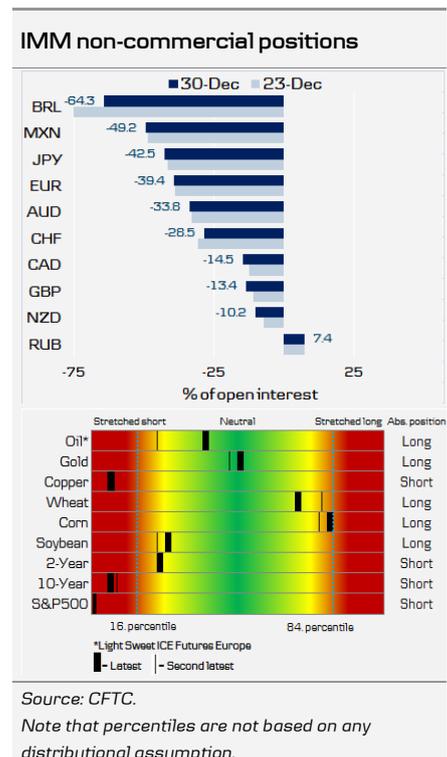


# IMM Positioning

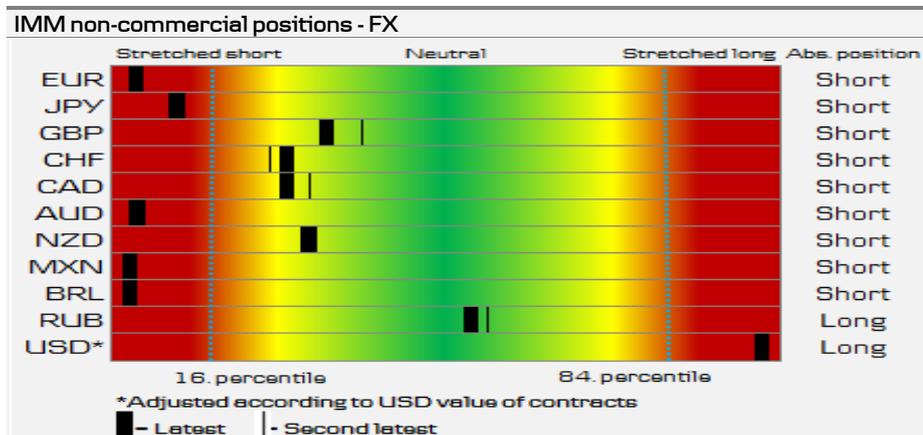
## Bearish EUR bets back at ‘Whatever it takes’ levels

- The latest IMM data covers the week from 23 December to 30 December 2014.
- IMM data released yesterday reveals that for the third consecutive week investors added speculative EUR net shorts. While this week’s bearish build in the single currency is insignificant in a historical perspective, the move does suggest a renewed bearish trend driven by speculation about a Greek EUR-exit and the ECB introducing sovereign QE. The recent weeks’ change in positioning has notably returned non-commercial EUR positions below the 4<sup>th</sup> percentile – a level last seen in the summer of 2012 when Draghi delivered his famous ‘Whatever it takes’ speech. The recent build in bearish EUR bets has also notably **increased the aggregate bullish USD bets** after several weeks of greenback profit taking ahead of year end (see page 2). Aggregate speculative USD positioning has consequently returned to the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile. While EUR/USD positioning suggests a very high sensitivity to the upside we still expect more downside in the coming weeks as the FX market will continue to price ECB sovereign QE, a Grexit and Russian risks. With the recent rapid move lower in the cross we have now broken below our 6M target for the cross and we are consequently looking to revise our forecasts.
- Notably, Monday’s report also revealed that **speculators unwound some of the net CHF shorts** that were added post the Swiss National Bank (SNB) rate cut in December. The move suggests a higher CHF sensitivity to the downside and indeed fundamentally we still expect the currency to weaken going forward. Specifically, we expect a combination of the SNB leading the currency war and portfolio flows out of Switzerland to weigh on the currency in 2015, and as a result CHF remains our preferred funding currency. We target EUR/CHF at 1.2200 in 6M but emphasize that risks are skewed towards our target being reached earlier than projected.
- In commodities, **speculators added net longs in oil** sending non-commercial positioning in the black gold to the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile. While the current oil price arguably undershoots its long-term level and while positioning suggests speculation about a rebound, we remain cautious in trying to call the bottom in the short term.



