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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
- + Cotton No.2

Other

- + Carbon Emissions
- + CRB Index



The Commodity Specialist Guide

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Summary – Commodity Specialist

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Stay **BULLISH** pullback supported by 38.2% area (Dec-13)
Stay **SQUARE** rebound now in process (Nov-13)
Stay **SQUARE** 61.8% area prompts s/term bounce (Nov-13)

Metals

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Stay **SQUARE** pullback from 38.2% retracement continues (Dec-13)
Stay **SQUARE** pullback still in process (Dec-13)
Stay **BULLISH** market in consolidation mode (Dec-13)

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Go **SQUARE** pullback still in process (Nov-13)
Stay **BEARISH** recovery pauses at dual resistance (Dec-13)
Stay **SQUARE** recovery nears 38.2% level (Mar-14)
Stay **BULLISH** Sep-12 high now eroded (Dec-13)
Stay **BEARISH** price action currently consolidative (Dec-13)
Stay **SQUARE** earlier bull momentum has waned (Dec-13)

Other

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Stay **BULLISH** pullback in process (Dec-13)
Stay **BULLISH** pullback remains in progress



Energy

The pullback in **Brent Crude** continues to find support in the 38.2% pullback area. Support in **Heating Oil** around its 61.8% retracement area has prompted a bounce. **Natural Gas** is rebounding after a pullback.

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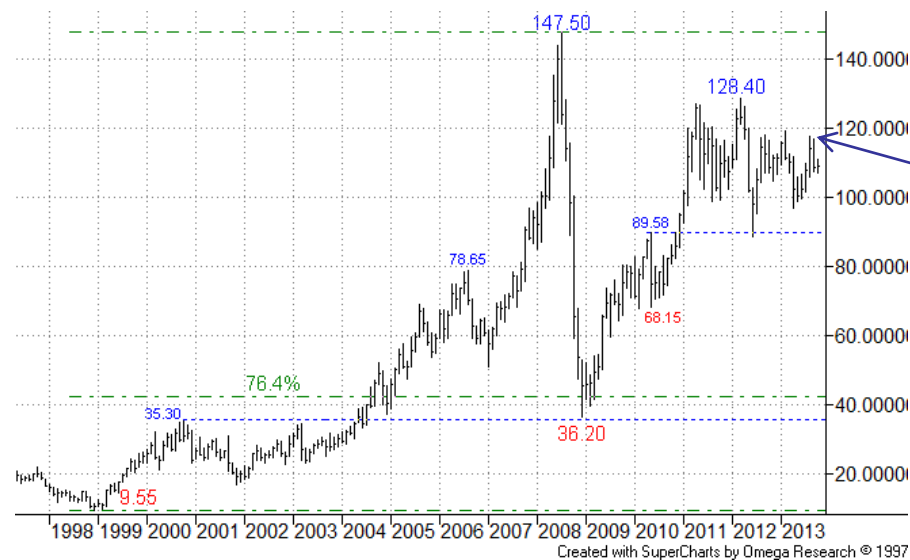
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Energy: Brent Crude Oil (ICE)



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Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The falling resistance line was recently eroded - a clearer violation would put wind in the bulls' sails, but currently we wait to see if the break was a false one.

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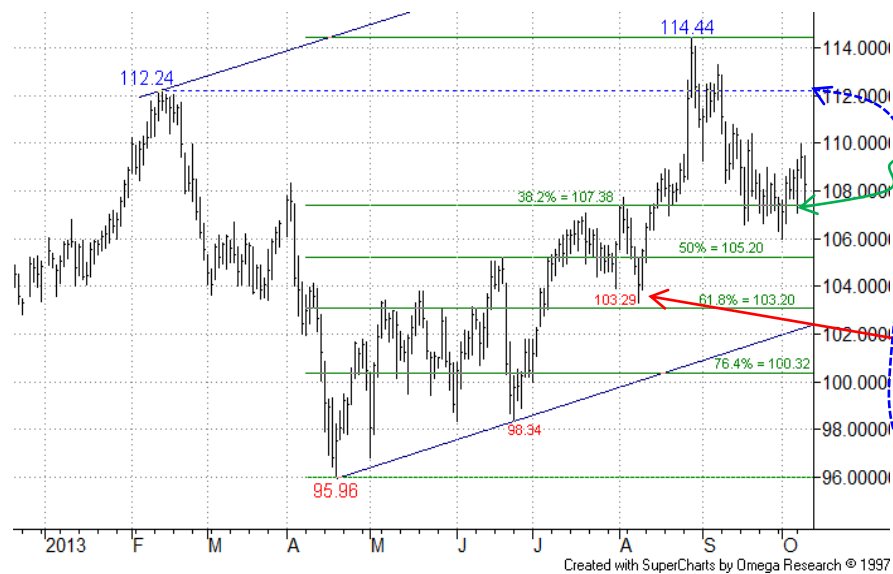
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Daily Chart – Dec-13:

The market has so far been holding at/above the 38.2% retracement, particularly on a closing basis.

As before, a clear break of this would imply momentum loss and turn bulls cautious. A further drop through the 103.29 08-Aug low would be a negative sign. Resistance is offered by the 112.92 Feb high area.

We maintain a bull stance for now.

