Technical overview

G7 & BRICS

Interest Rates, Fx, Equity Indices & Commodities

week ending 18th February 2024

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The dominate theme



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The highlights

Slide 4	Equities still the only show in town
Slide 8	Low bond volatility QE era is over
Slide 24	low Vix = rising equities ("the Vix is always right")
Slide 40	Capitalistic structure rewards capitalistic policies
Slides 47	JSE Top40 in US \$ is (25%) since 2022 high
Slide 59	Global diesel inventories low
Slide 65	Yataghan

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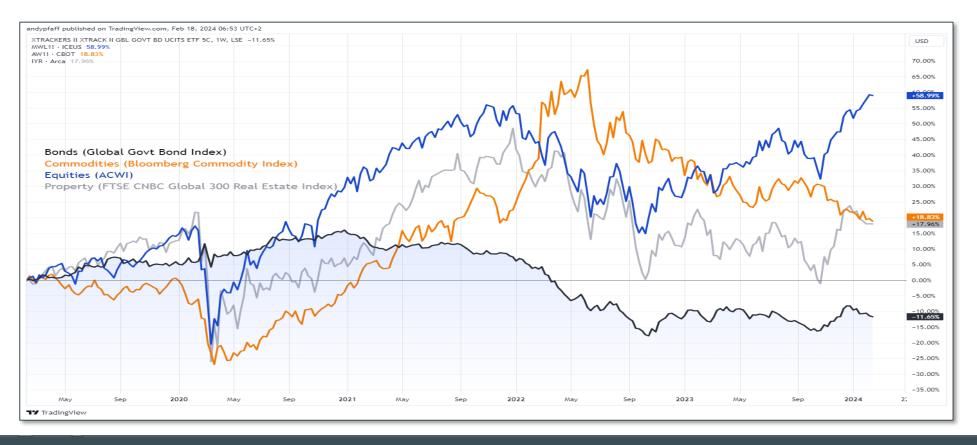






