

Commodity Weekly Technicals

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Technical Outlook

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Market	Short term view (1-3 weeks)			
S&P GSCI TR Index:	Market is approaching the top of the converging range at 5019			
NYMEX Light Crude Oil:	Looking for small retracement back to the 55 and 200 day moving averages			
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S&P GSCI Total Return Index

Market is approaching the top of the converging range at 5019

- > The S&P GSCI Total Return Index has taken out the 4908 December 2013 peak and the 4923/61.8% retracement of the move down from August and is now approaching the top of the converging trading range at 5019, where we suspect that it will stall and slump back into the range.
- > In this vicinity also lies the 78.6% retracement of the move down from August at 5007. We have a support line at 4809 and while above here there will remain an upside bias.
- A break below the support line is necessary to signal a slide back to the 4615 January low.
- > From a longer term perspective the market is trading in the midst of a large converging range between the limits of 4576 and 5019 and is therefore considered to be neutral.

S&P GSCI Total Return Index Weekly Chart



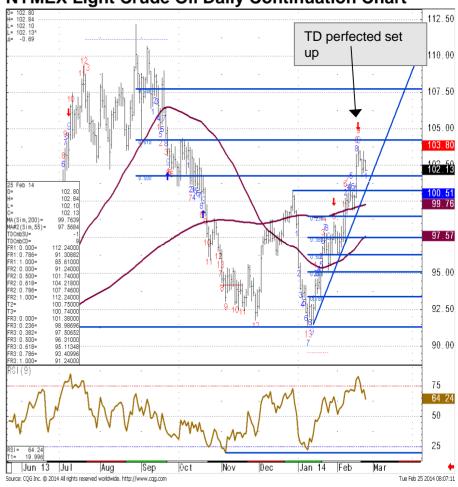


Nymex Light Crude Oil

Looking for small retracement back to the 55 and 200 day moving averages

- WTI crude oil's recent high of 103.29, was accompanied by a TD perfected set up. These often depict areas where market moves are likely to struggle and we would allow for a small retracement back towards the 99.76 200 say ma. Provided that the market stabilises between here and the 97.57 55 day ma, we look for the market to recover and re-attempt the topside.
- Above 103.29 targets the 104.20/38 October high and the 61.8% retracement of the move down from August. Above here would target the 107.75/78.6% retracement. This is regarded as the last defence for the 112.62 2013 high.
- Failure the 55 day ma would suggest upside impetus has been lost and trigger losses to the recent low at 91.30/24, where we suspect that the market will once again hold. The 91.30/24 band represents the January and June low and Fibonacci retracement.

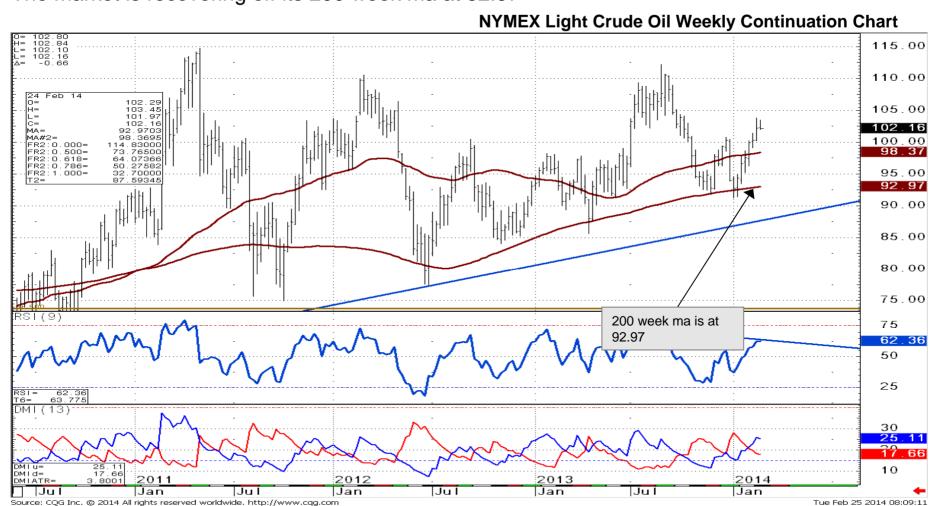
NYMEX Light Crude Oil Daily Continuation Chart