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Energy: Light Crude Oil (NYMEX)

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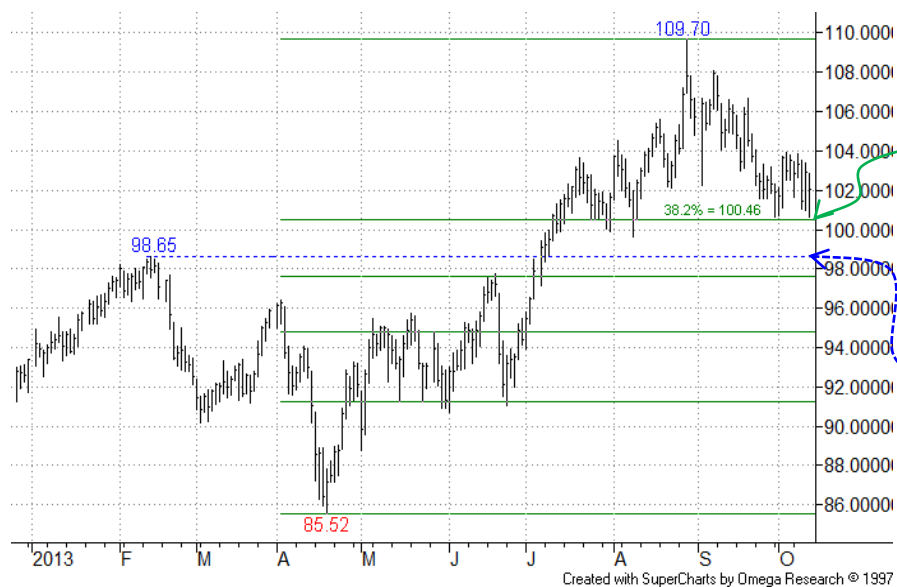
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Daily Chart – Nov-13:

The pullback here found s/term support from the area of the 100.46 38.2% level. This remains key support, with a break below to imply a more prolonged pullback phase underway.

Note next support would be from the 98.65 Feb high area.

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





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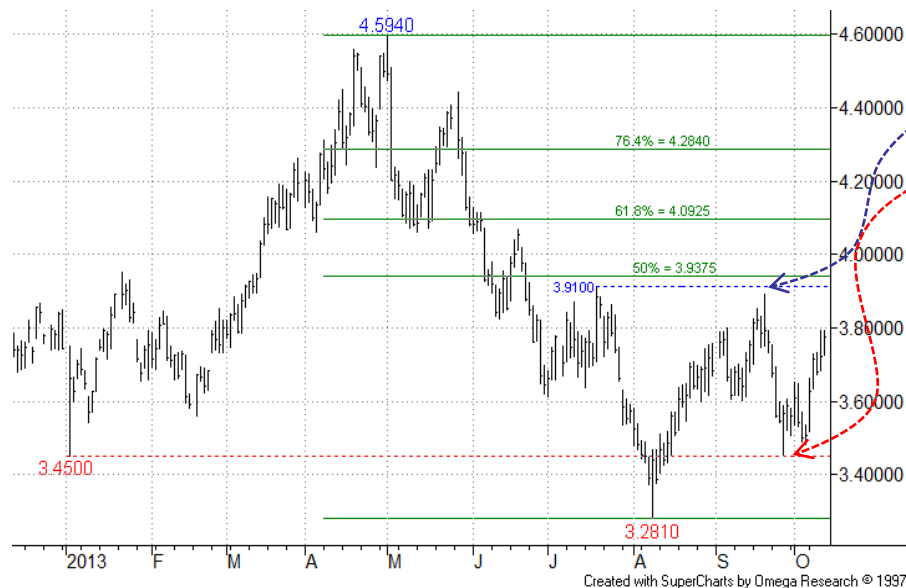
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Energy: Natural Gas (NYMEX)



Daily Chart – Nov-13:

The pullback from near the 3.9100 18-Jul high has found clear support at the 3.4500 Jan low area, with a rebound now in progress. For bulls, a further push through prior resistance and the 50% retracement would be a positive signal.

We maintain a sidelined stance for now.

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Energy: Heating Oil (NYMEX)

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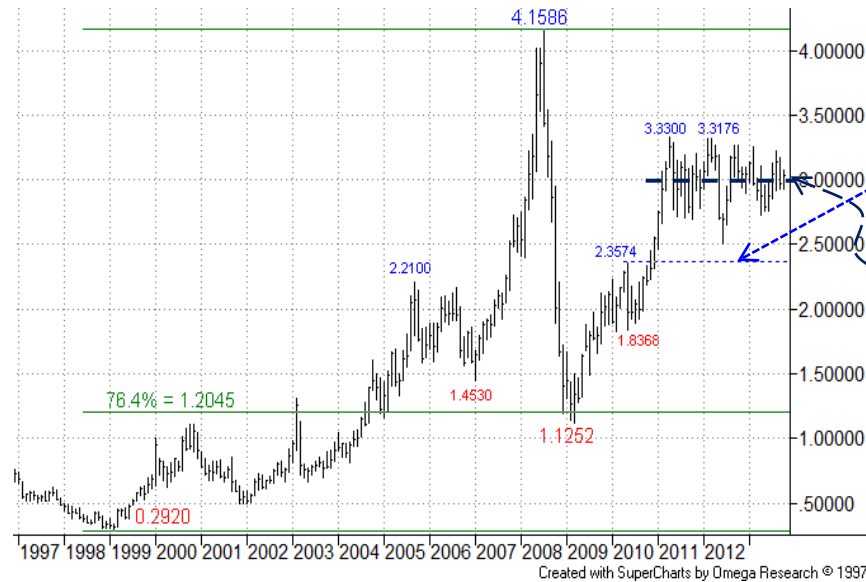
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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

After an earlier dip stopped short of the 2.3574 May-10 high area subsequent recovery stopped short of the 2011 high. Prices remain in a congestion area that centres on 3.0000.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The market is currently easing again after recent test of the falling resistance line, at 3.1260 currently. A later break through this would be a bull sign.

