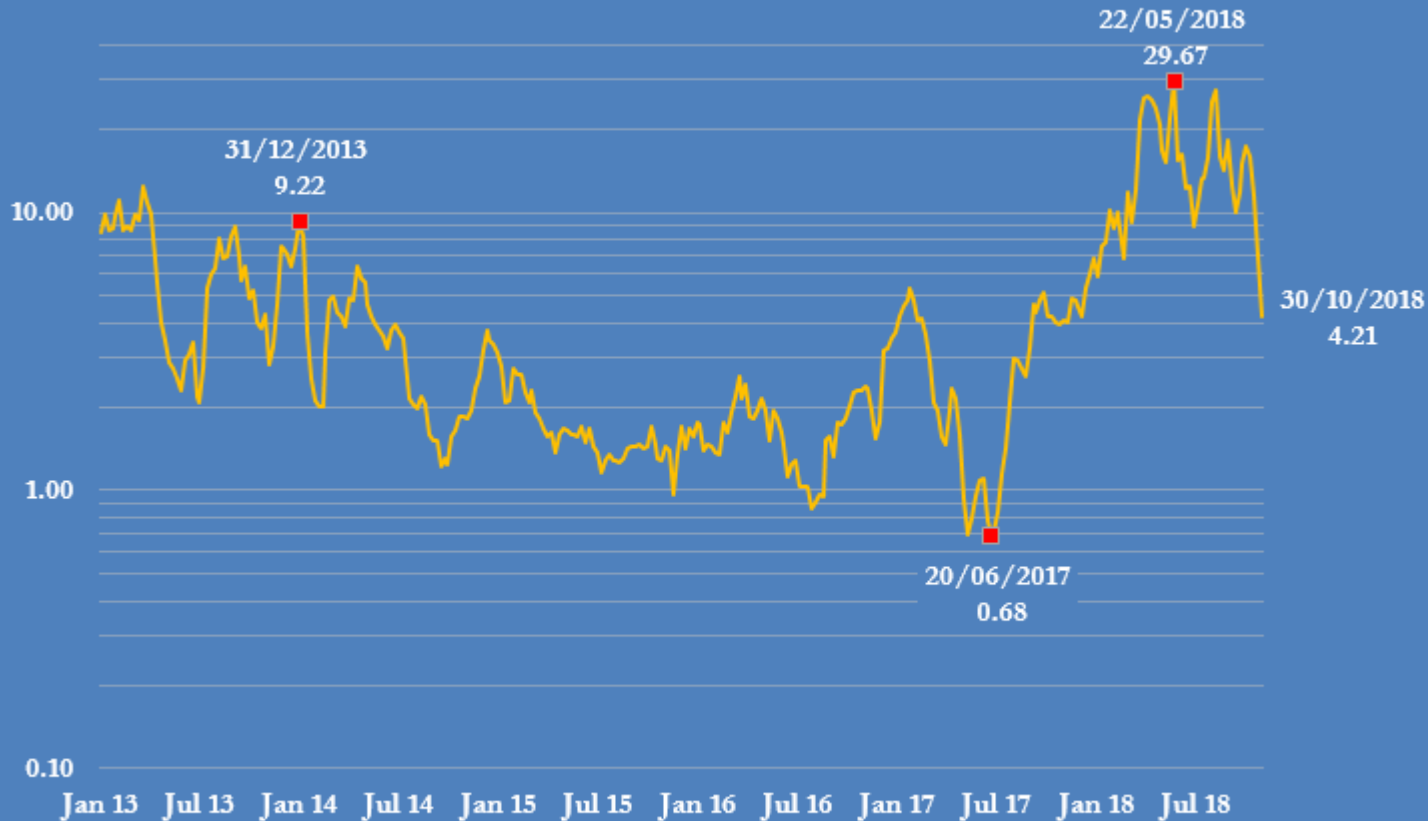


Long positions  
Short positions  
Net long position

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Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in gasoline fell to 4.21 from 6.92 the prior week and the lowest for a year

