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Stay SQUARE

Stay SQUARE, but BUY on a break up through 1.9144

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Stay LONG; add on a push through 1399 (Dec06)

Stay LONG above 3965 (Dec06)

Stay SQUARE

Go SHORT while beneath 16390 (Dec06)

Stay SQUARE

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Stay LONG while above 94.94 (Dec06)

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Go LONG above \$600 (Dec06)

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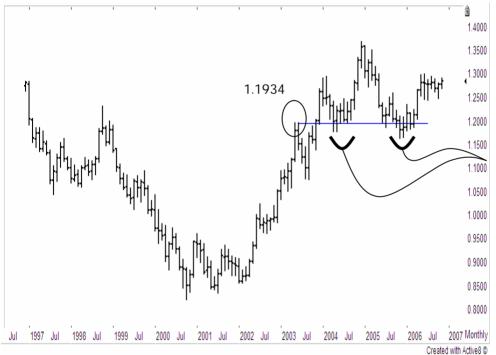
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Currencies

The Dollar weakened again. As predicted the Sterling was the main gainer. Then the Euro; and least of all the Yen. But no great levels have been breached. The Dollar movement remains within clear trading ranges. So we reluctantly remain out of the market.

Dollar Euro

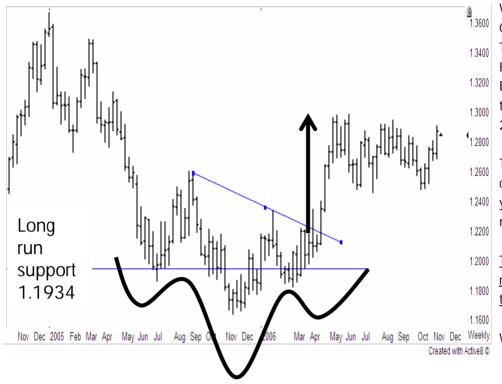


MONTHLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The bull Euro trend remains in place.

The critical support from the Prior High at 1.1934 held when it was attacked in 2004 and 2005.







The market formed a Head and Shoulders Bottom while testing the critical support in 2005.

That H&S Bottom completed in April this year and drove the market better.

The market has reached the minimum target.

What now?



WEEKLY SPOT CASH CHART:

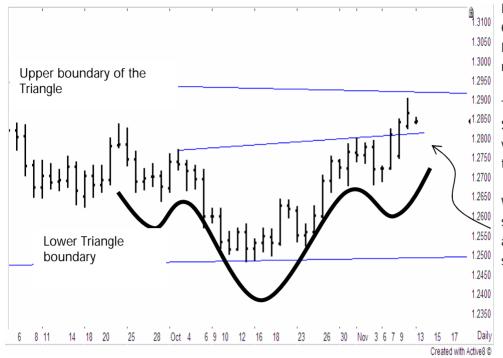
The market has stalled for the last six months.

While it did that, a Continuation Triangle may have formed.

Watch for a possible completion on a break and close through the upper boundary at about 1.29.

We said last week that traders should stand aside, and that's still true.

Wait for the break.



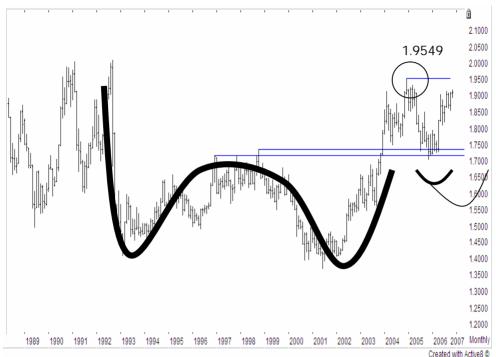
DAILY SPOT CASH CHART:

Here's how the market may get higher.

There's a Head and Shoulders Reversal which completed in the last day or so.

Watch for some support at the Neckline at 1.2823 if the market should drift.

Dollar Sterling



MONTHLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The market is in the grip of a massive Double Bottom.

When the structure was tested by a pull-back in 2005 it held.

The pattern is set to drive the market up as far a 2.08/9 minimum - in the very long term.



MONTHLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The market has been stuck in a range for the whole of the last year.

