

# Commitments of Traders: Commodities

Leveraged funds positioning covering the week ending  
February 4, 2020

Ole S. Hansen

Head of Commodity Strategy



Week to: 4-Feb-20	Leveraged Fund Positions							Trend	52-weeks Position Extremes			Open Interest						
	Long	Change	Short	Change	Net	Change	Change Pct		High	Low	Relative to max	Pct of net	1-yr Hi	1-yr Lo	Price change	Long / short	1st - 2nd month	Change Bn. USD
WTI Crude (CME)	239,613	-13,024	108,207	31,270	131,406	-44,294	-25%		314,387	86,530	42%	5%	11%	3%	-7.2%	2.2	-0.5%	-2.2
Brent Crude (ICE)	434,082	-46,457	81,367	3,185	352,715	-49,642	-12%		428,990	202,893	82%	11%	14%	7%	-8.2%	5.3	-0.6%	-2.7
Gas Oil (ICE)	86,452	-3,269	55,468	20,958	30,984	-24,227	-44%		128,644	30,984	24%	3%	13%	3%	1.0%	1.6	-0.1%	-1.2
RBOB Gasoline	103,105	3,974	16,109	3,798	86,996	176	0%		115,295	41,807	75%	23%	28%	11%	-4.7%	6.4	-10.1%	0.0
NY Harbor ULSD	27,840	-1,359	49,567	6,287	-21,727	-7,646	54%		21,226	-21,727	-100%	-5%	5%	-5%	-7.7%	0.6	0.2%	-0.5
NatGas (4 contr.)	230,543	-1,653	528,423	15,637	-297,880	-17,290	6%		219,216	-297,880	-100%	-20%	14%	-20%	-1.9%	0.4	-1.8%	-0.3
Gold	251,743	-37,782	40,250	8,359	211,493	-46,141	-18%		292,066	-22,328	72%	21%	26%	-3%	-1.3%	6.3	-0.4%	-7.2
Silver	79,510	-3,710	22,670	-11,588	56,840	7,878	16%		65,327	-39,042	87%	22%	23%	-16%	0.6%	3.5	-0.5%	0.7
Platinum	54,240	-3,402	6,168	1,589	48,072	-4,991	-9%		53,063	-23,479	91%	46%	49%	-26%	-2.9%	8.8	-0.5%	-0.2
Palladium	10,571	-721	3,701	203	6,870	-924	-12%		15,042	6,870	46%	29%	60%	29%	6.9%	2.9	0.2%	-0.2
HG Copper	44,713	-7,511	91,241	18,819	-46,528	-26,330	130%		23,126	-74,597	-62%	-17%	0%	0%	-1.5%	0.5	-0.3%	-1.7
Soybeans	72,923	4,289	155,281	35,692	-82,358	-31,403	62%		72,325	-168,835	-49%	-8%	9%	-18%	-1.7%	0.5	-1.5%	-1.4
Soybean Meal	40,312	-8,867	104,689	15,791	-64,377	-24,658	62%		4,665	-64,377	-100%	-12%	1%	-12%	-3.1%	0.4	-2.0%	-0.7
Soybean Oil	89,713	-28,519	21,828	334	67,885	-28,853	-30%		119,420	-80,406	57%	12%	21%	-14%	-2.3%	4.1	-1.2%	-0.5
Corn	173,461	-13,035	229,451	13,479	-55,990	-26,514	90%		187,929	-322,215	-17%	-3%	8%	-15%	-1.1%	0.8	-1.3%	-0.5
Wheat (CBOT)	135,618	-707	83,457	-4,399	52,161	3,692	8%		52,161	-83,502	100%	8%	8%	-14%	-2.2%	1.6	0.4%	0.1
Wheat (KCBT)	55,483	245	47,222	1,368	8,261	-1,123	-12%		10,692	-58,866	77%	2%	3%	-17%	-3.1%	1.2	-1.3%	-0.0
Sugar	236,211	-13,548	100,980	-3,285	135,231	-10,263	-7%		145,494	-234,839	93%	9%	10%	-21%	1.2%	2.3	1.5%	-0.2
Cocoa	105,695	4,796	38,943	1,095	66,752	3,701	6%		66,752	-41,317	100%	17%	18%	-14%	1.9%	2.7	0.1%	0.1
Coffee	39,595	-4,050	35,171	10,648	4,424	-14,698	-77%		43,181	-81,667	10%	1%	12%	-21%	-6.6%	1.1	-2.2%	-0.5
Cotton	47,221	-2,968	13,786	138	33,435	-3,106	-9%		36,541	-47,428	91%	11%	12%	-18%	-4.3%	3.4	-0.6%	-0.1
Live Cattle	78,884	-18,936	23,625	-3,117	55,259	-15,819	-22%		154,550	-6,885	36%	14%	31%	-2%	0.0%	3.3	7.1%	-0.8
Feeder Cattle	10,913	-1,751	13,328	2,154	-2,415	-3,905	-262%		7,603	-7,214	-33%	-4%	13%	-12%	1.6%	0.8	-1.7%	-0.3
Lean Hogs	67,706	6,999	56,587	5,979	11,119	1,020	10%		61,753	-9,892	18%	3%	14%	-3%	-12.6%	1.2	-16.0%	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,716,147</b>		<b>1,927,519</b>		<b>788,628</b>	<b>-365,360</b>	<b>-32%</b>		<b>1,340,765</b>	<b>37,605</b>	59%							

Source: CFTC, ICE, Bloomberg and Saxo Bank


# How to read the table?

The report covers a seven-day period up until this date

Position extremes:  
One year high/low with percentage distance between current position and one-year max

Open Interest:  
The size of the current position as a percentage of the total open interest.

The long/short ratio:  
The number of longs per one short position. It's showing how potentially stretched a market is getting.

Week to: 4-Feb-20		Leveraged Fund Positions								52-weeks Position Extremes			Open Interest					Price change	Long / short	1st - 2nd month	Change Bn. USD
Long	Change	Short	Change	Net	Change	Change Pct	Trend	High	Low	Relative to max	Pct of net	1-yr Hi	1-yr Lo								
WTI Crude (CME)	239,613	-13,024	108,207	31,270	131,406	-44,294	-25%		314,387	86,530	42%	5%	11%	3%	-7.2%	2.2	-0.5%	-2.2			

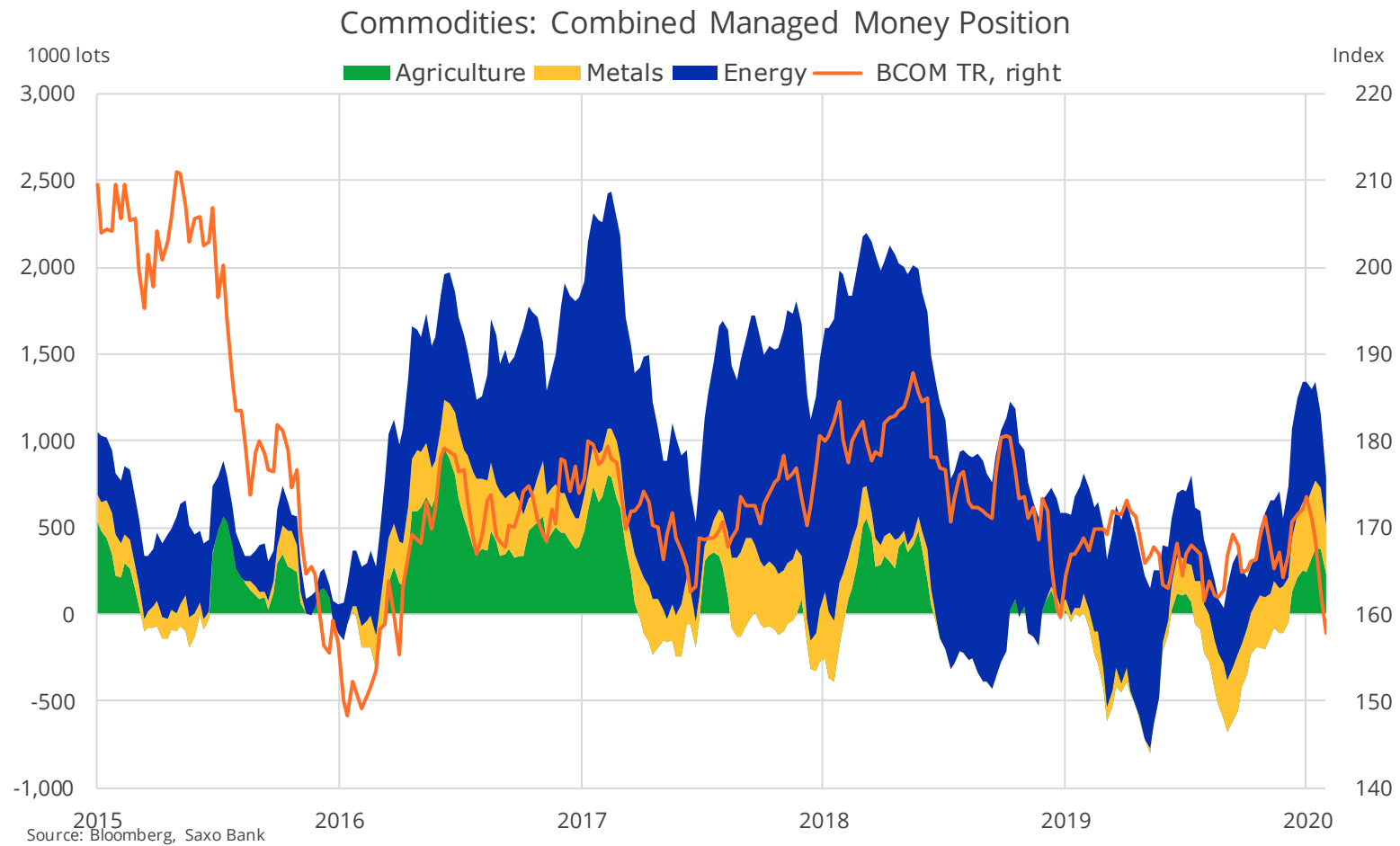
Showing changes to both long and short positions provides insights about the strength of the change. For example, an increase in a net-long due to short-covering is potentially not as strong as change driven by fresh long positions.