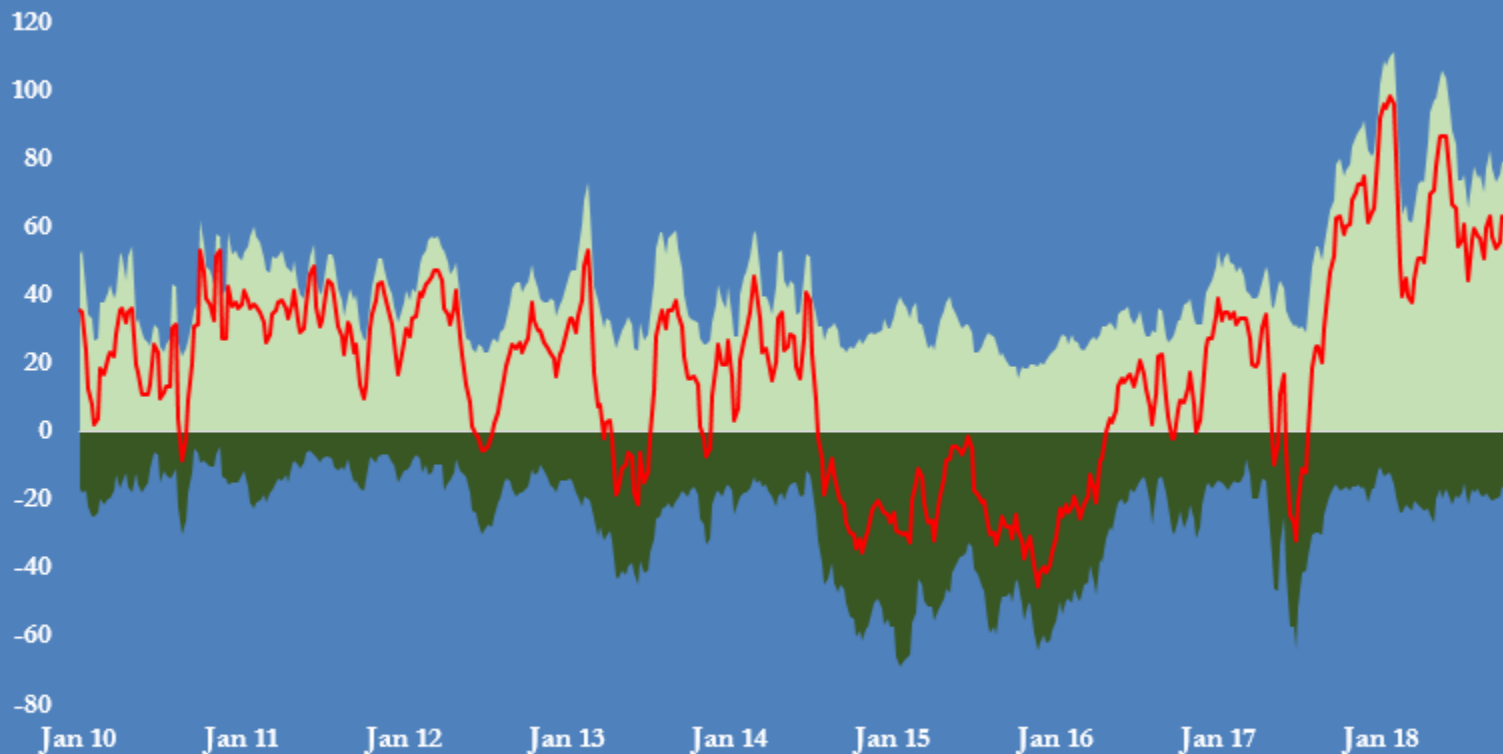
Ratio of money managers' long to short positions in New York gasoline futures and options (*log scale*)



Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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# Hedge funds cut net long position in NYMEX heating oil by -4 million bbl to 45 million bbl (longs -4mn, shorts unchanged)

Money managers' long and short positions in New York heating oil futures and options, NYMEX #2 heating oil, million barrels

