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Market review

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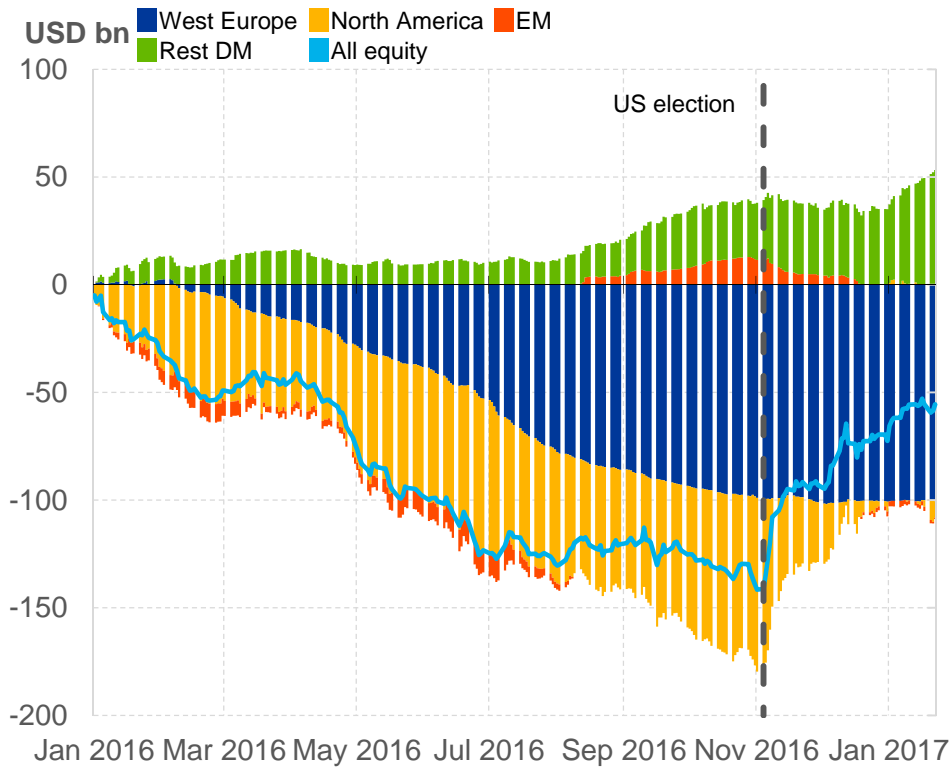
Lessons learnt

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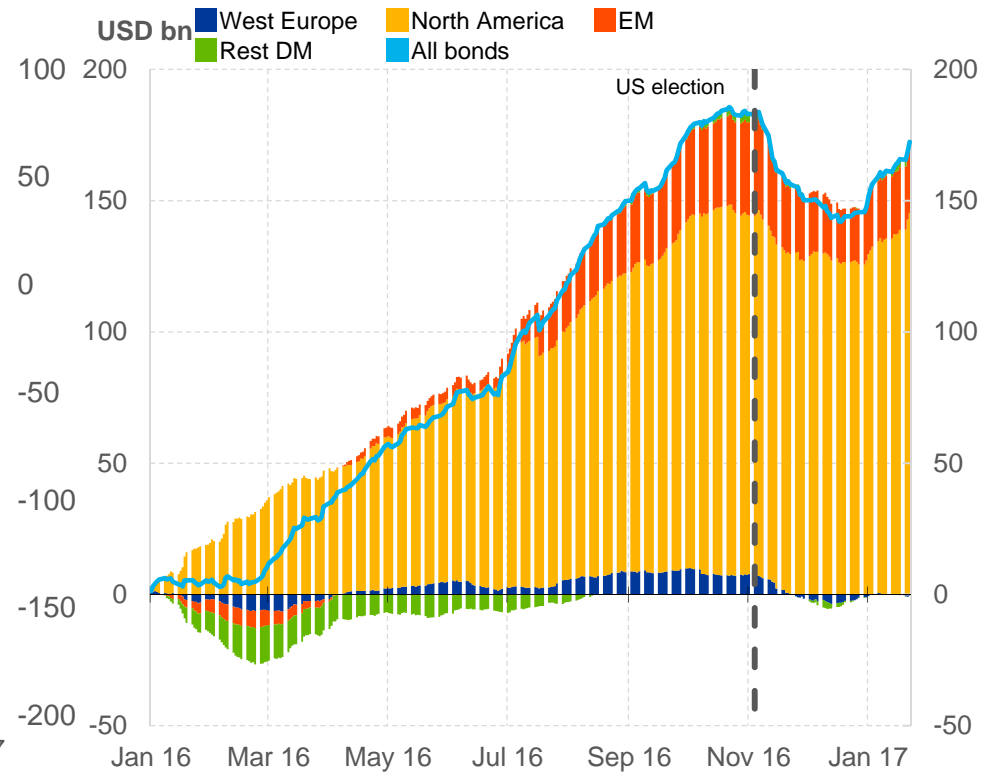
Global equity and bond fund flows

