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a newsletter for the colleagues of the International Federation of Technical Analysts

President's Report to Colleagues



Dear colleagues,



Is buy-and-hold the new trading? It's been quite some years now that the stock markets follow an everlasting uptrend. As technical analysts, it is on us to look for potential reversal points from the up- to the downside and vice versa and discuss about the health of an ongoing trend. Institutional Investors and private traders rely on our expertise hoping to get the best results from this.

But what if the best advice is just doing nothing? Just to buy-and-hold?

You may ask yourself now, why am I talking about buy-and-hold when I am a trader, and as well looking for reversal points to open and exit a position. The reason is simple - because that's what the people are tempted to think now. For years already, it seems that investing beats trading.

And it feels good, too. As an investor you decide once and then just let your profits run. It's as easy as it can be and comes with an extra benefit, too: you can discuss with your colleagues, friends and neighbors about your steady rising profits and how good you are as an investor – by just doing nothing. By just buying once and hold forever. Stocks like NVIDIA are a good example for this – and we all know investors talking like this as well.

So, why are we doing all the Technical Analysis? Why are we doing all the hard work of research, programming, testing, comparing, discussing and deciding. if the buy-and-hold-approach seems so easy and profitable?

Well, there is an answer, of course - and it is a simple one. Because nothing lasts forever. As people rely on our expertise it is on us to point out, when the first clouds appear over the blue sky. The "Dark Cloud Cover"-Formation has its name for a reason. Even though people might laugh at us or will not believe our analysis, its our obligation to tell our clients when the party is over. And yes, also with "buy-and-hold" there is an exit one day. And its better at the top than the bottom.

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IFTA2024 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 3 October 2024

(2:00 pm-4:00pm)

The Bao Forum for Asia International **Conference Center** Dongyu Island, Boao Town, Qionghai City, Hainan Province

All IFTA colleagues are encouraged and invited to attend. For further information, contact IFTA staff

And because there is always more to learn, let me invite you once again to the 37th IFTA Conference in Boao, Hainan, China. Join our colleagues and friends from October 4th to October 6th and discuss with us the latest developments in Technical Analysis, Trading and Investing. I am looking forward seeing you soon!

All the best,

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Wieland Arlt IFTA President

Interview with IFTA President Wieland Arlt: Insights into Trading, Coaching, and Global Market Vision

In this insightful interview, we had the privilege to sit down with Wieland Arlt, the President of the International Federation of Technical Analysts (IFTA). Arlt, a well-respected figure in the world of trading and coaching, generously shared his extensive experience and passion for the markets. His unique perspective provided valuable insights into his wide-ranging career, from trading and coaching to his visionary work for the global trading community.

We hope you enjoy and find the insights useful.

Click here or on video to view.



Member News

STA (United Kingdom) The Society of Technical Analysts

We started the Autumn series of events with a fireside chat with **Tom Basso**, one of the Market Wizards, on 10 September and our **Annual Drinks Reception** on 11 September at London's iconic National Liberal Club.

The **STA Diploma Part 1 Course** that starts on **9 October** will be held online via Zoom webinar and will be fully interactive with students being able to ask questions as they would in a classroom. Any students unable to watch live will be able to catch up with a recording post event and email the STA office if any questions. They may also post questions on the STA Student Forum which will be answered by course lecturers. Provision has been made for candidates to sit the exam(s) in their own personal space, using Zoom invigilation.

The sessions will be held from **6.00pm-8.00pm** London time. Near the time students will be sent login details for the webinar. The Diploma Part 1 examination will take place during the daytime on **Monday 2 December 2024**.

The advantage of holding **the course online** is that students who live too far from London to attend the classes will be able to benefit from live lectures (or access them post event). For dates, price and full details please visit https://www.technicalanalysts.com/education/ sta-courses/#course1-details



The STA are also excited to reveal its new 10-sessions learning programme, the 'High Performance Trader', expertly designed and delivered by Steven Goldstein and Mark Randall of AlphaMind. See details in this IFTA Update. Keep in touch with us via our online blog and follow us on twitter @STA_ORG, LinkedIn, Instagram, or like our Facebook page.

The 'High Performance Trader' Learning Programme

Take your trading to the next level

Introducing the 'High Performance Trader' Learning Programme – a new STA initiative created in association with AlphaMind.

The Society of Technical Analysts is thrilled to announce its new 10-sessions learning programme, the 'High Performance Trader', expertly designed and delivered by Steven Goldstein and Mark Randall of AlphaMind.

