Weekly Market Report

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Market Brief:

- *Stocks*: Futures slightly higher after week of mixed results for key indices, yields not too far off recent highs
- *Jackson Hole Speak:* Fed's Powell, ECB's Lagarde, and BoE's Broadbent pushing the 'higher rates for longer' theme
- *China:* Shares open higher after new measures announced that include reducing stamp duty on stock trading
- *This Week:* US NFP, PCE, preliminary GDP, manufacturing PMIs, EZ preliminary CPI, earnings from Salesforce (see page two for the Week Ahead)

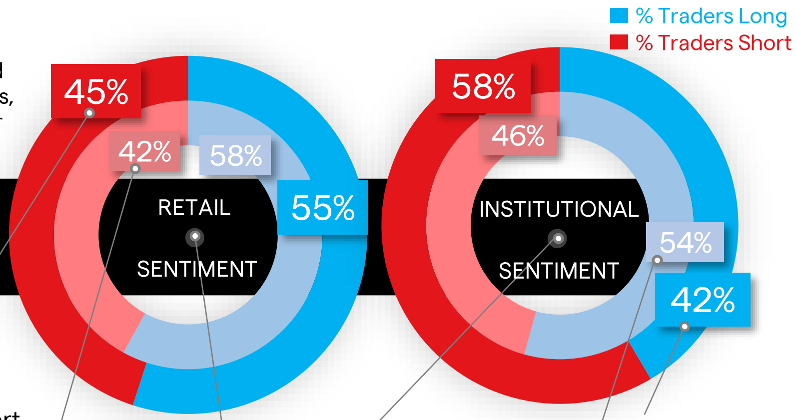
- The **Weekly** Market Report is released on Mondays with weekly chart, weekly technicals, weekly sentiment changes, weekly levels, and weekly technical overview, and includes Bitcoin
- The **Daily** Market Report is released Tuesday through Thursday with a daily chart, daily technicals, daily retail sentiment changes, daily levels and daily technical overview

Relative Strength Index: Momentum based indicator measuring speed and change of directional price movements, either in "Oversold", "Overbought", or "Neutral" territories

GUIDE

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Bearish	Bearish	Negative	Trending	Oversold	Lower Extreme

- **MA – Short:** Status of short-term moving averages, aids in determining short-term price action for intraday trading
- **MA - Long:** Status of long-term moving averages, aids in determining long-term trends for inter-day trading
- **DMI:** Directional Movement Index, here measures between DMI- and DMI+, should be used in conjunction with ADX to determine both trend strength and direction
- **ADX:** Average Directional Movement Index: Used to determine strength of a trend, "Trending" showing potential and "Consolidation" the lack thereof
- **Bollinger Bands:** Price relative to the Bollinger bands, be it at the "Upper Extreme", "Lower Extreme", or "Neutral"



Percentage of retail traders short as of today

Percentage of retail traders short as of previous trading day

IG's client sentiment

Based on speculative positioning of hedge funds, other major financial institutions, and large traders, from the CFTC's CoT report

Percentage of net speculative lots that are long as of last Tuesday

Percentage of net speculative lots that are long as of the Tuesday before

Current Technical Overview	Bull Average
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Buy 1st Support After Significant Reversal, Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Reversal, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
S/L for 2nd Resistance	1.1322
2nd Resistance	1.1303
S/L for 1st Resistance	1.1284
1st Resistance	1.1265
Relative Starting Point	1.1227
1st Support	1.1189
S/L for 1st Support	1.1170
2nd Support	1.1151
S/L for 2nd Support	1.1132

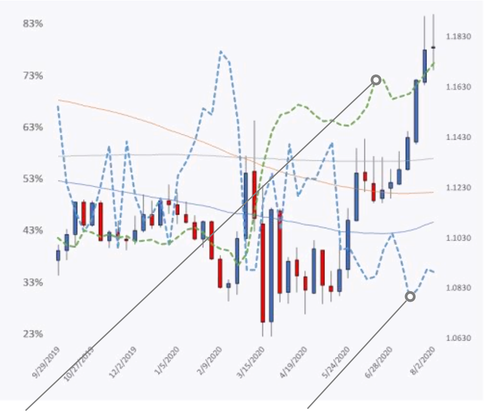
Current technical overview is based on an aggregate calculation of the product's technicals, however – as the commentary box will note – is less relevant on weeks that involve significant fundamental data or central bank monetary policy decisions, and will eventually shift

Strategies that complement the current technical overview, though note whether to initiate the trade after a reversal (in the event of more volatility and stop-out attempts), prior to the pivot point (in the event of strong technical movement and/or limited expected volatility), or a breakout strategy in favour of the technical overview's trend

Strategies that are contrary to the current technical overview, used by those expecting the current technical overview to shift, or fail to offer follow through. In a bull trend example those expecting the current bull trend to fail can opt for contrarian sell strategies off the key levels

The 1st Resistance is the first line of defense for trading, though in a bull trend technical state could be traded with a buy breakout strategy. The 2nd Resistance is the second line of defense that is more rarely breached, with the S/L being the stop losses for both resistance levels in the event a trader decides to initiate sell strategies

The 1st Support is the first line of defense in the event of a price drop, but in a bear trend technical overview sell breakout strategies to the downside can be entertained in the event of significant follow-through in price. The stop loss (S/L) for both 1st and 2nd Support are in the event buy strategies have been initiated



Dotted Green Line: Institutional sentiment during that period, as percentage long, using left axis

Dotted Blue Line: Retail sentiment during that period, as percentage long, using left axis

SMA 50 50-day simple moving average
SMA 100 100-day simple moving average
SMA 200 200-day simple moving average

<u>In addition to commentary on technicals and sentiment for the product, when space permits you can find under</u>:

