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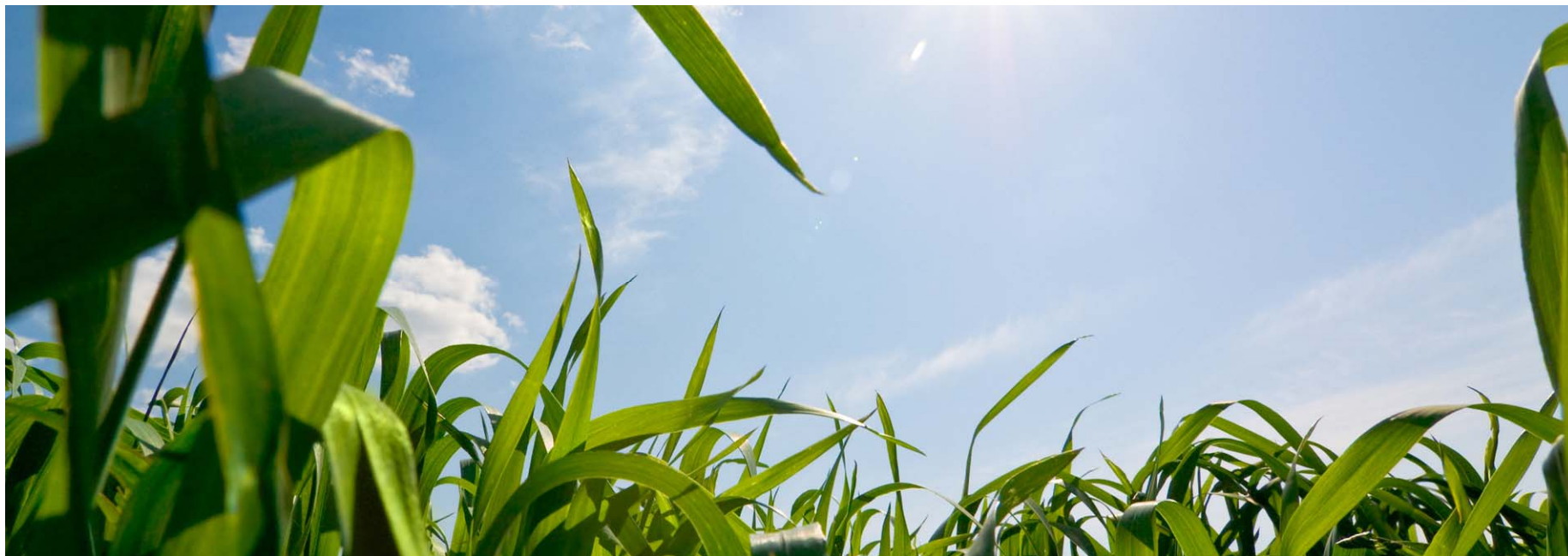
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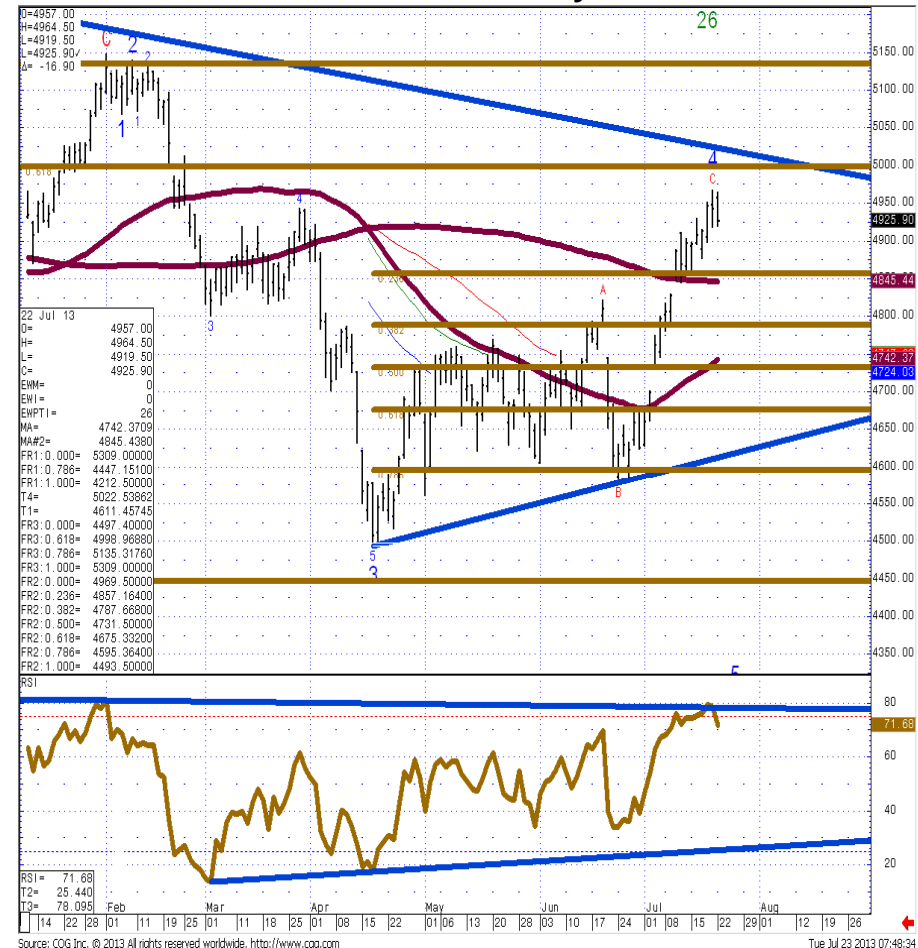
Market	Short term view (1-3 weeks)
S&P GSCI TR Index:	Market is approaching the 5010 2011-2013 downtrend, we look for failure
NYMEX Light Crude Oil:	Divergence of the daily RSI points to a short term retracement
ICE Brent Crude Oil:	Market is consolidating around the 55 week moving average at 109.05, near term risks are on downside
NYMEX Heating Oil:	Stalling on initial test of the 3.1435 Fibonacci resistance, allow for small pullback
ICE Gasoil:	Market is failing ahead of the 935 April high, allow for retracement to base of channel at 882-880
NYMEX Natural Gas:	Choppy and sidelined. Still vulnerable on the downside.
RBOB Gasoline:	The market is correcting lower from its Fibonacci resistance at 3.1432, look for dips to hold in the 2.9250/2.86 vicinity.
LME Copper:	Near term rebound has been capped by 55 dma – favour failure and a retest of the 6635/05 support.
LME Aluminium:	Rallies have yet to clear the 23.6% retracement on a closing basis and are viewed as corrective only.
LME Nickel:	Large divergence on daily chart and 13 count on weekly chart suggests end of down move
LME Zinc:	Market oscillating around the 55 day ma and is basing – increasing risk of recovery to 1958/74
ICE ECX Emissions Dec:	Sidelined but trading above its 55 day ma – suggesting tests of the 4.52 downtrend. Positive bias above its 55 day ma at 4.035– pushing hard into the 4.38 downtrend
Spot Gold:	Rally has reached the 2 month downtrend and 55 day ma at 1341/42, favour failure.

