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Summary

Energy

- + Brent Crude Oil
- + Natural Gas
- + Heating Oil

Metals

- + Gold
- + Silver
- + High Grade Copper

Grains and Softs

- + Soybeans
- + Wheat
- + Sugar 11
- + Cocoa
- + Coffee
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Other

- + Carbon Emissions
- + CRB Index



The Commodity Specialist Guide

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Summary – Commodity Specialist

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Stay BEARISH market holding below 76.4% resistance for now (Mar-12)
Stay BEARISH price remains weak (Mar-12)
Stay SQUARE s/term pause continues (Mar-12)

Metals

- + Gold
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- + High Grade Copper

Go SQUARE recovery now violates resistance lines (Feb-12)
Stay BEARISH market sees s/term rebound (Mar-12)
Stay SQUARE recovery continues after earlier break of channel top (Mar-12)

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Stay BEARISH 38.2% resistance key to better recovery phase (Mar-12)
Stay BEARISH further recovery off earlier support in process (Mar-12)
Stay SQUARE market recovering off 76.4% area (Mar-12)
Go SQUARE recovery off long term 76.4% level continues (Mar-12)
Stay SQUARE channel base support still holds (Mar-12)
Stay SQUARE long term 76.4% support area prompts rebound (Mar-12)

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Stay SQUARE recovery off Fibo projection support underway (Dec-12)
Stay BEARISH bounce now not far from 38.2% resistance area



Energy

In **Brent Crude** the market has paused after nearing 76.4% resistance. In **Heating Oil** the market's strength has been less notable. **Natural Gas** remains on the weak side.

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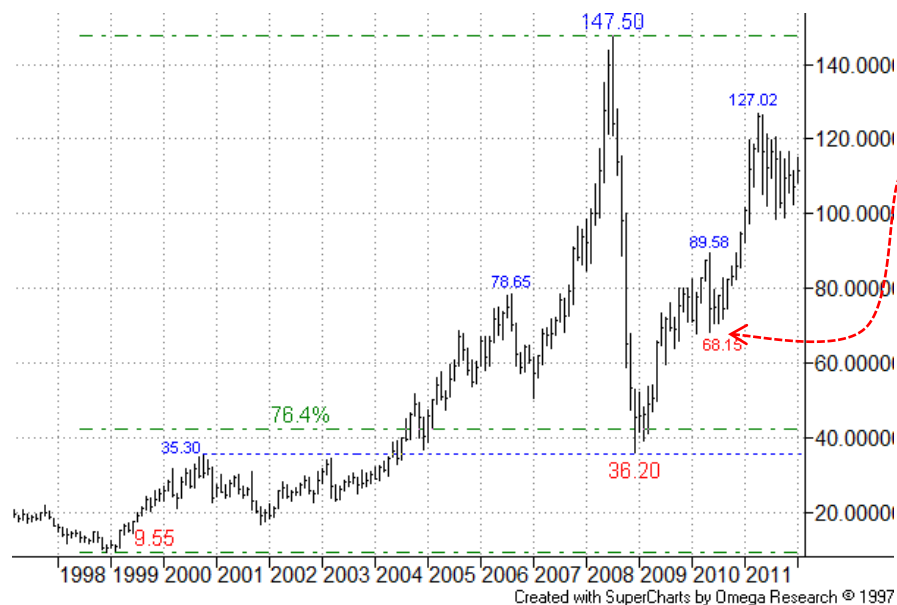
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Energy: Brent Crude Oil (ICE)



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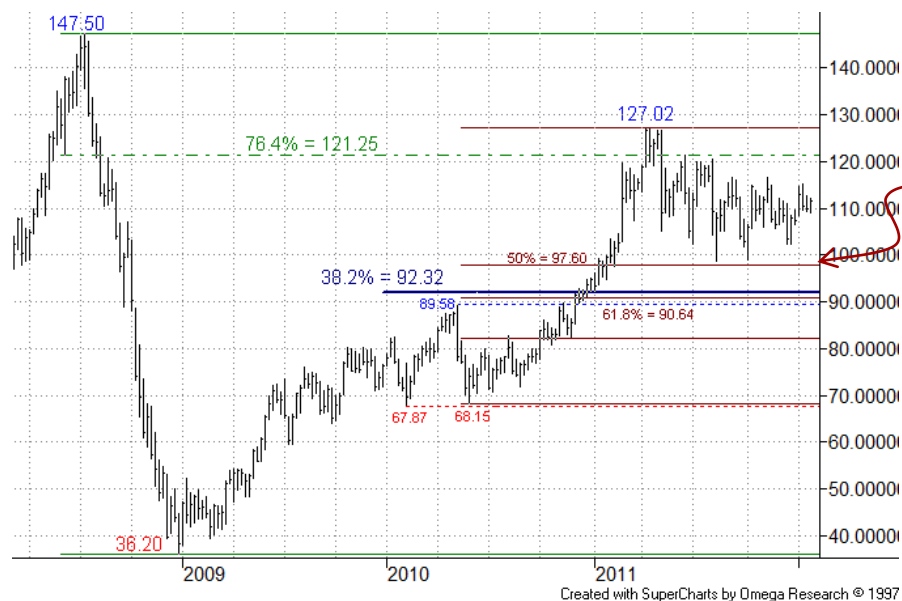
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We maintain an overall bear stance for now.

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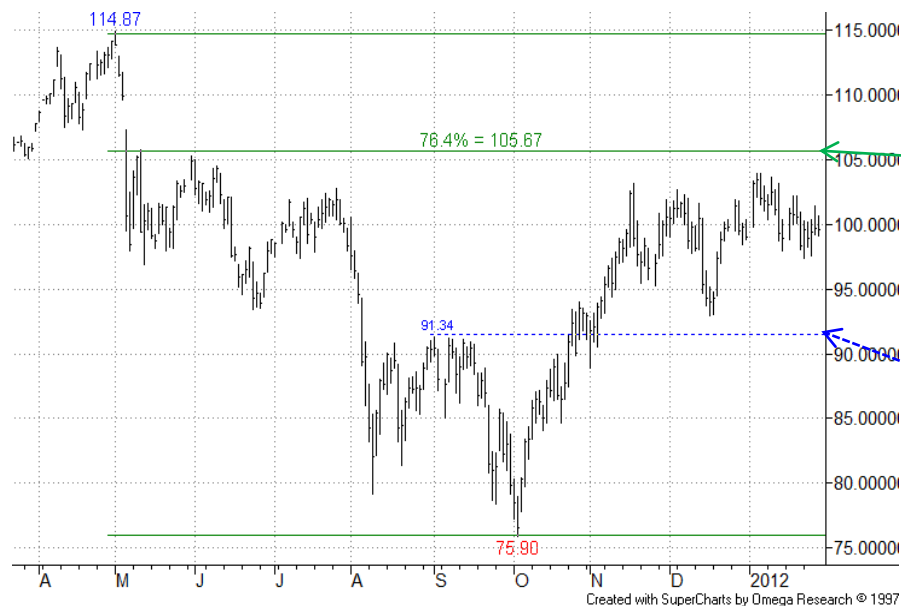
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Energy: Light Crude Oil (NYMEX)



Daily Chart – Mar-12:

Price action currently remains below the 105.87 76.4% recovery level.

We continue waiting to see if there'll be a better attempt at this resistance.

S/term support is offered around the 91.34 area.