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Dollar Yen



MONTHLY SPOT CASH CHART:

Obviously the Double Bottom at 101.27 is especially interesting to traders.

And the existence of a possible Continuation Triangle suggests that the recent price action around the critical diagonal is especially important.



WEEKLY SPOT CASH CHART:

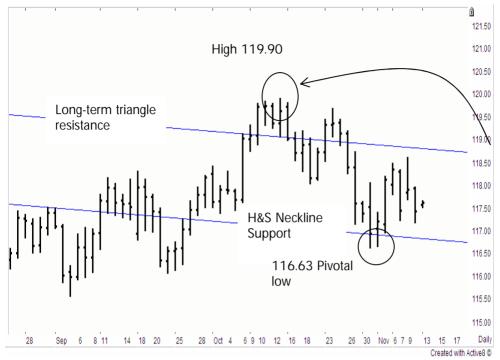
There may be a Head and Shoulders Continuation Pattern in place too - at the weekly level of detail.

If so, then the Neckline should be good short-term support.

But we are less and less sure of that H&S pattern.

A clear break through the Upper Diagonal is what the Dollar Bulls need.

Until they get that a question market hangs over the whole trend from May this year.



DAILY SPOT CASH CHART:

There is no clear pattern here... in the short term, then, Yen Bears and Dollar Bulls need a push above the high at 119.90.

Sterling Euro



MONTHLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The market is testing the lower boundary of a massive Triangle.

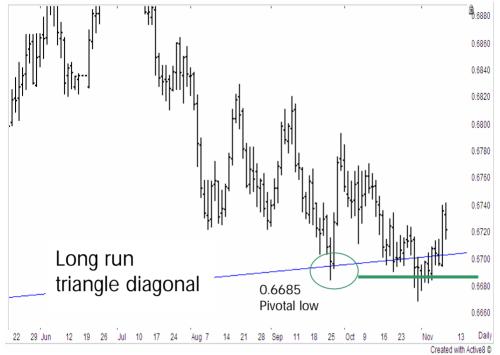
But there is great reluctance to establish a clear breakdown.



WEEKLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The price action is not at all convincing.

Stand aside.



DAILY SPOT CASH CHART:

We need a clear weekly close beneath that diagonal.

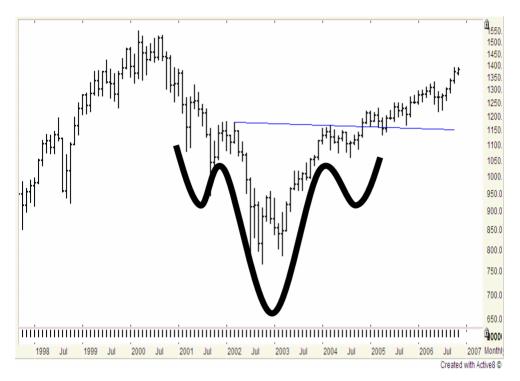
Short term watch the Pivotal low at 0.6685.

That was the level we thought traders should watch last week - and it has yet to break.

Stocks

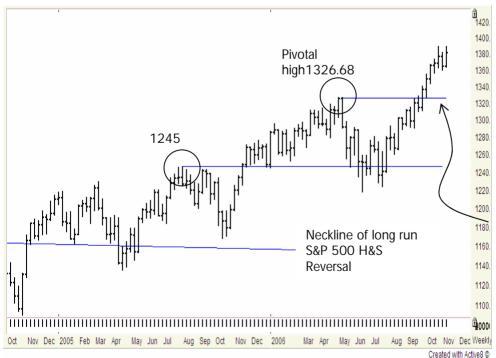
Stocks went ahead again - with the notable exception of the Nikkei which looks in dire straits. Now the DJEuroStoxx50 looks the leader. But all the western markets remain bullish.

Standard and Poors 500



MONTHLY CASH INDEX CHART:

The long -term pattern is plain. A Huge Head and Shoulders Bottom is set to drive the market a lot higher (minimum 1750) over the next few years.