S&P GSCI Total Return Index

Market is approaching the 5010 2011-2013 downtrend

- › The S&P GSCI Total Return Index has continued to crawl slowly higher. It is approaching the 61.8% retracement (of the move down from the September 2012 peak at 4998 and while we remain unable to rule out a test of the 2011-2013 resistance line at 5010, we look for this to hold the topside and provoke failure.
- › We then look for a slide back to the 200 day ma at 4835 en route to the 4787/28.2% retracement and eventually the 4611 3 month support line.
- › Key support remains 4585 the 2009-2013 uptrend which guards the 4493 2013 low and the 4442 50% retracement (of the move 2009-2011). We would expect this 4442 zone to hold the initial test. Failure to do so would see losses to 4212.50, the 2012 low.
- › A weekly close above 5010 will alter the chart to more positive (not favoured) and target the 5148 2013 high.

S&P GSCI Total Return Index Daily Chart



S&P GSCI Total Return Index – Weekly Chart

Approaching the 2011-2013 downtrend at 5010

S&P GSCI Total Return Index Weekly Chart



Nymex Light Crude Oil – Daily Chart

Divergence of the daily RSI points to a short term retracement

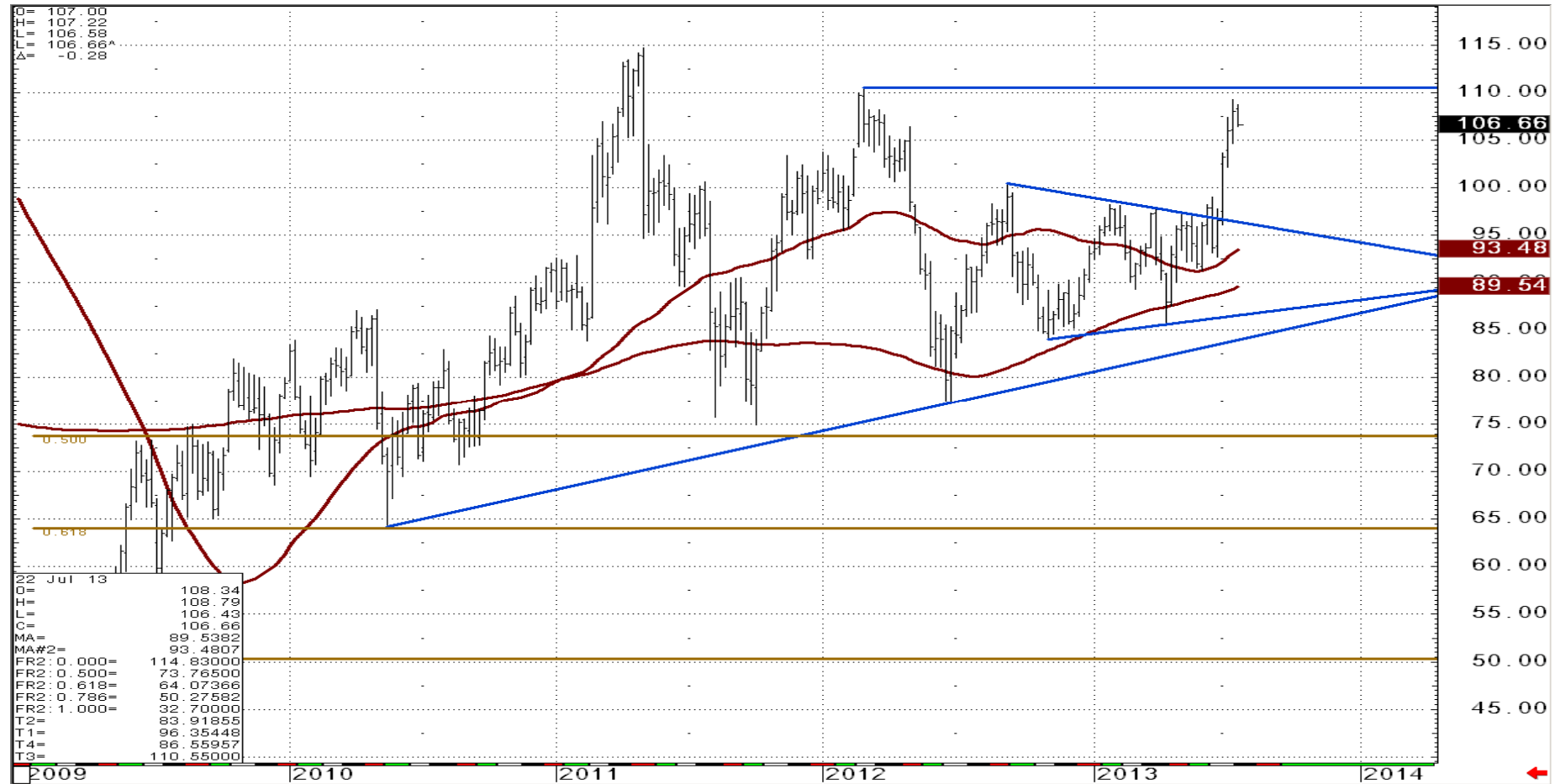
- › WTI Crude Oil the high charted at 109.32 was accompanied with a divergence of the daily RSI and a 13 count on the daily chart – both imply a correction lower is likely and this is currently being seen. The Elliot wave count is suggesting that we will retrace to 104.00 then 102.40 and should then once again recover.
- › An upside bias will persist while the market continues to trade above previous highs at 98.24. While above here scope remains to the 110.55 2012 high and even the 114.83 2011 high. **Note that the triangle offers a 113.00 upside measured target.**
- › The 55 week ma at 93.48 is acting as a short term floor for the market and while above here further upside probes look probable.

