

Placing this Correction in Perspective

Sentiment Oscillator is doing its job

Once again the value of the Sentiment Oscillator Index (SO) has proved itself. Last October the Oscillator peaked at 75 and we said the enthusiasm was unsustainable. Sure enough, the market soon came off as a correction set in. That correction took two months to play out, bottoming out at a reading of 22 in mid December. Stocks in uptrend had fallen from 81% to 51%. From that point the market sentiment turned up again, reaching 71% in uptrend on 24/1/26, at which point it looked like we had a double top forming.

The reading on 11 October was a clear sell signal and there was another sell signal on 24 January. On both occasions the market was looking topy. Two weeks after the January signal, having experienced the falls of last week, we have confirmation. We are now firmly in the correction phase. You may say that the drop in the gold price caused this, and you may be correct, but that doesn't detract from the importance of the sell signal that the Oscillator was giving. It is based in sentiment rather than real world facts. It was saying it was time to take profits. If you had done so, you would have protected yourself from the broad selloff we have just had.

How many readers acted on the information at the time? Probably very few as the high in the SO coincided with peak enthusiasm. It is human nature to ratchet up expectations at such a juncture but it is also inevitable that soon after the market will kick us in the guts. That is one important observation about market behaviour that never changes. It is not about fundamentals or thematic, it is about understanding the nature of markets.

Where to from here?

Once in a correction mode the duration of that correction will be related to the time it takes to wash out the euphoria. Traders will come back in once the probability of further falls begins to dissipate and bargain hunting starts to become the strategy. The previous narratives will be reassessed and if they are still relevant, the buyers will re-enter the fray. Generally you can say that the correction will

bottom out in about two months as that is enough time for sellers to complete their exit. Once the selling pressure is lifted the next move will be higher. However, that presupposes there is no negative news flow that comes along to exacerbate the fear factor.

Having just given a "Markets 101" commentary, what do I really think?

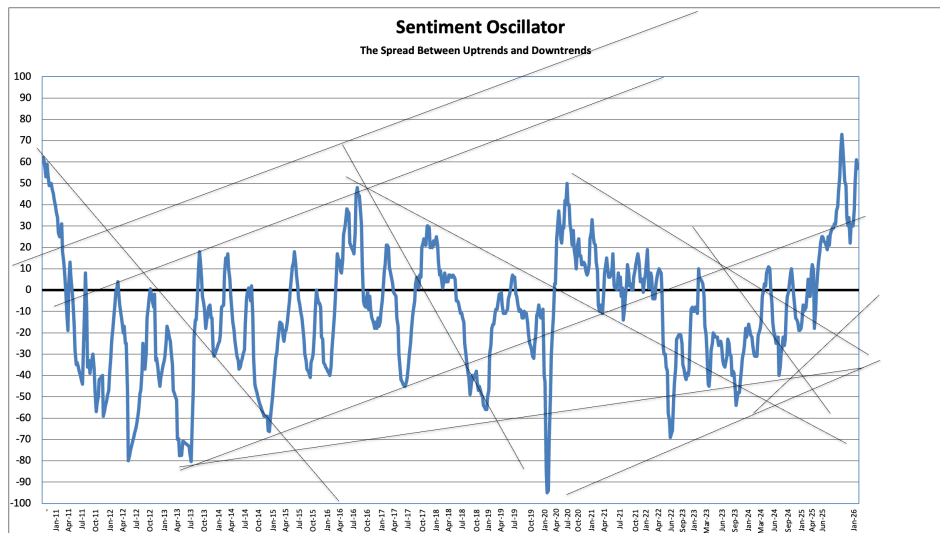
A periodic correction in the market is always a good thing as it keeps enthusiasm from getting out of hand. It makes a bull market more sustainable in the long run. Speculation is great but it leads to volatility and when both get out of control, markets become scary.

Two weeks ago I asked if we had a blow-out situation in the gold price. Clearly it was a blowout that is having consequences right now but is it game over? I say not. It brings the gold price back towards the trend line of the biggest bull market we have ever seen in gold. There have been no changes to the underlying thematic.

No-one can really say what the correct gold price is at any one point. There is never a correct price. It is always a derived number that is affected by many views and real world factors and a gold price on any one day is a function of the expectations over the previous 2-3 weeks. I expect that market will digest the movements of the last few weeks and then adjust accordingly. Now is the time to reassess your portfolio without being overly influenced by FOMO, in preparation for the next leg upwards.

No update to SO or chart comments this week.

As I previously advised, there will be no update for the chart comments for two week due to an inability to cart my chart folder half way around the world. Nevertheless, a quick scan of share price movements last week will dictate that the SO has weakened. I have left the chart comments as they were, and the SO chart of last week has been repeated.



Sentiment Oscillator: **AS AT 31/1/26.** Sentiment softened a touch last week and the Oscillator is still forming a double top. It is hard to see sentiment improving next week, what with the gold and silver moves on Friday night. Those movements almost guarantee that the market will go into a correction phase for at least a few weeks, or at least while it thinks about what it wants to do next. There were 68% (71%) of shares under coverage in uptrend, and 11% (10%) in downtrend.