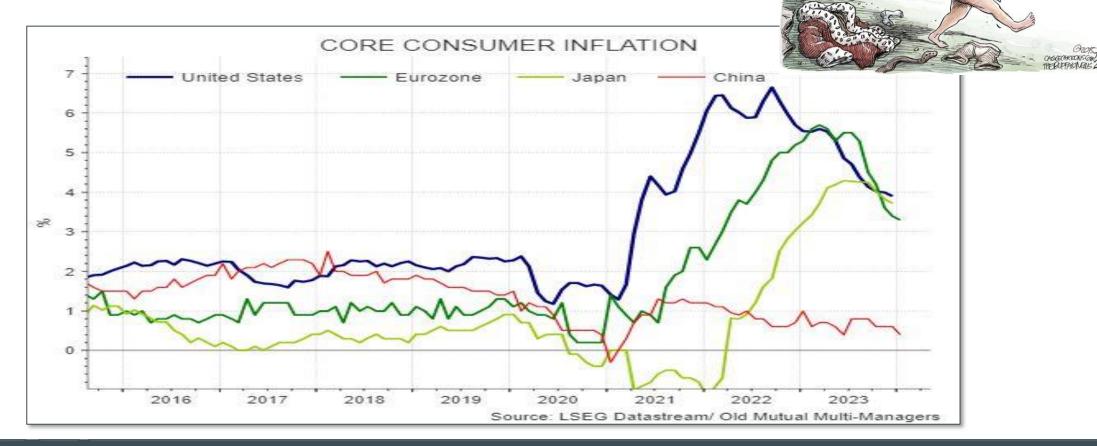


- Global Asset classes
 - Equities still the only show in town





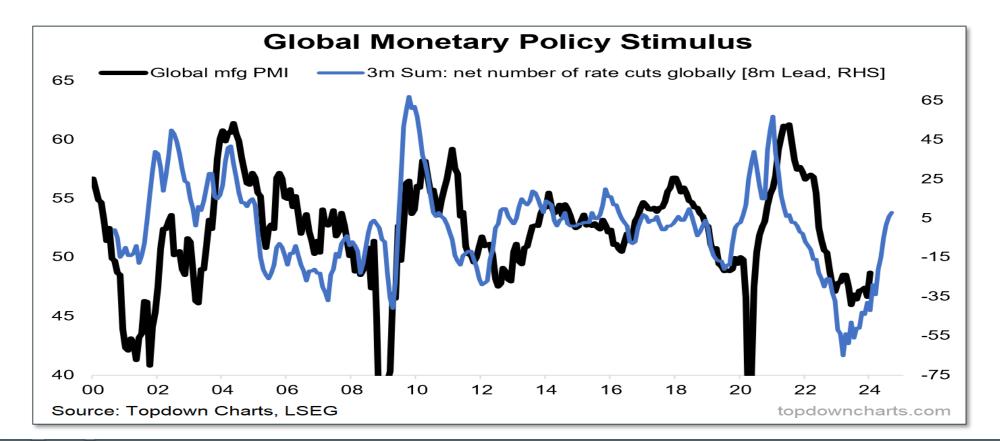
- Inflation
 - An evolving story ... what's driving it and what are the likely policy responses/





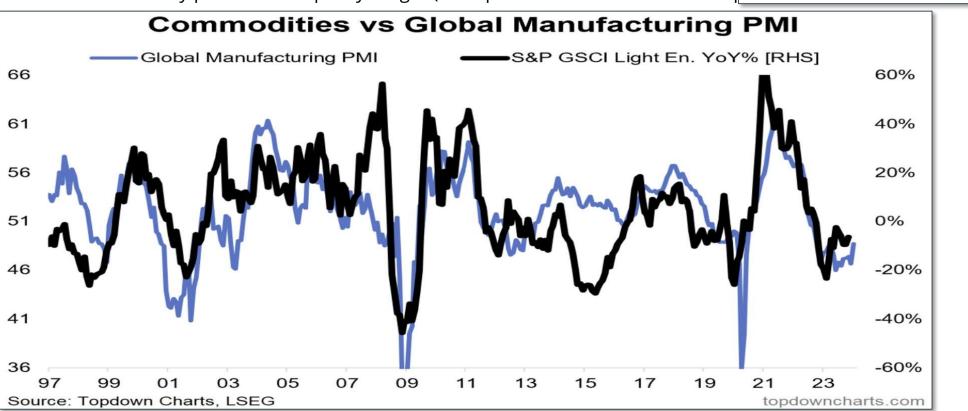
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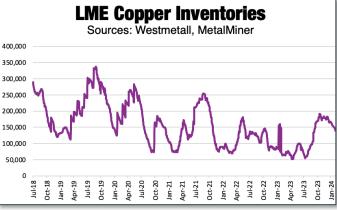
- Inflation
 - Global rate cuts (blue) turn global PMI bullish





- Inflation
 - Rising PMI (black) leads commodities higher (blue) ...
 - Commodity inventories are tight (refer right, slide 65 re oil & Investec note)
 - Commodity production capacity is tight (refer previous conversations re con



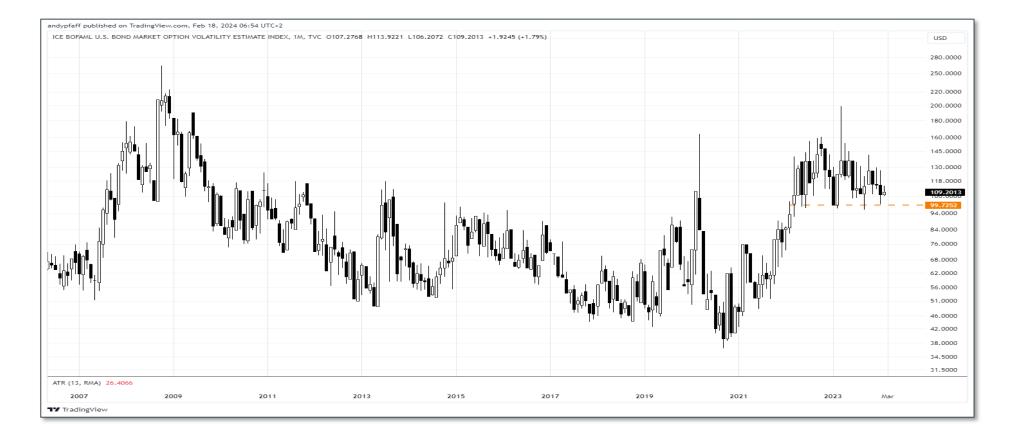


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- Bond volatility
 - Perhaps we should acknowledge that the low-volatility era of QE (2010 2020) is behind us?