NYMEX Light Crude Oil Weekly Continuation Chart



NYMEX Light Crude Oil - weekly

Market is stalling ahead of the 110.55 2012 high



ICE Brent Crude Oil – Daily Chart

Market is consolidating around the 55 week moving average at 109.05, near term risks are on downside

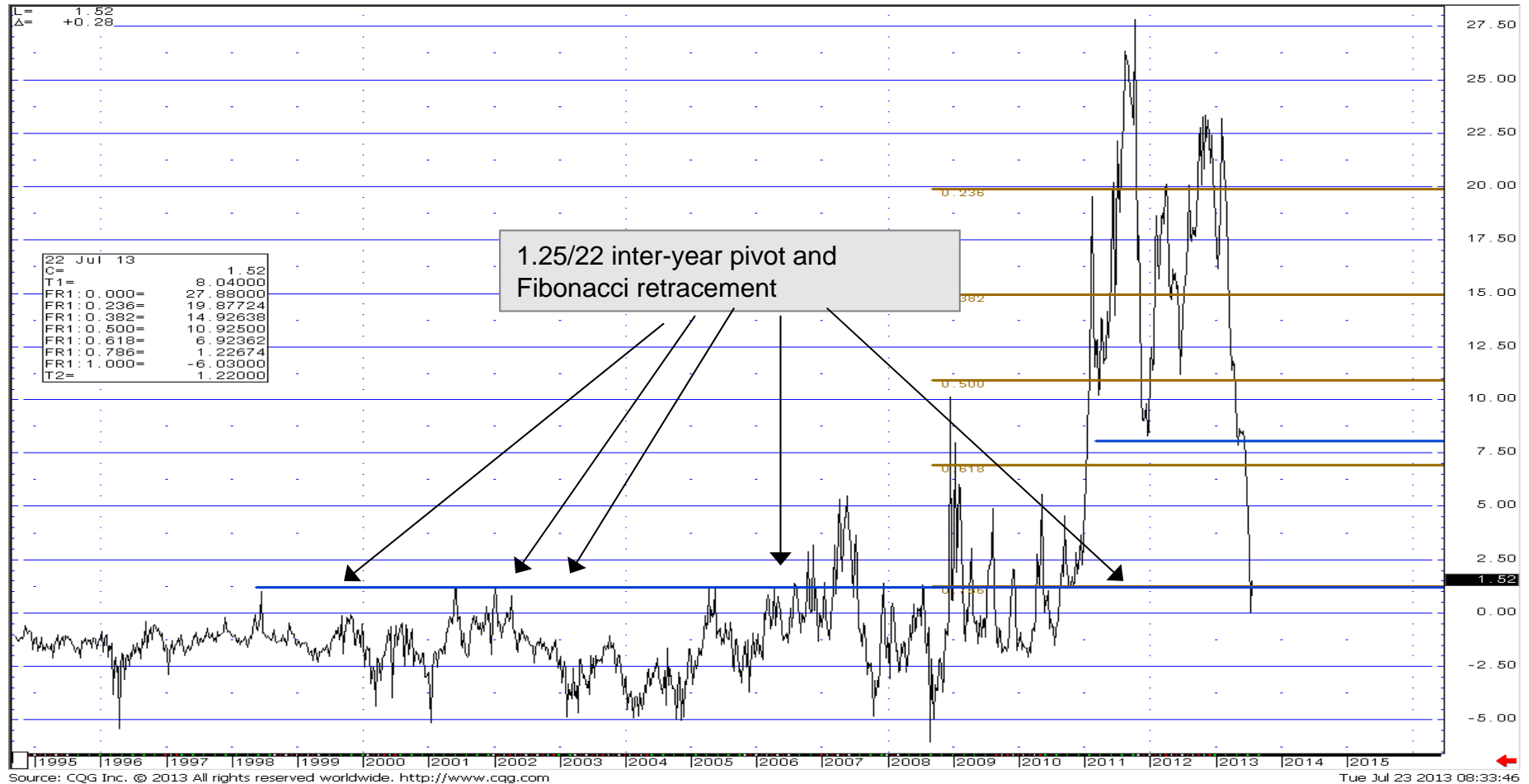
- › Brent crude Oil has reached and is consolidating at its 55 week ma at 109.05, and the 61.8% retracement at 110.60 and the market is consolidating around here. Please note that we also have a TD perfected set up on the daily chart and this also suggests that we should see initial failure between here and the 111.79 April high.
- › Provided this holds the topside, we are likely to see the market gradually ease back to the 55 day ma at 104.58. The 200 week ma at 100.21, continues to act as the short term floor.
- › Our stance has neutralised as the market continues to oscillate within its 55 and 200 week moving averages. Above 111.79 the April high, lies the 114.37, the 78.6% retracement. This is the last defence for the 119.17 February high.