EUR/USD EZ data, ECB speak and decisions
GBP/USD UK data, BoE speak and decisions, CoT EUR/GBP
USD/JPY Japanese data, BoJ speak and decisions, US-JP yield spreads, CoT CHF
AUD/USD Australian and Chinese data, RBA, RBNZ and PBoC decisions, USD/CNY fix, CoT NZD and CAD
Gold FOMC speak, decisions (and market pricing), Treasuries, CoT silver, platinum and palladium
Oil updates in energy including inventory and rig count data, CoT gasoline, ULSD and natural gas
Wall Street US economic data
US Tech 100 US sector performance and tech
Germany 40 German economic data
Bitcoin crypto flows and sentiment for BTC and ETH

WEEK AHEAD

Central bank speak took the attention last Friday with US Federal Reserve (Fed) Chairman Powell at Jackson Hole saying inflation remained “too high” sticking with the 2% target, that they were “prepared to raise rates further if appropriate”, holding “at a restrictive level”, and to “proceed carefully” at upcoming meetings, Mester likely on needing one more rate hike. Market pricing (Refinitiv) for future Fed action has moved to a slight majority in favor of a 25bp (basis point) rate hike in November as the central bank pauses in September, and a rate cut from current levels pushed out to July of next year further aiding the ‘higher for longer’ narrative. Otherwise, plenty of economic data late last week where durables for the month of July suffered contraction though was up at its core, claims beneath estimates for both initial and continuous, and the revised figures out of UoM (University of Michigan) showed consumer sentiment dropping to 69.5 and their inflation expectations worse at 3.5% for the 12-month and 3% for the five-year. Mixed results for key indices in the stock market with tech outperforming and weekly losses for the Dow and Russell, and focus didn’t shift from the bond market where Treasuries finished the week lower only on the further end of the curve and a similar story for real yields, both VIX and MOVE falling back.

As for the week ahead, it’s packed with quite a bit when it comes to economic data, even if most of the impactful items will be released towards the end of the week. A light start today with the Dallas Fed manufacturing business index where it’s been a story of consecutive contracting readings for well over a year now, and picks up tomorrow with housing price data from where there’s been m/m growth out of FHFA, but ongoing y/y declines when it comes to the figure from Standard & Poor’s/Case-Shiller. There will also be CB’s (Conference Board) consumer confidence where it has been strengthening with the attention shifting thereafter to data out of the labor market. Job openings for July on Tuesday where it suffered consecutive drops but is still about 2.5m more than pre-pandemic averages, ADP’s non-farm estimate on Wednesday, Thursday’s weekly claims and Challenger’s job cuts with the latter lighter over the past two readings thanks to seasonality, and leading up to Friday’s Non-Farm Payrolls (NFP). Two successive misses after fourteen consecutive beats, and expectations are growth will continue to slow to about 170K with the unemployment rate at 3.5%. Pricing data will be released the day before that from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, with the PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditures) price index forecast to show growth of y/y and an increase from prior readings, and m/m growth of 0.2%. Preliminary GDP (Gross Domestic Product) for the second quarter on Wednesday isn’t expected to worry (and more so for the current quarter with the Atlanta Fed’s GDPNow estimate at 5.9%). Manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Managers’ Index) is expected to show an ongoing sub-50 reading signifying contraction out of both S&P Global and ISM (Institute for Supply Management). It’s relatively light globally early on before pricing data out of Australia and Germany on Wednesday, for the Eurozone on Thursday, and Switzerland’s on Friday fortunate to have its y/y print below 2%. Friday’s manufacturing data is expected to show contraction for most, with an eye on China where Caixin’s figure will be released that morning, and out of CFLP both the day before.

Monday

- UK Summer Bank Holiday
- Australian retail sales
- EZ money and lending data
- US Dallas Fed manufacturing, 2 and 5-year auctions

Tuesday

- Japanese employment
- Germany’s GfK consumer confidence reading
- US housing price data, CB’s consumer confidence, job openings (JOLTS), 7-year auction, API’s inventory readings

Wednesday

- Australian **CPI**, construction, building approvals
- German preliminary CPI
- UK money and lending data
- US ADP, preliminary GDP, pending home sales, EIA’s inventory estimates

Thursday

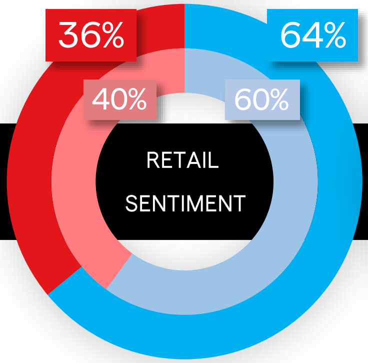
- Chinese **PMI**s (CFLP)
- EZ preliminary **CPI**, ECB’s minutes, labor data
- US **PCE price index**, claims, Challenger’s job cuts, personal income and spending

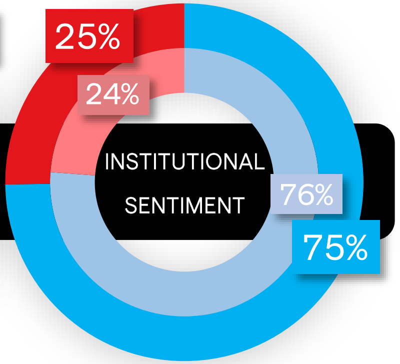
Friday

- Manufacturing **PMI**s for Japan, China (Caixin), EZ, Switzerland UK, and the US (**ISM** and S&P Global)
- Swiss **CPI**
- US **NFP**, construction, Baker Hughes rig count