- JGB 10y (weekly)
 - Rise in rates is convincing



- Bund 10yr (monthly)
 - Rise in rates is convincing





- UK 10yr Gilt (monthly)
 - Rising slower





- UK 10yr Gilt (weekly)
 - Confronting overhead support





- US Govt 10yr yield (monthly)
 - Rise accelerating?





Financials_Bonds_BRICS

- **BRICS**_Government bond 10yr yields (local currency)
 - (This chart is an aid to establish whether SA moves are in sync with global asset class flows, or whether they are driven by SA-specific factors)





Financials_Bonds_BRICS

- SA 10 Year Government Bond (yield) (ZAR)(weekly)
 - Bullish rally fails at strong horizontal resistance





Financials_Bonds_BRICS

- SA 10 Year Government Bond (price) (US \$)(monthly)
 - Failing at overhead resistance ?







- US \$ index (DXY) (weekly chart)
 - Bullish at mid-range



Financials_Fx

- USD / JPY (monthly)
 - Approaching overhead resistance: is this the next leg of the JPY weakness ? Implications for Nikkei ?





Financials_Fx

- EUR / JPY (weekly)
 - Euro running out of momentum near recent high





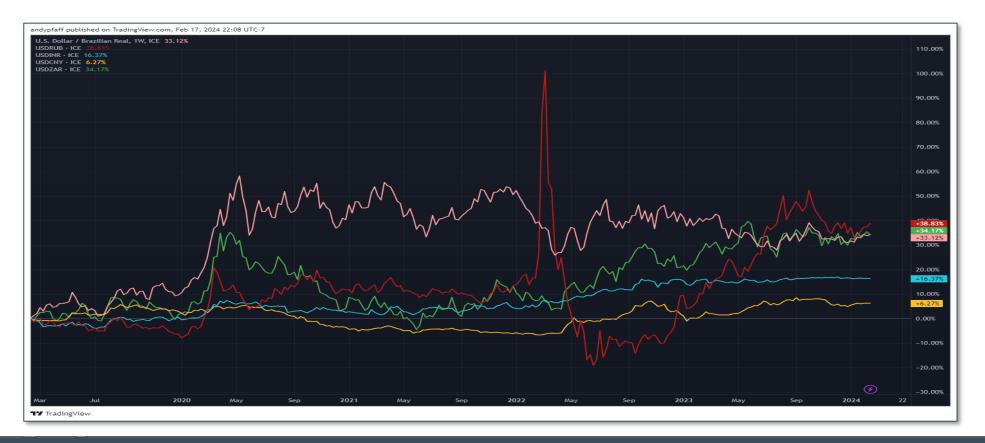


- EUR / USD (monthly)
 - US \$ survives bearish test



Financials_Fx_BRICS

- BRICS fx vs US \$ (5yr) (% change)
 - (This chart is an aid to establish whether SA moves are in sync with global asset class flows, or whether they are driven by SA-specific factors)





Financials_Fx_BRICS

- BRICS fx_ZAR/ US \$ (monthly chart)
 - "The dollar-rand exchange rate is not a mystery: The best prediction for tomorrow's exchange rate is today's rate, but with a high level of variance that increases with time."
 (Brian Kantor and David Holland)





Financials_Fx_BRICS

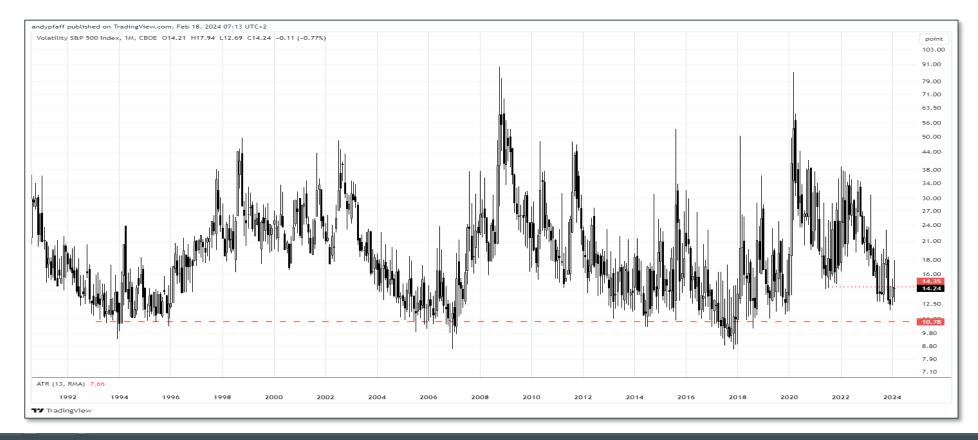
- BRICS fx_ZAR/ US \$ (Daily)
 - Survives another attempt at 19.20







- VIX ... the Vix is right ... it always is 😇
 - Vix fails to break higher ... keeping the SP500 bull market running ???



