

# CFTC and ICE commitments of traders reports

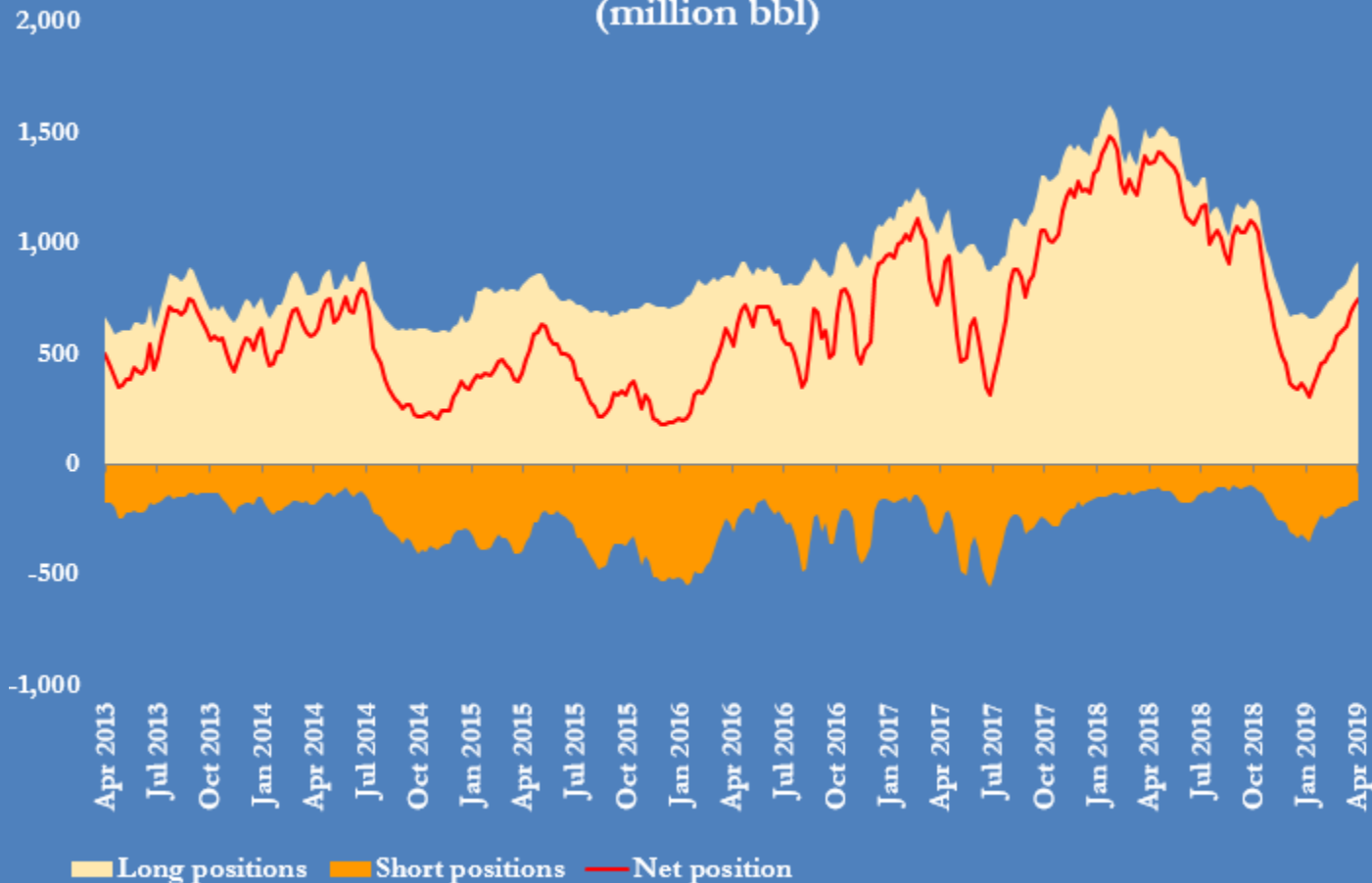
## Selected indicators

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Data for the week ending 2 Apr 2019

# Hedge funds raised net long position in petroleum complex by +23 million bbl to 745 million bbl (longs +18mn, shorts -5mn)

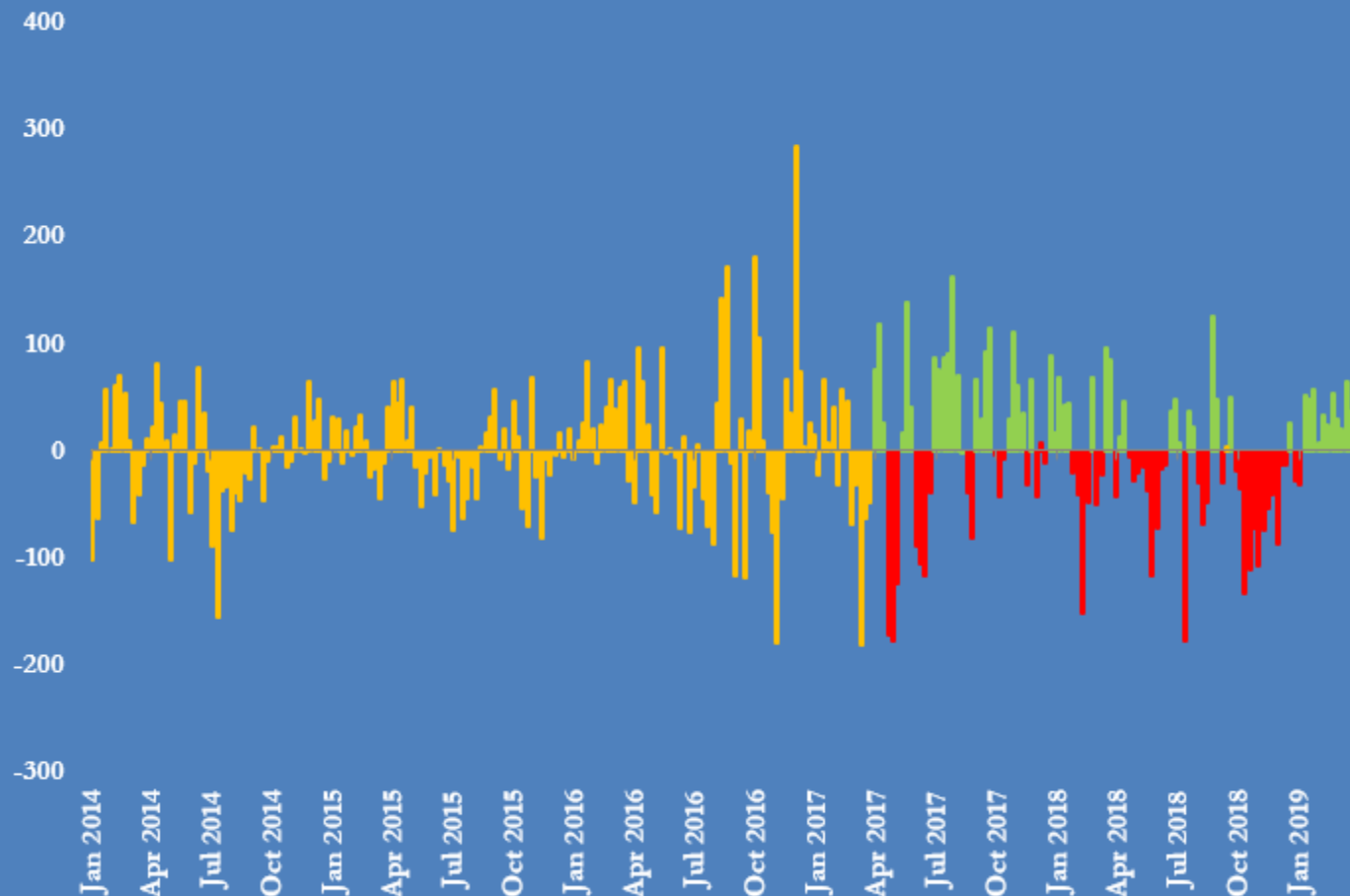
Money managers' total long and short positions in Brent, WTI, U.S. gasoline, U.S. heating oil and European gasoil (million bbl)



