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This week's global calendar

| | Week of 19 th September | | Week of 19 th September |
|-----------|---|----------|---|
| Monday | US NAHB Housing mkt indx 60 UK Rgt mve House prices n/f EZ C/A n/f JP Super mkt sales n/f | Thursday | US Jobless claims 259k US Existing home sales 5.45M UK CBI Trnds Total orders -4 EZ Cons confidence -8.3 JP PMI Mfg n/f |
| Tuesday | US Housing starts 1190k US Buildg permits 1173k DM PPI 0.1m, -1.5y JP Trade balance 202.0B JP BOJ Policy decision | | |
| | | Friday | FR Q2 GDP n/f EZ PMI Composite 52.8 DM Import prices n/f JP All ind actvty indx n/f |
| Wednesday | US MBA Mrtge apps n/f US FOMC Policy decision 0.25% UK PSNCR n/f UK PSNB 10.30B JP Machine tool orders n/f JP National Dept stre sales n/f JP Tokyo Dept stre sales n/f | | |



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Last week's releases

| | Week of 12 th September | | Week |
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| Monday | DM WPI -0.7m, -1.2% LESS JP Machine orders 4.9m, 5.2y STRONGER JP Dmstic corp gds prices -0.3m, -3.6y WORSE JP Machine tool orders -8.4y, BETTER JP BSI Lrge mfg 2.9 BETTER JP BSI All industry 1.9 BETTER THAN EXPECTED | Thursday | US Job US Q2 US Rei US RS US PP US PP US Em US Phi US Cal US Ind US Bus |
| Tuesday | US NFIB Sml Bus optimism 94.4 LESS US Mthly bdgt statem't -\$107.1B BETTER UK CPI 0.3m, 0.6y LESS UK RPI 0.4m, 1.8y WEAKER UK RPI-X 1.9y WORSE UK PPI input 0.2m, 7.6y LESS UK PPI output 0.1m, 0.8y LESS UK PPI Core 0.2m, 1.3y AS UK House price indx 8.3% LESS DM CPI 0.0m, 0.4y AS EZ Employm't 0.4m, 1.4y AS | | UK Re UK BO UK BO EZ CP EZ Tra THAN |
| | DM ZEW 0.5 WEAKER JP Tokyo condo sales -24.7 BETTER THAN EXPECTED | Friday | US CP US CP US U. US Ne THAN |
| Wednesday | US MBA Mrtge apps 4.2% STRONGER US Import prices -0.2%, -2.2y MORE UK Unemploym't chge 2.4k MORE UK Unemploym't rate 2.2% AS UK ILO Rate 4.9% AS UK Averge earngs 2.3% MORE UK AE Ex-Bonus 2.1% LESS EZ Ind production -1.1m, -4.2y WEAKER JP Ind product'n 0.4m, -4.2y WEAKER JP Capacity utilization 0.6% WEAKER THAN EXPECTED | | |

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| | Week of 12 th September |
| Thursday | US Jobless claims 260k AS US Q2 C/A -\$119.9B BETTER US Retail sales -0.3% WEAKER US RS Ex- Autos -0.1% WEAKER US PPI 0.0m, 0.0y LESS US PPI Ex- f&e 0.1m, 1.0y LES US Empire mfg -1.99 WEAKER US Philly Fed 12.8 STRONGER US Capacity utilisation 75.5 WEAKER US Ind production -0.4% WEAKER US Bus invntry 0.0% LESS UK Retail sales -0.3m, 5.9y BETTER UK BOE AP Target 435B AS UK BOE/MPC Rate decision 0.25% AS EZ CPI 0.1m, 0.2y AS EZ Trade Bal 25.3B WEAKER THAN EXPECTED |
| Friday | US CPI 0.2m, 1.1y MORE US CPI Ex- f&e 0.3m, 2.3y MORE US U. of Michigan conf 89.8 WEAKER US Net Ig term TIC flows 103.9B STRONGER THAN EXPECTED |



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US MARKETS: economic background

Last week's focus was split between retail sales and industrial production and with the up coming FOMC meeting we judged these two numbers took on added significance.