- MSCI World (Eurex futures)(DM; free-float weighted)(weekly)
 - Away







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- Japan/ Nikkei (monthly)
 - Lurches higher after consolidation



- EU/ Euro Stoxx 50 index futures (weekly)
 - Confronting ATH, but not broken bullish yet







- UK/ FTSE 100 (5yr weekly)
 - Still wrestling with ATH / H&S neckline



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- Canada/ S&P Toronto 60 (weekly)
 - Conviction-less bullish break persists



- USA/ Dow Jones Industrial Average index (weekly, 5yrs)
 - Current bullish lurch still in play



- USA/ DJ Transportation Average index (monthly)
 - Lagging (i.e. non-confirming) DJ industrial index per Dow Theory





- USA/ Dow Jones Utilities Average index (monthly, 20yrs)
 - Also non-confirmation of DJ Industrial index by DJ Utilities
 - Not a pretty picture significant rolling top with successive lower lows & lower highs







• Next bullish lurch as per Dow Jones

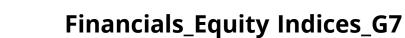






- USA/ Russell 2000 (small cap) index
 - Not an exuberant bullish break, but a bullish break nonetheless





- USA/ Russell 1000 Value index
 - Next bullish lurch in play





- USA/ Nasdaq Composite index (weekly)
 - Next bullish lurch in play





- USA/ Nasdaq Composite index (daily)
 - Support survived; does resistance?







- MSCI EM index future (\$)(monthly)
 - Nothing to report; still floundering mid-range



Financials_Equity Indices_BRICS (local crncy)(weekly 5 yrs)

- Does the Chinese stimulus revive EM equities and/or inflation?
- Chinese bazooka no influence on this arms race yet





Financials_Equity Indices_BRICS (US \$)

- (% change since 2018)
- The capitalistic structure rewards the capitalistic policies
- SA known by the company it keeps







- Brazil_Bovespa (weekly)
 - Bullish break runs out of energy





- Russia_MOEX25
 - Bullish attempt at recent high





- India_Nifty 50
 - Energy for another new high







- China_Shanghai Shenzen CSI 300 (SHSZ300)(monthly)
 - Monthly looks terrible ... hard stop at 2966





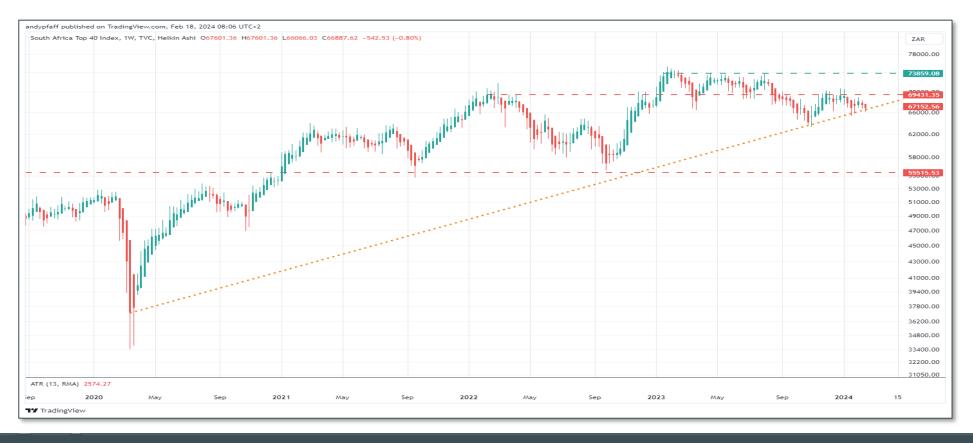
Financials_Equity Indices_BRICS (local currency)