Last five weeks

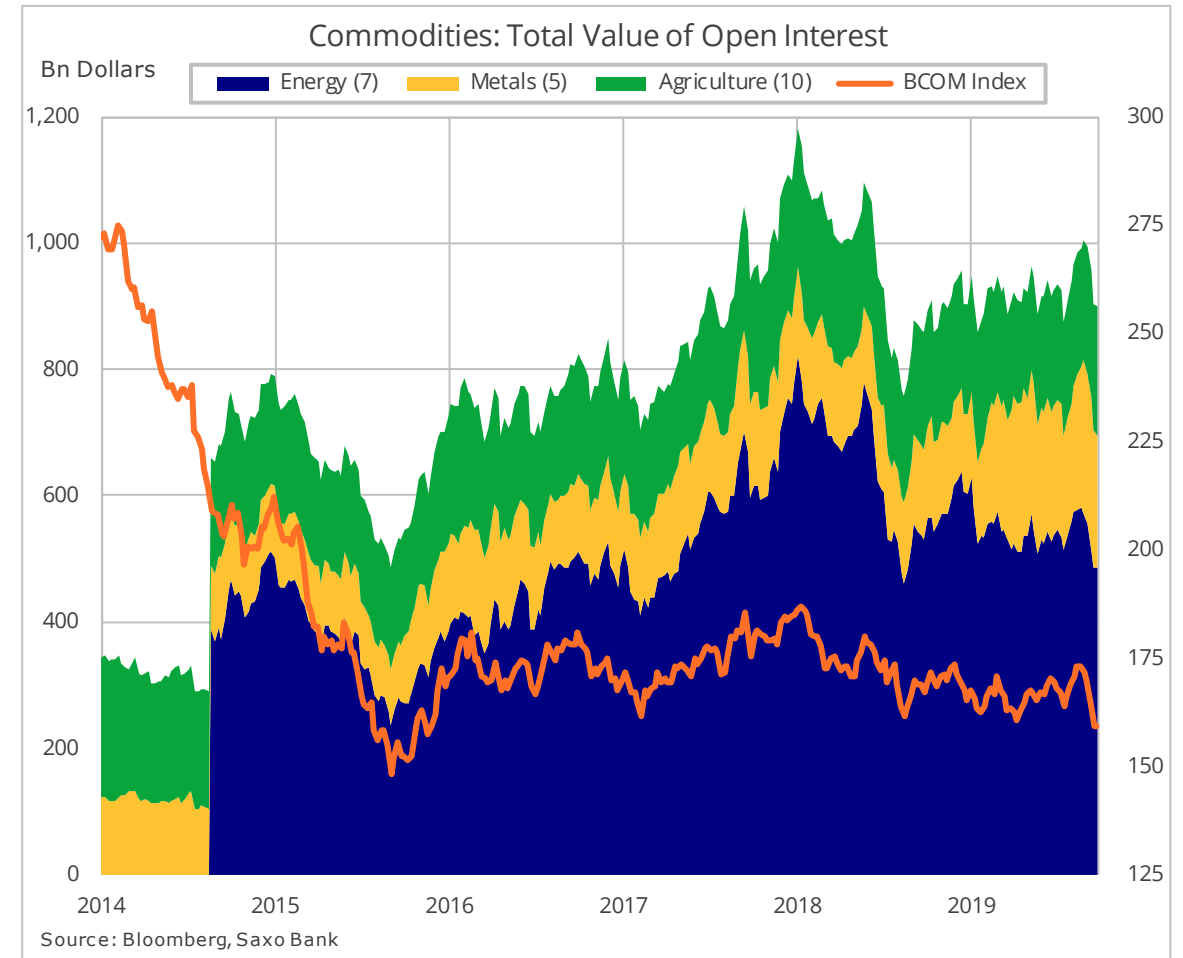
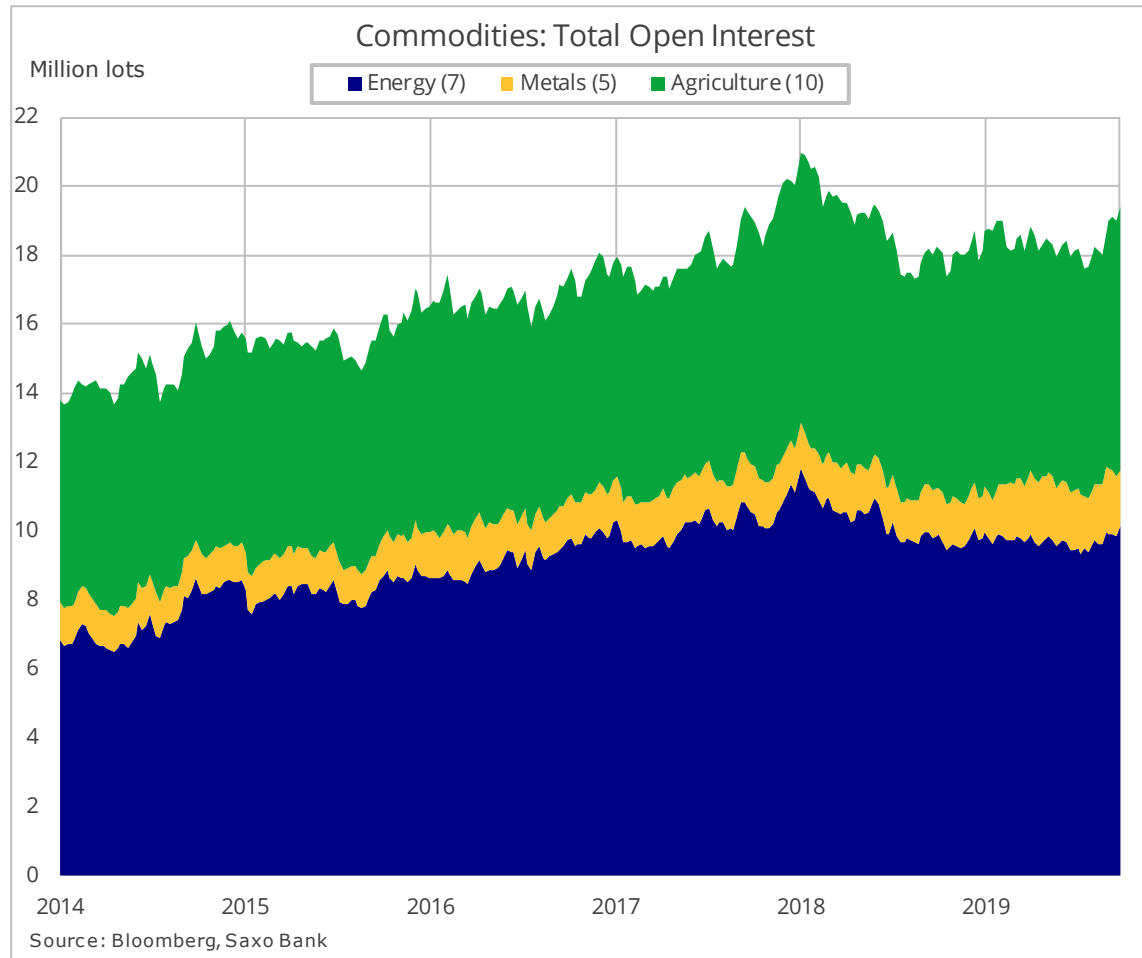
Price change during the reporting week

The spread between the first and the second futures contract. A negative number or contango reflects an oversupplied market which favours short sellers. A positive number or backwardation favors long positions

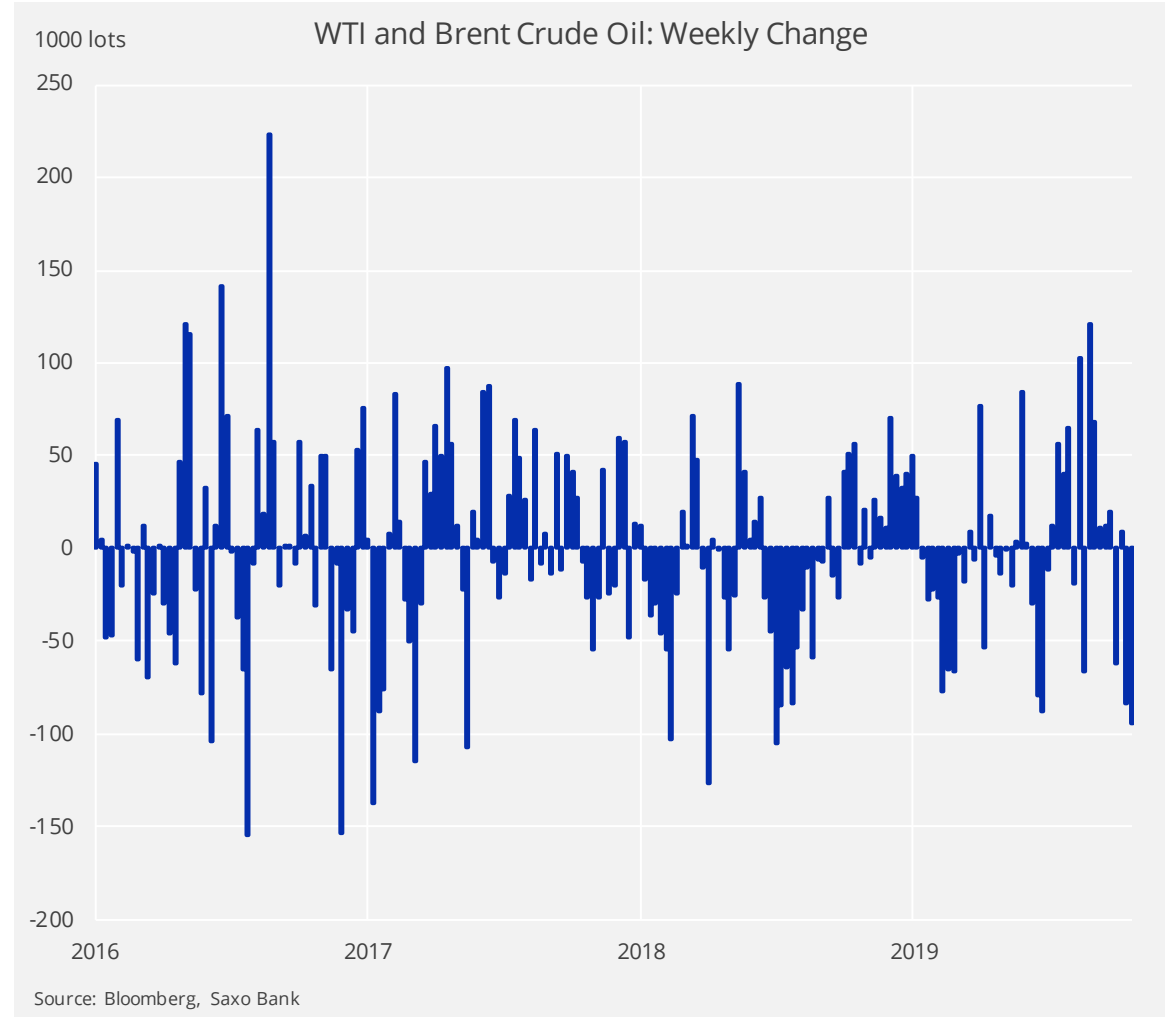
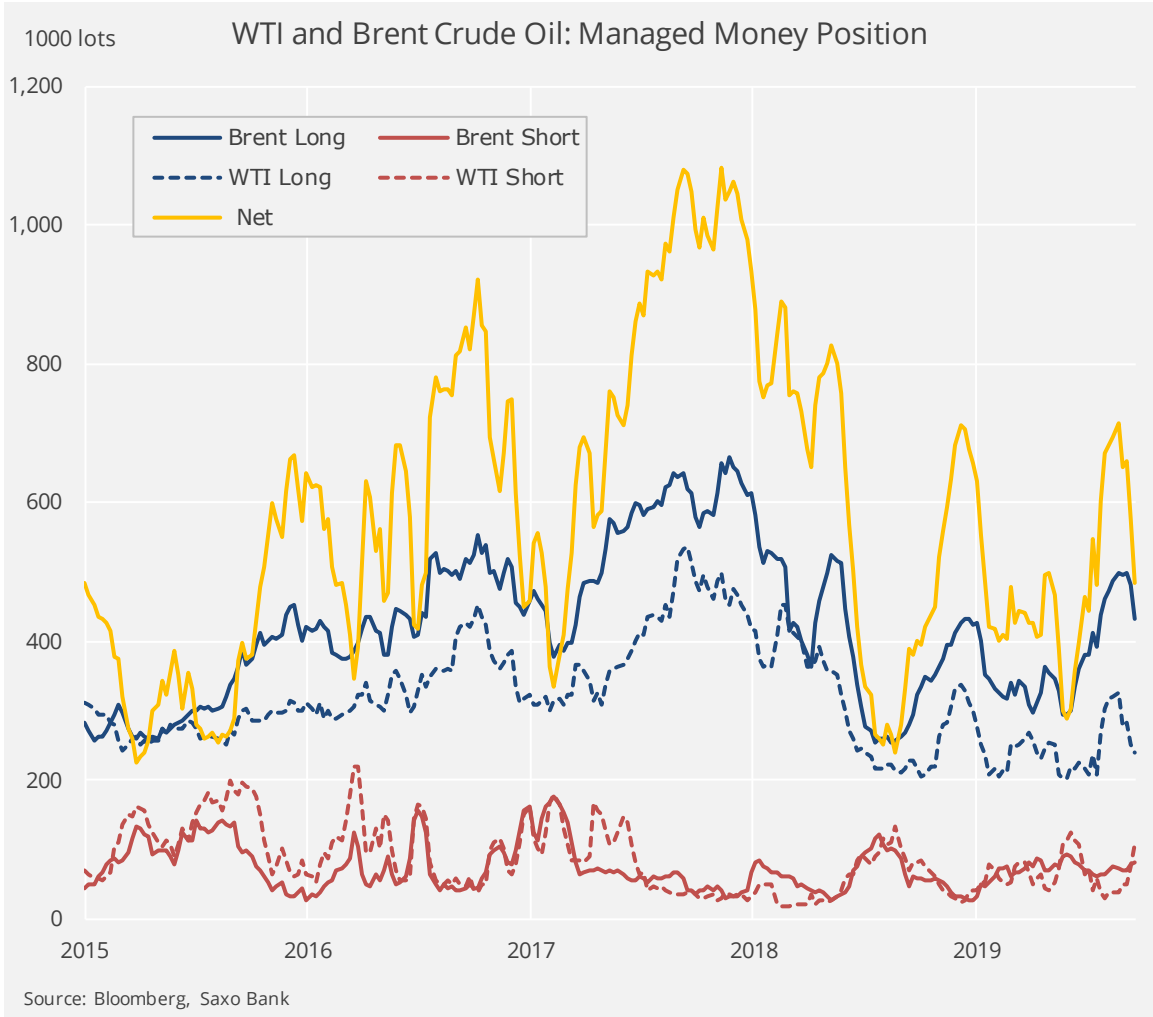
The notional value of the net-change in billion dollars