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

# Hedge funds have raised net long position in six major petroleum contracts by +444 million bbl in last 12 weeks

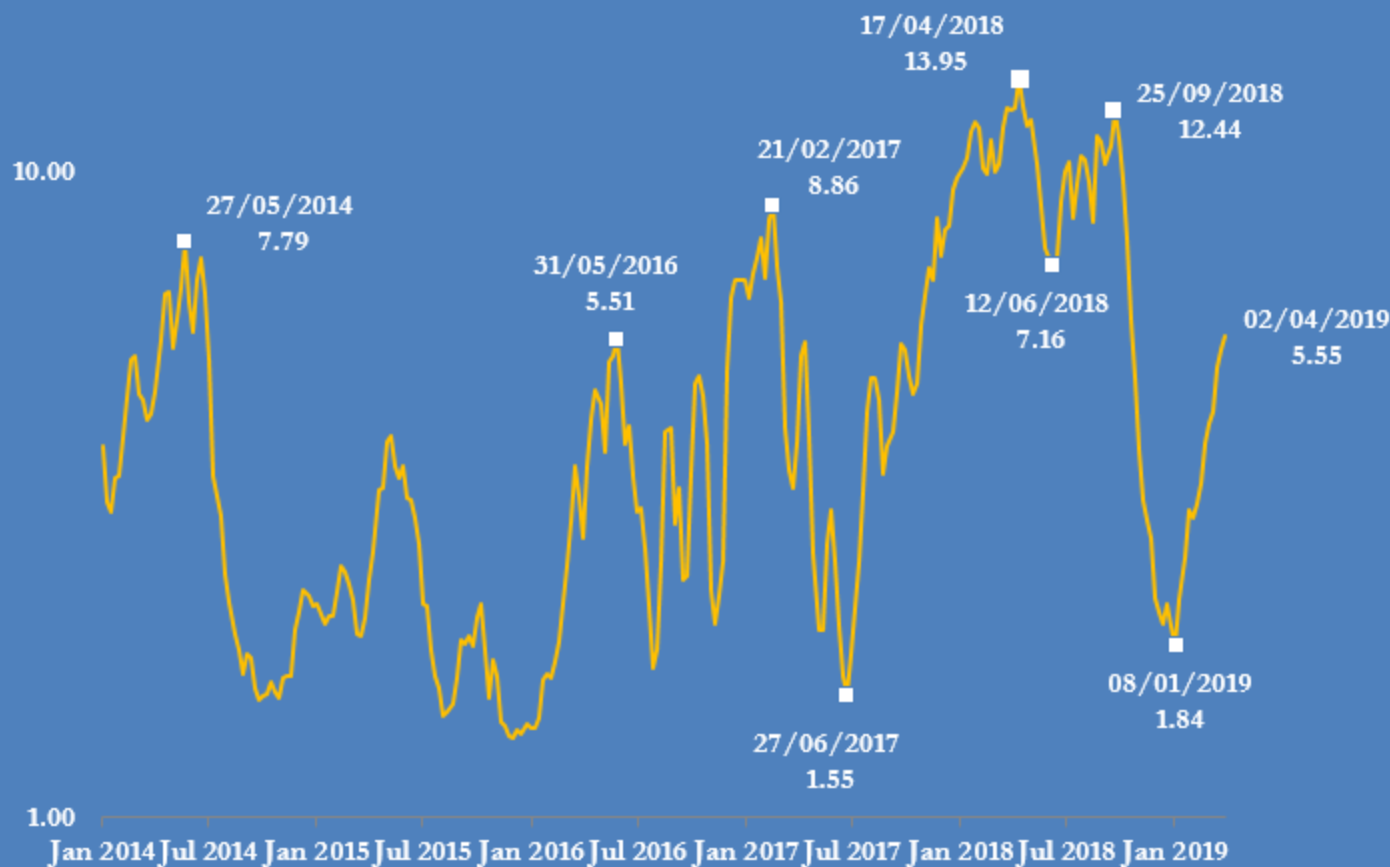
Money managers' weekly net position change in Brent, WTI, U.S. gasoline, U.S. heating oil and Euro gasoil (million bbl)



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Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in petroleum rose to 5.55 from 5.28 the prior week and up from a recent low of 1.84 on Jan 8

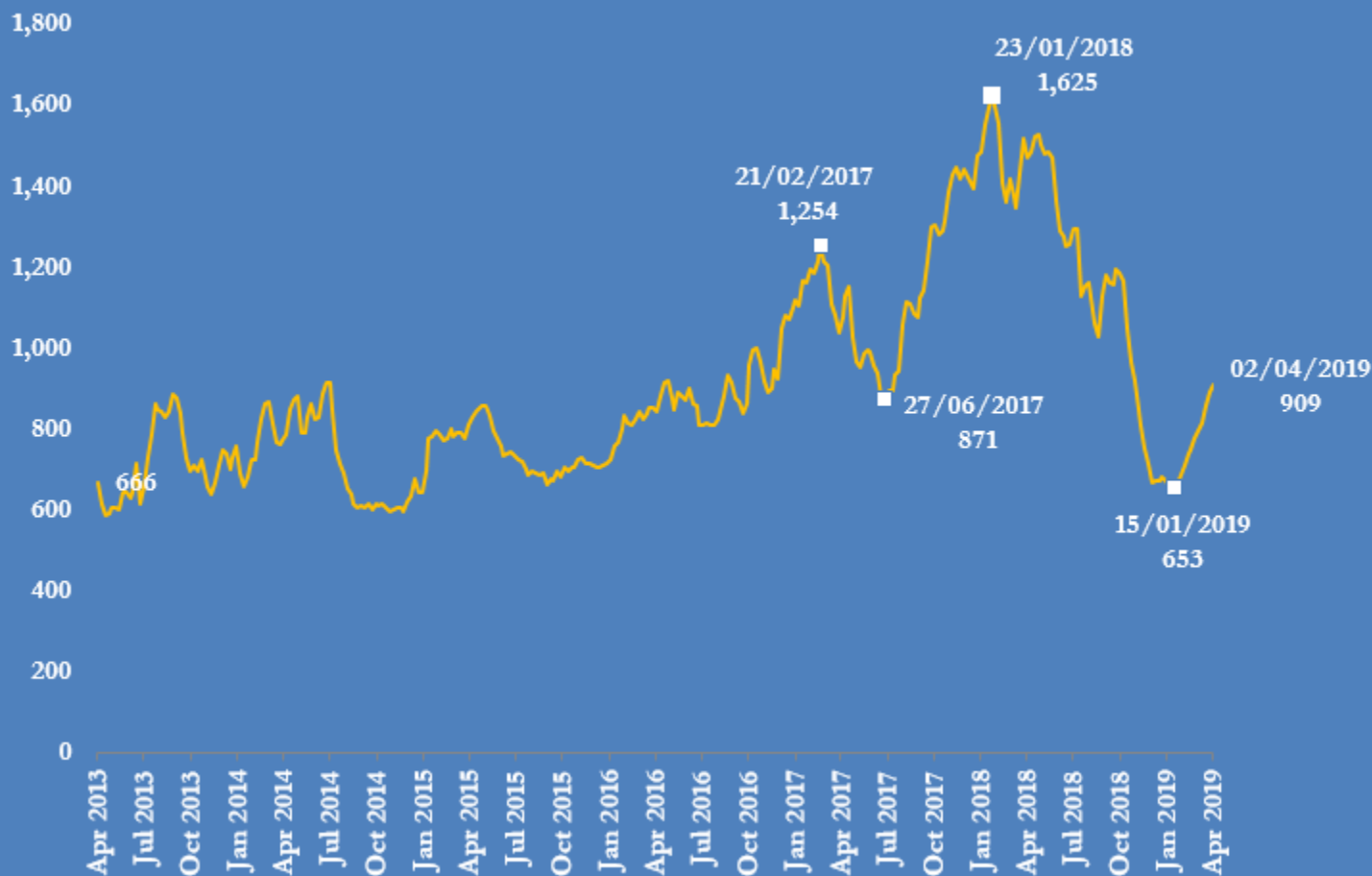
Ratio of money manager long to short positions in petroleum  
(Brent+WTI+gasoline+heating oil+ gasoil) (*log-scale*)



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# Hedge funds raised total long positions in petroleum to 909 million bbl up from a recent low of just 653 million bbl on Jan 15

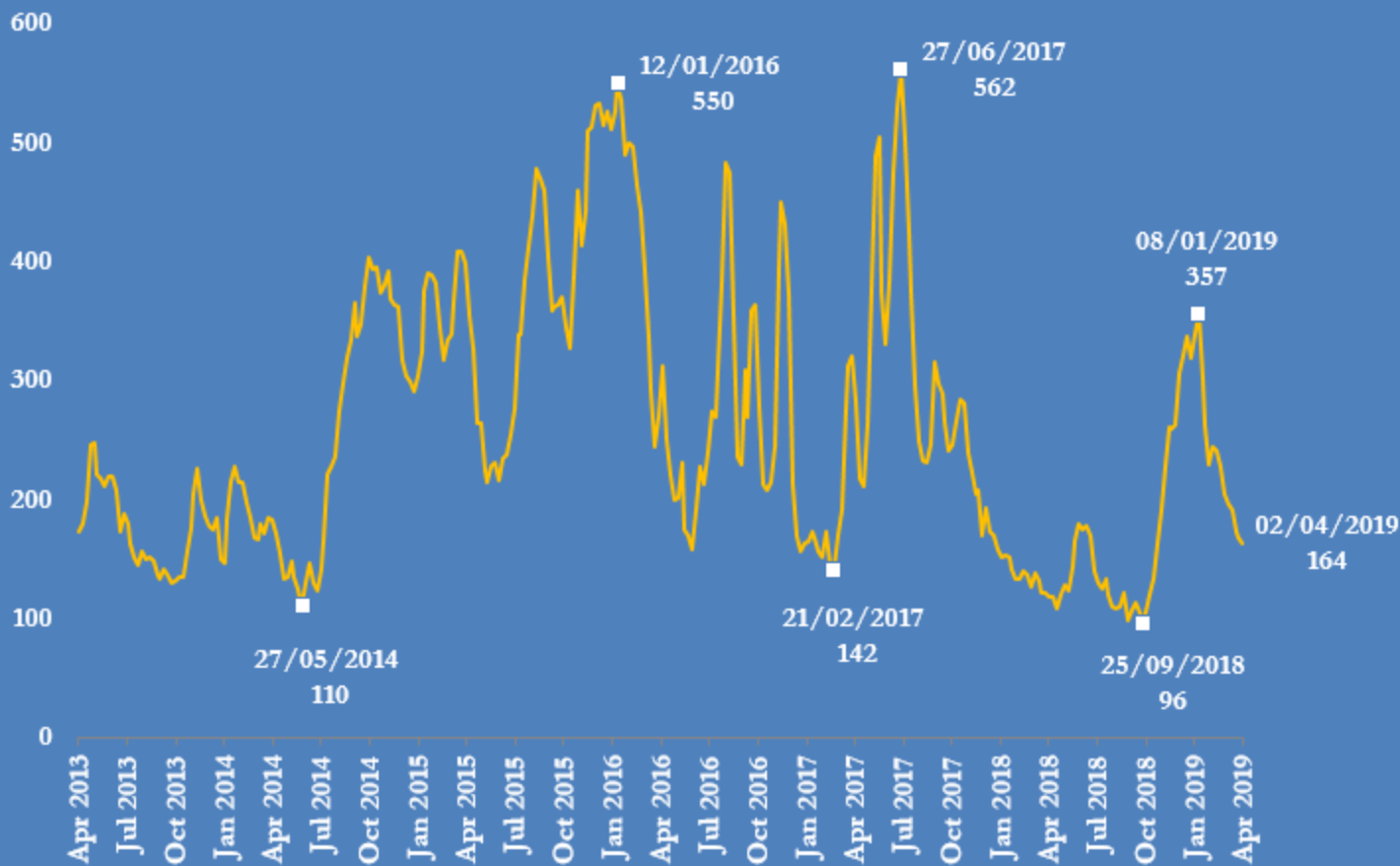
Money managers' total long positions in Brent, WTI, U.S. gasoline, U.S. heating oil and European gasoil (million bbl)



