Petroleum Product Price Formation

An analysis of the factors that influence product prices, with chart data updated monthly, quarterly and annually

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Gasoline spot prices



dollars per gallon, nominal

Chicago CBOB
Gulf Coast conventional gasoline
Northwest Europe gasoline
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Note: CBOB is conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending. CARBOB is California reformulated gasoline blendstock for oxygenate blending.



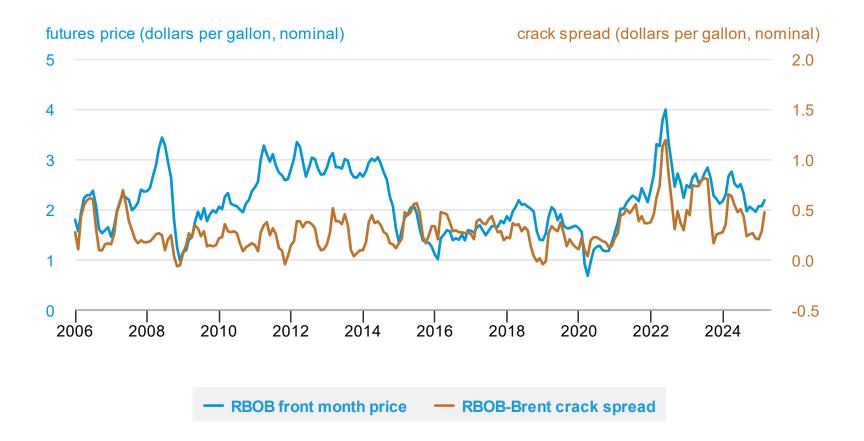
Distillate spot prices



Note: ULSD is ultra-low sulfur diesel. 500 ppm is sulfur content in parts per million.



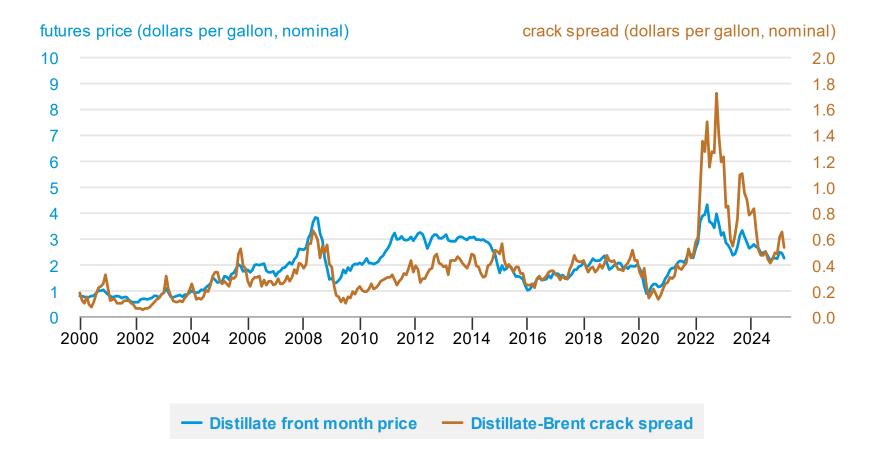
RBOB futures price and crack spread



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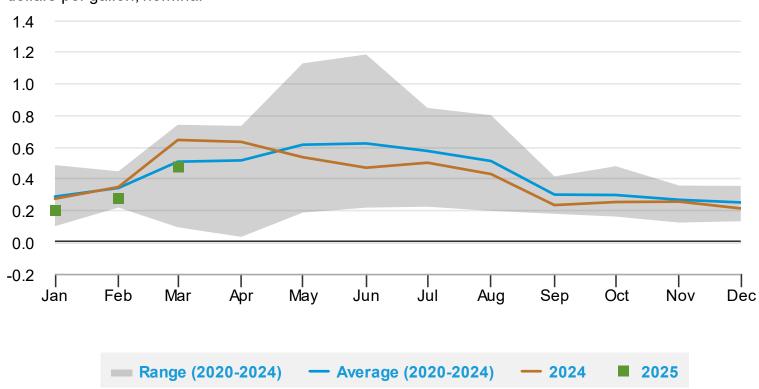
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RBOB – Brent Crack Spread Range