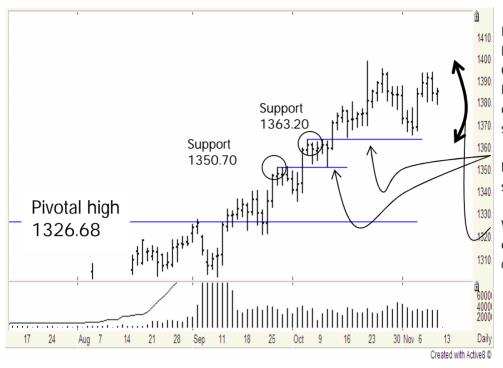


WEEKLY CASH INDEX CHART:

Since the completion of the Head and Shoulders Bottom the market has constructed a well-defined bull trend.

Note the latest push up through the pivotal high at 1326.68.



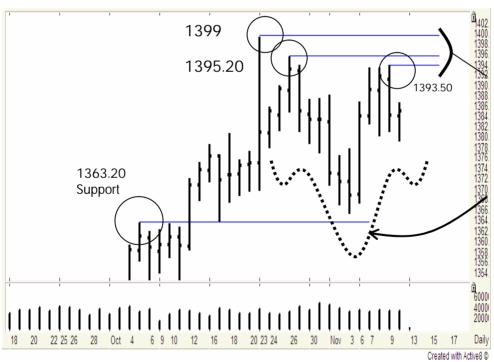


DAILY DECO6 FUTURES INDEX CHART:

Even at this level of detail the bull trend is solidly constructed.

Prior highs are good support.

Watch for a break out of this recent sideways congestion area.



DAILY DECO6 FUTURES INDEX CHART:

Bulls need a breakup through the succession of highs at 1393.50, 1395.20, and 1399.

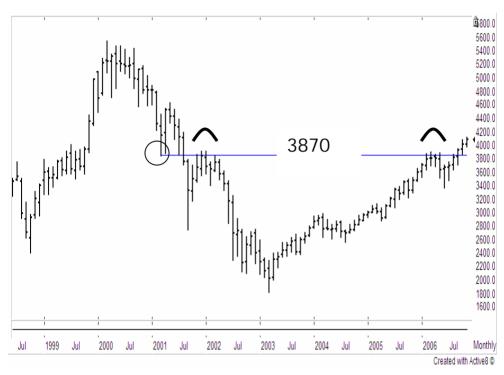
And, possibly, the catalyst for that <u>might</u> be a Small Continuation Head and Shoulders Reversal...

Watch closely.

The medium and longterm bull trends are intact, for new buyers, wait for the short-term signal.

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European Dow Jones Stoxx 50



MONTHLY CASH INDEX CHART: The bull move has broken through the critical horizontal at 3870.



WEEKLY CASH INDEX CHART:

Note the prolonged attempt to get back through the resistance in March and April.

But the run up from July has been steady.

DAILY DEC06 FUTURES INDEX

The detail of the breakthrough. The bull move has been sustained by some sound structural

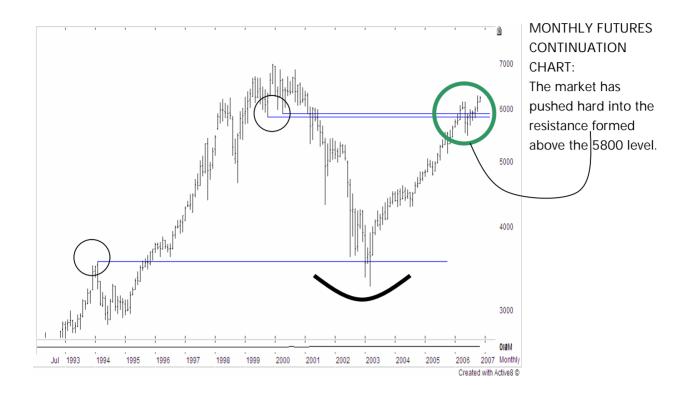
So, watch the market's reaction to the horizontal at 4058. It should be good

We noted in our Market Update of last week the advanced price action of the EuroStoxx 50. And announced that we were new buyers at the 4071 level.

Nonetheless, 4058 should hold for the short-term bulls.