Substantial net inflows into US equity investment

Global equity fund flows



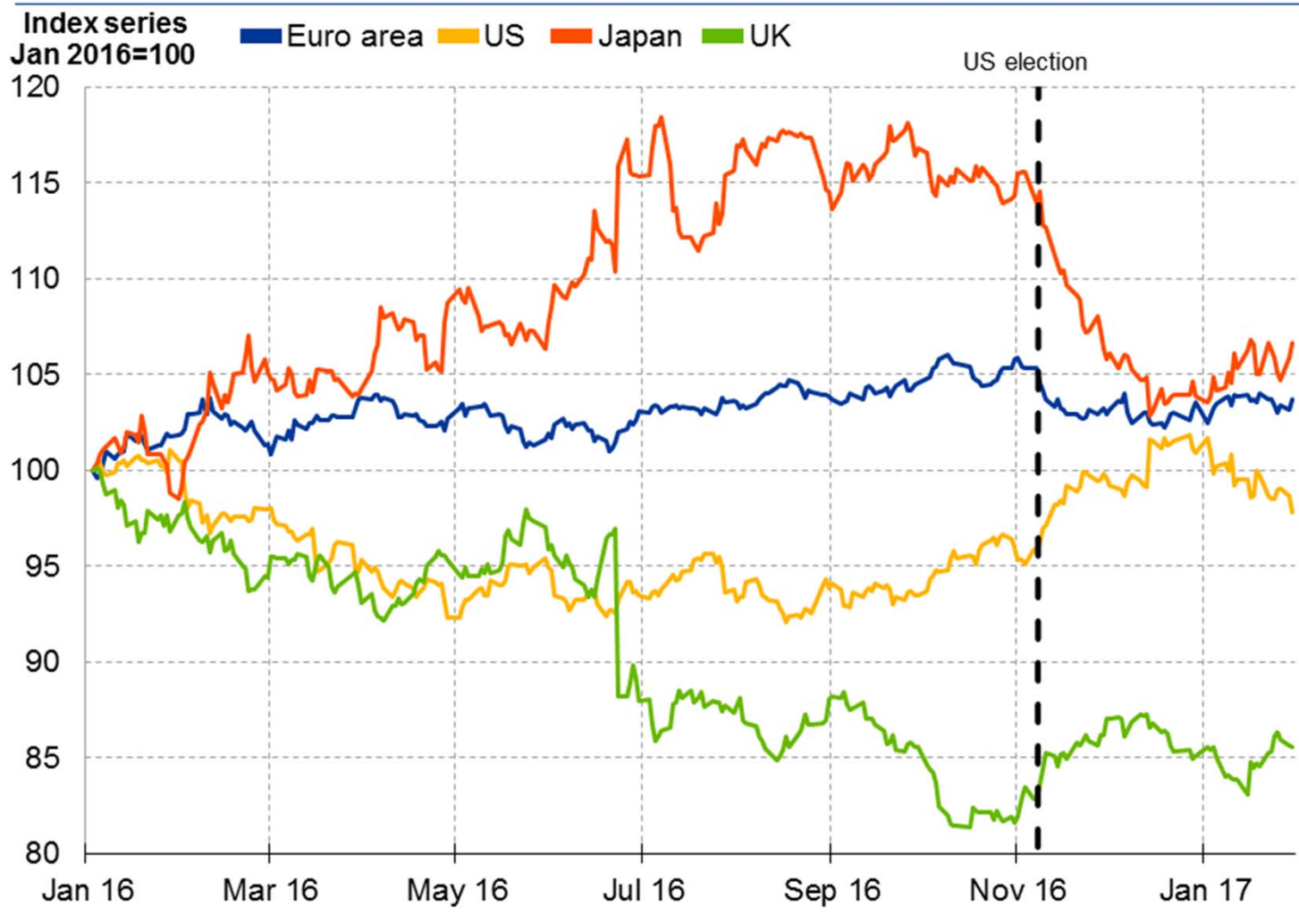
Global bond fund flows



Source: EPFR, ECB calculations

Effective exchange rates across major economies

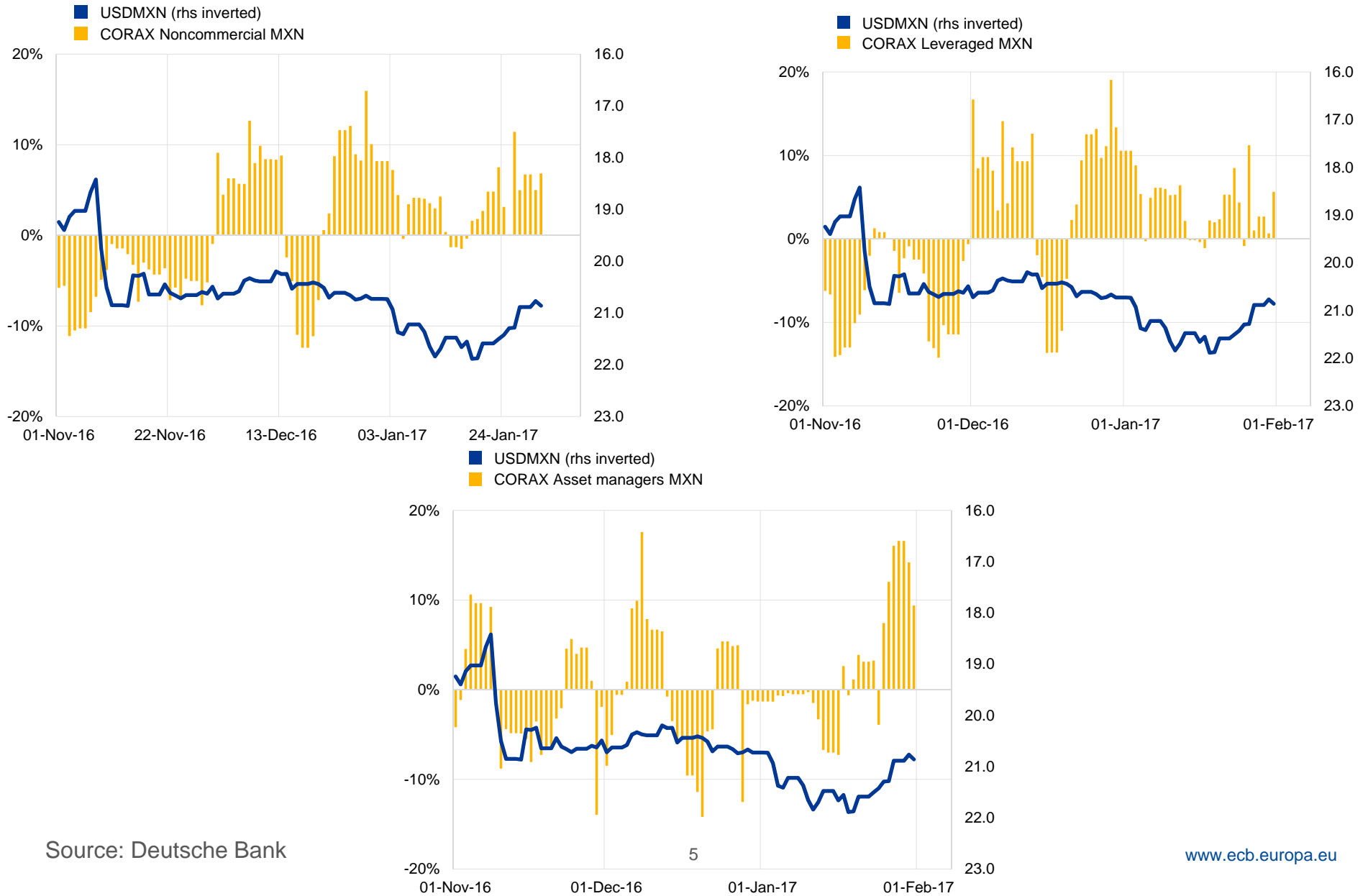
Effective exchange rates – indexed January 2016