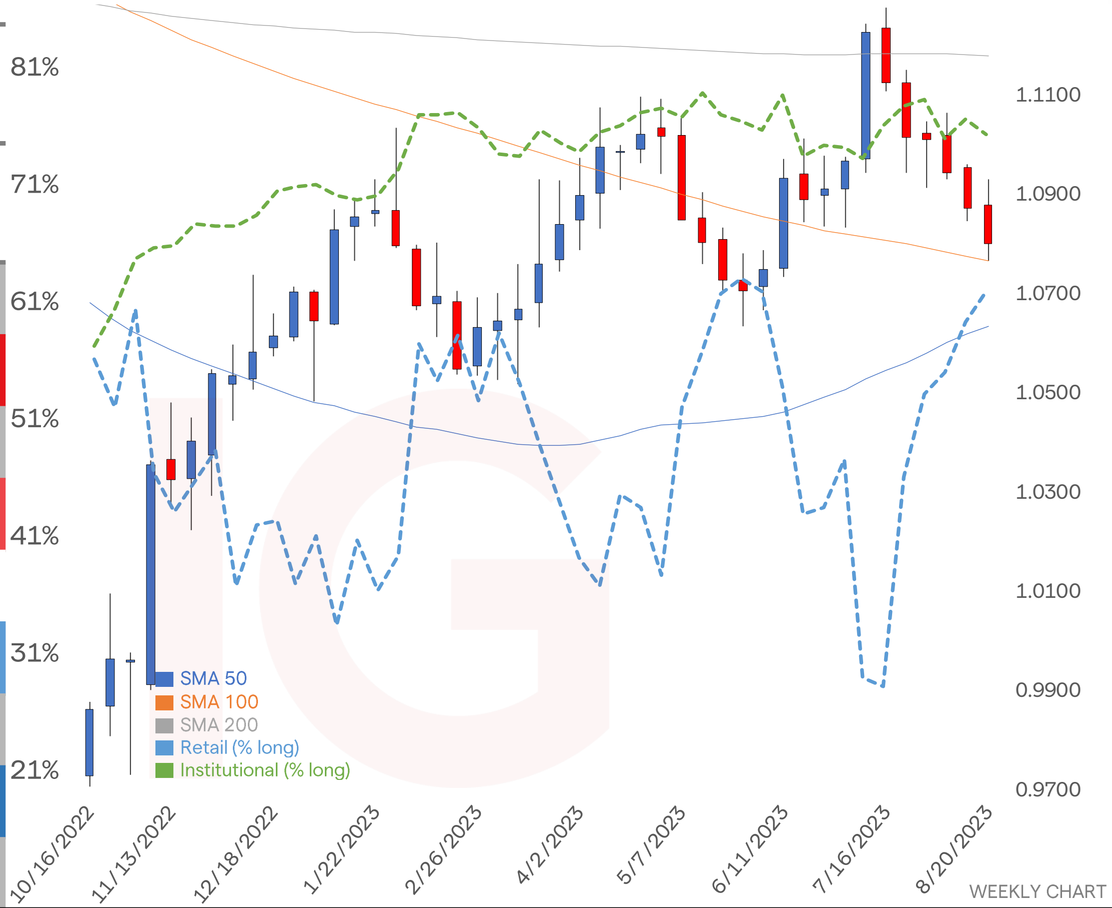
EUR/USD

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	Consolidation	Neutral	Neutral





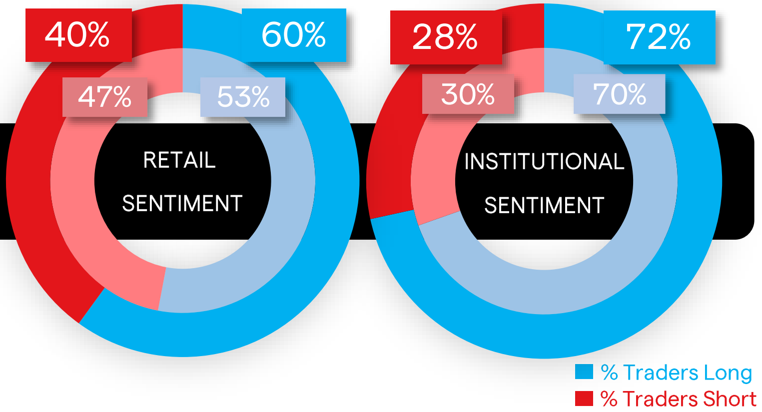
Current Technical Overview	Bull Average
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Buy 1st Support After Significant Reversal, Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Reversal, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
S/L for 2nd Resistance	1.1050
2nd Resistance	1.1000
S/L for 1st Resistance	1.0950
1st Resistance	1.0900
Relative Starting Point	1.0800
1st Support	1.0700
S/L for 1st Support	1.0650
2nd Support	1.0600
S/L for 2nd Support	1.0550



