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Summary

Energy

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

Metals

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Grains and Softs

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The Commodity Specialist Guide

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Summary – Commodity Specialist

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Stay SQUARE recovery resisted by 76.4% area (Oct-13)
Go BEARISH weakness sees breach of Jan low (Sep-13)
Stay SQUARE pullback continues (Sep-13)

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Stay BEARISH recovery still checked by channel top resistance (Dec-13)
Stay BEARISH long term 76.4% level providing support (Sep-13)
Go SQUARE recovery breaks first resistance line (Sep-13)

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Stay BEARISH bear channel base offers temporary support (Nov-13)
Stay BEARISH latest support now eroded (Sep-13)
Stay BEARISH rally tests falling resistance line (Oct-13)
Stay BULLISH recovery buoyed by second wind (Sep-13)
Stay BEARISH price trying to find support (Sep-13)
Stay SQUARE price recovers towards Jun high (Dec-13)

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Go SQUARE price retesting first resistance (Dec-13)
Stay SQUARE Index slips away from 38.2% recovery level



Energy

Brent Crude's recovery has been halted by the 76.4% retracement. **Heating Oil** has continued to pullback. Fresh weakness in **Natural Gas** has seen breach of the Jan low.

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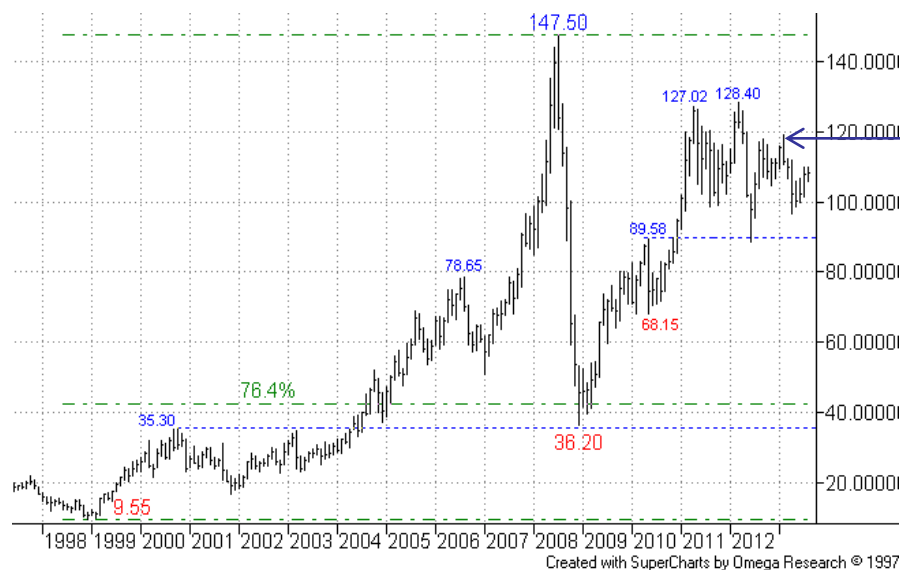
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Energy: Brent Crude Oil (ICE)



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Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The drop back earlier this year returned focus towards the area of the 89.58 May-10 high, but stopped short.

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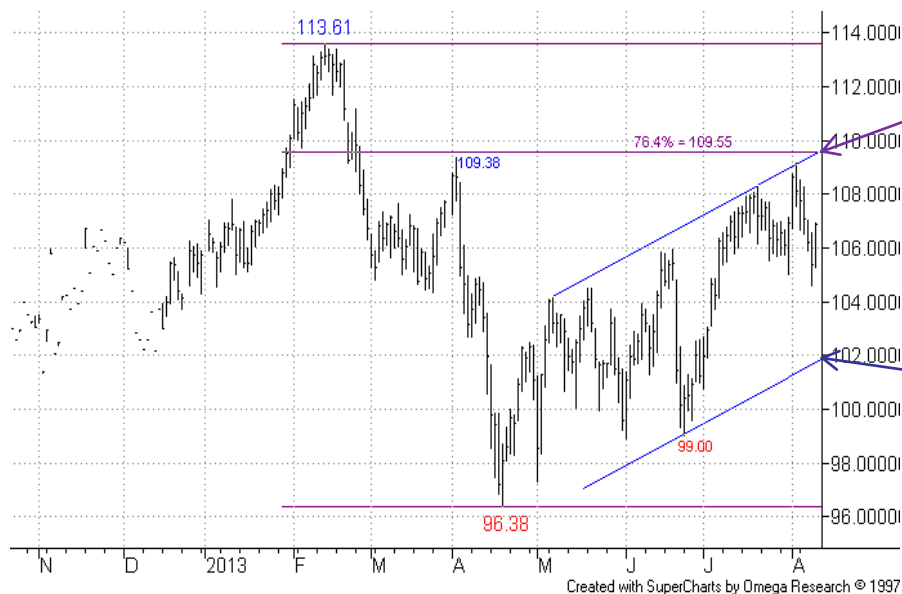
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Daily Chart – Oct-13:

The recovery has faltered near the 76.4% retracement and 109.38 02-Apr high area. As before, it is unclear if the will is there for an extension to the Feb high.

Meanwhile key support comes from a bull channel base projection just below 102.00 currently.

We stay on the sidelines for now.