Source: Bloomberg and Bank of England

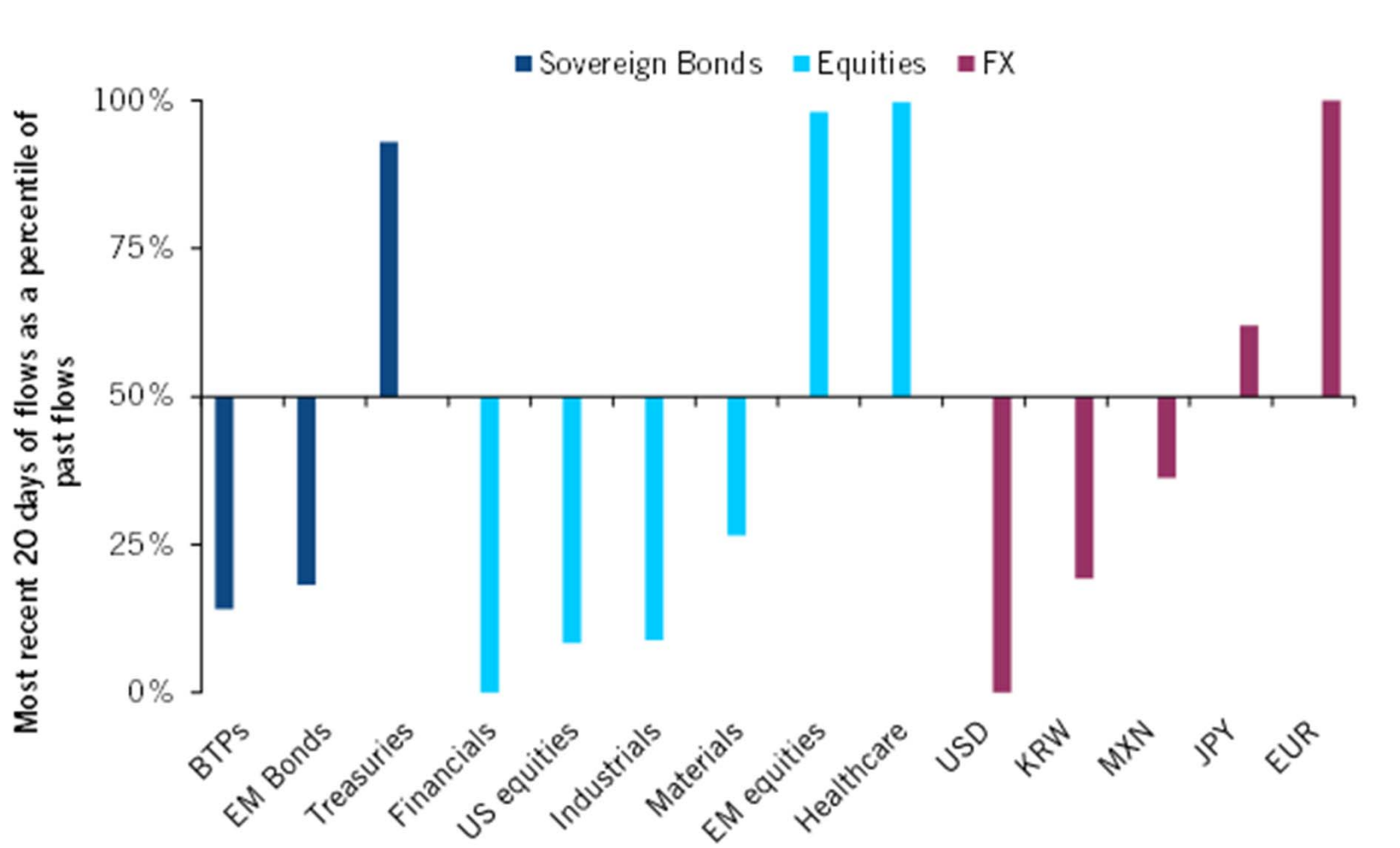
Emerging market FX

Mexican peso one of the favourite shorts in EMFX



Flows across asset markets

Flows at the beginning of this year