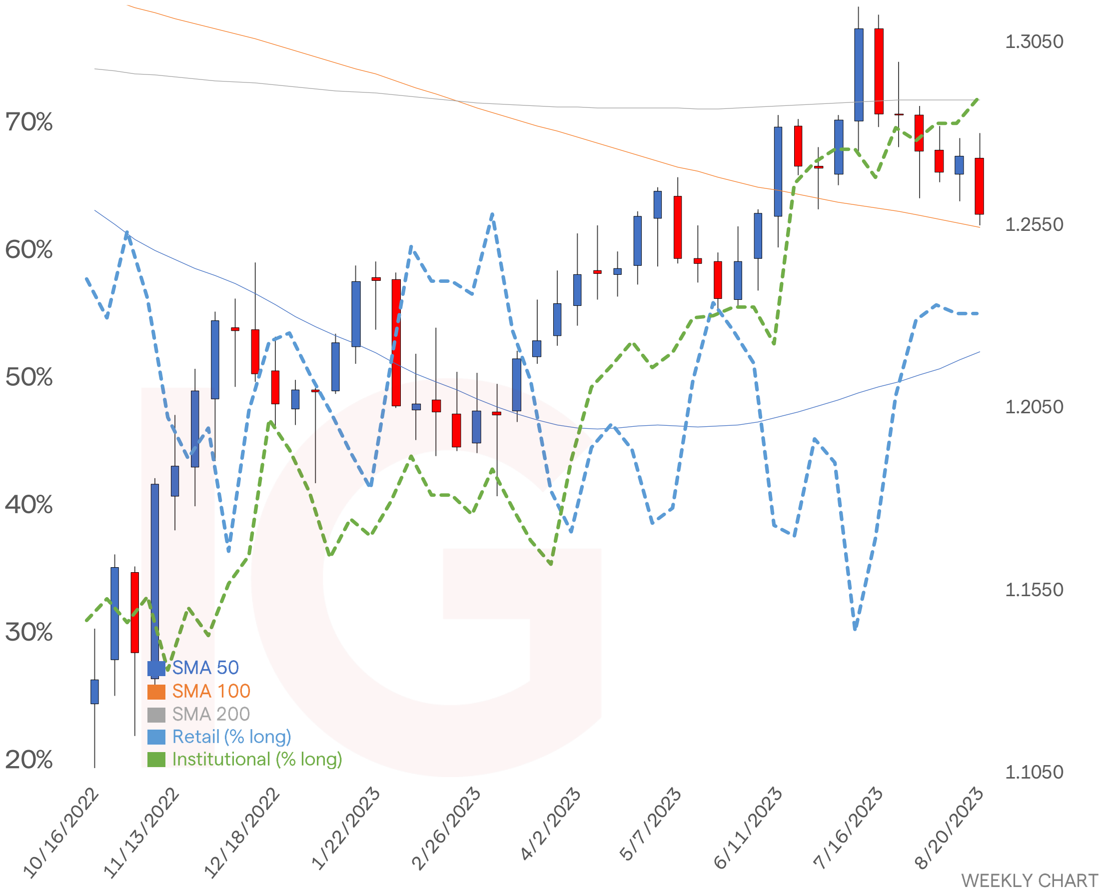
Its previous weekly 1st Support level managed to hold but lacking a significant reversal for cautious conformists here where the overview is a struggling and weakened 'bull average', while caution has been larger on the daily time frame with its technical boxes shifting to red, the action late last week causing conformist buys to fail on Friday with Thursday's 2nd Support holding. Plenty of central bank speak with the ECB's Lagarde not backing down on the inflation goal and high rates to defeat it, Kazaks and Nagel on too early to pause, Centeno cautious due downside risks to the economy materializing. Market pricing (Refinitiv) near the middle on getting to peak 4% deposit rate in September. CoT heavy buy euro but drops to 75% (longs +6,925, shorts +8,028).

GBP/USD

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	Trending	Neutral	Neutral



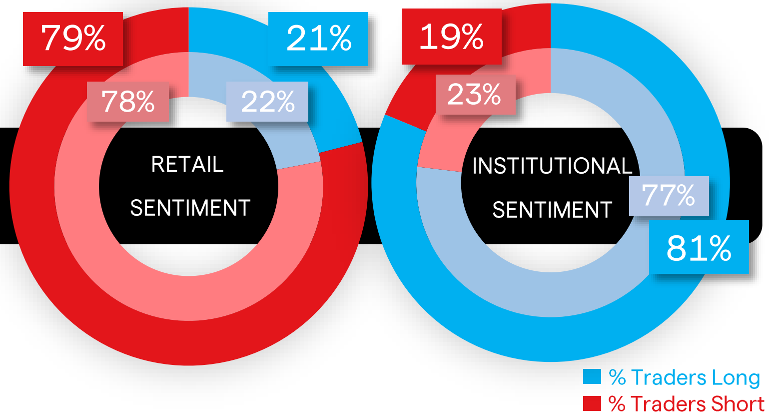
Current Technical Overview	Bull Average
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Buy 1st Support After Significant Reversal, Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Reversal, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
S/L for 2nd Resistance	1.2909
2nd Resistance	1.2842
S/L for 1st Resistance	1.2776
1st Resistance	1.2710
Relative Starting Point	1.2577
1st Support	1.2444
S/L for 1st Support	1.2378
2nd Support	1.2312
S/L for 2nd Support	1.2245



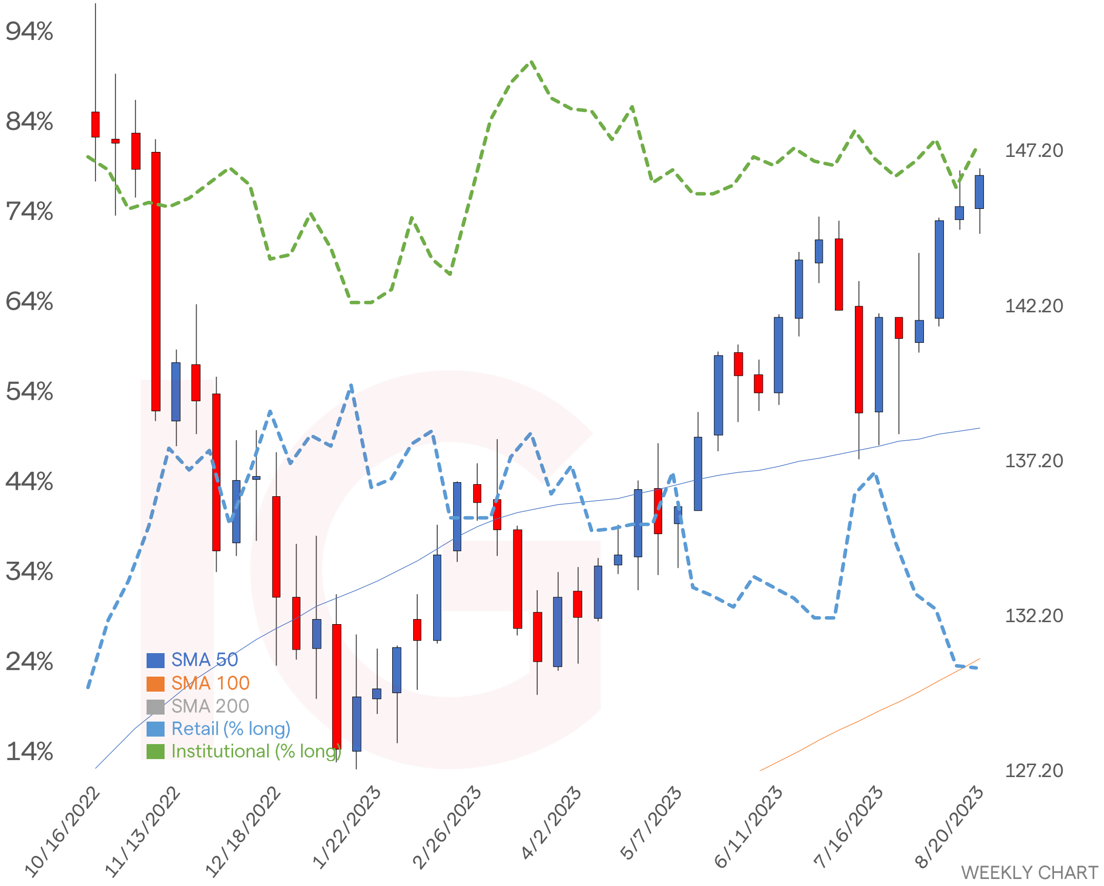
There's little required at this stage to shift the technical overview in this weekly time frame where it's been a weakened 'bull average', with a close near its previous weekly 1st Resistance level and moves that offered little to both conformists and contrarians, on the daily time frame the action late last week going past Thursday's 1st and 2nd Support levels favoring contrarian sell-breakouts and an overview shift not far off from occurring that would mean direct opposite overviews that usually doesn't persist. In central bank speak there was the BoE's Broadbent on tightening remaining in "restrictive territory for some time yet", and a holiday today. CoT has risen to heavy buy 72% (GBP longs +7,520, shorts -599), CoT EUR/GBP slight buy 51%.