And 3965 should hold for the medium-term bulls.

FTSE 100







DAILY DECO6 FUTURES INDEX CHART:

But they will not have been comforted by the trading range that has been established around it.

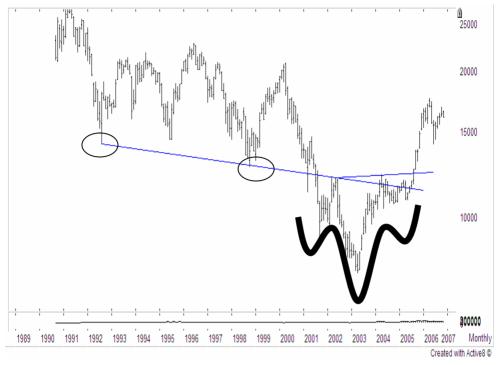
A break of that upper boundary is what they need.

Last week, we pointed out the importance of the lower boundary around 6119/6124.

But, there was no breakdown.

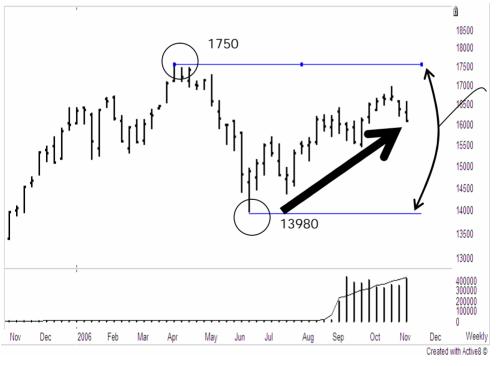
A break of the range will dictate the next move.

Nikkei 225



MONTHLY CASH
INDEX CHART:
The long chart is a
powerful bull
combination of
breaking back through
a long-term diagonal
resistance and the
completion of a Head
and Shoulders Reversal
pattern.

The minimum target of the H&S pattern is 1900.



WEEKLY DECO6 FUTURES INDEX CHART:

A trading range has developed from March this year.

But within that range there has been a good bull run since June.





DAILY DEC06 FUTURES INDEX CHART:

A well-constructed bull run.

Until the breakdown of the last week.

For the trend to remain in place the horizontal at 16390 should have held.



DAILY DECO6 **FUTURES INDEX**

CHART:

And we can see that the market drove down through it on rising volume and rising Open Interest.

Expect an early test of 15678.

The market is in poor shape both relatively and absolutely. We thought the breakdown wasn't emphatic last week but now it is.

Bonds

Bonds pushed on. They're still volatile, but there's no doubt that they are arriving at critical levels. But none are broken. So we remain on the sidelines.

Ten Years US Treasury Note



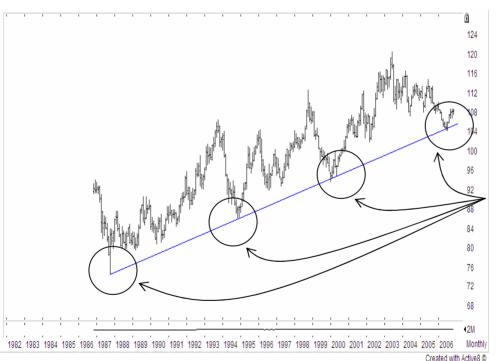
MONTHLY CASH YIELD CHART: In the long run the market continues to trend lower



WEEKLY CASH YIELD CHART:

There is a suggestion that the market is being driven in the medium-term by a Head and Shoulders Reversal pattern.

A complex formation though.



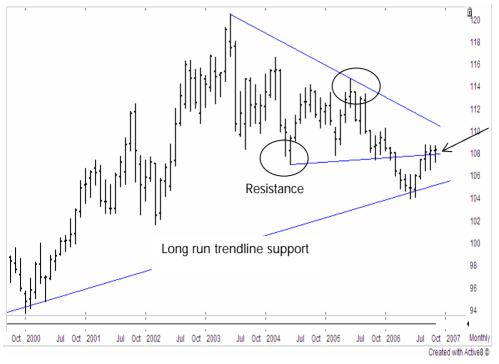
DAILY FUTURES CONTINUATION

CHART:

The futures trend in the longer term is altogether better established and moreover has just been tested.