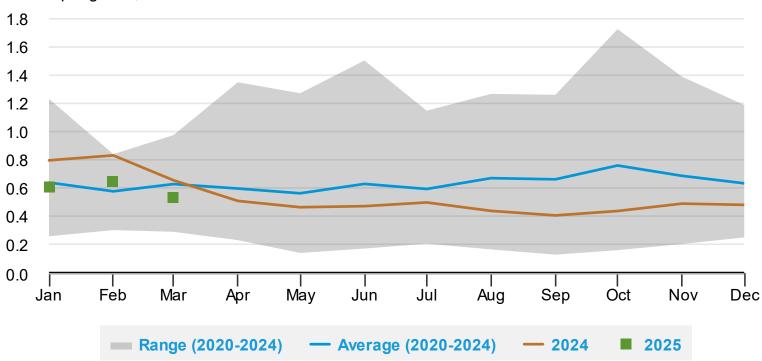


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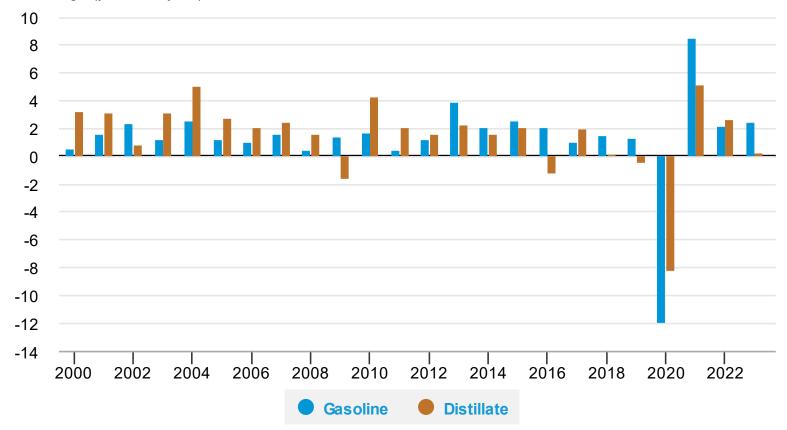


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Note: Since the spring of 2013, the underlying commodity for the distillate futures contract has been ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD).



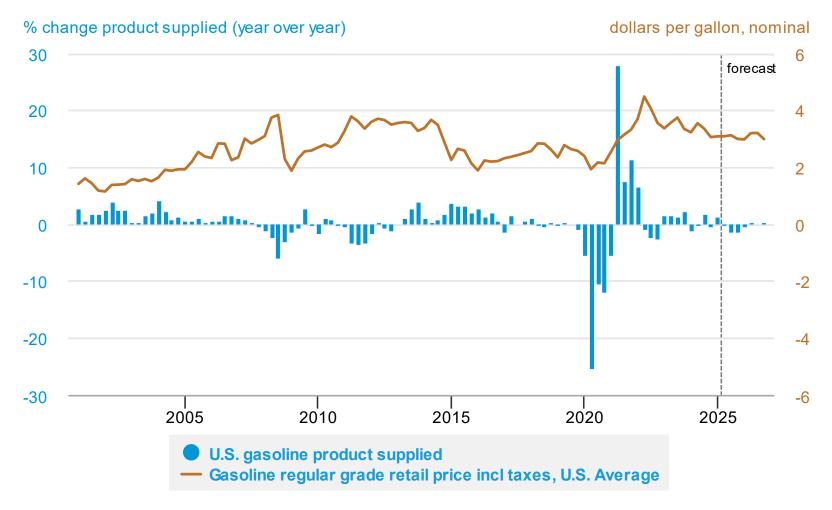
Petroleum Product Consumption



% change (year over year)