USD/JPY

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Bullish	Bullish	Positive	Consolidation	Neutral	Upper Extreme



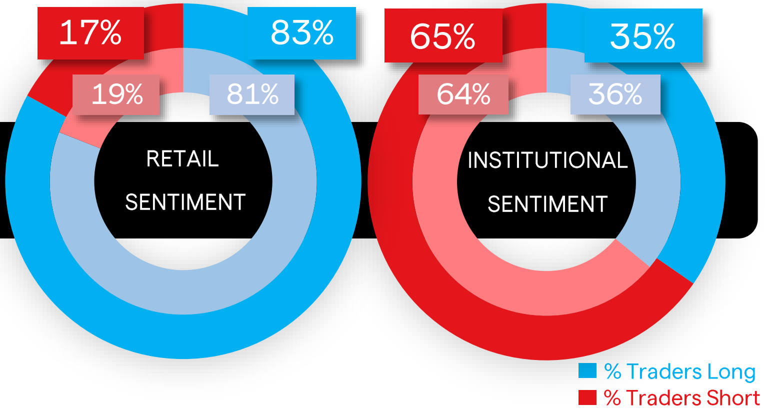
Current Technical Overview	Consolidation - Volatile
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Reversal, Buy 1st Support After Reversal
S/L for 2nd Resistance	150.88
2nd Resistance	149.99
S/L for 1st Resistance	149.09
1st Resistance	148.20
Relative Starting Point	146.41
1st Support	144.62
S/L for 1st Support	143.73
2nd Support	142.83
S/L for 2nd Support	141.94



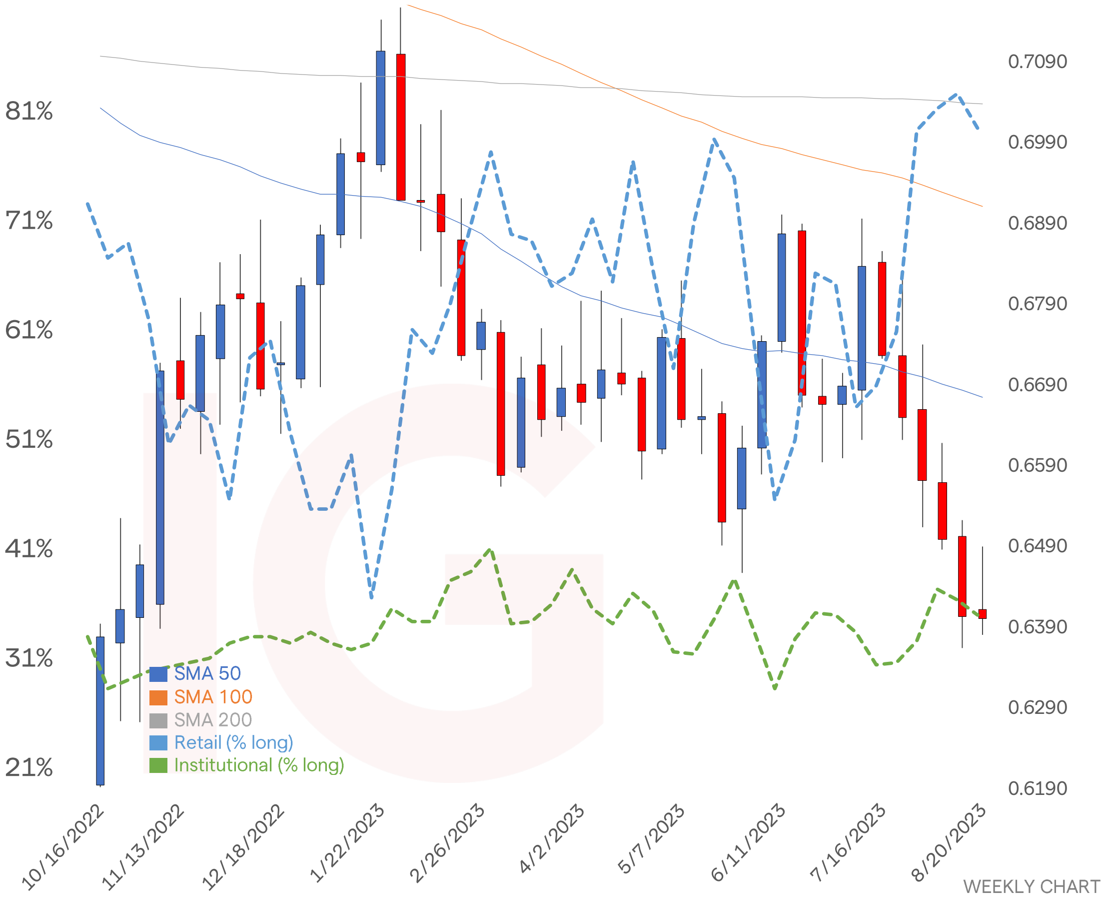
Lack of a play when it comes to the longer-term weekly time frame with both highs and lows within the 1st levels again, but the same couldn't be said for the daily time frame settling near Thursday's 2nd Resistance level by the close but needing an additional session to offer more follow-through past its 1st Resistance for conformist buy-breakout strategies with the overview identical for now but showing more positive technical bias on the weekly and thus far within a longer-term bull trend channel. CPI figures last Friday for Tokyo took the attention, dropping and lighter than anticipated for headline at 2.9% and when excluding food at 2.8% ('core-core' stuck at 4%). CoT JPY has risen to extreme sell 81% (yen longs -6,109, shorts +8,253), CoT CHF sell 58%.

