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US Jobs Subdued

Employment gains continue to lie on the wrong side of 100,000 per month in the US, which makes it increasingly difficult to discount the weakness as being purely down to a payback from the warm winter weather. The three-month average growth rate in private payrolls declined to 84,000 in June, which is the lowest level since July 2010.

Looking at the details of the report, the private goods producing sector added 13,000 jobs as construction employment rebounded to 2,000 after four months of continuous declines and manufacturing employment rose 11,000. Employment in the private service providing sector rose 71,000. The main contributors were business services adding 47,000 and leisure and hospitality 13,000. The government sector continues to shed jobs but at a slower pace with job growth at -4,000 in June compared with an average -23,000 in the prior two months.

The unemployment rate held steady at 8.2% (8.217% up from 8.206% in May). Household employment rose 128,000 but the labor force increased 156,000.

The positive news in the report was found in the average workweek, which took back the decline in May, rising to 34.5. This leaves aggregate hours up 0.4% m/m and with average hourly earnings rising 0.3% m/m it leaves some support for income growth and kept our proxy for nominal income growth at 2.3% on a three-month annualized basis.

With private employment growing at its weakest pace since July 2010 the fragile state of the job market in the US should keep the Fed alert. That said, the latest print of initial jobless claims (from the week ending on June 30) showed some improvement and the employment indexes in the ISM surveys are holding up, leaving a slightly less downbeat picture. We see the chance of further QE from the Fed in August as being slightly above 50% currently but this will depend on the remaining data received over the next four weeks. Although analysts expect job growth to pick up some more speed over the coming months, the current environment of high uncertainty and low income growth should keep private consumption and overall GDP growth below trend for the remainder of the year.

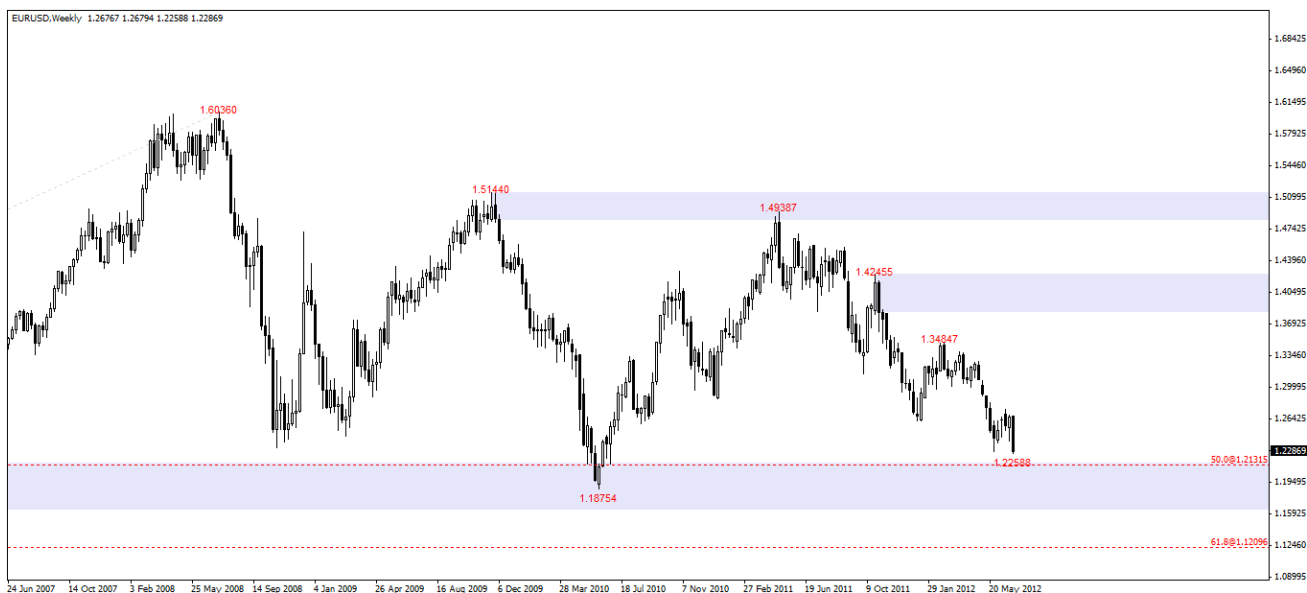
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EUR-USD MONTHLY



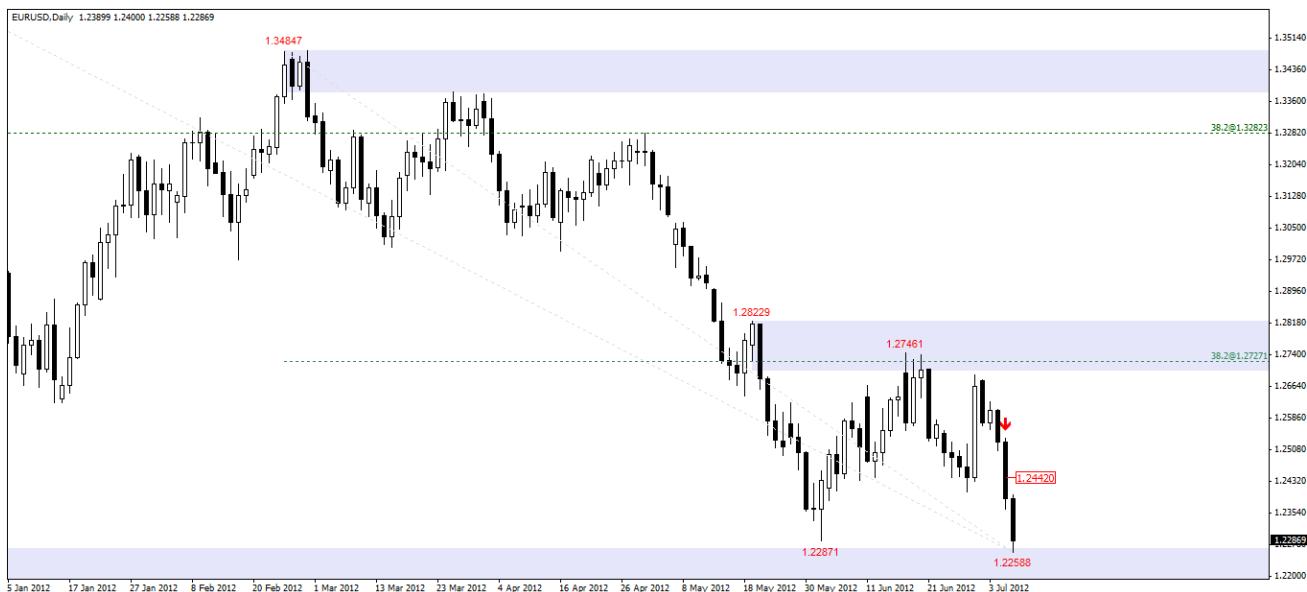
EUR-USD WEEKLY



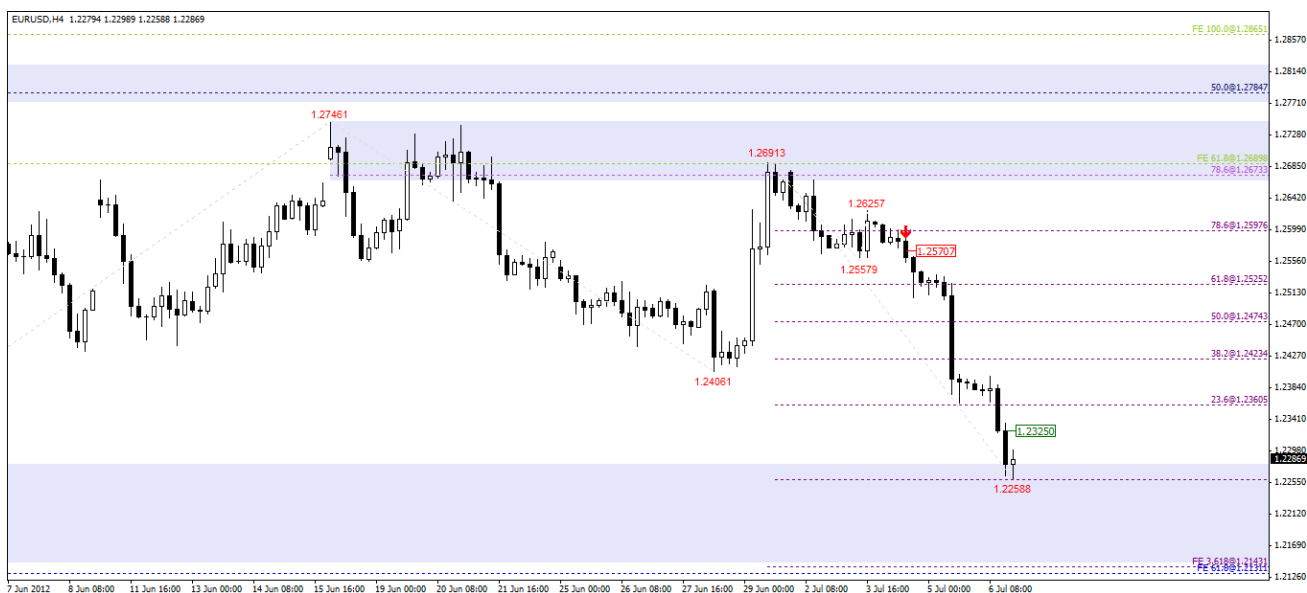
EUR-USD The Big Picture

In the bigger picture, the rise from 0.82250 to 1.60370 is part of a longer-term rally. Likewise, the fall from the July 15, 2008 high of 1.60370 marked the start of a long-term consolidation/continuation pattern which may ultimately stretch to the 61.8% retracement of 0.82250 to 1.60370 at **1.12092**; from which price action is likely to rise beyond its all-time high in a multi-year rally. As noted, the 100.0% projection of 1.49387 to 1.31449 from 1.42445 at **1.24507** represents perhaps the last line of defense before an all-out assault on the 2001 low of **1.18754** begins in earnest. May saw an almost 900 pips drop before stabilizing in June; recovering some 300 pips of May losses but this week was practically a one-way street. The first week of July ended with a bang, erasing the entire June's gains and then some. At the lowest point, it registered a loss of 418 pips. At this rate, price action is fast approaching the 50.0% retracement of 0.82250 to 1.60370 at **1.21310**. Over the longer-term, the fall from 1.49387 is merely an extension of the longer-term flag formation which, as noted, may ultimately stretch to the 61.8% retracement of 0.82250 to 1.60370 at **1.12092**.