- China_Shanghai Shenzen CSI 300 (SHSZ300)(daily)
 - Monthly looks terrible ... hard stop at 2966 ... but daily chart putting in a new minor high
 - Overhead resistance only 5% away



Financials_Equity Indices_BRICS (weekly) (local currency)

- South Africa_Top 40
 - Between a rock & a hard place... just like it should be before the budget & election







- South Africa_Top 40
 - Top 40 (\$) is (25%) since 2022/04 high



Financials_Property

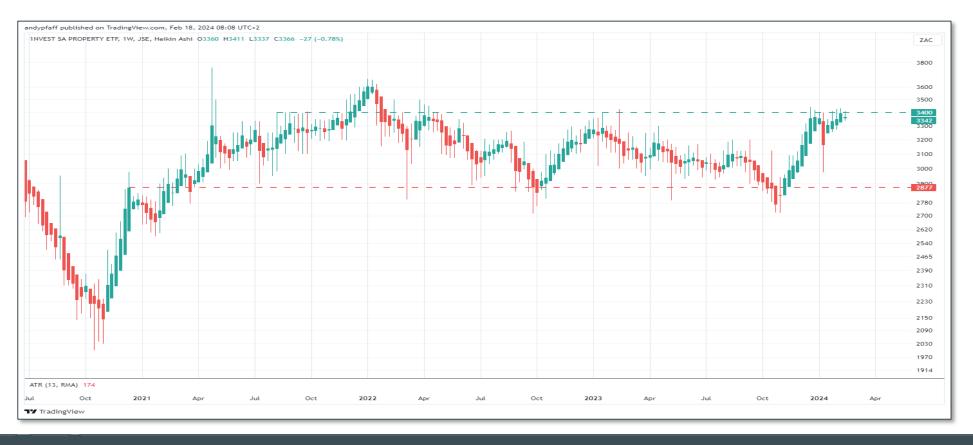
- iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF
 - "ECB Warns Banks of Consequences for Poor Property Risk Management"
 - Bullish attempt wilts





Financials_Property

- SATRIX Property ETF (SA)(weekly)
 - Does it have the energy for the breakout?







Financials_Property

- SATRIX Property ETF (SA)(daily)
 - Does it have the energy for the breakout ... not yet



Commodities_BCOM index \$

- Ominous potential H&S remains
 - But support holding





- CRB / MSCI World Equity Index (2008 2024)(commodity index/equity index ratio)
 - Has not based yet rampant equity indices oblivious to absence of commodity demand
 - New economy vs old economy?





Commodities indices_\$

- BCom (zar) / JSE Top40 Equity Index (2014 2022)(commodity index/equity index ratio)
 - Rand-hedge characteristic & rising oil assist commodities
 - Rand-hedge NB going into budget & election phase





- **BCom_Agriculture** sub-index (weekly)
 - Support gives way



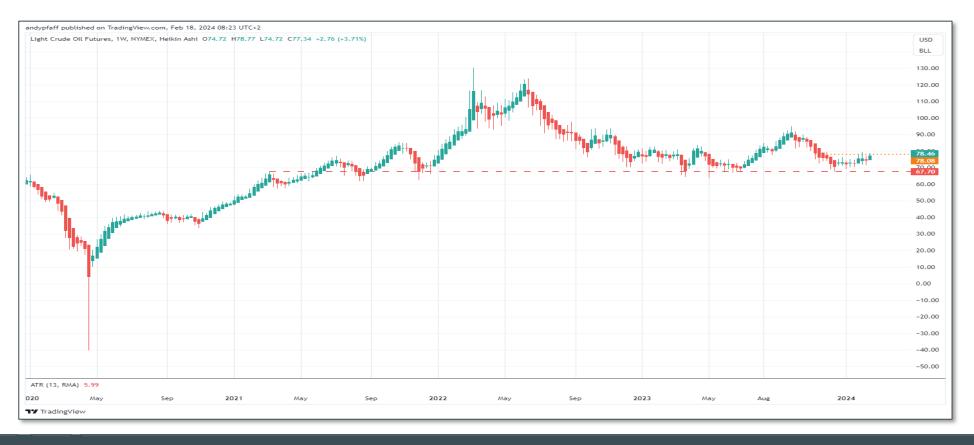


- BCom_Energy sub-index (monthly)
 - "Economic growth and energy demand are Siamese twins: there is neither enough investment in fossil fuels nor in renewables to meet economic growth. "It's about *de-carbonising hydrocarbon emissions*, not ending hydrocarbon consumption (OPEC)
 - Energy sub-index weighed down by Natural Gas & coal





- BCom_Energy sub-index_WTI (weekly)
 - Neckline vulnerable on weekly chart, but ...