In the event retail sales fell well short of consensus at 0.3%, moreover industrial production was no better coming in at -0.4%, adding to the run of weak data seen over recent weeks.

Looking ahead there are several reports due this week, as detailed on the global calendar, but we judge these are the week's **key** releases:

On Monday: NAHB Housing market index,

- On Tuesday; Housing starts and building permits,
- On Wednesday; FOMC Policy decision, and
- On Thursday; Jobless claims and existing home sales.

The key event this week is the FOMC policy decision. The Fed clearly wants to find an opportunity to hike, but after a recent run of weak data is the September meeting the right time?

We think they will wait.



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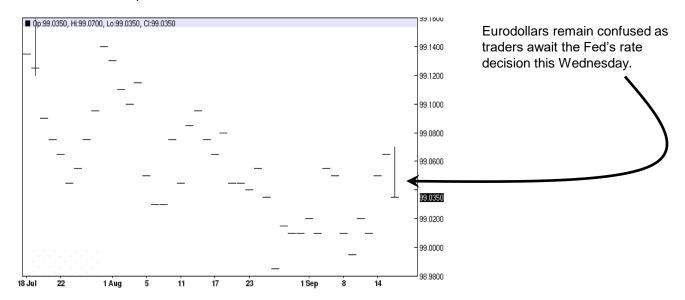
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OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE.

Last week we were Square of Eurodollars.



The Macro Trader's view of Eurodollars is; last week we said...

... "Looking ahead retail sales is the stand out report this week. We judge it will need to be materially better than consensus to allow the Fed cover for a rate hike given the weakness of other recent key data series"...

In the event retail sales was weak and so too was industrial production, but will the Fed brush the data off

or remain on hold?

Looking ahead the FOMC decision on Wednesday is the main event, we judge it a tight call but we think the Fed will remain on hold this time.

We are remaining square.



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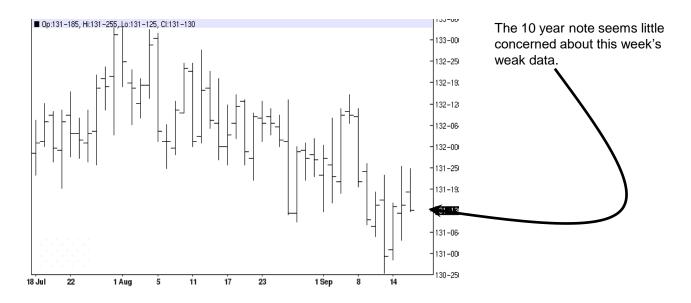
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US MARKETS: 10 Year Note

OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE.

Last week we were Square of the 10 year note.



The Macro Trader's view of the 10 year note is: last week we said...

... "Looking ahead the key release this week is retail sales. If that report falls short of expectations, surely the Fed must act on the evidence before their eyes and adopt a more patient approach to hiking rates"...

In the event both retail sales and industrial production fell short of expectations, but will the Fed see this as a blip or evidence of persistent underlying economic weakness and leave policy on hold.

Looking ahead the main event this week is the FOMC policy decision. Fed officials seem divided on whether or not to hike, despite a run of data that clearly flags weakness.

We are staying square, the market retested the recent lows even though data remains weak.



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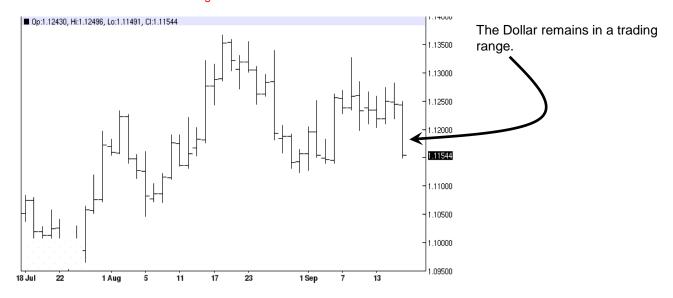
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US MARKETS: US Dollar

OUR TRADING STANCE: BEARISH v STERLING.

Last week we were Bearish v Sterling



The Macro Trader's view of the Dollar is; last week we said...