EUR-USD DAILY



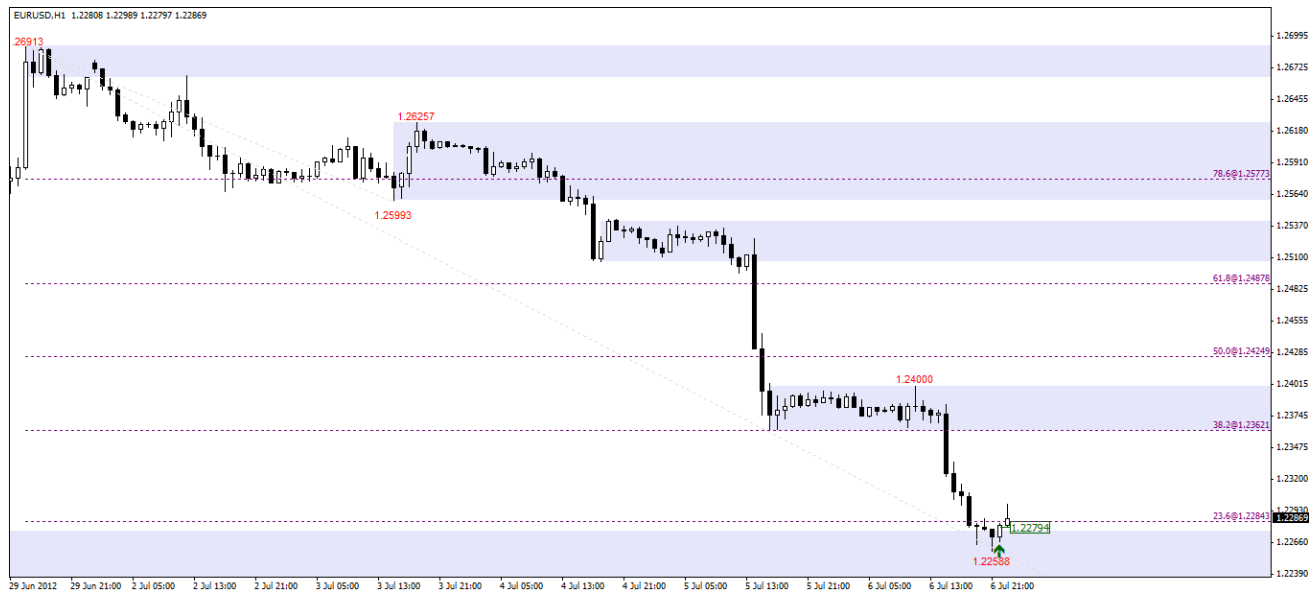
EUR-USD 4-HOURLY



EUR-USD Short to Medium-Term Views

As noted, Wednesday's price action provided clue to what was to follow for the rest of the week. It fell through two minor DZs at **1.25512-1.25970** and **1.24061-1.24525** within a span of 48 hours, and then broke below last Friday's low of **1.24061** the following day. Friday saw yet another key level taken out, being the 2.618% projection of 1.26913 to 1.25579 from 1.26257 at **1.22765**. Friday traded to as low as 1.22588 and into a key DZ at **1.21453-1.22794**. This zone is turn just above the 61.8% projection of 1.32822 to 1.22871 from 1.27461 at **1.21311** which incidentally is just above the 3.618% projection 1.26913 to 1.25579 from 1.26257 at **1.21430**. With key levels clustering between 1.21311 and 1.22794, there is a very good chance serious buying interests would emerge from within these levels. Technically, this week's fall has fulfilled the 5-wave down structure and there is a possibility price action may next rebound back to the 4th wave of 1 lesser degree, being the 38.2% retracement of 1.34847 to 1.22588 at **1.27271** or the SZ at **1.27047-1.28229** (see D1 chart). Therefore, selling at current levels is a not a very wise choice. All things considered, short-term counter-trend trades now have better odds. From here on, buy signals on H1 chart - especially within the DZ at **1.21453-1.22794** - should be acted upon with tight stops just below each pivot low. The idea is to position shorts within the SZ at **1.27047-1.28229** for the next leg down.

EUR-USD 1-HOURLY

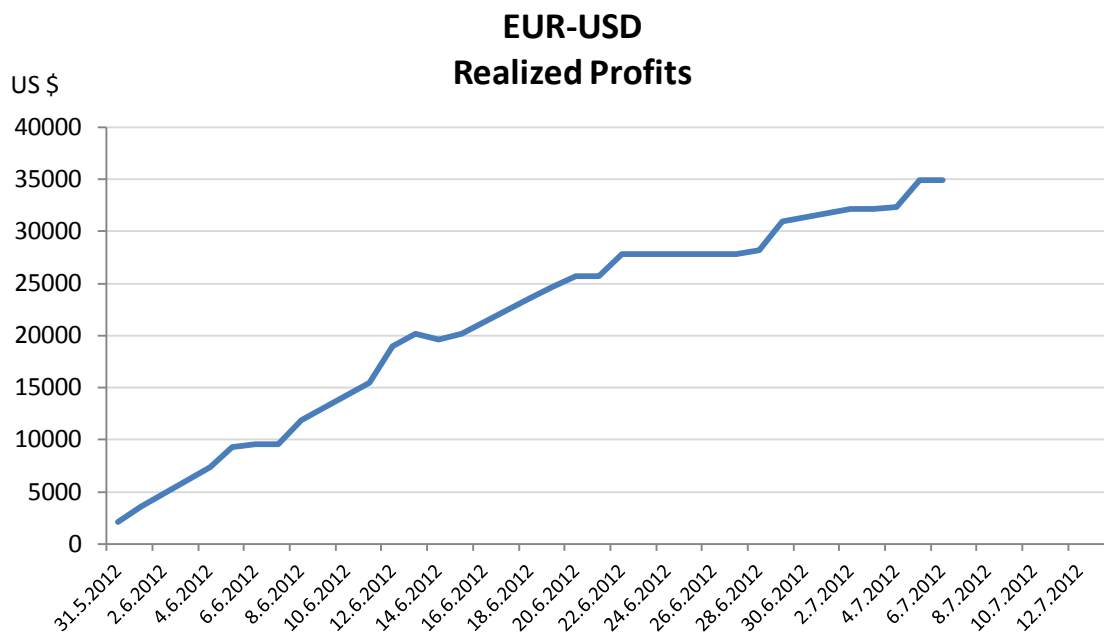
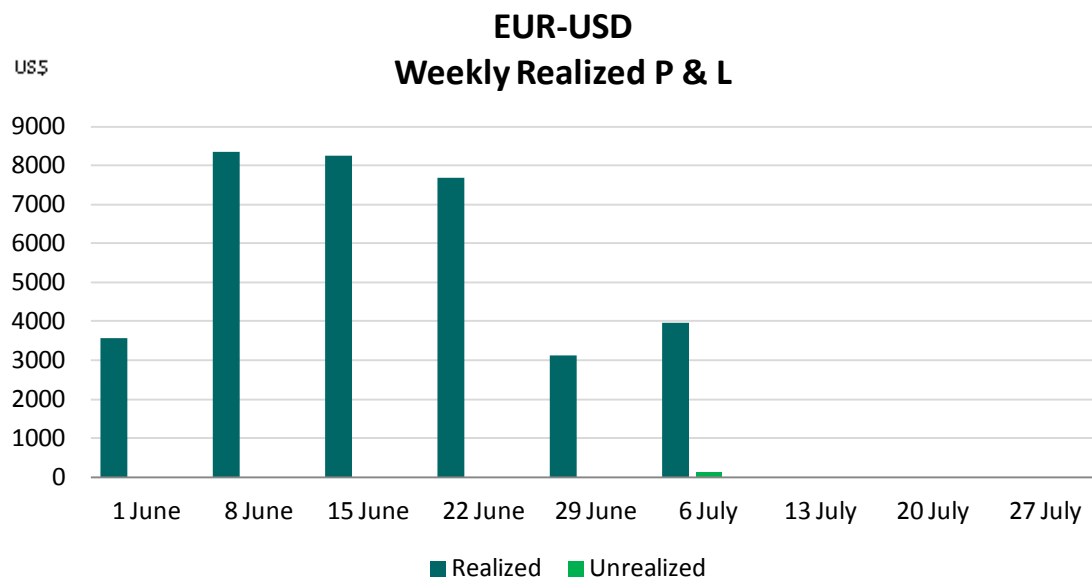


Trade Ideas

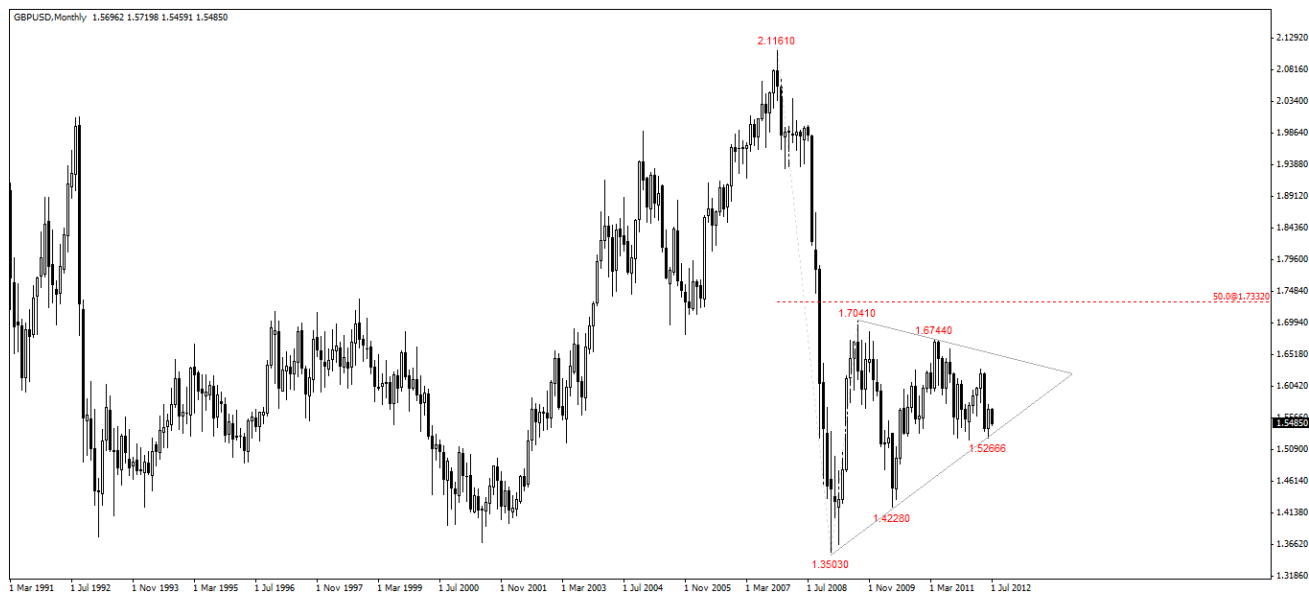
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Weekly Consolidated Performance

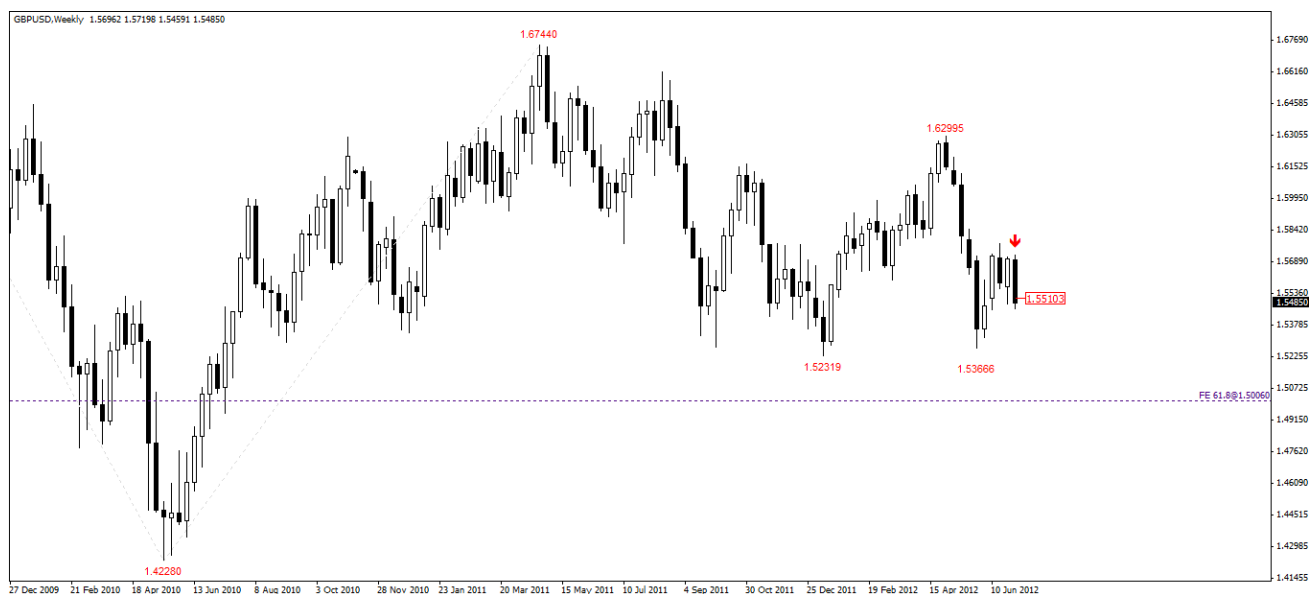
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EUR-USD	03-07-2012	1.0	1.25974	04-07-2012	1.0	1.26049	+\$75.00		+\$32,226.00
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EUR-USD	05-07-2012	1.0	1.24525	04-07-2012	1.0	1.26049	+\$1,524.00	+\$2,625.00	+\$34,926.00
EUR-USD	06-07-2012	1.0	1.22794	07-06-2012	1.0	1.22869	+75.00		
EUR-USD	06-07-2012	1.0	1.22794	07-06-2012	1.0	1.22869	+75.00		
Unrealized							+\$150.00	+\$3,959.00	