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# Hedge funds cut short positions in petroleum complex to 164 million bbl down from a recent high of 357 million bbl on Jan 8

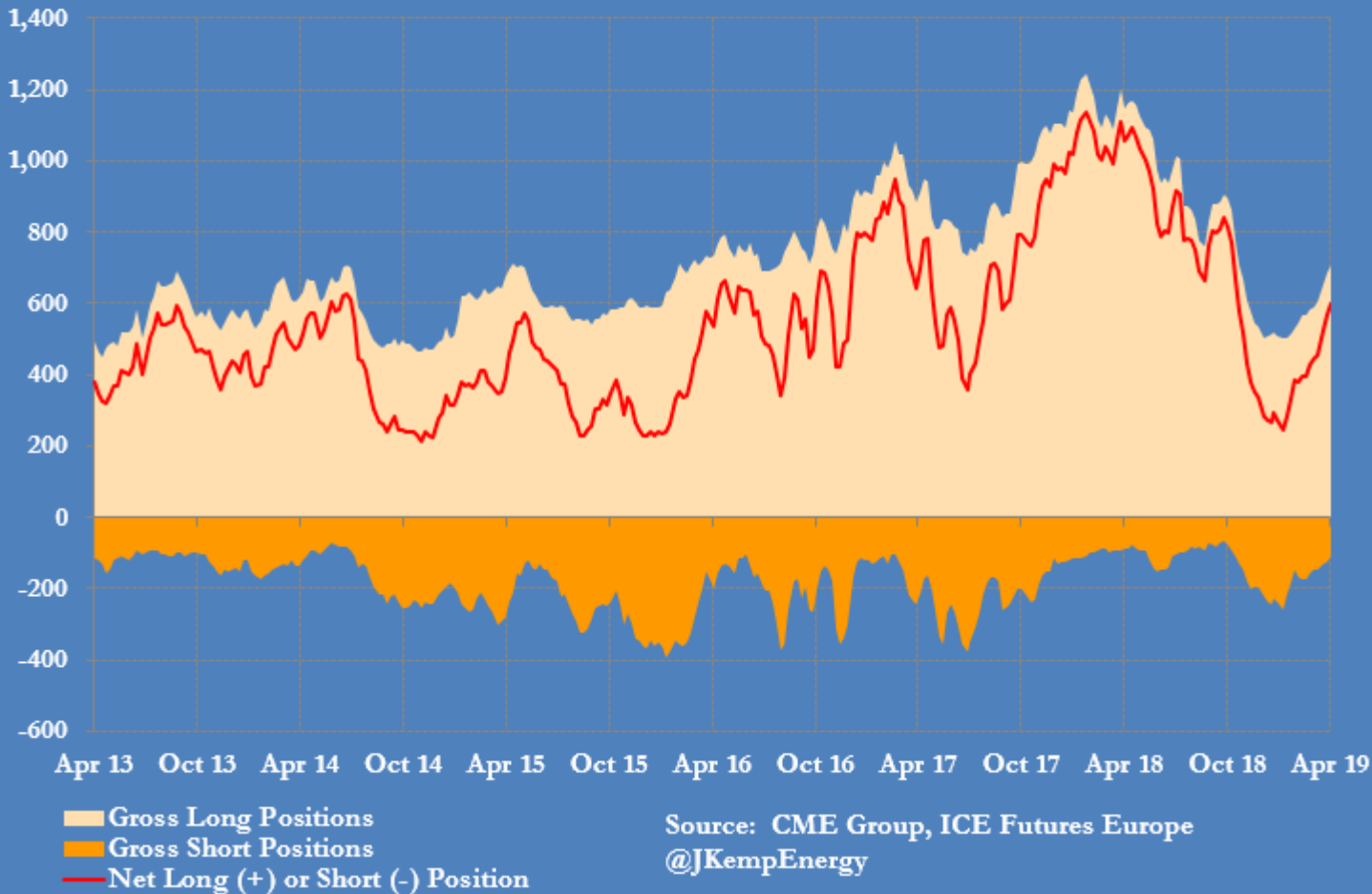
Money managers' total short positions in Brent, WTI, U.S. gasoline, U.S. heating oil and European gasoil (million bbl)



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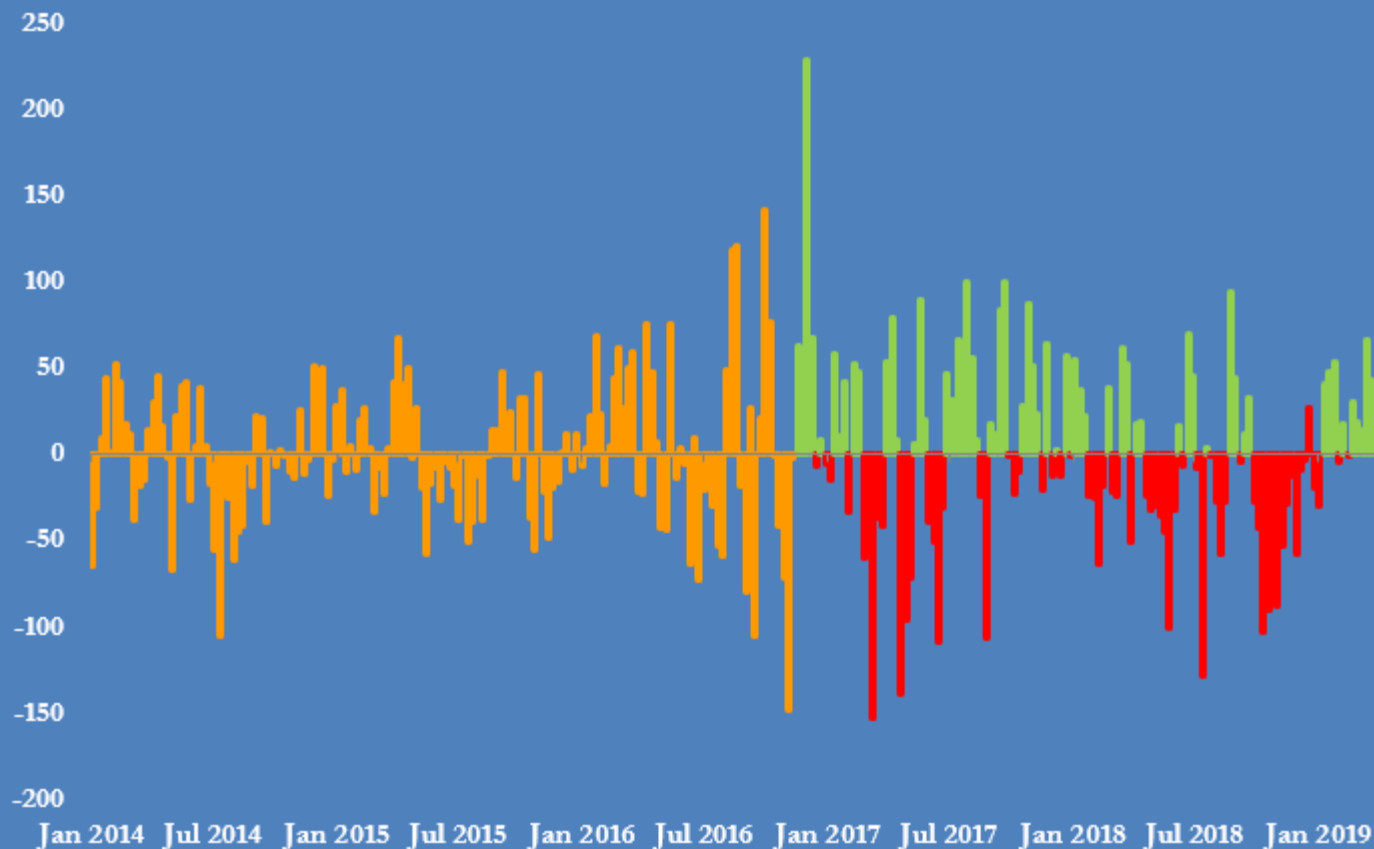
Hedge funds raised combined net long position in Brent+WTI by +34 million bbl to 600 million (longs +21mn, shorts -14mn)

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 raised Brent+WTI net long position in ten out of the last 12 weeks by a combined +356 million bbl