ICE Brent Crude Oil Daily Continuation Chart



Brent-Crude Spread - weekly

The 1.25 inter-year pivot has been reached - market likely to consolidate at zero



NYMEX Heating Oil – Daily Chart

Stalling on initial test of the 3.1435 Fibonacci resistance, allow for small pullback

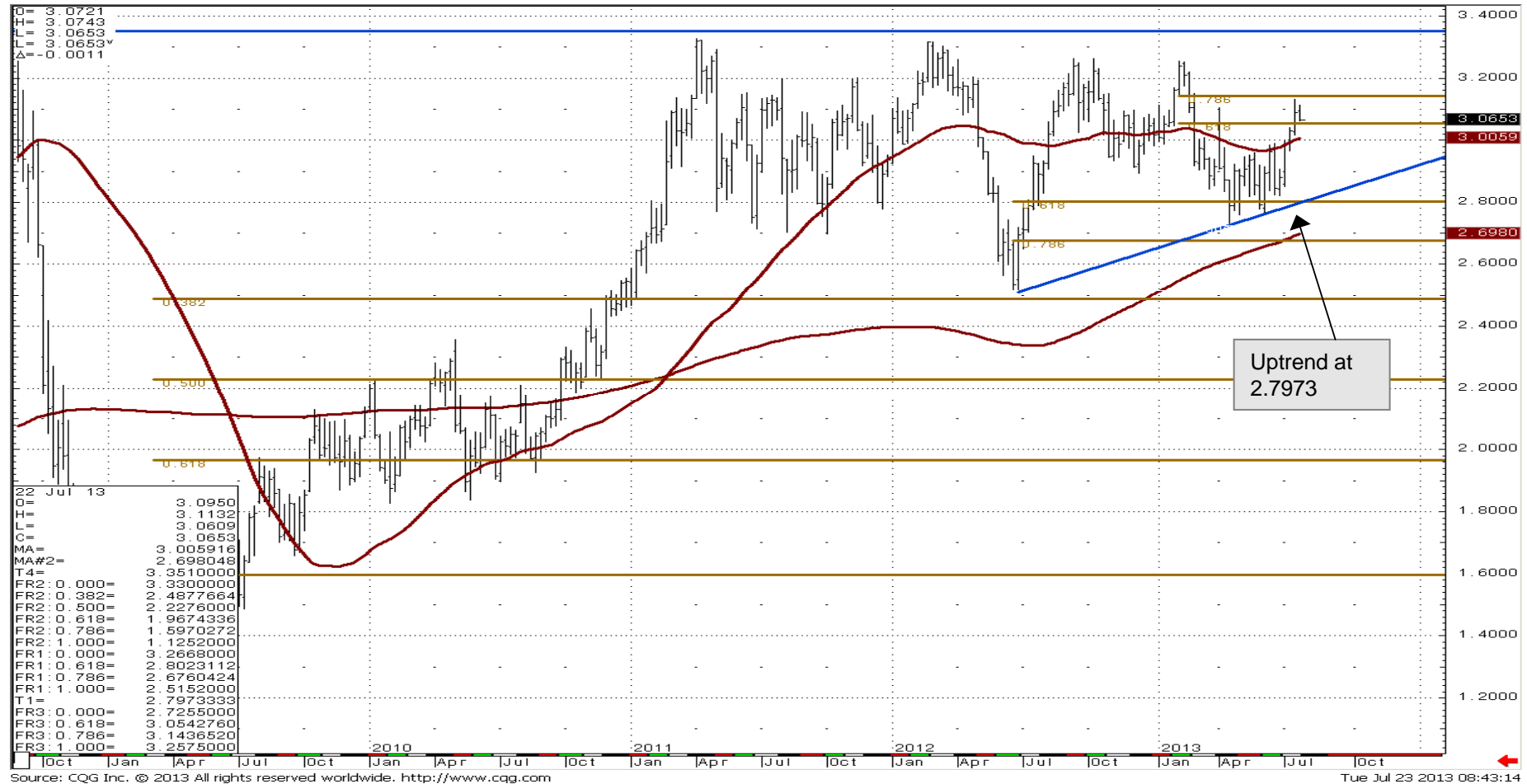
- NYMEX Heating Oil's up move has stalled just ahead of the 3.1435 78.6% retracement. The market looks set to consolidate near term and the Elliott wave count is suggesting that we are likely to see a pull back to the 3.0450/2.99 band.
- Dips lower should generally be well supported by the 200 day moving average at 2.9927. This holding should provoke a retest of the 3.1435 Fibonacci retracement. This is regarded as the last defence for the 3.25/3.33 resistance, which have held the topside since 2011.
- Below the 200 day ma would see slippage back to the 55 day ma 2.9262. Key support remains the 2.7973 uptrend.

NYMEX Heating Oil Daily Continuation Chart



Heating Oil - weekly chart

Inching higher



ICE Gasoil – Daily Chart

Market is failing ahead of the 935 April high, allow for retracement to base of channel at 882-880

- ICE Gasoil has extended its gains towards the 935 April high and 55 week ma at 930, where it has stalled. The market has failed 3 times over the past week at this resistance and we suspect has topped for now. We look for the market to react back to its 55 day ma and channel support at 881.89/880 and recover.
- A close below 880 will trigger losses initially to the 851 3 month support line. Failure here should trigger a slide to the 815.50 recent low and the 805.75 2012 low.
- Longer term, we are neutral to negative and the risk is that the 805.75 low will be retested
- While capped by the 935 April peak we will maintain a neutral to negative bias. Only above 950 will trigger a move to the 985 78.6% retracement.

ICE Gasoil Daily Continuation Chart



NYMEX Natural Gas – Daily Chart

Choppy and sidelined. Still vulnerable on the downside.

- › Natural Gas continues to hold sideways. It continues to chop around the 200 day moving average, currently at 3.689. A recent attempt lower held over the 3.5260 low charted at the end of June and the market is sitting above here.
- › It remains vulnerable on the downside as recently the market eroded its 200 day moving average, Fibonacci support and the 2012-2013 uptrend. We suspect that the market is holding over its 200 week ma at 3.5110 and 38.2% retracement at 3.473 and it may be that these will also need to be eroded for another sell off.
- › Failure here will trigger losses to the 3.1250 February low.
- › Rallies will find initial resistance at 3.78/80 and should remain capped by 4.00, while below here it will make little impact on overhead resistance.