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Energy: Light Crude Oil (NYMEX)

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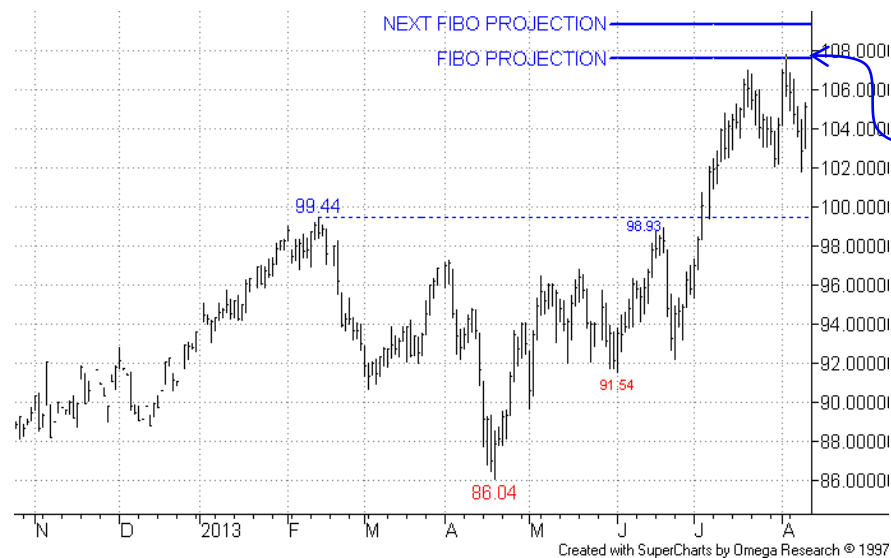
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Daily Chart – Oct-13:

Good resistance has so far come from the first of two Fibo projections, at **107.72**, the other at **109.34**. As before, a break through this resistance would be the next bullish sign.

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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

The recovery has so far stopped just short of the 23.6% retracement at 4.685.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The recovery also failed near to a 61.8% retracement. Downside focus is now on the 3.173 50% pullback level.

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Daily Chart – Sep-13:

Further weakness has now seen a breach of the 3.3500 Jan low. One interesting Fibo projection now lies at **2.6300**. Interest is also in the longer term charts.

We hold a bear stance here.

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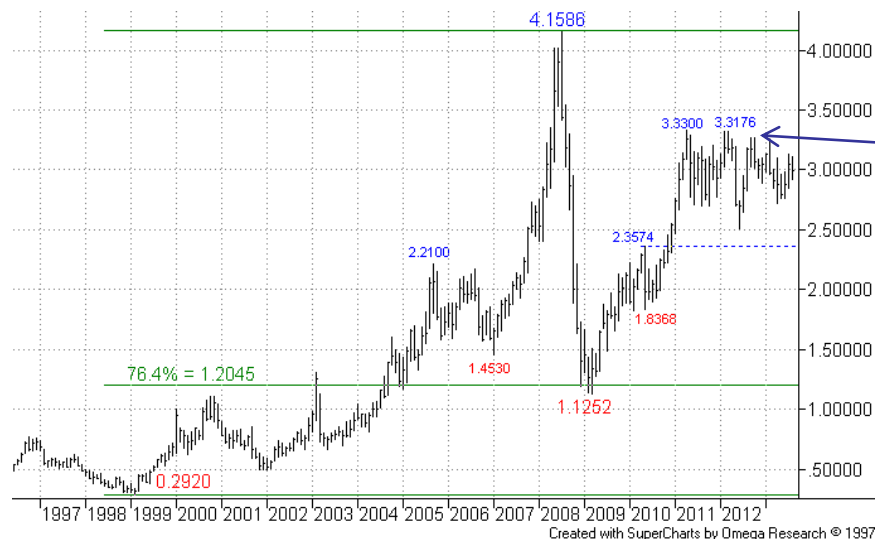
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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

The market's latest recovery stopped short of challenging earlier highs.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The earlier pullback stopped well short of earlier support from the 2.4880 38.2% level.

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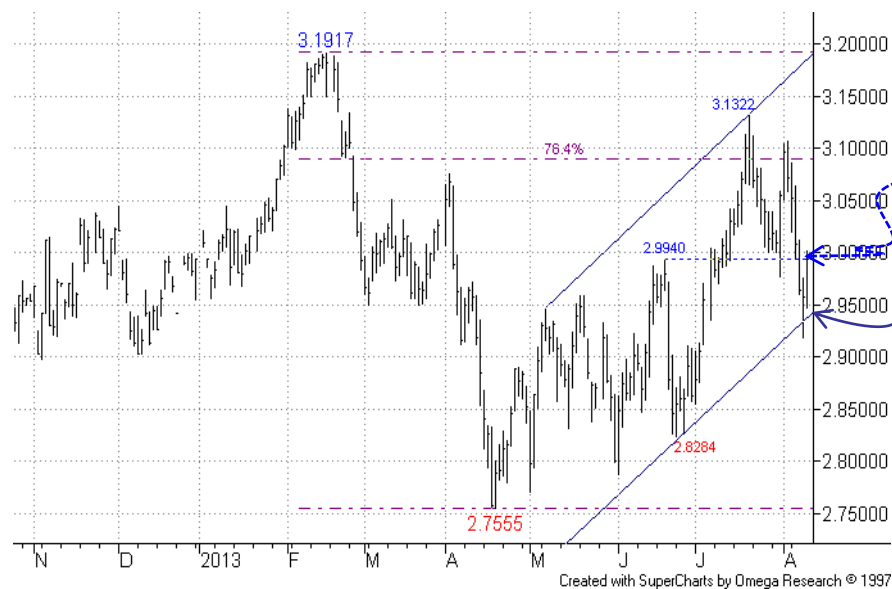
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Daily Chart – Sep-13:

The slip back, after failure of price to hold above the 76.4% level, has broken support from the 2.9940 19-Jun high and tested the channel base projection. Failure here would be a negative sign, suggesting recovery was over.