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

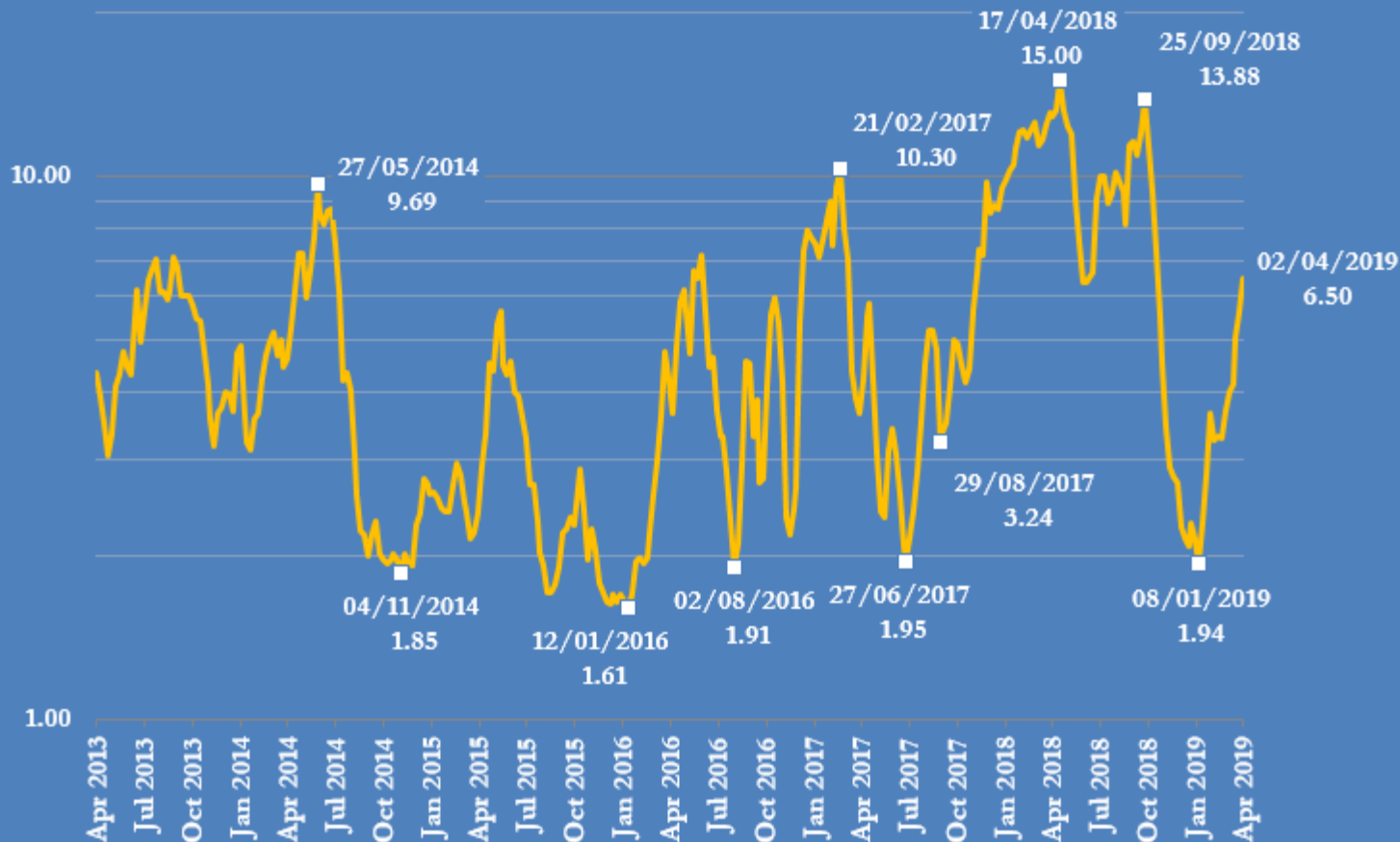


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Hedge funds' ratio of long to short positions in Brent+WTI rose to 6.50 from 5.60 the prior week and a recent low of 1.94 on Jan 8

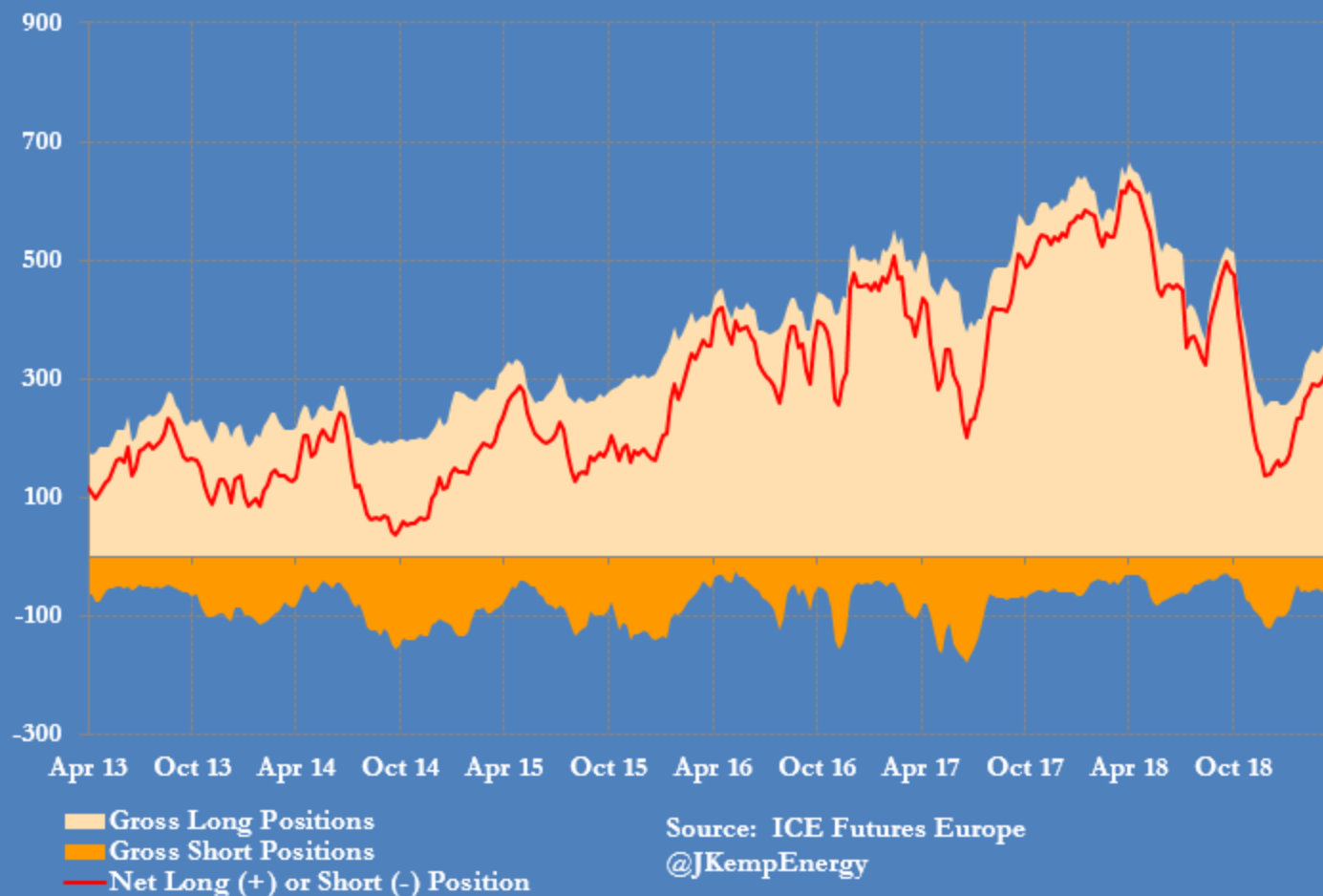
Ratio of money managers' long to short positions in Brent+WTI (NYMEX +ICE) (log scale)



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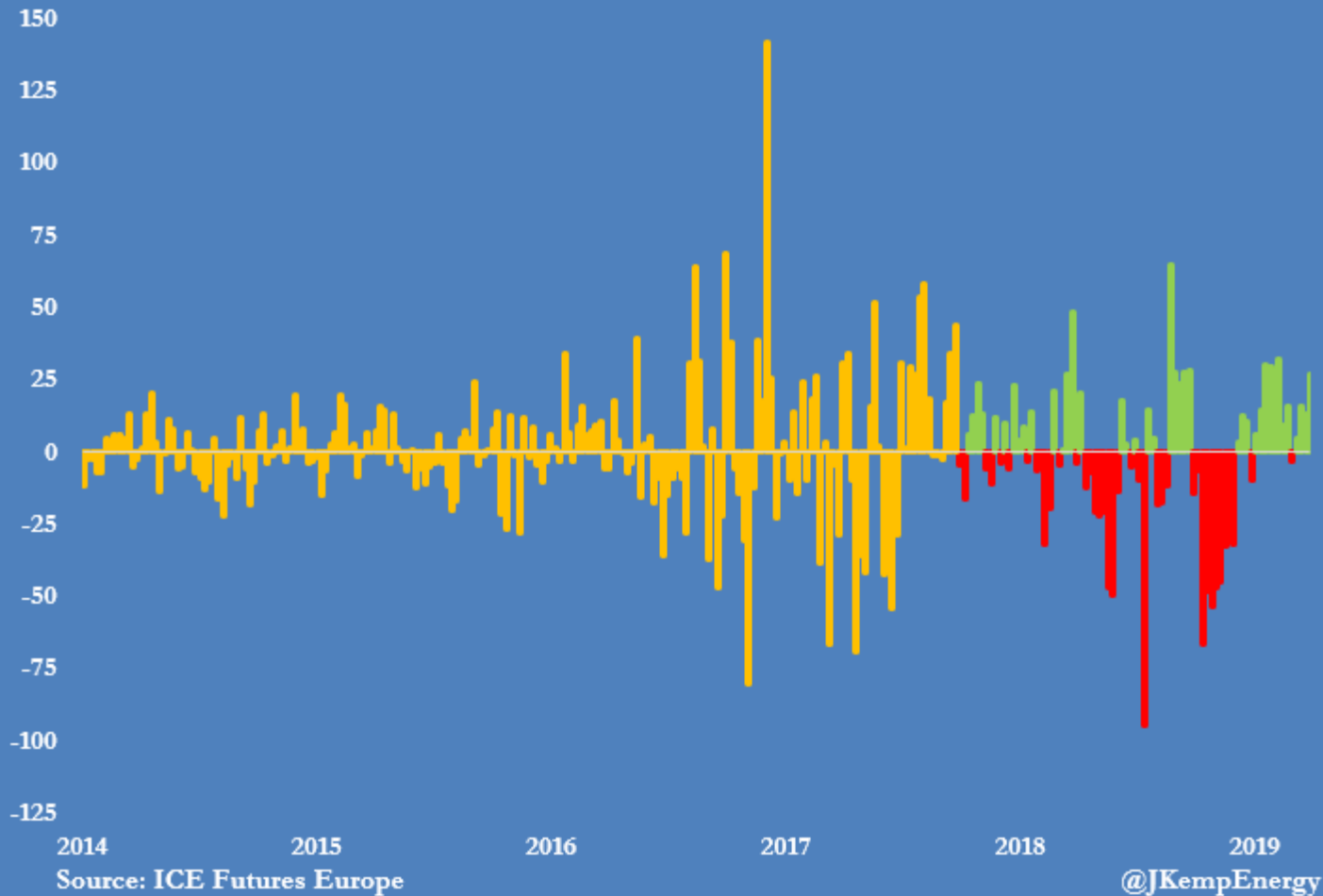
Hedge funds raised net long position in ICE Brent by +27 million bbl to 349 million bbl (longs +19mn, shorts -8mn)