AUD/USD

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Bearish	Bearish	Neutral	Consolidation	Neutral	Lower Extreme



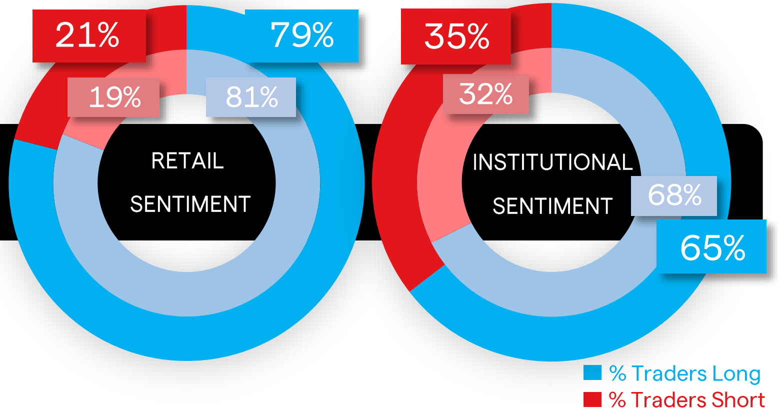
Current Technical Overview	Cautious Consolidation
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Significant Reversal, Buy 1st Support After Significant Reversal
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
S/L for 2nd Resistance	0.6642
2nd Resistance	0.6594
S/L for 1st Resistance	0.6545
1st Resistance	0.6497
Relative Starting Point	0.6400
1st Support	0.6303
S/L for 1st Support	0.6255
2nd Support	0.6206
S/L for 2nd Support	0.6158



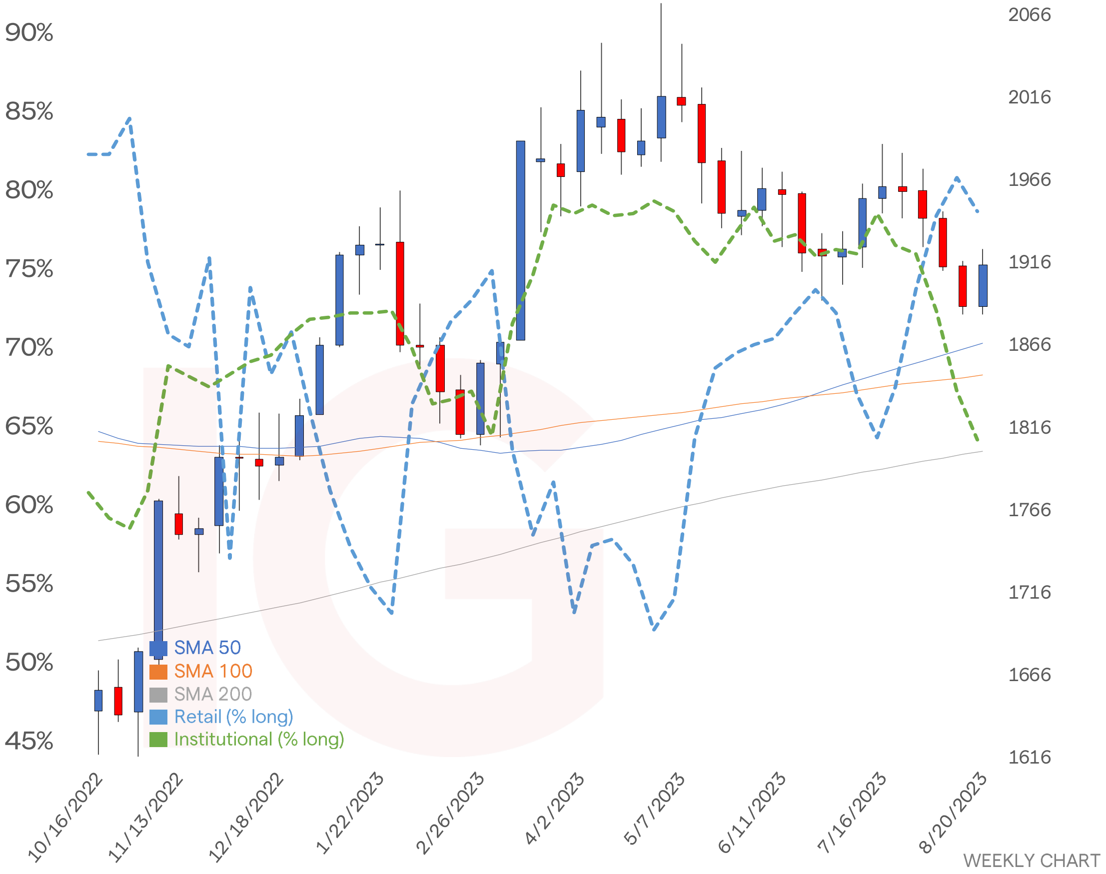
Yet another weekly finish in the red keeping the technical boxes unchanged and a few of them tested, and where the highs were shy of its previous weekly 1st Resistance level resulting in a lack of a play here. For the daily time frame late last week, we got a move past Thursday's 1st Support level stopping out contrarian buy-after-reversals and favoring contrarian sell-breakouts, more so when factoring the follow-through on Friday that helped it reach its 2nd Support that managed to hold. Retail sales released earlier this morning beating estimates, and tomorrow morning there's central bank speak with the RBA's Bullock. CoT have moved back into heavy sell territory (AUD longs +3,411, shorts +13,800), CoT CAD and NZD both majority short 57%.