We maintain a sidelined stance for now.



Metals

Gold strength remains stuck at a channel top resistance. **Silver's** muted recovery, after test of a long term 76.4% retracement, has yet to develop. **Copper** has firmed, breaking its falling resistance line.

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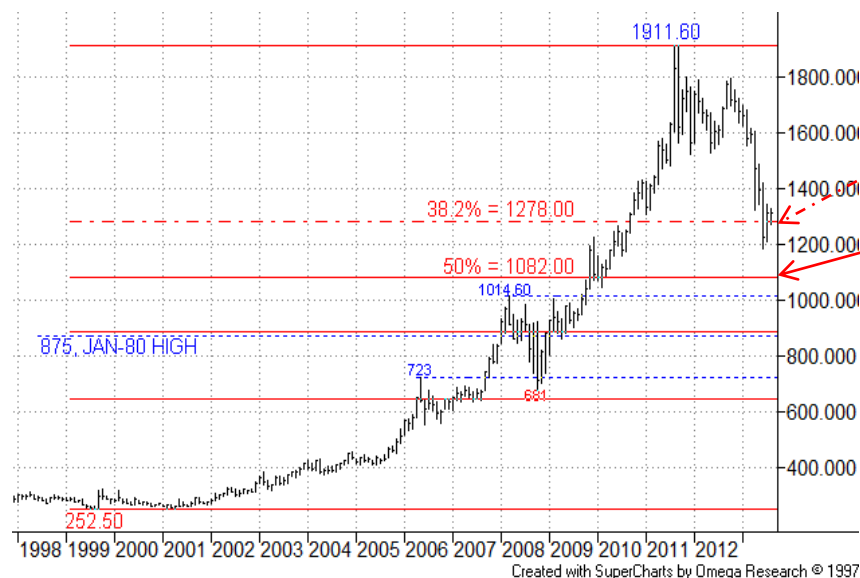
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Weekly Chart – Continuation:

Downside focus is now on the 1151.10 61.8% retracement level.

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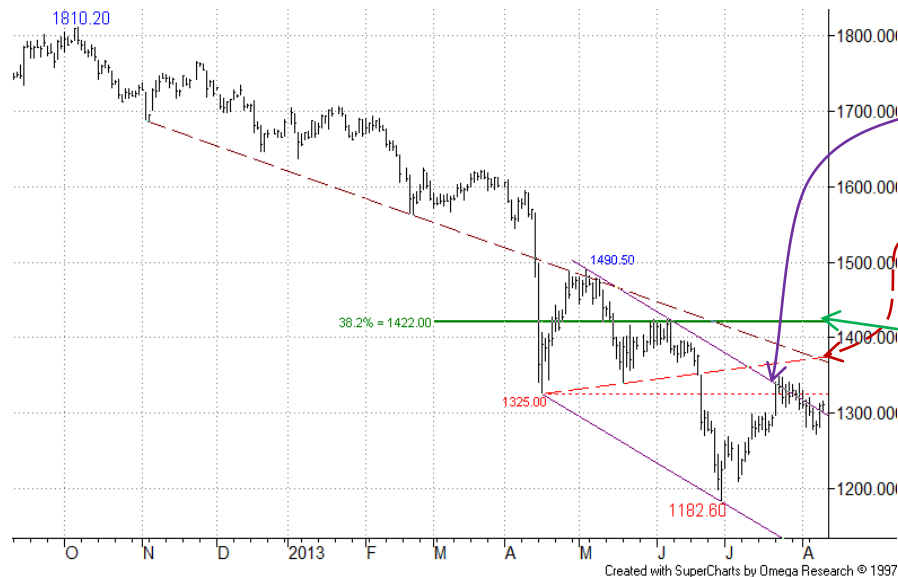
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Daily Chart – Dec-13:

Resistance from the channel top projection is proving hard to crack. A break would be s/term bullish but there are other hurdles to overcome too, including rising/falling return lines that run either side of 1375.00, and the more important 1422.00 38.2% level. Bulls will gain more confidence if these can be overcome.

Meanwhile, we maintain an overall bear stance here.