NYMEX Light Crude Oil

The market is recovering off its 200 week ma at 92.97





ICE Brent Crude Oil

Market has rallied to and halted at the 110.65 resistance line

- > Brent crude Oil has rallied to and stalled at the 110.65 resistance line and we should see this market ease lower. Near term a slide back below the 200 day ma at 108.23 is needed to alleviate immediate upside pressure and cast attention back to 105.40/12. The recent low and the 78.6% retracement.
- > This is also the location of the 200 week ma and the 2012 to 2014 uptrend. This is major support and it likely that this will again hold the downside.
- Above 110.65 would introduce potential to the recent highs at 112.80/113.02, which are again expected to cap the topside.
- > We change our longer term bias to neutral. Only a close below 105.12 would act as the break down point to the 102.98 November low and longer term to the 96.75 2013 low.
- > Key resistance is the 113.65 2012-2014 resistance line (see weekly chart on the next slide..

ICE Brent Crude Oil Daily Continuation Chart





ICE Brent Crude Oil - Weekly

In middle of large range 105.17-113.65, market is longer term sidelined



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Brent Vs Crude Oil weekly

Narrowing bias



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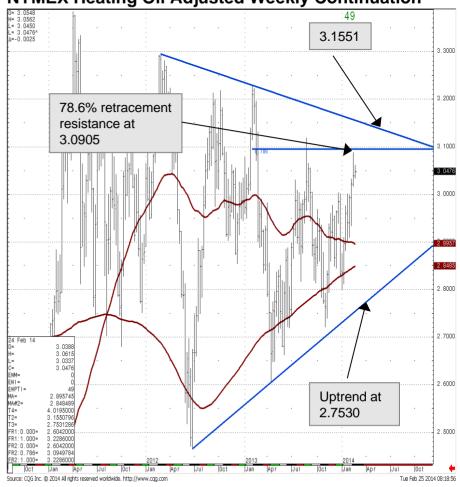


NYMEX Heating Oil

Has extended its rally to the 78.6% retracement resistance at 3.0905 and is stalling.

- > NYMEX Heating Oil, please note that we are using an adjusted continuation chart as the rollover has a large gap. Referring to this chart, the market extended towards and is stalling just ahead of the 78.6% retracement of the move down from February 2013. This is located at 3.0905/50 and we are not surprised that this has held the initial test. Provided that dips lower hold over the 2.9925 accelerated support line, we should see upside pressure maintained.
- > Slightly longer term, the market is in the middle of a large contracting range bordered by 2.8063 and 3.2129. Above 3.0905, it is capable of challenging the 2012-2014 resistance line at 3.1551, this continues to act as the break up point to the 3.33 April 2011 high.
- > While capped by 3.1551 the large trading range will prevail. While capped here, the risk is that we slide back towards the 2012-2014 support line at 2.7530 and directly below here lies 2.7210 November low.
- > The market is neutral medium to longer term while within the range.





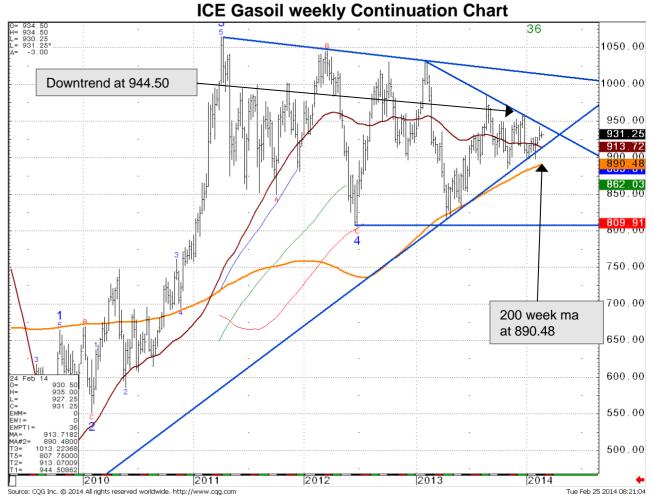


ICE Gasoil

Market has rallied towards and is expected to remain capped by the 2013-2014 downtrend at 944.50