This unique and powerful programme offers you the opportunity to harness the essential trading mindset required to navigate and optimise the complexities of market performance in an increasingly volatile environment.

The programme guides traders through the entire lifecycle of trading, beginning with the analytical processes crucial for idea formulation and market narrative understanding. It then progresses to the vital elements of risktaking and risk management, where traders will learn to monetise their analysis and ideas effectively through a structured yet dynamic risk process.

Key aspects of the AlphaMind philosophy are included, which inlcudes a strong focus on developing the human elements of trading and risk performance. This approach aims to enhance decision-making, improve risk taking and risk management processes, and enables more effective engagement with markets, risk, and uncertainty—all in ways that align with your unique personality, risk philosophy, and trading purpose.

Facilitators Steve and Mark have a long-standing relationship with the STA, having delivered the behavioural



finance modules for the STA Diploma programme and hosted sessions at the STA Annual Conference. You may also be familiar with their exceptional AlphaMind podcast, which the STA is proud to sponsor.

The programme is designed to be personal and reflective, ensuring that each delegate enjoys an individualised experience. Participants will be encouraged to draw on their trading experiences during sessions while testing and applying newly learned approaches in their work between sessions. This interactive format supports learning in a remarkably effective manner, allowing you to embed and experiment with new tools and skills related to trading. We invite you to join us on this transformative journey to become a high-performance trader!

Delivered online via Zoom, the programme commences in March 2025.

Priced at £1,750, if booked by 31 December 2024; £1,850 thereafter.

Click here for full details and to register or email info@technicalanalysts.com

Enrolment is limited to 25 participants. Book early to avoid disappointment!

2024 IFTA Board of Directors Nominations (Term October 2024–October 2027)

Nominations were received for four open positions on the IFTA board of directors. Elections will be held in China at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and via Zoom on 3rd October 2024.

If you would like to contact any of the candidates, please email the IFTA staff at admin@ifta.org, and we will be glad to facilitate your communication.



Bruce Fraser

Nominated by: TSAASF (USA) Current Board Member: Yes

Mr. Fraser, an industry-leading "Wyckoffian," began teaching gradu-

ate-level courses at Golden Gate University (GGU) in 1987. Working closely with the late Dr. Henry ("Hank") Pruden, he developed the curriculum for and taught many courses in GGU's Technical Market Analysis Graduate Certificate Program, including Technical Analysis of Securities, Strategy, and Implementation, Business Cycle Analysis, and the Wyckoff Method. For nearly three decades, he co-taught Wyckoff Method courses with Dr. Pruden and has also used this approach to the markets as the foundation of his own trading for over 35 years.

Mr. Fraser was co-founder, principal, and portfolio manager at Pring-Turner Capital Group with Martin Pring and Joe Turner. He has retired and now teaches the Wyckoff Method, trades, and creates blogs and videos at Stockcharts.com. He is currently a commentator on the Wyckoff Method for Stockcharts.com and co-hosts a weekly Wyckoff webinar at Wyckoff Analytics. Mr. Fraser is the past president and current chair of the Technical Securities Analysts Association of San Francisco (tsaasf. org), which is the oldest technical analysis society in the United States.



Akihiro Niimi, MFTA, CFTe Nominated by: NTAA (Japan) Current Board Member: No

Mr. Niimi has more than 20 years experiences working in investment banks

and hedge funds. He currently manages cryptoasset index project with Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. and asset management companies investing digital assets in metaverse.

Anisah Ozleen Othman, MSTA, CFTe

Nominated by: MATA (Malaysia) Current Board Member: No

Ms. Othman, a beacon of versatility and resilience, has crafted a remarkable career journey reflecting an indomitable spirit and commitment to constant growth. From strutting catwalks to managing restaurants and owning a successful light shop, her kaleidoscopic experience has positioned her as a powerhouse in both business and fashion. During latter stage of this 16-year venture, venturing into the financial realm, Othman discovered her true passion as a unit trust agent and seasoned remisier. Beyond the trading floor, she emerged as a captivating international speaker, share a wealth of knowledge on diverse topics. Othman talks resonate with a global audience, offering insight into successful remisier careers, trading strategies, money management and crafting robust trading plans.