So far it has held.

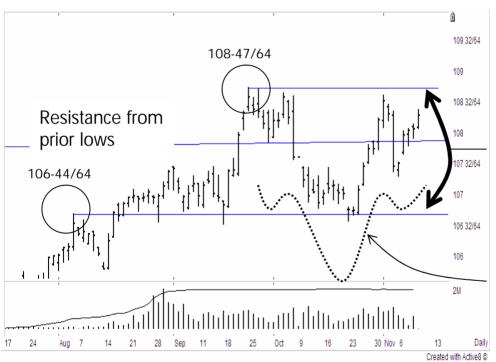




MONTHLY FUTURES CONTINUATION CHART:

That test led to a bounce.

Which is testing the resistance from the lows at 108.



DAILY DEC06
FUTURES CHART:
But the outcome of
that bull test of the
108 resistance is not at
all clear.

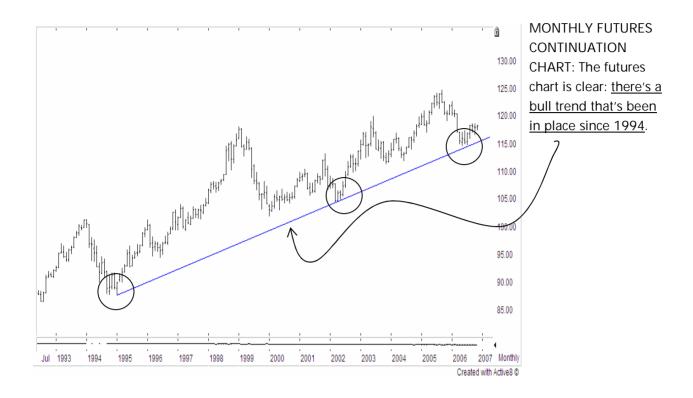
Notice the trading range in the Dec 06 contract.

For the moment, stand aside.

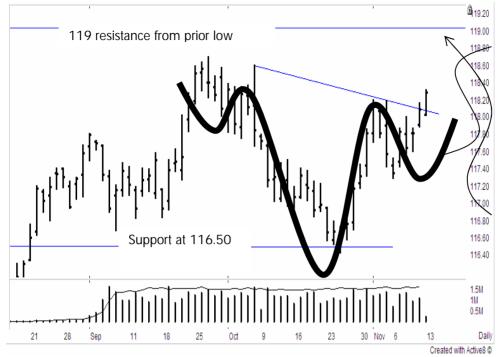
(It's worth noting the small possible Head and Shoulders Reversal pattern that may be forming and would complete on a break of the 108-47/64 high.

That would act as a catalyst to drive the market on with vigor)

Ten Year Euro Bund







DAILY DEC 06
FUTURES CHART:
Might this be a Head
and Shoulders
Reversal?

The volume and Open Interest figures suggest that it is.

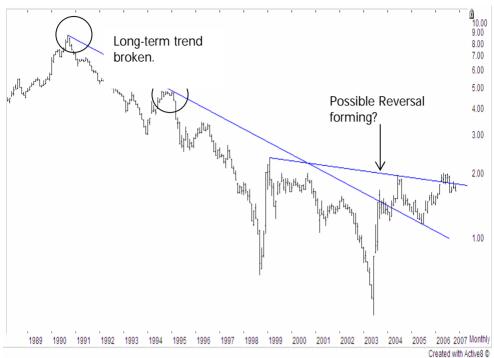
So an early test of the resistance at 119 looks likely.

(What a difference a week makes - we were hypothesizing about a possible Bear H&S last week...)

Nonetheless the proximity of the resistance at 119 robs the situation of any immediate excitement.

Wait for the break.