ICE Gasoil weekly Continuation Chart

- ICE Gasoil has rallied towards the 2013-2014 downtrend at 944.50, this offers tough overhead resistance. This is expected to hold the topside and provoke failure
- > Key supports are the recent lows around 898 and the 890.48 200 week ma. The 200 week ma also represents a key break down point for the market longer term.
- Medium term we are neutral. Longer term we are negatively biased and below the 200 week ma we target the 815.50 2013 low.



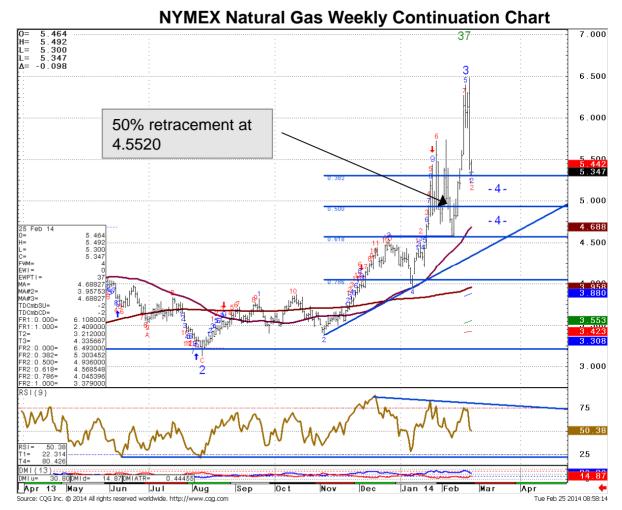
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NYMEX Natural Gas

Market is viewed as having topped at 6.49, looking for near term rallies to now struggle at 5.90.

- Natural Gas has seen a massive acceleration higher to 6.49, which met the 6.40/38.2% retracement of the entire move from 2008 to 2012. The emphatic rejection of price from here suggests some unfinished business on the downside.
- > We note the triple divergence of the daily RSI and when coupled with the 13 count on the weekly chart, this suggests that the market has in fact topped at 6.49.
- The daily Elliott wave count are suggesting a retracement to 5.13 then 4.75, however we suspect this sell off will extend all the way back to the 4.56/57/61.8% retracement and mid February low.
- We have some near term support at 5.30 but rallies are likely to struggle near term at 5.90 ish (50% retracement of the recent sell off.





Natural Gas

Natural Gas weekly chart



Natural Gas monthly chart





NYMEX RBOB Gasoline

Has reached the 55 week ma and should consolidate.

- > RBOB Gasoline has met the 55 week ma at 2.8329. We would allow for some consolidation here and for a small retracement to the 2.7745 200 day ma and possibly the 55 day ma at 2.7037. The market is however slowly grinding higher and at this stage we remain unable to rule out further moves higher towards the 2012-2014 downtrend at 2.96 which should provoke failure.
- > Slightly longer term we are neutral
- The 55 day ma at 2.7037 guards the 2.5940 recent low and the more important support offered by 2.50 down to 2.4440, the November 2011 low.
- Longer term please note that the market has been contained in a converging range for some time (years). A close below 2.4440 will introduce scope for a target sub 2.000 longer term.

RBOB Gasoline Weekly Continuation





LME Copper

Market has again remain capped by the 2011-2014 resistance line at 7305.

- LME Copper rallies have again been rejected by the 7305 2011-2014 resistance line. While capped here our negative bias remains entrenched and we should see support offered by the recent low at 7016 and the 6910 November low re-tested.
- Directly above here, resistance extends to 7534 (May 2013 high) and while capped here, the late July low at 6721 will continue to be targeted
- Only a daily close above 7534 however would mean a continuation of the August advance and target the 61.8% Fibonacci retracement at 7680 and introduce potential for the 200 week ma at 7944.
- > Failure at 6721 will shift attention back to major support at 6635/02 (October 2011 low, 50% retracement of the move up from 2008 to 2011 and June trough).
- > Below 6635/02 would trigger another leg lower to 6037.50, the low seen in 2010.