GBP-USD MONTHLY



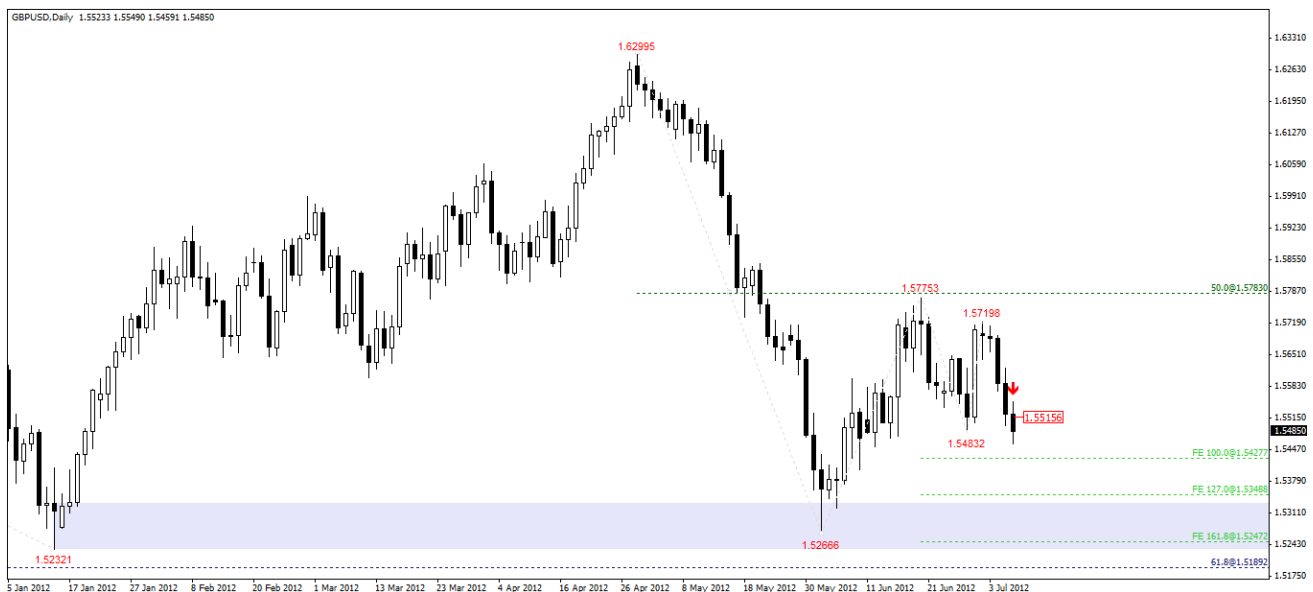
GBP-USD WEEKLY



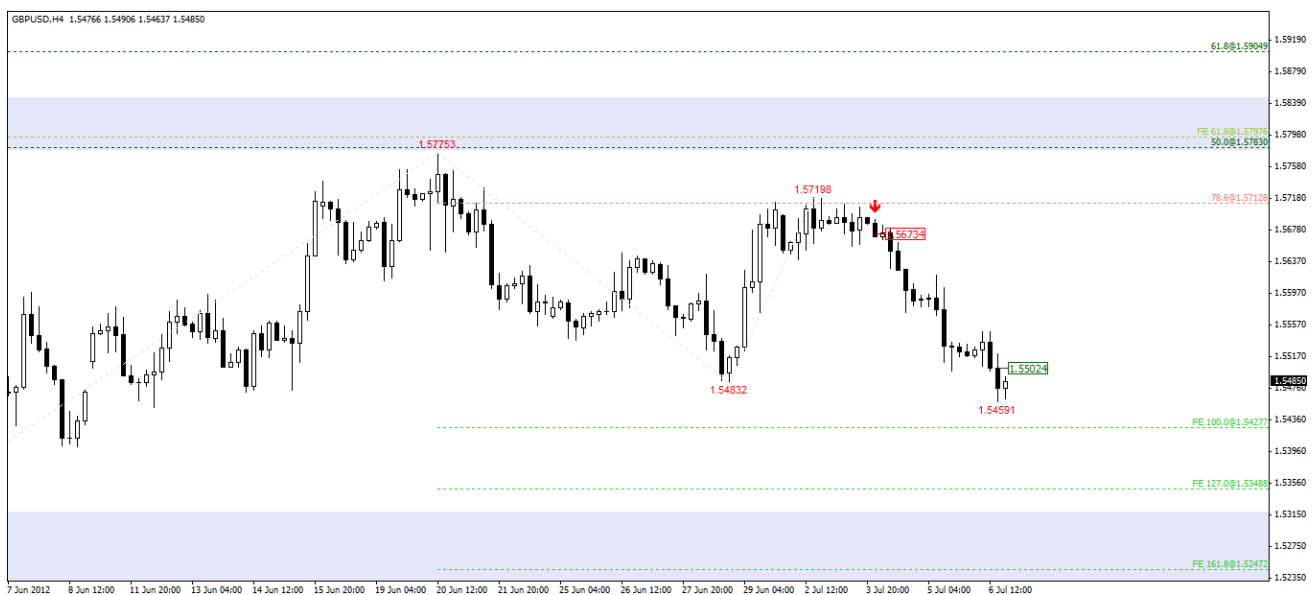
GBP-USD The Big Picture

In the bigger picture, price action from the 2009 low of 1.35030 is treated as a correction to the longer-term downtrend from the 2007 high of 2.11610. This multi-year correction beginning at the start of 2008 is developing into a triangle - which is a continuation pattern. Since the beginning of 2012, price action had rebounded from just above the baseline of the triangle formation near the 61.8% retracement of 1.42280 to 1.67440 at **1.51891** with a low of 1.52319. The rally from there terminated at 1.62995 - on the last day of the April. May threatened to break out of the triangle formation only to hold at the baseline once again and rebounded. After a month of recovery in June which at one stage managed a rebound of some 50.0% of May's losses, the first week of July gave us a taste of what is to come in the following weeks. As noted, a weekly close below **1.55103** would suggest that the recovery seen in June is over and focus will once again shift towards the baseline of the triangle formation. Friday's close at 1.54580 has probably closed the window of opportunity for the remaining bulls. Sustained trading below this long-term triangle baseline would invariably see this market extending its losses towards the longer-term target at the 61.8% projection of 2.11610 to 1.35030 from 1.70410 at **1.23084**.

GBP-USD DAILY



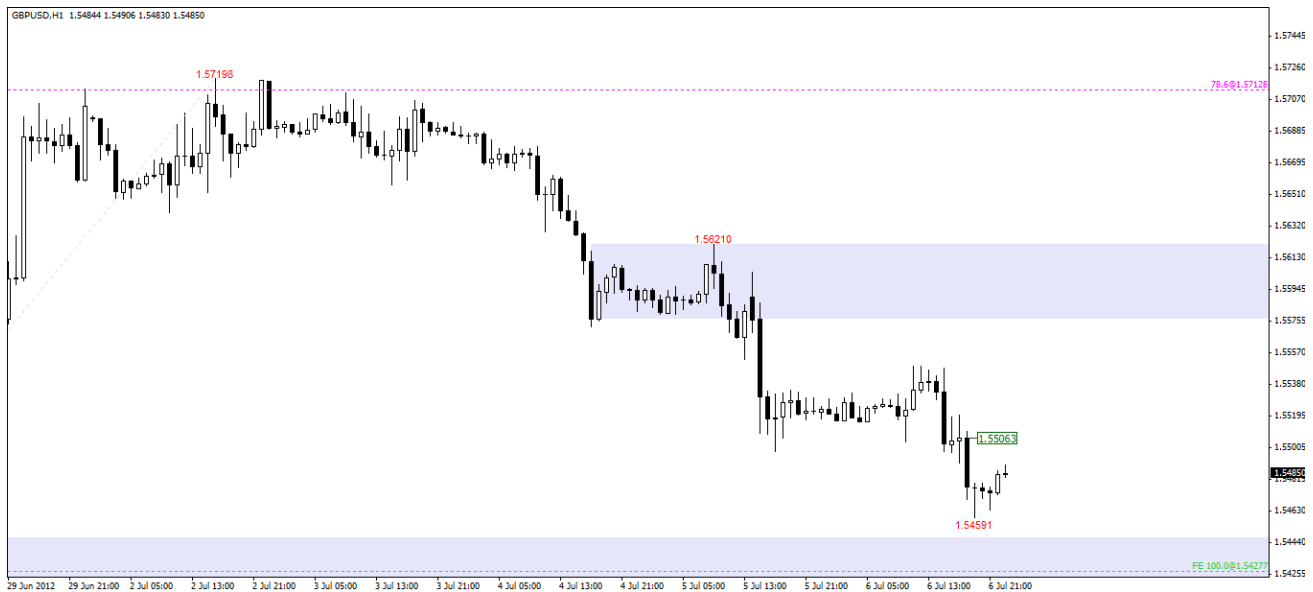
GBP-USD 4-HOURLY



GBP-USD Short to Medium Term Views

Whereas Euro is experiencing abandonment, the fall in GBP-USD is relatively less traumatic. Having fallen through the minor DZ at **1.55720-1.56013**, there is every indication that the current slide would next target the June low of **1.52666**. The focus on this level have sharpened considerably since price action has now broken below the 61.8% retracement of 1.52666 to 1.57753 at **1.54609** with Friday registering yet another low at **1.54591** relative to Thursday's low of 1.54891. Price action is now just above a minor DZ at **1.54023-1.54469** which incidentally is also where the 100.0% projection of 1.57753 to 1.54832 from 1.57198 at **1.54277** is located. Failure to arrest this fall within this DZ would open up the possibility of a fall to the medium target at the 1.618% projection of 1.57753 to 1.54832 from 1.57198 at **1.52471**, which in turn lies within a major DZ at **1.52302-1.53195**. For all its worth, this DZ MUST hold. A weekly close below **1.52666** could potentially open a floodgate of sell orders! (see W1 chart)