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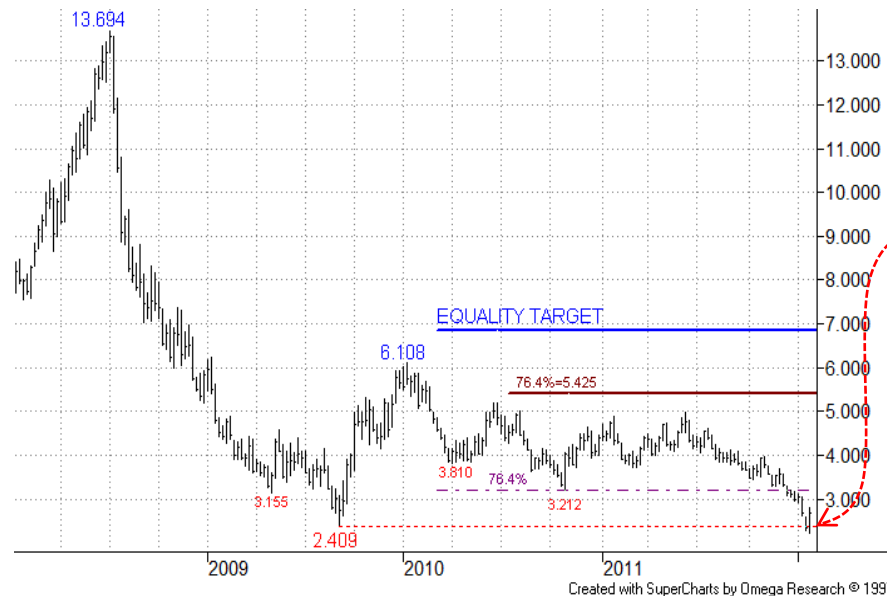
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Energy: Natural Gas (NYMEX)



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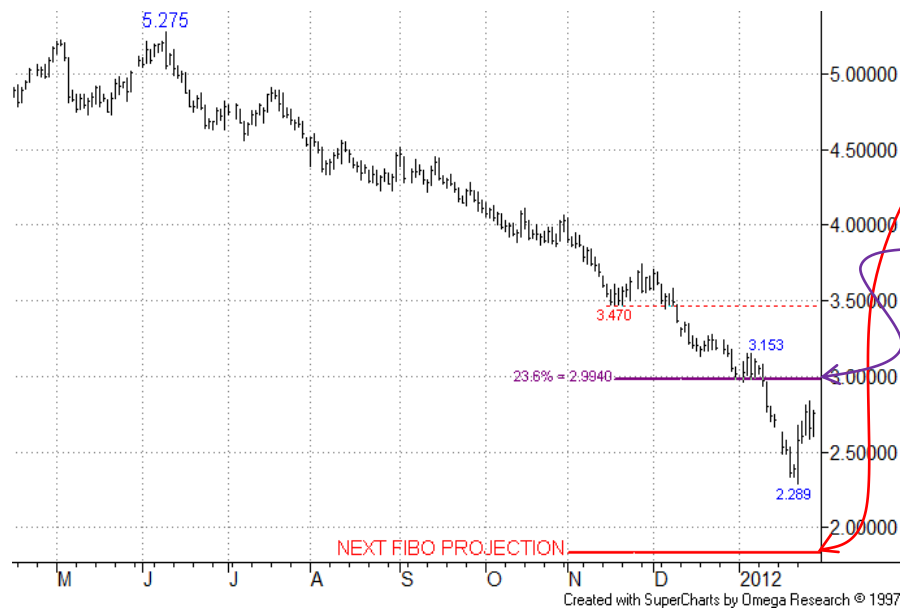
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Energy: Natural Gas (NYMEX)



Daily Chart – Feb-12:

The market's slide has halted s/term, some way short of the next Fibo projection at **1.840**.

Note first resistance is offered by the current 23.6% rebound level just beneath 3.000/

We maintain a bear stance here.

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Energy: Heating Oil (NYMEX)

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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

A second upleg, from the 1.8368 May-10 low, earlier stumbled.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

Support from the 2.7600 38.2% pullback level has been tested several times and still holds.

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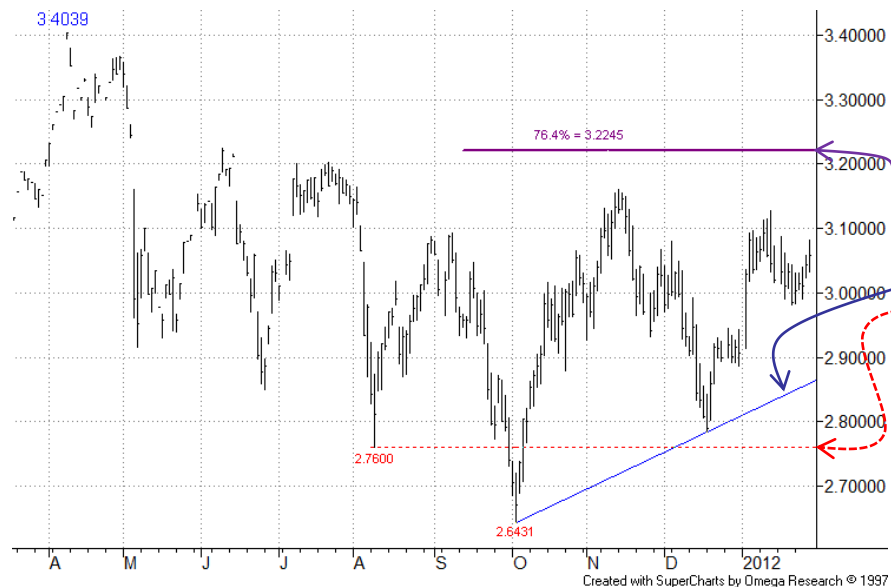
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Daily Chart – Mar-12:

The market paused following the recovery in early Jan, and so far remains well below the 3.2245 76.4% retracement.

First interesting support is offered by the rising support line, ahead of the 2.7600 09-Aug low.

As before, we still wait to see if another bear leg can develop.

We maintain a sidelined stance for now.



Metals

In **Gold** the market is still firming, now violating certain resistance lines. **Silver** recovers too but is less strong. The recovery in **Copper** has continued, after violation of a bear channel top.

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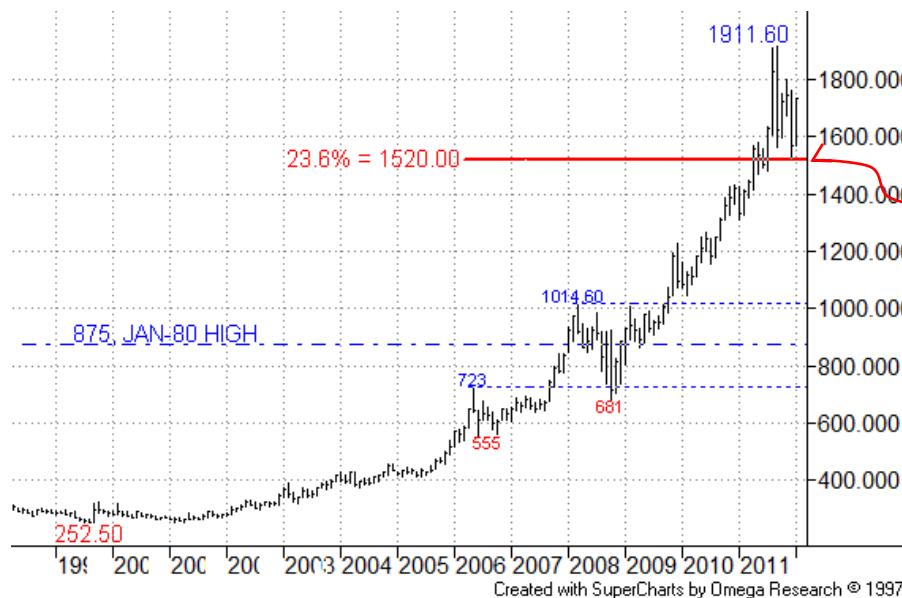
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Metals: Gold (COMEX)



Monthly Chart - Continuation:

The pullback here has now tested the major 23.6% retracement at 1520.00. This remains the first significant support on the long term chart.