Dr. Oliver Reiss, MFTA, CFTe Nominated by: VTAD (Germany) Current Board Member: Yes

Dr. Reiss received a master's degree in physics from the University of

Osnabrueck (1998) and a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Kaiserslautern (2003)—the latter for his research on financial mathematics performed at the Weierstrass Institute in Berlin. Since then, he has worked in the banking industry and today is a self-employed consultant for financial institutions with a focus on risk controlling, derivatives pricing (quant), and related IT implementations.

As a private investor, Oliver is interested in technical analysis and due to his mathematical and programming expertise, he is now focused on the developing and back-testing of mid-term trading strategies based on more sophisticated algorithms. He joined the VTAD in 2011 when he became a freelancer and currently serves as deputy manager of the VTAD's regional group in Dusseldorf.

Oliver received his MFTA for his thesis on the application of the Empirical Mode Decomposition to technical analysis, which was rewarded with the John Brooks Memorial Award in 2019. As a frequent attendee of IFTA conferences, he also presented the results of his MFTA research at the IFTA Conference in Cairo.

Fibonacci Retracements: An 'Anciently Modern' Tool for Technical Analysis

By Francesca Paesano

The origins and evolution of the Fibonacci retracements

The term 'anciently modern' linked to the Fibonacci indicator, correlated by its retracements, is not casual at all. The indicator became popular during the 20th century, especially as technical analysis started evolving as a discipline in finance. Fibonacci retracements are based on a numerical sequence that allows to identify support and resistance levels in the chart. It is therefore a powerful technical analysis tool, mainly applied on the Forex market. However, its history dates back to a time in which the financial markets were still inexistent. it has remote and, surprisingly, Italian origins!

The history behind this indicator

Fibonacci retracements have remote and, surprisingly, Italian origins! It all began back in the 13th century (1200 AD) when the mathematician, Leonardo Pisano Bogollo, known as Fibonacci, identified a mathematical rule to establish the correct proportions in space. In his "Liber Abaci" or "The Book of Calculation" (1202), he described a sequence that was not invented by him but was applied in the context of a problem involving the growth of a population of rabbits. The Fibonacci sequence is based on a series of numbers where the next one represents the sum of the previous ones, for instance: 0+1=1, 1+1=2, 1+2=3... The sequence tends towards infinity, since there is a never-ending presence of numbers and no limit to the sum that can be made. Fibonacci enlightened the presence of numbers that matter more than others: in fact, the basis of the Fibonacci sequence can be found in the following rules:

- The resulting ratio between two consecutive numbers is close to 1.1618
- The resultant ratio of the first number divided for the next one is 0.618 (61.8% or "golden number").
- If the number X is divided by the second number in the sequence, in an upward sense, has value of 0.382 and thus 38.2%

In particular, the values of 61.8% and 38.2% are indicated as the most important support and resistance levels in the chart. However, when the retracements are applied to the chart, the following numbers are taken into consideration: 23.6%, 38.2%, 50%, 61.8%, 100%. Traders use these levels to identify potential reversal points where a trend might reverse or temporarily take a pause. Imagine that significant upward price movement has happened, a retracement to the 61.8% level indicates a strong support zone, signaling a potential buying opportunity.

The functioning and the retracements' characteristics

Once the trader is sure that the platform he is using supports the Fibonacci indicators, it will be necessary to plot it, starting from an exact point in the chart and by holding the mouse cursor until the released point is reached. Graphically, the two strategic points that help draw the retracement correctly are: in a bullish trend, the minimum point and trace the succession from the bottom to the maximum point, or the top; on the contrary, in a bearish trend, the minimum level in the chart.



Graph.1 Fibonacci retracement applied to a downtrend in the currency pair AUD/CHF, H4

These yellow lines will act as support and resistance in the chart. For a complete analysis, there are also "Fibonacci extensions" that, above 100, which can be used to identify new Target Price levels. The most popular percentage numbers are: 138.2%, 150%, 161.8%, 200%, 261.8% and 423.6%.

Three main strategies are applicable according to the nature of the retracements:

Shallow retracement: This operativity consists in taking action when the price is between 23.6% and 38.2%. These levels represent a consolidation of the current trend, with the price pausing before continuing its bullish march. The stop loss will be placed just below the value indicated by 23.6 and the take profit above 38.2.

Since this is a consolidation trade, false signals may be generated. For this reason, it is advisable to use other indicators for support, above all the stochastic RSI.