GOLD

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Trending	Neutral	Neutral



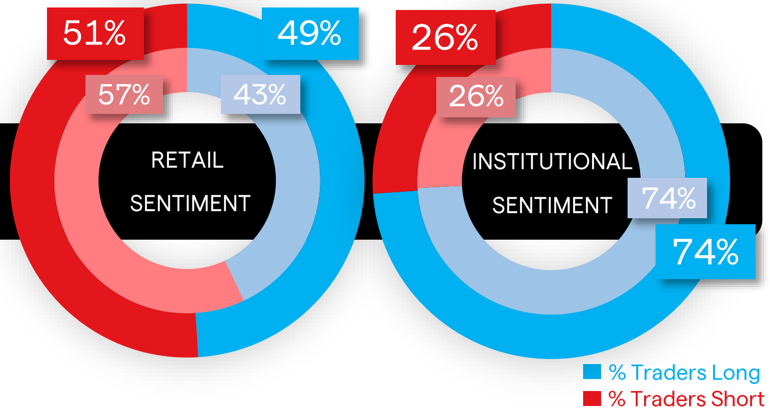
Current Technical Overview	Volatile
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Reversal, Buy 1st Support After Reversal
S/L for 2nd Resistance	1963.0
2nd Resistance	1953.3
S/L for 1st Resistance	1943.6
1st Resistance	1933.9
Relative Starting Point	1914.5
1st Support	1895.1
S/L for 1st Support	1885.4
2nd Support	1875.8
S/L for 2nd Support	1866.1



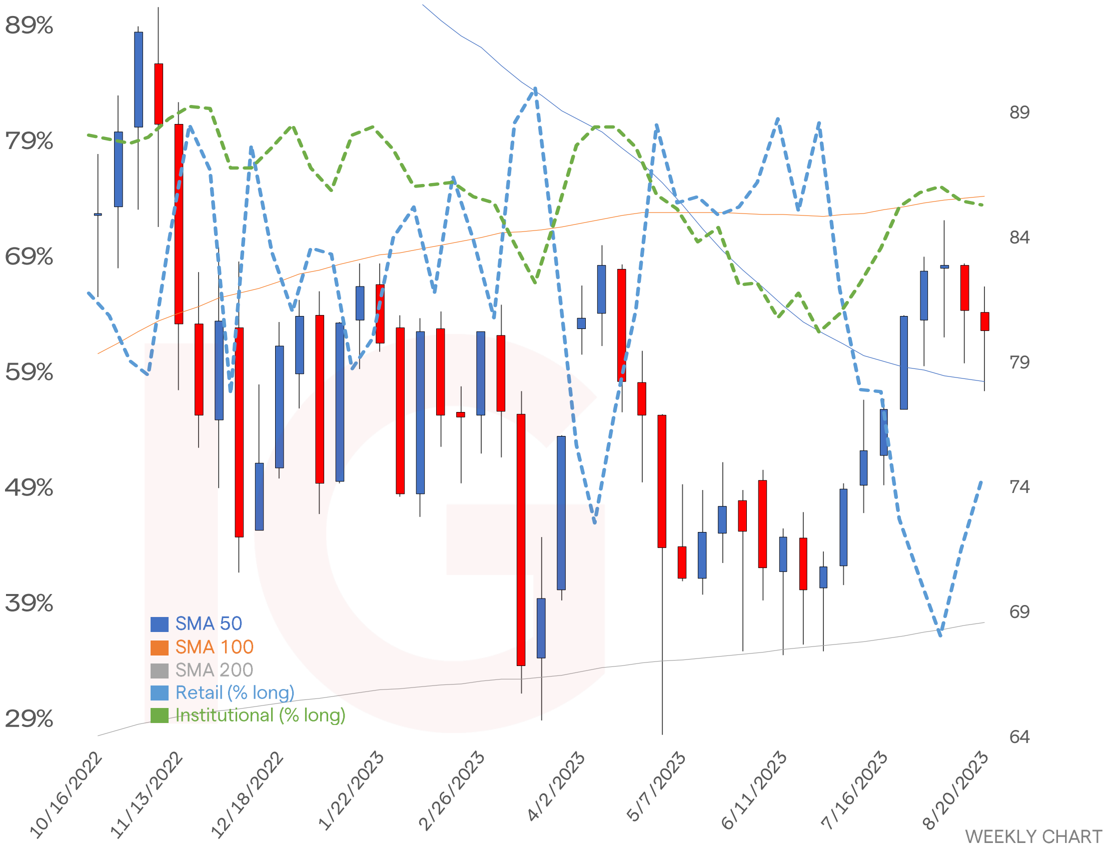
The technical overview has remained 'volatile' in this longer-term weekly time frame for quite some time owing to historical technical considerations (but so far that volatility yet to be realized properly), with the gains last week causing it to close above its previous weekly 1st Resistance level favoring conformist buy-breakout strategies and stop-outs for contrarians, and on the daily time frame needing Friday's intraday lows to get close to Thursday's 2nd Support level favoring conformist sell-breakouts (where the overview is a struggling bear average) initially before the recovery triggered contrarian buy-after-reversals. CoT pulled back here again, now at 65% (gold longs -6,738, shorts +12,452), CoT silver at buy 57%, platinum 51%, palladium sell 77%.