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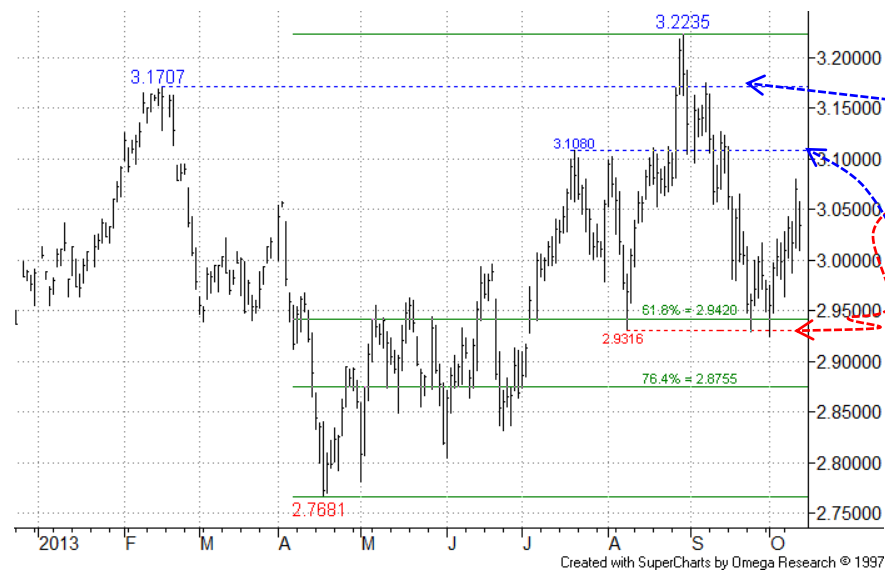
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Daily Chart – Nov -13:

Following the false break through the Feb high subsequent pullback reached the 2.9420/ 2.9316 area, 61.8% retracement and /08-Aug low, deeper than the Brent Crude (ICE)/Light Crude (NYMEX) pullbacks (38.2% so far). A subsequent break of this support would strengthen the bears' position and greatly reduce the chances of new 2013 highs.

Meanwhile look out for resistance around the 3.1080 19-Jul high in the event of further s/term recovery.

We stay on the sidelines for now.



Metals

Gold remains in correction mode after being resisted by the 38.2% retracement level. **Silver** has also pulled back from its 38.2% level. **Copper** remains consolidative for now.

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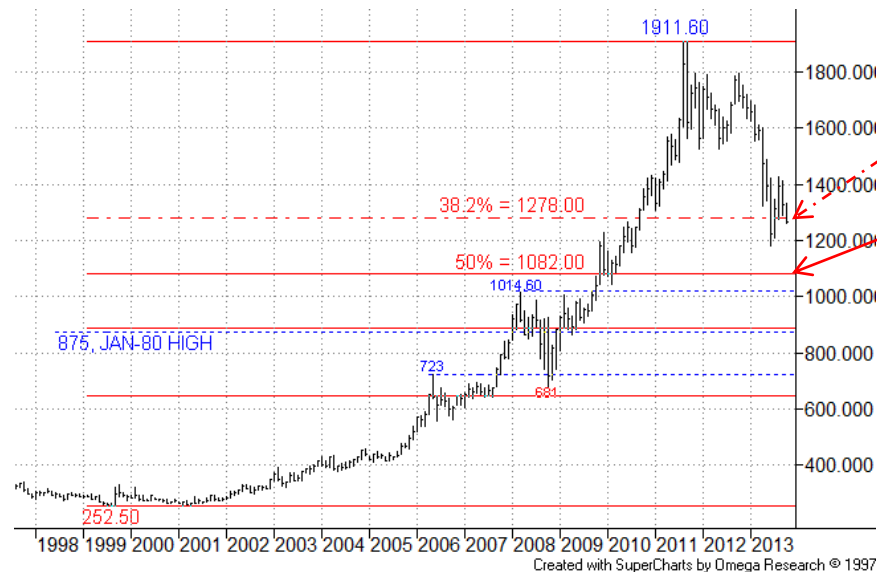
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Metals: Gold (COMEX)



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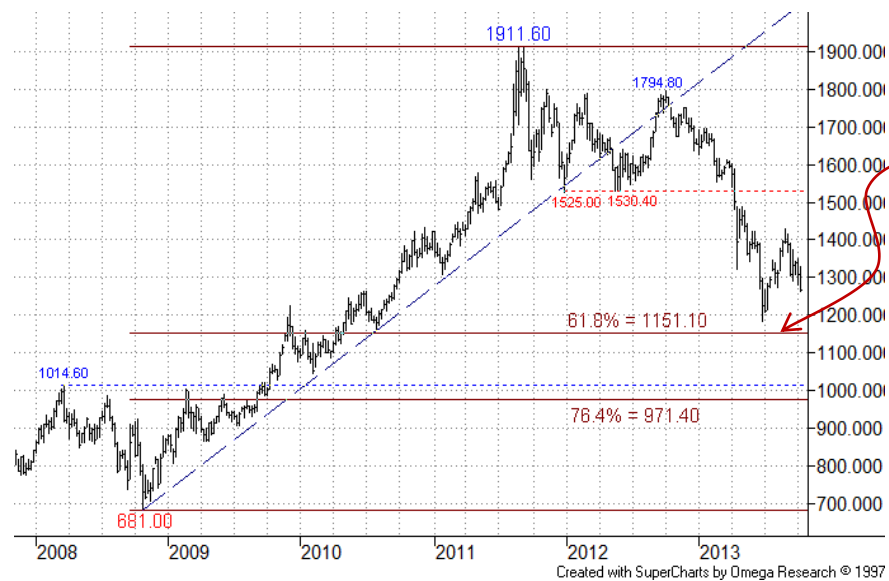
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Weekly Chart – Continuation:

Downside focus remains on the 1151.10 61.8% retracement level.