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Metals: Gold (COMEX)

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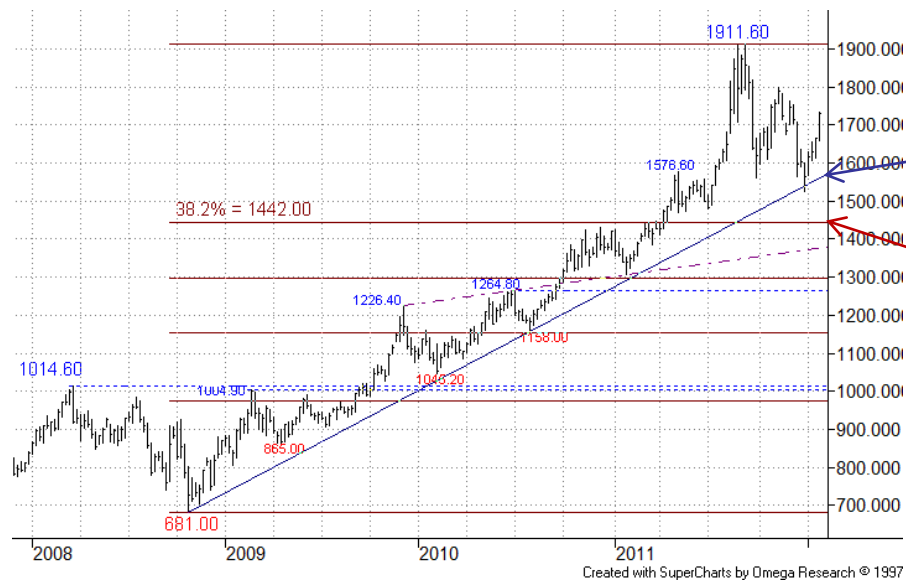
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Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The drop back here recently tested the rising support line before pausing. Lower support comes at the 1442.00 38.2% level of the 2008/2011 upmove stays out of reach for now.

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Metals: Gold (COMEX)

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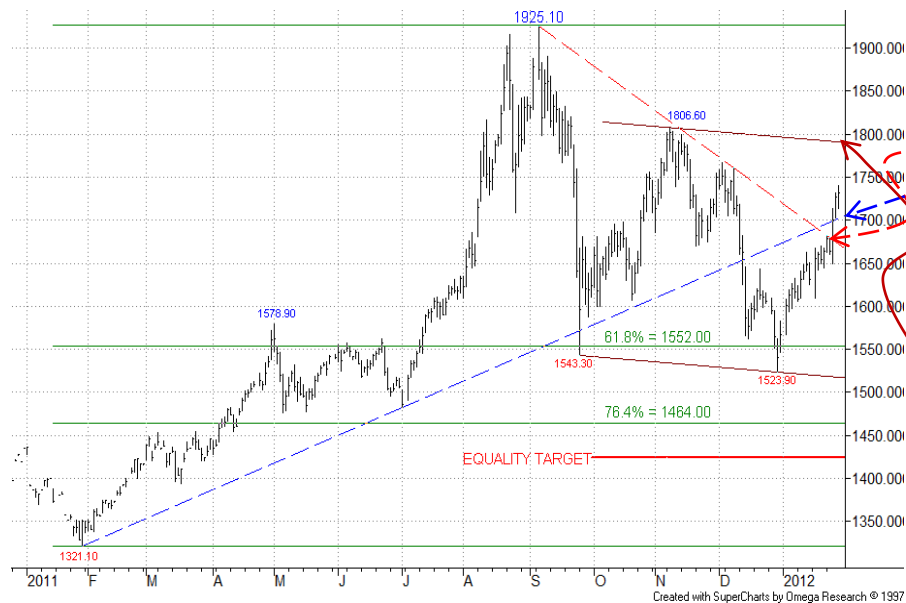
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Daily Chart – Feb-12:

The market's rebound has now violated both the falling resistance line and the broken support/return line, sidelining earlier bears for now.

What strength the recovery will continue to find is unclear. Note resistance offered by a channel top projection at 1790.00 ahead of the 1806.60 Nov high.

We switch to the Apr-12 contract next week.

We adopt a sidelined stance now.

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Metals: Silver (COMEX)

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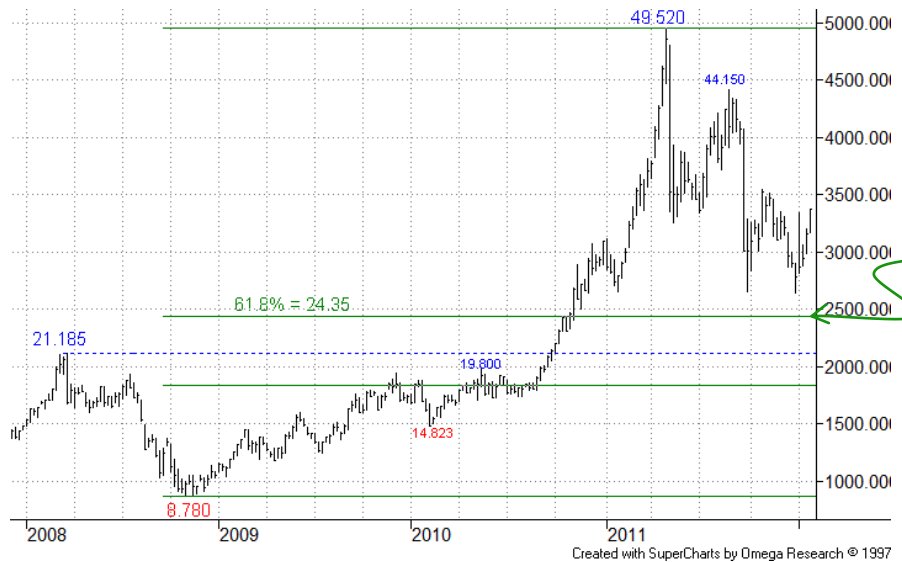
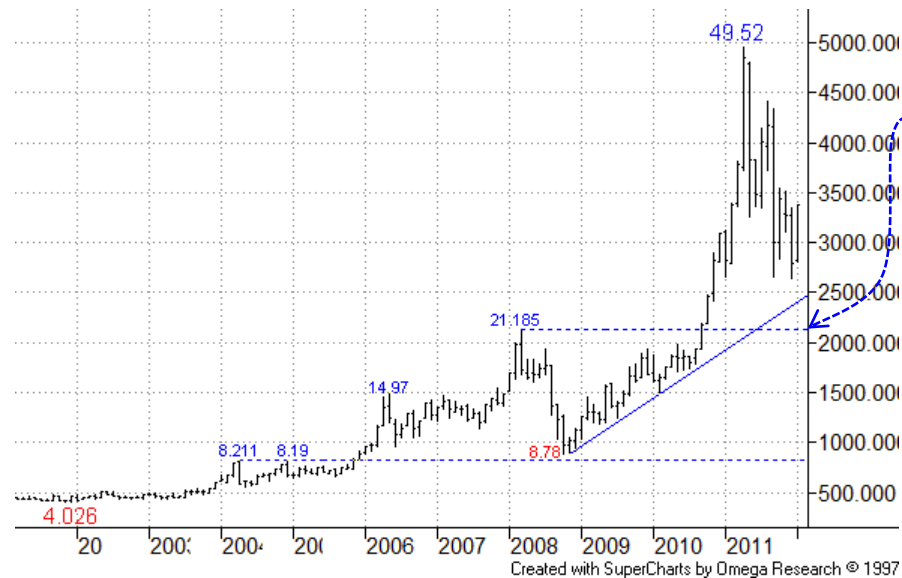
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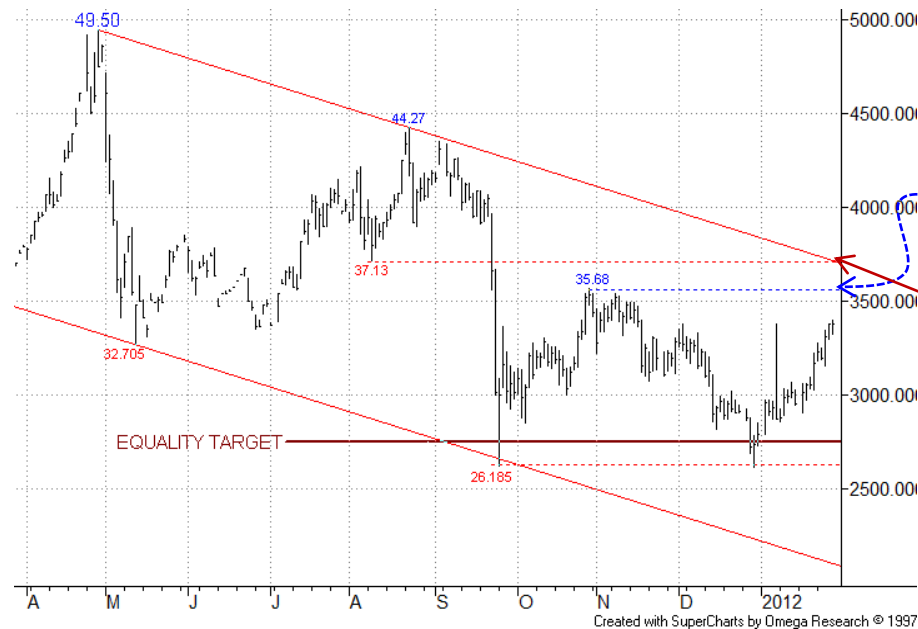
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Metals: Silver (COMEX)