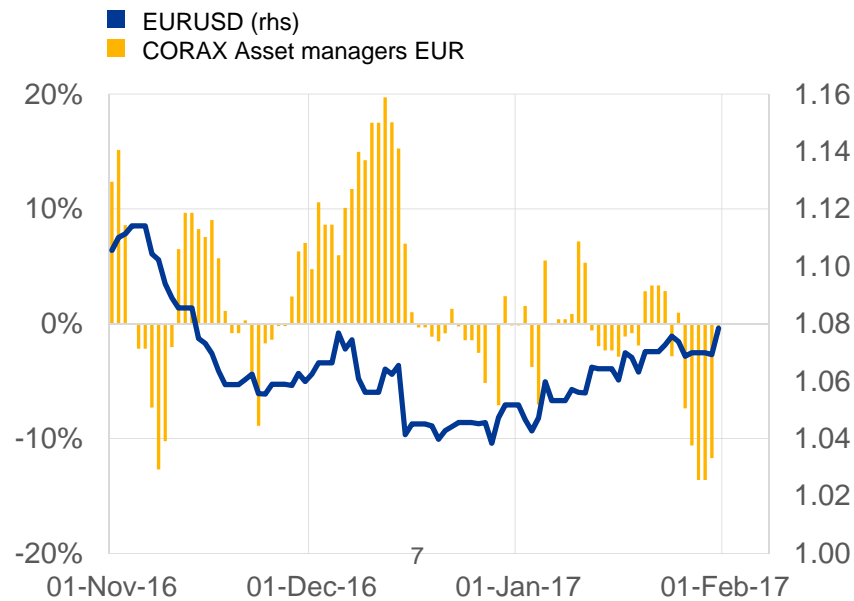
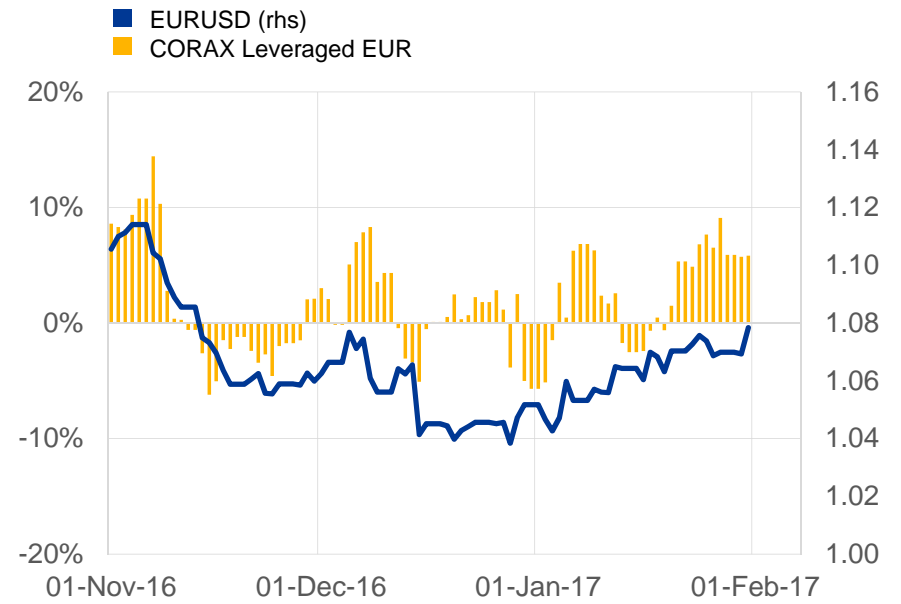
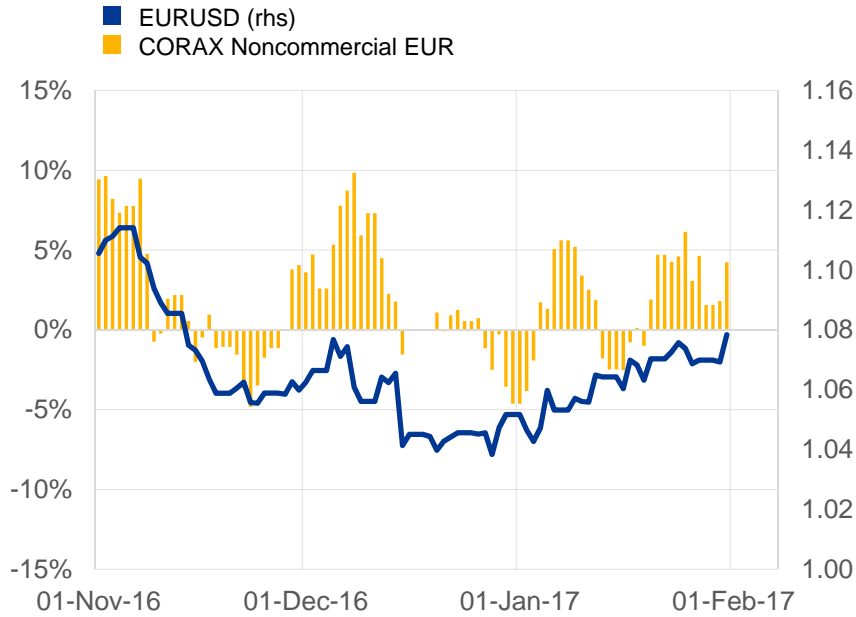


Source: State Street Global Markets, most recent 20 days of flows.