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Metals: Gold (COMEX)

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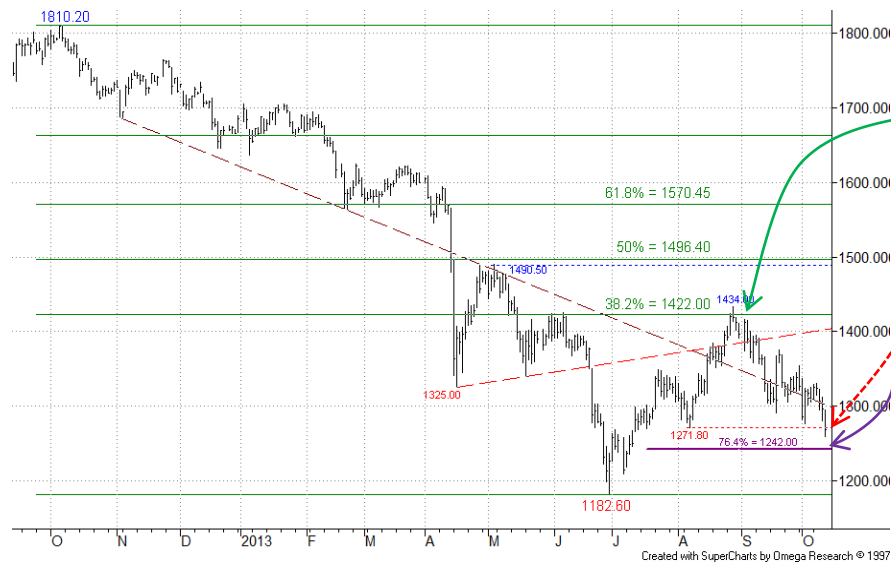
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Daily Chart – Dec-13:

The correction from 38.2% resistance has started to nudge below the 1271.80 07-Aug low area, and a break through the 38.2% area seems less likely now. Note next support offered by the 1242.00 76.4% level, beneath which there is not much in the way of a return to the 1182.60 late Jun low.

We remain on the sidelines for now.

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Metals: Silver (COMEX)

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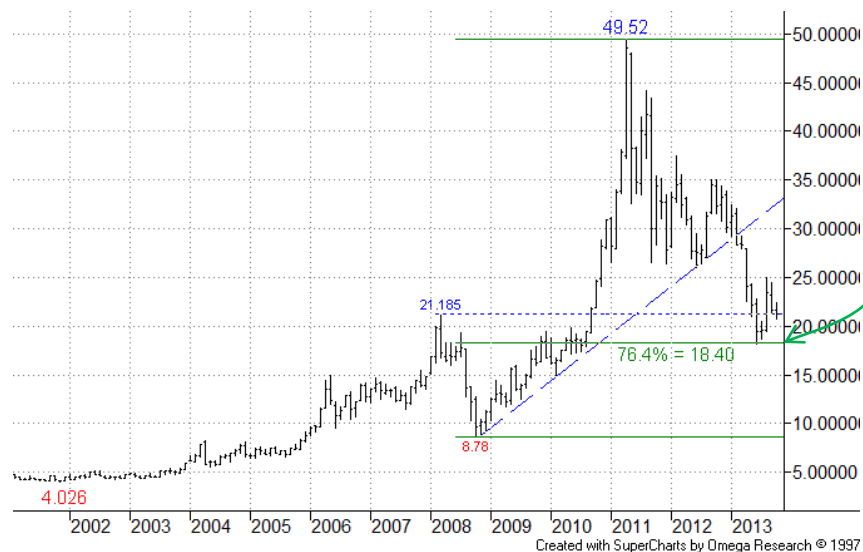
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Metals: Silver (COMEX)

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Daily Chart – Dec-13:

The pullback from the 38.2% recovery level has so far found support from the 20.64 23-Jul high area. A breach of this would turn attention to the 19.85 76.4% level. S/term we await clarity here.

We stay on the sidelines for now.

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Metals: High Grade Copper (COMEX)

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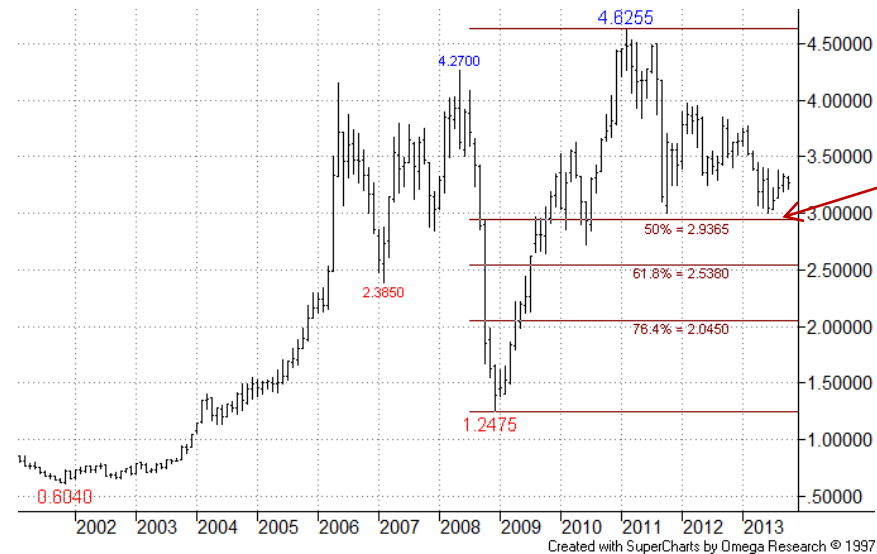
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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

The latest downleg 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. So far, however, the Oct-11 low has provided good support. Latest recovery has retested resistance from the old rising return line, at 3.4175 currently. Ideally for bears this will hold.