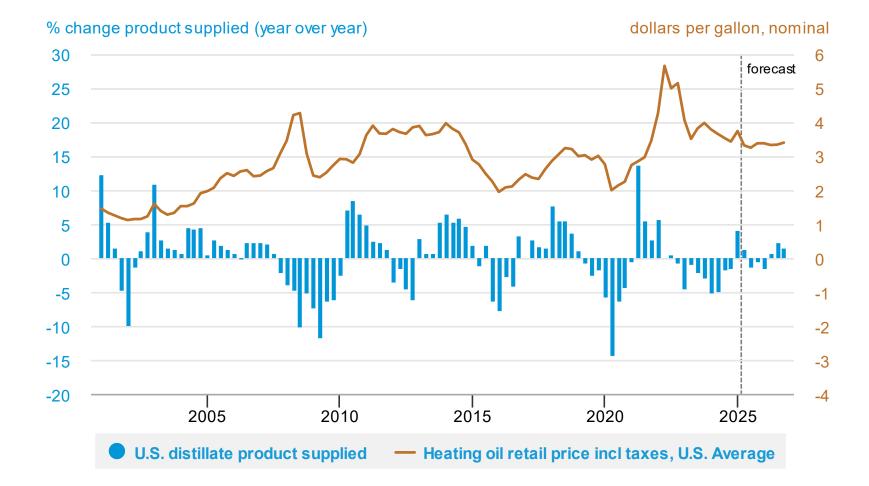


U.S. consumption of gasoline and retail gasoline prices





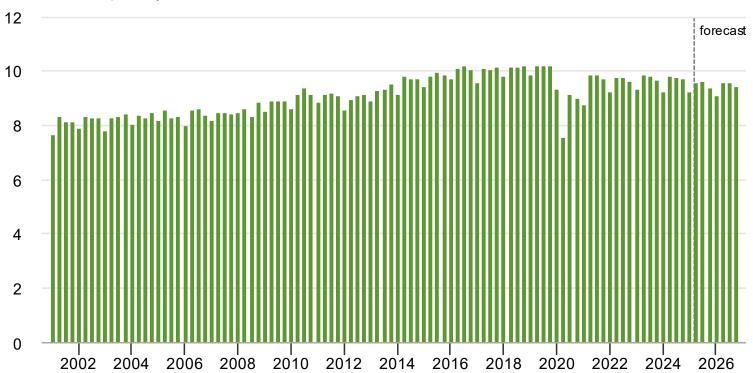
U.S. consumption of distillate and retail heating oil prices



Data sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration



Gasoline refinery output



million barrels per day



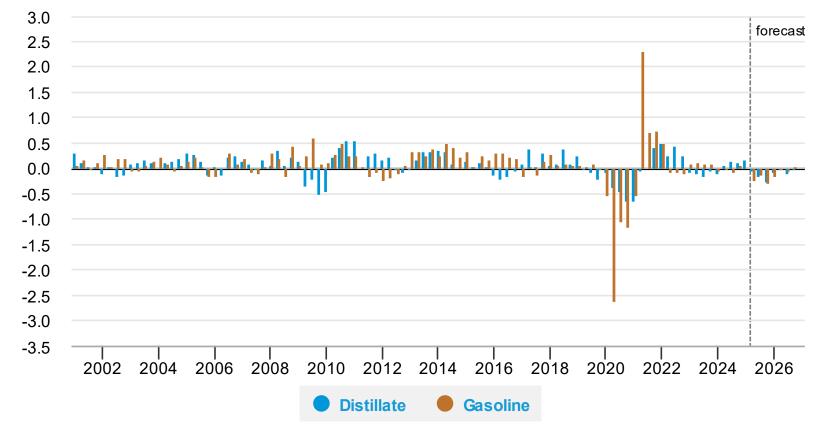
Distillate refinery output

forecast 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022

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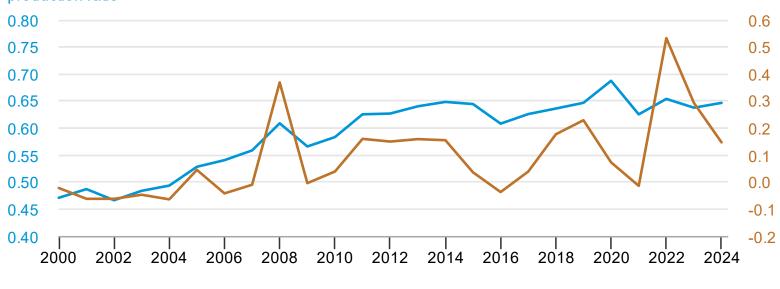
Refinery output



million barrels per day change (year over year)