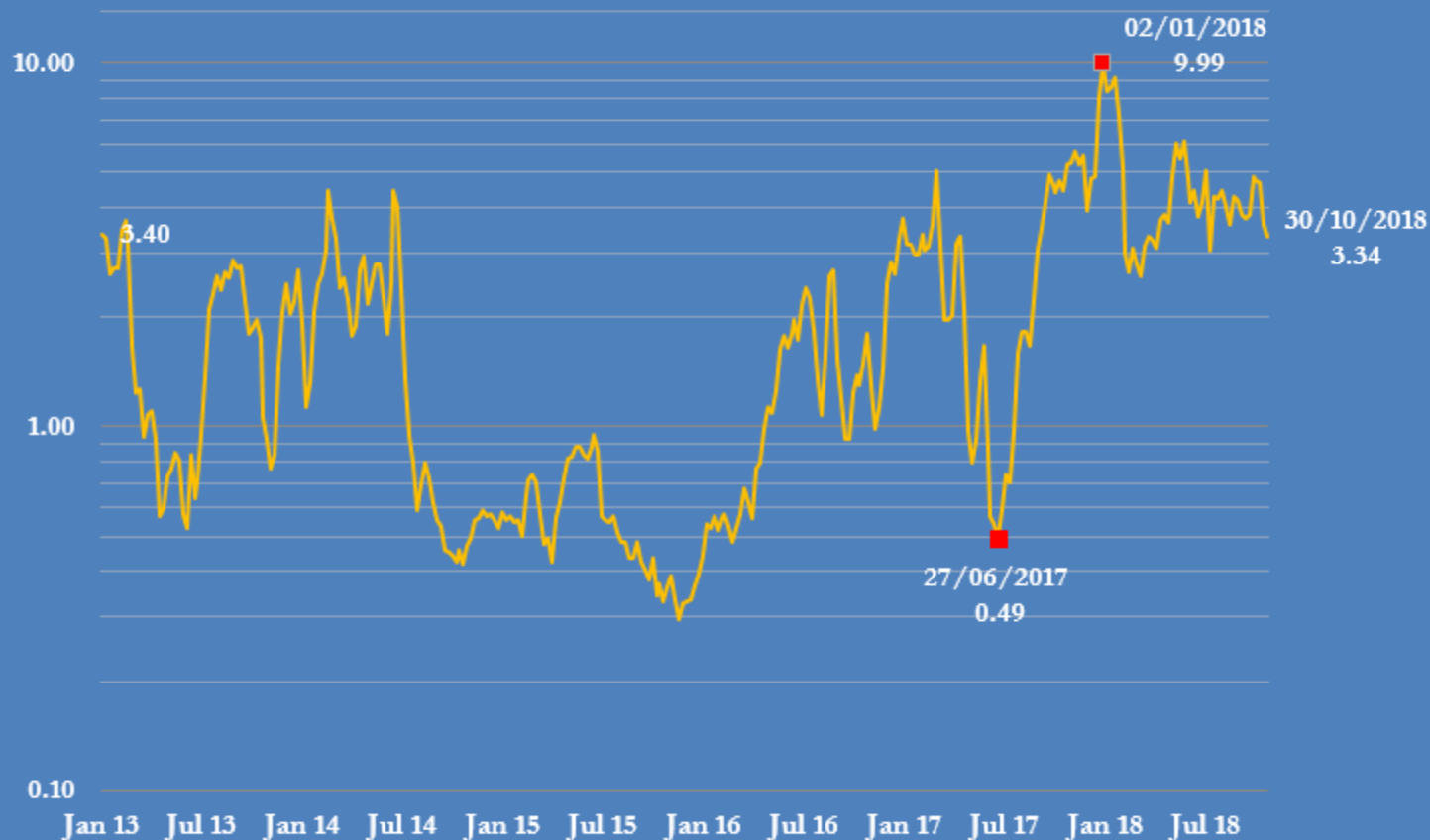


■ Long positions  
■ Short positions  
— Net long position

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# Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in heating oil fell to 3.34 from 3.62 the prior week