# Open Interest and value of 22 major commodities

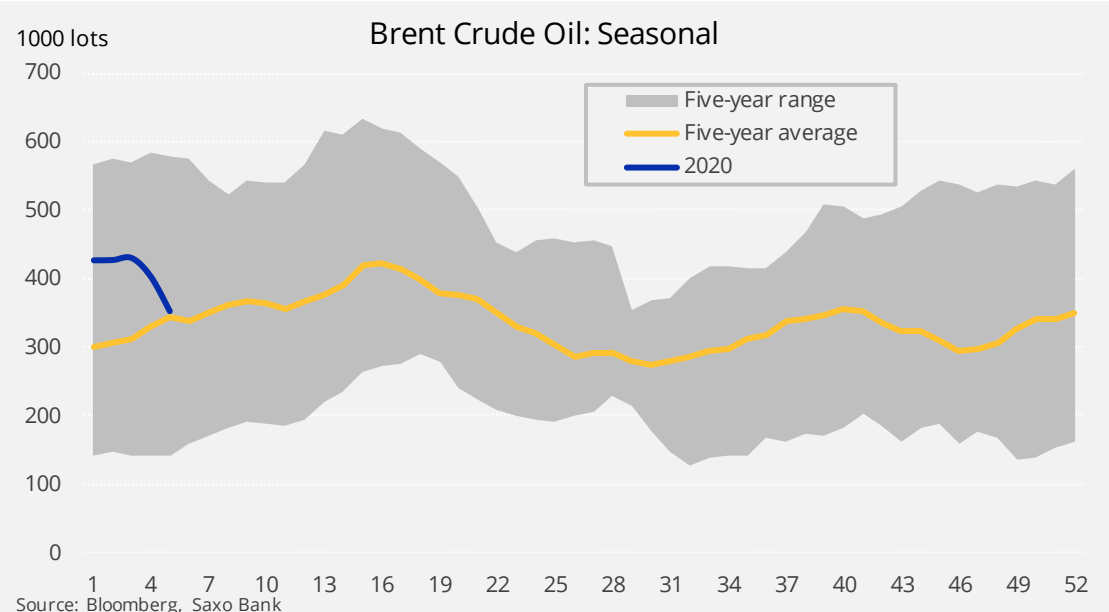
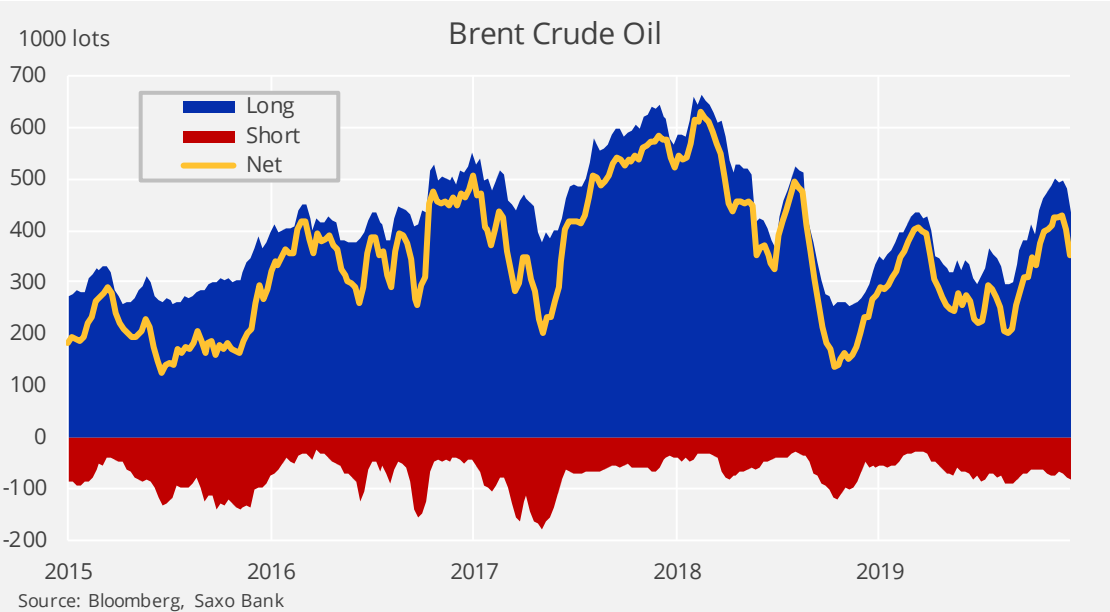
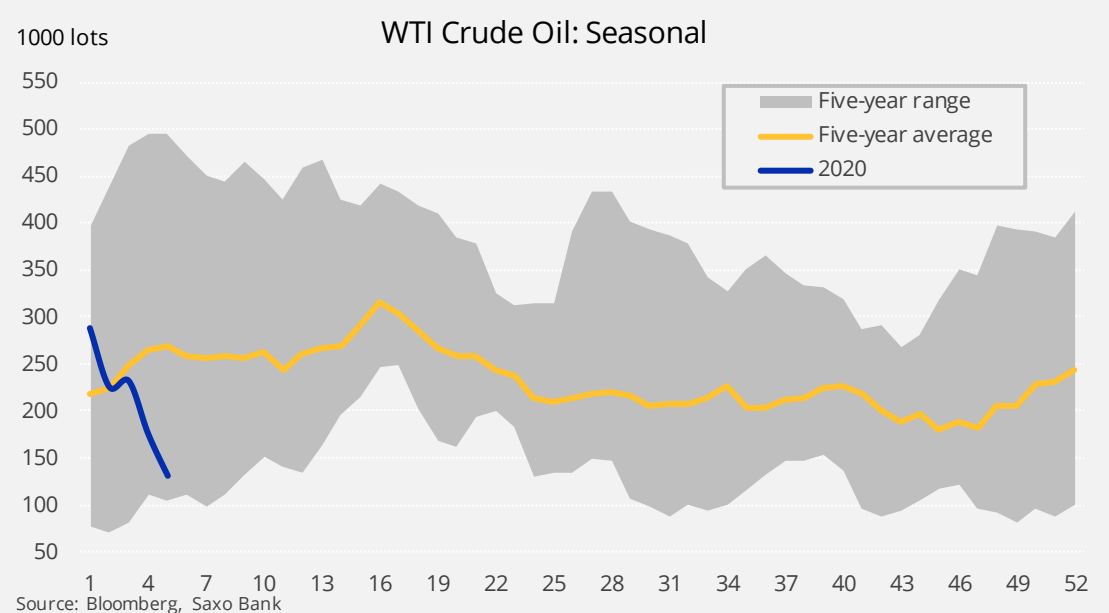
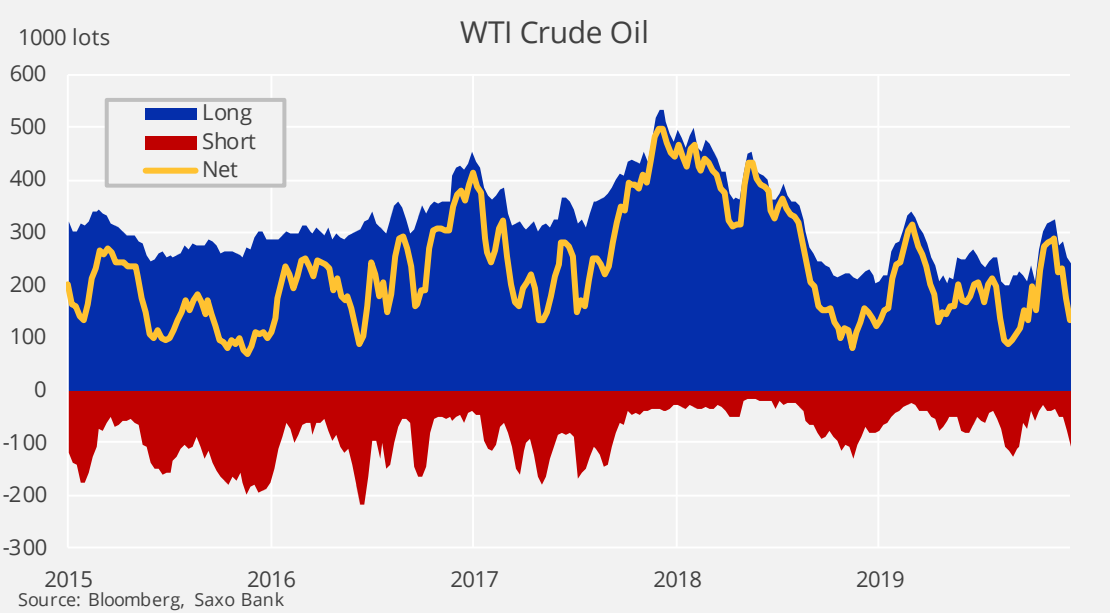


