CFTC and ICE commitments of traders reports
Selected indicators

JOHN KEMP
REUTERS
Data for the week ending 19 Mar 2019
Hedge funds raised net long position in petroleum complex by +65 million bbl to 685 million bbl (longs +45mn, shorts -20mn)

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 raised net long position in six major petroleum contracts by +384 million bbl in last ten weeks.

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

Source: U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, ICE Futures Europe
Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in petroleum rose to 4.97 from 4.23 the prior week and up from a recent low of 1.84 on Jan 8

Source: U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, ICE Futures Europe
Hedge funds raised total long positions in petroleum to 858 million bbl up from a recent low of just 653 million bbl on Jan 15.
Hedge funds cut short positions in petroleum complex to 173 million bbl down from a recent high of 357 million bbl on Jan 8.
Hedge funds raised combined net long position in Brent+WTI by +66 million bbl to 523 million (longs +50mn, shorts -16mn)
Hedge funds have raised Brent+WTI net long position by +279 million bbl in last ten weeks, and last week’s increase was largest since end-Aug
Hedge funds’ ratio of long to short positions in Brent+WTI rose to 5.02 from 4.13 the prior week and a recent low of 1.94 on Jan 8

Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission, ICE Futures Europe
@JKempEnergy
Hedge funds raised net long position in ICE Brent by +16 million bbl to 309 million bbl (longs +11mn, shorts -5mn)

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

Source: ICE Futures Europe @JKempEnergy
Hedge funds have raised net long position in Brent in 13 out of the last 15 weeks by a total of +172 million bbl since Dec 11.
Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in Brent rose to 6.64 from 5.90 the prior week and a recent low of just 2.15 on Dec 11.

Source: ICE Futures Europe
@JKempEnergy
Hedge funds raised net long position in NYMEX+ICE WTI by +50 million bbl to 214 million (longs +39mn, shorts -11mn)
Hedge funds have raised net long position in NYMEX+ICE WTI by a total of +129 million bbl since Jan 8.
Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in NYMEX+ICE WTI rose to 3.85 from 2.90 the prior week and low of just 1.53 on Jan 8.

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

Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission
@JKempEnergy
Hedge funds have cut short positions in NYMEX WTI to 51 million bbl down from a recent peak of 133 million bbl on Jan 8

Money managers' short positions and US oil prices in 2015-19
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 have closed out most though not all short positions they started to initiate in late Aug, as short-selling cycle #11 nears completion.
Hedge funds raised net long position in NYMEX gasoline by +12 million bbl to 92 million bbl (longs +8mn, shorts -4mn)
Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in gasoline climbed to 8.65 from 6.00 the prior week and a recent low of 2.33 on Jan 29

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

Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission
@JKempEnergy
Hedge funds cut net long position in NYMEX heating oil by -4 million bbl to 4 million bbl (longs -5mn, shorts unchanged)

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

Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission
@JKempEnergy
Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in heating oil fell to 1.14 from 1.30 the prior week and near to recent low of 0.96 on Feb 5.

Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission
@JKempEnergy
Hedge funds cut net long position in ICE gasoil by -1.22 million tonnes to 9.00 million tonnes (longs -1.09mn, shorts +0.14mn)
Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in gasoil slipped to 14.33 down from peak of 19.97 the prior week

Ratio of money managers' long and short positions in ICE gasoil futures and options \( (\text{semi-log scale}) \)

Source: ICE Futures Europe
@JKempEnergy