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Metals: Silver (COMEX)

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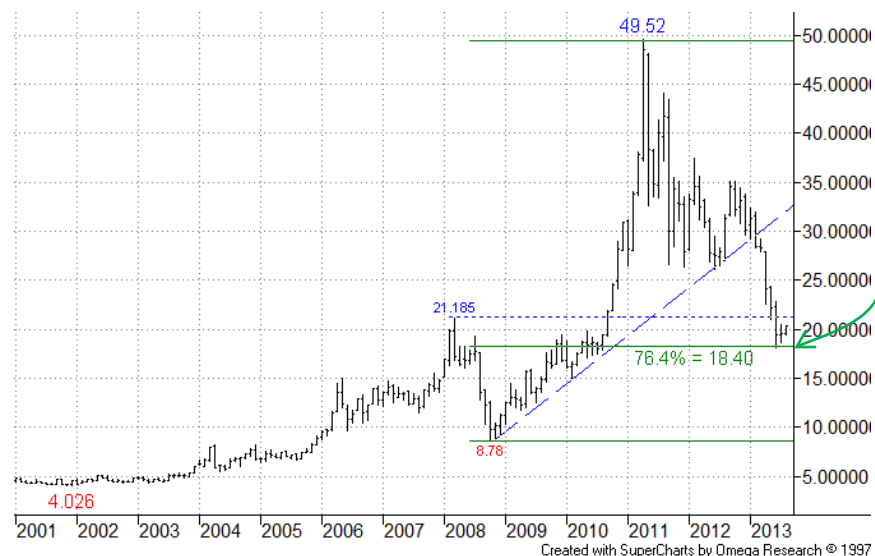
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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

Support from the 18.40 76.4% retracement is under scrutiny.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

After breach of the old 21.185 Mar-08 high, the 18.400 76.4% level offers support now. We await better reaction around here – so far support has been seen, but negligible recovery.

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Daily Chart – Sep-13:

Recovery here remains muted for now, after earlier support coming from the Fibo projection at **18.35**.

As before, first resistance comes from the 20.93 20-May low. Next is the current 23.6% rebound level at 22.21, ahead of the key area of the old falling return line at 24.15 and 24.82 26-Apr high.

We maintain an overall bear stance for now.

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Metals: High Grade Copper (COMEX)

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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

The current downleg has returned towards the 2.9365 50% pullback level, which previously provided support, in 2011.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

Earlier breach of the rising support line gave a clear bear signal. The Oct-11 low is providing next support.

It is uncertain how strong the near supports on these long term charts will prove – there seems a good chance that they will be breached in due course.

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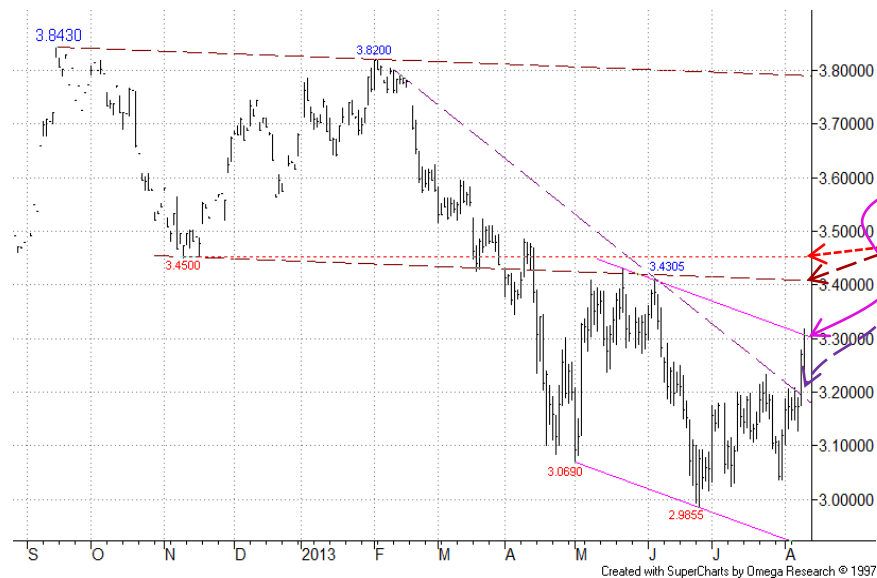
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Daily Chart – Sep-13:

The falling resistance line has been breached, leading to a challenge of the projected channel top at 3.0000 now. A break of this would boost the recovery, but higher resistance lines are further potential stumbling blocks.

We switch to the sidelines here.



Grains and Softs

Soybeans stay weak, with channel base support nearby though. **Wheat** is trying to weaken again. The **Sugar** chart has put pressure on first resistance. **Cocoa** has recovered to a new 2013 high. **Coffee** has paused after slipping to a new 2013 low. **Cotton** has rallied toward its Jun high after key support held.