- Medium retracement: based on the Pullback or breakout of the values between 38.2% and 61.8%, this is a very important zone to define the future trend of the price, as it will indicate if the price has the strength to continue the current trend or if there will be a rebound. The concept for Stop Loss and Take Profit is the same as above, so SL below 38.2 and TP above 61.8. As this is a fairly wide price zone, one useful supporting indicator is Elliott and its waves.
- Deep retracement: In this case price values above 61.8 (Fibonacci gold value) must be considered. A break of this level will boost the current Trend, opening bullish scenarios. Obviously, the same is valid for a bearish Trend. Subsequent movements at this price level will be quite large. For further confirmation it is advisable to take a look at the volumes that should confirm the direction of the Trend.

Other operational tricks connected to Fibonacci

Along with Fibonacci retracements, other tools, derived with a similar logic, can be employed. Among the most famous:

 Fibonacci Fan Lines: These are shown by sketching a trend line spanning two extreme points. Then from the second extreme point to the level of the first extreme point a "invisible" vertical line equal to the vertical distance between the extreme points is drawn. From the first extreme point, four trend lines are then drawn such they pass through the invisible vertical line at the Fibonacci levels of 23.6%, 38.2%, 50.0%, and 61.8%.

- Fibonacci arcs: These half circles stretch outward from a base line, a line linking a high and a low. These arcs cut the base line at 23.6%, 38.2%, 50%, 61.8%, and 78.6%. Fibonacci arcs show places of possible resistance and support. Since the arcs will get wider the longer the base line is or narrower the shorter it is, they consider both price and time. Usually connecting two important price points, such a swing high and a swing low, Fibonacci arcs are used. These two points form a base line, then the arcs show where the price might pull back to, and maybe bounce off of.
- Fibonacci Time Extension is a tool designed to enable traders to forecast when the next major movement is likely to occur or when a trend is likely to revert. It is predicated on the same ideas as the Fibonacci Retracing tool, which finds possible support and resistance levels by means of the Fibonacci sequence ratios. But Fibonacci Time Extension emphasizes the time axis rather than price. In order to use this instrument effectively, it is easy to combine it with other techniques. One effective tool for traders in spotting possible market turning points is harmonic patterns. Particular price movements following exact geometric forms create these patterns. Here's how the mixing of the two strategies work: search on the pricing axis for possible harmonic patterns (Bat Pattern, Butterfly Pattern, and Gartley Pattern...). After spotting a possible Harmonic Pattern, track the pattern's development in time. Project Fibonacci Ratios by looking for confluence between the expected Fibonacci Time Extension levels and other technical analysis instruments including trendlines or support and resistance levels. Another popular technical analysis tool is Elliott Wave Theory to spot market cycles and forecast future price swings. The theory states that markets travel in waves, each wave comprised of a set of smaller waves. In this case, traders must determinate the Elliott Wave count and search for possible forms on the price axis.

Once an Elliott Wave pattern have been spotted, the wave forming time must be tracked. Finally, project Fibonacci ratios and look for confluence between the expected Fibonacci Time Extension levels and other technical analysis instruments including trendlines or support and resistance levels.

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A timeless instrument

Finding its root in the 13th-century work of the Italian mathematician Fibonacci, the retracing tool has developed into a powerful and flexible tool in contemporary technical analysis. Its relevance is shown by its application in determining important support and resistance levels inside financial markets, especially in Forex trading. Fibonacci retracements endow traders with a comprehensive understanding of possible market reversals and trend continuations, whether used alone or in combination with other indicators such as Elliott Wave Theory or Harmonic Patterns. Deeply connected with mathematics and nature, this ancient idea still provides insightful direction in the complex realm of trading.

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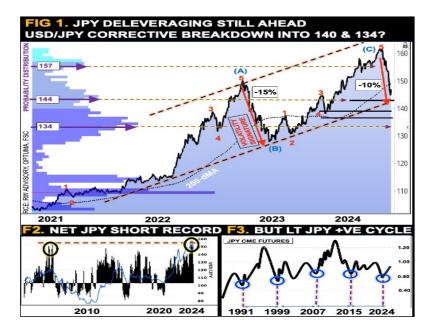
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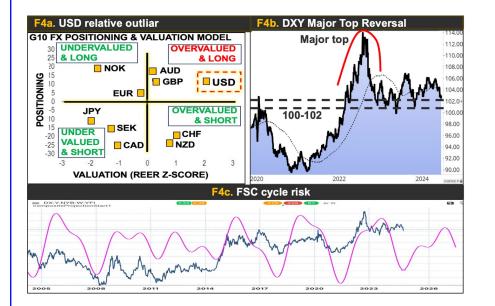
RW Advisory's warning proved timely for the "growing probability of a dramatic 'flash crash risk into Q3, [from early August onwards]," as flagged in client reports and media interviews such as Real Vision themed "Rally on Thin Ice"." What next? Recall one of Warren Buffett's most famous insights, post-crash, which forewarns of the resurfacing tide and folly of submerged risks. The quote's full wisdom is that "only when the tide goes out do you learn who has been swimming naked" – which reveals a perfect storm of event triggers, present and likely future.

