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- Most of the bullish flows in equities went into US-focused and Japan-focused ETPs. Japan
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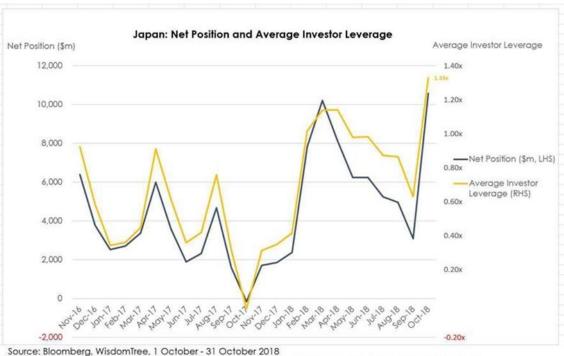
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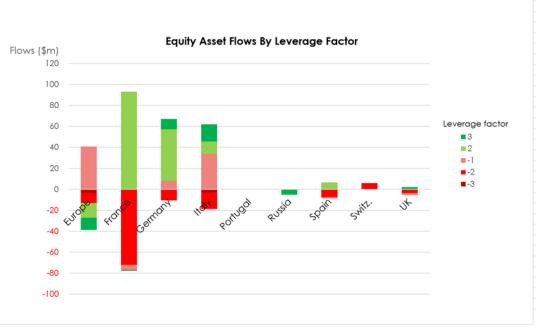
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