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IMM table

	1000 contracts			% of open interest			USD bn		Statistics	
	30-Dec	23-Dec	Change	30-Dec	23-Dec	Change	30-Dec	Change	Percentile	Z-score
USD*							45.2	1.2	99	3.05
EUR	-152.2	-146.6	-5.6	-39.4	-38.9	-0.5	-23.1	-0.8	4	-1.90
JPY	-96.3	-93.7	-2.6	-42.5	-41.5	-1	-10.1	-0.4	10	-1.32
GBP	-19.3	-15.2	-4.1	-13.4	-10.8	-2.6	-1.9	-0.4	33	-0.53
CHF	-16.5	-16.8	0.3	-28.5	-30.7	2.2	-2.1	0.0	27	-0.78
CAD	-14.0	-12.2	-1.8	-14.5	-12.4	-2.1	-1.2	-0.2	27	-0.79
AUD	-40.7	-39.2	-1.5	-33.8	-33.1	-0.7	-3.3	-0.2	4	-2.02
NZD	-1.8	-1.4	-0.4	-10.2	-7.3	-2.9	-0.14	0.0	30	-0.85
MXN	-63.8	-63.4	-0.4	-49.2	-48.5	-0.7	-2.17	0.0	3	-2.08
BRL	-29.5	-49.9	20.5	-64.3	-76.6	12.3	-1.10	0.7	3	-2.53
RUB	3.9	3.9	0.0	7.4	7.6	-0.2	0.17	0.0	55	-0.02
Oil**	20.3	14.4	6.0	4.8	3.5	1.3			40	-0.39
Gold	115.8	110.9	4.9	31	29.5	1.5			52	0.29
Copper***	-35.1	-32.2	-2.9	-22	-21	-1			7	-1.44
Corn****	286.8	271.2	15.6	23.4	22.1	1.3			83	1.02
Wheat****	13.5	21.9	-8.4	3.7	5.9	-2.2			72	0.49
Soybean****	30.2	20.0	10.3	5	3.1	1.9			27	-0.60
2Y US Treasury	-43.9	-46.9	3.0	-3.5	-3.8	0.3			24	-0.64
10Y US Treasury	-261.3	-235.9	-25.4	-10	-9.1	-0.9			7	-1.37
S&P500	5.6	7.5	-1.8	4.4	5.9	-1.5			1	-6.34

\*Adjusted according to USD value of contracts

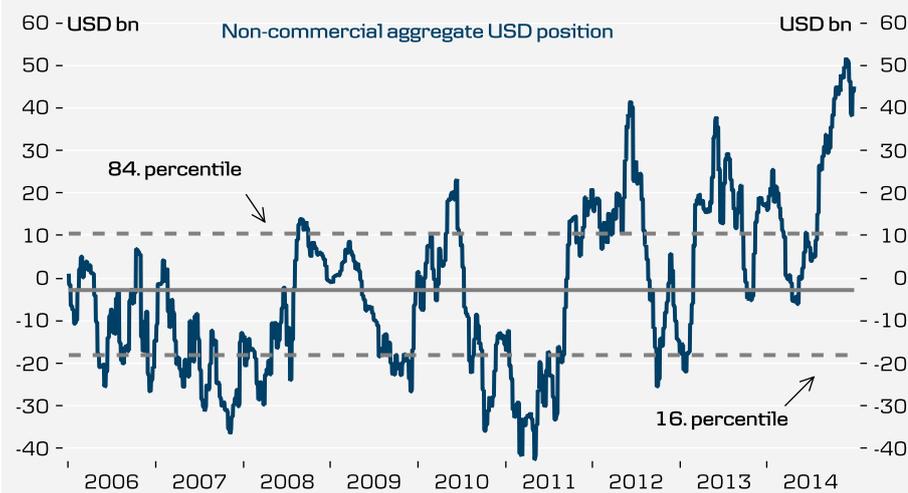
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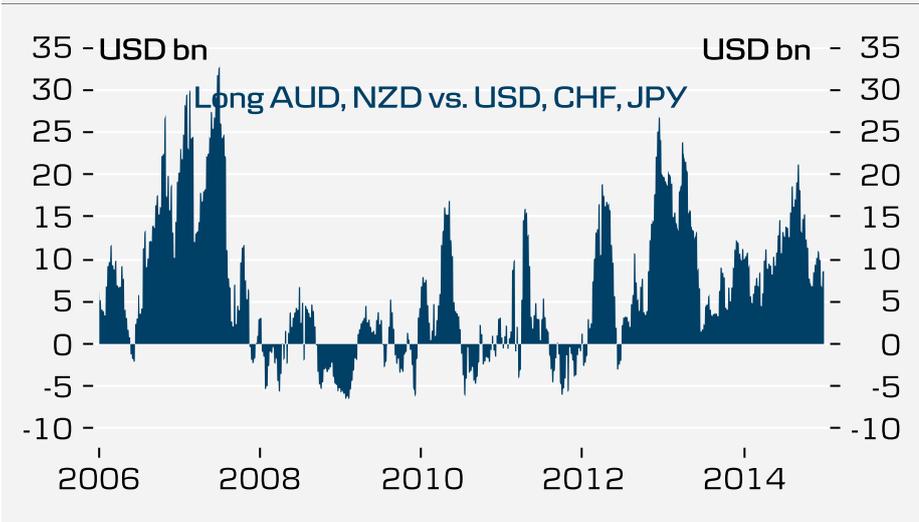
Source: CFTC, Macrobond Financial, Danske Bank Markets