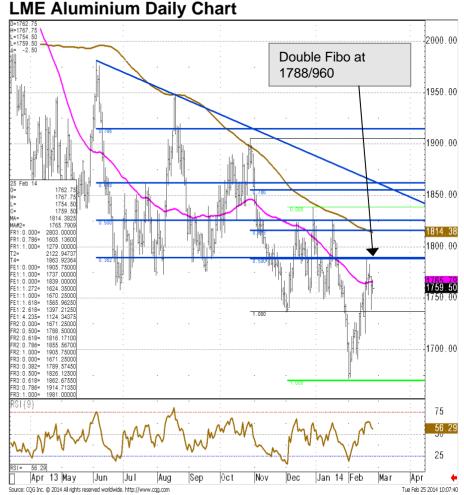


LME Aluminium

Strong rebound has stalled at the 1788/90 double Fibo retracement. Maintain a longer term negative bias while below 1809/14.

LME Aluminium Daily Chart

- LME Aluminium has seen a very strong rebound from just ahead of 1670, the equality move October 2013 to December 2013 taken from the end of December peak. The rebound has reached the double Fibonacci retracement at 1788/90 and is already stalling. However key resistance remains the 2011-2014 downtrend at 1809 and while capped by 1809, a negative bias will remain.
- The market needs to break back below the 1736 December low in order to alleviate immediate upside pressure. This guards the 1670 region and the 1605 78.6% retracement of the move from 2009 to 2011. This is considered to be the last defence for the 20 year support line at 1358/59.
- The market is expected to remain capped by the 2011-2014 downtrend at 1809 and the trend line resistance is reinforced by the 200 day ma at 1814. Directly above the market we have the 55 week ma at 1844 and only should we see a move above here would this negative bias be called into question.



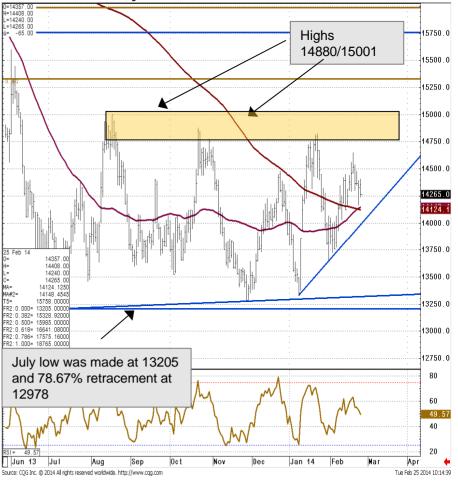


LME Nickel

Market is again stalling ahead of a re-challenge tough resistance at 14880/15325.

- LME Nickel is bid in its range and looks to be shaping up to re-challenge the top of the 6 month range at 14880/15001. Rallies will need to clear the 15001 August high AND the 15195 2012-2014 downtrend to negate downside pressure. It is possible that the market is attempting to base from a longer term perspective and while the 12978 support holds we are neutral.
- The market is bid in its range while above the 13985 minor support line. A weekly close above 15195 would see a rally towards the 17224, 23.6% retracement of the move down from 2011.
- Major support remains 13205, the 2013 low and the 12978
 78.6% retracement of the 2008-2011 rise. This could very well continue to hold the downside short term.
- A weekly close below 12978 will push the 12844 April 2009 high and then the 11925 mid-May 2009 low into the picture.







LME Zinc

Has rebounded from the 55 week ma at 1942.24 and should attempt to recover further towards the 2100/08 December and January highs.