Most formidable, is the recent sharp appreciation of JPY coinciding with a spike in cross-asset volatility, thereby heightening focus on the "JPY carry trade". Many are debating the scale and impact of a broader unwind, with some using **Japan's foreign portfolio investments to estimate as much as \$4 trillion**. Meanwhile, the more polarising question is on the impact, post-shock and remaining. JP Morgan cites only half and Goldman Sachs is on the extreme side of 90%, based on futures positioning, with net shorts falling to just \$1bn from a peak of near \$15bn in just a few weeks.

However, there are **three key considerations to note. 1) Data limitation. 2) Market fluctuations. 3) Asymmetric reflexivity.** Firstly, the data is limited to the futures market and excludes "stickier" parts of the investor space. Secondly, it assumes market valuations remain stable, but according to my analysis JPY is still extremely undervalued, with USDJPY's corrective breakdown targeting 140, with risk into 134 (*Figure 1*). Additionally, JPY net shorts hit its 2007 record peak and will likely mean-revert to a new long regime (*Figure 2*), as part of a bigger JPY cycle wave (*Figure 3*).



JPY deleveraging is **further accentuated by relative USD vulnerability risk**. This is based several key factors, including relative G10FX performance measured in a positioning and valuation model (*Figure 4a*). Additional concerns are also found in DXY's technical regime, after its latest breakdown reactivates the major top reversal pattern (*Figure 4b*). This is further supported by the Foundation for the study of cycles (FSC) timing model (*Figure 4c*).

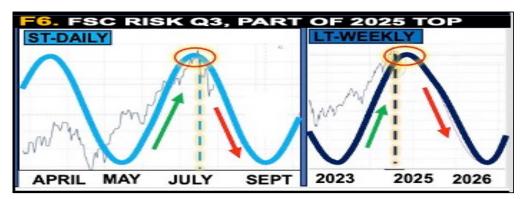


Moreover, the bigger elephant in the room, is a broader context and timing of this event risk, which marks a significant change in market sentiment. What I've long dubbed a 'behavioural inflection point'.

It compounds, as part the **market's asymmetric reflexivity**, **whereby investors' biased beliefs and intensified risk aversion drag on performance**. In some extreme cases, investors will literally sell first and think later! In fact, this is the very nature of a bull-trap squeeze remains in play on S&P500, leading to additional forced selling under 5200 (*Figure 5*). This is a variation of the corrective pattern last seen during the 2007 peak, with ultimately led to the global financial crisis of 2008.



Furthermore, a bearish timing confluence weighs and was featured in a recent CNBC interview. It includes **near-term pressure from mid-Aug onwards, amidst imminent geopolitical risk** (Iran-Israel), Q3 weak seasonality, notably Sept-Oct, counting down to US election uncertainty. **The FSC model signals ST risk, as part of a LT strategic top into 2025** (*Figure 6*).



A top macro event risk during this time window, is for the potential for a **Fed policy checkmate scenario**, in-line with a precarious historical rhyme (*Figure 7*). With real rates now at 2%+ for a while, it's important to review past episodes to be aware of what happens when the Fed forces such a tight policy for too long!



Author, Ron William, CFTe

Ron William is a Market Strategist, with +20-years of experience, working for leading economic Research & Institutional firms; producing macro research and trading strategies. He specializes in blended, top-down, semi- discretionary analysis, driven by cycles and proprietary timing models.



Ron is also a Behavioural Finance Expert, Trading Psychologist & Performance Coach. He uses latest techniques in behavioural/risk assessment modelling, peak-performance, neuro/body science and stress response management (SRM), including mindfulness & coherence training; supported by his market strategies.

Ron's primary work, as part of his current institutional market advisory firm (RWA), acquired global industry recognition with multiple Finalist Awards for "Best Specialist Research/& FX". His market insights are also featured regularly across leading financial media programs (notably, Volatility Re-awakening & Tech Sector) and industry publications (2019 Bear Market Rally, Bitcoin-Digital Asset Paradigm & Bond Yield Spike Risk).

