

Week 3 15th January– 21st January 2008

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Stay BULLISH while holding above 88.00, first target 104.25 (Mar-08)

Stay BULLISH after break above 7.623, first target at 8.300-8.500 now under test (Mar-08)

Stay BULLISH while holding above 2.4700 (Feb-08)

Stay BULLISH after break above 855.00. Initial target 900.00 met, 920.00-930.00 later possible (Feb-08)

Go BULLISH on a break above 16.45, for 18.10-18.70 target area (Mar-08)

Go BULLISH s/term, after break above 320.00. Possible 351.00-357.00 target (Mar-08)

Stay BULLISH with first support at 1210-20, and 1345-70 possible target area (Mar-08)

Stay SQUARE although fresh bull scope exists while 819.00-795.00 can hold dips (Mar-08)

Stay BULLISH with first 11.80-88 target almost met. 12.22/12.65-85 later targets (Mar-08)

Stay BULLISH with 2000 first support, 2222/2290 targets above 2169 (Mar-08)

Stay BULLISH s/term, while 129.50 holds (Mar-08)

Go BULLISH after break above falling resistance line, first target above 73.00 (Mar-08)

Stay BULLISH while 130.70-124.20 area holds, 155.50 next target (Mar-08)

Stay BULLISH for 371.85-372.40 next target



Energy

The year's early revival of bullish trends in **Crude Oil** and **Heating Oil** has so far been short-lived, but important supports have not been breached. **Natural Gas** continues its s/term recovery from a downtrend low.

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Currencies: Light Crude Oil (NYMEX)



Monthly Chart - Continuation

Break above the 78.40 2006 high was a <u>powerful boost to bulls</u> – now offering a major support point on this chart.

A Fibonacci target at 103.60, the traditional swing target off the 78.40-49.90 pullback, at 106.90, and then 2.618 swing target, around 124.50, remain future potential targets.



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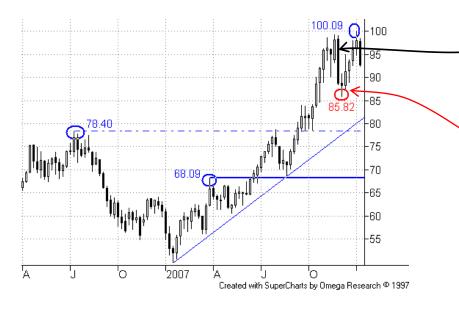
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Energy: Light Crude Oil (NYMEX)



Weekly Chart - Continuation

The <u>reversal week</u> from Nov seems only to have signaled a temporary halt in uptrend.

The Dec low now becomes important support.

Meanwhile there looks to be a prolonged consolidation pattern unfolding.



Daily Chart - Mar-08

As long as the rising support line holds s/term dips then new-found bull momentum is preserved.

However, it is the small bullchannel base projection just above 88.00 that is of more s/term interest –

-a failure of this would upset the bulls' apple cart.

Meanwhile one not-too-distant Fibo projection around 104.25 can be kept in mind.

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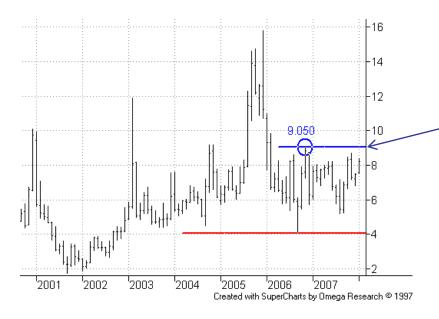
Energy: Natural Gas (NYMEX)

76.4%

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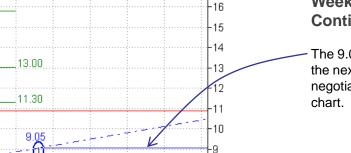
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Monthly Chart – Continuation:

Price remains broadly consolidative above the 4.00 2006 spike low and below the -9.05 Nov-06 high.

It remains possible that a long term base is forming.