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Flows across asset markets

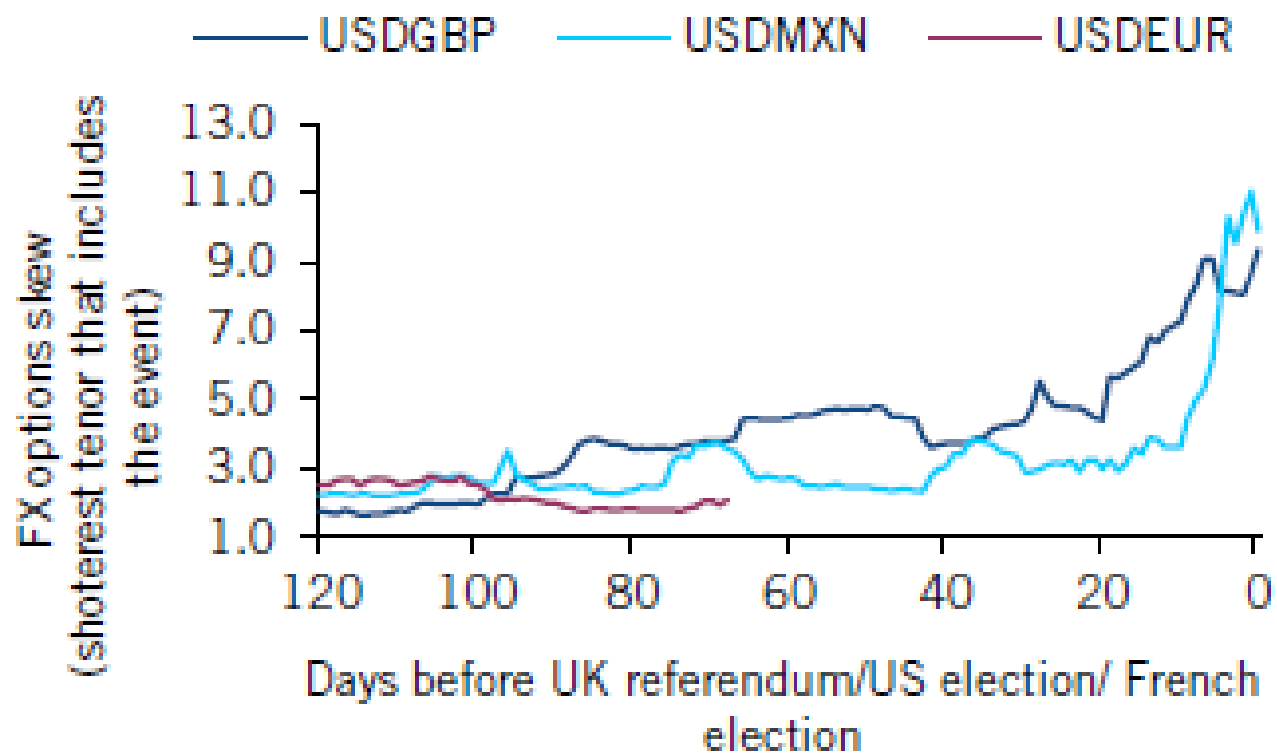
Overall investors have been net buyer of euro



Source: Deutsche Bank

Political events

FX options skew ahead of key votes



Source: State Street Global Markets, Bloomberg

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Discussion points

1. Could we see a global shift back from equities into bonds, which repercussion for the euro area? What would that mean for the FX market?
2. Has the risk rally discounted too much good news too soon?
3. Is the earlier consensus interpretation of the key macro trades still valid ?
 - a) Higher yields and a stronger US dollar?
 - b) What is the path forward for EM currencies?
4. Market focus going forward - Political, structural, cyclical drivers?
 - a) Event risks (French election, German election)?
 - b) Brexit ?
 - c) Central Bank policy meetings ?
5. How is the market positioned ? Which key indicators should be monitored?