NYMEX Natural Gas Daily Continuation Chart



NYMEX RBOB Gasoline

The market is correcting lower from its Fibonacci resistance at 3.1432, look for dips to hold in the 2.9250/2.86 vicinity

- › RBOB Gasoline has seen an acceleration higher towards 3.1432 78.6% retracement. We note the TD perfected set up on the daily chart and we have seen initial failure here.
- › Dips lower are likely to find initial support at 2.9814 and be contained by 2.9250/2.86 support zone. This is location of the 50% retracement and the 200 day ma. While above here an upside bias is preserved.
- › Key support remains the 2008-2013 uptrend at 2.6553.
- › Beyond this small pullback the market should recover to retest the 3.1432/3.1632 resistance (Fibonacci resistance and recent high). This represents the last defense for the 3.2672 high and the 3.3780 2008-2013 downtrend.
- › It should be noted that recent up swings have looked quite directional and although prepared for another failure at 3.3780 to leave the market still in a large contracting range, the risk is that we will see a break higher. Above 3.3780 would target the 3.48 2011 high and then the 3.6310 2008 high.

RBOB Gasoline Daily Continuation



LME Copper

Near term rebound has been capped by 55 dma – favour failure and a retest of the 6635/05 support.

- › LME Copper continues to rebound from major support at 6635/05 (October 2011 low and 50% retracement of the move up from 2008-2011). This remains a major longer term support zone for the market and this is currently holding. The rebound has yet to tackle the 55 day moving average at 7093/4, or its 2013 resistance line at 7217.
- › We favour failure ahead of the 55 day ma and the downtrend and look for a re-test major support . Below 6635/05 would trigger another leg lower to 6037, the low seen in 2010.
- › Above the 7217 downtrend would see an extension to the 7533/7612 band (May high and 200 day moving average).
- › We should see the 200 day ma at 7612 continue to cap and while below here we will maintain a longer term negative bias.

LME Copper Daily Chart



LME Copper - weekly

Support at 6635/05 remains under the spotlight.



LME Aluminium – Daily Chart

Rallies have yet to clear the 23.6% retracement on a closing basis and are viewed as corrective only.

LME Aluminium Daily Chart

- › LME Aluminium recent rebounds have failed to make much impression on the 55 day moving average at 1848 or the 23.6% retracement at 1856. This leaves risks still on the downside.
- › The market recently breached major support at 1832.25/1809.00. This is made up of the June and August 2012 lows as well as the May low. We note the divergence of the weekly RSI on this break to a new low, but rebounds are now likely to struggle 1848/56 (55 day ma and Fibo) and should remain capped by its recent high and 200 day ma at 1960/81.
- › From a longer term perspective the break lower is negative. Beyond some consolidation we look for losses to 1605, this is the 78.6% retracement of the 2009-2011 move.
- › We now maintain a negative bias while the market trades below the June high at 1981 and only a close above here would force us to neutralise our outlook and imply a deeper retracement towards 2034 then 2095.

LME Aluminium Daily Chart



LME Aluminium - Weekly

Negative bias intact below the 1981 June peak.



Large divergence on daily chart and 13 count on weekly chart suggests end of down move

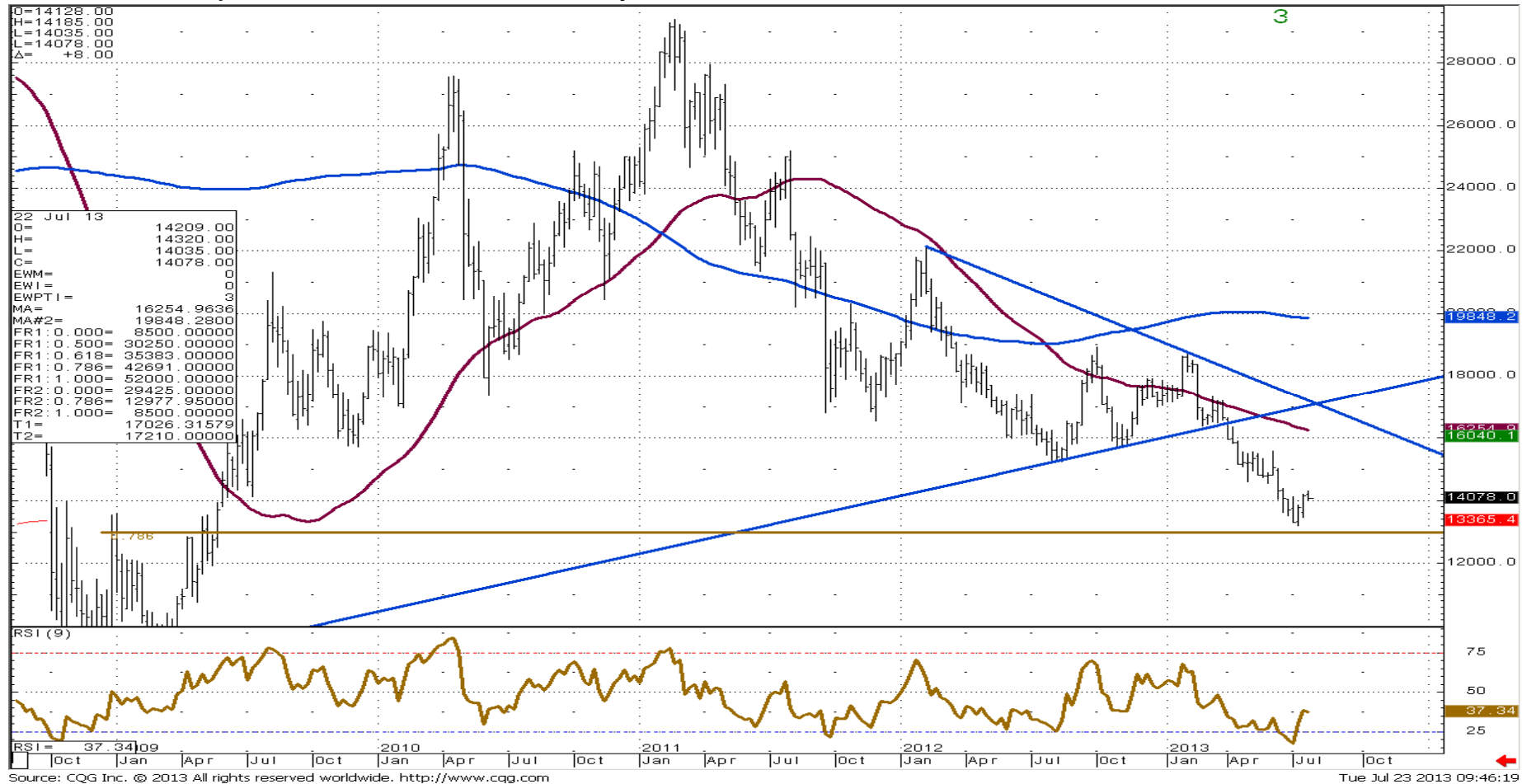
- › LME Nickel has seen a small corrective rebound. This has reached the 55 day ma at 14401 where it is starting to struggle. Currently the 240 minute chart is suggesting that we will merely see a dip back from here to approximately 13875 ahead of further gains presently.
- › The market has recently based just ahead of the 12978/78.6% retracement of the move up from 2008. The low charted has been 13205 . **The 13000/12978 area has been our medium term downside target for a while and we are alert to the idea of a more significant turn be seen (note that there is a 13 count on the weekly).** A move beyond 14610 would be needed as this would then target 15247, the August 2012 low and the 16254 55 week ma.
- › Below 12798 will negate our call for recovery and target the 9250/8500 2009/2009 lows.