Ten Year Japanese Bond



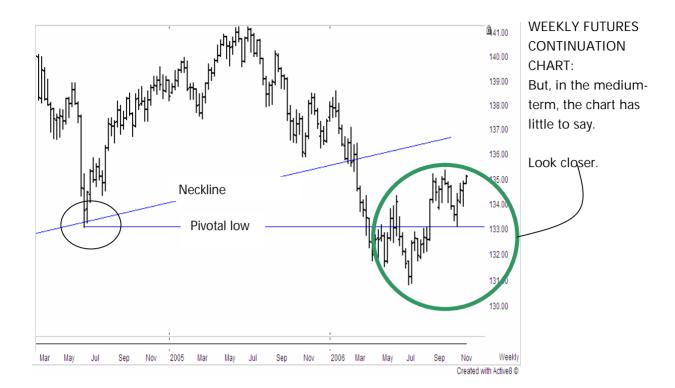
MONTHLY CASH YIELD CHART: Here is the long-term picture.

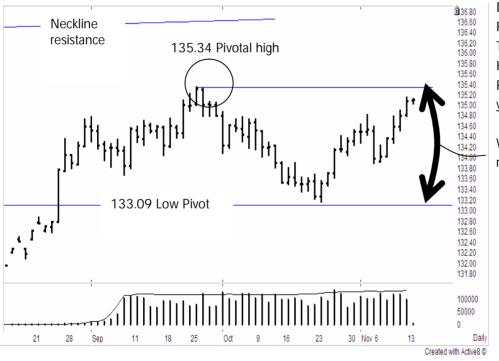
The long trend has been broken.

And, maybe, a Bottom Formation is in place.



MONTHLY FUTURES CONTINUATION CHART: The futures Continuation pattern has much the same structure - that's a Top Formation.





DAILY DEC 06 FUTURES CHART:

There is the <u>trace</u> of a Head and Shoulders Reversal in place. <u>But</u> we are not convinced.

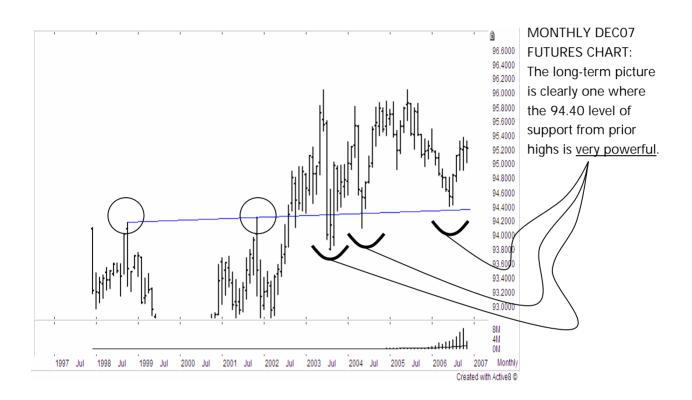
Wait for a break of the range.

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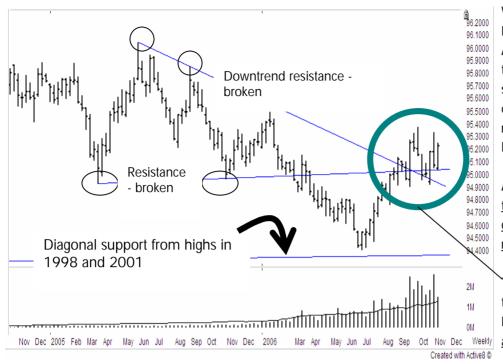
Interest Rates

The Eurodollars remain the most bullish market so that's where we are long, trying to stomach the volatility. Elsewhere there is nothing to go for. The trading ranges are clear and unthreatened.

Dollar Rates







WEEKLY DEC 07 FUTURES CHART:

And the bounce from that support has been sufficiently powerful to drive up through the resistance from the lows at 95.00.

And at that level <u>note</u> the co-incidence of the down-trend diagonal resistance.

The market's break up through both those levels was important and bullish,



DAILY DECO7 FUTURES CHART:

Now here's the detail of that breakthrough

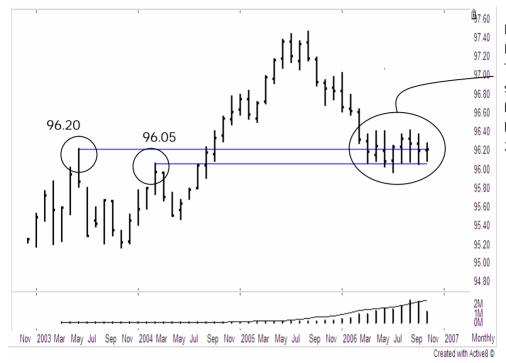
Note the treading range that has developed

We see no clear structure within that range.