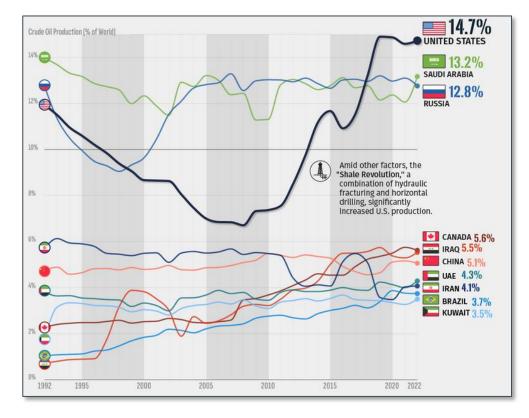


- **BCom_Energy** sub-index_WTI (daily)
 - Neckline vulnerable on weekly chart, but ...
 - Daily chart not far from breaking bullish





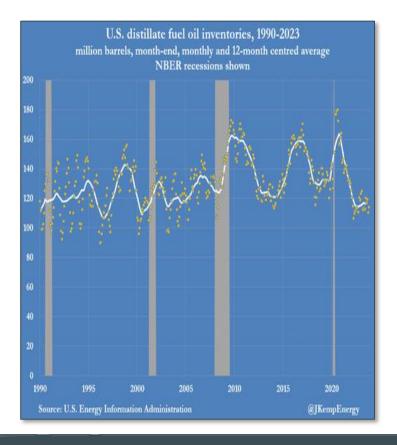
- BCom_Energy sub-index_WTI (weekly)
 - Oil production & consumption