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Metals: High Grade Copper (COMEX)



Daily Chart – Dec-13:

This chart has stayed consolidative, some way below important resistance provided by the falling return line and the Nov-12 3.4500 low. Together with resistance on the Weekly chart this has threatened to halt earlier recovery (and so far successful).

Support is offered by the rising support line at 3.1560 just now. A slip below this would sideline bulls.

We maintain a bull stance for now, though.



Grains and Softs

Soybeans remain in correction mode after earlier test of the Sep-12 high. **Wheat** has found s/term resistance at its 23.6% retracement level. Recovery in **Sugar** has recovered towards a 38.2% retracement level. **Cocoa** has firmed to erode the Sep-12 high now. The downmove in **Coffee** has slowed, action looking more consolidative just now. **Cotton** has eased after a temporary rebound.

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Grains and Softs: Soybeans (CBOT)



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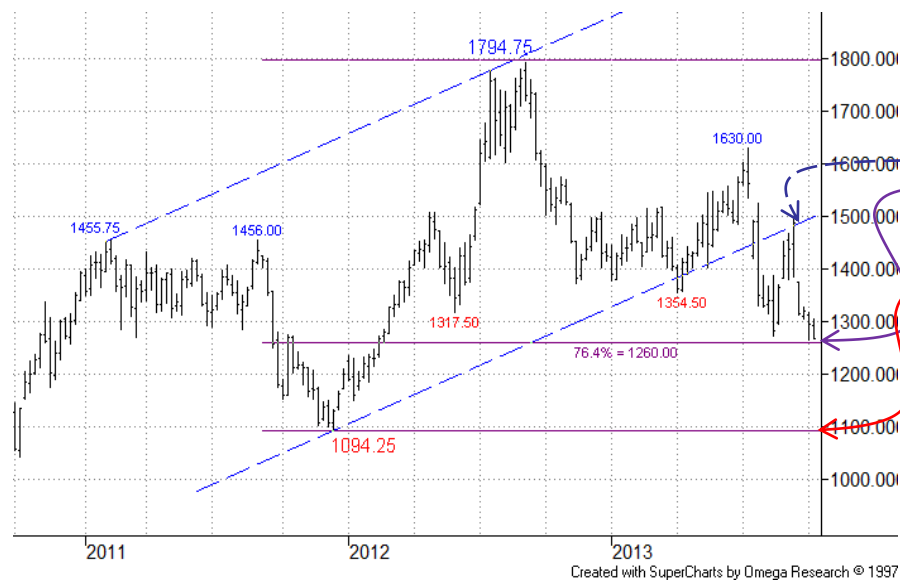
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Grains and Softs: Soybeans (CBOT)



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

After recent resistance from the old channel base the slip back has returned to the 76.4% level, which raises expectations of a break lower. This would then expose the 1094.25 Dec-11 low.

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Grains and Softs: Soybeans (CBOT)

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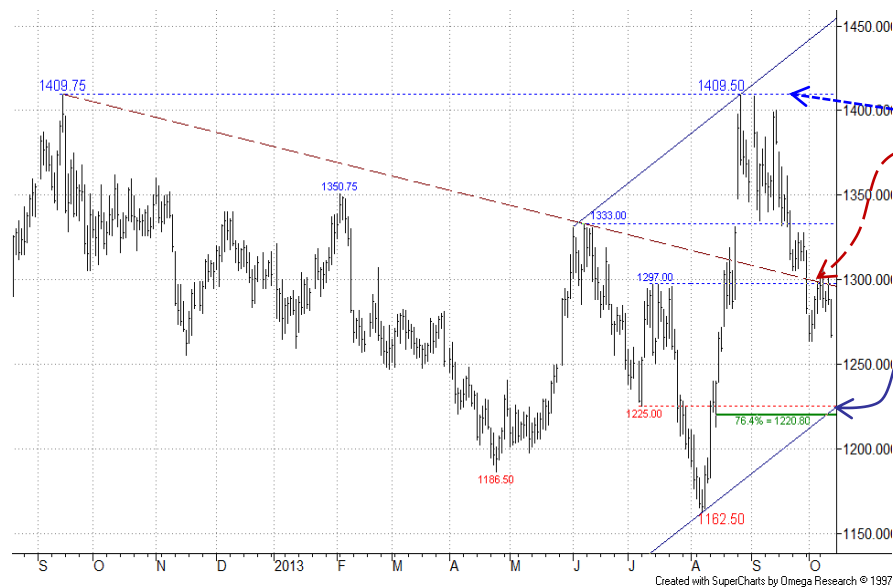
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Daily Chart – Nov-13:

Pullback from the Sep-12 high area recently violated support from the falling return line and the 1297.00 Jul high, and s/term resistance has emerged here.

As before, the more key support comes from the channel base projection which currently runs just above the 76.4% retracement in the 1220.00 area.

We step to the sidelines here.

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Grains and Softs: Wheat (CBOT)

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Monthly Chart - Continuation:

The drop back from the 947.25 Jul-12 high has been as deep as the earlier pullback from the 893.25 Feb-11 high, not a sign of strength, and any rebound could well prove temporary.



