Week Ending 13th January 2012

Last week was very interesting with all the posturing in the Persian Gulf between USA & Iran – it will be interesting to see how this all pans out. The US is looking for another theatre of war, now that they are withdrawing troops from Iraq and have now declared that Iran is the Baddie.

I wonder if the main exports from Iraq & Afghanistan were Broccoli instead of Oil and Heroin respectively – would the US have been at war in these countries – I suspect not.

The US has been quite inflammatory with respect to Iran and passed a bill last weekend, denying access to US dollar transactions to any company or country which does business with the Central Bank of Iran. Basically, anyone who buys Iranian Oil, will be denied any international business involving US Dollars – because all such transactions need to be approved by the Federal Reserve in New York.

This has essentially isolated Iran and its Oil and this is the basis for the Iranian retaliations (diplomatic at this time) against USA.

Have a great week all

Futures

Currency - Euro & USD\$

Entries: Robusta Coffee

Exits: Nil

Both Euro-BOBL positions have the same stop now, so we need only show it in the report once each week now.

There have been several questions from subscribers regarding the amount of exposure a trader should have to a single category of the market – specifically that we have had several orders on German Debt. Risk Management prudence dictates that too much exposure to a particular category raises the risk concerned and this is true. However our orders are placed because the charts are giving us potential entry points for 4 of these instruments and we don't know whether all 4 are going to execute or not, so in order to capture the trades which execute, it would make sense to have all orders in the Trading Platform.

From a risk management perspective it would probably be undesireable to hold 4 positions on German Bonds. A solution to this is to hold all orders in the system and when the individual risk tolerance has been reached – cancel the unexecuted orders. This allows the trader to enter 1, 2 or 3 positions, while retaining good risk management procedures and still catching the entries as they occur.

There has been some questions regarding the differences between the following:

Euro-Schatz, Euro-BOBL, Euro-BUND & Euro-BUXL.

They are all German Govt Bonds and represent different time frames

Euro-Schatz 1.75 - 2.25 yrs Euro-BOBL 4.5 - 5.5 yrs Euro-BUND 8.5 - 10.5 yrs Euro BUXL 24 - 35 yrs

These bonds all have a nominal value of Euro 100,000 and a nominal return of 6%.

The colour coding we are currently using is as follows:

Amended orders or stops

Retained Orders or stops – no change

New working orders

Immediate action required

Short Sell

Open Positions

Stops: Old Action New

Amended

Nil

Retained

Euro-BOBL	GBM	123.3	Retain	123.3
Euro-Schatz	GBS	110	Retain	110
Long Gilt	LLG	114.8	Retain	114.8
Robusta Coffee	LRC	1835	Retain	1835
10 Yr Bond	YXB	95.90	Retain	95.90

Cancelled Orders

Nil

Working Orders

Commodity Code Contract & Month Direction Entry Stop

Amended

Retailled	II 291.3 302.5
Retained	11 291.3 302.5
Singapore Index SSG SSGF2 – Jan '12 Se	II 291.3 302.5
White Sugar No 5 LSU WH2 – Feb '12 Se	II 586.1 600.7
Euro-BUXL GBX FGBXH2- Mar '12 Bu	y 130.5 126.0
Euro-Bund GBL FGBLH2 – Mar '12 Bu	y 140.6 137.9

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Commodity New	Code	Contract & Month	Direction	Entry	Stop
Brent Crude Oil	ВС	LCOG2 – Feb '12	Buy	118.4	111.6
Crude Oil – Nymex	CL	CKG2 – Feb '12	Buy	106.9	100.2
Gas Oil	GO	FPG2 – Feb '12	Buy	1016	968.3
WTI Crude Oil	WTI	WBSG2 – Feb '12	Buy	107	100.1

Charts