Driven by high integrity education, Ron serves on the board of the International Federation of Technical Analysis (IFTA), Heads the Swiss Association of Market Technician (SAMT) Geneva Chapter and consults with multiple education & regulatory groups. He was also invited by the House of Commons, to join an industry guidance team, following the official launch of an All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG), in Digital Currencies.

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oday, the annual conference of the International Federation of Technical Analysts sets foot on Chinese soil for the first time, marking a gradual maturation of the field of technical analysis in China and ushering in a new era of development. This historic leap announces to the world that China's development in technical analysis is gradually emerging as a new force. The global spotlight on technical analysis will converge on Hainan Boao this October, and we look forward to delving into the charm and allure of China's technical analysis field through this grand event.





As the organizer of this annual conference, the China Information Development Technical Analysis Association, with its unwavering initial aspirations and shoulders bearing its mission, perseveres without pause and tirelessly strives forward. With its outstanding professional competence, robust international exchange and cooperation capabilities, and excellent organizational skills, it shoulders the heavy responsibility of showcasing China's technical analysis strength to the world.



NEW FUSION AND INTELLECTUALINNOVATION ——Shaping the Future

Amidst the tide of global economic change, we welcome the annual grand event of the International Federation of Technical Analysts, under the theme "New Fusion and Intellectual Innovation, Shaping the Future", aimed at guiding investors to explore new opportunities in the capital markets and embrace the era of intelligent investment.

New quality integration is not only the combination of new productive forces and traditional economies but also a comprehensive integration of eight fields and nine industries.

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We deeply understand that investment decisions require multidimensional insights and precise analysis. Therefore, under the theme "New Fusion and Intellectual Innovation, Shaping the Future", we have meticulously designed a curriculum system covering three core modules: Pattern, Momentum, and Timing, aiming to provide investors with comprehensive technical analysis education. Pattern Analysis will help investors identify market trends and potential turning points; Momentum Analysis will reveal the strength behind market dynamics, enabling investors to understand the deeper implications of market activity and power changes; Timing Analysis will teach investors how to execute trades at the optimal moment to maximize profits. Our goal is to ensure that every participant can gain practical knowledge, enhance investment skills, and ultimately achieve wealth growth and personal development through the forum. IFTA

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Daryl Guppy

Session Title: How to Find Good Trade Opportunities in Every Market Condition

Selecting trading opportunities

requires more than just mathematical indicator searches, or company research. The most successful trades are those that are compatible with the current market conditions. It's no good selecting stocks suitable for bullish conditions when the market is in a bear market condition. Understanding the changing structure of the market allows traders to set price targets for trades. Understanding the changing behaviors of the market gives a guide to how these targets will be achieved. Guppy will explain the four major market conditions he looks for in every market, but with a focus on the China market. He will explain how he selects a stock pool of potential trading candidates for each of these conditions. These are the methods he has used in his weekly market report for Homily. Over the past three years more than 80% of stocks in the 10 stocks in the weekly stock pool have delivered good trading opportunities.



Nobuaki Kakimoto, CFTe, MFTA

Session Title: How similar are the markets?-A digest from MFTA Acceptance Thesis, 2023

In this session, Nokuaki will present a summary of my 2023 MFTA paper, "The Similarities in Various Markets and Timeframes, Through Quantitative Comparison Methods, and its Application to Trading Systems", which was passed in January 2024.

Market similarity is an old subject that has long been discussed. This paper is not a discussion of visual similarity of charts, but rather how similarity appears when analyzed numerically from various angles.

The presentation will include several newly invented simple ways to measure such similarities and discuss their application to trading systems. The observations are made on the past 30-year data of monthly, weekly and daily on S&P500, NASDAQ Composite, Nikkei225, USD-JPY, some commodities and on a "simulated market", generated by random numbers, in which the price changes follow a normal distribution. Shorter timeframes of 60 minutes or less will also be taken up.

Strong similarities between markets and timeframes will be numerically demonstrated through my new measuring tools, Bollinger Bands, RSI and data distribution of price changes. It will also be shown, with numerical evidence, that any real markets are distinctly different from a random walking simulated market.

Finally, some examples are given to illustrate how my research results can be applied to the real tradings.