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



Hedge funds have raised net long position in Brent in 15 out of the last 17 weeks by a total of +212 million bbl since Dec 11

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



Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in Brent rose to 8.49 from 6.95 the prior week and a recent low of just 2.15 on Dec 11

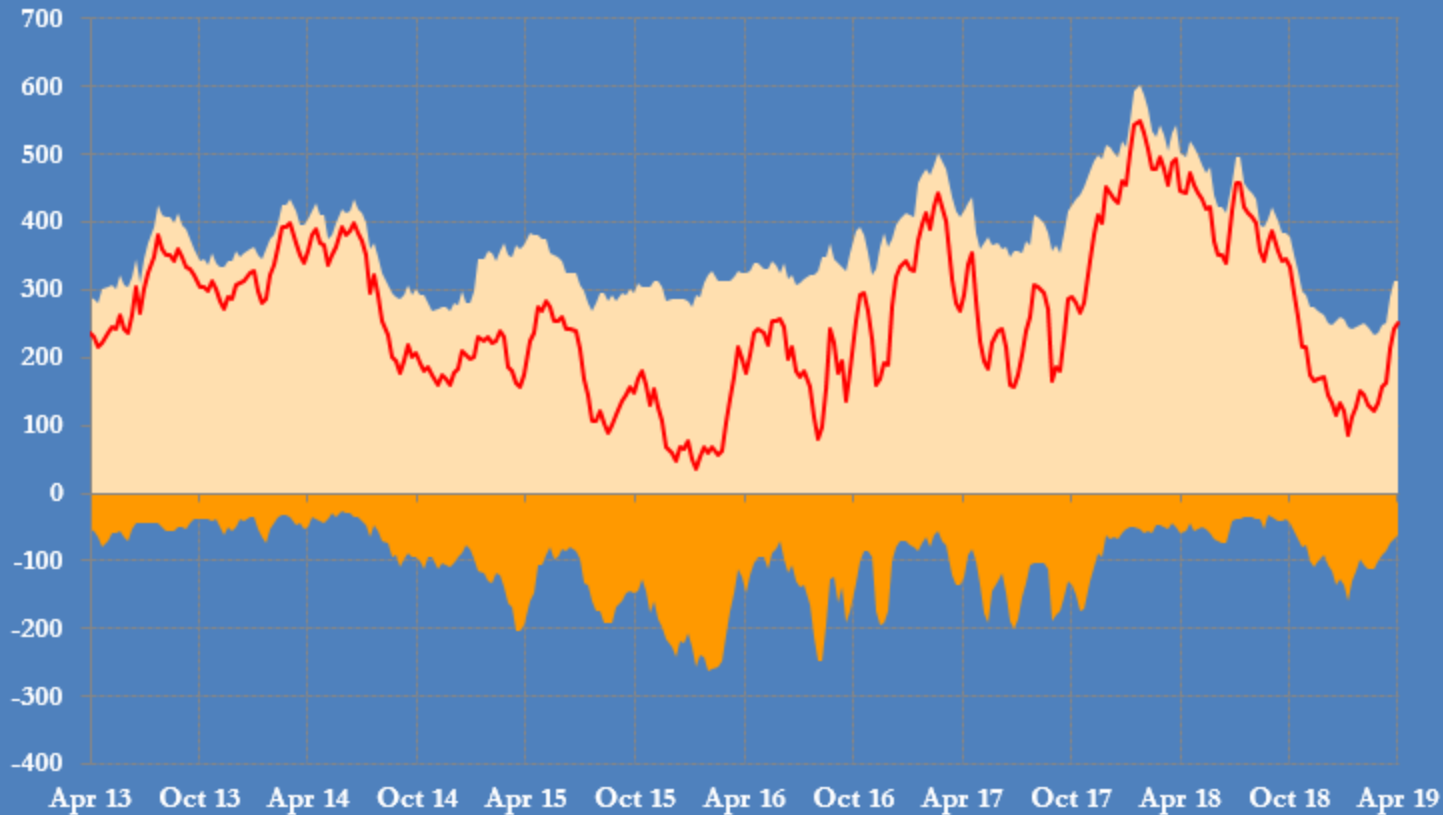
Ratio of money managers' long to short positions  
in ICE Brent (*semi-log scale*)



Source: ICE Futures Europe  
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Hedge funds raised net long position in NYMEX+ICE WTI by +8 million bbl to 251 million (longs +1mn, shorts -6mn)

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

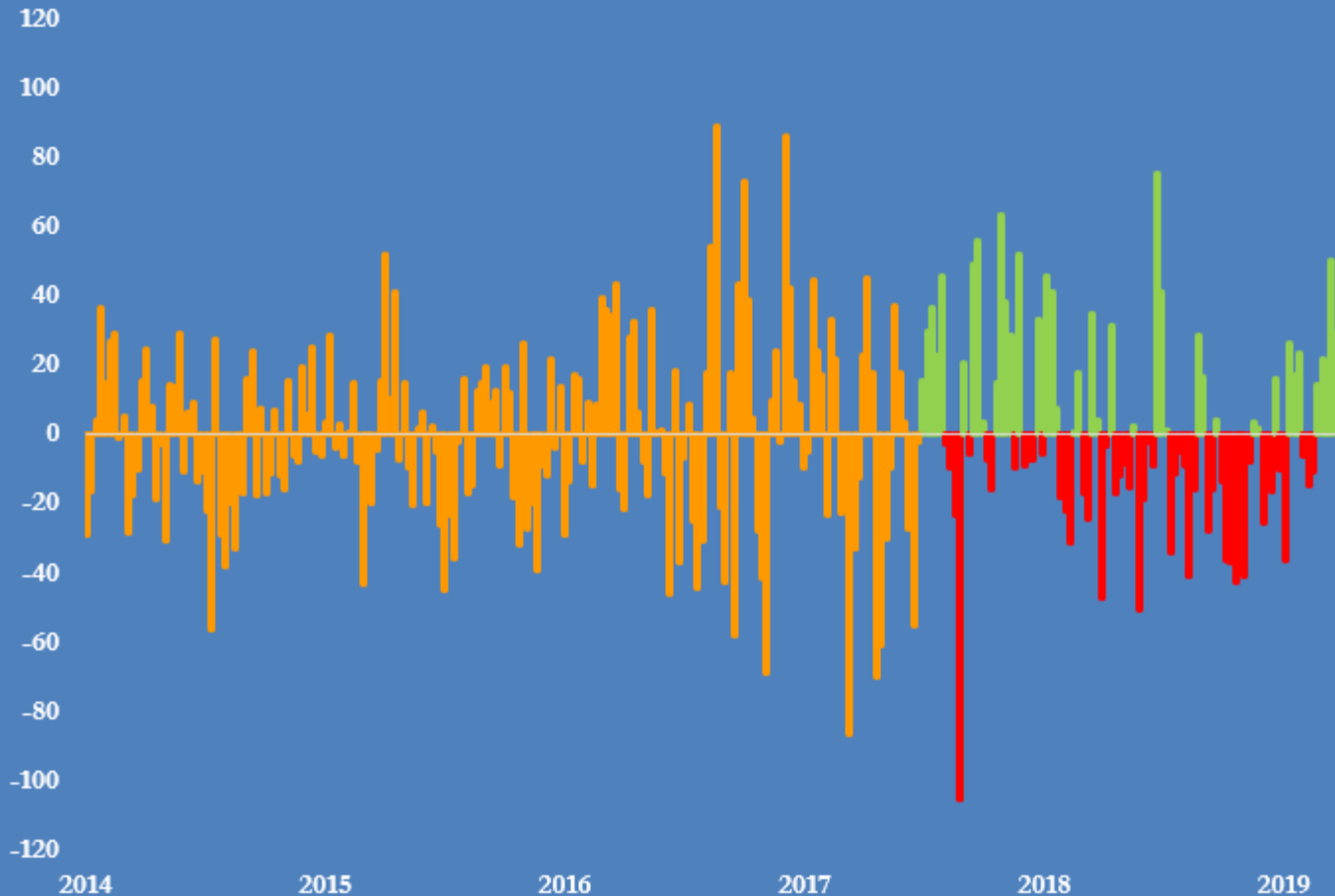


- Gross Long Positions
- Gross Short Positions
- Net Long (+) or Short (-) Position

Source: CME Group, ICE Futures Europe  
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# Hedge funds have raised net long position in NYMEX+ICE WTI by a total of +166 million bbl since Jan 8