Chart 1. Sum of EUR, JPY, GBP, CHF, CAD, AUD, NZD, MXN, BRL and RUB



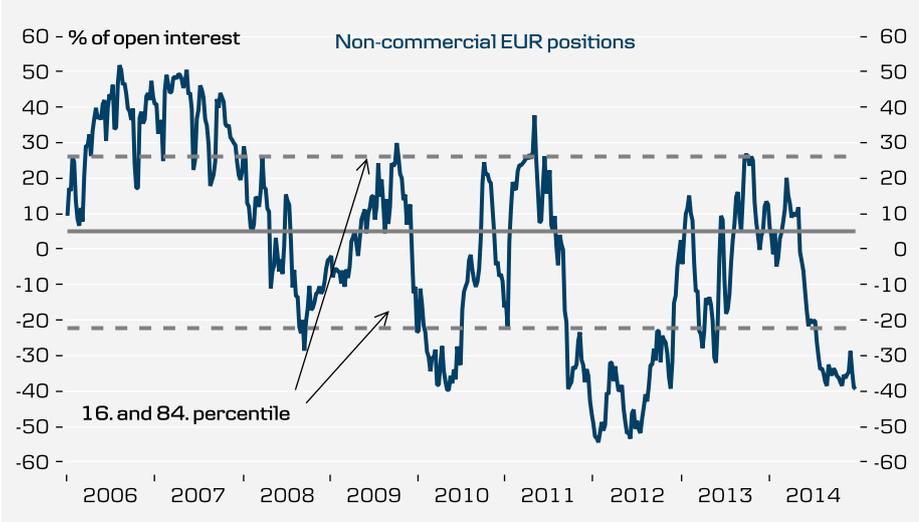
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Chart 2. Non-commercial 'carry' positioning



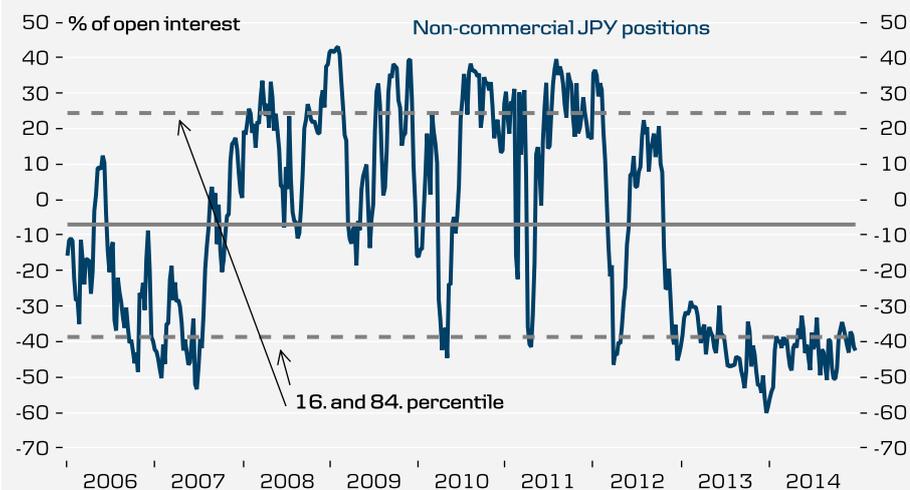
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Chart 3. Net-long EUR positioning