LME Nickel Daily Chart



LME Nickel -weekly

Market has come close to its 12978 long term target and is attempting to stabilise ahead of here. We suspect that the market will try to base here.

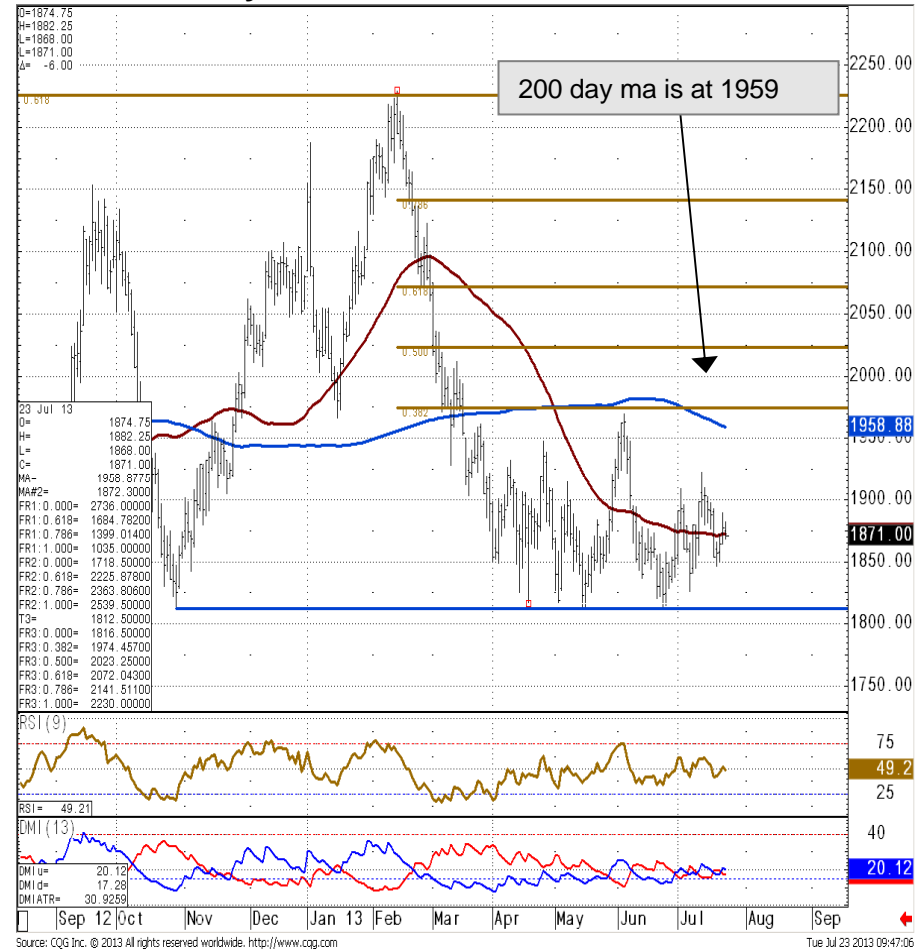


LME Zinc – Daily Chart

Market oscillating around the 55 day ma and is basing – increasing risk of recovery to 1958/74

- › LME Zinc is oscillating around its 55 day ma at 1872. It has recently repeatedly tested and recovered from the major support zone seen at 1812.50/1811.75 (we have seen at least 5 tests), and we suspect is attempting to base very near term.
- › We would allow for short term gains to the 200 day ma at 1959 and 38.2% retracement at 1974. A close above here would imply that the market has based for now.
- › Above 1974 would allow for a deeper recovery towards the 2100 region.
- › We are neutral, but we suspect that the market will attempt to base.
- › Below 1811 we would allow for losses to 1784 the 2011-2013 support line. Key support are the 1718/45 lows seen in 2011 and 2012 . These are expected to act as the break down point to 1577, the 2010 low.