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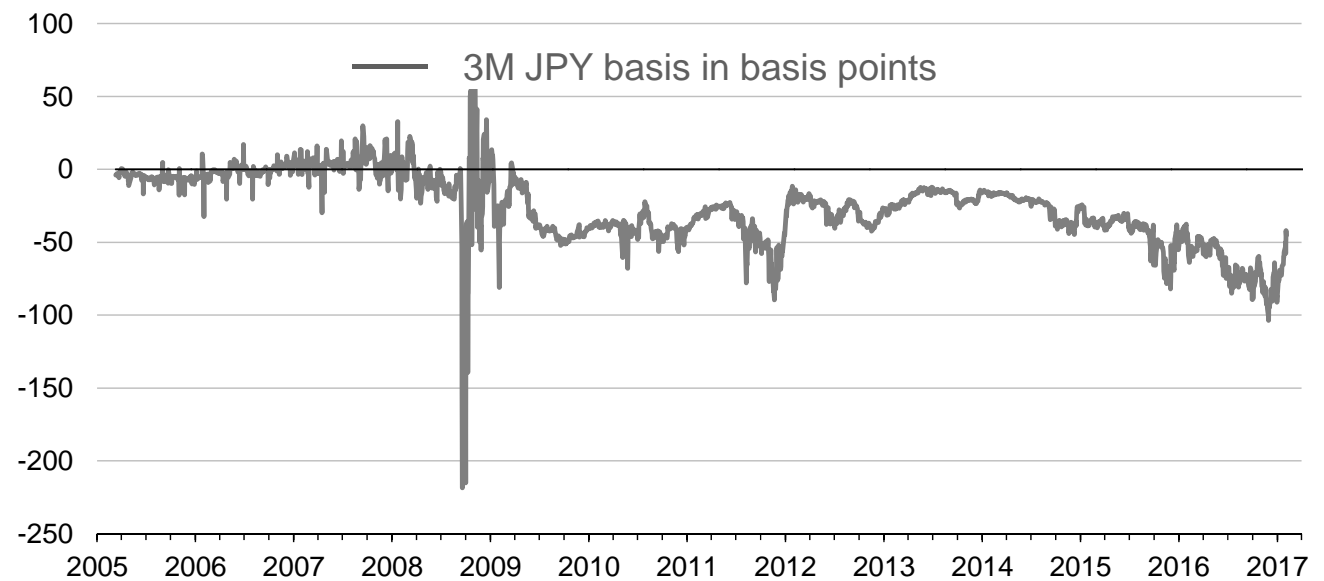
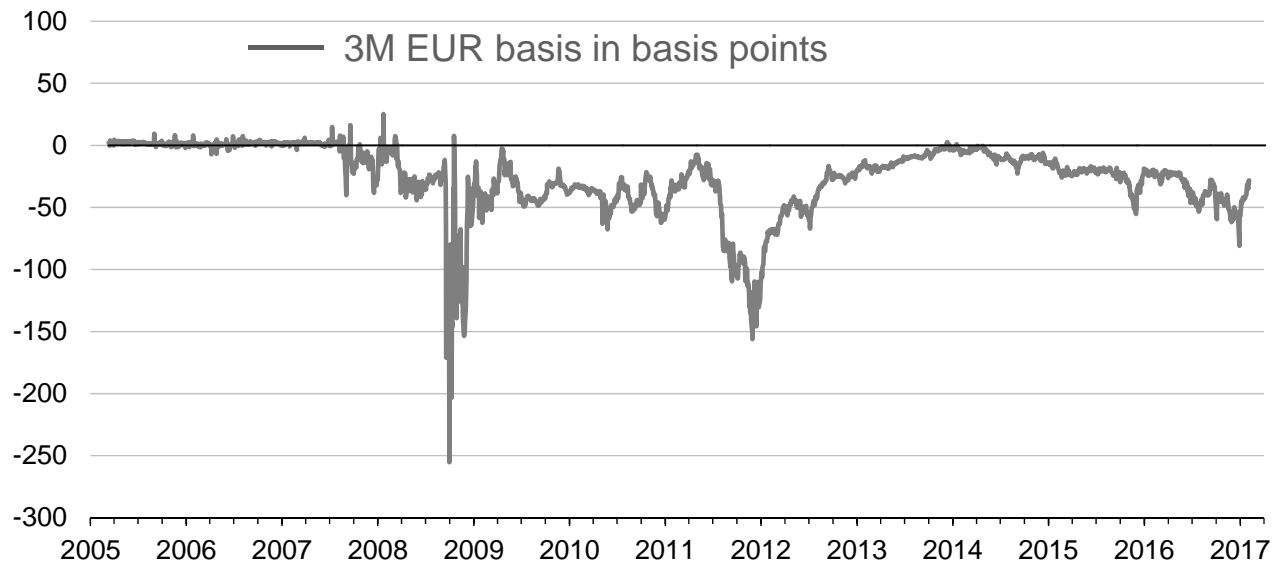
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EUR and JPY cross-currency basis

Cross-currency basis: a puzzle

Why is it non-zero without a financial market crisis?



Sources: Bloomberg,
Commerzbank Research

The basis cannot be explained by counterparty risk OIS-based basis is even larger

3M EUR basis

Based on LIBOR and OIS rates; in basis points



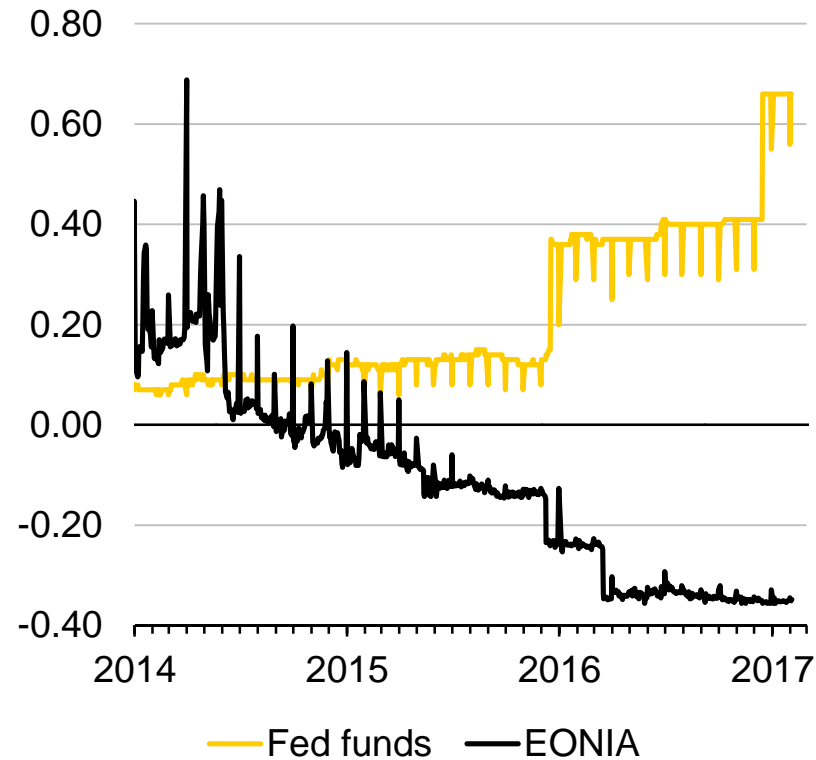
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Dysfunctional money markets