GBP-USD 1-HOURLY

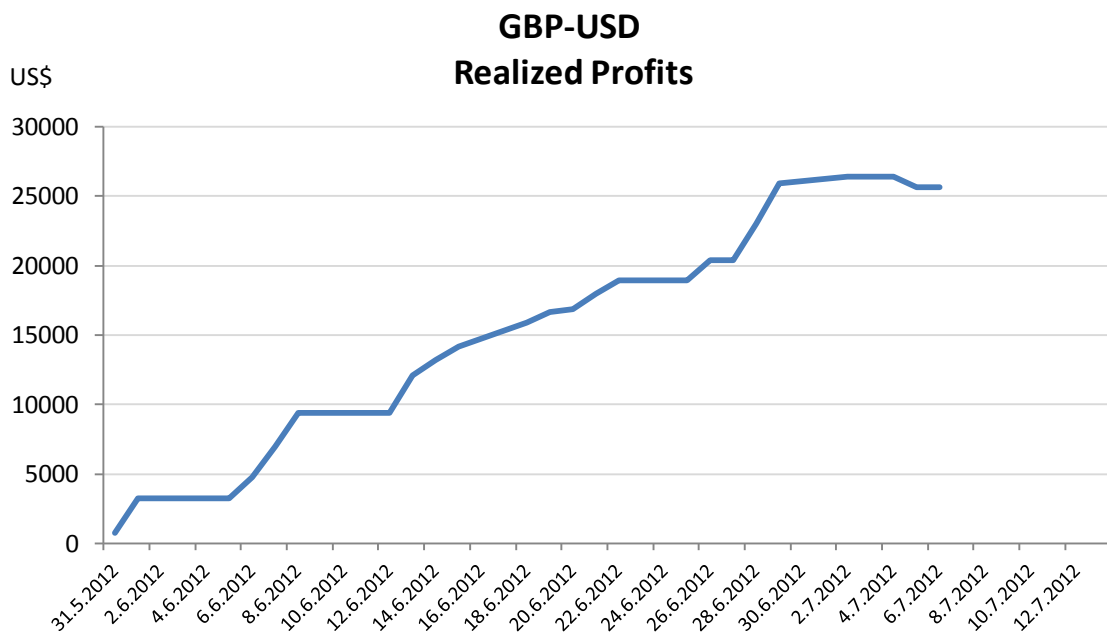
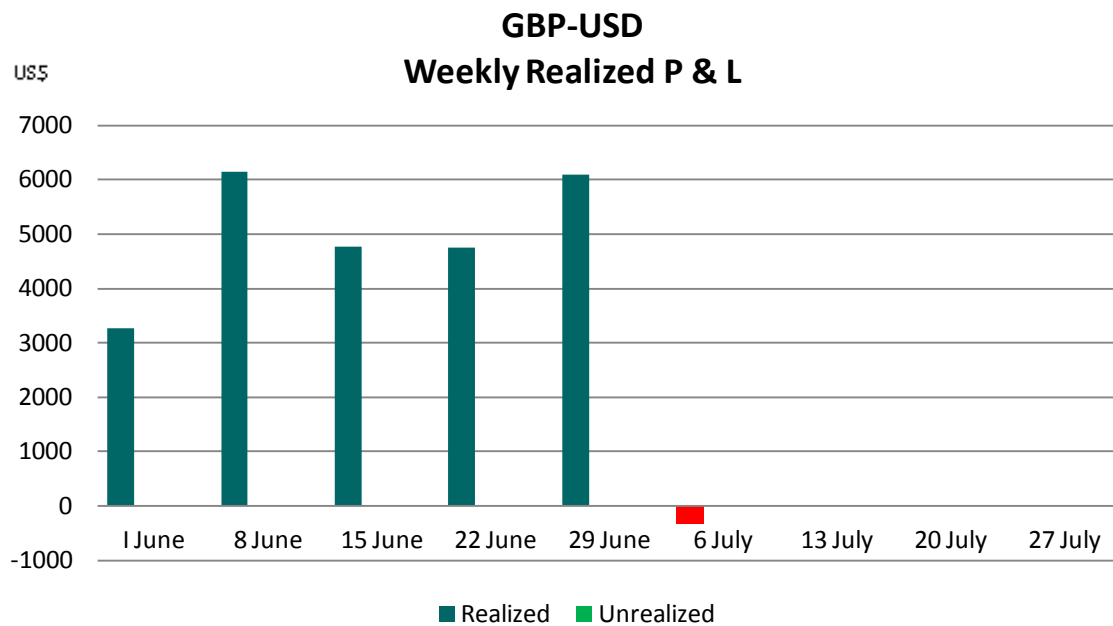


Trade Ideas

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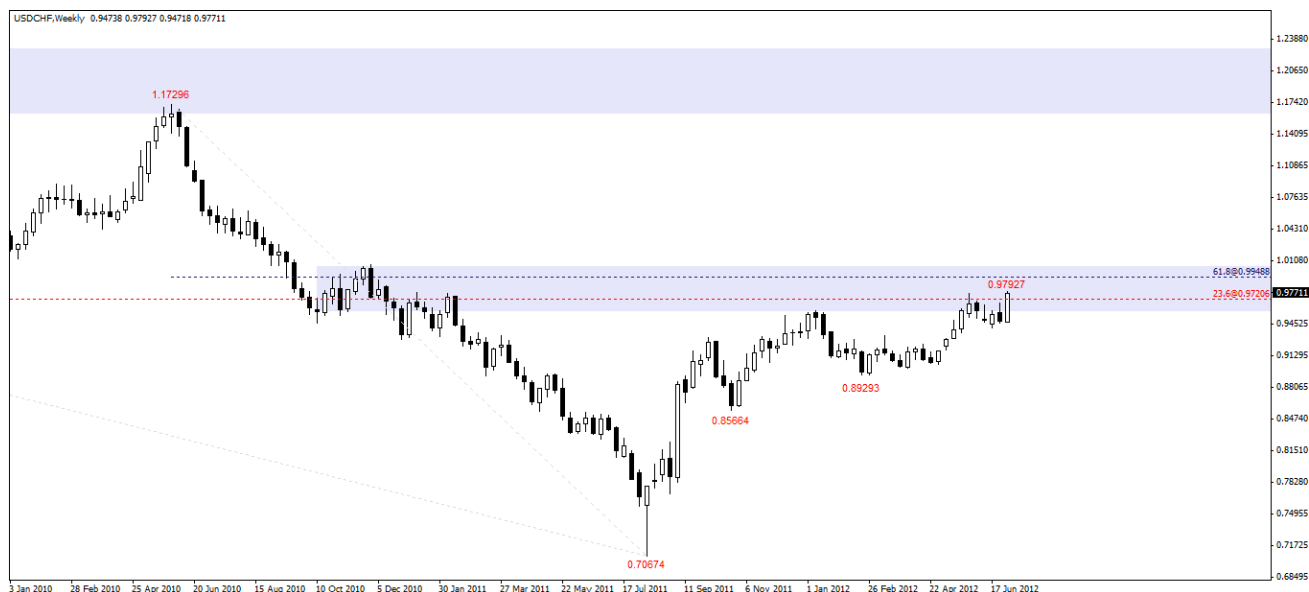
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	29-06-2012								
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GBP-USD	04-07-2012	1.0	1.56013	05-07-2012	1.0	1.55626	-\$387.00		+\$26,008.00
GBP-USD	04-07-2012	1.0	1.56013	05-07-2012	1.0	1.55626	-\$387.00	-\$774.00	+\$25,621.00
						Unrealized	\$0.00		



USD-CHF MONTHLY



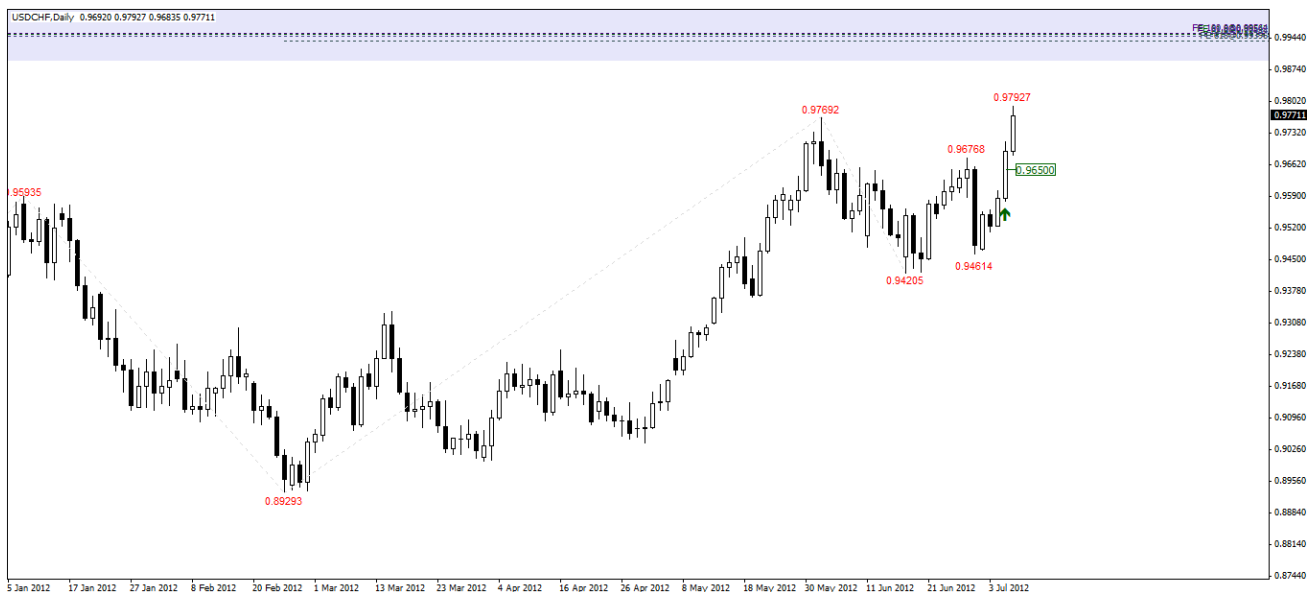
USD-CHF WEEKLY



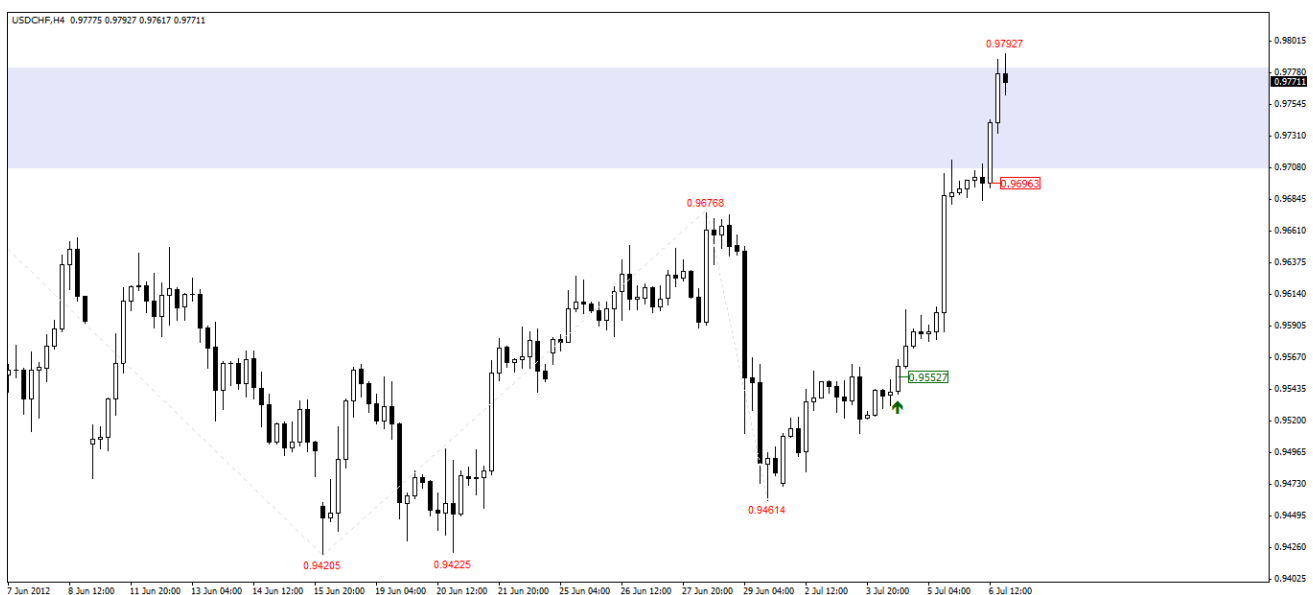
USD-CHF The Big Picture

In the bigger picture, the downtrend from 1.83090 has made an important long-term low at 0.70674 – having fallen short of a longer-term target at the 100.0% projection of 1.83090 to 1.12870 from 1.32830 at **0.62610**. The rebound from 0.70674 is presently treated as a correction to this multi-year fall with strong resistance expected at the 38.2% retracement of 1.83090 to 0.70674 at **1.13617**. Back in January, this rebound met resistance at the 23.6% retracement of 1.83090 to 0.70674 at **0.97204** and has remained a stiff barrier – until now. The last time price action hit this level was on January 9 where persistent selling interests emerged from just under this level with the highest traded then at **0.95935**. For almost 5 months, this market drifted before another attempt on June 1 was made which resulted in a rally culminating at a 16-month high at **0.97692** and then unraveled spectacularly on the last trading day of the month. This week may well turn out to be a defining week as price action once again mounted another challenge on the 23.6% retracement of 1.83090 to 0.70674 at **0.97204** and successfully closed above it for the first time in 81 weeks. Sustained trading above this level would shift focus to the long-term target of the 61.8% retracement of 1.17296 to 0.70677 at **0.99488**; which is incidentally near the 61.8% projection of 0.70677 to 0.93132 from 0.85669 at **0.99546**. Strong sell interests should once again emerge from within this cluster.