... "Looking ahead retail sales are due and a weak report will surely put an end to thoughts among policy makers of hiking rates next week"...

In the event retail sales and Industrial production fell well short of consensus, but uncertainty remains among traders about the Fed's intentions at this week's FOMC meeting. Looking ahead the FOMC meeting/policy decision is the main event and the question in need of an answer is; will they or wont they hike? We think they will decide to remain on hold, but it is a close call!

Traders should be Short the Dollar/Long Sterling. The US economy looks weaker than expected after last week's weak retail sales.

Our suggested target remains 1.3960 and our suggested stop continues at 1.2980 for protection; now very close.



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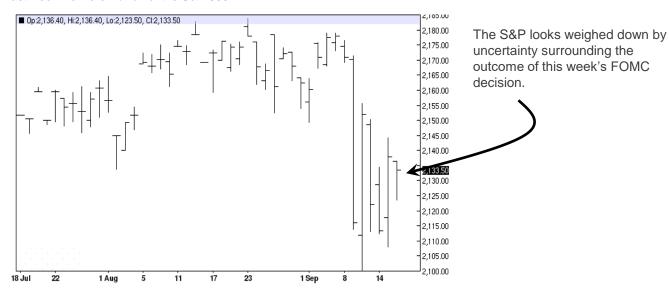
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US MARKETS: S&P500

OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE.

Last week we were Bullish of the S&P 500.



The Macro Trader's view of the S&P 500 is: last time we said...

..."Looking ahead retail sales is due. We judge this could prove a key report for the FOMC next week. The most recent non-farm payroll report, and two ISM surveys have been weak, if retail sales falls short of consensus surely the committee will leave policy on hold"...

In the event retail sales was weak and so was

Industrial production, but opinion seems divided at the Fed, hence the price action in this market.

Looking ahead the FOMC policy decision is due, and traders are nervous. Will they take a big chance and hike or opt for safety and remain on hold?

We are square. We judge the Fed will remain on hold, but it is a closer call than we had thought.



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UK MARKETS: economic background

Last week's focus was split between CPI and retail sales.

In the event CPI came in softer than expected, and retail sales was better than expected, meaning the economy seems to be holding up reasonably well post "BREXIT".

Looking ahead there are several reports due this week, as detailed on the global calendar, but we judge

these are the week's key releases:

- On Wednesday; PSNCR and PSNB, and
- On Thursday; CBI Total orders.

The main events this week is the PSNB number; are the governments finances holding up in line with the better than expected performance of the economy?



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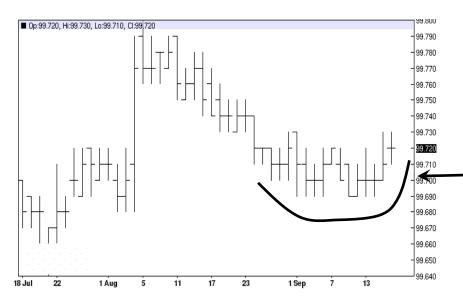
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UK MARKETS: Short Sterling

OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE.

Last week we were Square of Short Sterling.



Short Sterling seems to have found support after the BOE indicated last week it was still minded to cut again.



The Macro Trader's view of Short Sterling is: last week we said...

... "Looking ahead retail sales and CPI are due. It is understood inflation will rise due to the combination of last years falling oil prices dropping out of the comparison and the post "BREXIT" weakness of Sterling, but what of retail sales? A weak report is expected?"...

In the event CPI was less than expected; good news

and retail sales were better too, also good news and a relief for policy makers.

Looking ahead government borrowing data due this week, will it benefit from the economy's better than expected performance?

We are square of Short Sterling.

The economy seems to be holding up but the Bank still thinks another ease will be needed?



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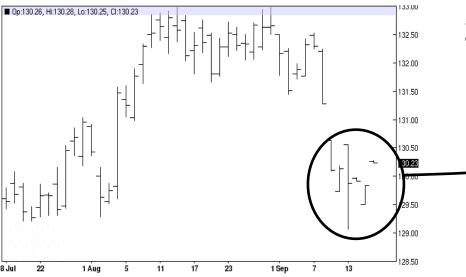
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UK MARKETS: Gilt

OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE.