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

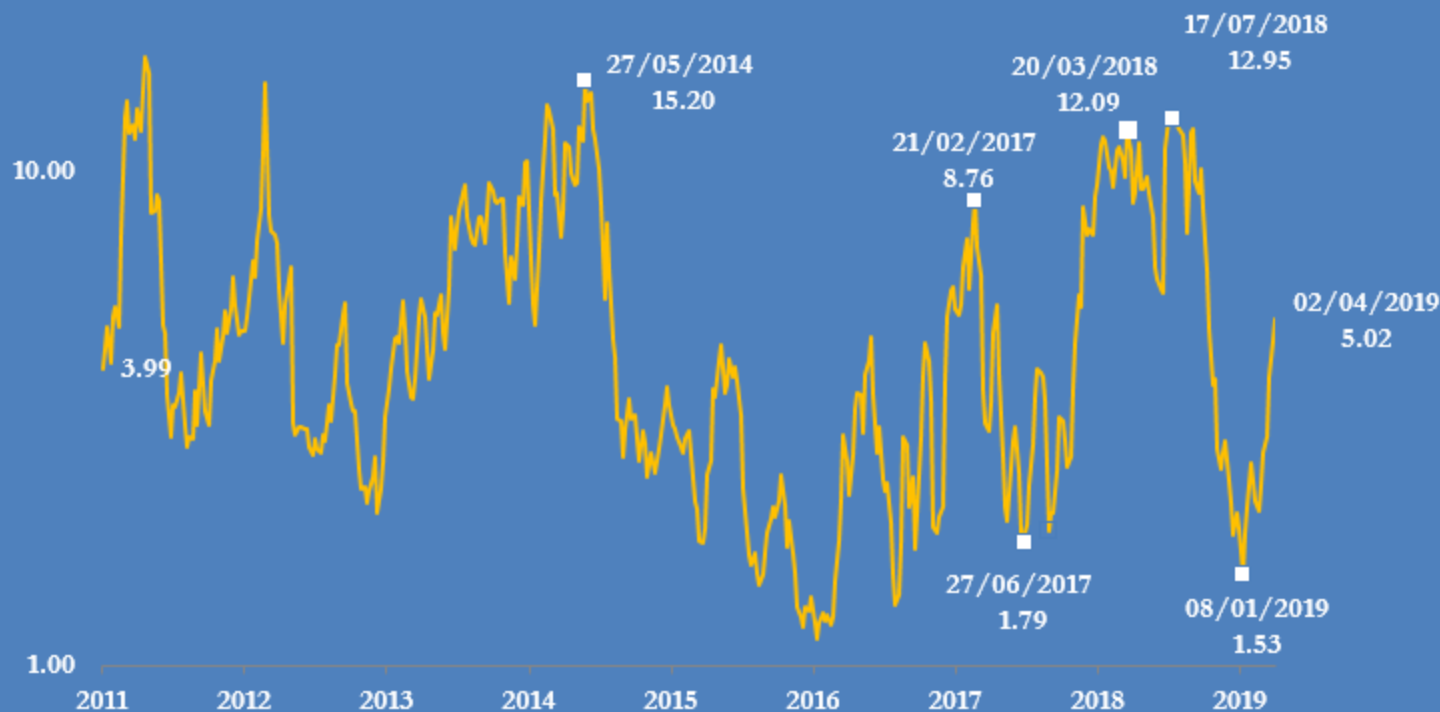


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Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in NYMEX+ICE WTI rose to 5.02 from 4.54 the prior week and low of just 1.53 on Jan 8

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



Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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# Hedge funds have cut short positions in NYMEX WTI to 38 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

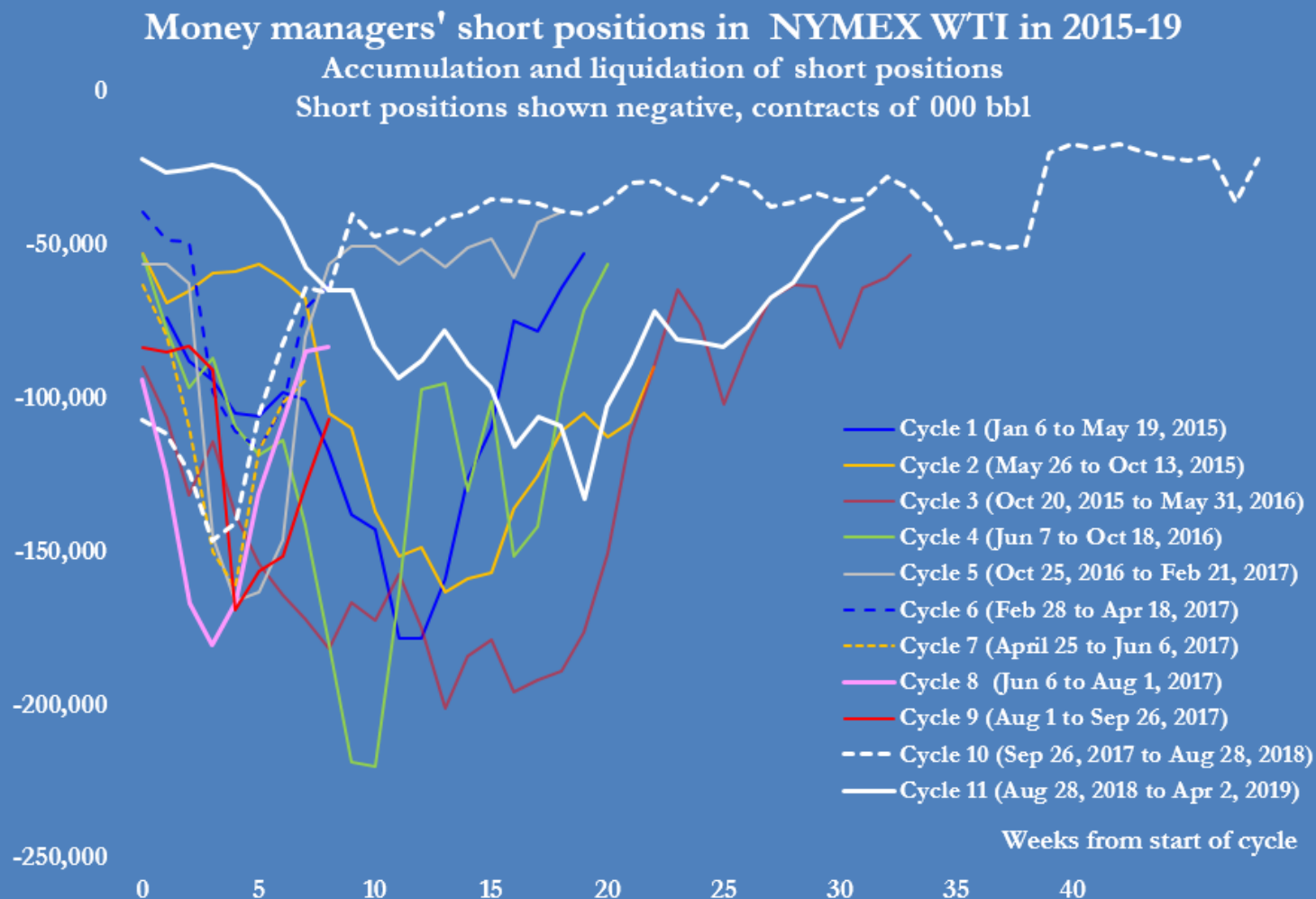


Sources: CFTC, NYMEX, @JKempEnergy  
Current value highlighted in red, prior value in orange

US\$/bbl



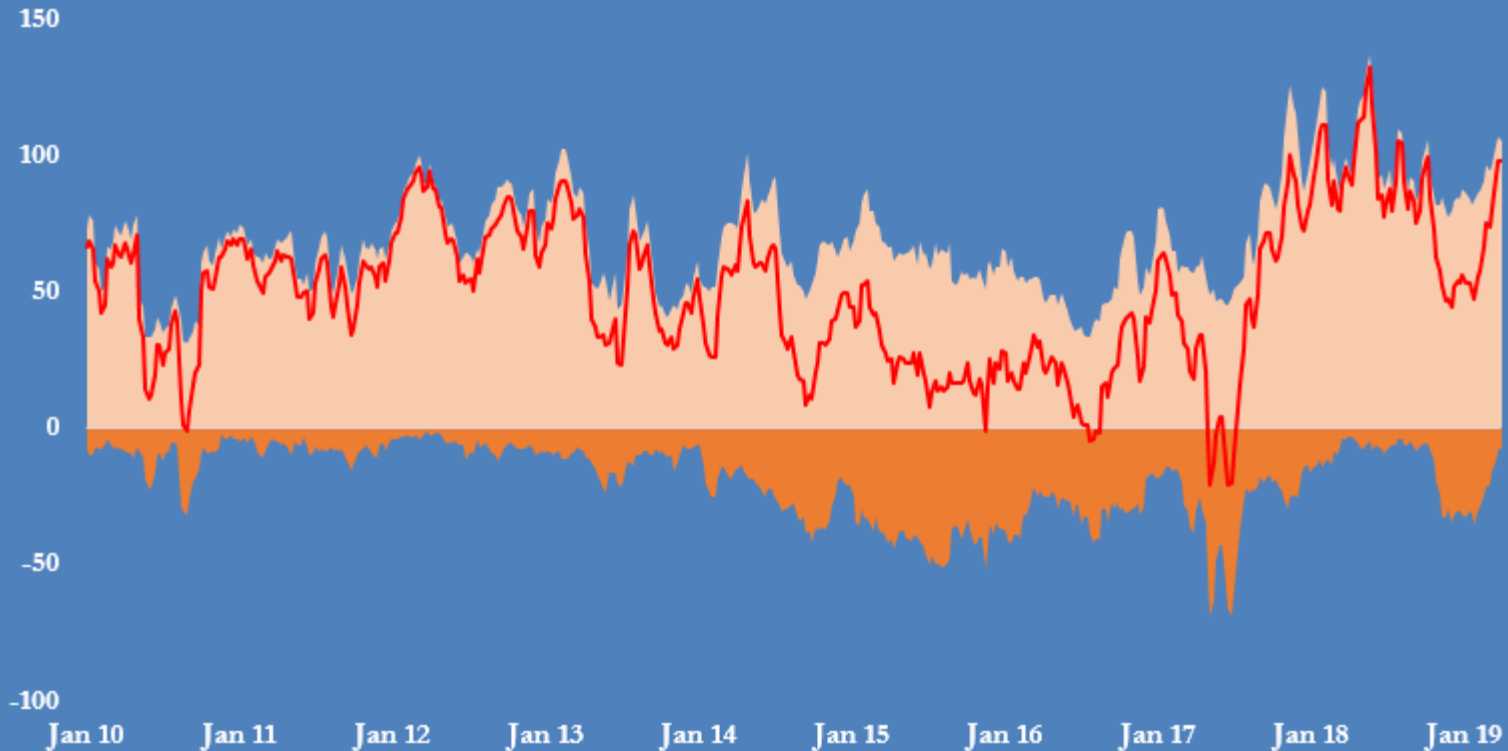
# Hedge funds have closed out most of the short positions they started to initiate in late Aug, as short-selling cycle #11 nears completion



Source: U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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# Hedge funds left net long position in NYMEX gasoline unchanged at 98 million bbl (longs -1mn, shorts -1mn)