Daily Chart – Mar-12:

Recovery after testing the Sep low remains in force. As before, a recovery through the 35.68 28-Oct high could change the technical picture, but also note the bear channel top running close to 37.00 now.

A break of the Sep low would expose the bear channel base support.

We maintain a bear stance for now.

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Metals: High Grade Copper (COMEX)

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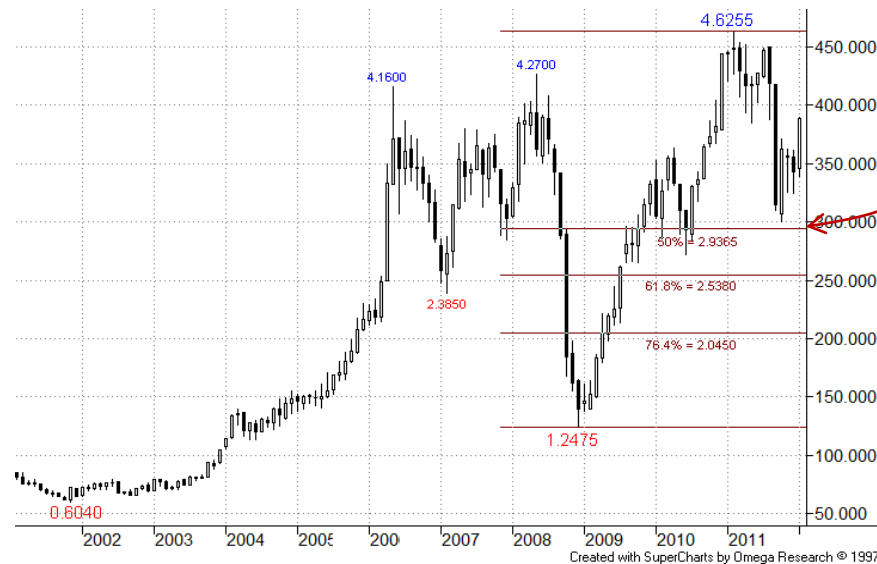
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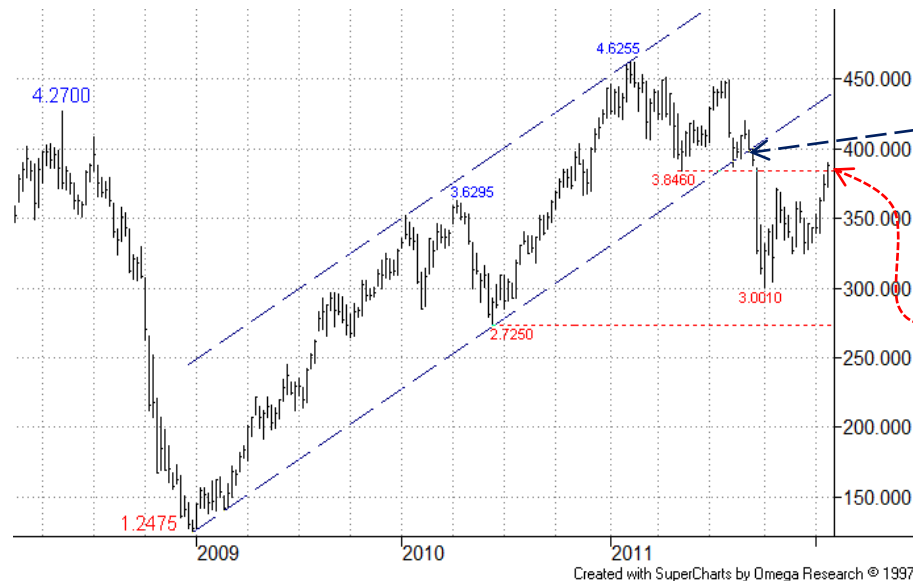
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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

Recovery from near the 2.9365 50% pullback level has continued.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

Earlier failure of a bull channel base was the trigger for a bear move that so far has stopped short of a return to the 2010 2.7250 low.

Current recovery is now eroding resistance from the 3.8460 May-11 low area.

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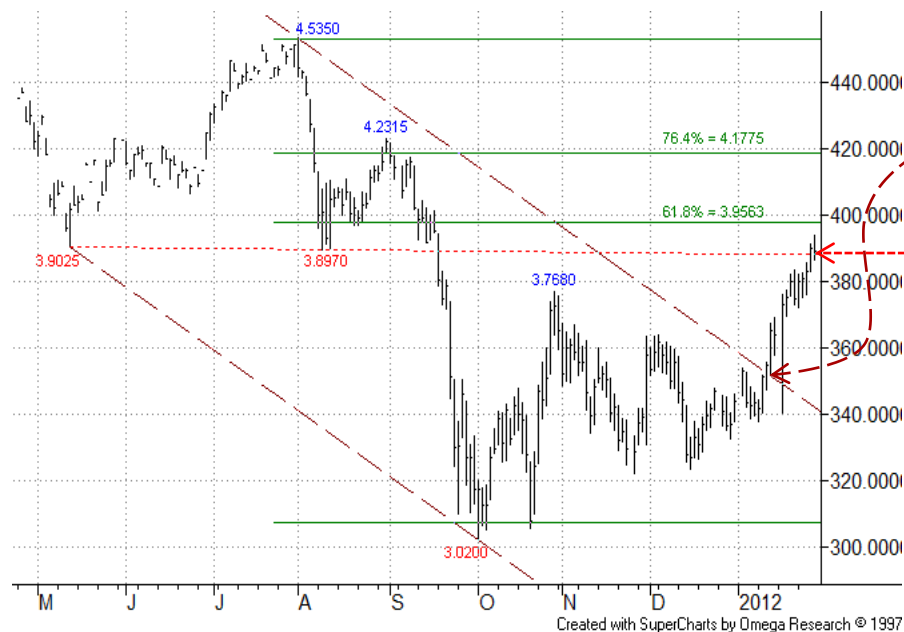
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Daily Chart – Mar-12:

After the bull break from an earlier consolidation and the bear channel top projection price has reached potentially interesting resistance around prior lows in the 3.9000 area and the 3.9563 61.8% retracement level. S/term we await reaction in this area.