USD-CHF DAILY



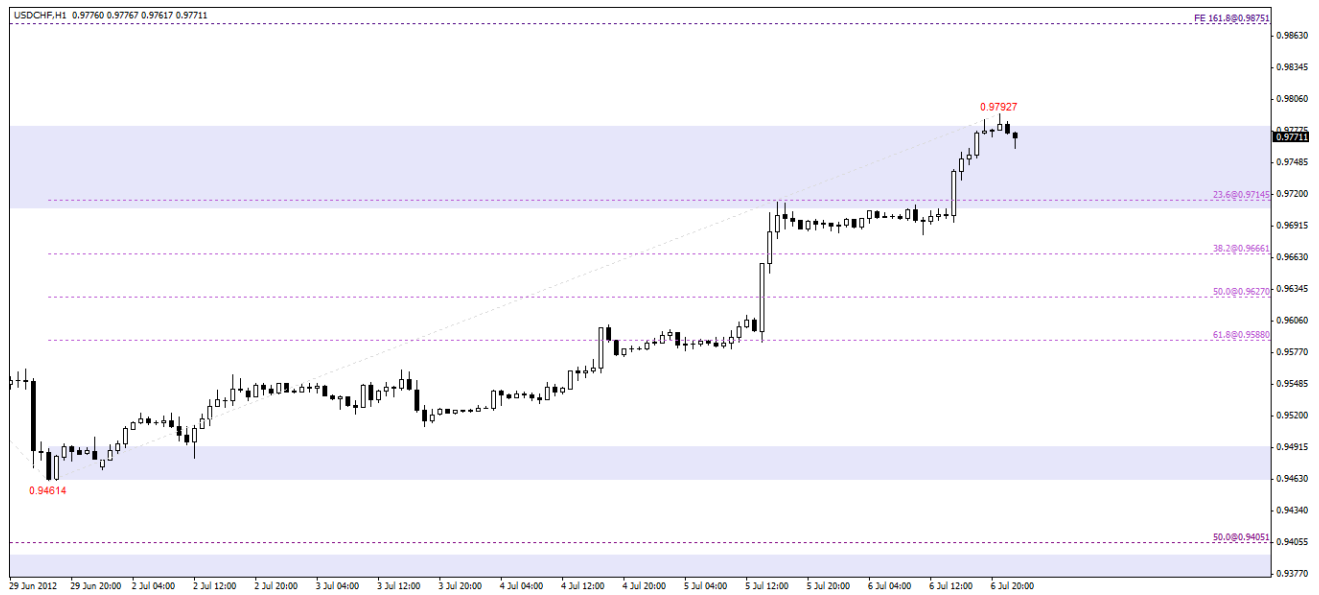
USD-CHF 4-HOURLY



USD-CHF Short to Medium Term View

As noted, Thursday's rally has the look and feel of a 3rd wave move. Price action surged to the SZ at **0.97070-0.97820** and then some, with a print at 0.97927 before easing. In the bigger picture, the rally from 0.89293 has technically completed the entire 5-wave move from the February 24 low. It is now vulnerable to a more robust correction which may ultimately take price action back to the 4th wave of a lesser degree; meaning the window between the June 18 low of **0.94205** and the June 29 low of **0.94614**. Though this bearish scenario is a little premature especially after such a strong closing this week, it is something traders should be aware of. That said, sustained trading above the SZ at **0.97070-0.97820** would sharpen the case for a challenge of the long-term target between the 61.8% retracement of 1.17296 to 0.70677 at **0.99488**; which is incidentally near the 61.8% projection of 0.70677 to 0.93132 from 0.85669 at **0.99546**.

USD-CHF 1-HOURLY

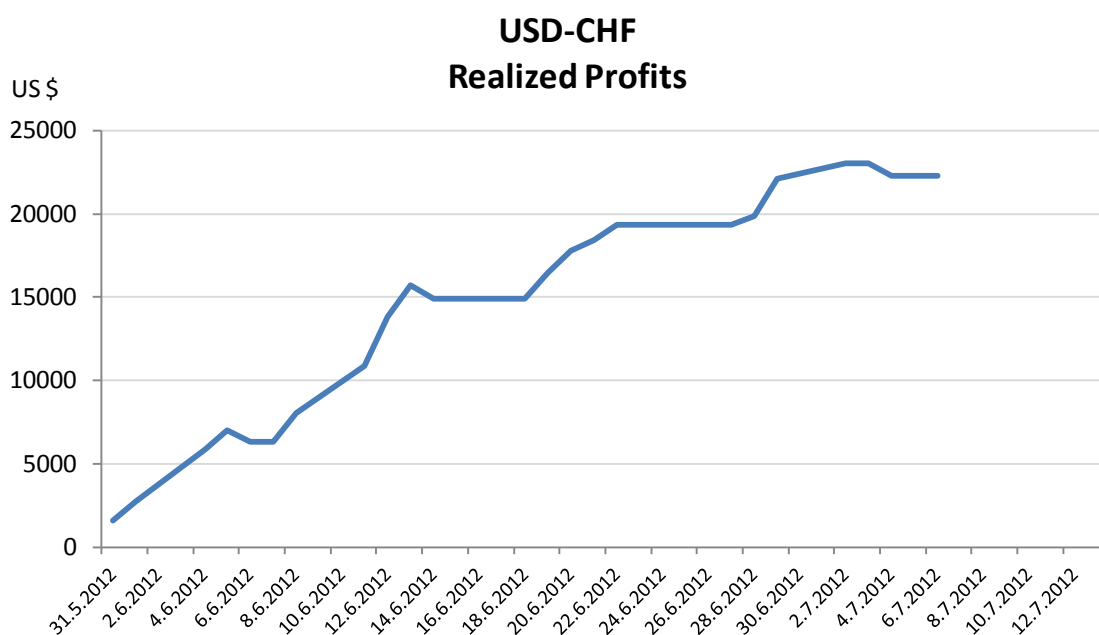
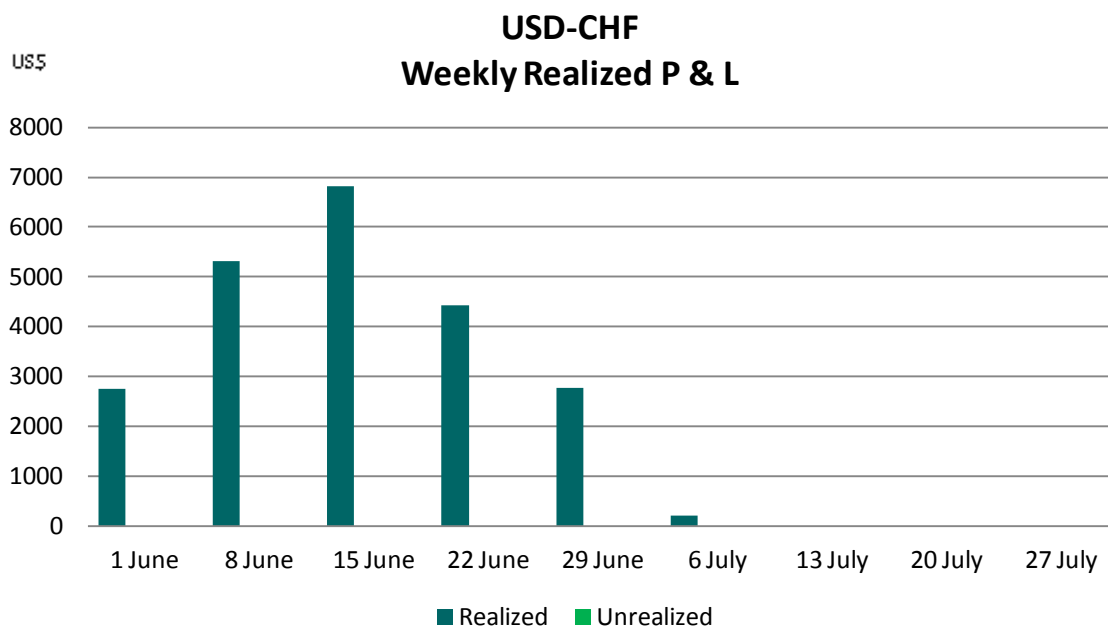


Trade Ideas

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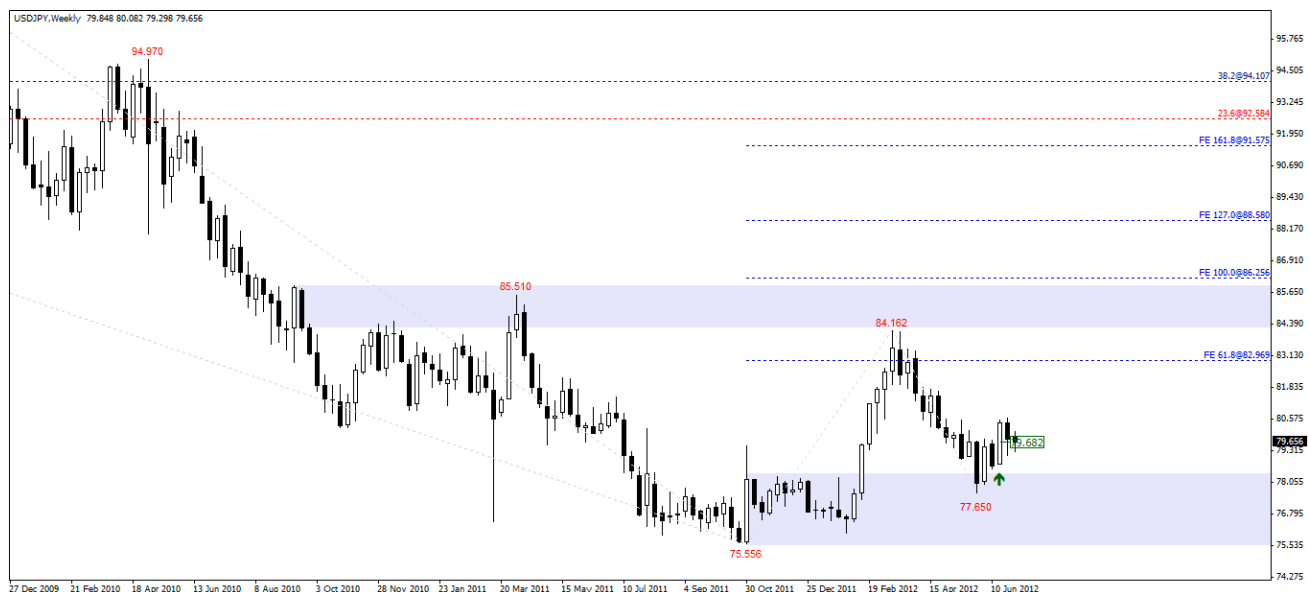
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USD-CHF	04-07-2012	1.0	0.95774	03-07-2012	1.0	0.95426	-\$363.36		+\$22,652.02
USD-CHF	04-07-2012	1.0	0.95774	03-07-2012	1.0	0.95426	-\$363.36	-\$726.72	+\$22,288.66
						Unrealized	\$0.00		



