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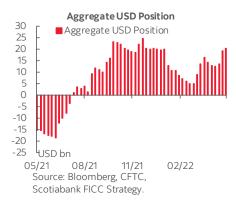
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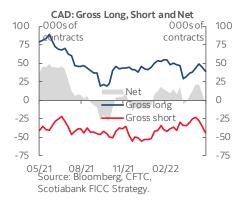
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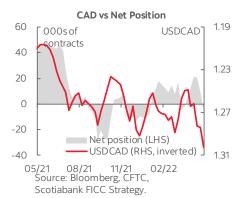
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# **EUR Bargain Hunters Step Up**

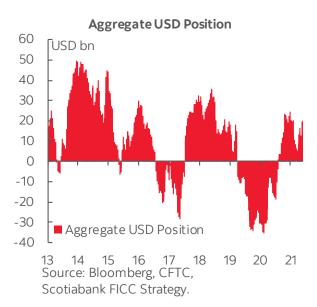
Data in this report cover up to Tuesday May 10 and were released on Friday May 13.

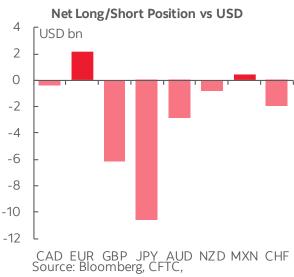
- There are a few notable developments in speculative sentiment and positioning reflected in this week's CFTC data. Firstly, investors continue to add to their overall net long USD exposure, with the aggregate USD long reflected in exposures to the major currencies we monitor here rising USD782mn over the past week to reach 20.2bn, close to where USD bullish sentiment resided in late 2021/early 2022. However, the positioning swing was quite selective.
- Speculative accounts boosted net long EUR exposure significantly this week—in contrast
  to the broader shift in favour of the USD. The net EUR long shifted from a modest short in
  last week's data to a net long of USD2.2bn. This was the biggest one-week positioning
  swing in favour of the EUR since August of last year. Rather than piling on the weak EUR,
  speculators are bottom fishing.
- Elsewhere, however, investors favoured the greenback; net CAD longs were liquidated to leave overall exposure near flat. Investors added to net AUD shorts significantly (USD861mn) and more modestly in net NZD shorts (USD392mn). Net MXN exposure remains quite flat.
- While investors took a shine to the cheap EUR, they added USD361mn to net GBP shorts, taking the overall short risk here to just over USD6bn net, or nearly 80k contracts. This is the biggest bear bet on the GBP since 2019 and, outside the heavy short exposure built around Brexit, leaves GBP shorts looking more extended. Net JPY shorts rose USD903mn to USD10.5bn (roughly 110k contracts). This is not peak yen bearishness (that was 180k contracts in 2007) but it is relatively elevated. Net CHF shorts rose a modest USD202mn.

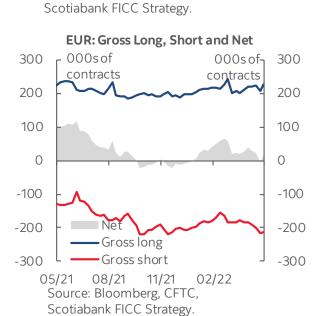
	Sent	USD	mns	
10-May	Bias	Trend	Position	w/w chg.
CAD	neutral	neutral	-415	-1,118
EUR	bullish	increasing	2,175	3,014
GBP	bearish	increasing	-6,127	-361
AUD	bearish	increasing	-2,894	-871
NZD	bearish	increasing	-817	-392
MXN	neutral	neutral	410	50
CHF	bearish	neutral	-1,978	-202
JPY	bearish	increasing	-10,584	-903
Gold	bullish	decreasing	35,537	-1,670
Total US	D position e	x. Gold	20,231	782

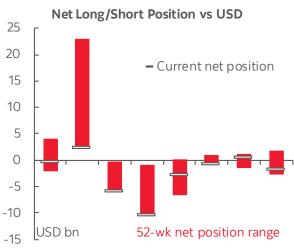
## CAD — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING

	(USD mn)	Positio				
Date	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	Open Int.
10-May	-415	38,679	-44,086	-5,407	14,436	151,009
3-May	703	44,670	-35,641	9,029	11,852	152,779
26-Apr	1,628	48,787	-27,906	20,881	345	155,362
19-Apr	1,682	44,063	-22,837	21,226	-9,068	153,302