We stay on the sidelines for now.



Grains and Softs

Soybeans remain below 38.2% resistance for now. **Wheat** remains relatively weak. **Sugar** is recovering off a 76.4% support area. **Cocoa** is recovering off a long term 76.4% pullback level. **Coffee** is lacklustre but remains supported by a channel base. **Cotton** is attempting recovery off a long term 76.4% support area.

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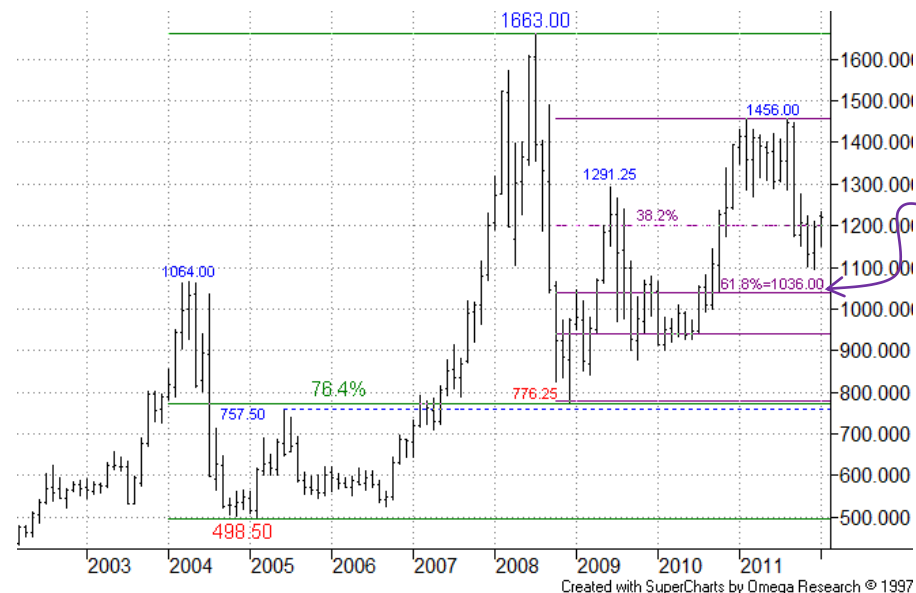
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Grains and Softs: Soybeans (CBOT)



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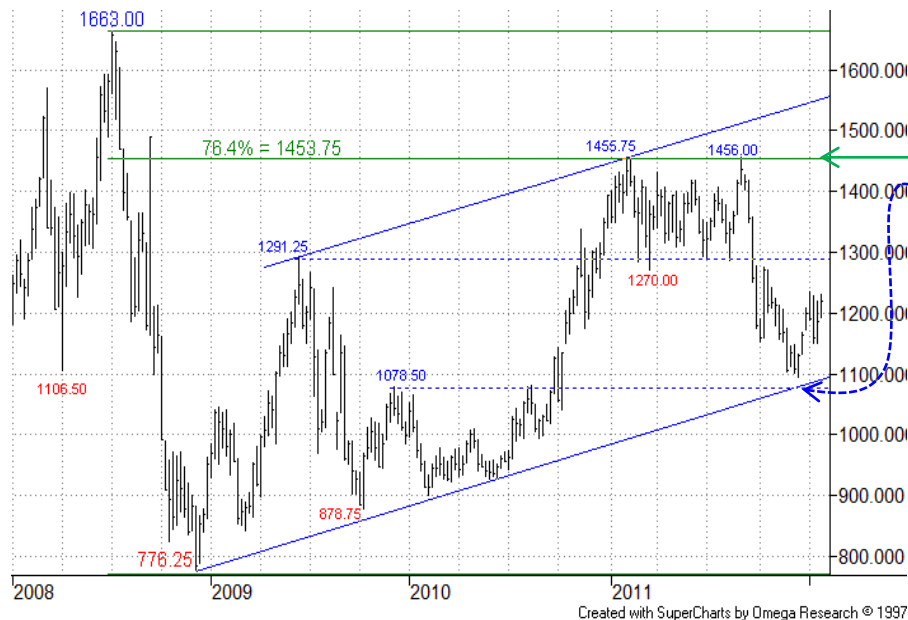
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Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The fall back from 76.4% resistance stopped just short of the old the old 1078.50 high, and nearby bull channel base projection, a key support area.

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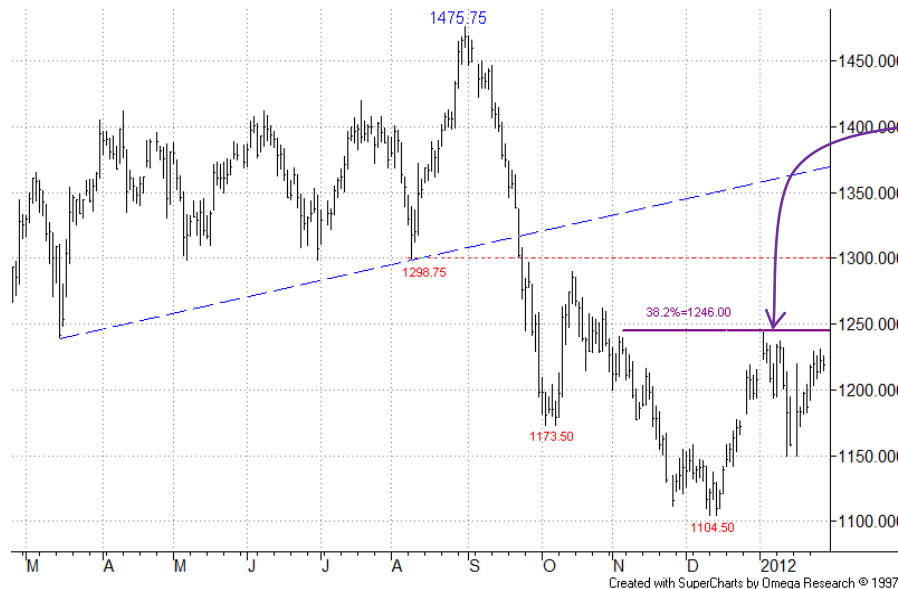
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Grains and Softs: Soybeans (CBOT)



Daily Chart – Mar-12:

Clear resistance came from the 1246 38.2% rebound level. It remains the portal to a better recovery phase, when we would turn s/term bullish.

The 1104.50 low stays out of reach for now.

We maintain a bear stance here.

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Grains and Softs: Wheat (CBOT)

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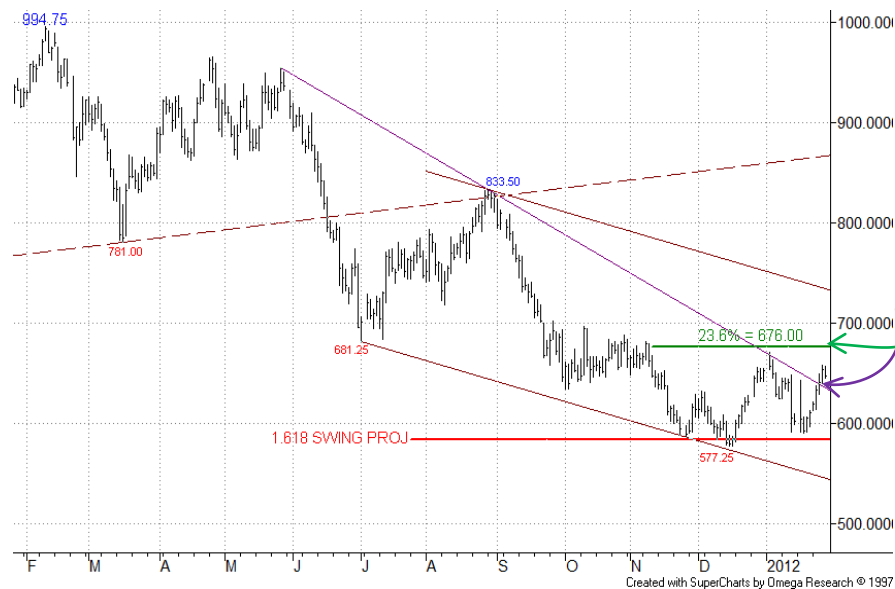
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Daily Chart – Mar-12:

Another recovery attempt off the Fibo projection at 587.00 is underway, now eroding the first falling resistance line. Next interesting resistance comes from the Oct/Nov congestion area which includes the 676.00 23.6% recovery level. As before, a breach of this would look s/term positive.