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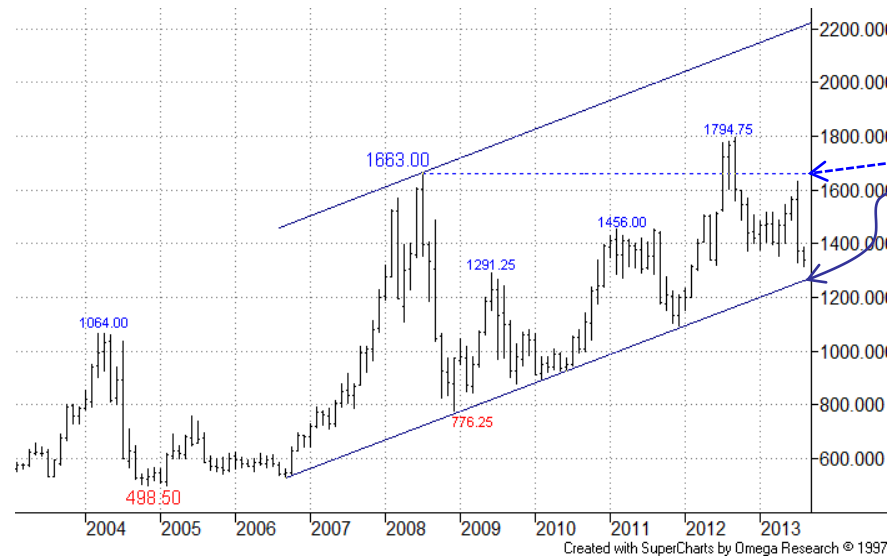
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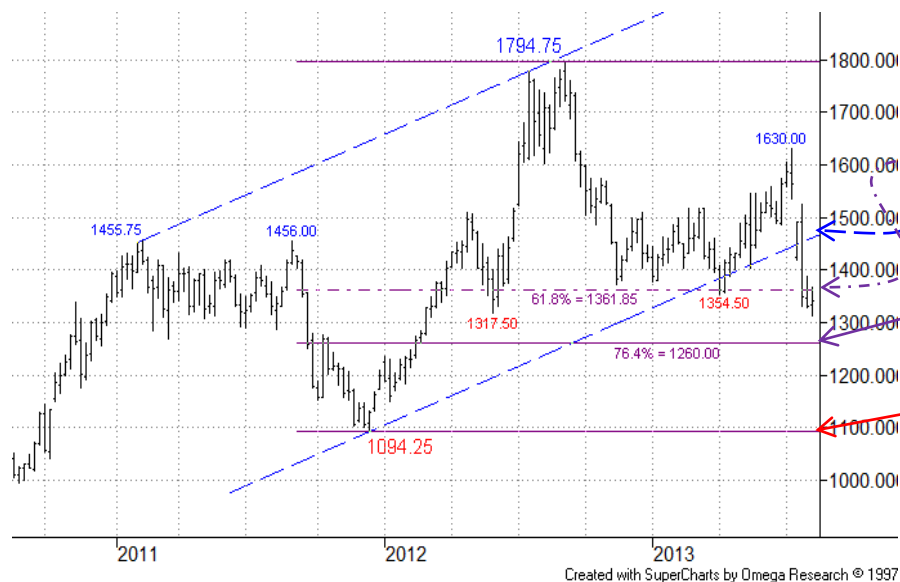
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Grains and Softs: Soybeans (CBOT)

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Daily Chart – Nov-13:

The push below the 1186.50 Apr low has so far stopped short of the projected base of a bear channel at 1155.00 currently. Temporary support would not surprise around here, but any rebound should prove temporary at this stage. In this respect the 1225.00 08-Jul low offers first resistance, perhaps tempting sellers.

A lower downside target is provided by a Fibo projection at **1096.00**.

We maintain a bear stance here.

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Grains and Softs: Wheat (CBOT)

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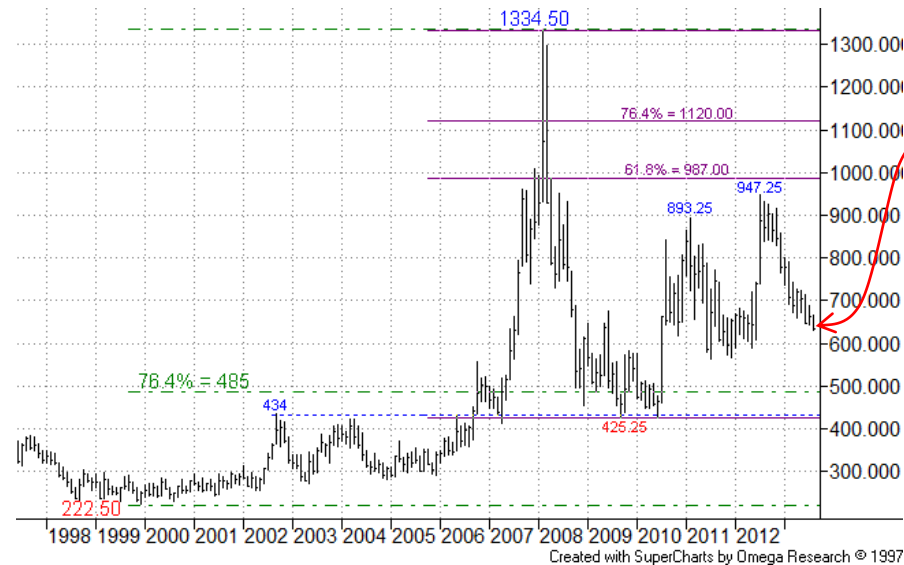
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Monthly Chart - Continuation:

The drop back from the 947.25 Jul-12 high has been about as deep as the earlier pullback from the 893.25 Feb-11 high, not a sign of strength.



Weekly Chart - Continuation:

After the downmove broke rising support, downside focus is now on the projected channel base around 631.00. This lies just above a 61.8% retracement level, breach of which would turn attention towards the lower 548.45 76.4% mark.

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Grains and Softs: Wheat (CBOT)

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Daily Chart – Sep-13:

S/term support from the Fibo projection at **645.00** and falling support line has been eroded, keeping bears to the fore. We wait to see if the bear channel base will be put under pressure in due course – this depends on the strength of support from the Weekly chart.