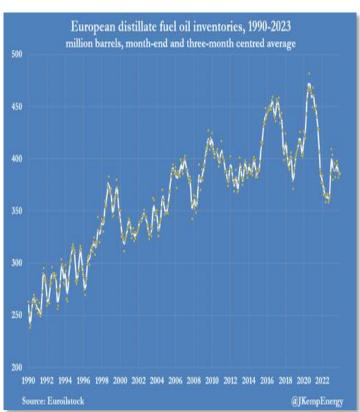


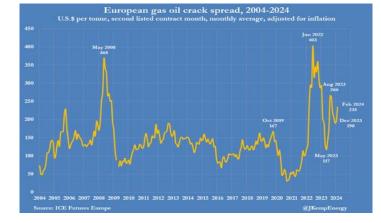
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		(barrels)	Share	Per Capita	s	100.00	R	20.00		
1	United States	19,687,287			- · ·	1.968.728.700	R		3.076%	
2	China	12,791,553				1,279,155,300	R	9,209,918,160,000	1,999%	
3	India	4,443,000				444,300,000	R	3,198,960,000,000	694%	
5 4	Japan	4,443,000				401.287.700	R	2.889.271.440.000	627%	-
4 5		4,012,877				363,128,700	R	2,614,526,640,000	567%	1
6	Russia Soudi Arabia				· · ·	1 A A	R			
6 7	Saudi Arabia	3,302,000				330,200,000		2,377,440,000,000	516%	<u> </u>
	Brazil South Konne	2,984,000				298,400,000	R	2,148,480,000,000		
8	South Korea	2,605,440			· · ·	260,544,000	R	1,875,916,800,000	407%	
9	Canada	2,486,301		-,		248,630,100	R	1,790,136,720,000	388%	
10	Germany	2,383,393				238,339,300	R	1,716,042,960,000	372%	
11	Mexico	2,052,607			-	205,260,700	R	1,477,877,040,000	321%	
12	Iran	1,803,999				180,399,900	R	1,298,879,280,000	282%	
13	France	1,705,568				170,556,800	R	-,,,,	266%	
14	Indonesia	1,623,000				162,300,000	R	1,168,560,000,000	254%	
15	United Kingdom	1,583,896				158,389,600	R	1,140,405,120,000	247%	
16	Singapore	1,357,000			<u> </u>	135,700,000	R	977,040,000,000	212%	
17	Thailand	1,302,000				130,200,000	R	937,440,000,000	203%	
18	Spain	1,290,063	1.30%	i 425.5	\$	129,006,300	R	928,845,360,000	202%	
19	Italy	1,236,628	1.30%	315.3	\$	123,662,800	R	890,372,160,000	193%	
20	Australia	1,114,645	1.10%	6 706.2	\$	111,464,500	R	802,544,400,000	174%	
21	Taiwan	981,203	1.00%	637.5	\$	98,120,300	R	706,466,160,000	153%	
22	Turkey	941,861				94,186,100	R	678,139,920,000	147%	
23	Netherlands	937,098		838.9	s	93,709,800	R	674,710,560,000	146%	
24	United Arab Emirates	896,000				89,600,000	R	645,120,000,000	140%	
25	Egypt	877,000				87,700,000	R	631,440,000,000	137%	
26	Iraq	857,000				85,700,000	R		134%	
20	Argentina	709,000	-			70,900,000	R	510,480,000,000	111%	
27	Malaysia	709,000				70,800,000	R	509.760.000.000	111%	
28 29	South Africa	640,000				64,000,000	R	460,800,000,000	100%	
29 30	Belgium	631,522				63,152,200	R	454,695,840,000	99%	
30 31	Venezuela	598.000				59,800,000	R	454,695,840,000	93%	
32	Poland	582,161				58,216,100	R	419,155,920,000	91%	
33	Pakistan	556,000				55,600,000	R	400,320,000,000	87%	
34	Vietnam	478,000				47,800,000	R	344,160,000,000	75%	
35	Algeria	429,000				42,900,000	R	308,880,000,000	67%	
36	Philippines	429,000				42,900,000	R	308,880,000,000	67%	
37	Nigeria	428,000				42,800,000	R	308,160,000,000	67%	
38	Hong Kong	408,491				40,849,100	R	294,113,520,000	64%	
39	Kuwait	359,000		-,		35,900,000	R	258,480,000,000	56%	
40	Colombia	357,000	0.40%	i 114.9		35,700,000	R	257,040,000,000	56%	
41	Chile	351,989	0.40%	6 298.4	\$	35,198,900	R	253,432,080,000	55%	
42	Kazakhstan	325,000	0.30%	i 275.6	\$	32,500,000	R	234,000,000,000	51%	
43	Sweden	322,109	0.30%	i 496.1	\$	32,210,900	R	231,918,480,000	50%	
44	Greece	296,101	0.30%	6 422.3	\$	29,610,100	R	213,192,720,000	46%	
45	Morocco	275,000	0.30%	i 120.1	\$	27,500,000	R	198,000,000,000	43%	
46	Austria	262,352	0.30%	6 460.4	\$	26,235,200	R	188,893,440,000	41%	
47	Ecuador	259,000	0.30%	6 241.5	\$	25,900,000	R	186,480,000,000	40%	
48	Peru	246,000				24,600,000	R	177,120,000,000	38%	
49	Ukraine	244,000				24,400,000	R	175,680,000,000	38%	
50	Portugal	236,866				23,686,600	R	170,543,520,000	37%	



- BCom_Energy sub-index_Euro Diesel (weekly)
 - Global diesel stocks < normal (USA_EU & Singapore inventories below)
 - Crack spreads ↑ if gdp ↑ & energy demand ↑



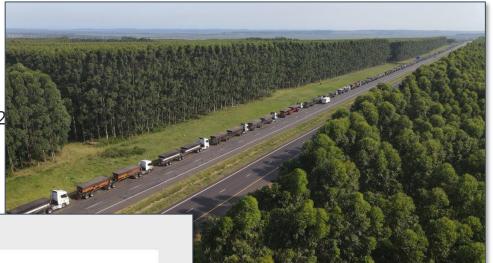


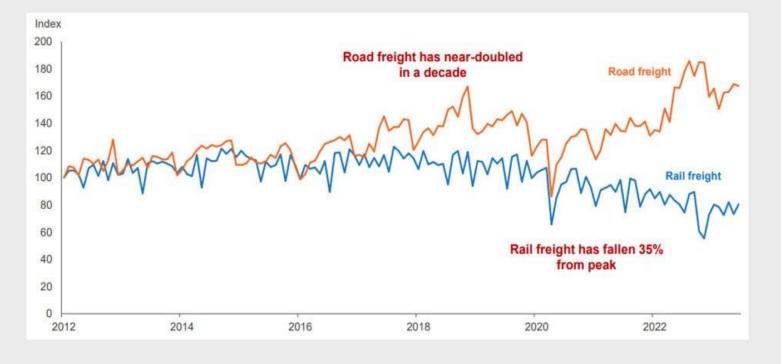






- **BCom_Energy** sub-index_Richards Bay coal (monthly)
- South Africa's coal exports to Europe plunge to lowest since 1992