Production and futures prices



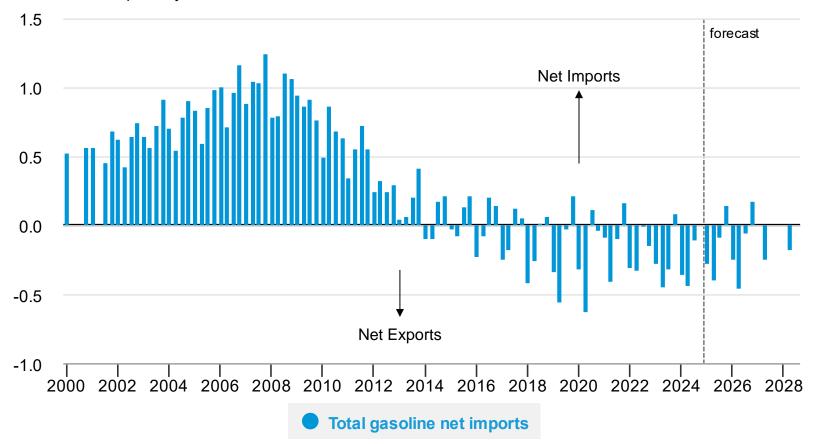
production ratio

- Distillate to gasoline production ratio - Distillate minus gasoline futures (right side)

Note: Since 2006, the underlying commodity for the gasoline futures contract has been reformulated blendstock for oxygenate blending (RBOB). Since the spring of 2013, the underlying commodity for the distillate futures contract has been ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD).



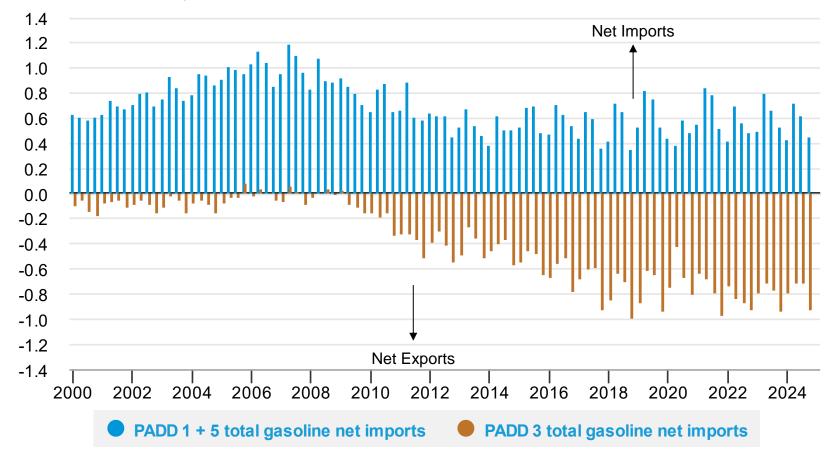
U.S. total gasoline net imports



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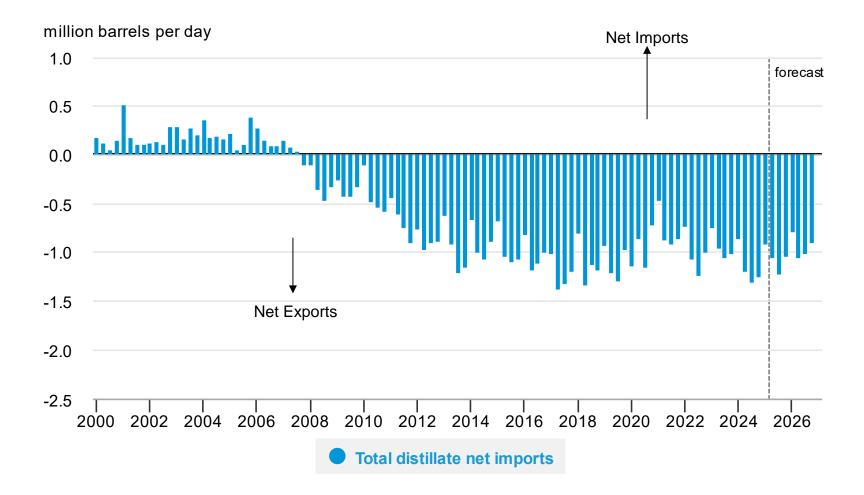
U.S. total gasoline net imports by PADD