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

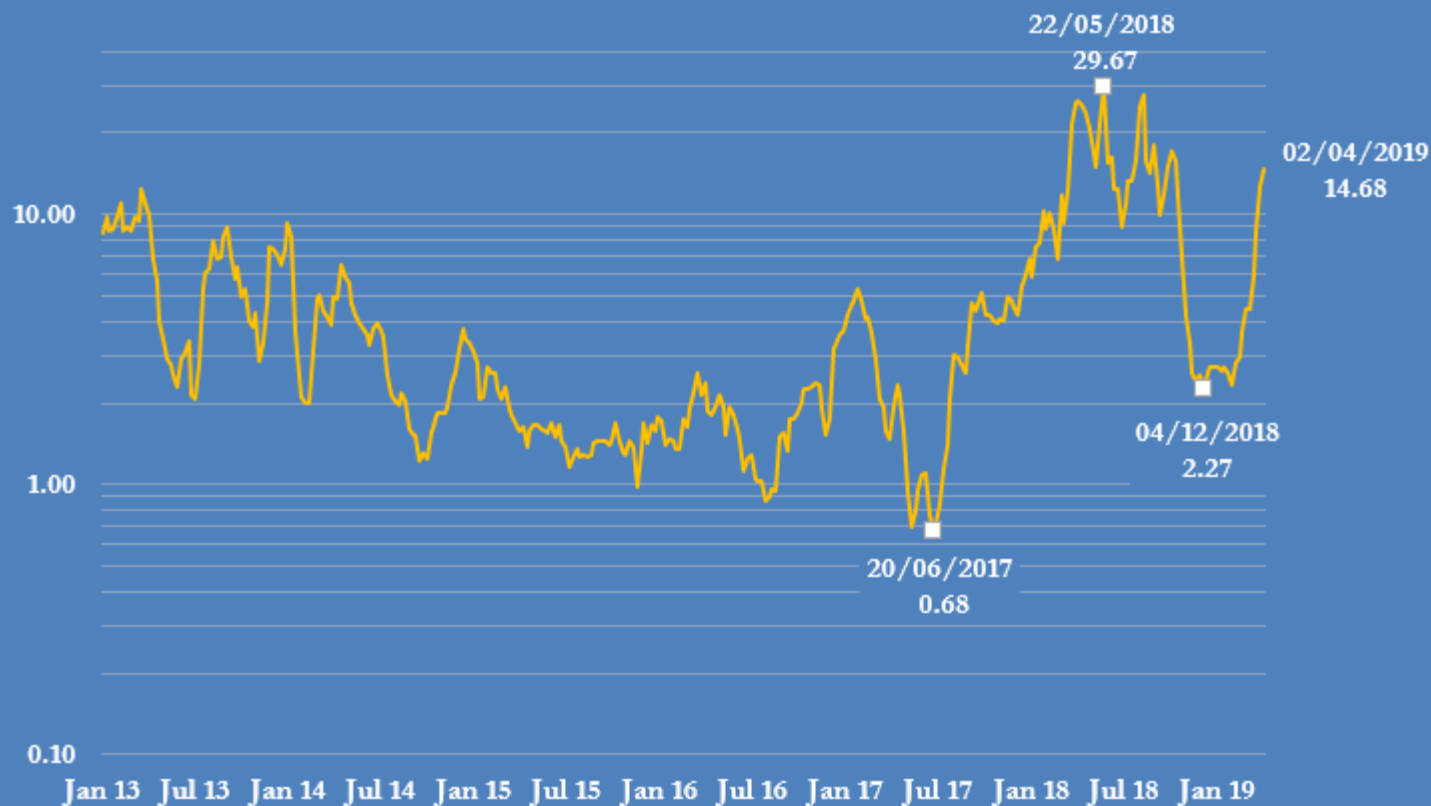


Long positions  
Short positions  
Net long position

Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in gasoline climbed to 14.68 from 12.59 the prior week and a recent low of 2.33 on Jan 29

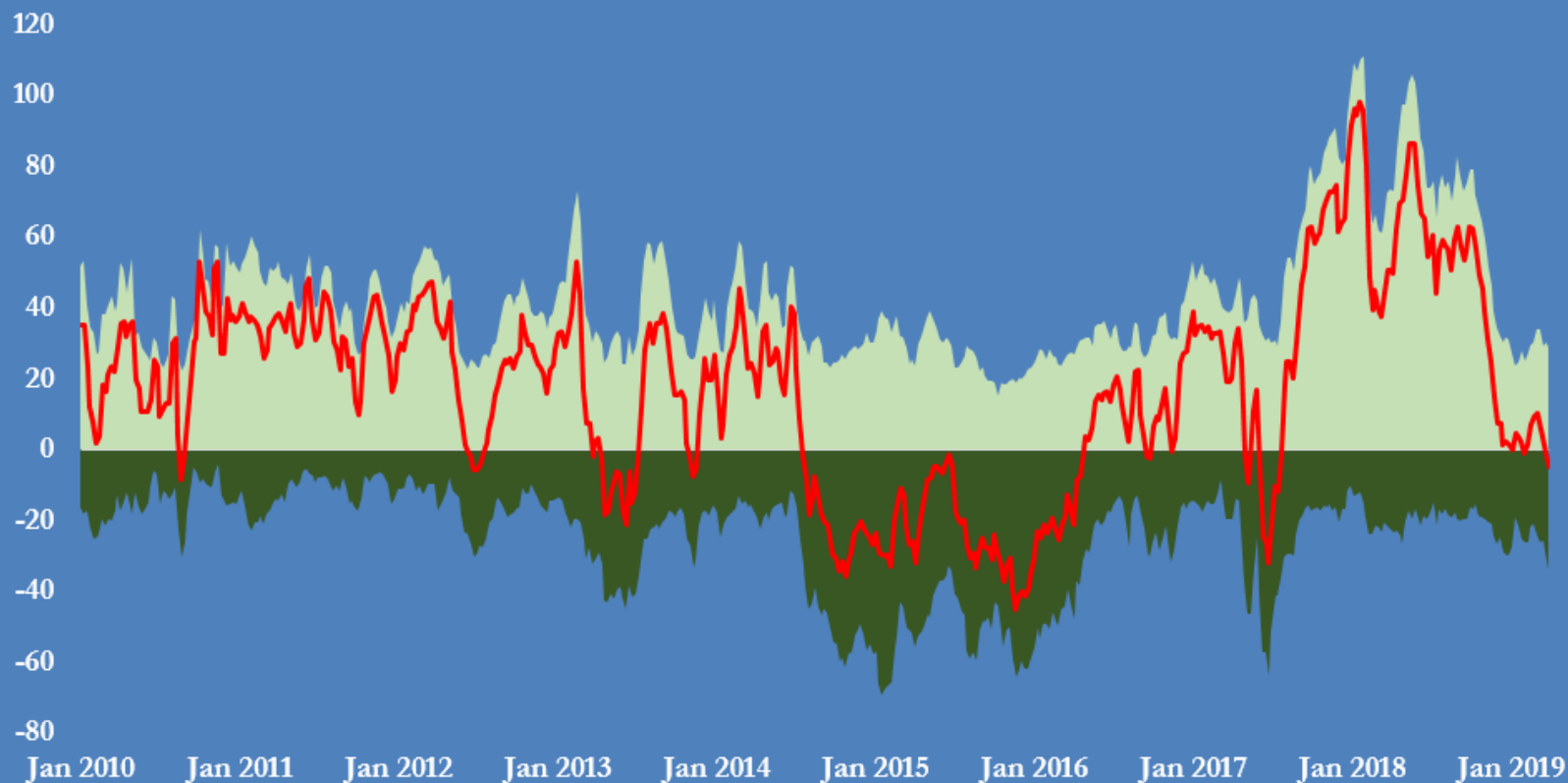
Ratio of money managers' long to short positions in New York gasoline futures and options (*semi-log scale*)



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Hedge funds cut net long position in NYMEX heating oil by -4 million bbl to a **NET SHORT** of 5 million bbl (longs -1mn, shorts +2mn)