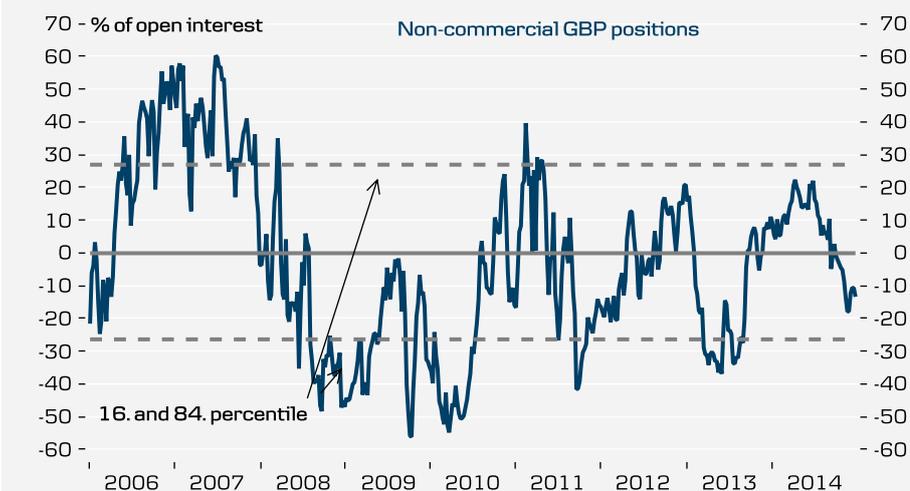
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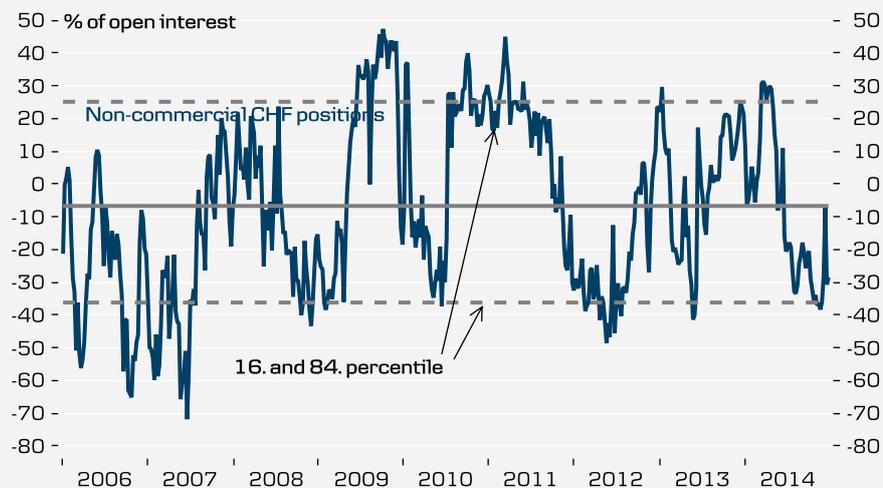
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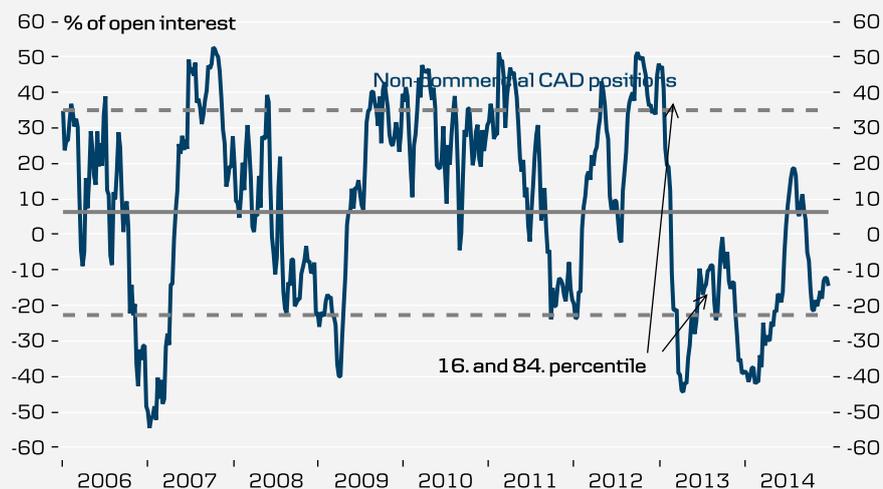
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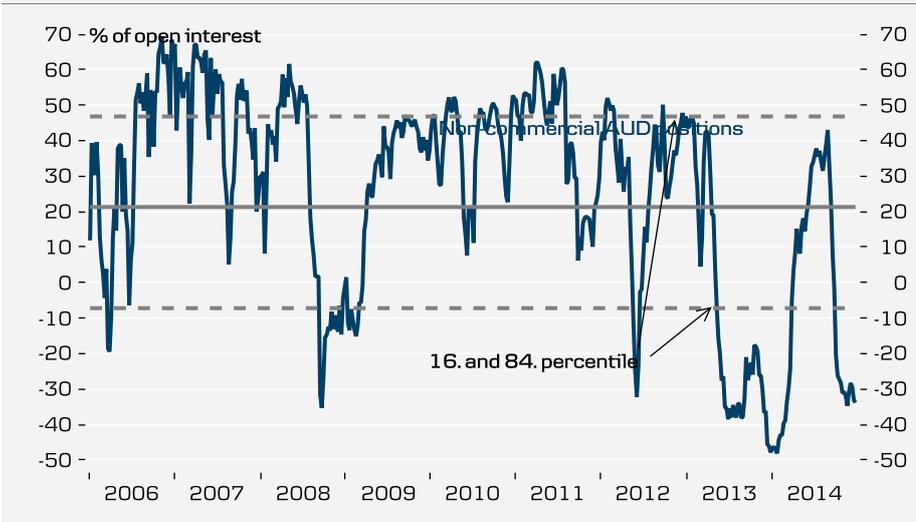
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Chart 7. Net-long CAD positioning