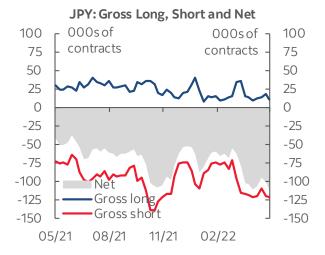




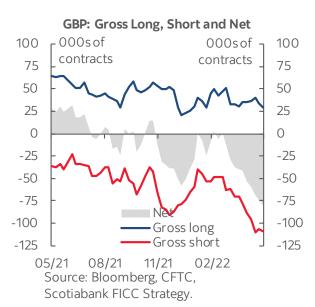




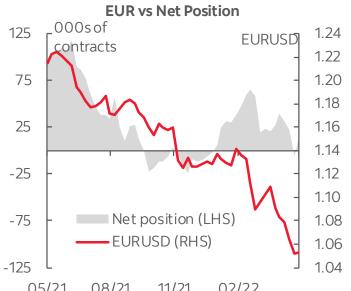
CAD EUR GBP JPY AUD NZD MXN CHF Source: Bloomberg, CFTC, Scotiabank FICC Strategy.



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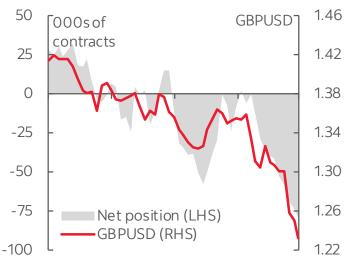


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# **GBP** vs Net Position

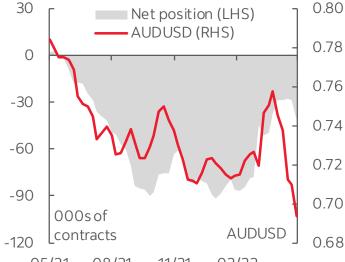


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# EUR — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING

	(USD mn)	Positio	on - Contrac	ts of 125,00	00 EUR			(USD mn)	Positi	on - Contrac	ts of 62,50	0 GBP	
Date	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	Open Int.	Date	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	Open Int.
10-May	2,175	228,230	-211,701	16,529	-22,907	705,046	10-May	-6,127	29,469	-109,067	-79,598	5,785	264,594
3-May	-839	208,449	-214,827	-6,378	28,579	694,926	3-May	-5,766	33,536	-107,349	-73,813	4,192	268,496
26-Apr	2,952	222,993	-200,792	22,201	9,100	688,449	26-Apr	-5,471	40,436	-110,057	-69,621	10,707	272,792
19-Apr	4.221	221.003	-189,702	31.301	7.759	675.939	19-Apr	-4.786	36.811	-95.725	-58.914	5.860	249.529

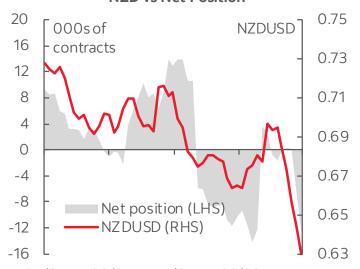
# **AUD vs Net Position**



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# **NZD** vs Net Position

GBP — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING



NZD — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING

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# AUD — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING

	(USD mn)	Positio	Position - Contracts of 100,000 AUD				Position - Contracts of 100,000 AUD (USD mn) Position - Contracts of 100,000 NZD						00 NZD	
Date	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	Open Int.	Date	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	Open Int.	
10-May	-2,894	36,869	-78,583	-41,714	13,198	153,209	10-May	-817	15,203	-28,199	-12,996	6,386	56,235	
3-May	-2,023	46,995	-75,511	-28,516	865	152,257	3-May	-425	17,427	-24,037	-6,610	6,676	50,844	
26-Apr	-1,970	47,105	-74,756	-27,651	-1,186	147,090	26-Apr	4	22,085	-22,019	66	299	46,510	
19-Apr	-2,126	39,201	-68,038	-28,837	122	147,309	19-Apr	25	19,081	-18,716	365	-654	41,098	