Weekly Chart - Continuation:

The projected channel base and 61.8% retracement level are providing support at present, prompting a modest rebound. Note resistance on this chart from the old support/return line at 713.00 just now.

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Grains and Softs: Wheat (CBOT)

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Daily Chart – Dec-13:

Recovery from the Aug low has found temporary resistance from the bear channel top projection and 23.6% retracement in the 700.00 area. As before, recovery through this would trigger bulls' interest and invite higher targets.

We maintain a bear stance for now though.

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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 at 14.30 now.



Weekly Chart - Continuation:

The downmove has paused after earlier failure of a long term 76.4% retracement.

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Grains and Softs: Sugar (ICE)

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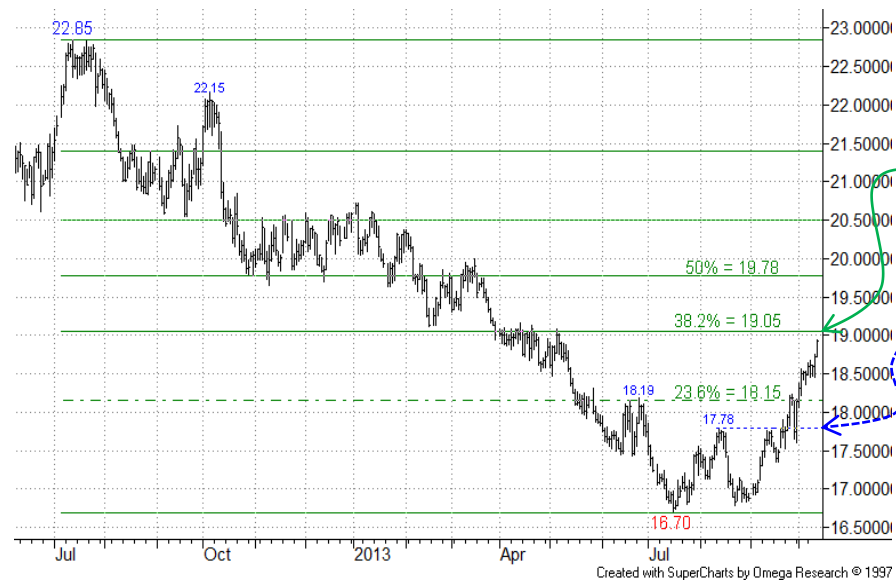
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Daily Chart – Mar-14:

Following breach of the 23.6% retracement area the recovery has kept going, now nearing the 19.05 38.2% retracement, where temporary resistance is quite possible.

As before, support is offered by the 17.78 13-Aug high area.

We stay on the sidelines for now.

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Grains and Softs: Cocoa (ICE)

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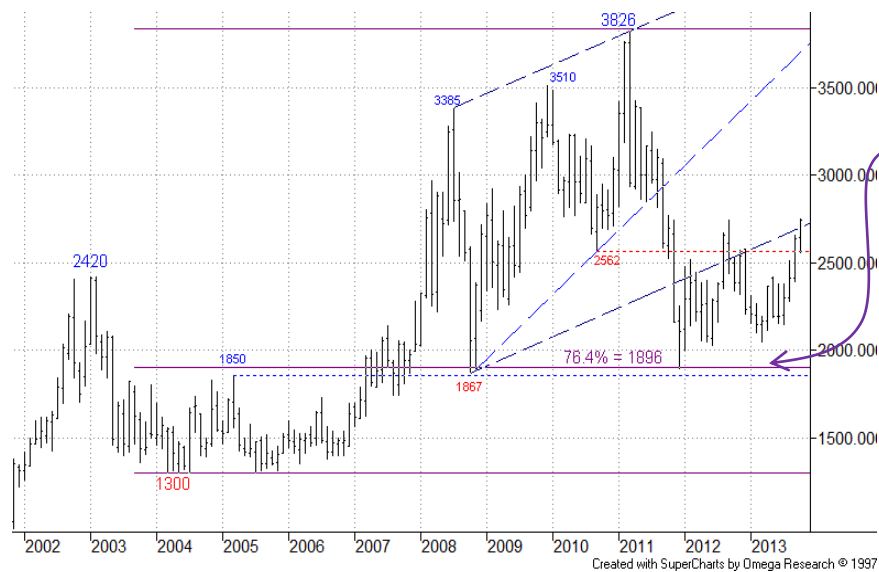
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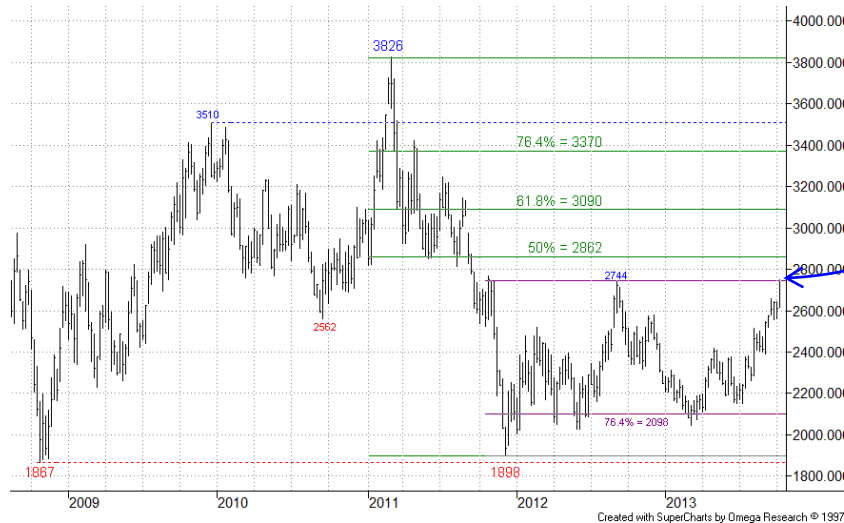
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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

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



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

Following earlier test of the 76.4% retracement area the market has returned to its 2012 high on the continuation chart.