USD-JPY MONTHLY



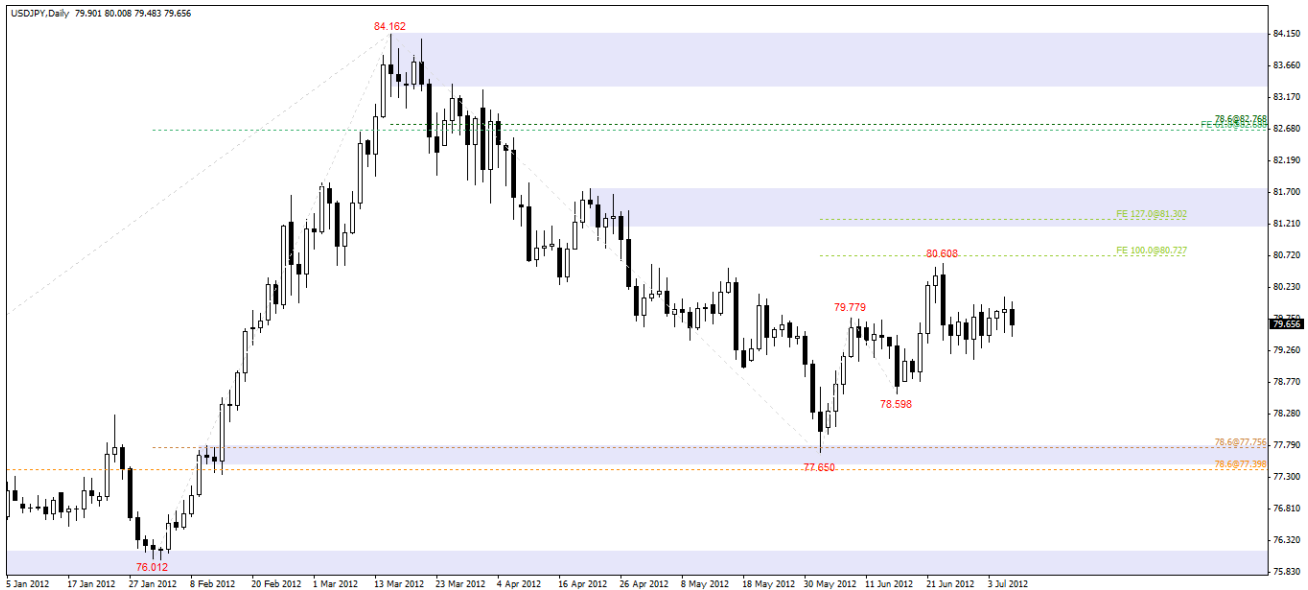
USD-JPY WEEKLY



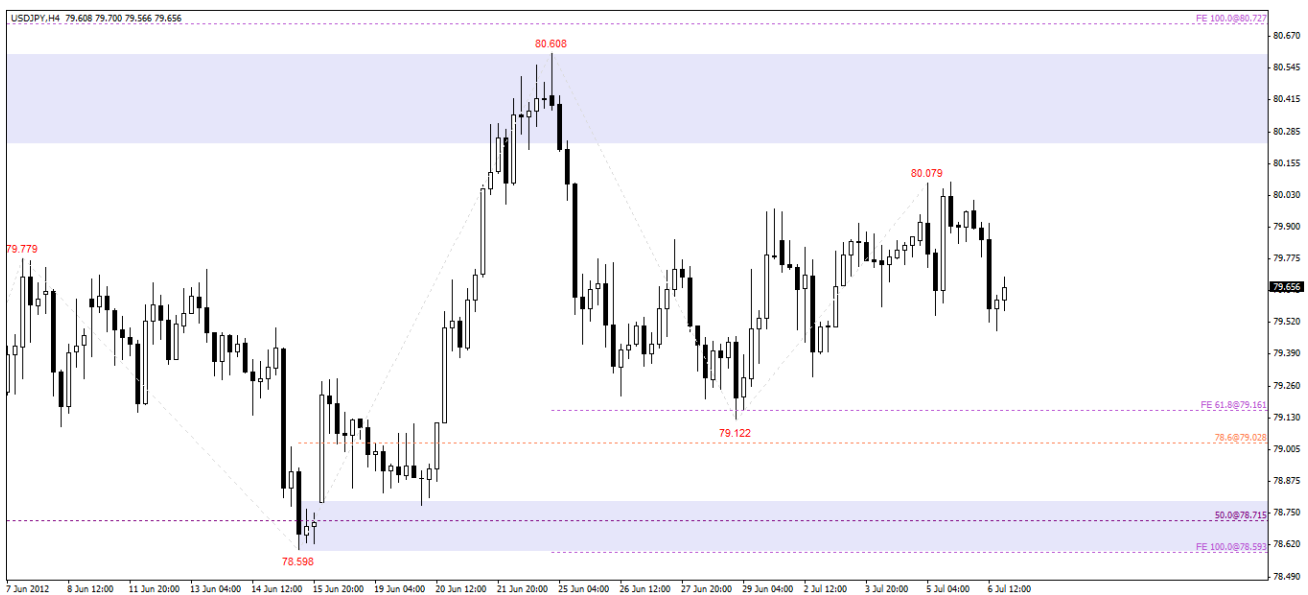
USD-JPY The Big Picture

The fall from 124.120 which started on June 2007 probably terminated on October 2011 at 75.556, just below the 127.0% projection of 147.710 to 101.220 from 135.190 at **76.148**. In the bigger picture, the move from 75.556 to 84.162 is probably the termination point of wave B at **84.162** with wave A at **75.556**. Wave C probably is the low at **77.650** and if this low holds out, another set of 3-wave corrective wave from 77.650 can be expected. This assumes there is no acceleration in the next rally. That being the case, a likely target is the 100.0% projection of 75.556 to 84.162 from 77.650 at **86.256**. Conversely, the entire structure from 77.650 can also be seen as a smaller degree 3-wave corrective move up and another leg down is unfolding (see D1 chart). Sustained trading below **78.598** would give this alternate bearish scenario credence.

USD-JPY DAILY



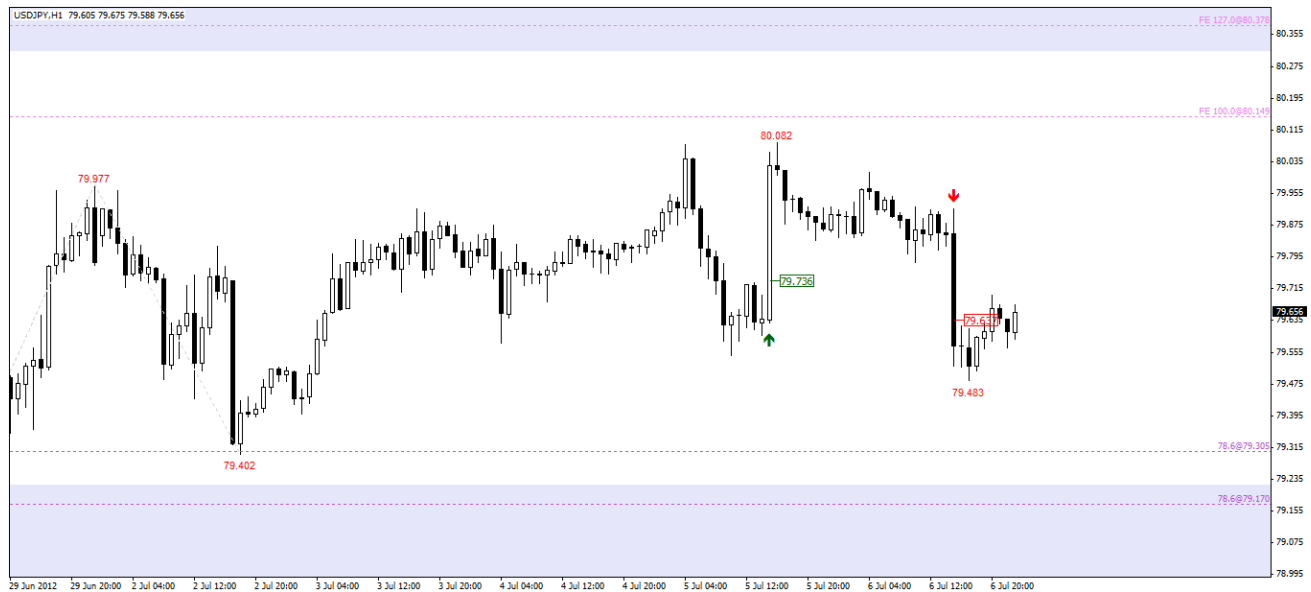
USD-JPY 4-HOURLY



USD-JPY Short to Medium Term Views

Until this market breaks out of its recent tight range, nothing meaningful will happen. Price action continued its directionless sideways consolidation for the second week running. Price action is largely hemmed in by the DZ at **78.595-78.795** and the SZ at **80.238-80.598**. Overall, the fall from 84.162 is making a series of 3-wave corrective rebound to perhaps the 127.0% retracement of 77.650 to 79.779 from 78.598 at **81.302** (see D1 chart). Two possible medium-term scenarios may unfold from there. (1) Price action accelerates to the upside in a powerful rally to test the March high of **84.162** or (2) price action stalls at either the SZ at **80.238-80.598** or **81.440-81.850** and resumes its fall towards the June low of **77.650**. It is, therefore, imperative that rally seen a fortnight ago accelerates beyond the immediate SZ at **80.238-80.598** to keep the medium-term bullish case in scenario (1) alive. In so long as price action holds at the DZ at **78.595-78.795**, the bullish case is still alive. However, sustained trading below the 78.6% retracement of 79.779 to 80.608 at **79.170** would compromise the bullish case and a breach below **78.779** would shift attention to the June's low at **77.650**.

USD-JPY 1-HOURLY

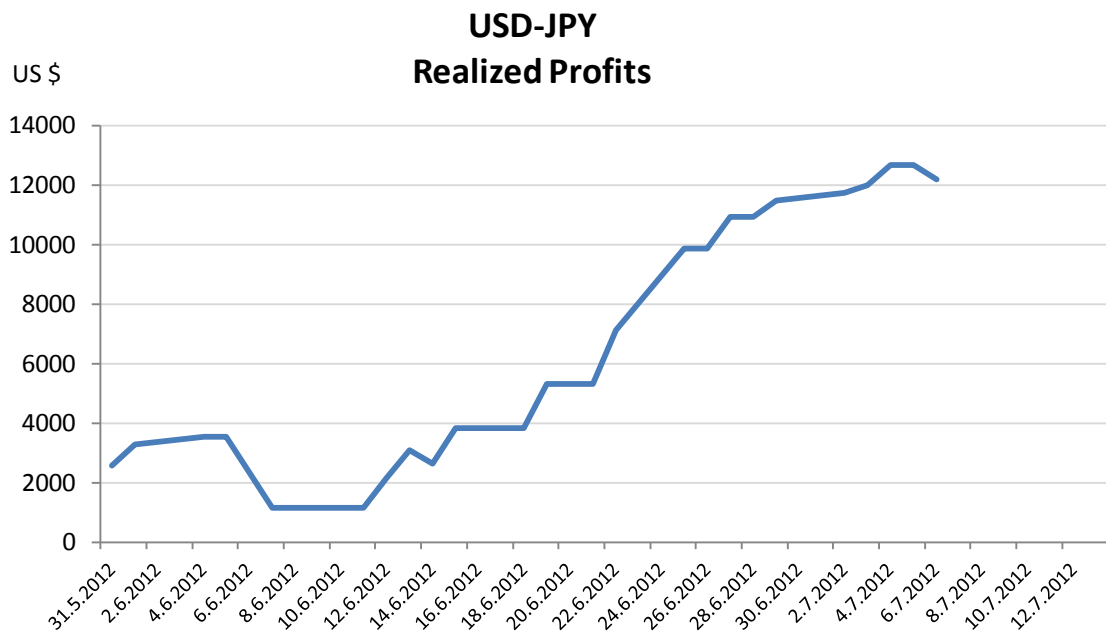
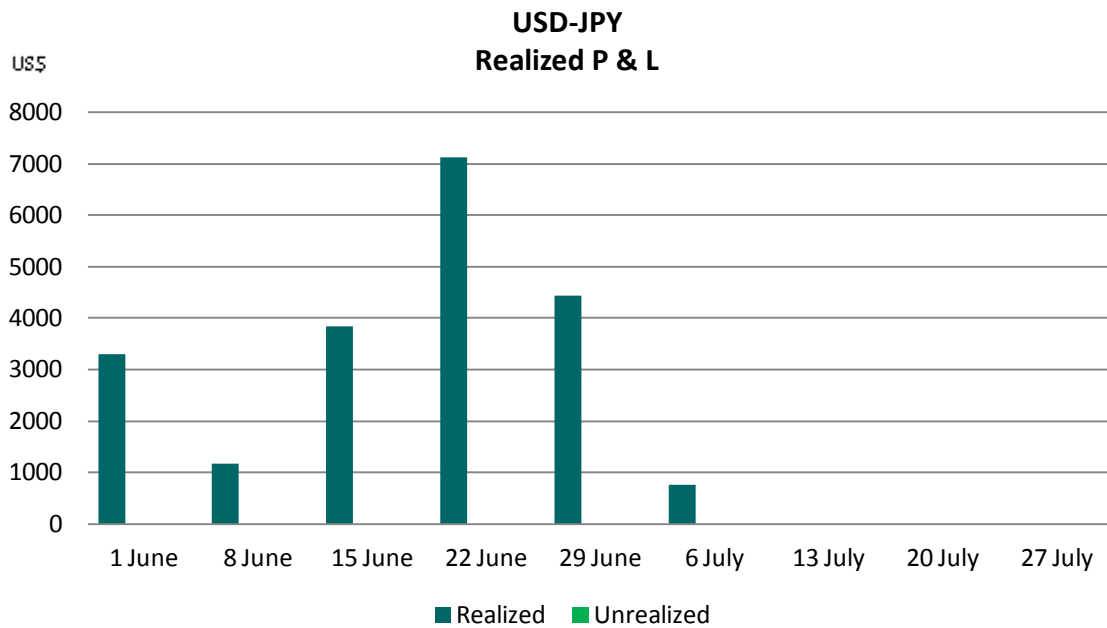