Weekly Chart - Continuation

The 9.05 Nov-06 high remains the next important point to negotiate on this continuation chart



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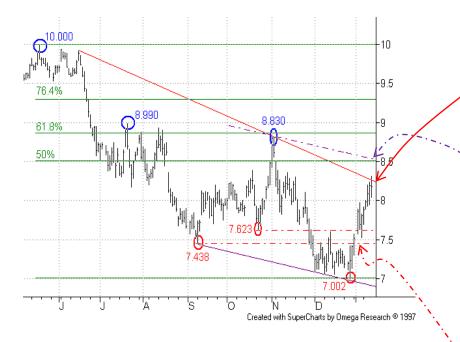
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Energy: Natural Gas (NYMEX)



Daily Chart - Mar-08:

After the modest <u>reversal week</u> following the 7.002 26-Dec low, the falling resistance line has now been tested.

This is the lower end of our target area - the slightly higher bear channel projection around 8.500 may be of more importance as s/term resistance, and upside limited.

A later break of 8.500 improves the med/term outlook. Any change in trend can't be hurried, but subsequent pullbacks could reasonably be classed as corrective only.

Ideally, for bulls, support will come in at/above the 7.44 area.



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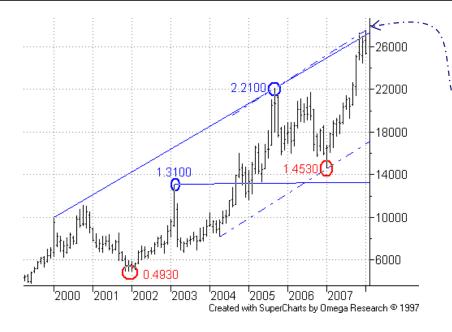
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Energy: Heating Oil (NYMEX)



Monthly Chart – Continuation:

Resistance from the rising line off the Jan-00 high and 3 ½-year bull -channel top projection has come under fresh pressure, but is still holding.

A break above places focus on the traditional swing target of prior 2.2100-1.4530 at 2.9670, and then a Fibo projection around 3.0000.



As with **Crude Oil** the <u>reversal/</u> <u>outside week</u> from Nov was <u>negated by a fresh high.</u>

We currently assume that this price action is part of a consolidation unfolding.





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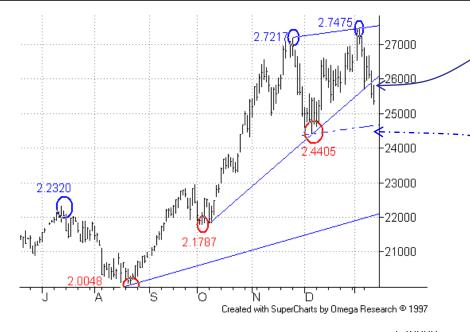
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Energy: Heating Oil (NYMEX)



Daily Chart - Feb-08:

The rising support line has not held, reducing, but not negating bull momentum.

The small bull channel base projection near 2.4700 needs to hold, else medium term bulls could struggle to repair the damage, putting focus on deeper retracements.



Note immediate potential support from the small 76.4% level too –

The 2.5130-2.4700 becomes a risk area for s/term bulls.

We will switch to the Mar-08 contract next week.





Metals

Gold and **Silver** have both continued to rally, the former reaching our next target near to 900.00 in the current medium/long term upmove. In **Copper** the medium term triple top formation is kept in mind, but the s/term chart is bullish.

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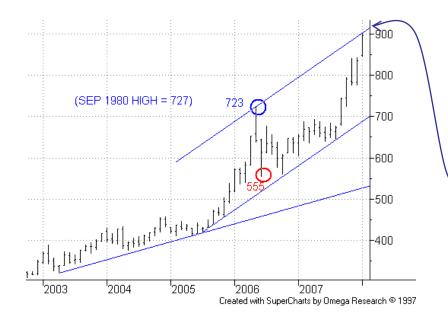
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Metals: Gold (COMEX)



Monthly Chart - Continuation:

After breaking above the major 723-727 highs, the major 875 Jan 1980 spike high has now been exceeded.

Above this and a long term bull channel projection just above 900 has now come under scrutiny.