Davide Pandini, Ph.D., MFTA, CFTe, CMT

Session Title: Multiple Regression Analysis–A Forecasting Technique for the Financial Markets

In financial markets forecasting is an essential aspect of making investment and trading decisions, managing risk, or optimizing portfolios. Accurate predictions of stock prices and returns, bond yields, and other financial indicators can provide valuable insights into market trends and help investors and traders identify potentially profitable opportunities. However, it is well known that forecasting in financial markets is a very challenging task, as these markets are complex, dynamic, and subject to a wide range of economic, political, and social factors. An investor might simply want to find the strongest stock in a given sector or financial index, while a trader may want to forecast future price movements of a security based on a variety of factors, such as economic indicators, market sentiment, or company-specific information. Or, she/he might need to identify the factors influencing the risk of a particular investment to assess the impact of interest rates, currency fluctuations, or commodity prices on the value of an asset.

Multiple regression is a statistical technique commonly used in finance to predict the future values of financial assets. It involves analyzing the relationship between one dependent variable and several independent variables, and then using this information to make predictions. Multiple regression models are useful because they consider the effects of several factors simultaneously and can provide more accurate forecasts than simple linear models. By including a range of economic and financial indicators in the regression model, it is possible to identify the factors that are most likely to impact the dependent variable and use this insight to make informed investment and trading decisions.

Many of these concepts are also important in technical analysis and should be understood by all technicians to increase the probability of successful trades, since multiple regression can be a useful tool to estimate the underlying price direction for a given security.

In this work, a rigorous statistical assessment of multiple regression is presented and a regression model to forecast the behavior of the stock market based on financial and economic indicators is developed and thoroughly tested by verifying the statistical assumptions. Furthermore, statistical accuracy metrics have been used to compare the regression model against other forecasting techniques.

Viktor Pershikov, MFTA

Session Title: Navigating Cryptocurrency Markets: Tactics and Strategies for Maximizing Results

The emergence of cryptocurrencies, especially Bitcoin, since 2009 significantly impacted financial markets. In just ten years, the cryptocurrency industry has expanded to encompass both centralized and decentralized exchanges and tens of thousands of coins and tokens. Five years ago, banks, investment companies, and financial conglomerates criticized cryptocurrencies, viewing them as a threat. However, with the launch of crypto futures on the CME and the introduction of spot crypto-ETFs for Bitcoin in early 2024, it is now evident that cryptocurrencies and tokens have become significant tools in the modern world, deserving special attention.

Technical analysis, widely utilized by global investors, is universal and effective. However, a specialized approach is required to select appropriate tools. This means that analysis tools, tactics, and strategies yielding stable results in stock or commodity markets may not necessarily produce the same outcomes in the cryptocurrency market and could even result in losses. Therefore, understanding the specific characteristics of the cryptocurrency market is crucial. Identifying which features of coins and tokens are relevant in technical analysis and which tools and strategies yield the best results is essential. As part of Viktor's presentation, the following topics will be covered:

- Cryptocurrency market: Main features of pricing.
- How high volatility and low liquidity affect the application of technical analysis.
- Asset selection: What is important to keep in mind, and how can you choose the most technical cryptocurrencies and tokens from tens of thousands?
- How effective classical trading strategies are in the crypto market.
- Trend-following systems: The key to success with the most capitalized assets.
- My favorite trading setups in the crypto market.



Patrick Pfister, CFTe

Session Title: Combining the Power of MACD-V with Multiple Time Frames

In the realm of technology, change is not just constant—it is exponential. In

today's rapidly evolving financial landscape, the role of technical analysis has become increasingly crucial in deciphering market behavior, identifying trends, and making informed investment decisions. As a technical analyst, it is essential to leverage cutting-edge tools, methodologies, and data-driven insights to navigate the complexities of modern financial markets successfully.

Technical analysis remains a powerful tool for market participants seeking to gain a deeper understanding of market dynamics and make informed trading decisions. By embracing the principles of technical analysis, leveraging advanced tools and techniques, and staying attuned to market trends, we can navigate the complexities of modern financial markets with confidence and precision.



Hiwon Yoon, Ph.D., CMTA Session Title: How does AI work in **Technical Analysis?**

Recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) are proving to be more

than just a passing trend, significantly impacting various industries. This influence has extended to the field of technical analysis. In this presentation, we present a detailed examination of the processes involved in technical analysis using AI. Although our primary focus is on the Japanese stock market, the methodologies discussed are general and hold the potential for broad application across other financial markets and commodity markets.

Additional speakers include:





David Murawski

David is a trader with autism spectrum disorder. This neurological specialty enables him to him to recognize patterns and connections that others may miss. His extraordinary ability for atten-

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tion to detail and his unconventional way of thinking have already helped many in trading. His strategies are based on thorough analysis, but also intuition and a deep understanding of market behavior.