Last week we were Square.



See how the Gilt sold off as data came in better than expected.

-129.50 -129.00 -128.50

The Macro Trader's view of the Gilt is; last week we said...

... "Looking ahead the key event this week is retail sales. This number is a reliable indicator of consumer demand which as ever is a major component of GDP"...

In the event the number was better than expected and although at -0.3% month on month represents a decline, not as much as forecast and taken together with the previous months very strong number indicates

the economy is doing well.

Looking ahead a very thin week data wise, but the government borrowing data stands out. The Chancellor is expected to announce a stimulus in his Autumn statement, a solid PSNB will give him room to manoeuvre.

We are staying square of the Gilt. Bonds are under pressure as traders await this week's FOMC policy decision.



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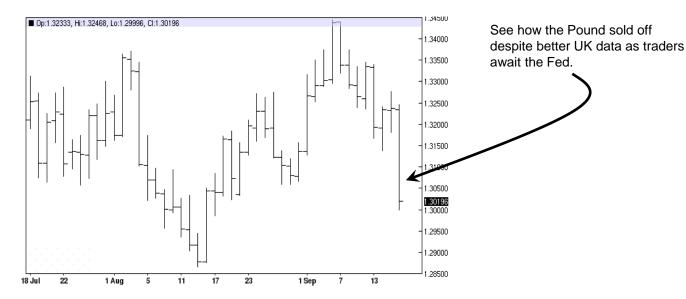
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UK MARKETS: Sterling

OUR TRADING STANCE; BULLISH v the DOLLAR

Last week we were Bullish v the Dollar



The Macro Trader's view of the Pound is: last week we said...

... "Looking ahead the key releases this week in the UK are retail sales and CPI, but we judge retail sales is the main event"...

In the event both number were better than expected but the Pound lost ground against the Dollar as the MPC/BOE let it be known a further rate cut was still on the cards for later in the year and traders remained uncertain about the timing of a second Fed rate hike.

Looking ahead the PSNB report is due this week, but we judge currencies will react most to Wednesday's FOMC policy decision. A rate hike would likely see the Dollar rally where as unchanged could see Sterling recover.

We are bullish of Sterling against the Dollar as the US economy is hardly firing on all 12 cylinders.

Traders should be Long Sterling/Short the Dollar.

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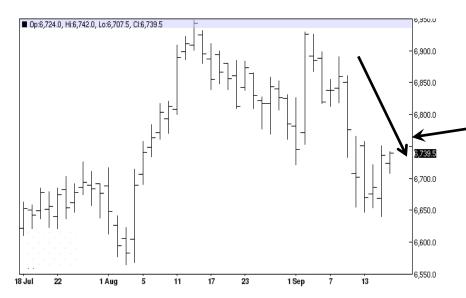
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UK MARKETS: FTSE

OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE.

Last week we were Square.



See how the FTSE succumbed to anxiety about the timing of the Fed's next policy move in line with other equity markets.

The Macro Trader's view of the FTSE is; last week's price action continued to be driven by uncertainty about the Fed's next policy move.

Policy makers seem divided about whether or not to hike at this week's FOMC meeting. After a run of weak data from every major report released in the last few weeks we would have thought unchanged would be the expectation and result!

Looking ahead the UK calendar is thin this week with only government borrowing standing out, but we judge markets globally will be driven by what the Fed does and says at Wednesday's FOMC meeting.

We are square, until we see which way the Fed goes; we expect unchanged but it is a very close call now.



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EURO ZONE MARKETS: economic background

Last week's focus was the various Euro zone industrial production report. After a weak German report the previous week, weakness was expected here.

In the event the number was weaker than expected highlighting the fragile nature of the Euro zone economic recovery.

Looking ahead there are several key reports due which are detailed on the global calendar, but we judge these are the week's **key** releases:

- On Monday; Euro zone C/A,
- On Tuesday; German PPI,
- On Thursday; Euro zone Consumer

confidence, and

 On Friday; Euro zone PMI Composite survey and German import prices.

The key release this week is Euro zone Industrial PMI Composite survey.