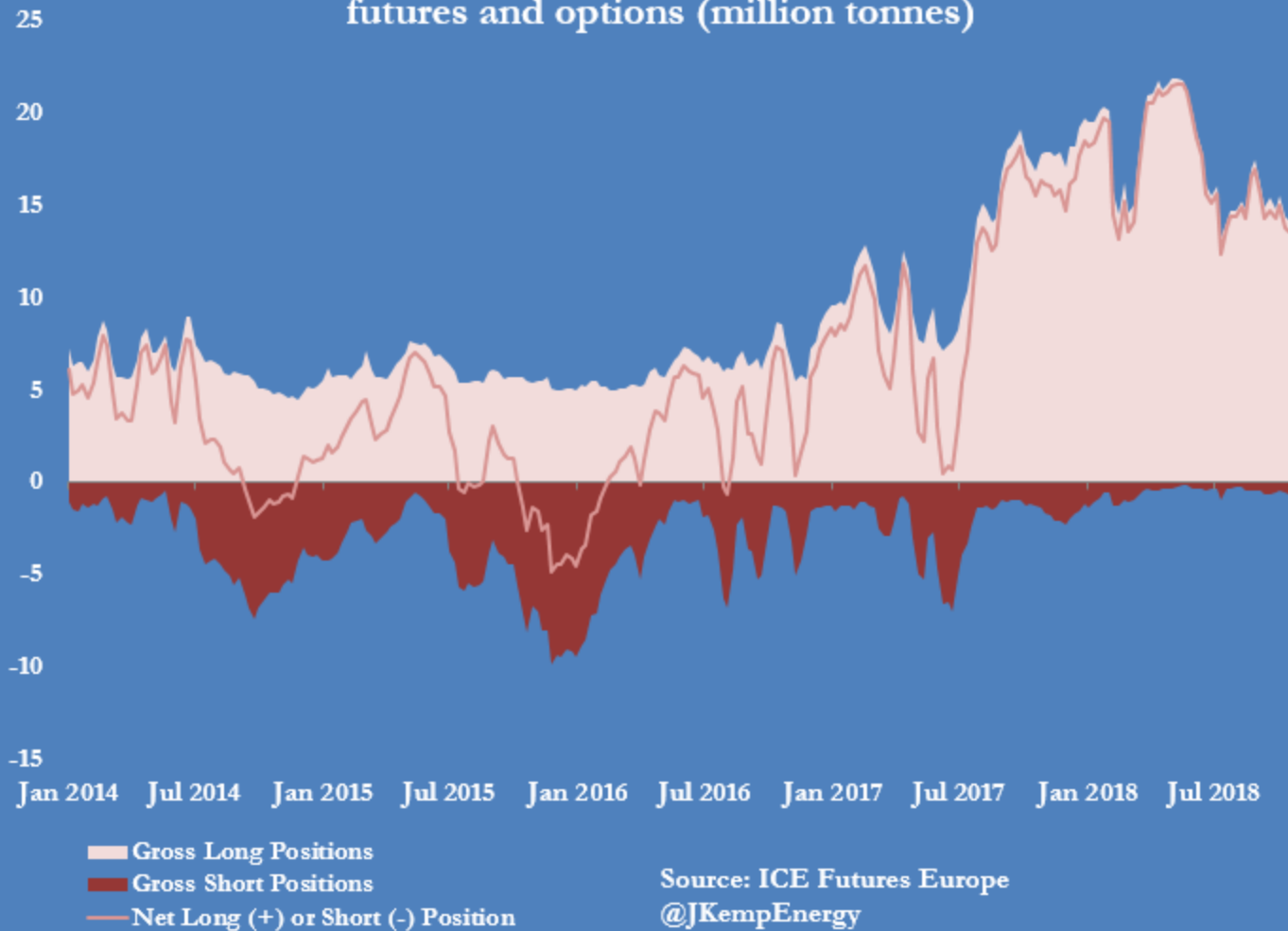
Ratio of money managers' long to short positions in New York #2 heating oil futures and options (log scale)



