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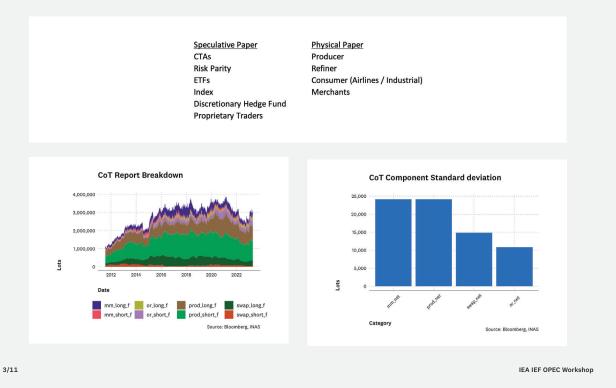
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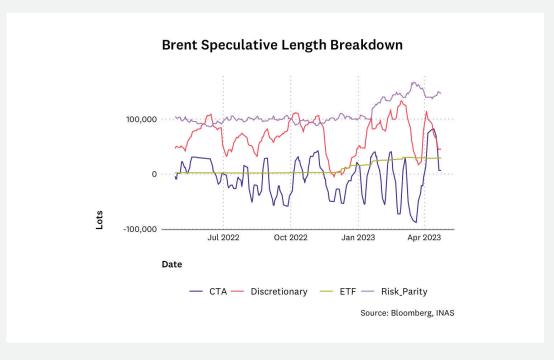
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Financial oil markets are a mixture of speculative and physical participants, with swap dealers and market makers acting as middle men



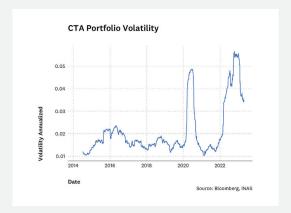
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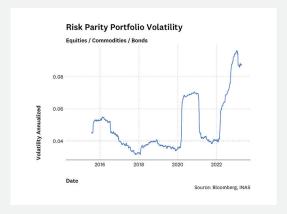
CTA positions have been volatile as price ranges have narrowed, discretionary capital also contributing significantly to large price swings



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Systematic risk allocations have been constrained by high portfolio volatility, leaving discretionary capital to pick up the slack

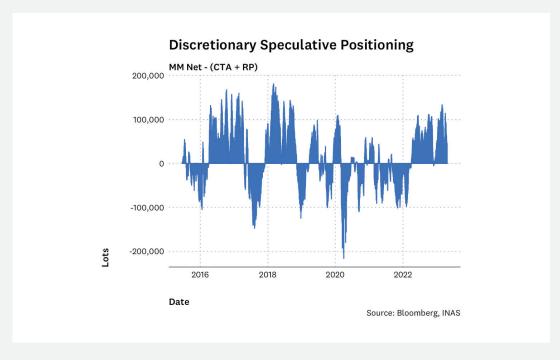




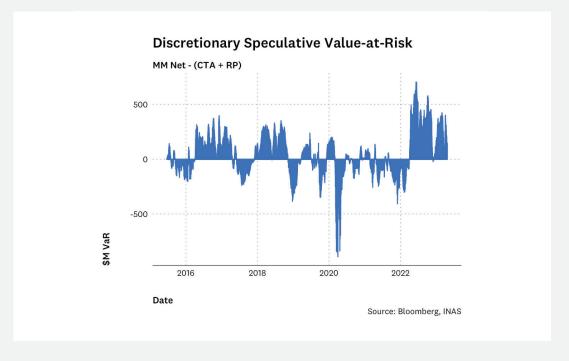
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Discretionary speculative traders tend to keep positions for longer, but can have very large quick swings when fundamentals change



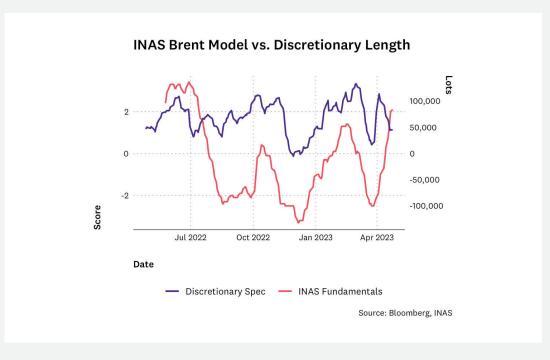
Discretionary traders have been using more and more risk in recent years, but often hit constraints



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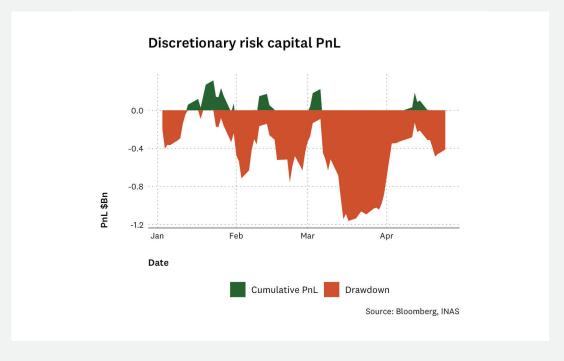
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Fundamentals tend to lead discretionary positioning, and when positions do not track, we tend to end up with large repricings



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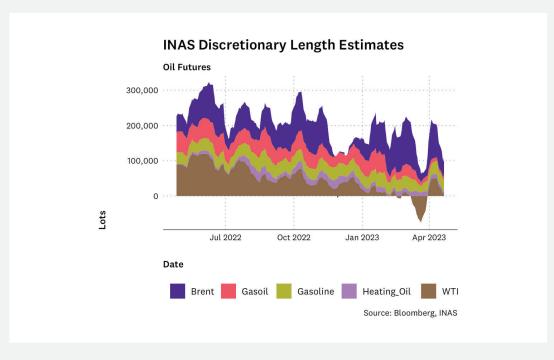
Drawdowns and risk limits are now also a key factor, especially with a lot of commodity risk capital sitting in multi platform funds



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Across the oil complex discretionary speculative capital has been in decline, despite volatility falling



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