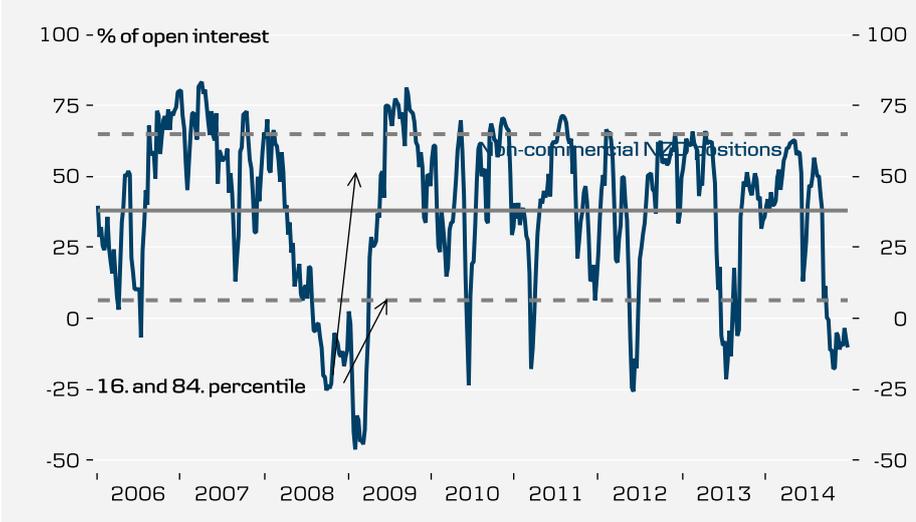
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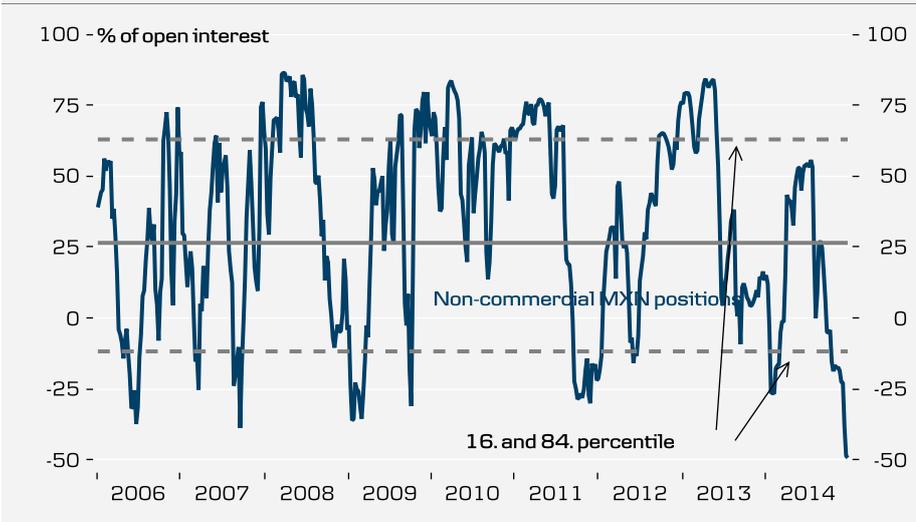
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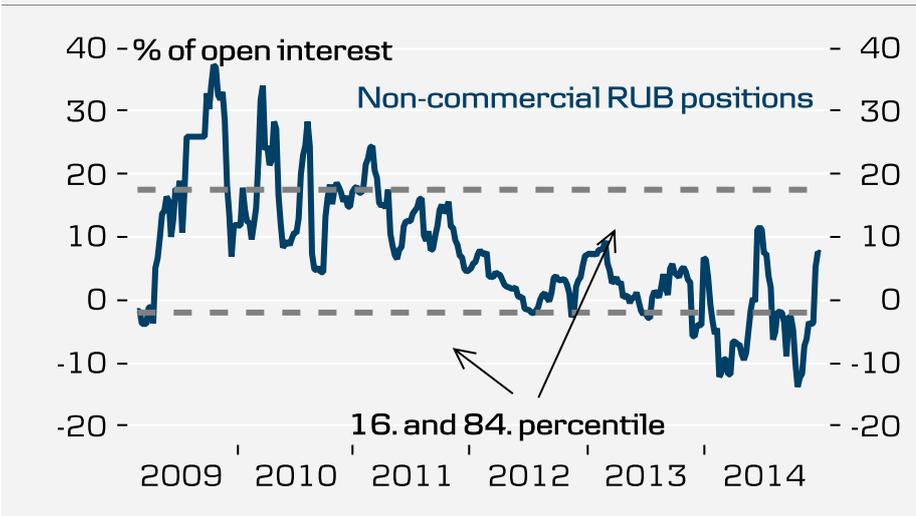
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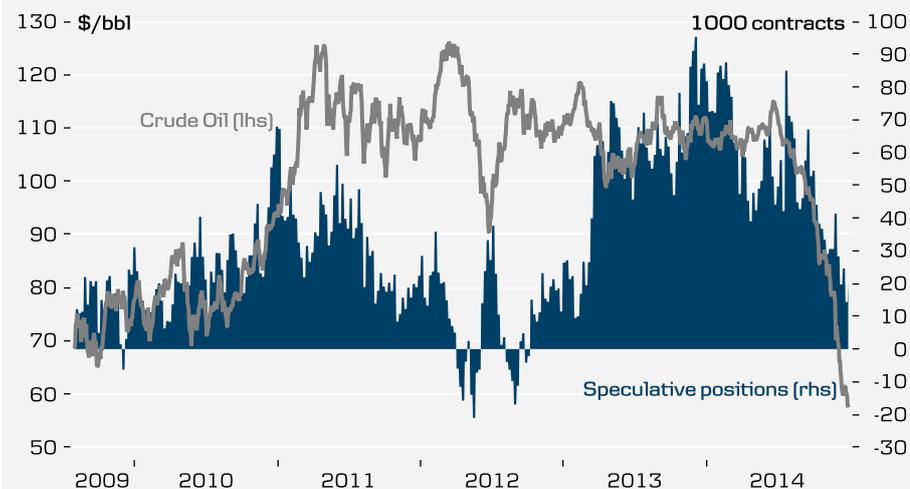
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Chart 11. Net-long RUB positioning



