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Key Trade Round Up 17th January 2018

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7th December BUY Nikkei March 2018 @ 22490. Stop @ 22499

4th January 2018 BUY March 2018 Oil @61.55. Stop @ 57.86

17th January 2018 BUY S&P @ 2788. Stop 2665

17th January 2018 Buy Euro Sell Dollar @ 1.2261. Stop 1.2050



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(1) TECHNICAL: 7th December BUY Nikkei March 2018 @ 22490. Raise AGAIN STOP to 22499



Monthly continuation chart.

The completed H&S pattern is driving the market higher and higher.

Minimum target 25000.

There's still some way to go.



Daily Mar 18 Chart

Note the break of the trading range.

That, taken together with the powerful bull patterns in the long term charts, augurs well for the bulls.

Hence our raising of the Stop AGAIN.



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(2) FUNDAMENTAL: 7th December BUY Nikkei March 2018 @ 22490. Raise AGAIN STOP to 22499

Last week traders had little in the way of data to navigate by and sentiment was the main driver in this and other equity markets. And although the Bank of Japan trimmed back its long dated Bond buying, the market remains well set to rally further.

Looking ahead the key release this week is Thursday's Industrial production report. A strong reading would underline the view that Japan's economy finally appears to be enjoying a self sustaining recovery.

In summary we advise holding the trade.



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((1) **TECHNICAL** 4th January 2018 BUY March 2018 Oil @61.55. Stop 57.86



Weekly Chart:

The bull market is accelerating away under the influence of the H&S reversal pattern whose minimum target is around \$100.



Daily Chart March 2018:

The market's break above the recent prior Highs of 57.97 and 58.81 establishes a powerful support band of support beneath the market.



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(2) (1) **TECHNICAL** 4th January 2018 BUY March 2018 Oil @61.55. Stop 57.86

Last week a combination of market sentiment, the severe US Winter weather, unrest in the Middle East (as ever) together with the OPEC/Russia production cut kept the rally going.

Looking ahead we see little at the moment that can disrupt this market's move higher, but just how much higher can it go? The increased rig count in the US seems to have no discernible impact on the market and it looks set to rally further.

In summary we advise holding the trade.



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Weekly Chart Continuation:

The market is accelerating away



Daily Chart Continuation:

The detail of the acceleration.

Only a pull-back through the band 2667/97 would suggest a short-term retracement of material size was likely.



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Last week's key releases were PPI and CPI, but unless very much different to consensus we doubted they would worry this market too much.

In the event the numbers had no discernible impact as traders continued to buy on a combination of solid growth, benign inflation, a relatively dovish Fed and the Trump tax cuts.

Looking ahead the key release this week is industrial production, is it possible the number could derail the rally? We don't think so.

We are very Bullish of this market and advise going long.

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Weekly Chart Continuation:

The market has smashed through the major resistances from Prior Lows back in 2010 and 2012.

The diagonal resistances are less important than the horizontal as usual...



Daily Chart Continuation:

The detail of the catalyst for the bull breakthrough, the minimum move? Up as far as 1.24.



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The US economy is running at a solid rate, inflation is relatively benign, Trump has just pushed a Tax cut package through Congress, but the Dollar takes no support from that, why?

We judge the reasons are:

- The Tax cuts will add in excess of US\$1.0 trillion to the budget deficit,
- The Fed doesn't see the Tax cuts having a major impact on growth, and
- They remain relatively relaxed about their policy response.

Traders seem not to agree.

Looking ahead Industrial production is due, but we doubt very much it will change the Dollar's fortunes.

In summary Sell the Dollar Buy the Euro. Why the Euro? The ECB is likely to begin trimming its own QE program and the Euro zone economy is now enjoying a run of solid growth.





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