- **BCom_Energy** sub-index_Richards Bay coal (monthly)
 - South Africa coal price continues to weaken







- BCom_Industrial Metals sub-index (monthly)
 - Where China goes?
 - The more the market talks about supply-side constraints ("chronic under-investment" per Alpine Macro), the more prices fall ??





- **PGM Palladium** (monthly)
 - Clinging to support ... long way to next support ≈\$500





- PGM Platinum
 - Dithering mid-range





- BCom_Precious Metals sub-index_Gold (\$) (weekly)
 - One of the stars of the SA 1970's horse racing circuit was Yataghan





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- BCom_Precious Metals sub-index_Gold (\$) (monthly 35 yrs)
 - One of the stars of the SA 1970's horse racing circuit was Yataghan





- BCom_Precious Metals sub-index_Gold (\$) (weekly)
 - One of the stars of the SA 1970's horse racing circuit was Yataghan
 - Gold fails at 2090 ... Yataghan 😕





- **BitCoin** (weekly)
 - "BTC ??? It's still marked at less than 1 \$ trillion, BTC seems strikingly petite
 - "If the status quo prevails, I'd wager it'll be a multiple bagger from here..."



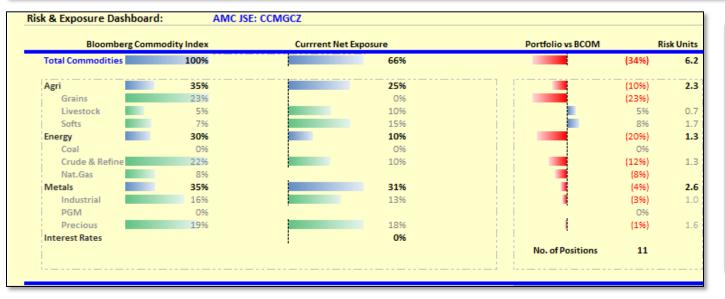


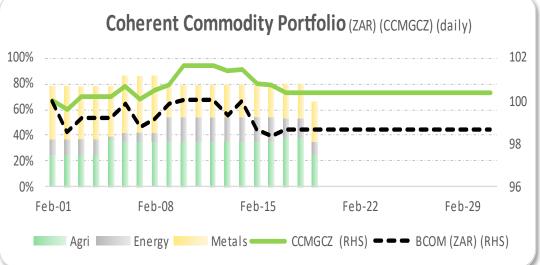


Executive Overview:

- Bonds 10yr
 - **G7** Gilts the only G7 yields not rising
 - **BRICS** ZAR 10yr resistance holds
- **Fx**
- **G7** JPY the weakest link
- **BRICS** ZAR *en route* to test bearish breakout
- Equity indices
 - **G7** MSCI World follows on bullish break
 - **BRICS** MSCI EM still floundering mid-range
- Property
 - **Global** bullish attempt wilts with bonds
 - **SA** near bullish break, but not yet
- Commodities
 - **Agri** breaks down through significant support
 - Energy inventories low
 - Metal sub-indices
 - Ind. metals: breaking down on disappointing macro narrative
 - PGM: palladium clinging to support
 - Prec. metals: fails Yataghan

Bloomberg Commodity Index		Currrent Net Exposure		Portfolio vs BCOM	Risk Units		Performance				
Total Commodities	100%		66%		(34%)	6.2	Exposure per commodity sector MTD	Unit price	111.1		
							Total 66.1%				
Agri 🗾	35%		25%		(10%)	2.3	Agri 25.0%	P&LMTD daily	0.00		
nergy 📃	30%		10%		(20%)	1.3	Energy 10.1%	P&L MTD cumulative	0.38		
Vietals	35%		31%		(4%)	2.6	Metals 31.0%	P&L Rolling 12m	7.03		
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				No. of Positions	11			AUM	107,272,76		





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