# Crude Oil Combined

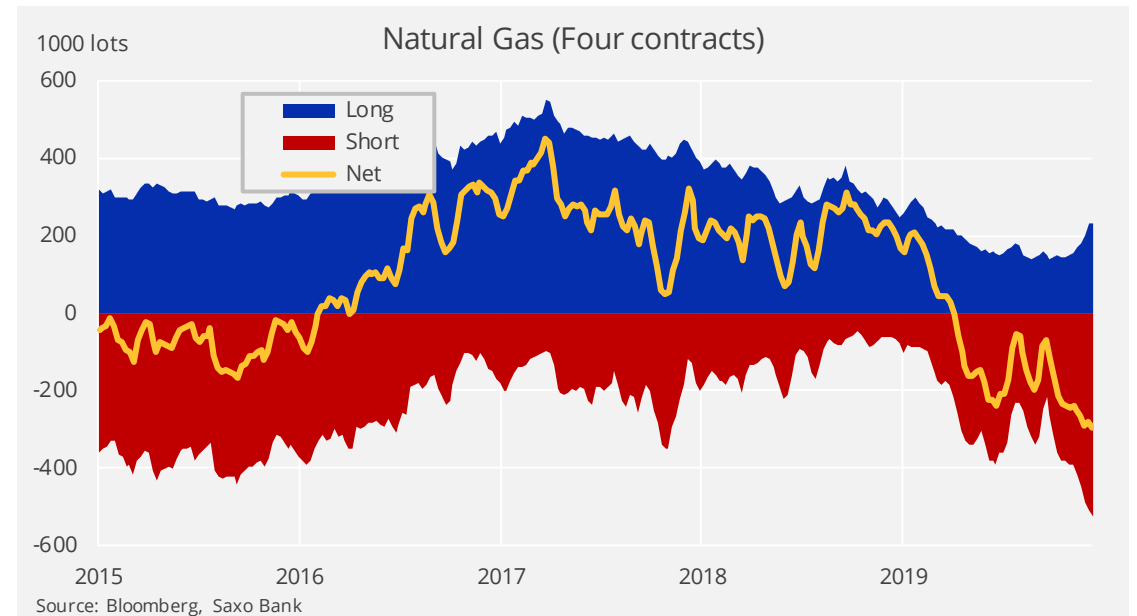
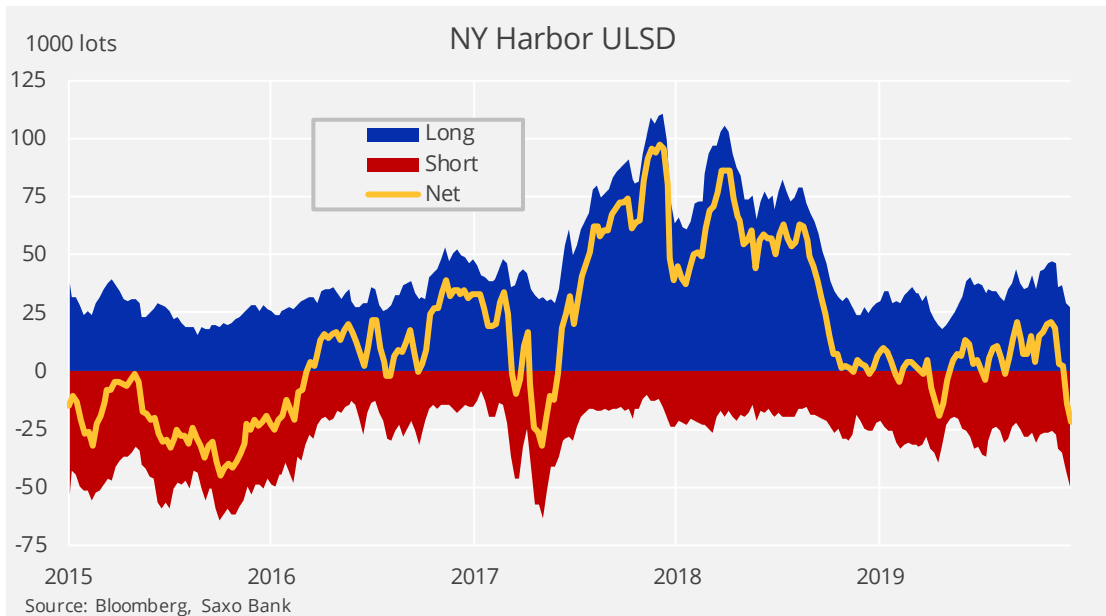
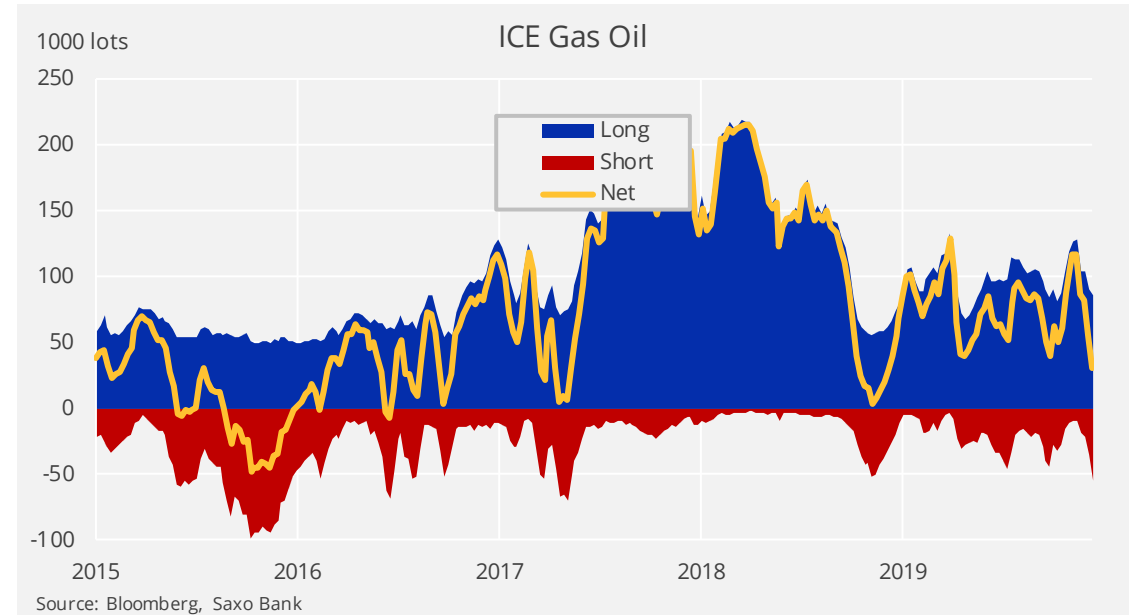
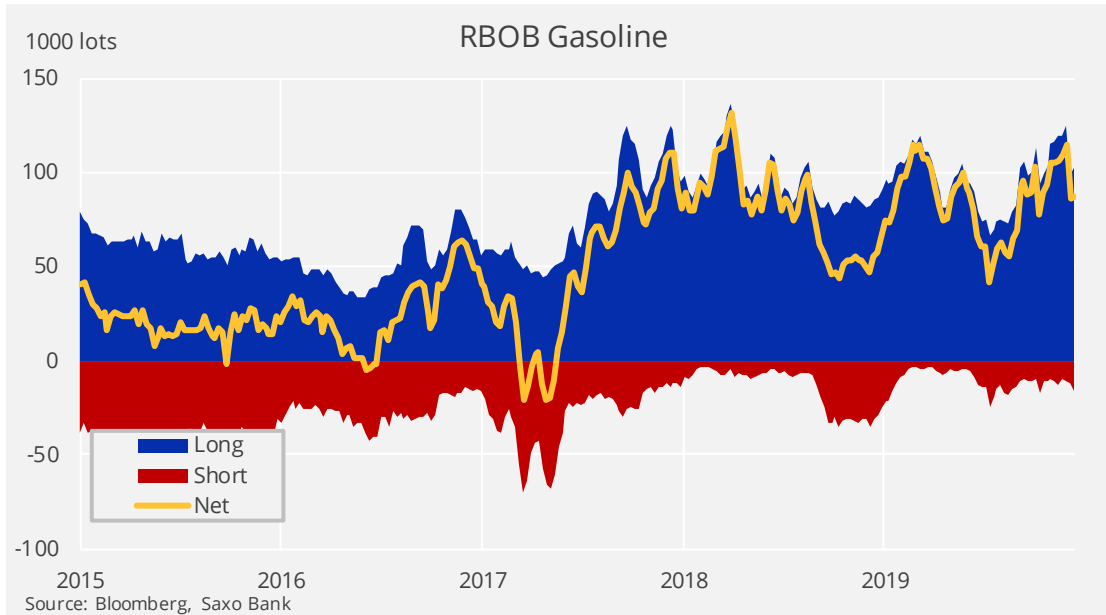