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

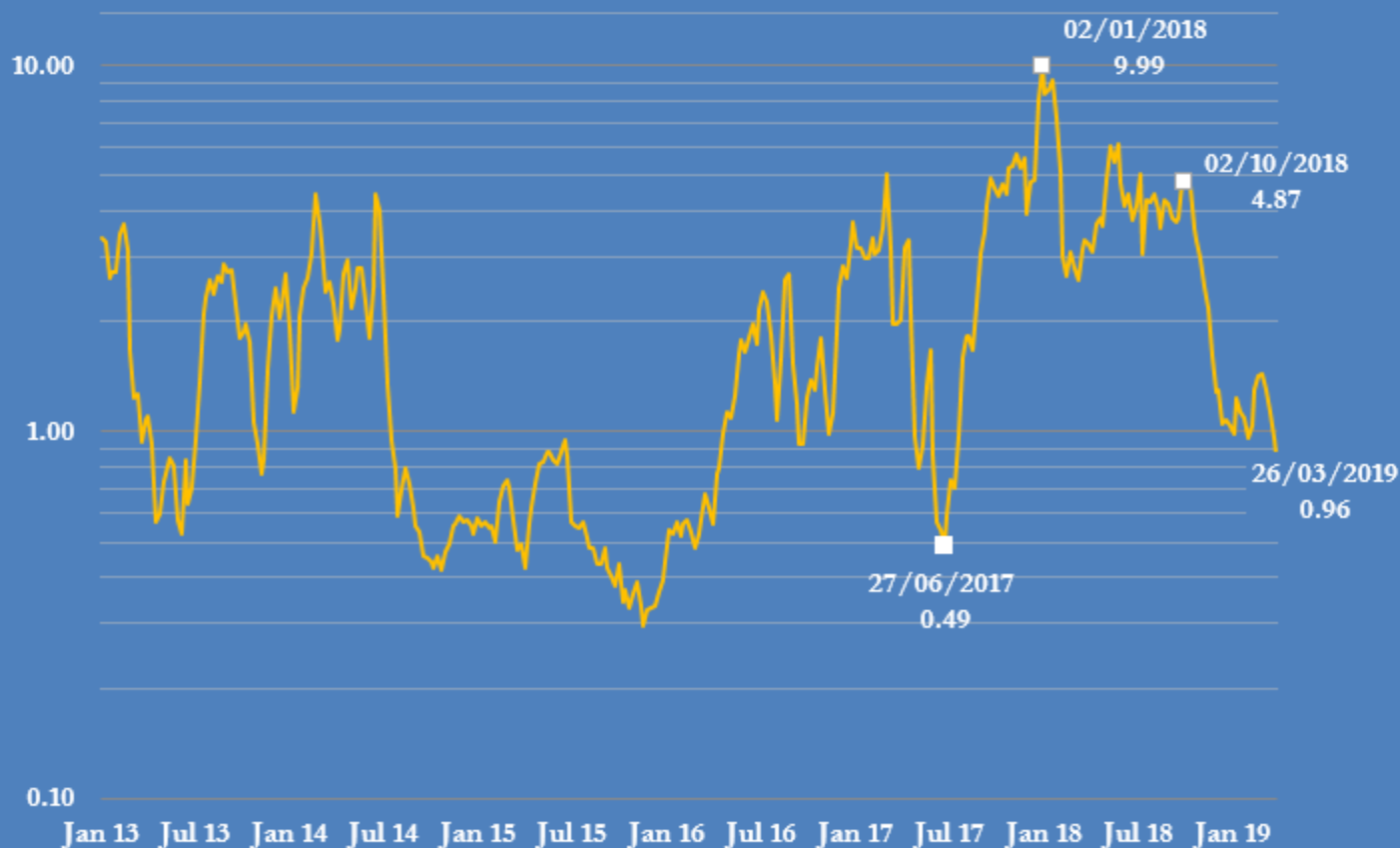


Long positions  
Short positions  
Net long position

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Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in heating oil fell to 0.86 from 0.96 the previous week and the lowest since Jul 2017

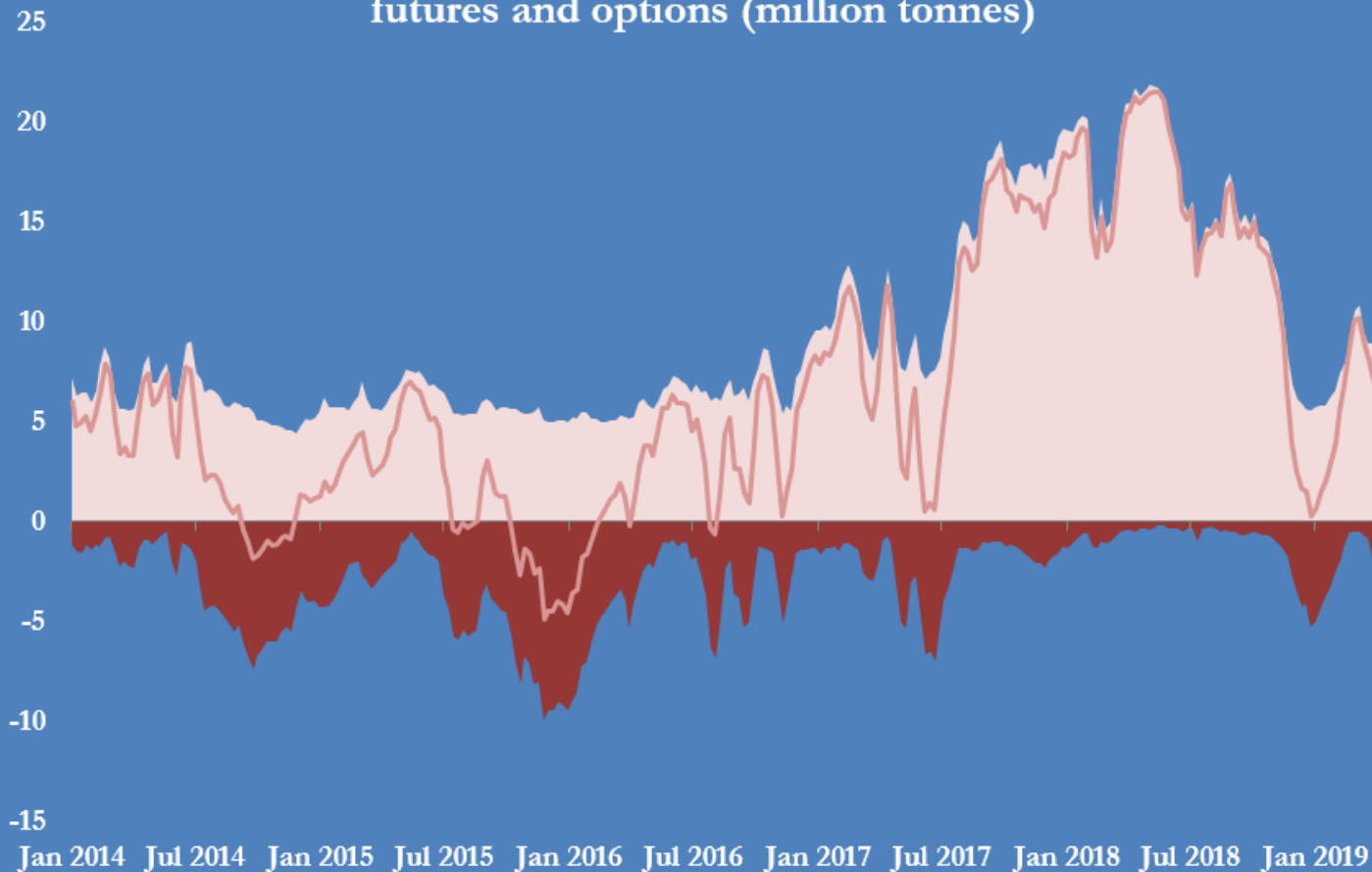
Ratio of money managers' long to short positions in New York #2 heating oil futures and options (log scale)



Source: US Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
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Hedge funds cut net long position in ICE gasoil by -1.05 million tonnes to 7.07 million tonnes (longs -0.01mn, shorts +1.04mn)

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

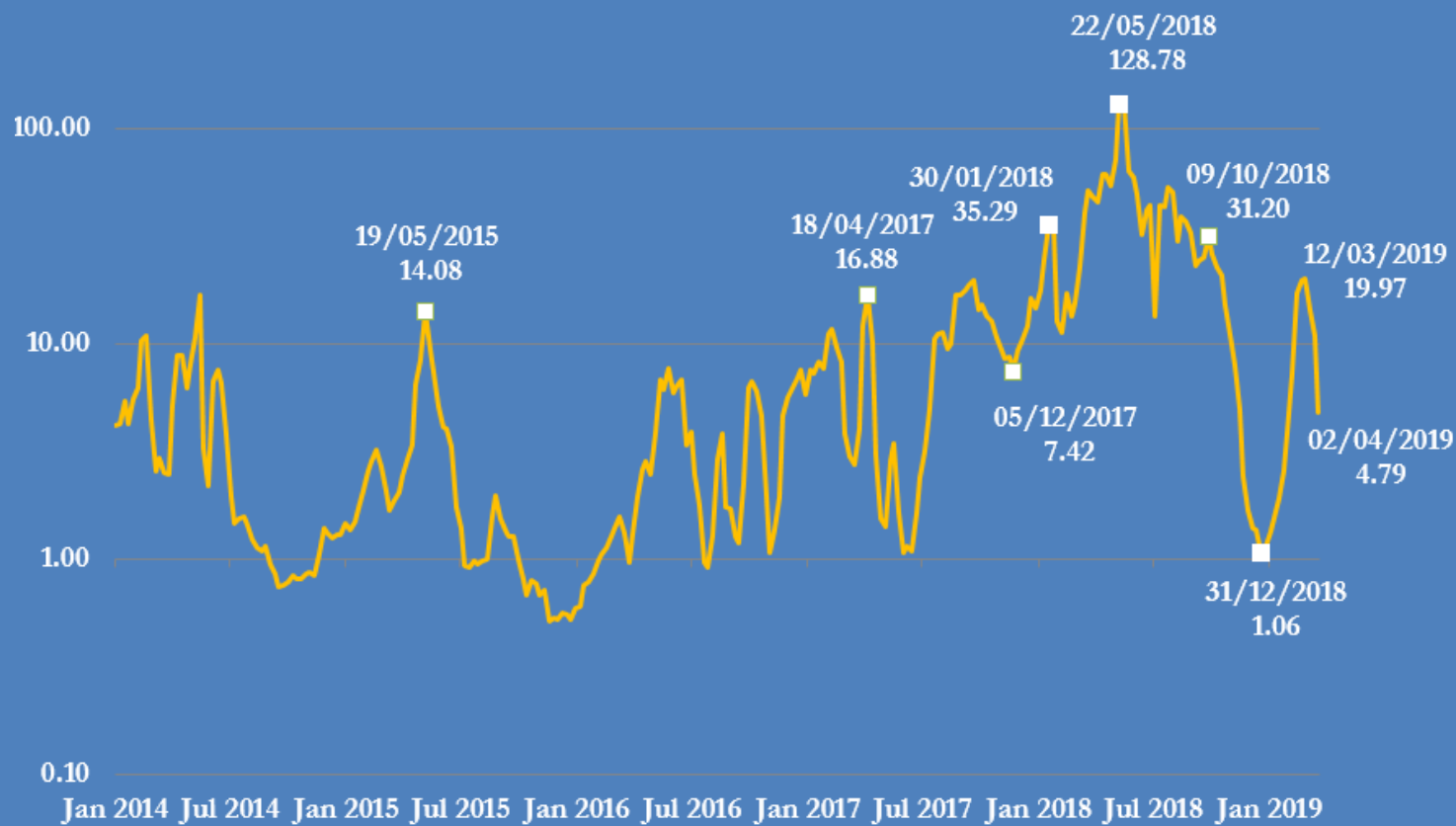


■ Gross Long Positions  
■ Gross Short Positions  
— Net Long (+) or Short (-) Position

Source: ICE Futures Europe  
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Hedge fund ratio of long to short positions in gasoil slipped to 4.79 from 10.88 the prior week and a recent high of 19.97 on Mar 12

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



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