Resistance comes from the falling resistance line at 671.00 now, and a recovery above this would be a small positive sign.

We keep a bear stance for now.

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Grains and Softs: Sugar (ICE)

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Monthly Chart - Continuation:

The first rising support line was breached, risking further losses and turning attention towards the second rising support just above 14.00 now.



Weekly Chart - Continuation:

The long term 76.4% retracement finally failed as support.

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Daily Chart – Oct-13:

After the positive RSI divergence a modest recovery is trying to break through the falling resistance line. Beyond this note the current 23.6% level, at 17.57. Some bears would be tempted to sideline of this was exceeded.

Meanwhile we maintain a bear stance here.

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- + Carbon Emissions
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The last slip back held above the long term 76.4% level just below 1900, which provided previous support.

The market is still in overall recovery mode following earlier test of the 76.4% retracement area.

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Grains and Softs: Cocoa (ICE)

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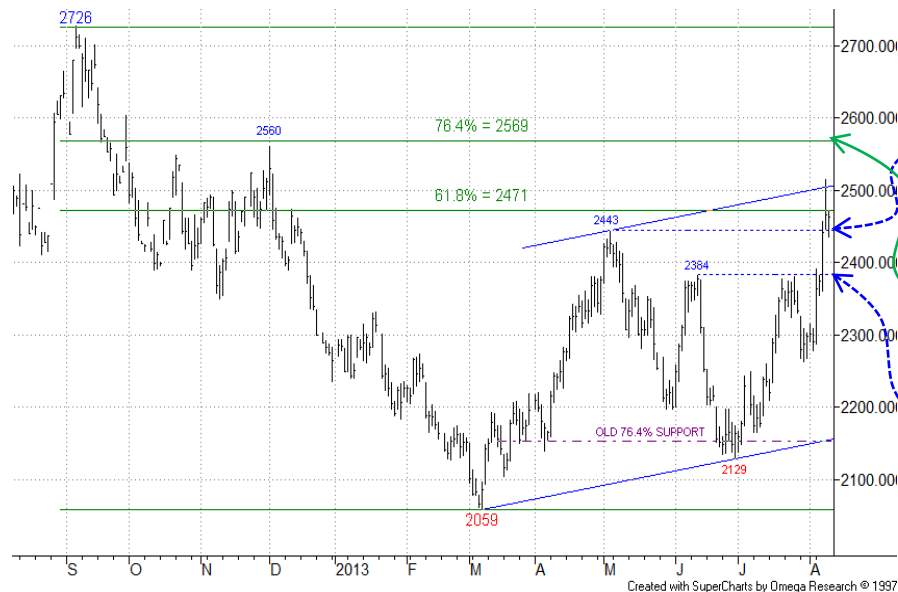
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Daily Chart – Sep-13:

The second 2013 upleg, from the late Jun low, has breached 2443 May high now, testing channel top resistance highlighted in our 08-Aug Update. S/term resistance would not surprise around here. Beyond, note the 76.4% recovery area represents a further hurdle.

Support is offered by the 2384 12-Jun high now.

We maintain an overall bull stance here.

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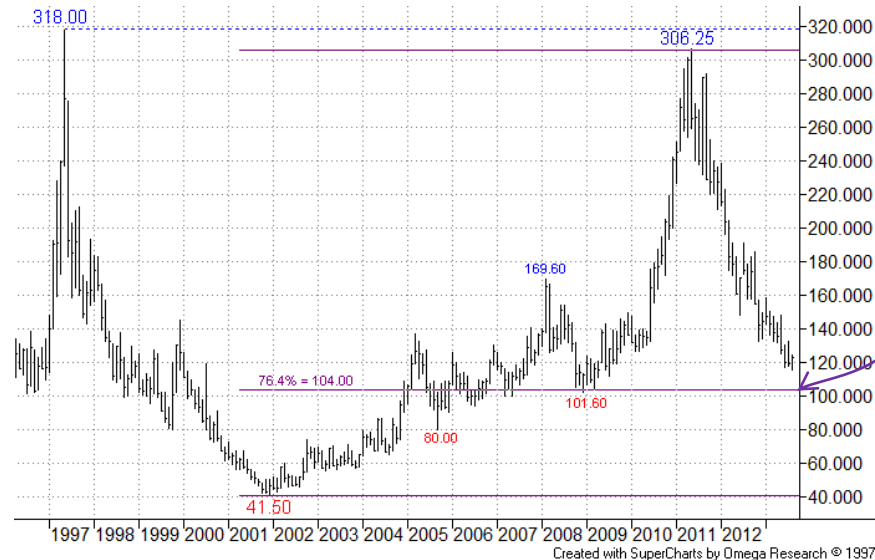
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Grains and Softs: Coffee (ICE)



Monthly Chart – Continuation:

Downside focus is now on the 104.00 76.4% retracement.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The downmove recently tested the Fibo projection just below 120.00, and this remains under pressure.

