



Weekly Market Update September 23, 2009

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The focus for the market today is clearly the FOMC meeting, and the short-term trends will become more pronounced after this meeting. The outcome of this meeting has important implications for a number of markets, but we are going to be focused on the dollar, since this will tell us a lot about the likely short-term direction in other markets. We expect them to address (1) the economic outlook and (2) whether the Fed will adopt a more hawkish rhetoric or stance with respect to excess liquidity.

If the fed signals the rate cycle will be shifting up and or becomes markedly more optimistic about the economy then we expect that to be dollar positive – in the very short-term it should help drive the dollar higher. However, if risk appetite rises rapidly once again, those gains will likely be erased. If the Fed signals that they will reduce their MBS purchases, or any other hawkish rhetoric, then that will be dollar positive as well. So far the DXY has been holding the 75.6-76 support level.

S&P 500

Now let's discuss what we are seeing on the index level. Also attached, for those interested in the underlying price action, is today's note from my colleague, Blaze Tankersley, in which he describes what he sees driving prices at the component level.

While the equity markets drift higher we continue to see technical deterioration, suggesting we are in the final throes of this move. Having said that, on Aug 21st we called for fresh new highs on the S&P and we continue to argue that we have one final surge higher that will complete the move. Our original target zone for the final move higher was 1080-1120 but now we think the market will most likely reach 1100-1120.

In our last update, we were calling for a minor correction over a few days (one that we did not recommend acting on) before the final surge higher to complete the "ending diagonal" pattern that we have been tracking in the S&P. The 60 min chart below (Chart 1) suggests that it is highly likely that we have already completed this minor corrective leg (iv) of the final wave C, and that we worked out the correction through time and not price. If we do above 1076 that confirms we have started the final leg (v) of this final surge higher. On the other hand, if we do see a new correction/sell-off unfold over the next few days, we will argue that it simply means that the corrective leg (v) is not over in our opinion, and we would recommend getting long around 1030-1040 to play for the final surge higher. Either way, we expect a final surge higher to 1100-1120 into quarter-end at the very least.

SHANGHAI COMPOSITE

In our Aug 21st report, we argued that we had already seen the highs and the secondary top in the Shanghai Composite, and we continue to like the long US/short China relative strategy for the short-term. The price action in this index continues to suggest that we have already started the major intermediate move lower.

See the daily chart on SHCOMP below (Chart 2) – we just failed at the former resistance pivot level in the RSI, and price failed at the 50 day moving average. Therefore, the highest probability scenario in our opinion (Chart 3) is that we just completed leg 2 of (c) and that we are now about to start the longest and most powerful part of the move lower, which would be leg 3 of (c). In other words, the selling should intensify in the short-term, and we expect a fast move down to the ~2500-2600 level.

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Chart 1: SPX Index EW

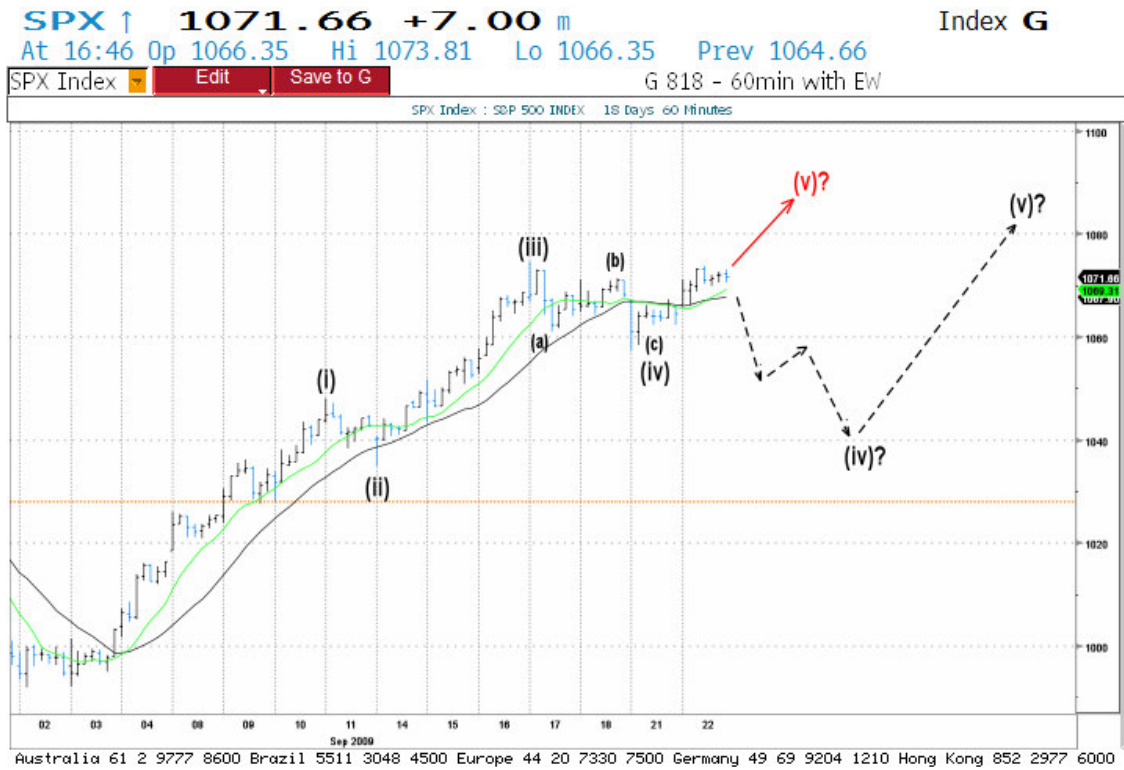


Chart 2: SHCOMP Index with RSI



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Chart 3: SHCOMP Index EW

SHCOMP 2897.553Y as of close 9/22 Index **G**
 Vol 124,074y



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