# Crude Oil

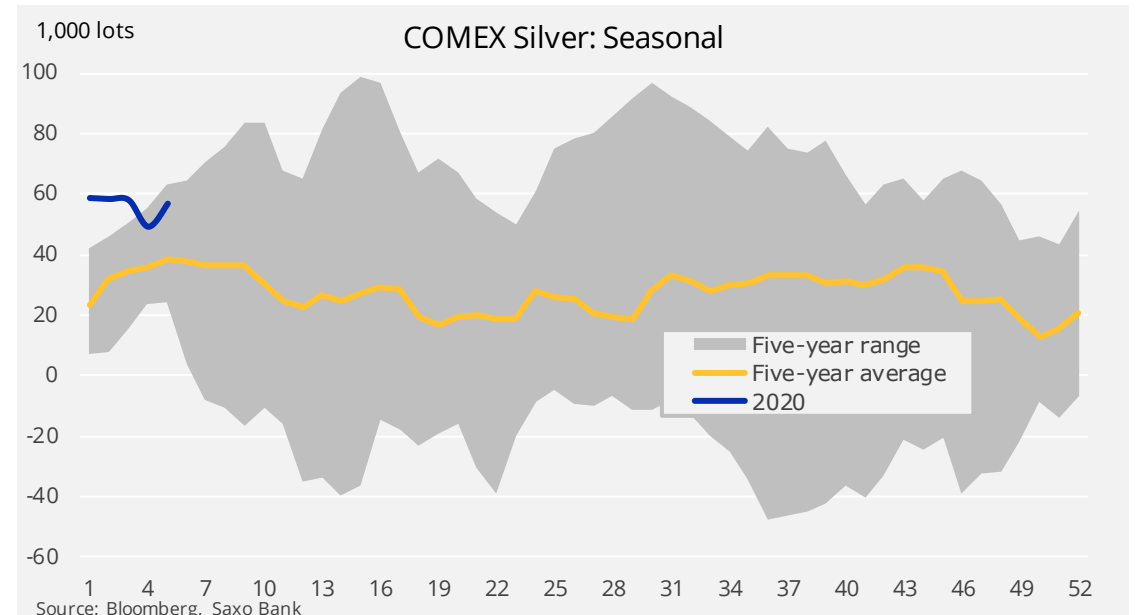
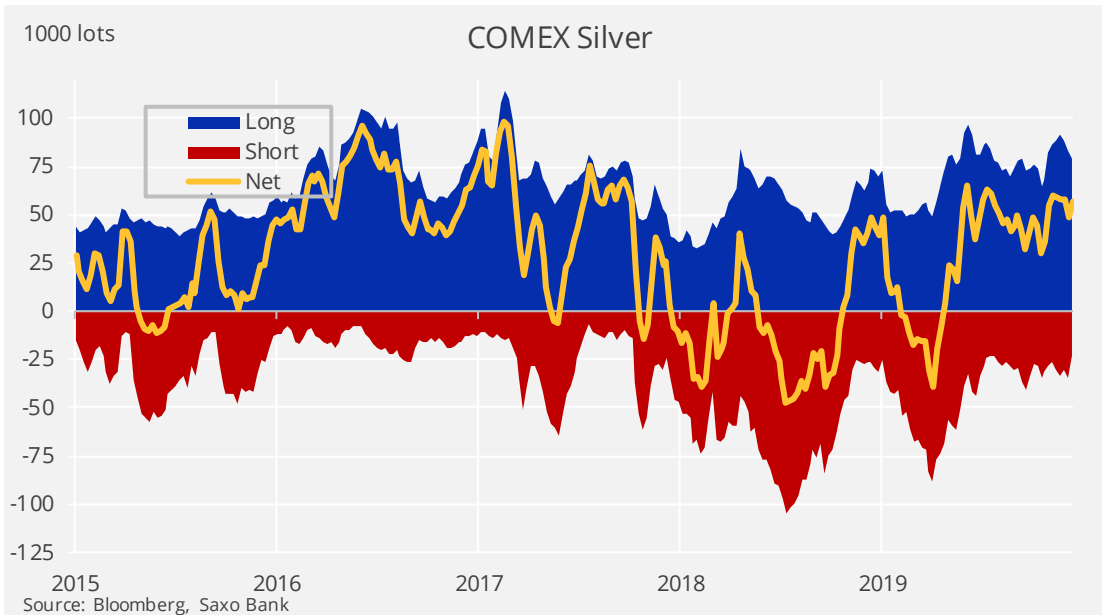
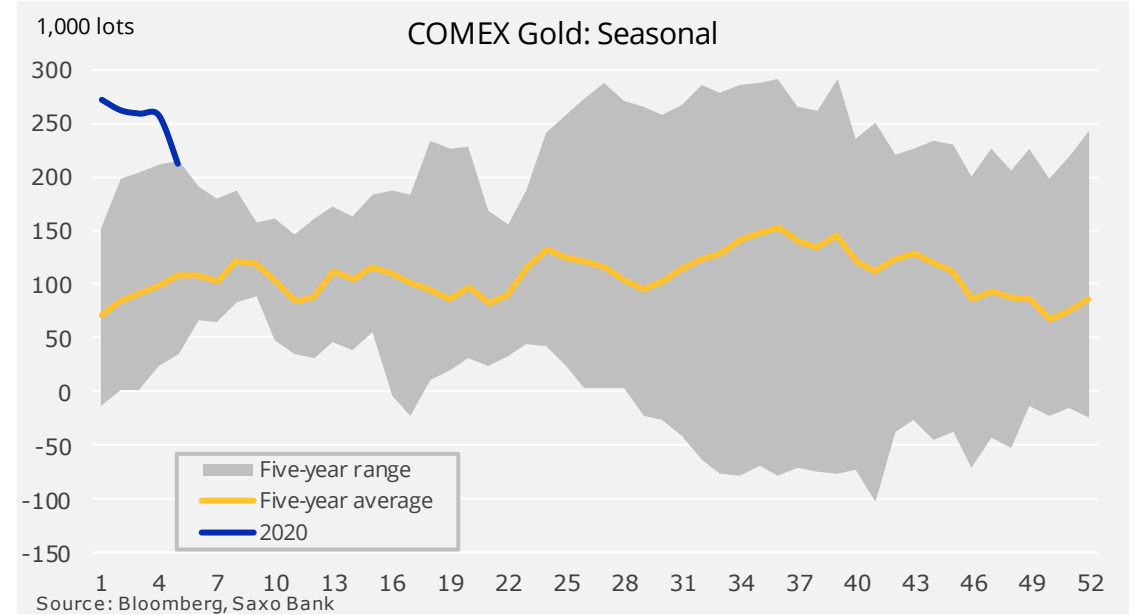
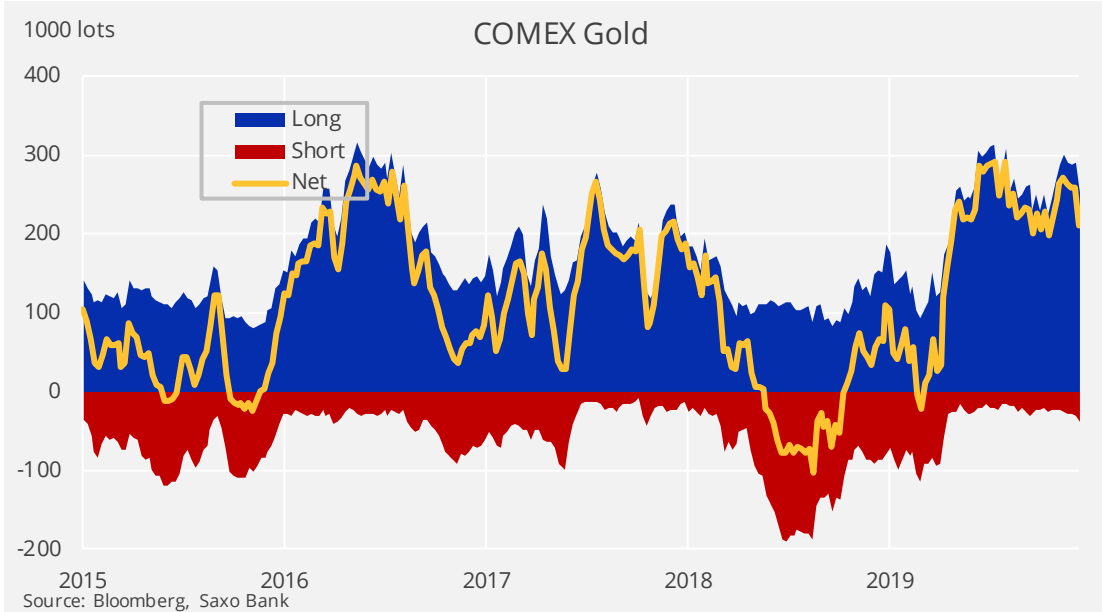


# Crude Oil Products & Natural Gas

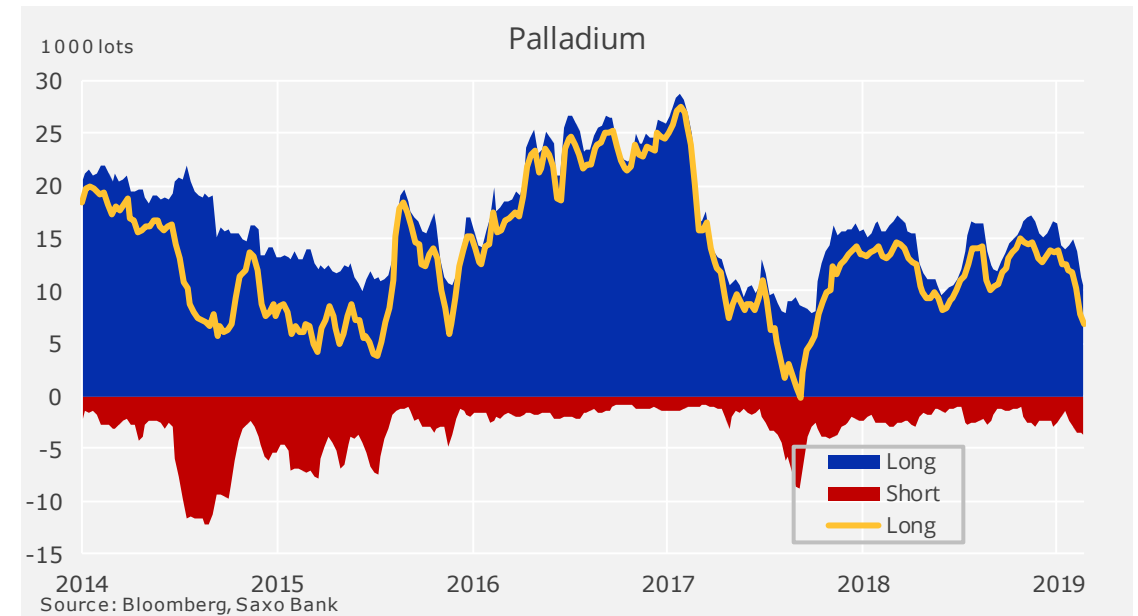
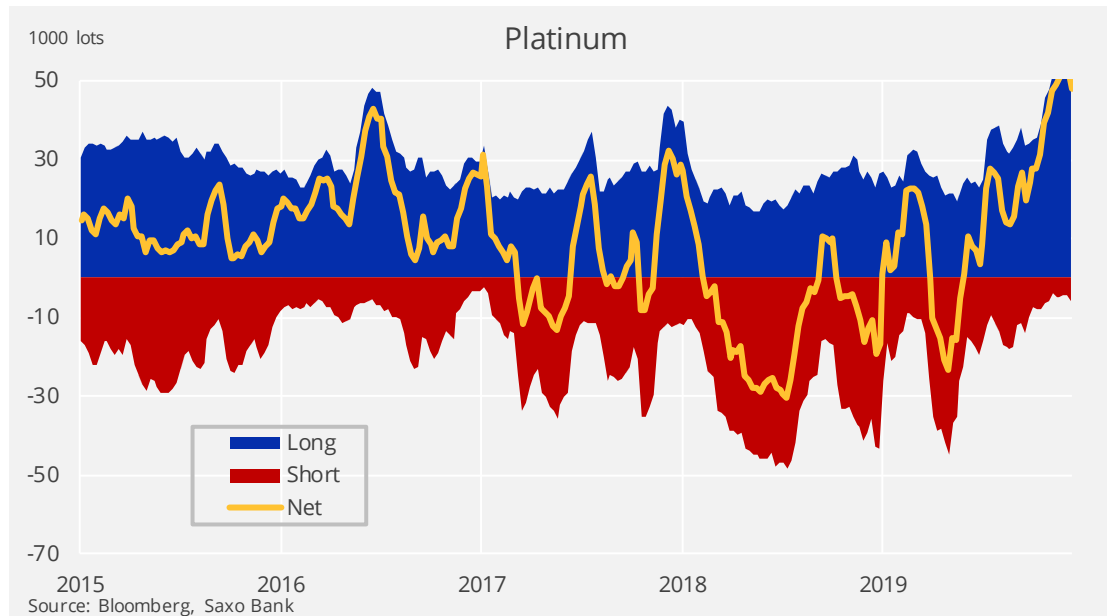
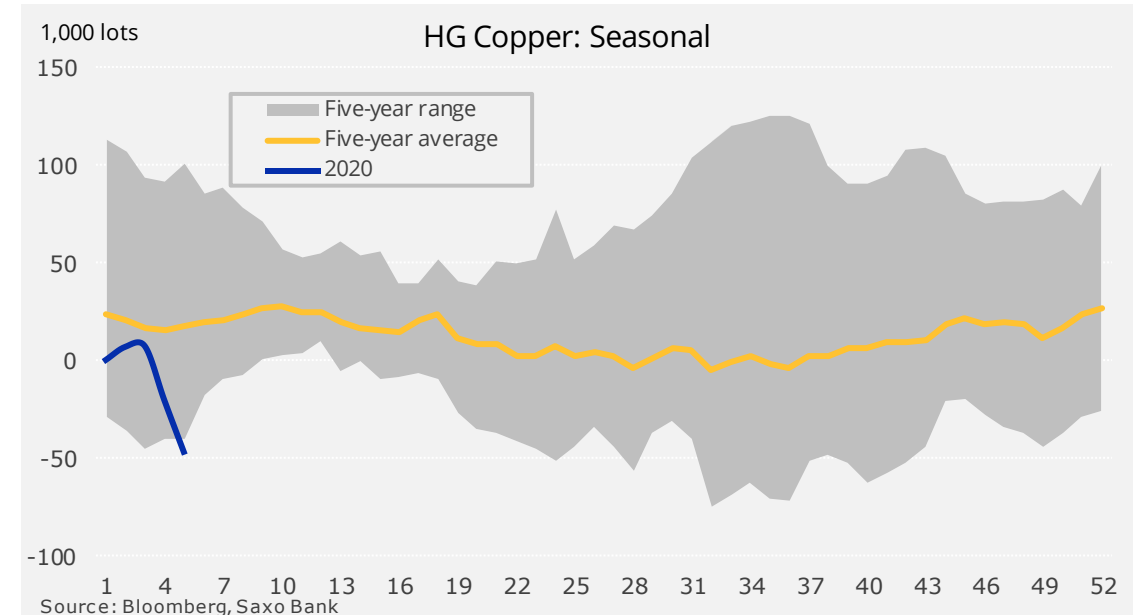
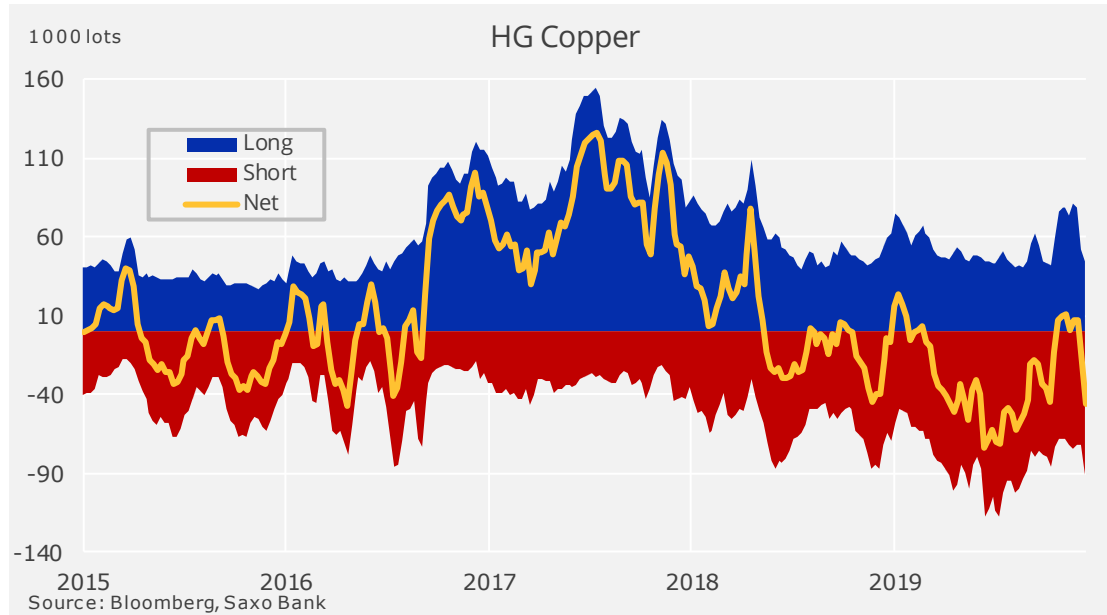