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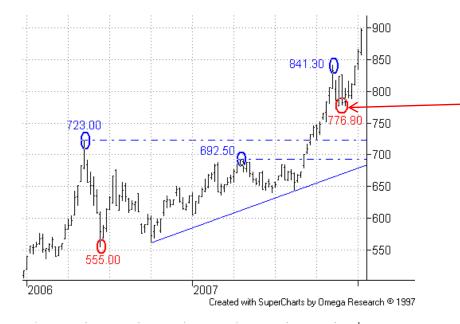
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Metals: Gold (COMEX)



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

On the continuation chart the next bull leg is underway after the Nov low, with the chart structure remaining very constructive.

Daily Chart – Feb-08:

-900

The Nov pullback in Gold found good support from the old 38.2% level, prior to the break of 855.00 Nov high.

Our target beyond the major 875.00 Jan-80 high was around 900.00-901.00, 1.618 swing target off prior 855.00-780.40 decline. This has now been met.

Higher Fibo targets include 920 and 973-75.



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Metals: Gold (COMEX)



Daily Chart – Feb-08:

The break above 855.00 now sees this former high become support.

Failing this then the rising support —line at 820.00 currently is of interest.

The bull channel top projection near 930.00 offers a shorter term limit to gains. Coupled with the 920.00 projection (above) this could be an interesting area if 900.00 is decisively breached.



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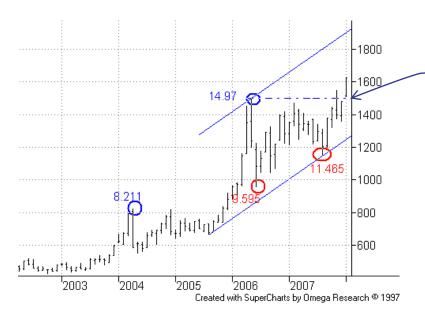
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Metals: Silver (COMEX)



Monthly Chart – Continuation:

The break above 14.97 2006 high reflects a more positive mood now.

At a later stage bull targets such as 1.618 swing off prior 14.970-9.595 decline at 18.29 may be entertained.



Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The overall outlook is very positive.

The first bull channel top
-projection, above 16.00, has now
been tested –

- we begin to look at the higher projection near 17.65.



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Metals: Silver (COMEX)



Daily Chart – Mar-08:

The old rising support/return line has been overcome, leading to a challenge of the 16.445 Nov high.

A break above here opens up the 1.618 swing target off prior 16.445-13.74 pullback, at **18.10**.

Not far above this lies the '11.50-16.445' equality objective from 13.74 Dec low, at **18.70**.

Meanwhile note the 14.97 11-Dec high as a support point for s/term dips.



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Metals: High Grade Copper (COMEX)

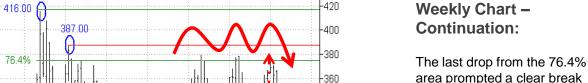
76.4%

234.00



Monthly Chart -Continuation:

After key 238.00 50% support provided a springboard for a sharp recovery, price failed ahead of the major 416.00 high.



317.75 312.95

238.50

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area prompted a clear break below the trading range lows, completing a bearish Triple Top.

This pattern can stay valid, but recent strength starts to complicate things (and see daily chart).

A crude, minimum target lays around 250.00.

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Daily Chart - Mar-08:

Unfortunately the break of the falling support line was short-lived, and the bounce off 61.8% area has developed into a better s/term recovery.

The breach of our 320.00 level has strengthened the bulls' cause for now.

Looking closer...



We are inclined to focus on the -351.00-357.00 area, which encompasses two Fibo projections plus the 76.4% level.

This offers both a target for s/term bulls, and a possible entry area for speculative bears.

Meanwhile the 302.20 31-Dec low may be pivotal in reinstating the bears.





Grains and Softs

Soybeans remain in a strong position, while **Cocoa** increasingly favours the s/term bulls, as **Coffee** lags behind. **Sugar** has effectively reached our first bull target, with more to follow, and the daily **Cotton** chart has started to favour the bulls again too.