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Grains and Softs: Sugar (ICE)

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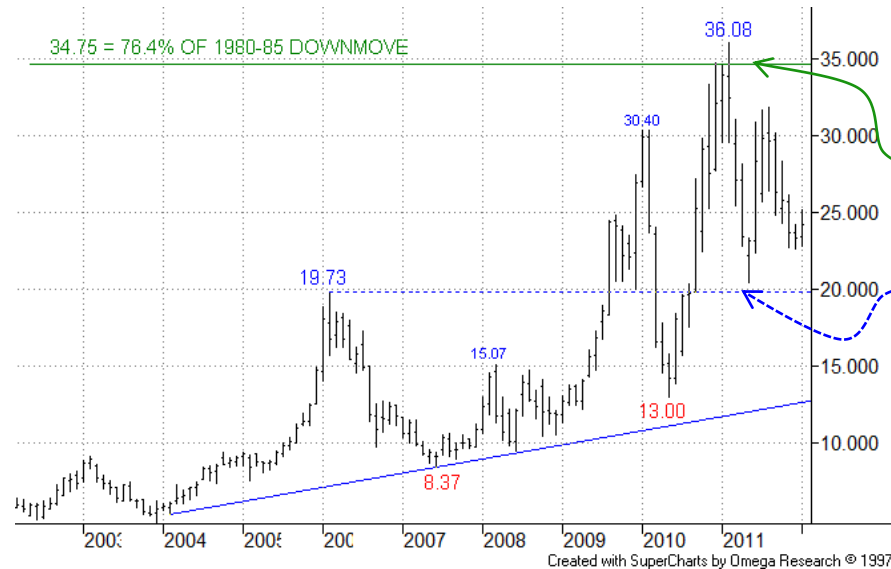
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Monthly Chart - Continuation:

The earlier bull move reached the long term 34.75 76.4% recovery level where clear resistance was found. Support has come from just above the old 19.73 2006 high.



Weekly Chart - Continuation:

The rebound on this continuation chart neared the 32.40 76.4% recovery level but failed ahead.

A channel base projection around 22.70 is providing support so far.

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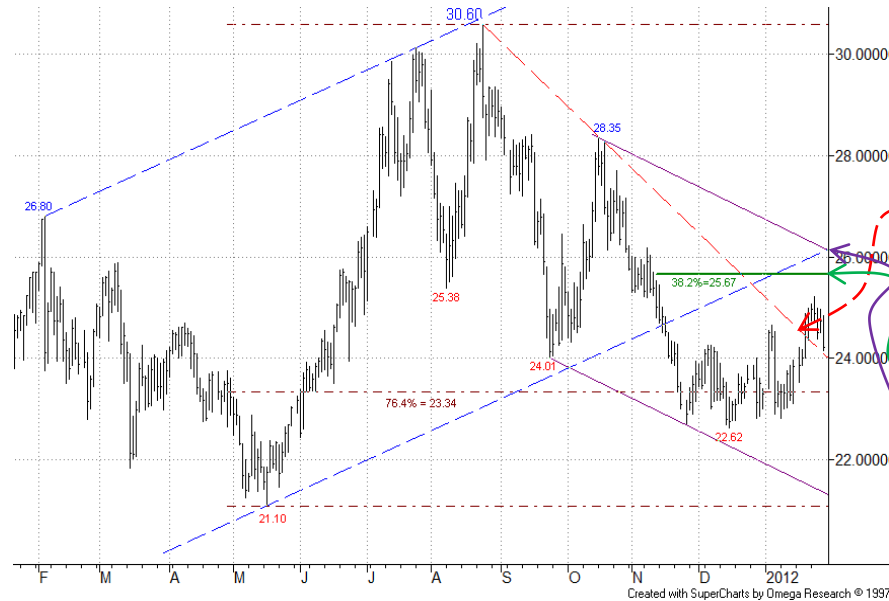
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Daily Chart – Mar-12:

After consolidating around the 76.4% pullback area, recent recovery has so far seen a breach of the falling resistance line.

Beyond this note the cluster of resistances that provide a key area, the 25.67 38.2% bounce level, old channel base and projected bear channel top both at 26.15

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Grains and Softs: Cocoa (ICE)

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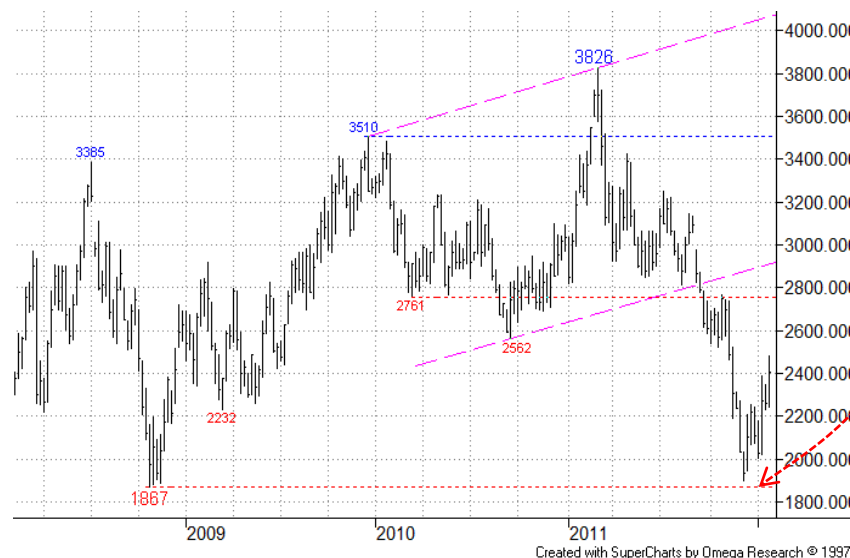
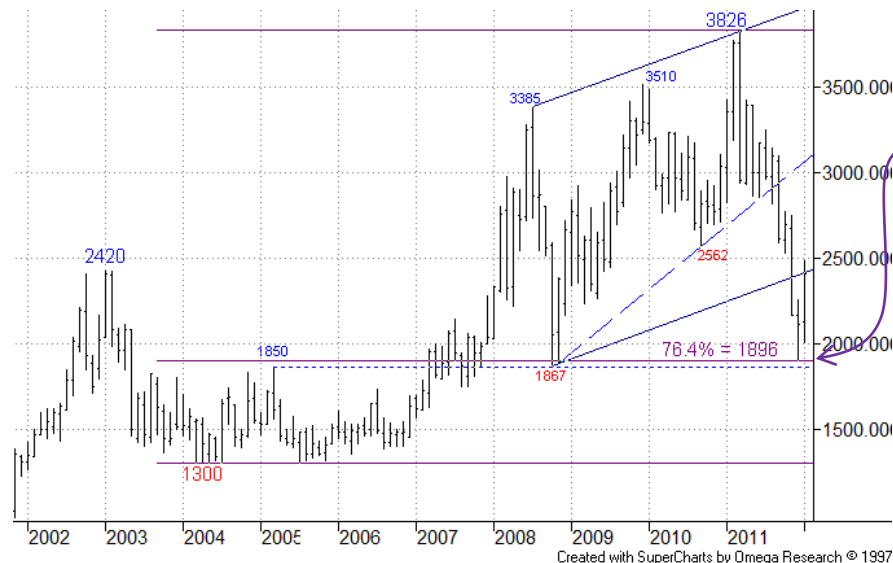
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Daily Chart – Mar-12:

Initial resistance from around the old channel base has yielded now. Above this the 2563 18-Oct low offers the next barrier, combined with nearby 2608 38.2% recovery level.