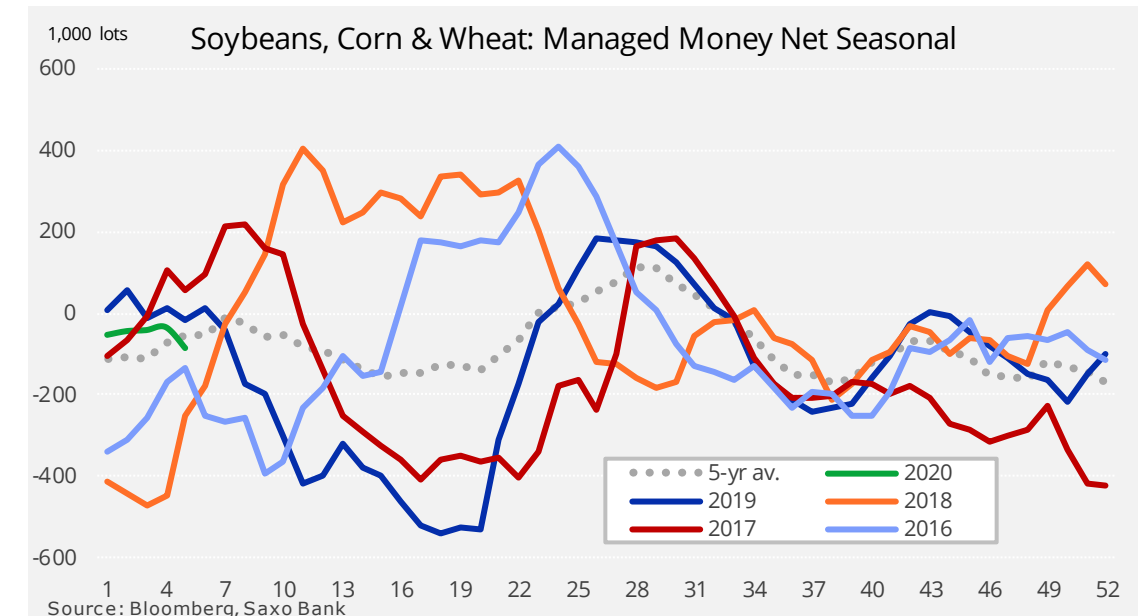
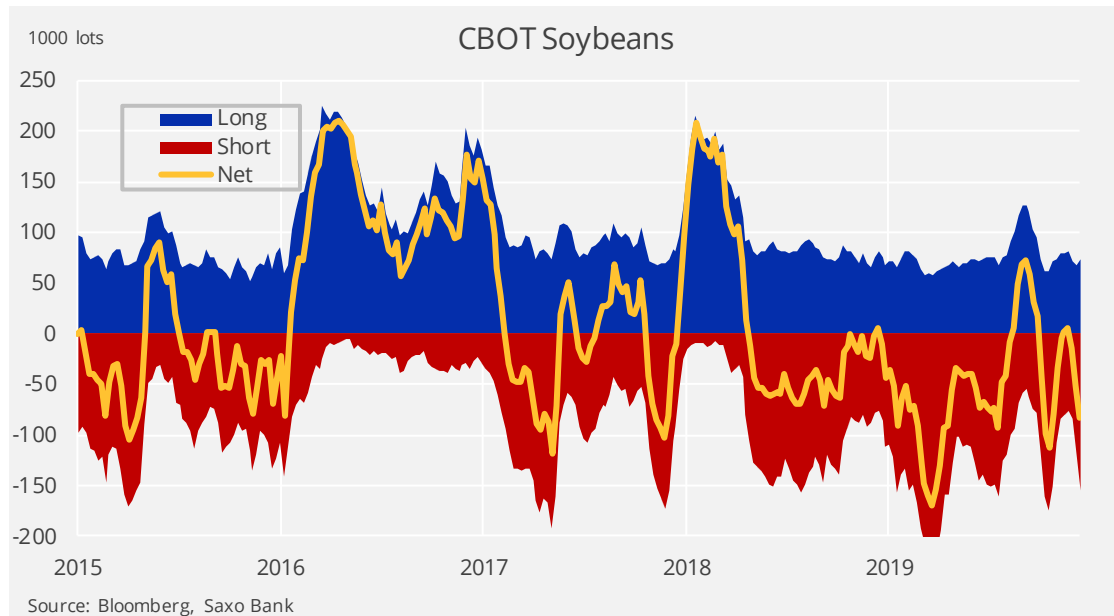
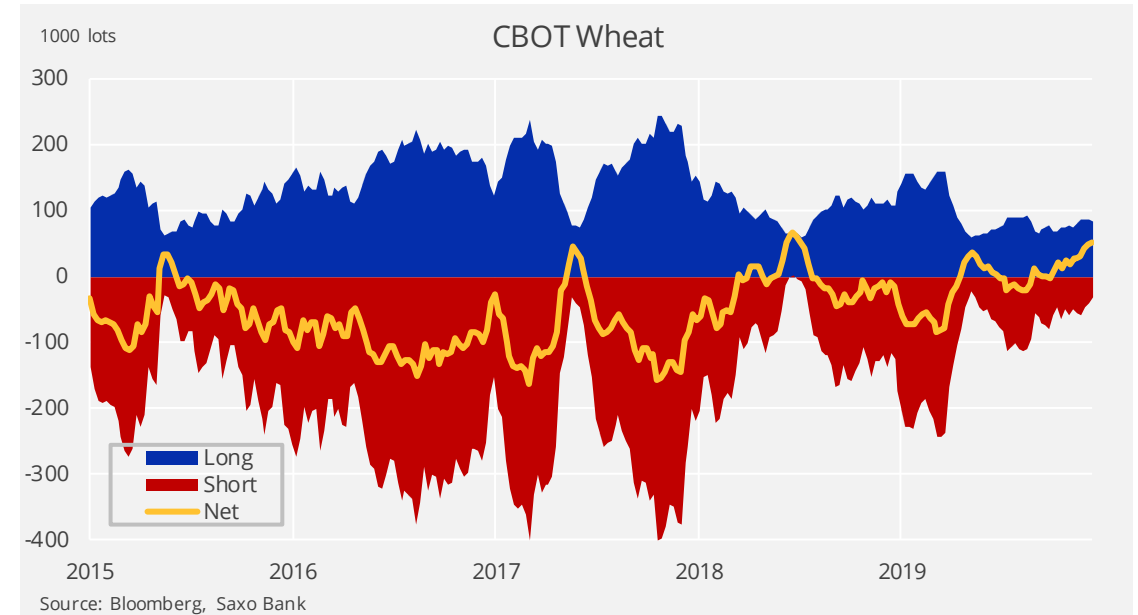
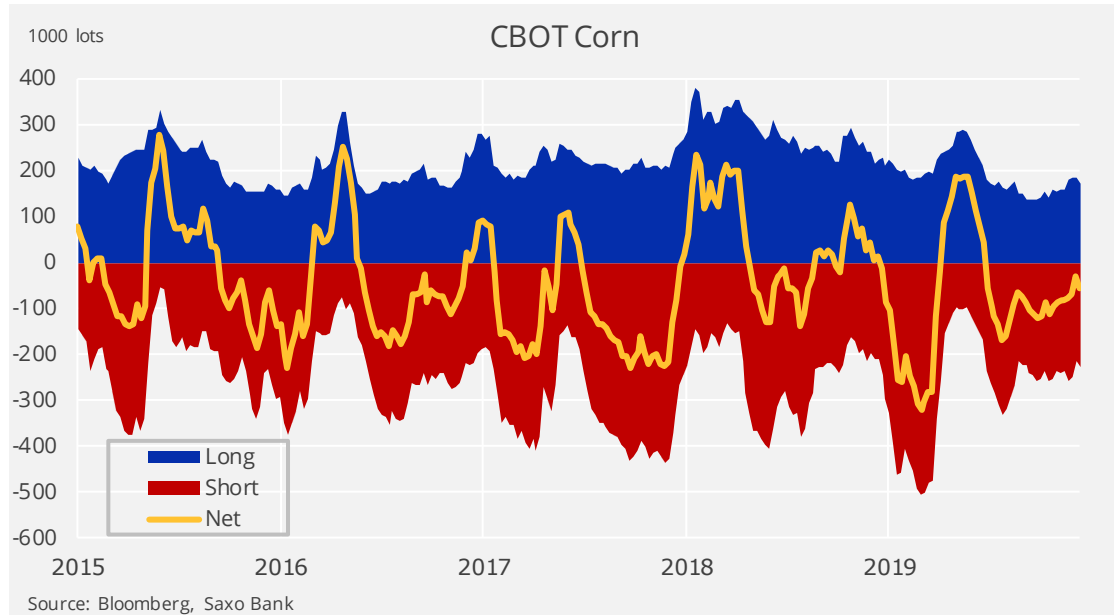
# Gold and silver