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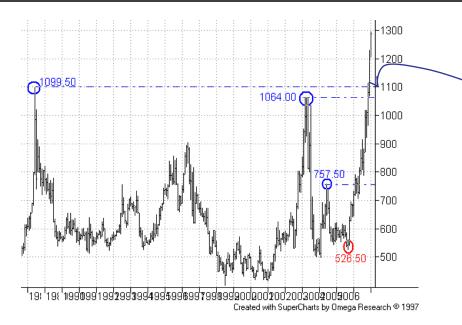
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Grains and Softs: Soybeans (CBOT)



Monthly Chart - Continuation:

The old 1988 1099.50 high has been clearly breached.

This and the 1064.00 2004 high become future support points.



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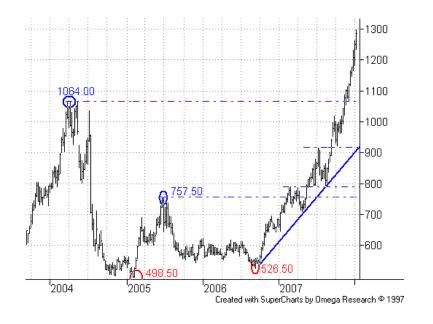
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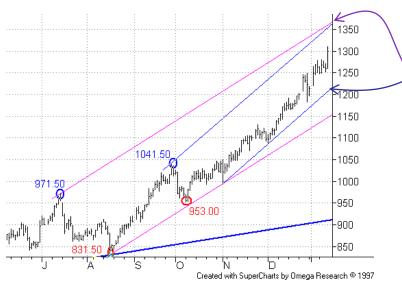


Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The medium term upmove remains very impulsive.

Thoughts begin to turn to the 1.618 swing of the major 1064.00-498.50 2004-05 decline, around 1415.00.

Further detail comes from the daily chart.



Daily Chart – Mar-08:

Current momentum is preserved by the steeper uptrend line now, at 1210-20.

We have drawn in two bull channel top projections, currently converging around **1370**, and potential resistance now.

Ahead of this note a Fibo projection at 1345.00 –

Meanwhile a trend is a trend...



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Grains and Softs: Wheat (CBOT)

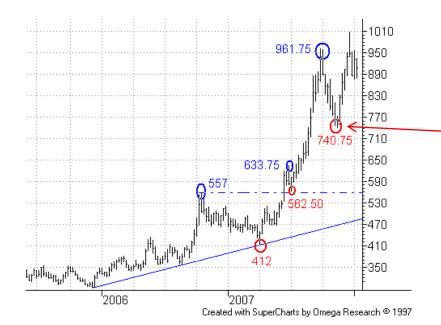


Monthly Chart - Continuation:

Higher targets, such as the 1076.00 1.618 swing projection of the long term 750.00-222.50 1996-99 downmove, remain a possibility.

The old 750.00 high area is now the first significant support point — it worked effectively back in mid-Nov.

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Weekly Chart - Continuation:

Medium term bulls remain in control but we do note the relatively large pullback to 740.75.

This may be just part of a longer term indication of mood change.



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Daily Chart - Mar-08:

The s/term chart structure is unclear, but in the event of further pullback note that most important for bulls now is for the /channel projection near 795.00 to hold any deep pullbacks – a drop below here would be bearish for the medium term.

Meanwhile this line offers a risk level for aggressive buyers on dips.

Keep in mind the 76.4% level too, at 819.00.



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Grains and Softs: Sugar (NYBOT)



Monthly Chart - Continuation:

After testing the 76.4% level, as part of a possible <u>final bear wave</u>, price has started to firm.

We had last year suggested that price may struggle to hold below 76.4% and this has proved right.

Weekly Chart - Continuation:

The presumed last downleg, from 12.65 (12.85 on the front month, Mar-08), in which momentum looked weaker, may well have completed.

The 38.2% level sometimes coincides with a prior notable high and the start of the final leg, which differs in character.

This has happened here after that 12.65 high.