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Grains and Softs: Cocoa (ICE)

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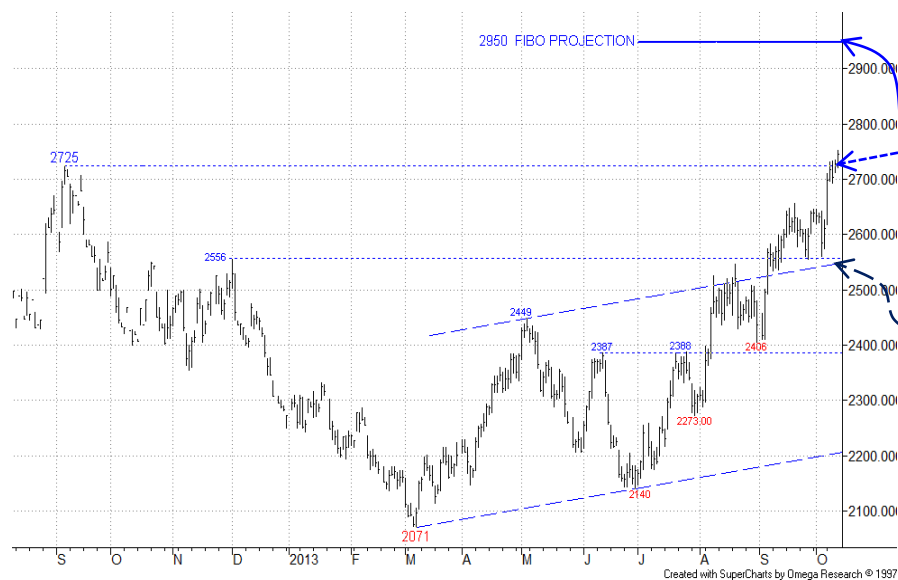
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Daily Chart – Dec-13:

This year's recovery has now seen a return to and erosion of the Sep-12 high, turning attention on higher targets, including a Fibo projection at **2950**.

At present first support is still offered around the area of the old channel top around 2550.

We maintain a bull stance here.

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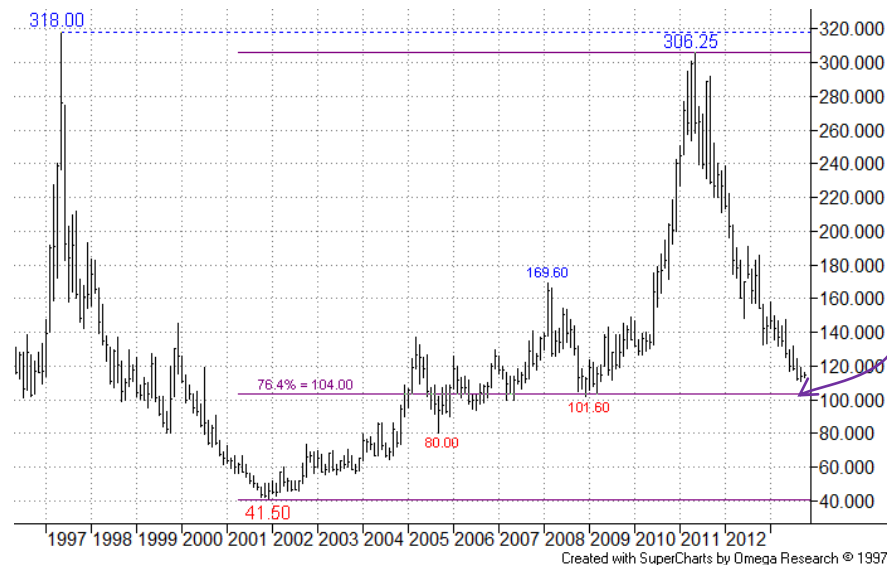
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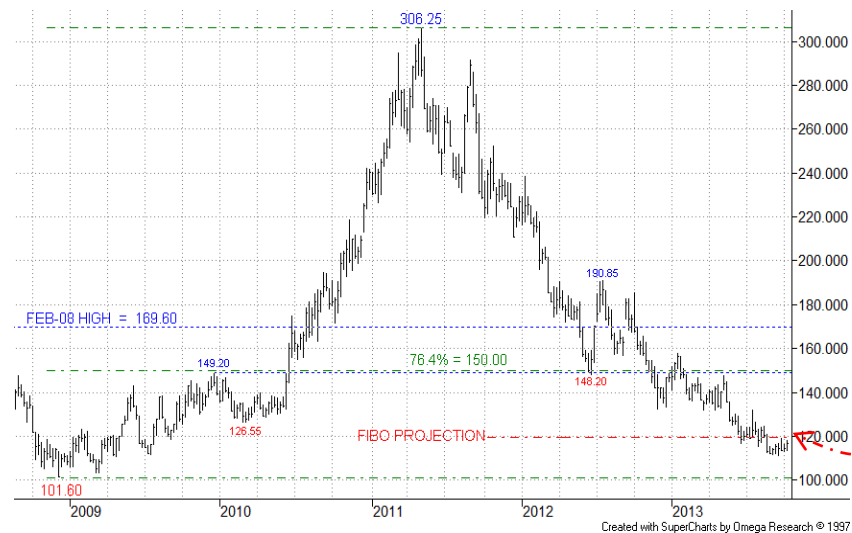
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Grains and Softs: Coffee (ICE)



Monthly Chart – Continuation:

Downside focus is now on the 104.00 76.4% retracement.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The downmove recently violated the level of the Fibo projection just below 120.00.