As before, the current interest is as much in the longer term chart above.

We adopt a sidelined stance here.

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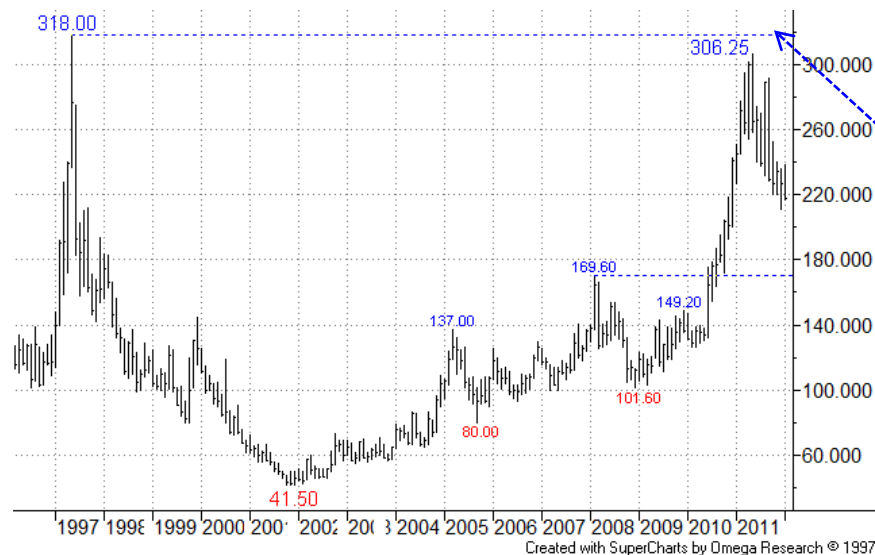
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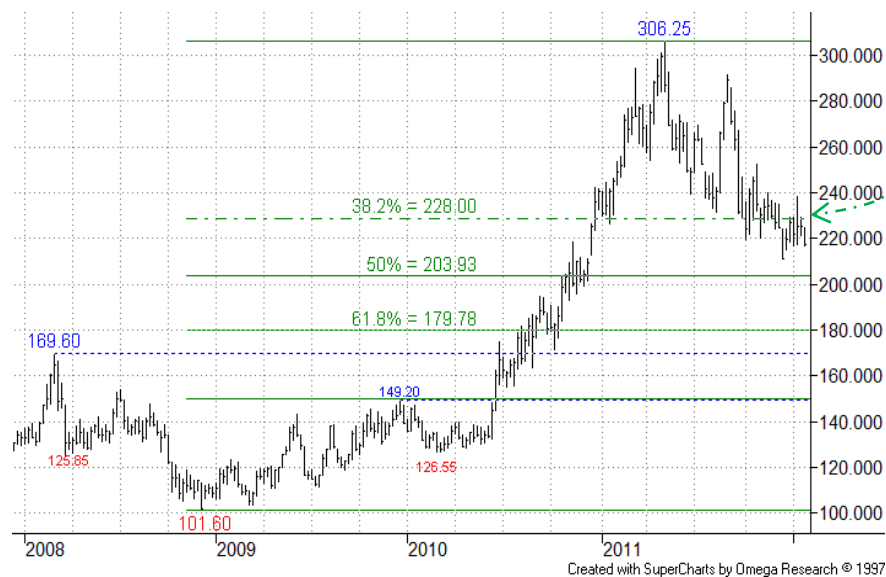
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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

The previous upmove fell short of the 318.00 1997 peak.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The 38.2% retracement has been breached, keeping the outlook negative.

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Daily Chart – Mar-12:

First resistance from the Nov congestion area below 240.00 has so far been effective, killing off the earlier recovery attempt. But so far the market remains supported near the old bear channel base projection and equality target at 218.00 (May/Aug downleg extended off 293.10 01-Sep high) .

We stay on the sidelines for now, awaiting clarity.

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Grains and Softs: Cotton No.2 (ICE)

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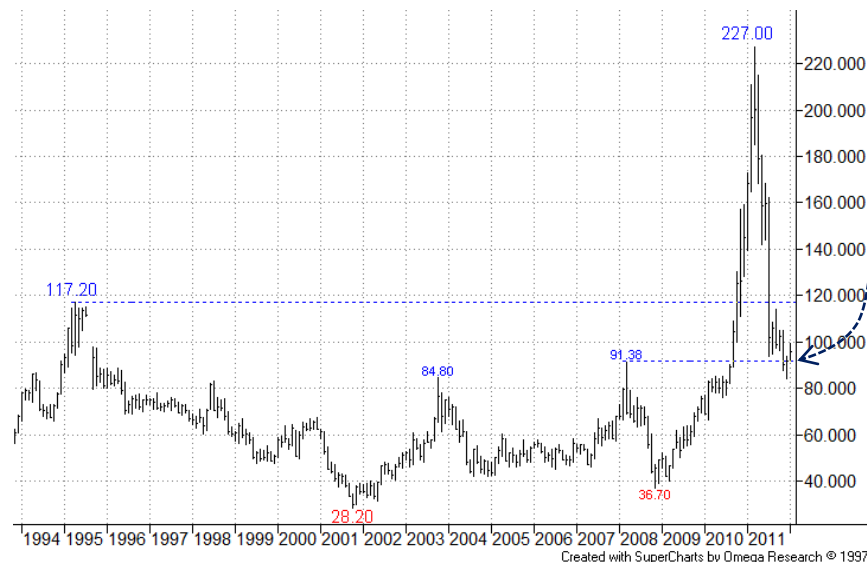
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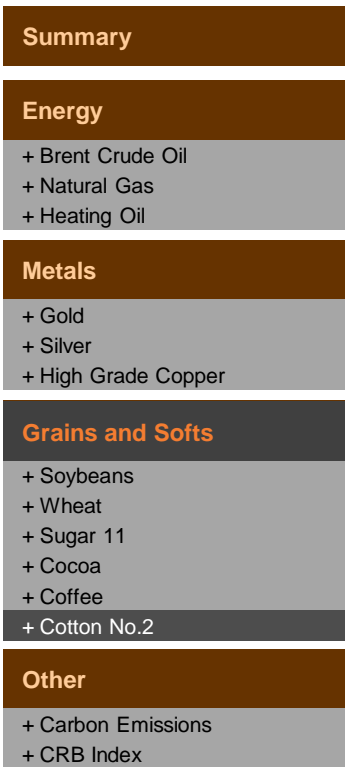
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Recovery here so far remains below key resistance from the area of the 103.55 38.2% recovery level and channel top projection at 104.80 – as before, a breach of this would be a clear bull sign for us, and call for higher targets.

We maintain a sidelined stance
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Other

In **EUA (Carbon Emissions)** a recovery off Fibo projection support is in process. The **CRB Index** still recovers from near the Oct low, nearing the 38.2% resistance once more.