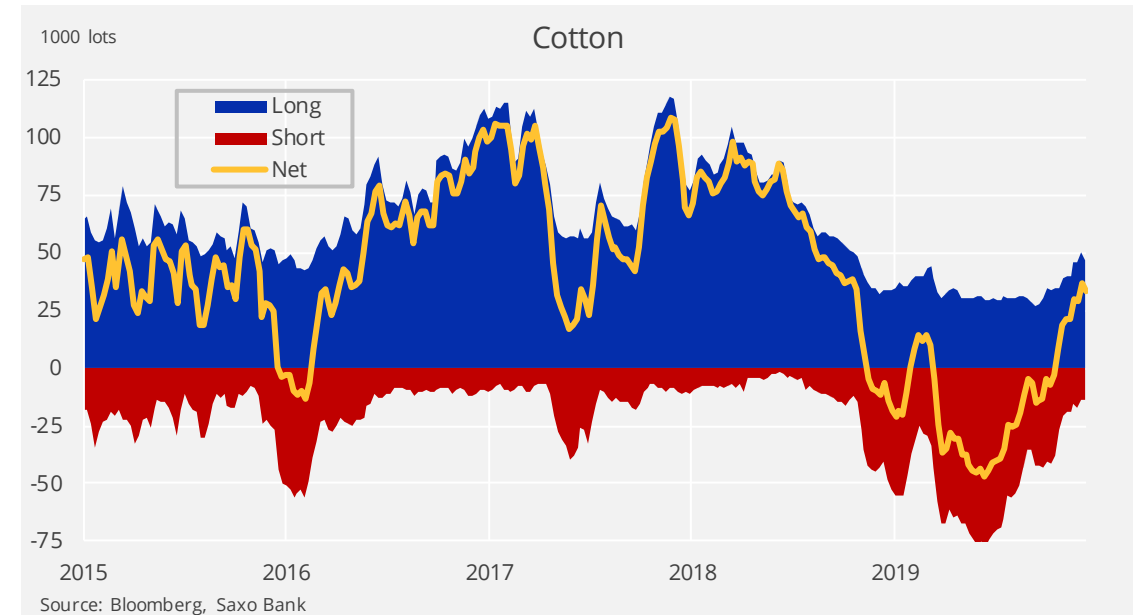
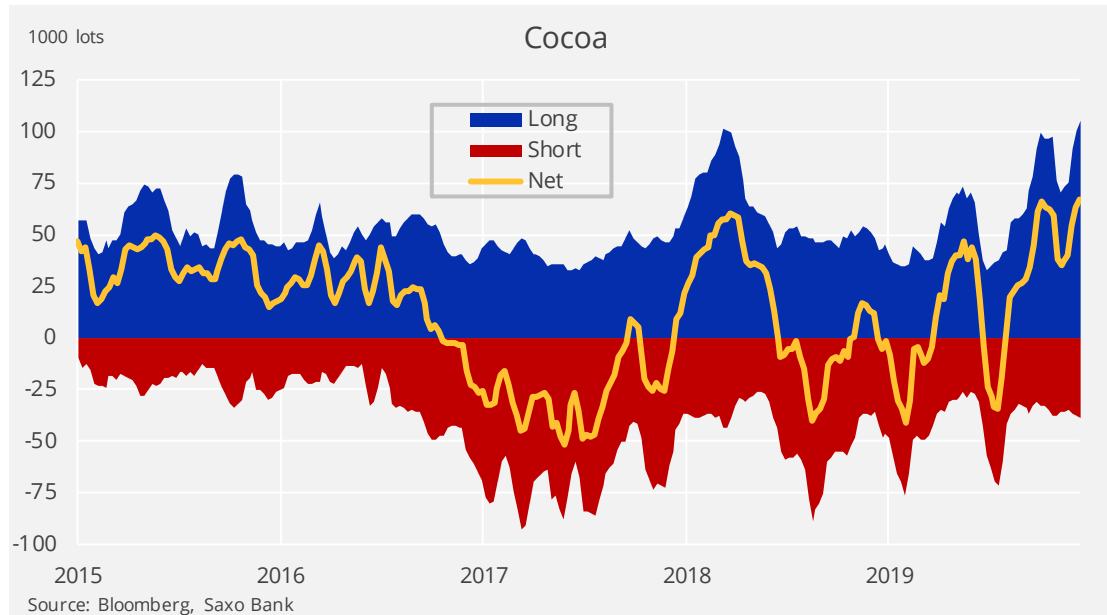
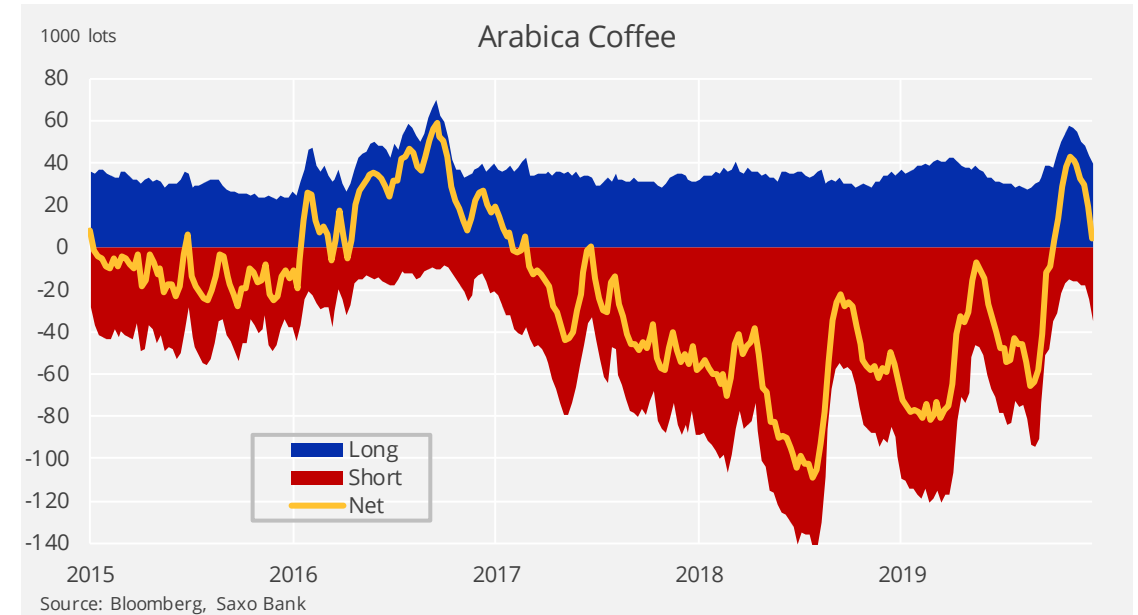
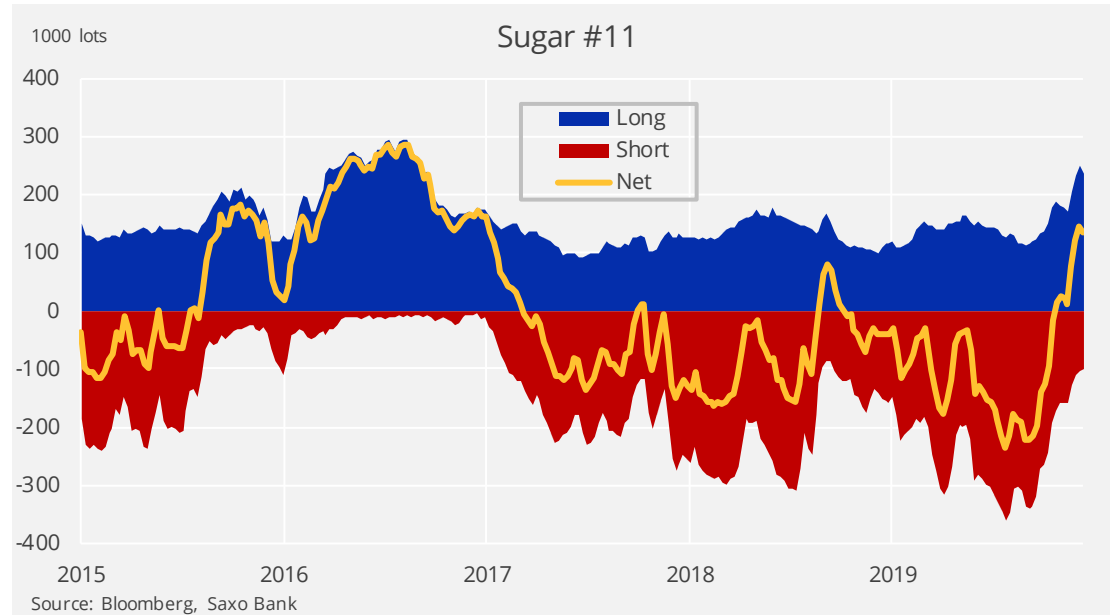
# HG Copper and PGM's