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Grains and Softs: Coffee (ICE)



Daily Chart – Dec-13:

The downtrend still looks to have slowed, recent price action more consolidative. As a consequence the falling support line remains some way off. But there remains little to herald an imminent rebound attempt - a rally beyond the 135.80 18-Jul high area would stimulate bull interest.

We maintain a bear stance for now.

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Grains and Softs: Cotton No.2 (ICE)

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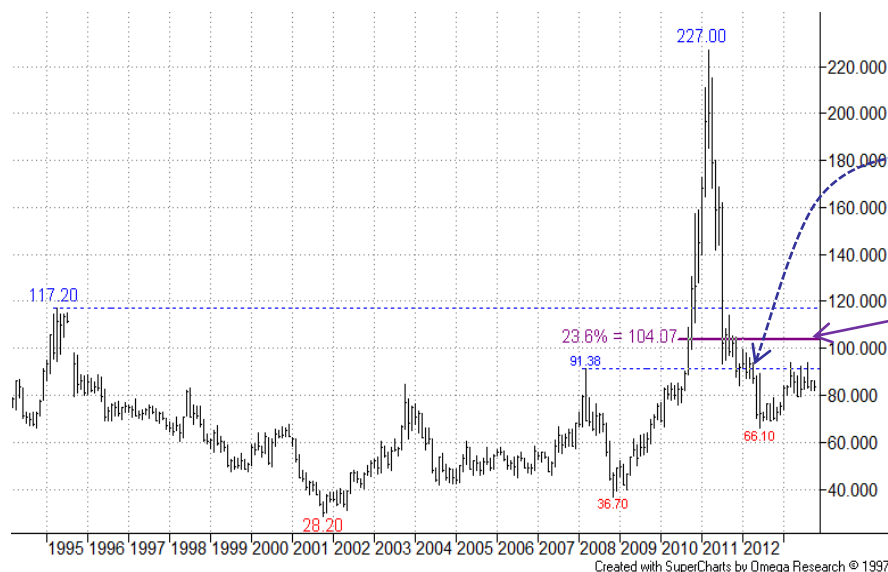
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Daily Chart – Dec-13:

The recent bounce attempt has fallen short of the resistance offered by the area of the 89.56 Jun high. As before, we think rally attempts should currently prove temporary, following earlier breach of rising support and the channel base projection.

Support is offered by the 82.11 05-Sep low and the Sep-12 81.30 high.

We stay on the sidelines for now.



Other

In **EUA (Carbon Emissions)** the market continues to slip back after earlier breach of key resistance. The **CRB Index** is still slipping back after failing to overcome dual resistance including a 38.2% recovery level.

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Other: EUA – Carbon Emission Allowances (ICE ECX)



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Daily Chart – Dec-13:

A pullback remains in process after resistance was found around a long term bear channel top projection and the 5.97 50% level not much above.

However, such weakness could well prove temporary now, with first resistance coming from the 4.60 38.2% retracement.

We maintain a bull stance here.

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Other: CRB Index (CBOT)

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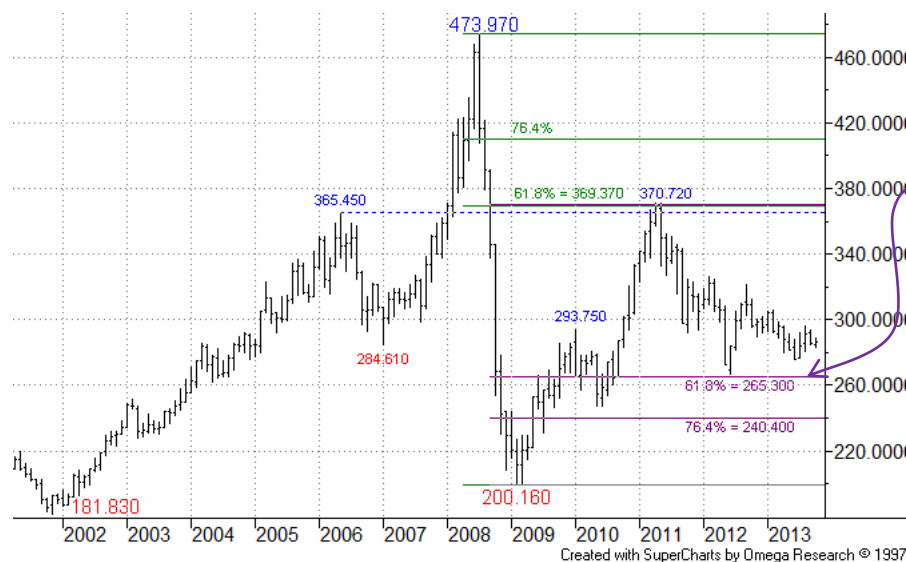
- + Gold
- + Silver
- + High Grade Copper

Grains and Softs

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

Other

- + Carbon Emissions
- + CRB Index



Monthly Chart – Continuation:

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



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

Resistance from the old Oct-11 low came under pressure but has not been completely overcome yet.

More



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

Other: CRB Index (CBOT)



Daily Chart

Not much change here as the Index is still seen in pullback mode, after the brief violation of dual resistance from the 38.2% retracement area and projected channel top. A clearer break was needed to give bulls confidence.

As before, key support comes from the area of prior lows just above 280.000, with a slip back below this to provide a negative sign.

We maintain a bull stance for now.



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