Strong monthly seasonality

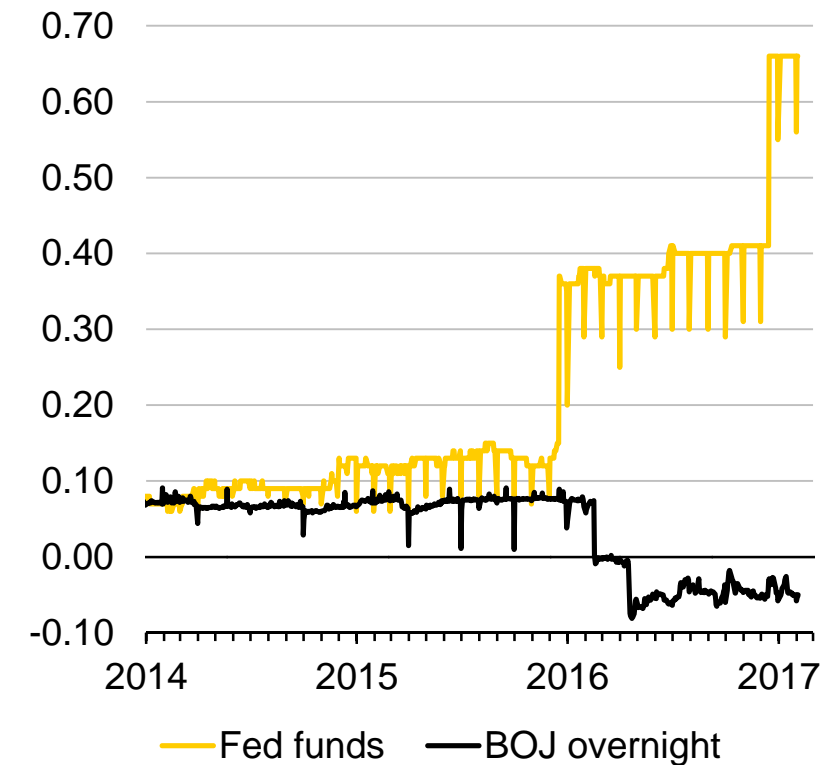
EONIA vs. Fed funds rate

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BoJ overnight rate vs. Fed funds rate

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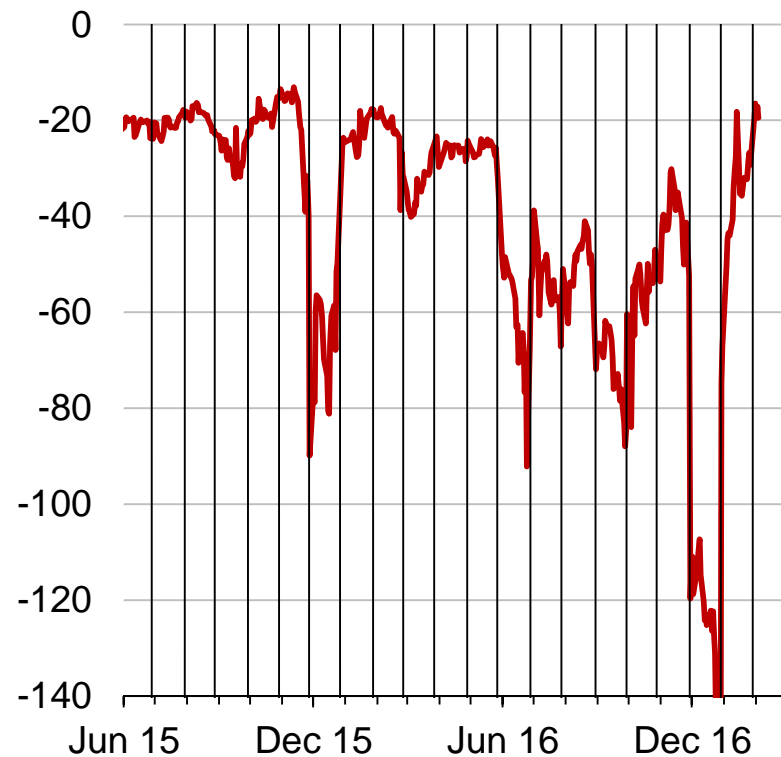
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Dysfunctional FX forward markets

Strong monthly/quarterly seasonality

1M EUR basis

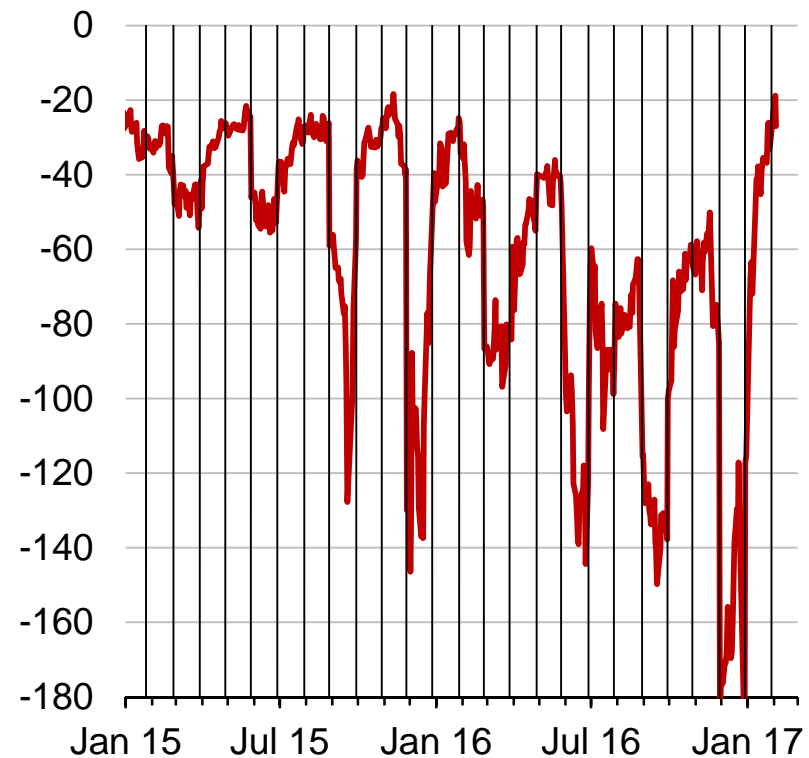
Basis points; vertical lines indicate month-change in settlement