LME Zinc Weekly Chart

- > LME Zinc continues to rebound from its 55 week ma at 1939. It is poised to encounter the 2100/08 resistance once more (December and January highs). Very near term the market is immediately bid above its 55 day ma at 2024.
- Above here will introduce scope to the 2230 the 2013 high. Key resistance remains the 2009-2014 downtrend located at 2237.
- > Key support is the 2010-2014 uptrend at 1864 followed by the more shallow 1809 2011-2014 support line.





ICE ECX Carbon Emissions Dec 2014

Has reached the top of its 2013-2014 channel at 7.25, allow for a retracement into the 6.26/06

- December 2014 ICE ECX Carbon Emissions has rallied to the top of its 2013-2014 channel. Given that we have a 13 count on the daily chart and a complex divergence of the daily RSI, the risk is high that we will see a correction lower.
- Current Elliot wave and Fibonacci retracements are suggesting a pullback to 6.67 then 6.26/06, where we would expect to see stabilisation. This zone consists of the September high, the 38.2% retracement of the move seen in 2014 so far and the 11th February low. It is also the location of the 23.6% retracement of the entire move up from the 2013 low. We would expect to see stabilisation here and recovery.
- Above 7.33 would suggest a rally to the 7.73 December 2012 high en route to 8.00. Longer term the pattern holds potential for a move above here.







ICE ECX Carbon Emissions Dec 2014 Weekly Chart

Market approaching key resistance at 6.97-7.00

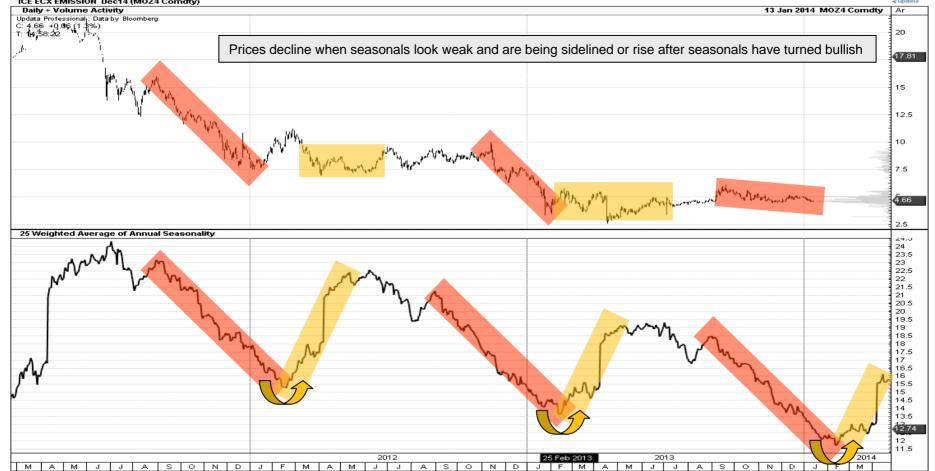




December 2014 Carbon Emissions – Price and Seasonality Chart

Seasonality points to prices stabilising/rising during the first half and falling in the second half of the year





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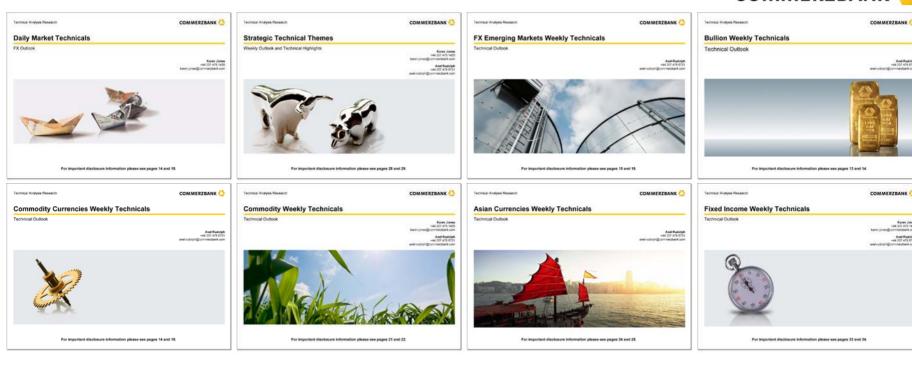
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