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Chart 12. Oil\* and non-commercial positioning



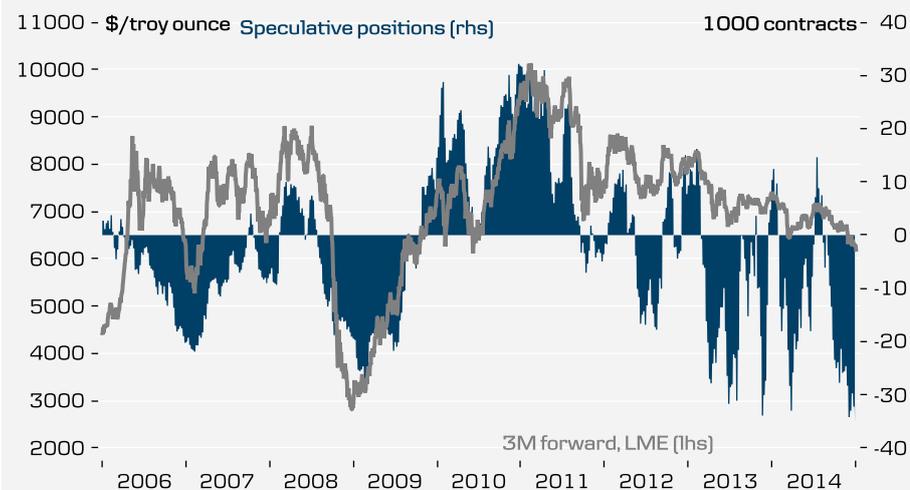
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Chart 13. Gold and non-commercial positioning