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1M JPY basis

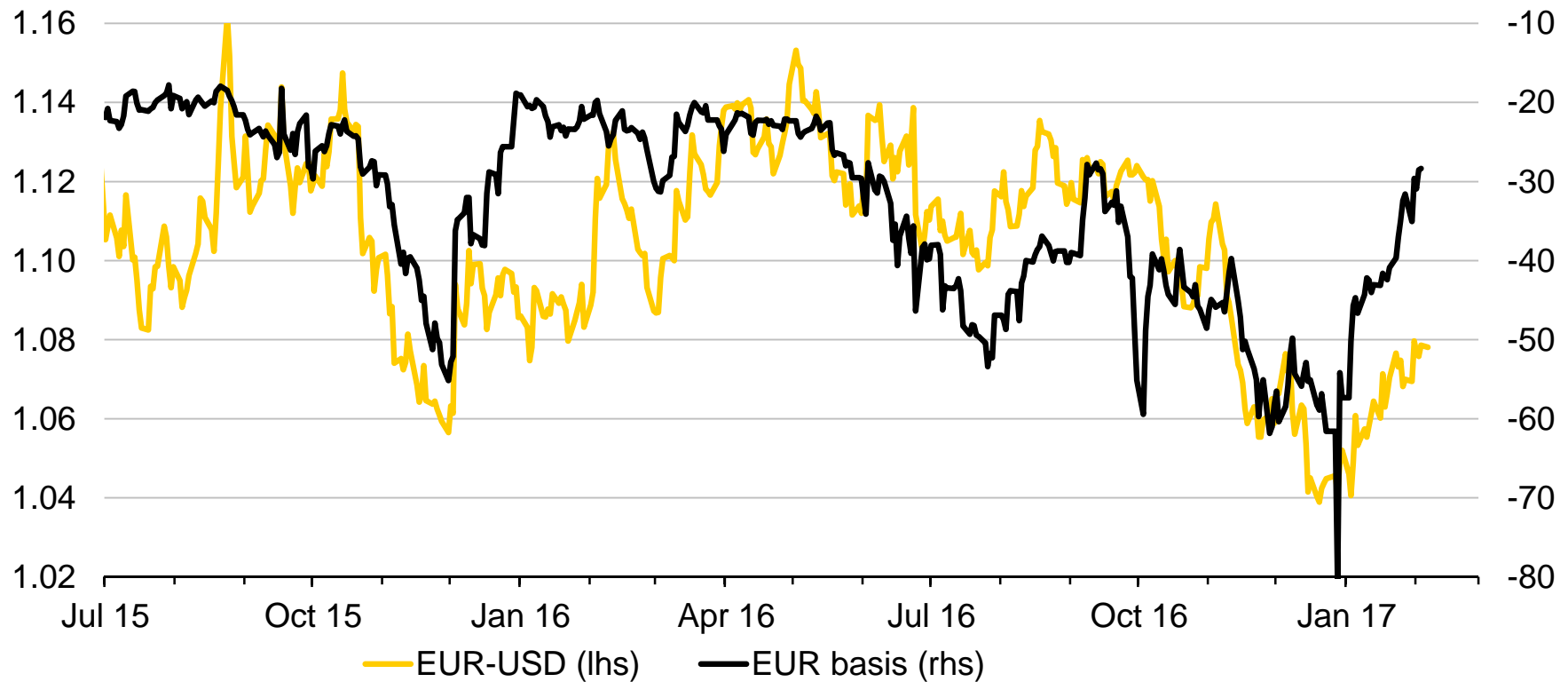
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Co-movement of EUR-USD and EUR basis

EUR-USD spot and 3M EUR basis

Basis in basis points



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LIBOR-OIS spread (LOIS) Counterparty risk or dysfunctionality indicator?

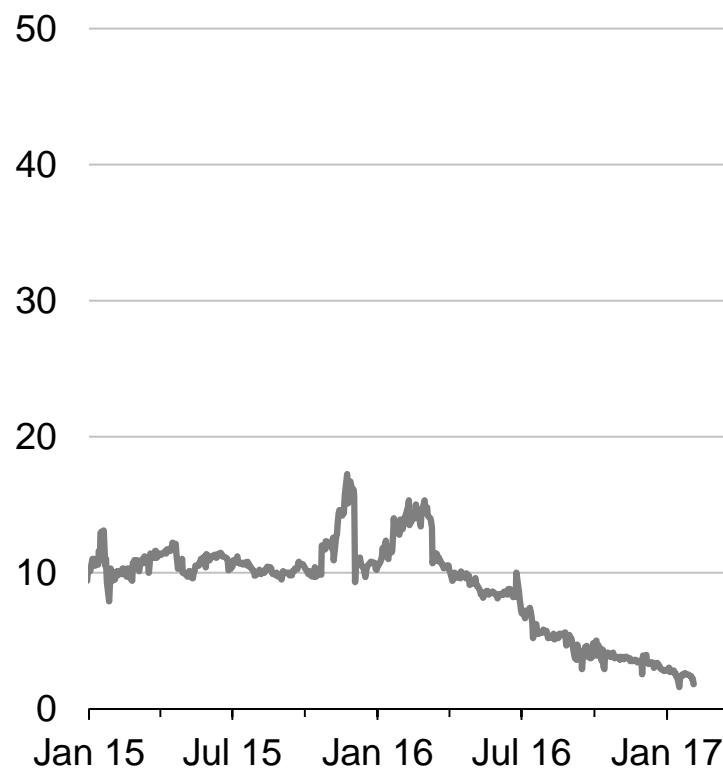
USD 3M LOIS

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EUR 3M LOIS

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- What are the lessons learnt?