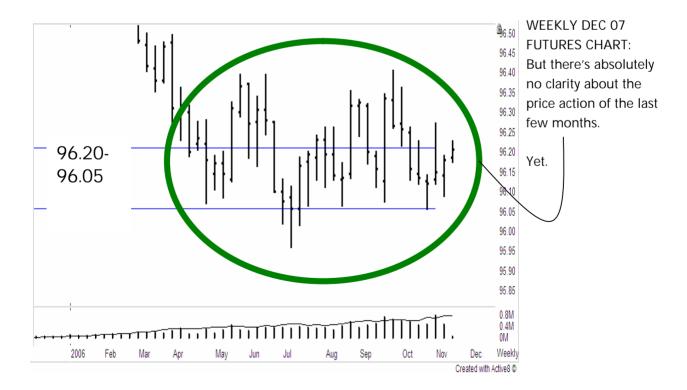
But the wider structure backs our stance that despite the volatility, the market is basically bullish.

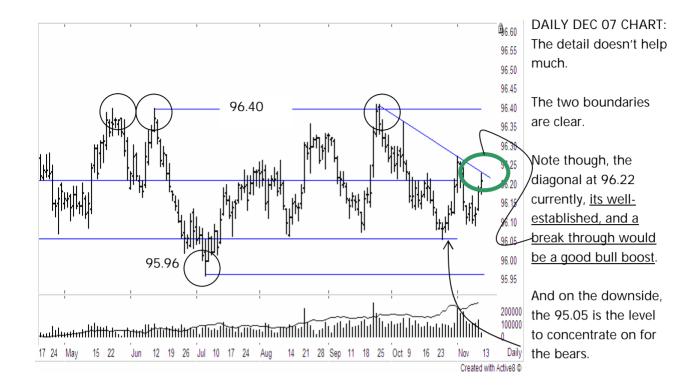
We remain buyers with Stops beneath 94.92.

Euribor Rate

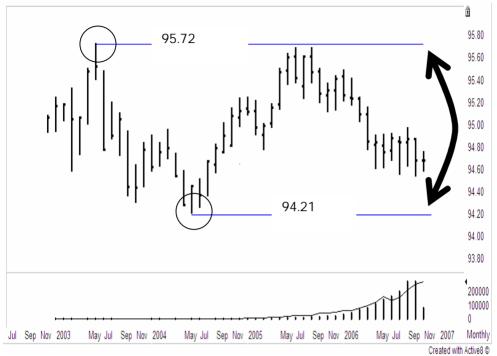


MONTHLY DEC07 FUTURES CHART: The market has found support at the horizontal from the highs in 2003 and 2004.

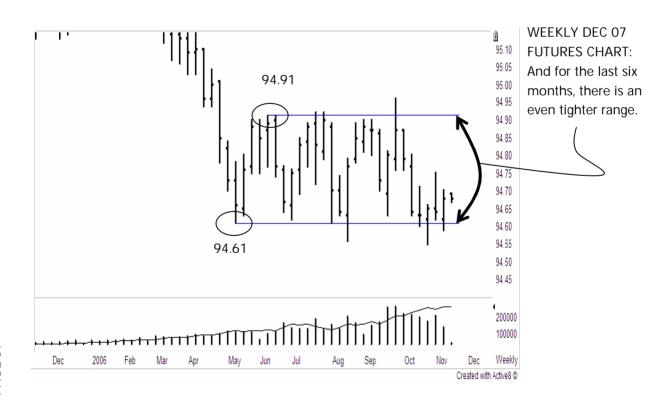


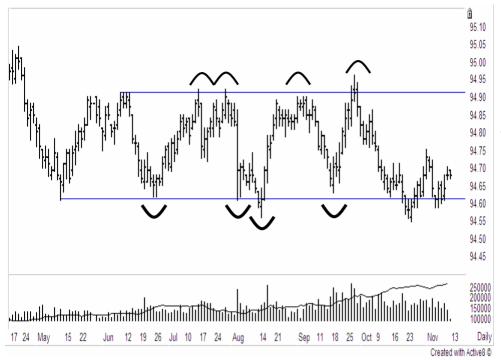


Sterling Rates



MONTHLY DEC 07 FUTURES CHART: The market has been ranging for the last three years.