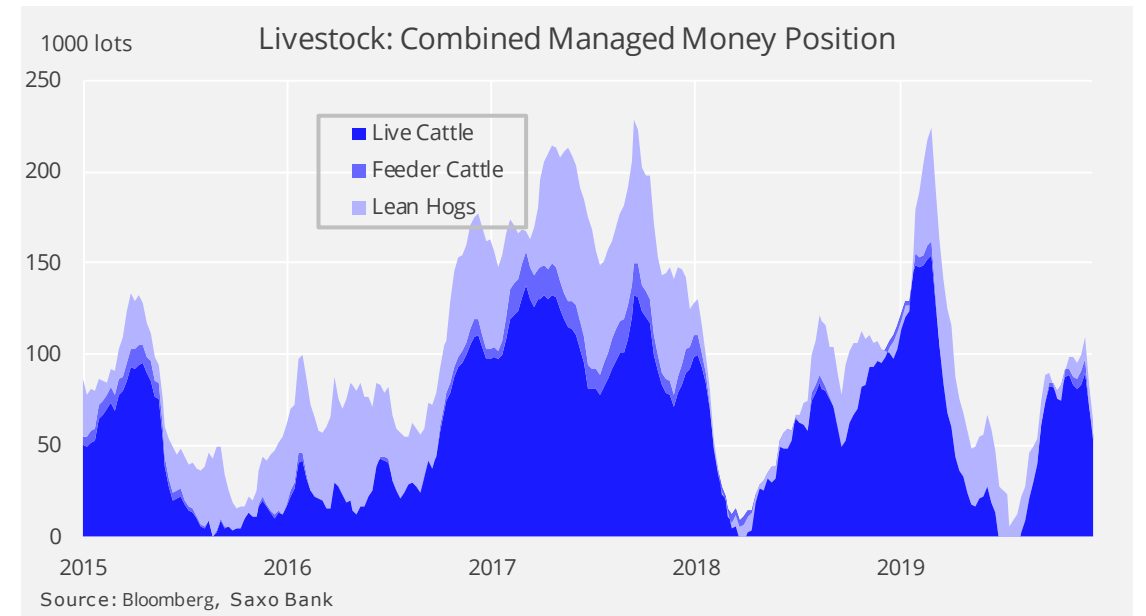
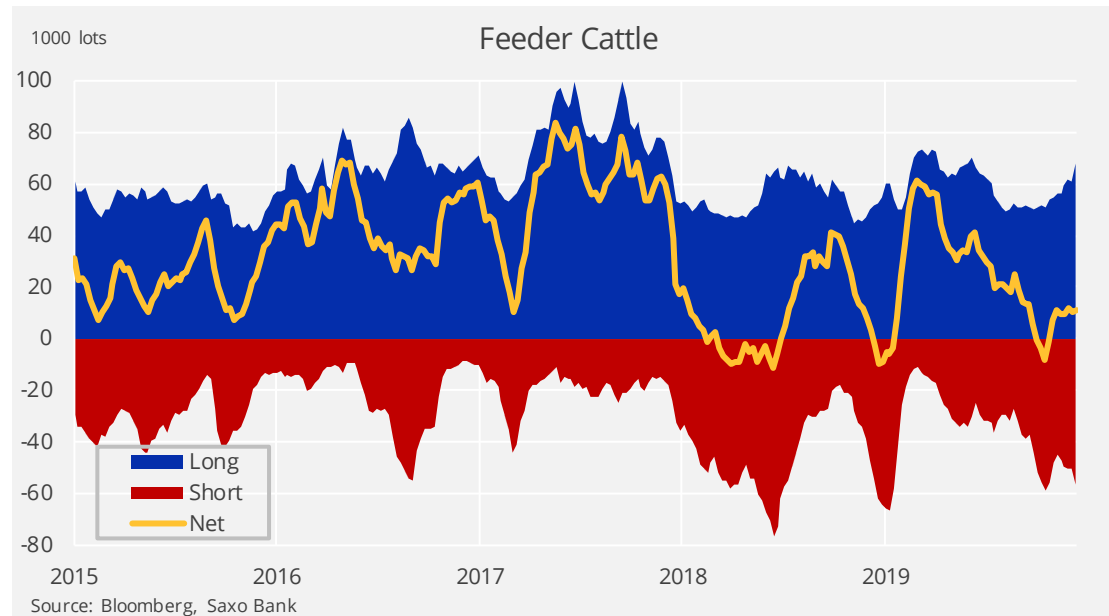
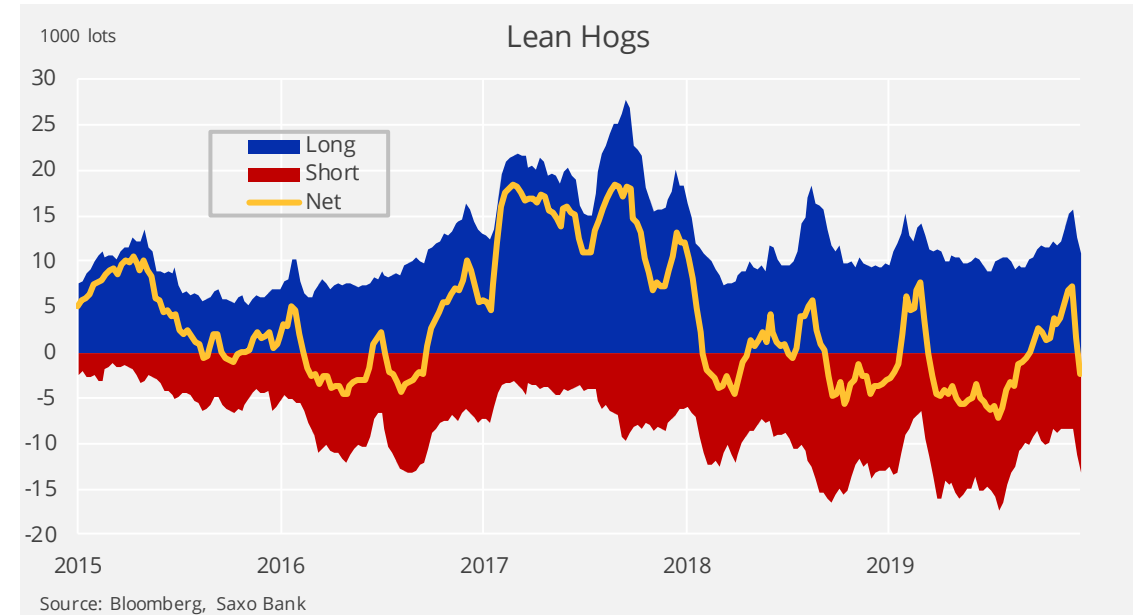
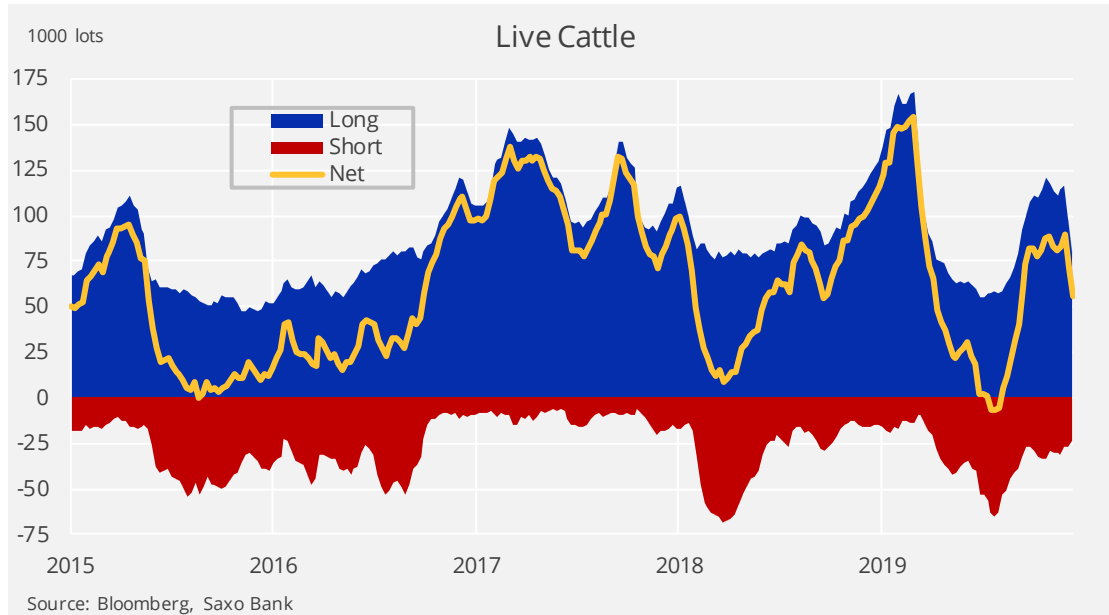
# Grains



# Soft Commodities



# Livestock



# What is the COT report?

- The **Commitments of Traders** reports are issued by the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and the ICE Exchange Europe for Brent crude oil and gas oil.
- They are released every Friday at 15:30 Eastern time with data from the week ending the previous Tuesday
- It breaks down the open interest in futures markets where 20 or more traders hold positions
  - Producer/Merchant/Processor/User; Swap Dealers; **Managed Money** and other
- It covers most US futures markets from stocks, rates, and IMM currencies to commodities
- Our focus and that of others is primarily on the behavior of Managed Money traders:
  - Commodity trading advisors (CTA), commodity pool operators (CPO), and unregistered funds
  - They are likely to have **tight stops** and **no underlying exposure** that is being hedged
  - This makes them **most reactive to changes** in fundamental or technical price developments
  - It provides views about **major trends** but also helps to decipher when a **reversal** is looming

# Disclaimer

## NON-INDEPENDENT INVESTMENT RESEARCH

None of the information contained herein constitutes an offer (or solicitation of an offer) to buy or sell any currency, product or financial instrument, to make any investment, or to participate in any particular trading strategy. This material is produced for marketing and/or informational purposes only and Saxo Bank A/S and its owners, subsidiaries and affiliates whether acting directly or through branch offices ("Saxo Bank Group") make no representation or warranty, and assume no liability, for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided herein. In providing this material Saxo Bank Group has not taken into account any particular recipient's investment objectives, special investment goals, financial situation, and specific needs and demands and nothing herein is intended as a recommendation for any recipient to invest or divest in a particular manner and Saxo Bank Group assumes no liability for any recipient sustaining a loss from trading in accordance with a perceived recommendation. All investments entail a risk and may result in both profits and losses. In particular investments in leveraged products, such as but not limited to foreign exchange, derivatives and commodities can be very speculative and profits and losses may fluctuate both violently and rapidly. Speculative trading is not suitable for all investors and all recipients should carefully consider their financial situation and consult financial advisor(s) in order to understand the risks involved and ensure the suitability of their situation prior to making any investment, divestment or entering into any transaction. Any mentioning herein, if any, of any risk may not be, and should not be considered to be, neither a comprehensive disclosure or risks nor a comprehensive description such risks. Any expression of opinion may be personal to the author and may not reflect the opinion of Saxo Bank Group and all expressions of opinion are subject to change without notice (neither prior nor subsequent).

This [website/communication] refers to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Indications of past performance displayed on this [website/communication] will not necessarily be repeated in the future. No representation is being made that any investment will or is likely to achieve profits or losses similar to those achieved in the past, or that significant losses will be avoided.

Statements contained on this [website/communication] that are not historical facts and which may be simulated past performance or future performance data are based on current expectations, estimates, projections, opinions and beliefs of the Saxo Bank Group. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, and undue reliance should not be placed thereon. Additionally, this [website/communication] may contain 'forward-looking statements'. Actual events or results or actual performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated in such forward-looking statements.

This material is confidential and should not be copied, distributed, published or reproduced in whole or in part or disclosed by recipients to any other person. Any information or opinions in this material are not intended for distribution to, or use by, any person in any jurisdiction or country where such distribution or use would be unlawful. The information in this document is not directed at or intended for "US Persons" within the meaning of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended and the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

If you do not wish to receive any emails from Saxo Bank Group in the future, please reply to this email with the word "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject header. This disclaimer is subject to Saxo Bank Group's Full Disclaimer available at [HOME.SAXO](https://www.saxo.com/US/FullDisclaimer)



**More information:**

[www.analysis.saxo](http://www.analysis.saxo)



[@ole\\_s\\_hansen](https://twitter.com/ole_s_hansen)