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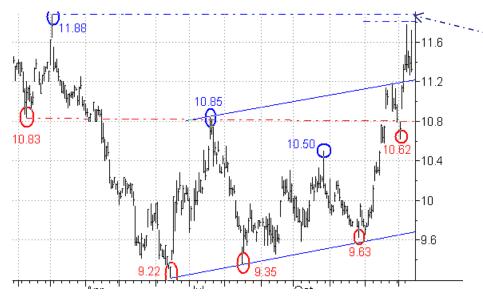
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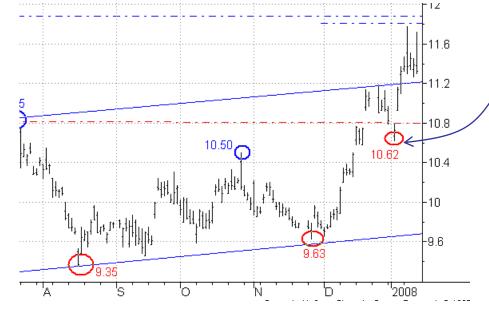
Our first target area has almost been tested, this was the 1.618 swing off prior 10.85-9.35 fall, at 11.80, plus 11.88 Mar-07 high.

Besides 12.65-85 (above) note a higher Fibo target at 12.20-22, but a corrective pullback would not be surprising first.

We remain right to be bullish of this chart, with medium term bull prospects continuing to improve.

Daily Chart – Mar 08:

At the moment, below the immediate 11.20 level, the 10.62-50 area offers support.





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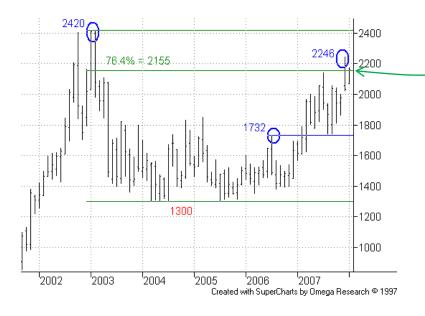
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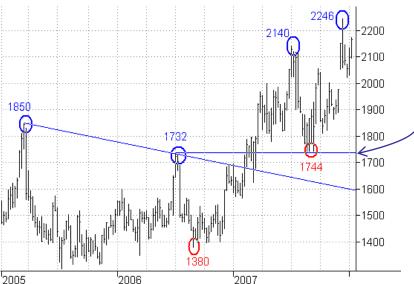


Monthly Chart – Continuation:

The 76.4% level was effective in 2007, and has now been eroded.

A HOLD above here sees not much in the way of a return to the major 2420 peak of 2003.

The rollover to Mar-08 moderated the break but did not negate it.



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Weekly Chart – Continuation:

Effective support from the 2006 1732 high has been the precursor to another medium term bull leg.



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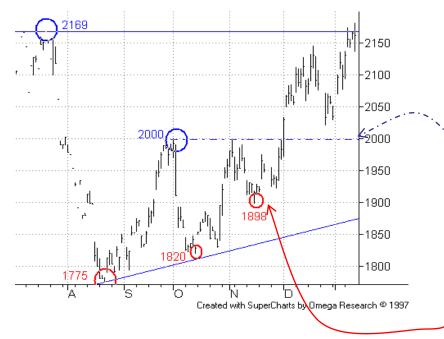
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Daily Chart - Mar-08:

The nice succession of rising highs and lows since the 1820 Oct-07 low remains intact,

and, in particular, the key 2000 support has held, preserving the upward momentum.

This implies power to break through the 2169 Jul-07 high.

A minor Fibo projection at 2220-22 may hinder the initial break, but focus will then be on the 2.618 swing projection off prior 2000-1820 pullback, at **2290**.

A drop below the 898 15-Nov low would imply something seriously wrong with the bullish scenario.



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Grains and Softs: Coffee (NYBOT)



Monthly Chart – Continuation:

A large <u>inverse head & shoulders</u> is trying to complete.

A break/HOLD above the 132 neckline is needed to open up 145.00-147.10, the next important resistance.

The long term bias remains up, particularly while key 80.00 support area holds.

Weekly Chart – Continuation:

Medium term range-trading with an upward bias continues to be the feature here.





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Daily Chart - Mar-08:

Key support from the rising support line from early May and 122.40 02-Nov low have been left behind now.

The 61.8%-76.4% area continues to provide s/term resistance.