The survey gives an over all picture of activity in the Euro zone economy, has it picked up or just more of the same?



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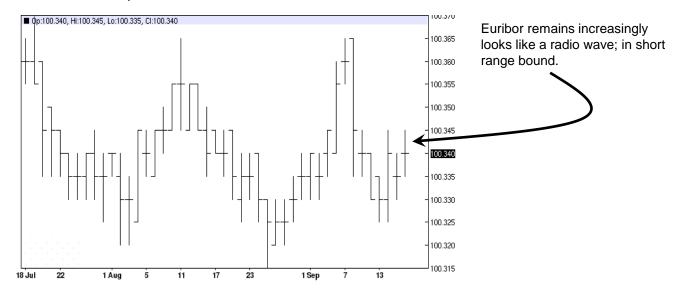
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EURO ZONE MARKETS: Euribor

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Last week we were Square of Euribor.



The Macro Trader's view of Euribor is; last week we said...

... "Looking ahead Euro zone industrial production is due, but the German version was weak last week, so a week Euro zone report is expected"...

In the event the well established relationship continued and Euro zone industrial production was indeed

weaker than expected.

Looking ahead the key release this week is the Euro zone PMI Composite survey. It is likely to convey the familiar message!.

We remain square here as we see little or no direction in the market.



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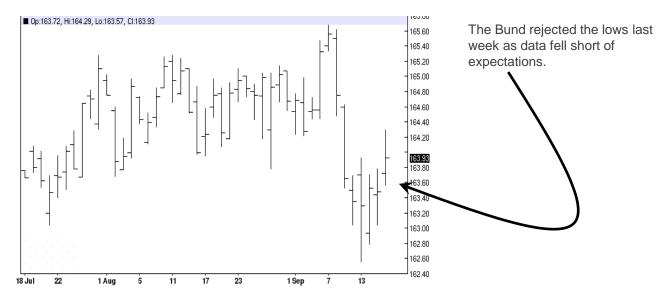
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EURO ZONE MARKETS: The Bund

OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE.

Last week we were square of The Bund.



The Macro Trader's view of the Bund is: last time we said...

... "Looking ahead the key release this week is Euro zone industrial production, a weak report is expected, after last week's disappointingly weaker German report"...

In the event a weak report it was and the market found reason enough to reject the lows.

Looking ahead the Euro zone PMI Composite survey

is due and it is likely to tell the familiar story, but we judge the US FOMC interest rate decision is likely to prove the main dynamic in this and other leading markets.

We remain square of the Bund.

The Bund looks supported, but Bonds generally a gravitation lower.



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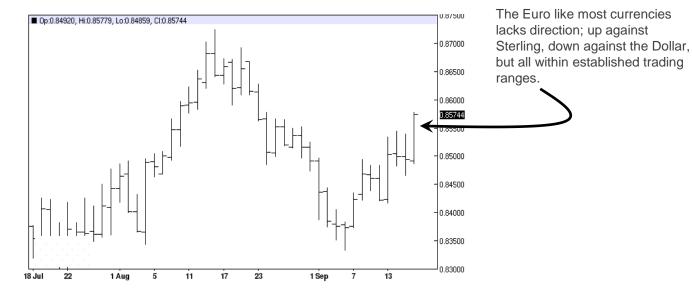
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EURO ZONE MARKETS: The Euro

OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE

Last week we were Square



The Macro Trader's view of the Euro; last week we said...

... "Looking ahead the key event this week is the ECB policy decision and press conference, we don't expect any new easing, but we are eager to hear Draghi's comments"...

In the event no new easing from the ECB and weak PMI Services survey from Germany, but since US data

has continued weak too, comments about potential interest rate hikes were the dominant theme.

Looking ahead the key event this week is Euro zone industrial production; a weak report is expected.

For now we are staying square, currencies generally seem stuck in trading ranges and we doubt even a rate hike from the Fed would break them.