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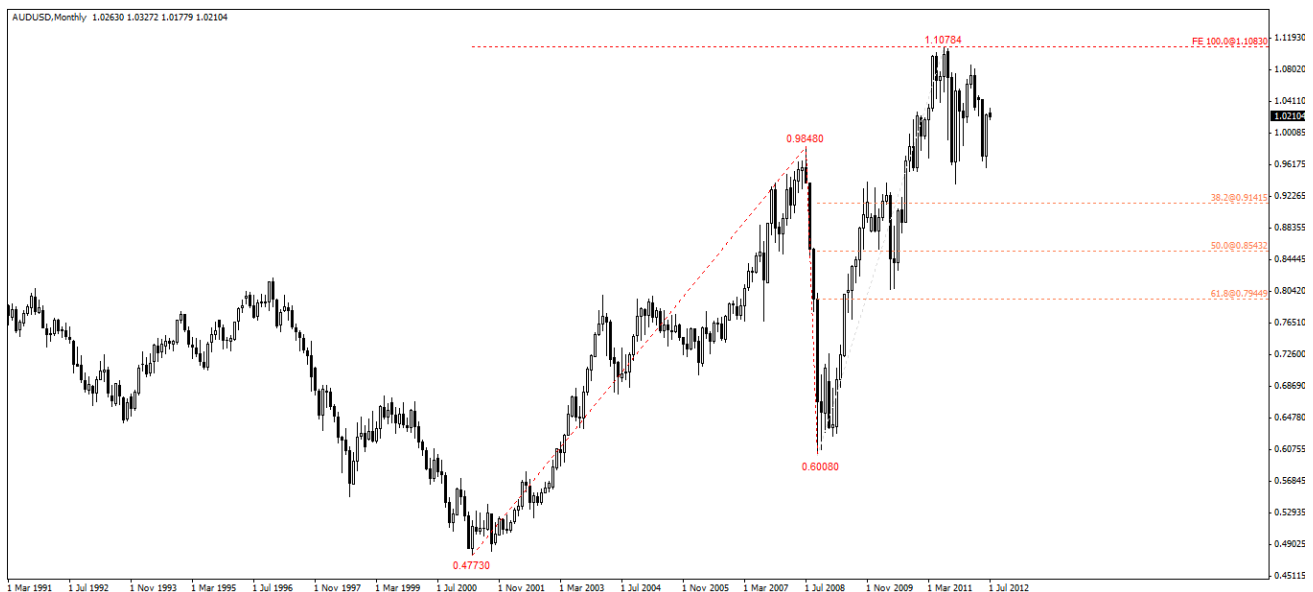
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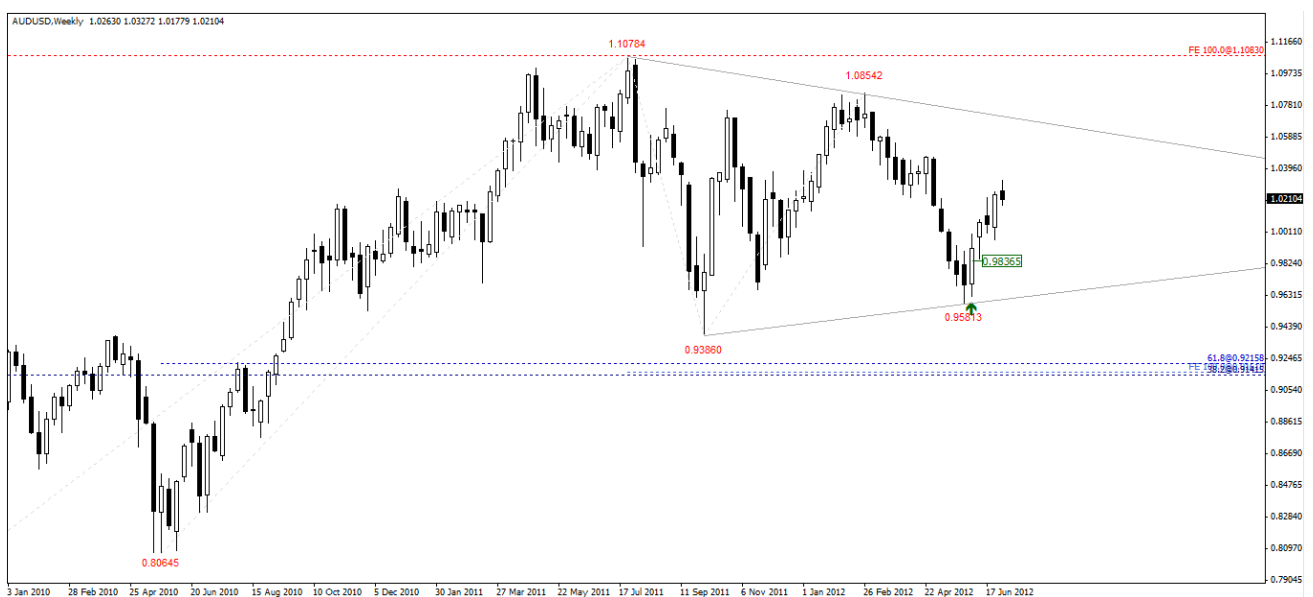
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USD-JPY	03-07-2012	1.0	79.505	02-07-2012	1.0	79.618	+\$142.29		+\$11,867.33
USD-JPY	03-07-2012	1.0	79.505	02-07-2012	1.0	79.618	+\$142.29	+\$284.58	+\$12,009.62
USD-JPY	03-07-2012	1.0	79.505	04-07-2012	1.0	79.770	+\$332.21		+\$12,341.83
USD-JPY	03-07-2012	1.0	79.505	04-07-2012	1.0	79.770	+\$332.21	+\$664.42	+\$12,674.04
USD-JPY	05-07-2012	1.0	79.736	06-07-2012	1.0	79.537	-\$250.20		+\$12,423.84
USD-JPY	05-07-2012	1.0	79.736	06-07-2012	1.0	79.537	-\$250.20	-\$500.40	+\$12,173.64
						Unrealized	\$0.50	+\$753.87	



AUD-USD MONTHLY

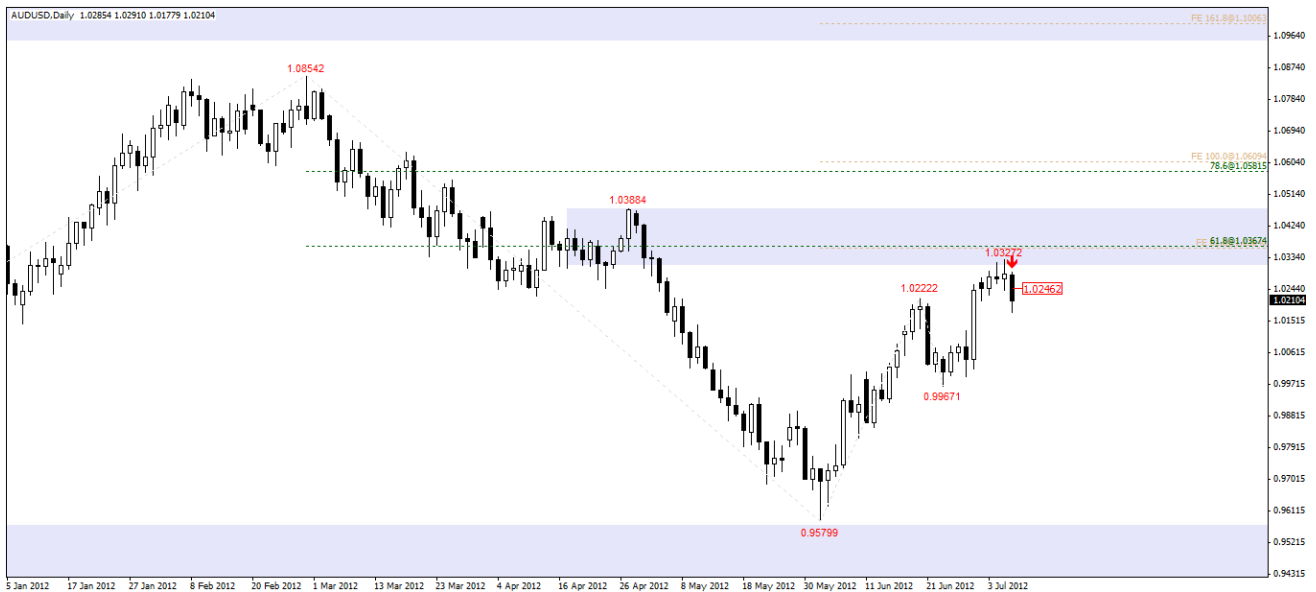
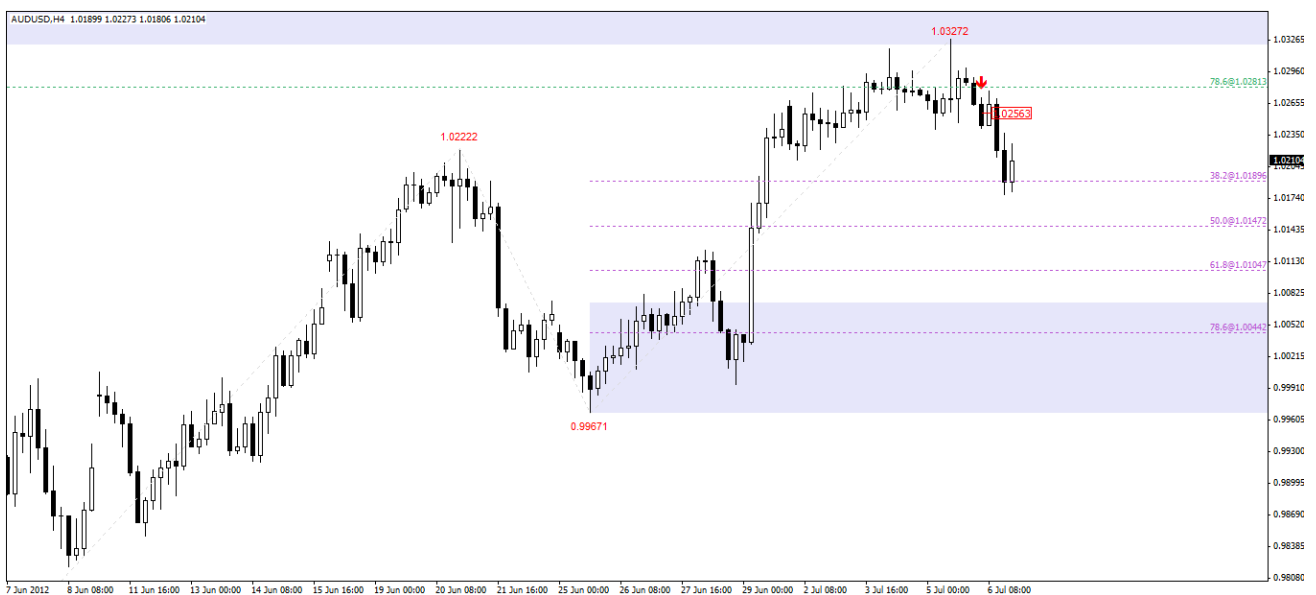