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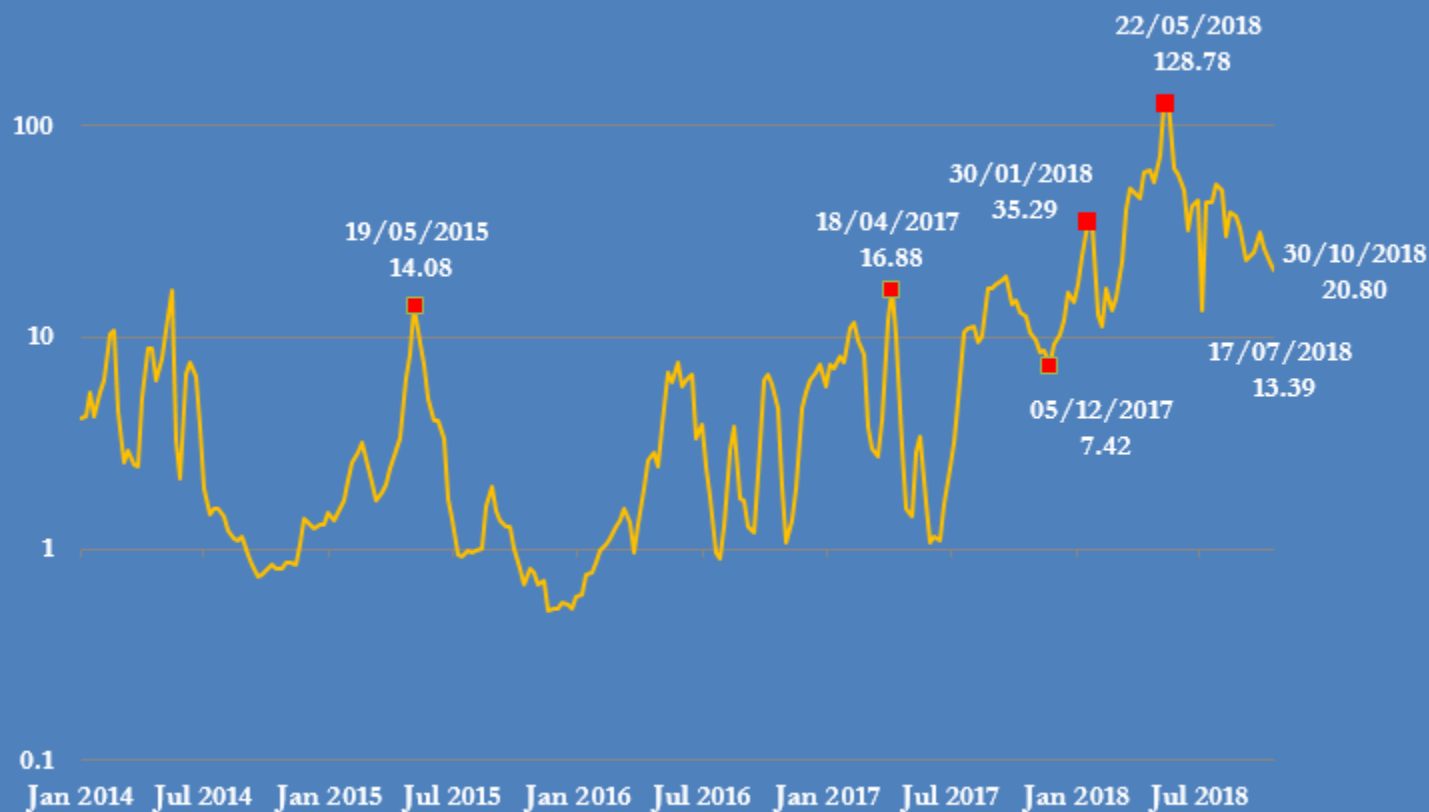
Hedge funds cut net long position in ICE gasoil by -0.26 million tonnes to 13.33 million tonnes (longs -0.22mn, shorts +0.04mn)

Money managers' long and short positions in ICE gasoil futures and options (million tonnes)



# Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in gasoil fell to 20.80 from 22.62 the prior week