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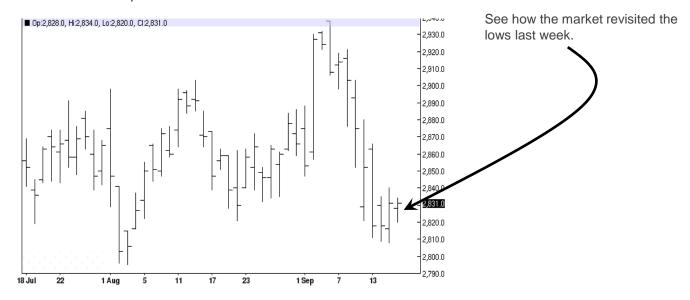
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EURO ZONE MARKETS: DJ Euro Stoxx 50

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Last week we were Square of DJ EUROSTOXX50.



The Macro Trader's view of DJ Euro Stoxx 50 is:

last week's price action was driven by weak data; Euro zone industrial production, no new easing from the ECB; surely none was expected and growing anxiety about the Fed and the timing of its much anticipated, but delayed rate hike.

Looking ahead two events stand out, on the domestic front Euro zone PMI Composite PMI, and in the US

the FOMC policy decision. We judge the FOMC will have the biggest impact on this and many other markets.

We are staying square here the market looks vulnerable but an unchanged decision from the Fed might just help the market a little further away from the lows.



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JAPANESE MARKETS: economic background

Last week's focus was the was the Industrial production report, as ever a barometer of economic health.

In the event the number was weaker than expected, but machine orders and machine tool orders were stronger than forecast; some signs of life!

Looking ahead there are several key reports due which are detailed on the global calendar, but we judge these are the week's **key** releases:

• On Monday; Super market sales,

- On Tuesday; Trade data and Bank of Japan policy decision,
- On Wednesday; Machine tool orders, National and Tokyo department store sales,
- On Thursday; PMI Manufacturing survey, and
- On Friday; All industry activity index.

There are several key releases due this week, but were are eager to see the Bank of Japan's policy decision.



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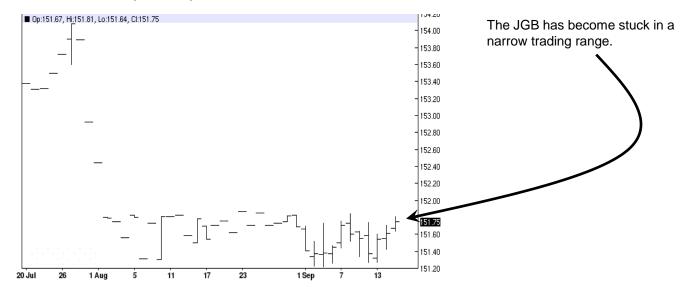
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JAPANESE MARKETS: Japanese Bonds

OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE.

Last week we were Square of Japanese Bonds.



The Macro Trader's view of the JGB is: Last week we said...

... "Looking ahead the key release is industrial production, but this market looks range bound"...

In the event Industrial production was weaker than expected and although Machine orders and Machine tool orders came in better than forecast the market

remained stuck in the trading range.

Looking ahead the main event this week is the Bank of Japan policy decision; will they ease or was the Governor's words at the recent G20 just for the cameras?.

We are staying square here.



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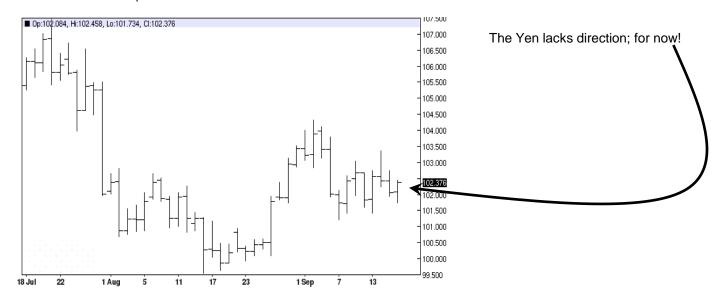
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JAPANESE MARKETS: Yen

OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE

Last week we were Square



The Macro Trader's view of the Yen is; last week we said...

... "Looking ahead industrial production is due, will the number beat expectations and flag a pick up in the pace of recovery; we doubt it"...

In the event a weak report and more directionless trading, but the FOMC rate decision could change that.