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Grains and Softs: Coffee (ICE)

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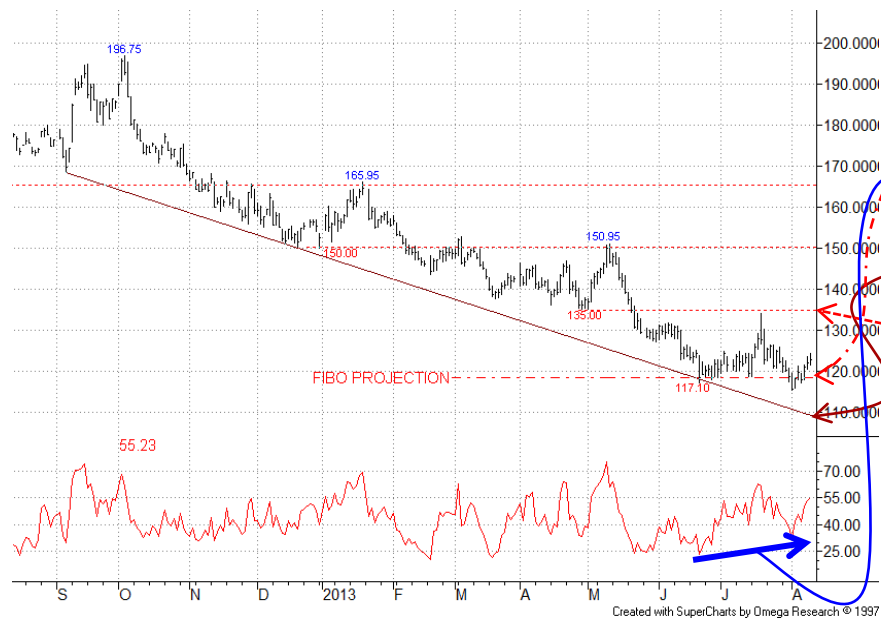
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Daily Chart – Sep-13:

The market is trying to find support around our **118.25** Fibo projection, and a positive RSI divergence is now visible, suggesting temporary bear fatigue. With falling support (108.80 currently) underpinning prices a recovery through the 135.00 29-Apr low area would provide an initial positive signal.

We maintain a bear stance for now though.

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Grains and Softs: Cotton No.2 (ICE)

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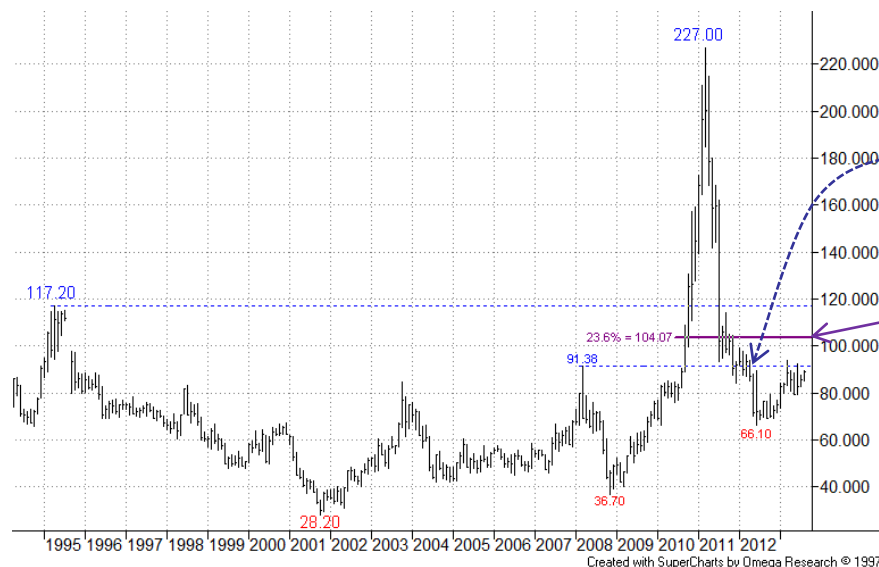
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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

Earlier drop back in prices brought the chart back within the range of the previous decade.

Note first interesting resistance here doesn't come until the 23.6% rebound level just above 104.00.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

Recovery from the 2012 low is still impeded by resistance around the Mar-08 high area.

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Grains and Softs: Cotton No.2 (ICE)

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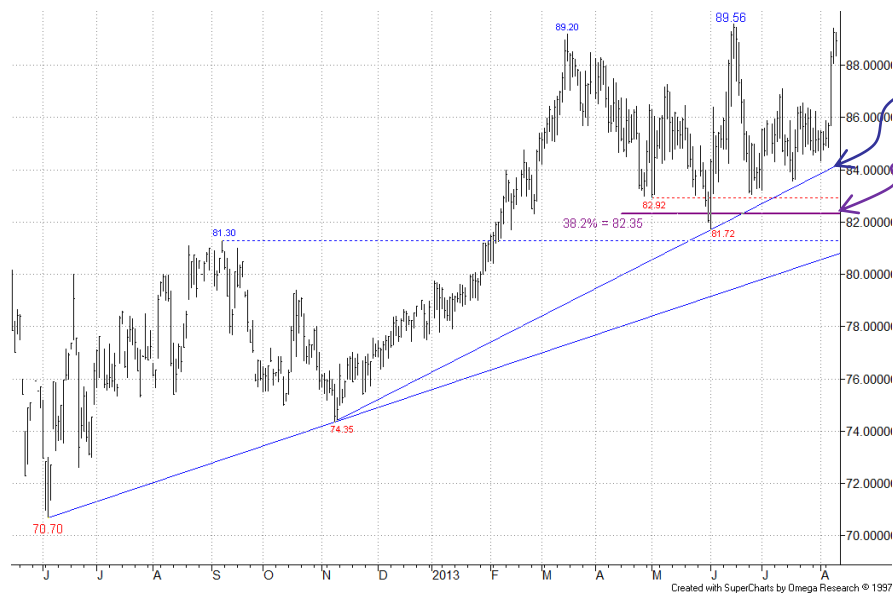
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Daily Chart – Dec-13:

The rising support line has held nicely, together with the 38.2% retracement. Any early bears look to have gone home after last week's rally towards the 89.56 Jun high. A break through this would call for higher targets.