Detailed Chart Comments

NB. Only the bold comments have been updated. Comments in grey type are from previous weeks and will be less relevant. Please note that this list is a cross section of the market. It IS NOT a list of recommendations.

Indices	Code	Trend Comment	
All Ordinaries	XAO	rising again	
Metals and Mining	XMM	steep rise then a retracement	
Energy	XEJ	testing downtrend	
Stocks	Code	Trend Comment (updated comments in bold)	Main Interest
Agua Resources	AGR	sideways	phosphate, gold
Alkane Resources	ALK	rising again	gold
Alicanto Minerals	AQI	new high	base metals, silver, gold
Alligator Energy	AGE	surge higher	uranium
Almonty Industries	AII	surge to new high	tungsten
Alpha HPA	A4N	rise then a pullback	HPA
American Rare Earths	ARR	improving	rare earths
American Tungsten & Antimony	AT4	pullback	antimon
Anax Metals	ANX	new high	copper
Andean Silver	ASL	new high	silver
Arafura Resources	ARU	testing uptrend	rare earths
Ardea Resources	ARL	rising again	nickel
Ark Mines	AHK	down	rare earths
Astral Resources	AAR	new high	gold
Aureka	AKA	spiked higher	gold exploration
Auric Mining	AWJ	rising	gold
Aurora Energy Metals	1AE	new high	uranium

Aurelia Metals	AMI		improving	copper + base metals
Aurum Resources	AUE		improving	gold
Australian Gold and Copper	AGC		rising	base metals, silver, gold
Australian Rare Earths	AR3		back to support line	rare earths
Australian Strategic Materials	ASM		spike on takeover	rare earths
BHP	BHP		new high	diversified, iron ore
Ballard Mining	BM1		rising	gold
Ballymore Resources	BMR		rising	gold exploration
Barton Gold	BGD		rising again	gold exploration
Beach Energy	BPT		at resistance line	oil and gas
Beetaloo Energy	BTL		breached uptrend	gas
Bellevue Gold	BGL		higher	gold
Besra Gold	BEZ		rising again	gold
Black Cat Syndicate	BC8		new high	gold
Boab Metals	BML		at highs	silver/lead
Brazilian Rare Earths	BRE		breaching downtrend	rare earths
Brightstar Resources	BTR		consolidating	gold
Caravel Minerals	CVV		rising	copper
Carnaby Resources	CNB		rising	copper
Castile Resources	CST		rising	gold/copper/cobalt
Catalyst Metals	CYL		rallying	gold
Cazaly Resources	CAZ		breached uptrend	rare earths
Centaurus Metals	CTM		new high	nickel/cobalt/HPA
Challenger Gold	CEL		improving	gold
Cobalt Blue	COB		down	cobalt
CuFe	CUF		breached downtrend	bismuth
Cyprium Metals	CYM		higher	copper
Emmerson Resources	ERM		new high	gold
EQ Resources	EQR		strongly higher	tungsten
Estrella Resources	ESR		breached downtrend	manganese
Evolution Mining	EVN		new high	gold
Felix Gold	FXG		testing downtrend	gold exploration, antimony
Finder Energy	FDR		correcting lower	oil/gas
First Graphene	FGR		rallying	graphene
Flagship Minerals	FLG		new high	gold
Genesis Minerals	GMD		surge to new high	gold
Globe Metals and Mining	GBE		spiked higher	niobium
Gold 50	G50		testing uptrend	gold exploration + gallium
Golden Horse	GHM		testing uptrend	gold exploration
Great Boulder Resources	GBR		steeply higher	gold exploration
Green360 Tech	GT3		sideways	kaolin
Hamelin Gold	HMG		down	gold exploration
Hawk Resources	HWK		heavy pullback	scandium
Heavy Minerals	HVY		testing uptrend	garnet