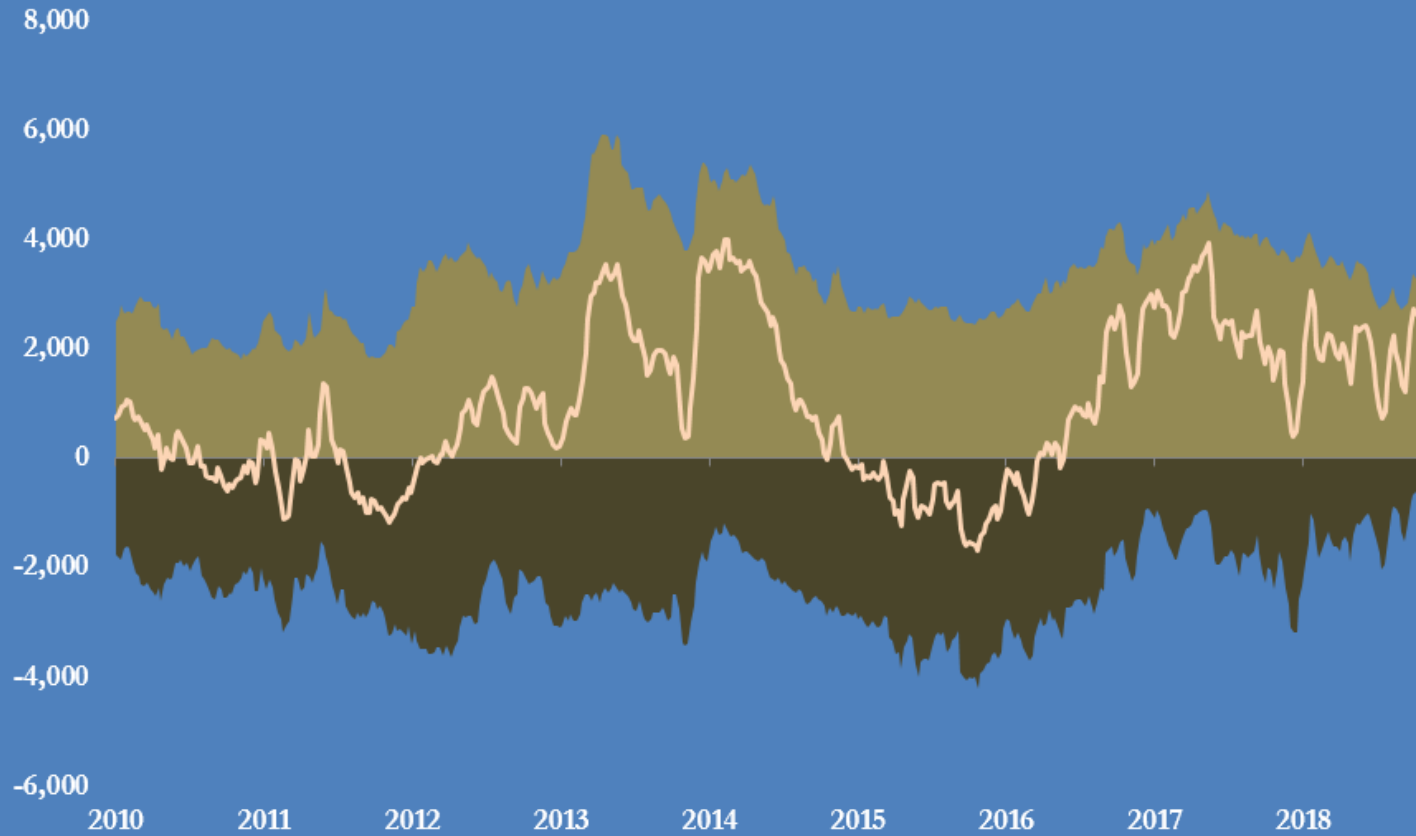
Ratio of money managers' long and short positions in ICE gasoil futures and options (*log scale*)



Source: ICE Futures Europe  
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# Hedge funds cut combined net long position in NYMEX+ICE U.S. gas by -108 bcf to 2,503 bcf (longs -65 bcf, shorts +43 bcf)

Money managers' long and short positions in US natural gas futures (NYMEX + ICE Henry Hub) billion cubic feet