We can't yet say whether this rise is merely corrective ahead of a further drop, or not,

But s/term we must remain bullish, and a breach of the 76.4% 139.00 level should provide a boost for the 144.10 Oct-07 high.

The 129.50 26-Dec low offers first support.



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Grains and Softs: Cotton No.2 (NYSE)



Monthly Chart – Continuation:

The <u>bullish break from the 2005-07 consolidation has essentially retained momentum</u> by holding above the former falling resistance line on a closing basis.



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Weekly Chart – Continuation:

Subsequent recovery off good support from the 55.00 area has exceeded the 66.70 Jul-07 high to erode the 61.8% level now.

The daily chart has now turned more positive too...





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Grains and Softs: Cotton No.2 (NYSE)



Daily Chart - Mar-08:

A push through the falling resistance line from Jul-07 is seen as confirmation that bulls are back in control.

This amounts to a break from a large triangle pattern.

Above the 71.45 Jul-07 high minor resistance may emerge from the first parallel above 73.00,

but the higher parallel should be a later target, and there is a 77.50 Fibo projection nearby too.

Rising support at 64.00 must ultimately hold any deep setbacks now.



Other - (these may vary occasionally)

The s/term consolidation in **Orange Juice** has continued, this so far holding above the 61.8% retracement. The **CRB index** remains bullish, having eroded the major 2006 high.

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- + Heating Oil

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- + Silver
- + High Grade Copper

Grains and Softs

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

Other

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- + CRB Index

Other: Orange Juice (NYBOT)



Monthly Chart - Continuation:

The 2007 downmove stopped short of 61.8%, and the major 2002 high at 106.00.



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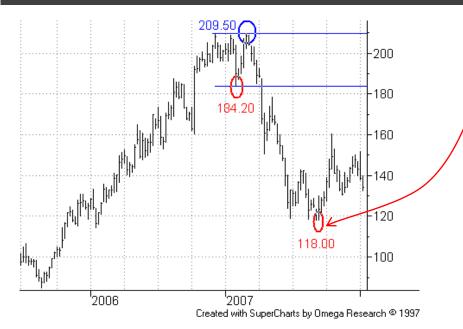
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Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The medium term trend changed after the 118.00 low.

There remains reason to expect another upleg.



The strong recovery off 114.50
Sep low can still bode well for the medium term bulls.

Note how the 155.50 17-Oct high coincides with the 50% level, then former 165.00-166.00 technical area coincides with 61.8%, the next bull target.





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Daily Chart – Mar-08:

First support is offered by the 61.8% area again.

Ideally this will hold now, but ultimately the 124.20 76.4% level must hold in order to avoid serious doubts about bulls' prospects.

Meanwhile we can remain bullish of this chart once the current consolidation runs its course.

Monthly Chart -

Continuation:

old major highs.



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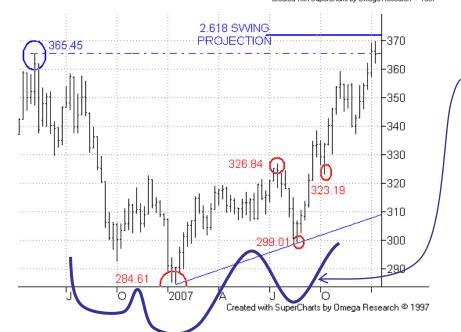
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The 2006 365.45 high has come back into sharp focus now, and has seen an initial erosion.

The pullback from 365.45 found good support from the first of four

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Weekly Chart – Continuation:

The inverse Head & Shoulders has finally supported a return to the major 2006 365.45 high – it now loses its relevance.

Beyond 365.45 our focus is on the major 2.618 swing off 326.84-299.01, at 371.85, which is now close at hand.

More





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Daily Chart:

-The rising old support/return line has now been eroded.

Next target here is the 1.618 swing of prior 359.05-337.40 fall at 372.40 – very near to the 371.85 2.618 target on the weekly chart.

However, also note the new bull channel top projection around **385.00** as a higher limiter to s/term gains.

The channel base is the first notable support now, with 359.05 07-Nov high a minor level at this stage.



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