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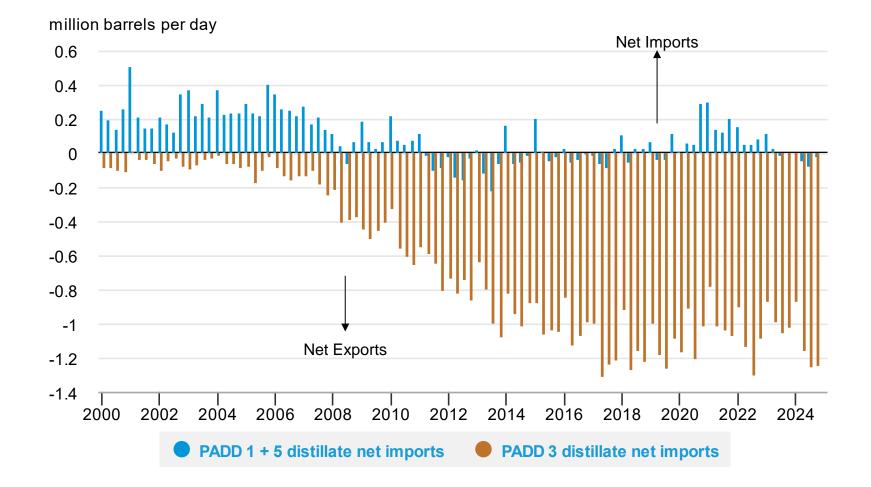
U.S. distillate fuel net imports



Data sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration



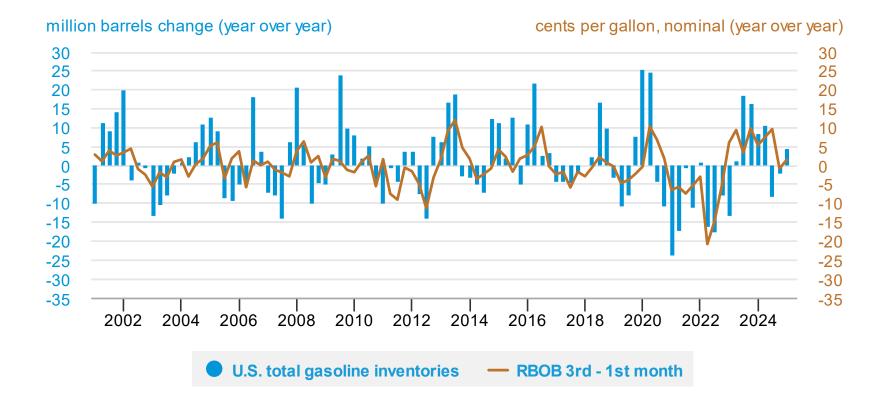
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Gasoline Inventories and RBOB 3rd minus 1st month futures contract