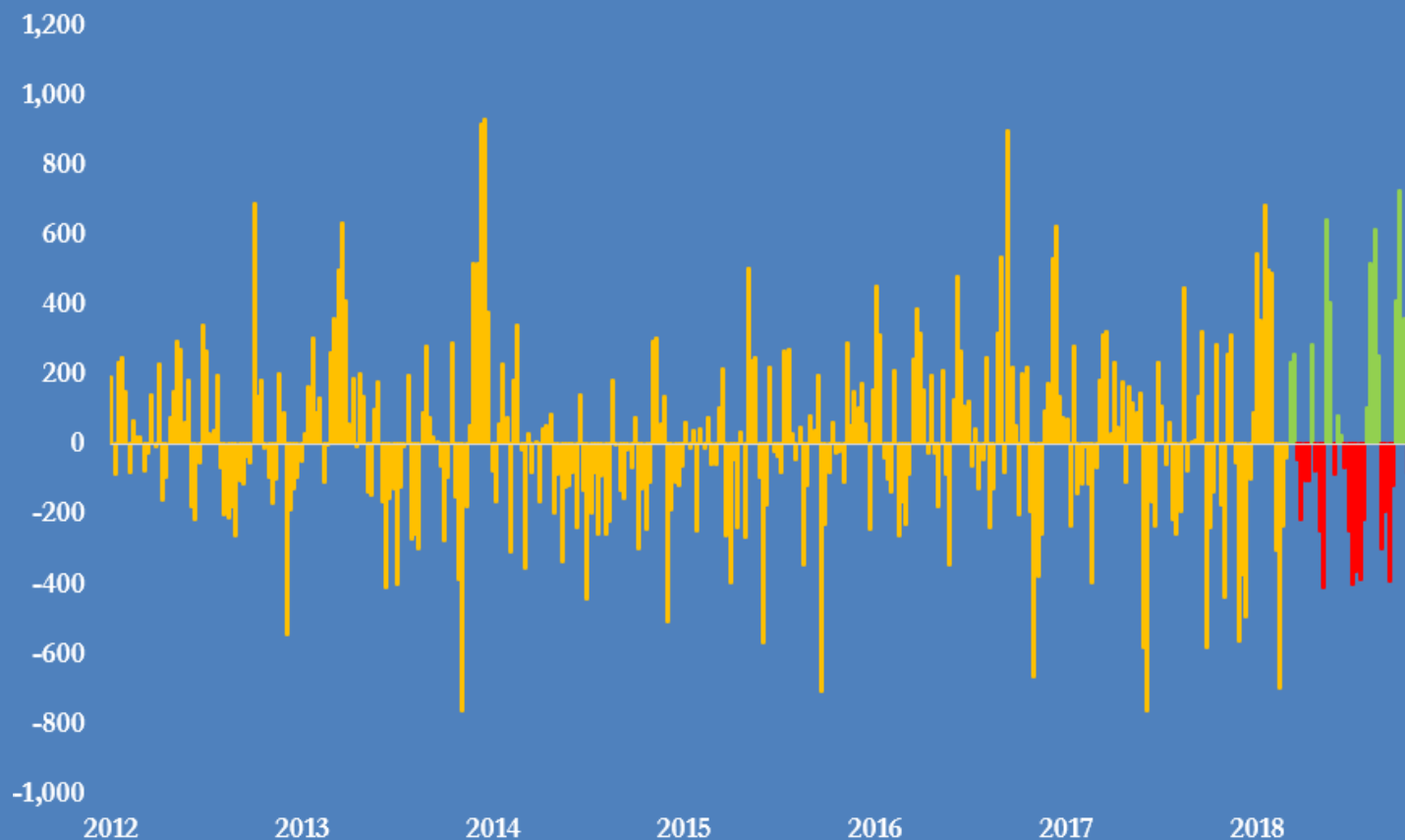
- Long positions (billion cubic feet)
- Short positions (billion cubic feet)
- Net position (billion cubic feet)

Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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Hedge funds have cut net long position in U.S. natural gas by -210 bcf in last three weeks after raising it by +1,497 bcf in three previous weeks

Money managers' net long position in U.S. natural gas  
Combined NYMEX + ICE contracts, weekly change, billion cubic feet



Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in U.S. gas fell to 4.32 from 4.67 the prior week and recent multi-year peak of 5.14 on Oct 16

Ratio of money managers' long to short positions in U.S. natural gas (NYMEX +ICE)



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