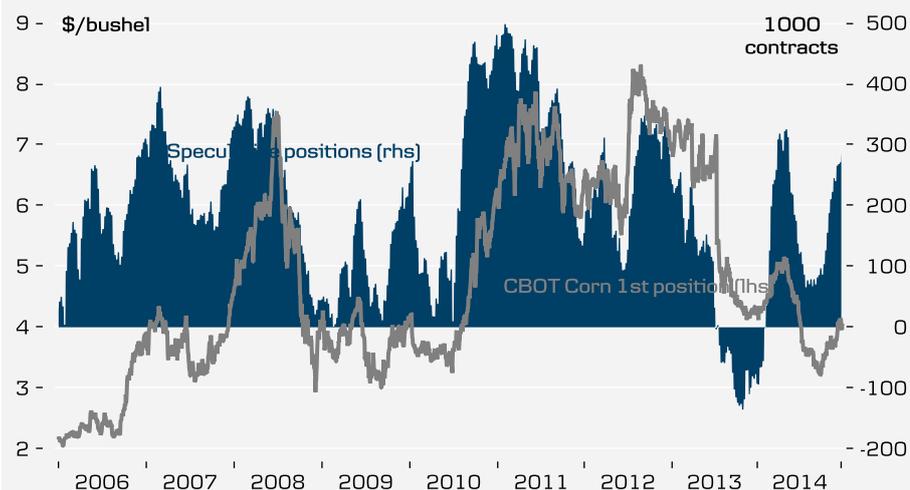
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Chart 14. Copper and non-commercial positioning



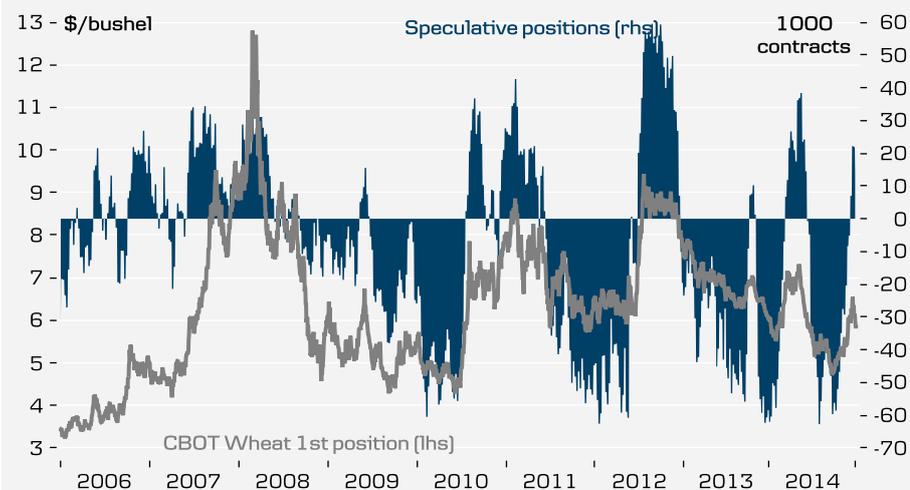
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Chart 15. Corn and non-commercial positioning



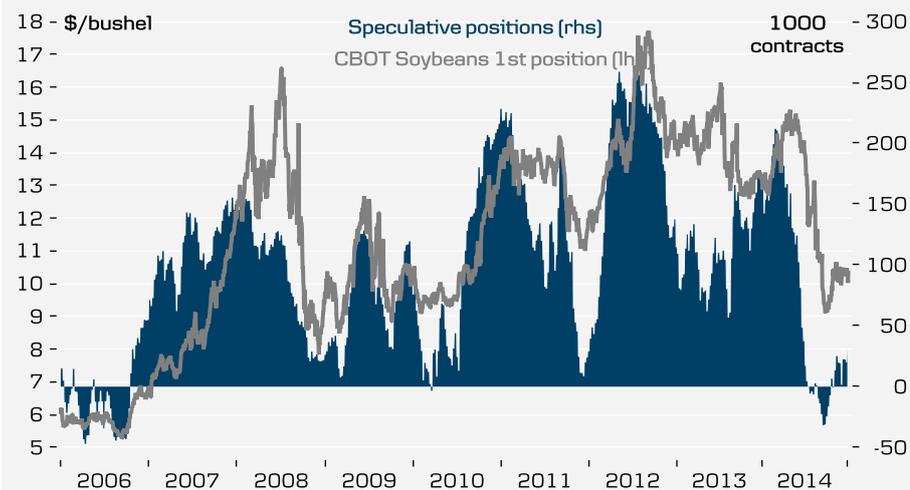
Source: CFTC

Chart 16. Wheat and non-commercial positioning



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Chart 17. Soybean and non-commercial positioning