LME Zinc Daily Chart



ICE ECX Carbon Emissions Dec 2013

Positive bias above its 55 day ma at 4.035– pushing hard into the 4.38 downtrend

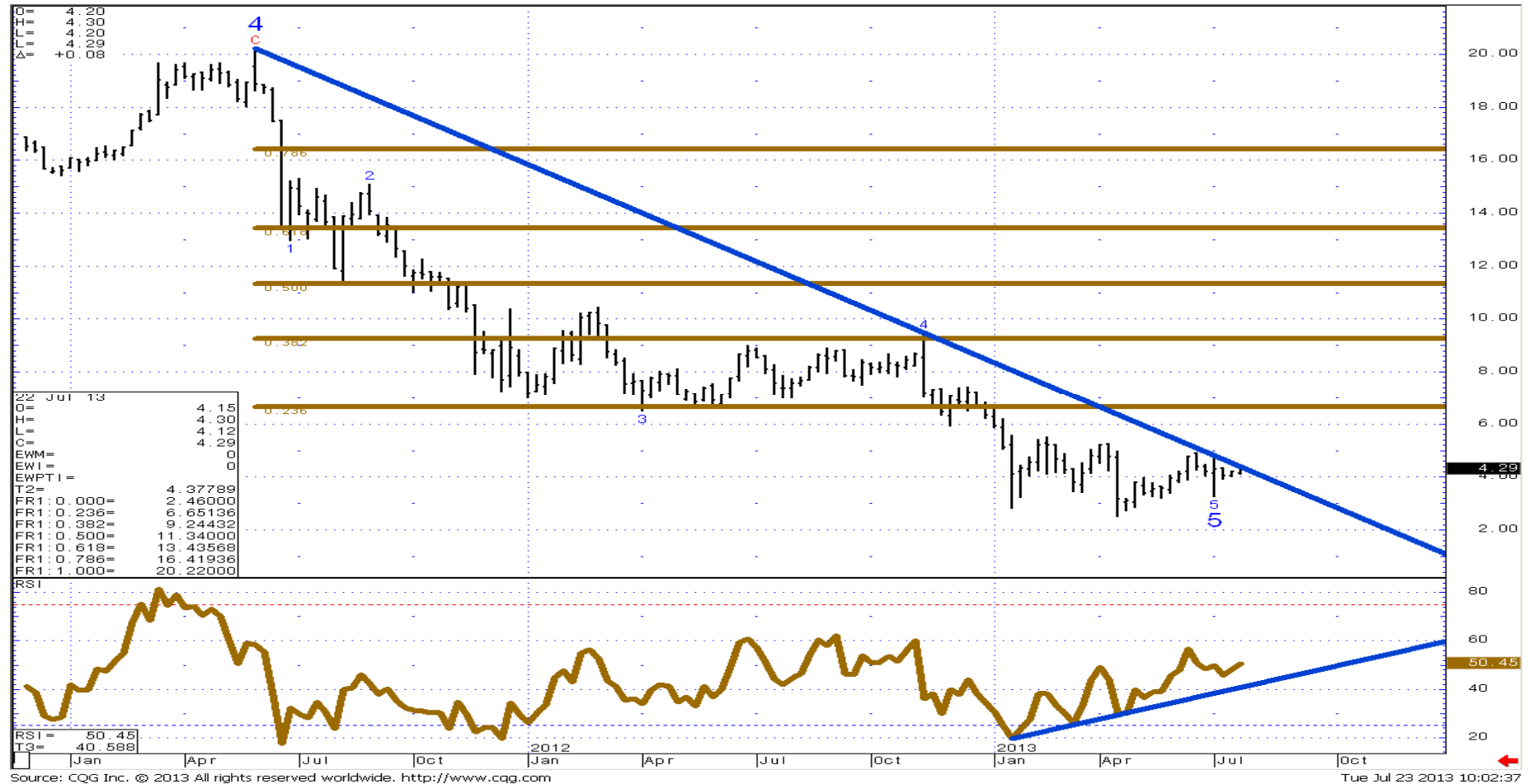
- December 2013 ICE ECX Carbon Emissions remains sandwiched between the 3.20 May low, and the the 2011-2013 4.37 downtrend. It continues to trade above its 55 day ma at 4.036 and this does imply a retest of the 4.38 downtrend . Recent highs have been seen at 4.88/4.90 and ideally we would need to see a close beyond here for an upside bias to be adopted. This would trigger a rally to the 5.25/26 200 day ma initially.
- Failure at 3.20 would leave the market on the defensive once more. We regard the lows seen at 2.81 and 2.46 as intermediate lows, this would suggest that we eventually see the downtrend eroded. Above the downtrend would introduce scope initially to 6.00.
- To offer some idea of timing however we will need to see this break higher by July because in the second half of the year weak seasonality is likely to act as a drag on prices. Should this impetus be lost the risk is we will see prices just hang sideways for the rest of the year.

ICE ECX Carbon Emissions Dec 2013 daily Chart



ICE ECX Carbon Emissions Dec 2013 - weekly

Downtrend at 4.38



Gold - Daily Chart

Rally has reached the 2 month downtrend and 55 day ma at 1341/42, favour failure.

- › Gold remains upside corrective short term and has reached the twin perils of the top of the two much channel at 1336 and the 55 day moving average at 1342.
- › We should ideally see the market fail here, in which case another down leg towards the current July low at 1208.08 and the 1180.04 June low will soon be underway.
- › Failure at 1180.04 will open the way up for the 1162.45/1145.25 significant support zone to be targeted. It contains the January and March 2010 highs, July 2010 low and the 61.8% Fibonacci retracement of the 2008-11 up trend.
- › A close above the 1342 55 day ma would alleviate immediate downside pressure for a deeper retracement to 1415/ 1424.05 – the June high and the 38.2% retracement of the same move.

Support	Resistance	1-Week View	1-Month View
1300& 1270	1341/42	➔	➡
1208.1&1180.0	1415/1424.05		