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Hillgrove Resources	HGO		new high	copper
Iltani Resources	ILT		heavy pullback	antimony
Iluka Resources	ILU		rising again	mineral sands
Investigator Resources	IVR		sideways at highs	silver
Jupiter Mines	JSM		improving	manganese
Kairos Minerals	KAI		rising	gold
Kaiser Reef	KAU		improving	gold
Kalamazoo Resources	KRZ		rising	gold
Kalina Power	KPO		breached uptrend	carbon sequestration
Koba Resources	KOB		breached downtrend	uranium
Larvotto Resources	LRV		return to highs	gold, antimony
Litchfield Resources	LMS		heavy slump	copper exploration
Lindian Resources	LIN		rising	rare earths + bauxite
Lode Resources	LDR		rising again	antimony, silver
Lotus Resources	LOT		longer term downtrend	uranium
Lynas Corp.	LYC		breached downtrend	rare earths
Many Peaks	MPK		rising again	gold exploration
Marmota	MEU		spiked on good drilling gold	gold/uranium exploration
Matsa Resources	MAT		rising	gold
Meeka Gold	MEK		at highs	gold
MetalsX	MLX		new high	tin, nickel
Meteoric Resources	MEI		rising again	rare earths
Metro Mining	MMI		rising again	bauxite
Midas Minerals	MM1		rising	lithium
Mithril Silver & Gold	MTH		breaching downtrend	silver, gold
Native Mineral Resources	NMR		down	gold
New Murchison	NMG		rising	gold
New World Resources	NWC		rising	copper
Nexgen Energy	NXG		rising again	uranium
Northern Star Res.	NST		rising again	gold
Nova Minerals	NVA		heavy fall	gold exploration
Novo Resources	NVO		new high	gold exploration
Omega Oil	OMA		rising	oil
Pacific Gold	PGO		spiked higher	gold exploration
Pacific Lime & Cement	PLA		rising.gently	renewables, cement
Paladin Energy	PDN		rising again	uranium
Pantoro Gold	PNR		rising again	gold
Patriot Battery Metals	PMT		rising	lithium
Peninsula Energy	PEN		rising again	uranium
Perseus Mining	PRU		new high	gold
QMiners	QML		rallying	copper
Queensland Pacific Metals	QPM		sideways	nickel/cobalt/HPA
Regis Resources	RRL		rising	gold
Revolver Resources	RRR		breached uptrend	copper

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Richmond Vanadium	RVT		spiked higher	vanadium
RIO	RIO		new high	diversified, iron ore
Rox Resources	RXL		rising	gold
RTG Mining	RTG		improving	copper
Rumble Resources	RTR		rising	zinc, gold, tungsten exploration
S2 Resources	S2R		down	gold exploration
Santana Minerals	SMI		rising	gold
Santos	STO		slump	oil/gas
Sarytogan Graphite	SGA		sideways	graphite
Scorpion Minerals	SCN		rallying	gold exploration
Siren Gold	SNG		testing uptrend - legal proceedings	gold exploration
Somerset Minerals	SMM		testing downtrend	copper exploration
Southern Palladium	SPD		testing uptrend	PGMs
Stanmore Coal	SMR		improving	coal
St George Mining	SGQ		breached downtrend	rare earths, niobium
Stellar Resources	SRZ		new high	tin
Sun Silver	SS1		higher	silver
Sunrise Metals	SRL		new high	scandium
Talga Resources	TLG		down	graphite
Tamboran Resources	TBN		rising	gas
Theta Gold	TGM		breaching downtrend	gold
Toro Energy	TOE		spiked higher	uranium
Torque Metals	TOR		rising	gold exploration + lithium
Toubani Resources	TRE		rising, gently	gold
Verity Resources	VRL		testing downtrend	gold
Vertex Minerals	VTX		sideways	gold
Waratah Minerals	WTM		down	gold exploration
Westgold Resources	WGX		new high	gold
West Wits Mining	WWI		rising	gold
Whitehaven Coal	WHC		rising again	coal
White Cliff Minerals	WCN		down	copper exploration
WIN Metals	WIN		down	gold
Yandal Resources	YRL		down	
Totals	68%	97	Uptrend	
	11%	16	Downtrend	
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Guides to Chart Interpretations

- Charts usually go pass from one trend (up or down) into the other via a period of indecision and uncertainty during which the trend can either recover or change. This period is signified by the orange colour. The orange represent both the greatest risk and greatest reward possibilities.
- Once a chart is in confirmed up or downtrends it is not uncommon for 10-20% of that trend to have already transpired.
- There are trends within trends. The focus of this chart review is the immediate trend that affects the sentiment i.e. it can be a downtrend within a long-term uptrend.
- Not every chart warrants a new comment every week. The new comments are in bold type. Grey type comments may be dated.
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Weightings of Sectors Represented in the Company Charts			
Sector	No. of Companies	Weighting	
Gold	38	26.8%	
Gold Exploration	22	15.5%	
Copper	14	9.9%	
Rare Earths	11	7.7%	
Uranium	8	5.6%	
Oil/Gas/Hydrogen	6	4.2%	
Silver	5	3.5%	
Antimony	4	2.8%	
Iron Ore/Manganese	4	2.8%	
Lithium	2	1.4%	
Graphite/graphene	3	2.1%	
HPA/Kaolin	3	2.1%	
Nickel	2	1.4%	
Scandium	2	1.4%	
Tungsten	2	1.4%	
Tin	2	1.4%	
Coal	2	1.4%	
Bismuth	1	0.7%	
Niobium	1	0.7%	
Potash/Phosphate	1	0.7%	
Vanadium	1	0.7%	
Zinc/Lead	1	0.7%	
PGMs	1	0.7%	
Mineral Sands	1	0.7%	
Bauxite	1	0.7%	
Cobalt	1	0.7%	
Other	3	2.1%	
Total	142		

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