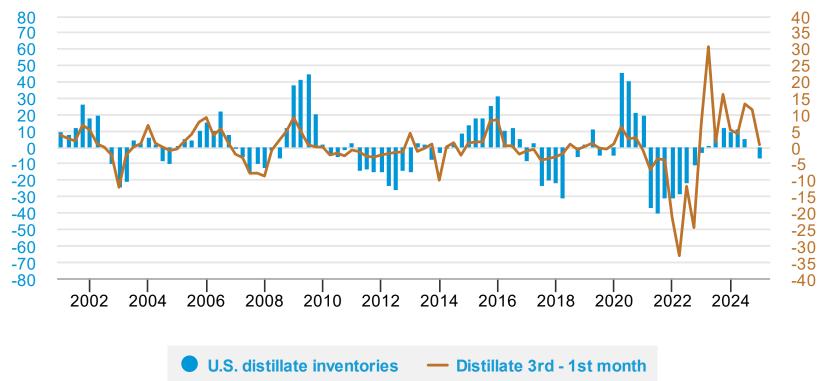
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Distillate Inventories and ULSD 3rd minus 1st month futures contract

million barrels change (year over year)

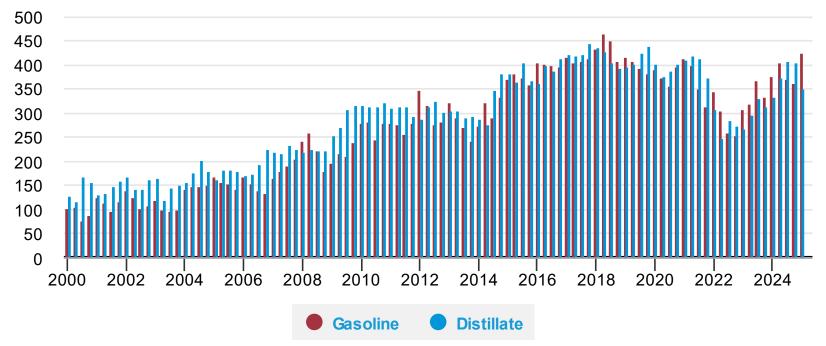




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Average daily open interest of petroleum product futures contracts



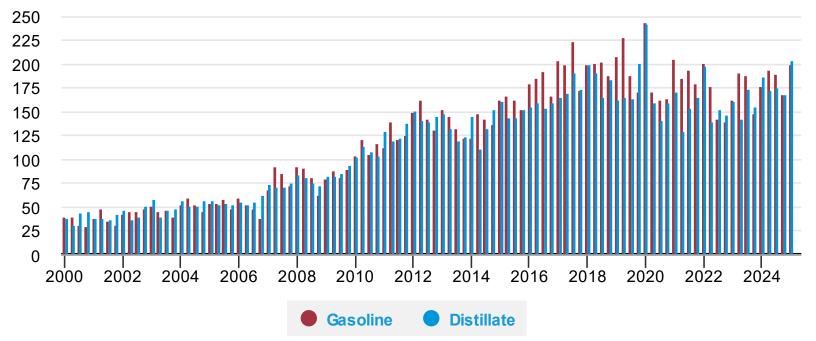
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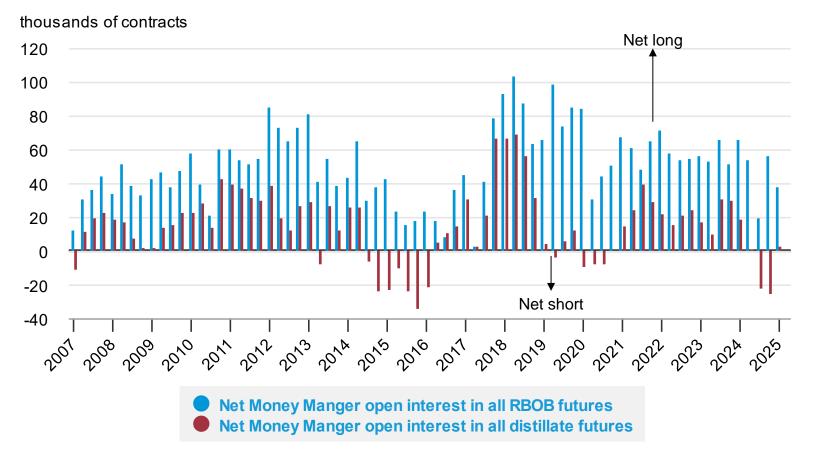
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U.S. exchange-traded futures positions by money managers



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Data sources: CFTC Commitment of Traders.



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