John Bollinger, CFA, CMT



Ron William, CFTe, MSTA

Ron is a markets strategist, with +20years of experience, working for leading economic research and institutional firms; producing macro research and trading strategies.

Dr. Yussra Yusoff, MSTA, **CFTe**

Dr. Yussra, is a 19-year experienced doctor, which includes 11 years as consultant general surgeon currently practicing in Armed Forces Malaysia

ranked Colonel. Simultaneously, he is a Certified Financial Technician and avid player in the capital markets.

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Alessandro Greppi, Ph.D., MFTA

MFTA Research Paper Title: Al-Based Dynamic Asset Allocation for Uncertain Markets

Alessandro Greppi earned his Ph.D. in Economics and Technology Management from the University of Pavia, focusing his research on the use of artificial intelligence in stock markets. Since 2017, he has been a portfolio manager at Zurich Investments Life, where he concentrates on developing tactical asset allocation models, Al-based models for selecting ETFs and mutual funds, ESG products, and technical analysis of cross-assets. He is also a board member of SIAT (Italian Society of Technical Analysis) and IFTA (International Federation of Technical Analysts). Since 2019, he has been a lecturer in the master's program in Financial Market Technical Analysis organized by SIAT, teaching financial statistics, machine learning, big data, portfolio analysis, and sentiment analysis of social networks. He also coordinates a data science course dedicated to institutional investors.

Calendar-at-a-Glance

Date	Торіс	Host	Speaker	Location	Time	Contact
Monthly	Monthly Meetings are held monthly in nine cities across Australia. All monthly meetings are free to members. Visitors are welcome to attend. Bookings are not required. Visitors are welcome, first visit free.	ΑΤΑΑ	Varies	Varies, or online	Varies	ataa.asn.au/
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Sep	12	Registration deadline for CFTe II on 24 October 2024	IFTA	NA			
	19	STA (UK) Diploma, Part 2 Examination	STA	NA	Zoom	To be announced	www.technicalanalysts.com/ education/sta-courses/#course2- details
Oct	2	Master of Financial Technical Analysis (MFTA), Alternative Path, Session 2 application deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org; www.ifta.org
	3	Annual General Meeting (AGM) / IFTA Board Meeting	IFTA	NA	Hainan, China	Varies	admin@ifta.org
-	4-6	IFTA Annual Conference, hosted by CIDTA (China)	CIDTAA	Varies	Hainan, China	Varies	ifta.org/ifta-2024-conference-hainan
	8	Joint STA and The Commodity Trading Club Meeting	STA	TBD	"One Moorgate Place, Chartered Accountants Hall, 1 Moorgate Place London "	6:30 PM BST	https://www.technicalanalysts.com/
	9	STA (UK) Diploma, Part 1 Course	STA	NA	Via Zoom	6:00 pm–8:00 pm BST	https://www.technicalanalysts.com/
-	15	Master of Financial Technical Analysis (MFTA), Session 1 paper deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org; www.ifta.org

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19	ATAA 2024 Online Conference: Unlock Your Profit Potential: Strategy, Mindset and Risk Management	ΑΤΑΑ	Kevin Davey, Brian Shannon, Adrien Reaid, Mark Bennell, Chris Western, Louise Bedfored	Online	10:30 AM-6:00 PM AEST	https://ataa.asn.au/content. aspx?page_id=22&club_ id=582546&module_id=684752
20	STA (UK) Diploma, Part 2 Examination	STA	NA	Zoom	To be announced	www.technicalanalysts.com/ education/sta-courses/#course2- details
24	Certified Financial Technician (CFTe) Level II Examination via Zoom	IFTA	NA	Zoom	To be announced	admin@ifta.org; www.ifta.org

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	28	Master of Financial Technical Analysis (MFTA), Alternative Path, Session 1 application deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org; www.ifta.org
1ar	TBD	The 'High Performance Trader' Learning Programme (10 Sessions)	STA	Steven Goldstein and Mark Randall of AlphaMind	Zoom		https://www.technicalanalysts.com/
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	2	Master of Financial Technical Analysis (MFTA) Session 1 application, outline and fees deadline	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org; www.ifta.org
	15	IFTA Update submission deadline for all news content (mid-June release)	IFTA	NA	NA	NA	admin@ifta.org; www.ifta.org
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