We stay on the sidelines for now.



Other

In **EUA (Carbon Emissions)** the market has firmed to retest once more the first interesting resistance. The earlier **CRB Index** recovery has given way to a pullback.

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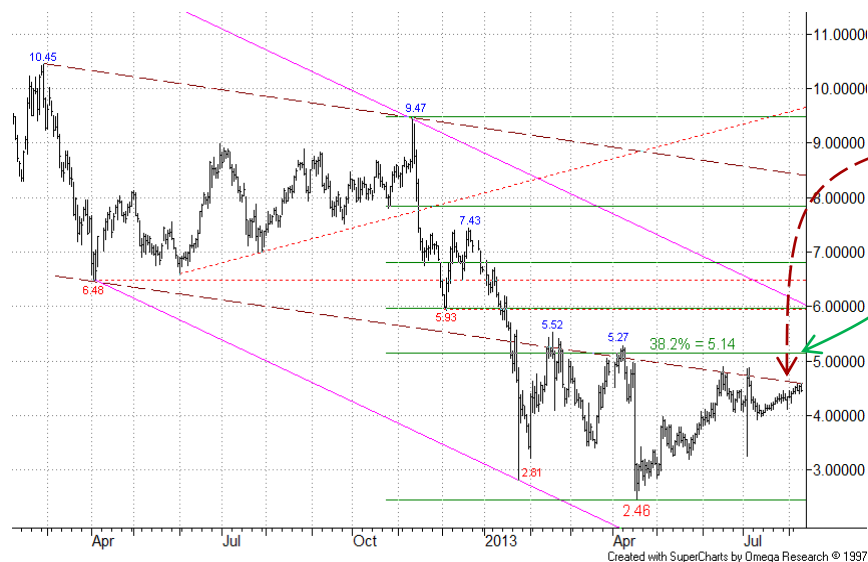
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Daily Chart – Dec-13:

Price has gradually firmed, once more testing resistance from the area of an old channel base.

Beyond this the key resistance comes from the 5.27 08-Apr high and 5.14 38.2% retracement – a break through this would be a bull signal.

We step to the sidelines for now.

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Other: CRB Index (CBOT)

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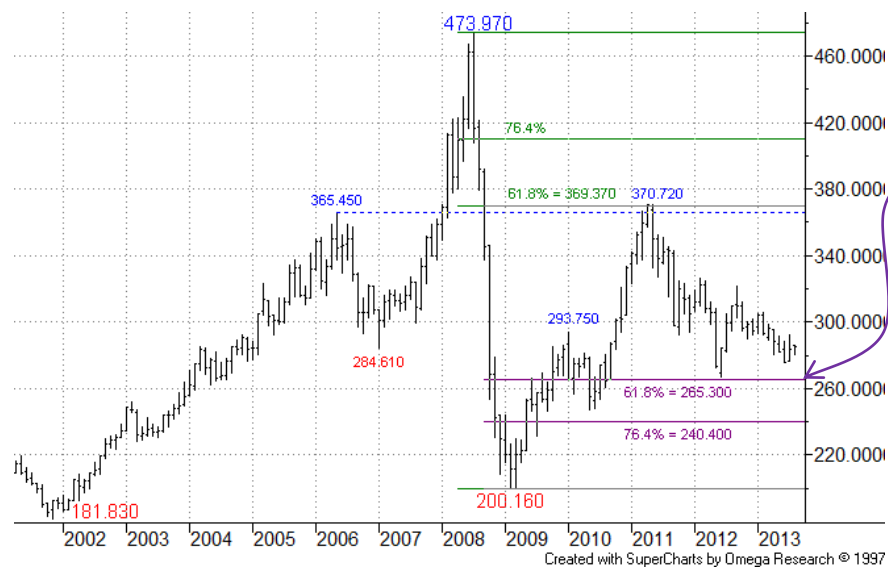
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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

The index has been slipping back towards the 285.300 61.8% retracement, site of previous support. Will it hold above here?



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The earlier breach of the Oct-11 low area prolonged the correction phase. Resistance is currently coming from around this old low.

More



Other: CRB Index (CBOT)

Summary

Energy

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

Metals

- + Gold
- + Silver
- + High Grade Copper

Grains and Softs

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

Other

- + Carbon Emissions
- + CRB Index



Daily Chart

The drop back from near the 38.2% retracement area leaves the slightly higher projected channel top out of reach for now. As before, these need to be broken in order to signal a more bullish phase in process.

Meanwhile the old 76.4% support looks to be having a residual effect – ideally this will hold.

We keep to the sidelines for now.



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