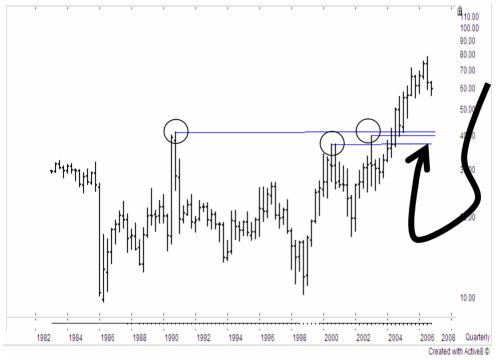
DAILY DECO7 CHART: Both boundaries have been tested many times.

Stand aside for a clear break.

Commodities

The Oil chart is without feature. Gold, on the other hand merits a rethink from our former scepticism. We are now bullish.

Oil



QUARTERLY FUTURES CONTINUATION CHART:

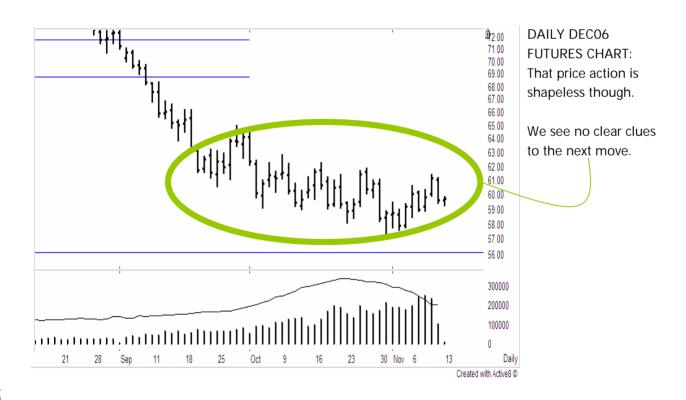
The market's bull run arose from breaking through the \$40 ceiling which had been in place for 4 years.



WEEKLY FUTURES CONTINUATION CHART: But the bull run has lost momentum.

And the pull-back through the supports from the prior highs spelt the end of the short term bull move.

Watch carefully now the market's approach to the support from \$56.05.



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Gold



QUARTERLY FUTURES CONTINUATION CHART: The long chart is dominated by a Triangle that drove the market better.



MONTHLY FUTURES CONTINUATION CHART: The bull run from the completion of the

Triangle has been

swift.

And the longer-term support lies well beneath the market, as the trend accelerated after breaking through \$450.



WEEKLY FUTURES CONTINUATION CHART: And the market has stalled throughout 2006.

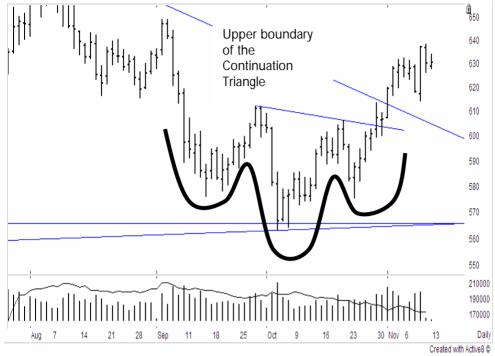
That support at \$566 is clearly vital.



DAILY DEC06
FUTURES CHART:
Looking closer though,
note the completion of
another Continuation
Triangle in the weekly
chart.

Is the break good?

Look closer.



DAILY DEC 06
FUTURES CHART:
Here's the catalyst for
the break a Neat little
Head and Shoulders
Reversal.

We were unconvinced before.

But volumes have revived.

And though Open Interest has continued to fall, that is probably due to roll-overs.

So we are revising our stance - the market looks good for more on the upside.