Looking ahead the main domestic event is the Bank of Japan policy decision and abroad the US FOMC policy decision, between the Fed and the BOJ they could shake some life into the market, but will they?

We are square here we see a trading range likely to establish. However, if as we expect the FOMC leaves US rates unchanged this week, the Yen could start to rally once more, but not if the BOJ eases.



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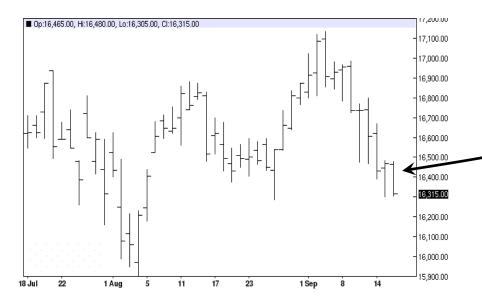
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JAPANESE MARKETS: Nikkei

OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE.

Last week we were Square of the Nikkei.



The Nikkei looks as exciting as the other leading equity markets and as confused.

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The Macro Trader's view of the Nikkei is; last week we said...

... "Looking ahead industrial production is the main event this week"...

In the event the number was weaker than expected, but the Nikkei looked weighed down by uncertainty concerning the Fed's looming interest rate decision. Looking ahead the Bank of Japan and the Fed decide on interest rates this week, will the inject life into this and other equity markets; an unchanged from the FOMC and ease from the BOJ would help, but will that be the outcome?

We are square here.



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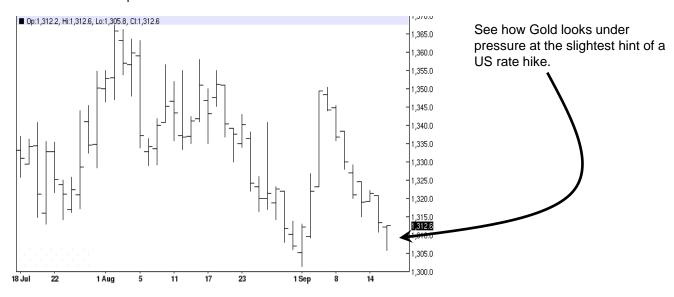
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COMMODITIES: Gold

OUR TRADING STANCE: SQUARE

Last week we were Square of Gold.



The Macro Trader's view of the Gold is: last week's price action was disappointing.

The US released a weak retail sales report and Industrial production report and some Fed officials are still arguing in favour of a rate hike this week?

We judge Yellen will see the economy for what it is; growing at an anaemic rate with still moderate to low inflation and argue in favour of leaving policy unchanged.

What will the impact be on the Dollar and Gold?

We judge the Dollar will drift towards the lows of the current trading range and Gold will drift towards the upside of its own, meaning continued lack of direction.

We remain square of this market, it looks set to go no where fast which given the current set of circumstances remains puzzling and disappointing.



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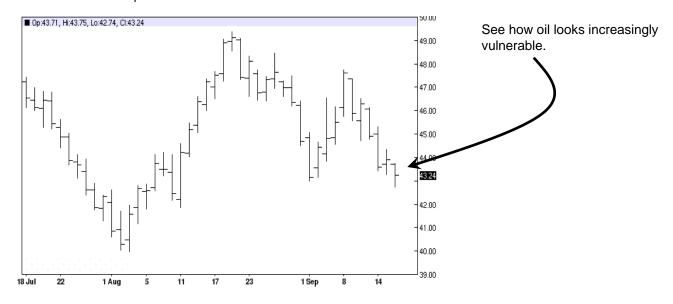
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COMMODITIES: Oil

OUR TRADING STANCE; SQUARE.

Last week we were Square of Oil.



The Macro Trader's view of oil is: the market has begun to look top heavy, but will it sell off.

In the news Venezuela talks of OPEC agreeing a production cut; we have heard all of this before but nothing happens and it wont this time, not until the Iranians are ready to join in and that still looks some way off and relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia are in bad shape so neither side will want to help the other.

We judge the market can logically only trade lower. The pace of global growth remains subdued and the oil glut remains with no sign of easing in the coming months. But logic doesn't always win out!.

For now stay square.



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