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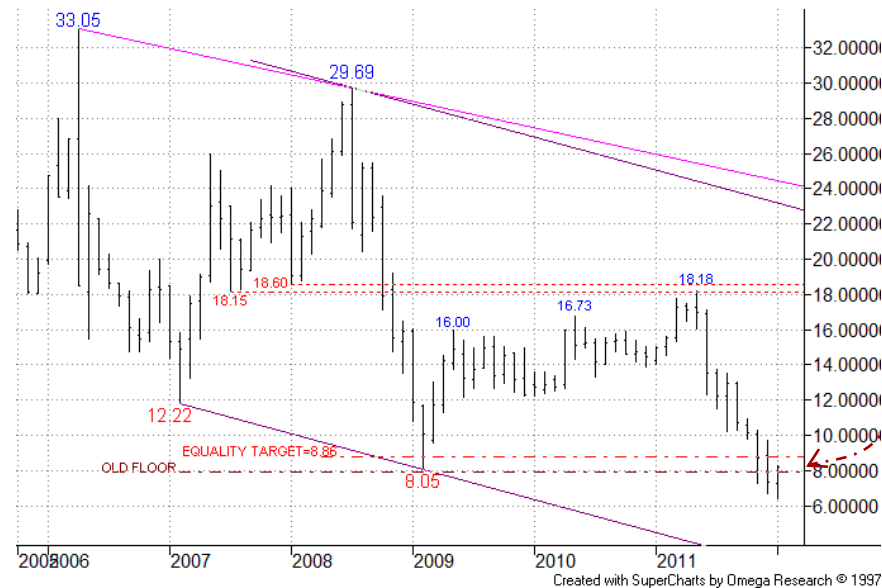
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Other: EUA – Carbon Emission Allowances (ICE ECX)



Monthly Chart - Continuation:

The old floor around 8.00 has now been pierced. We wait to see if the market has difficulty in staying below this now.

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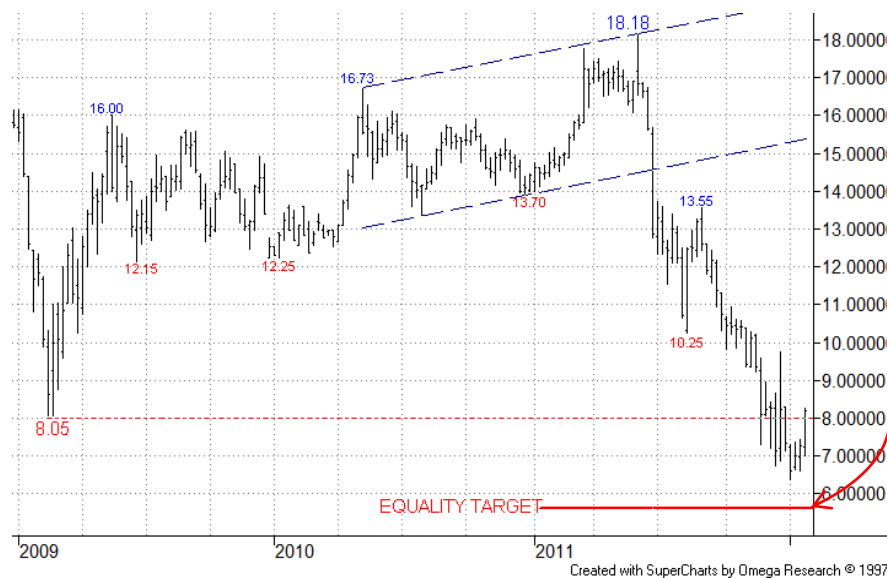
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- + Gold
- + Silver
- + High Grade Copper

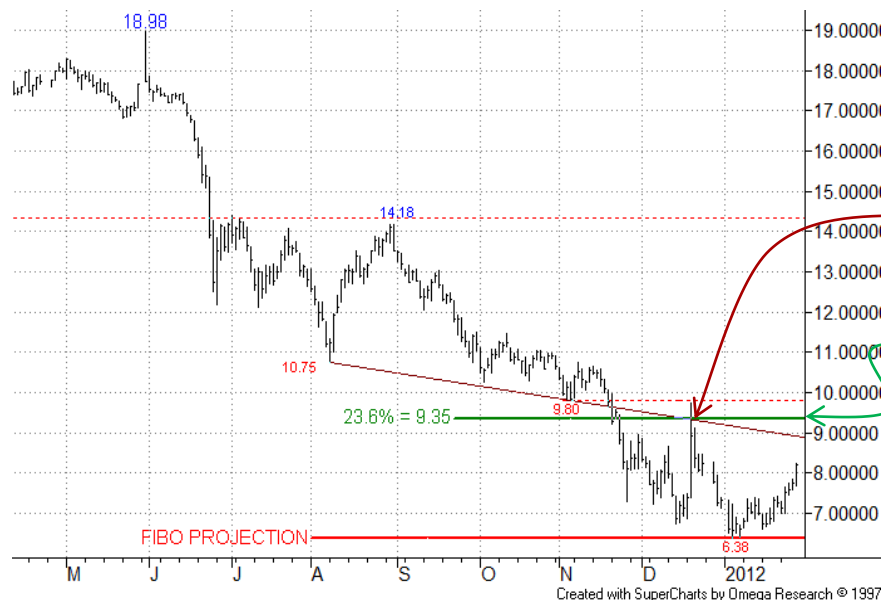
Grains and Softs

- + Soybeans
- + Wheat
- + Sugar 11
- + Cocoa
- + Coffee
- + Cotton No.2

Other

- + Carbon Emissions
- + CRB Index

Other: EUA – Carbon Emission Allowances (ICE ECX)



Daily Chart – Dec-12:

The market has rebounded s/term from the Fibo projection at **6.40**, following the earlier drop back from resistance near the old falling support/return line and 9.80 04-Nov low.

Note also resistance offered by the current 23.6% recovery level at 9.35.

A later breach of this resistance area would be a positive sign.

We remain on the sidelines for now.

More



Other: CRB Index (CBOT)

Summary

Energy

- + Light Crude Oil
- + Natural Gas
- + Heating Oil

Metals

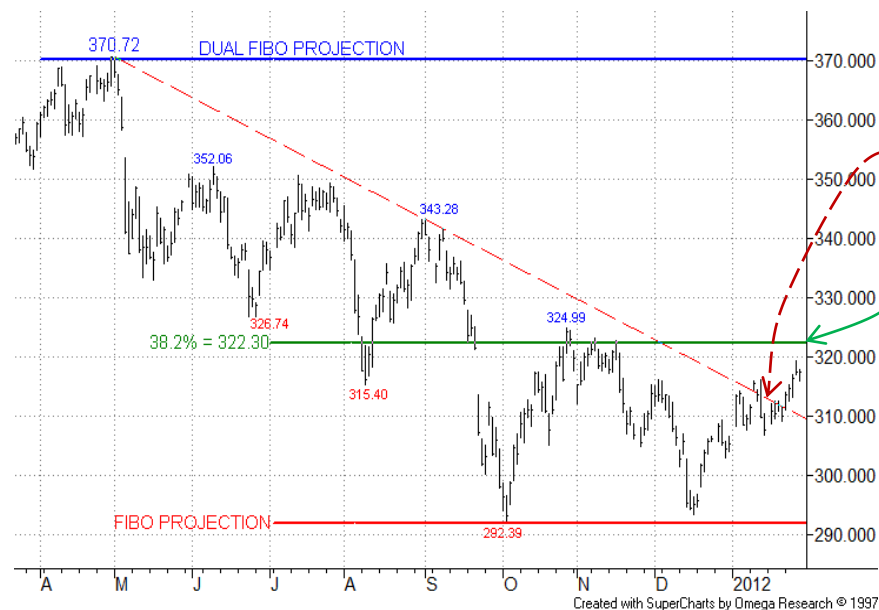
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- + Wheat
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- + Cocoa
- + Coffee
- + Cotton No.2

Other

- + Carbon Emissions
- + CRB Index



Daily Chart

Another recovery from near a Fibo projection has so far breached the falling resistance line, an initial positive sign.

The 38.2% retracement is once more being neared, and a breach of this would strongly suggest that a recovery phase was underway, calling for higher targets.

We maintain an overall bear stance for now.



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