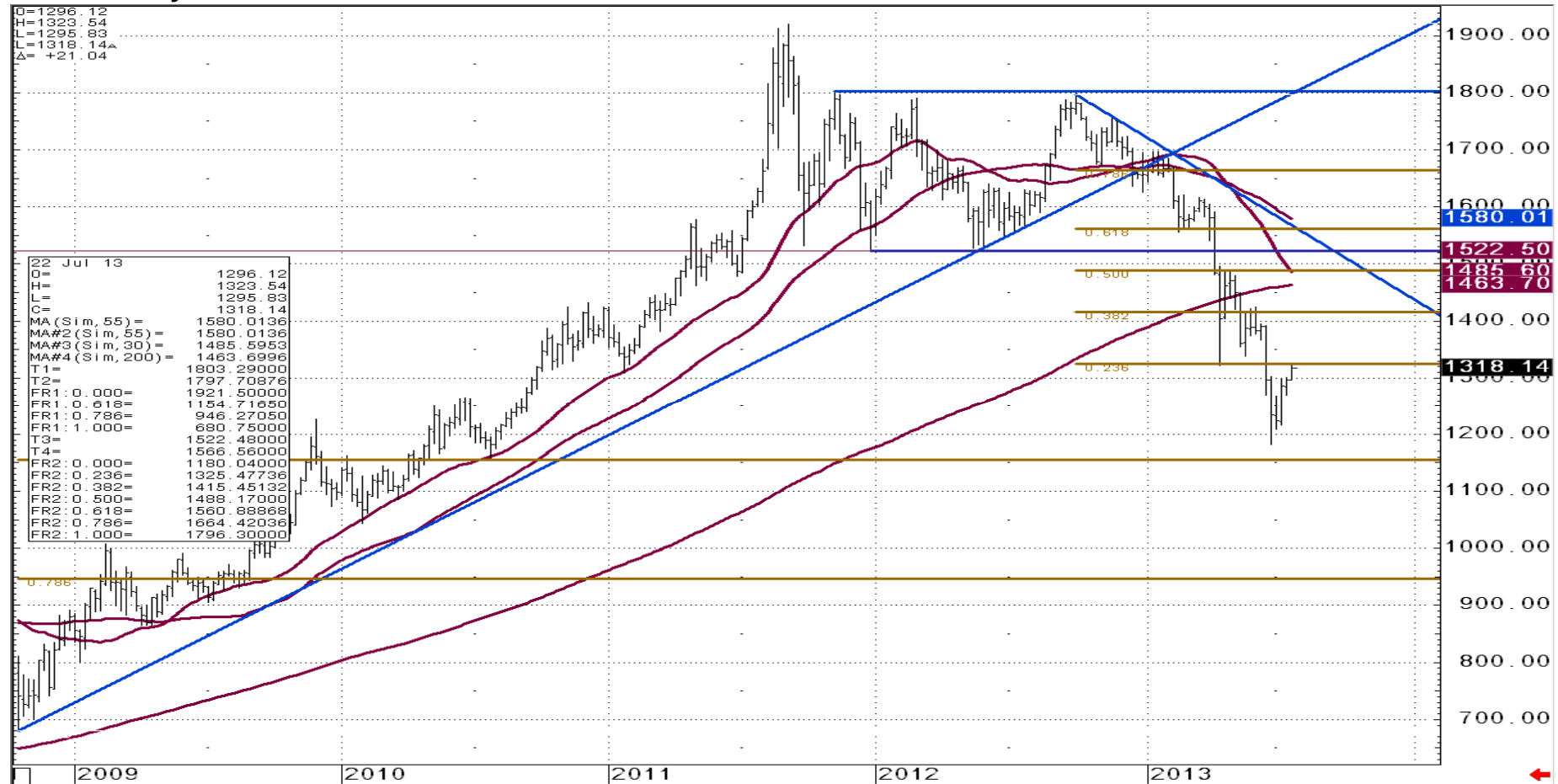
Gold Daily Chart



Gold - Weekly Chart

Near term upside corrective

Gold Weekly Chart



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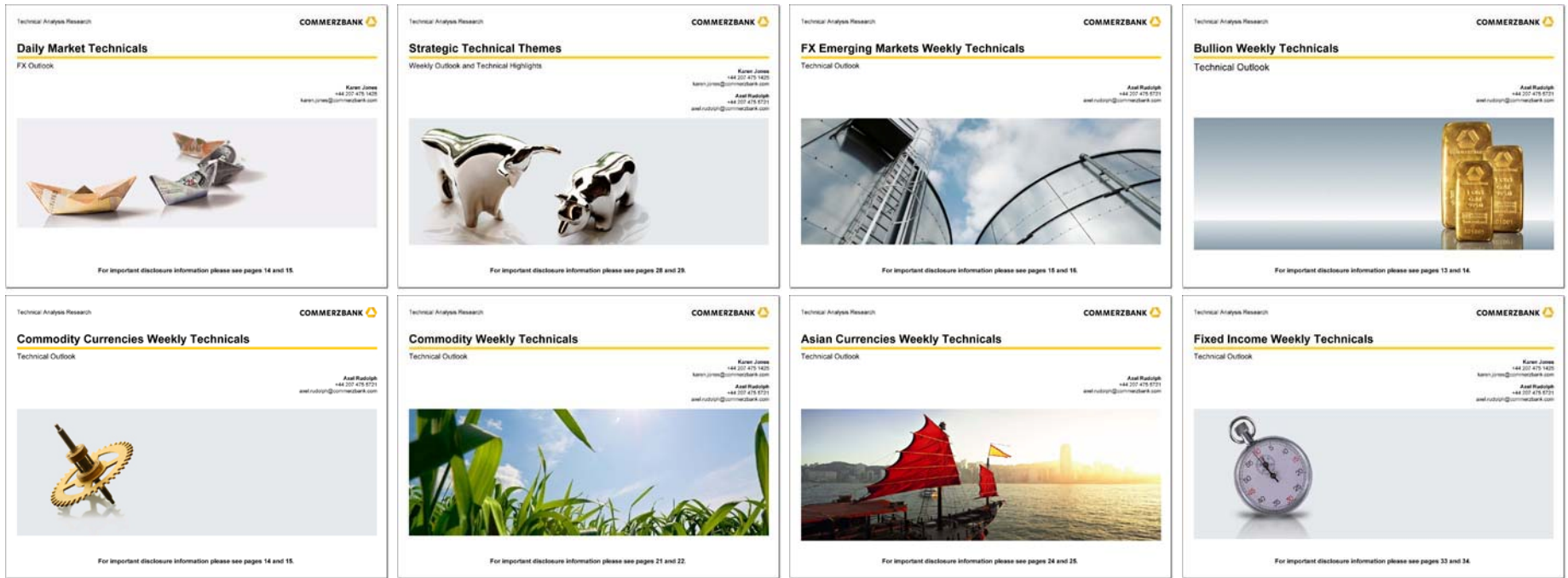
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