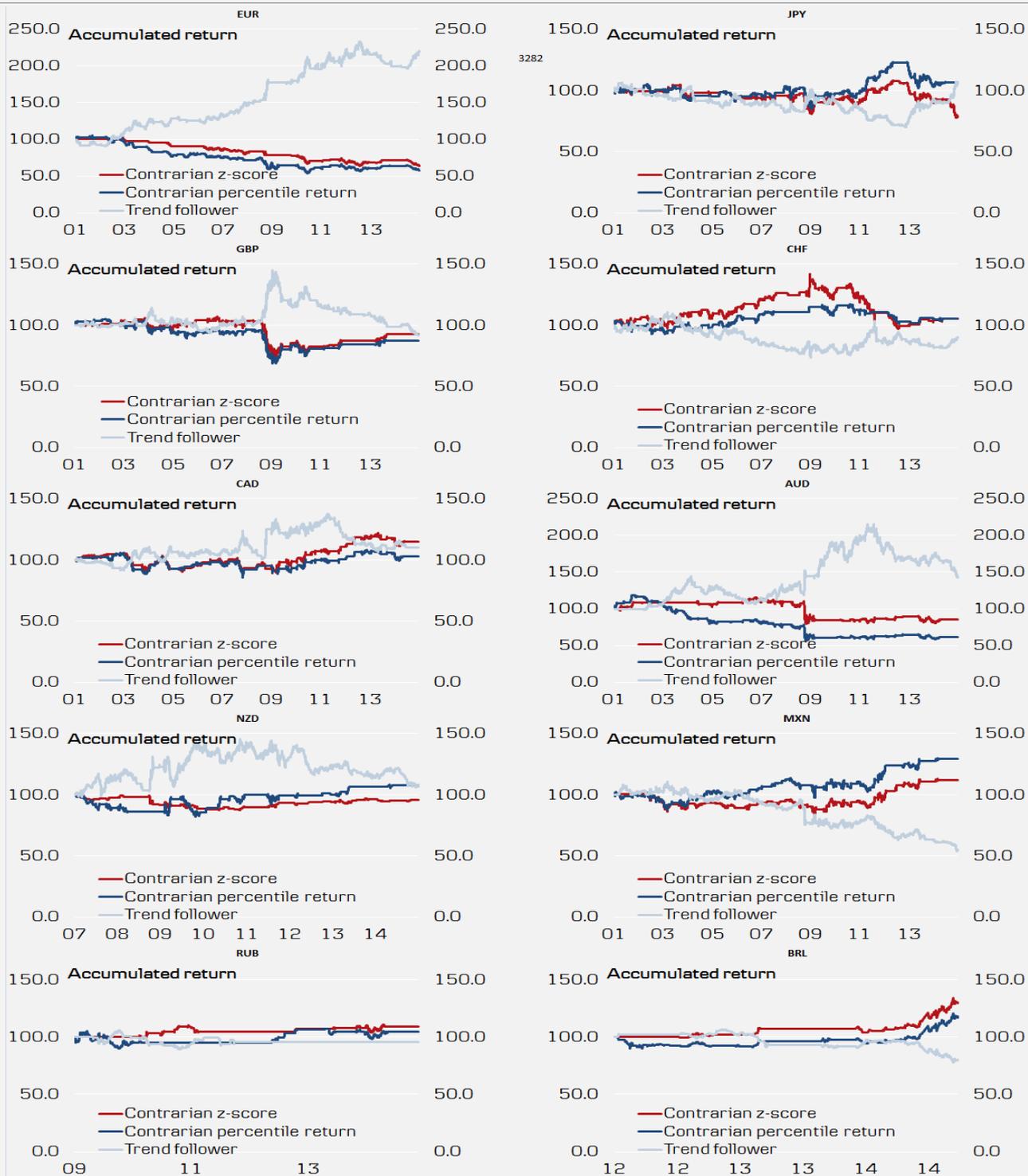


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Accumulated return for each currency



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