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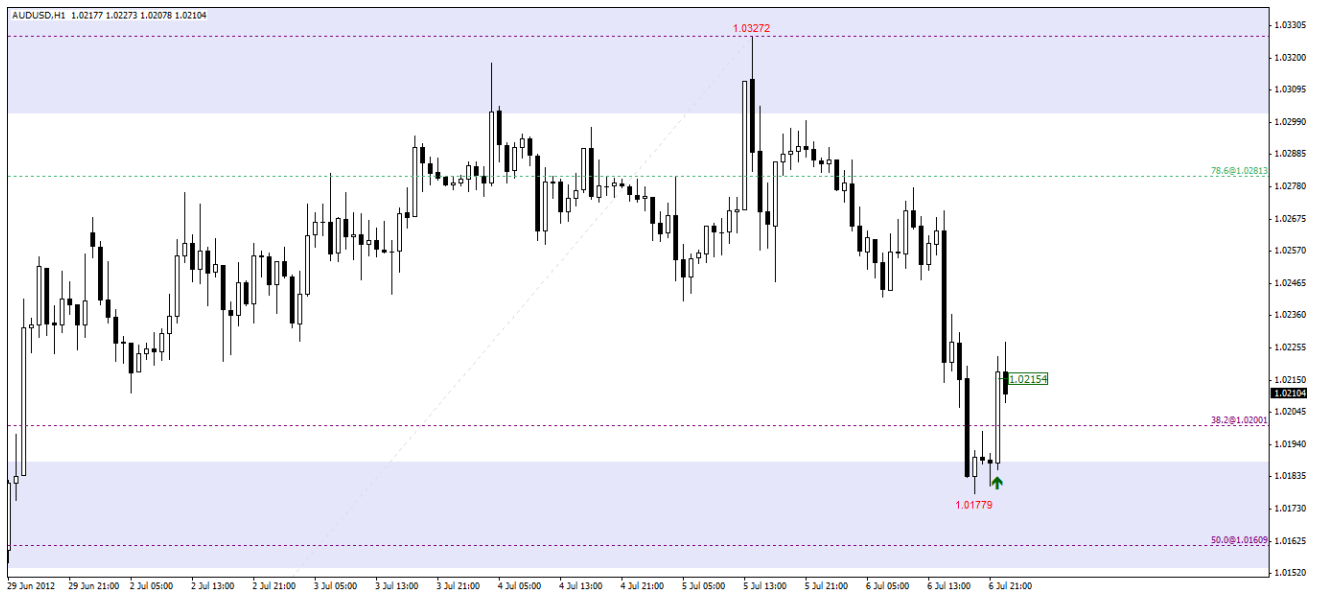
AUD-USD The Big Picture

In the bigger picture, the rise from 0.47730 missed the 100.0% projection of 0.47730 to 0.98480 from 0.60080 at **1.10830** on July 27 by a mere 4.6 pips with a high at 1.10784. Price action since has been very choppy as it gyrates within an almost 1700 pips range between the all-time high and the October 4 low of **0.93860**. Overall, the broad sideways market since has sets of 3-waves structures, implying a period of consolidation between these two extreme points. Alternatively, it can also be said that price action since has been locked between the 100.0% projection of 0.47730 to 0.98480 from 0.60080 at **1.10830** and the 61.8% retracement of 0.80645 to 1.10784 at **0.92158**. Likewise, it is also possible that this market is consolidating within a triangle formation, which helps explains the narrowing trading range seen since last October. As such, the rally from 0.95813 has the potential to extend to perhaps the 78.6% projection of 1.08542 to 0.95813 at **1.05818** or the upper band of the triangle formation before serious selling interests emerge.

AUD-USD DAILY**AUD-USD 4-HOURLY****AUD-USD** Short to Medium Term Views

The rally from the June 1 low of 0.95799 eventually traded into the overhead SZ at **1.02984-0.03531** which lies just above the 78.6% projection of 1.04723 to 0.96799 at **1.03027**. For two consecutive days on Wednesday and Thursday, price action gingerly tested this zone only to see the return of selling interests. Overall, this rally has the potential to correct to possibly the 78.6% projection of 1.08542 to 0.95813 at **1.05818** or the 100.0% projection of 0.95799 to 1.02222 from 0.99671 at **1.06094** or extend in a powerful surge to possibly the 161.8% projection of 0.95799 to 1.02222 from 0.99671 at **1.10063**. Previous updates have noted that should profit-taking set in, price action would likely target the 50.0% retracement of 0.99946 to 1.03272 at **1.01609** where a DZ at **1.01532-1.01814** is. Traders were also prompted to lookout for buy signals within the DZ at **1.01532-1.01814**. Price action did trade into this zone and promptly rebounded.

AUD-USD 1-HOURLY

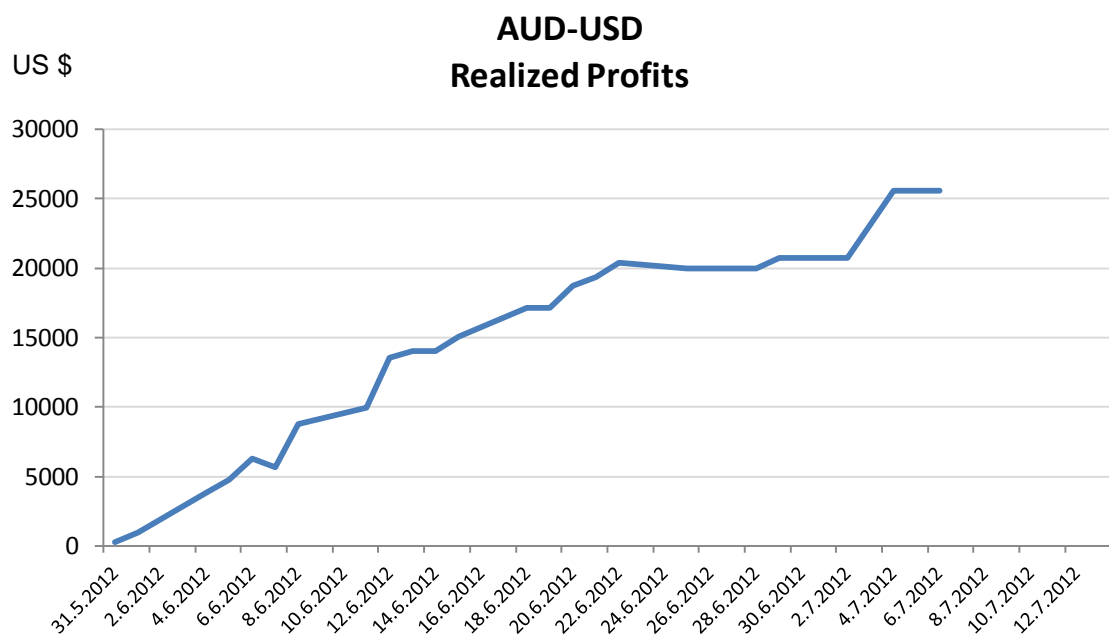
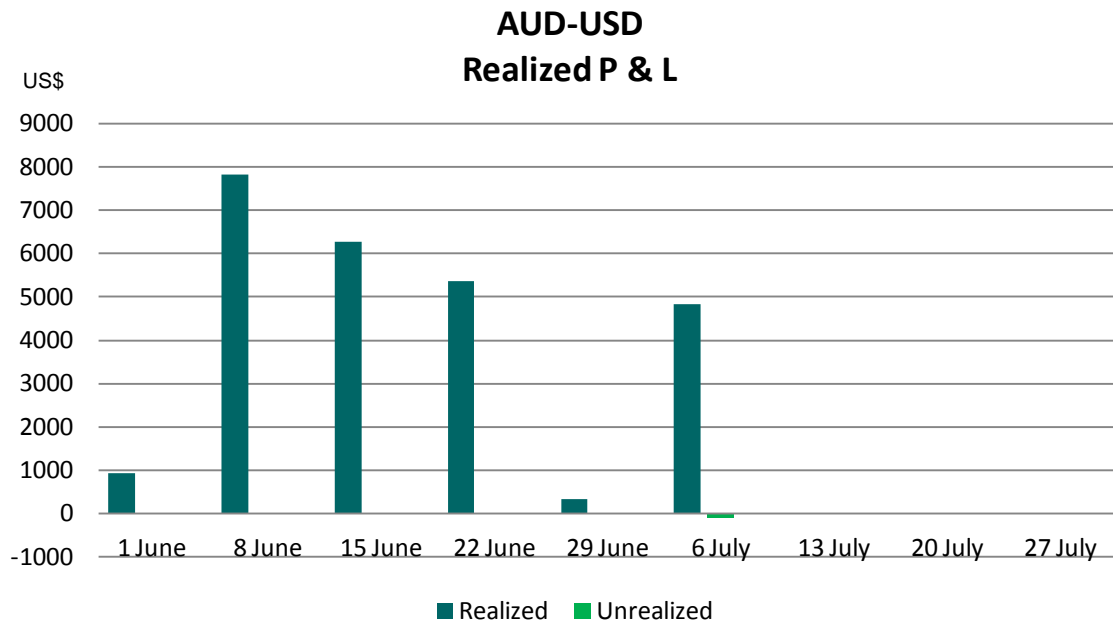


Trade Ideas

ACTION	Target 1	Target 2	EXIT
Bought @ 1.02154	1.03224	1.04364	1.01679 STOP

Weekly Consolidated Performances

Currency	Date	Buy	Price	Date	Sell	Price	Per Trade +/-	Realized +/-	Accumulative +/-
B/F from 29-06-2012									+\$20,736.00
AUD-USD	29-06-2012	1.0	1.00389	03-07-2012	1.0	1.02813	+\$2,424.00	+\$2,424.00	+\$23,160.00
AUD-USD	29-06-2012	1.0	1.00389	04-07-2012	1.0	1.02792	+\$2,403.00	+\$2,403.00	+\$25,563.00
AUD-USD	06-07-2012	1.0	1.02154	06-07-2012	1.0	1.02104	-\$50.00		
AUD-USD	06-07-2012	1.0	1.02154	06-07-2012	1.0	1.02104	-\$50.00		
Unrealized							-\$100.00	+\$4,827.00	



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Traders Academy International

The people behind Traders Academy International are seasoned veterans in the financial service industry. Our trainers have individually over 25 years in both exchange-traded and OTC derivative financial products including but not limited to the foreign exchange market.

They bring with them unique market insights from their years in the brokerage and hedge fund business and education is a natural progression for traders as their accumulated knowledge of the market should be shared and continue to benefit those who are keen to learn the secrets and techniques used by successful traders.

One of who is still active in the hedge fund business.

The rise of the retail traders has also given rise to the demand for professionally run coaching courses on the art of trading the financial markets. This is a healthy and natural development. However, most of these so-called coaching courses are doing more harm and good. This is because students enrolled in such courses have unrealistic expectations. This is made worse by the quality of such courses.

Most, if not all, teach some form of technical analysis. In our humble opinion, they are more hype than sustenance. Over the years, we realized the methodologies touted by most traders and coaches alike are inherently ineffective to the point the signals generated by technical indicators lag so badly behind price action that they cannot beat the markets on a consistent basis.

We believe, trading methodologies and strategies should be simple and easy to implement on a daily basis that laymen with basic numeric ability should be able to grasp.

Non Affiliation Policy

Traders Academy International is an independent organization with no affiliation with any brokers or organizers of our events. From the onset, this policy of non-affiliation has served us well as we do not believe our students' interests will be served if we have a separate agenda. This is in contrast with industry practice. Our objective has been and will continue to be to educate the trading public our time-tested and highly effective methodologies to take on the markets in an easy-to-understand format.

We have never advertised our services but words of mouth have spread far and wide. Over the last three years or so, demands for our trading workshops are so high that we have to turn away some due to scheduling.