19-Apr

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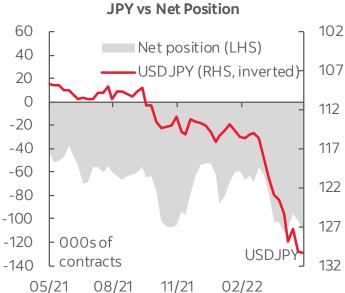
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**USDCHF** 



JPY — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING

-119,910

-107,187

-4,640

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-30

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Source: Bloomberg, CFTC,

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#### (USD mn) Position - Contracts of 12.5mn JPY (USD mn) Position - Contracts of 125,000 CHF Net Short Net Open Int. Net Short Net Date Long Net w/w Date Long Net w/w Open Int. 10-May -10,58411,196 -121,650 -110,454 9,660 247,278 10-May -1,978 4,727 -20,490 -15,7631,856 51,282 3-May -9,681 18,585 -119,379 -100,794 5,259 254,813 3-May -1,777 4,357 -18,264 -13,907 1,038 49,385 26-Apr -9.386 14.269 -109.804 -95.535 -11.652 237.995 26-Apr -1.671 4.455 -17.324 -12.869 1.419 47.297

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Source: Bloomberg, CFTC,										
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#### WTI Oil vs Net Position 000sof Net position (LHS) 600 130 contracts — WTI oil (RHS) 120 500 110 100 400 90 300 80 70 200 60 50 100 40 \$/bb 30 0 05/21 08/21

CHF — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING

-14,350

-11,450

-2,492

**CHF vs Net Position** 

USDCHF (RHS, inverted)

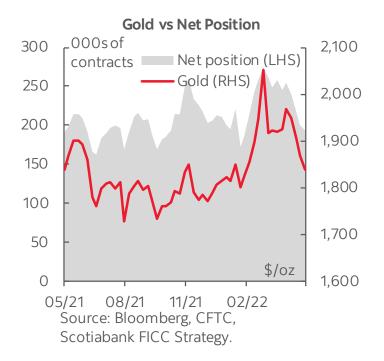
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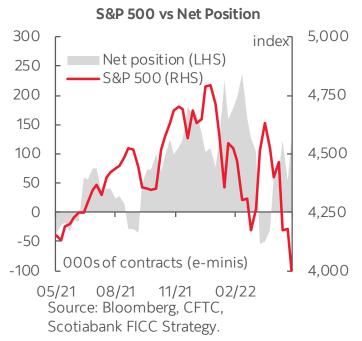
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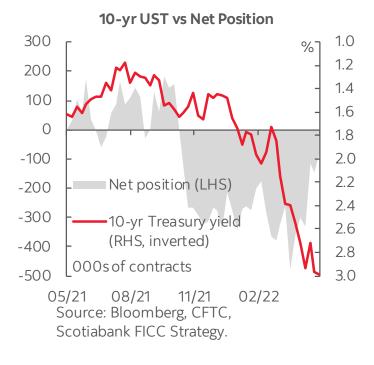
XN — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING	OIL — NON-COMMERCIAL POSITIONING					
n) Position - Contracts of 500 000 MXN	(USD mn) Position - Contracts of 1 000 barre					

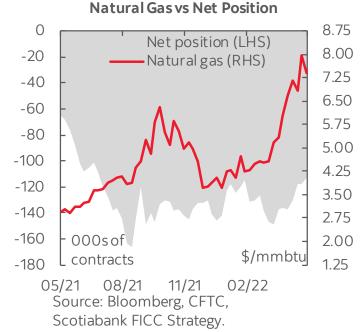
	(USD mn)	Position - Contracts of 500,000 MXN				Position - Contracts of 500,000 MXN (USD mn) Position - Contracts of 1,000 barrels						barrels	
Date	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	Open Int.	Date	Net	Long	Short	Net	Net w/w	Open Int.
10-May	410	63,921	-47,196	16,725	-2,102	153,858	10-May	31,006	415,170	-104,367	310,803	10,898	1,736,594
3-May	360	63,860	-49,237	14,623	5,503	151,933	3-May	32,945	419,692	-97,991	321,701	-5,638	1,751,564
26-Apr	492	67,389	-47,263	20,126	1,538	156,766	26-Apr	32,144	413,638	-97,575	316,063	-8,366	1,733,586
19-Apr	541	73,710	-52,046	21,664	-6,704	165,403	19-Apr	31,557	411,622	-103,925	307,697	-2,919	1,740,300

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