OIL – US CRUDE

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Consolidation	Neutral	Neutral



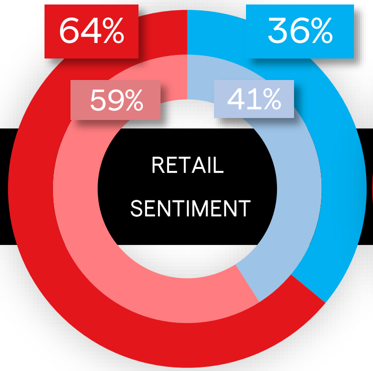
Current Technical Overview	Cautious Consolidation
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Significant Reversal, Buy 1st Support After Significant Reversal
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
S/L for 2nd Resistance	87.92
2nd Resistance	86.33
S/L for 1st Resistance	84.74
1st Resistance	83.15
Relative Starting Point	79.97
1st Support	76.79
S/L for 1st Support	75.20
2nd Support	73.61
S/L for 2nd Support	72.02

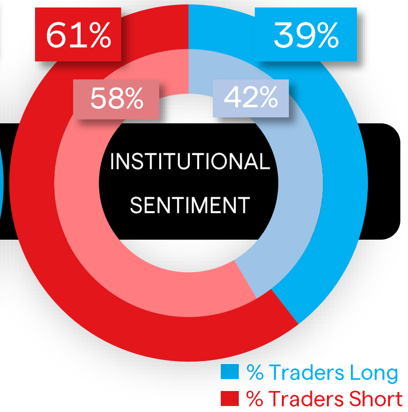


While last week's lows reached its previous weekly 1st Support level, it wasn't via reversal (let alone a significant one) and in all kept conformist buy-after-significant reversals at bay with contrarian sell-breakouts failing, while for the daily time frame (where the overview is 'consolidation - volatile') and there was little follow-through for conformist buy-breakouts even when factoring Friday's follow-through past Thursday's 1st Resistance level, and the close above it a struggle even if it was eventual success. Updates include (1) US rig count data out of Baker Hughes showing a drop of eight to 512 for oil, (2) diesel's rise taking more attention and so too (3) potential nuclear deal, and (4) natural gas still jumpy on strike risks in Australia, this time Chevron.

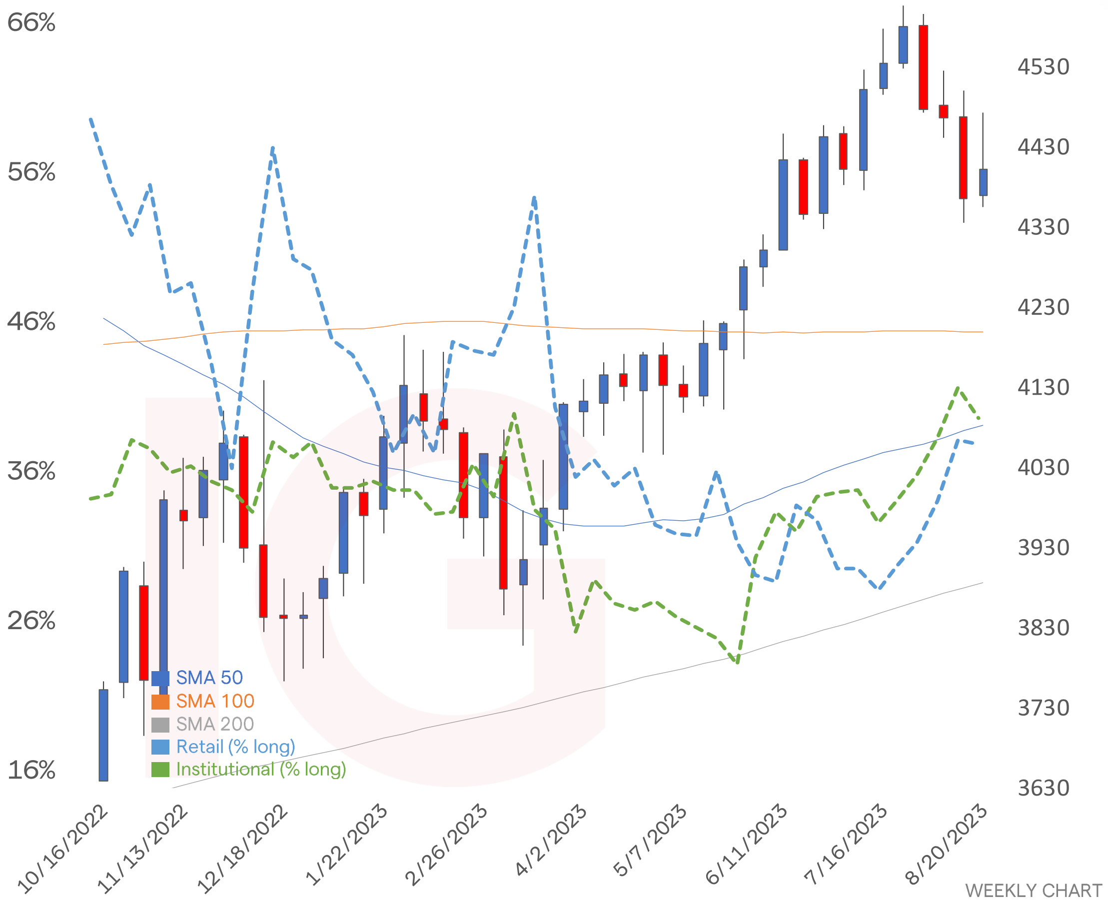
US 500

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Trending	Neutral	Neutral





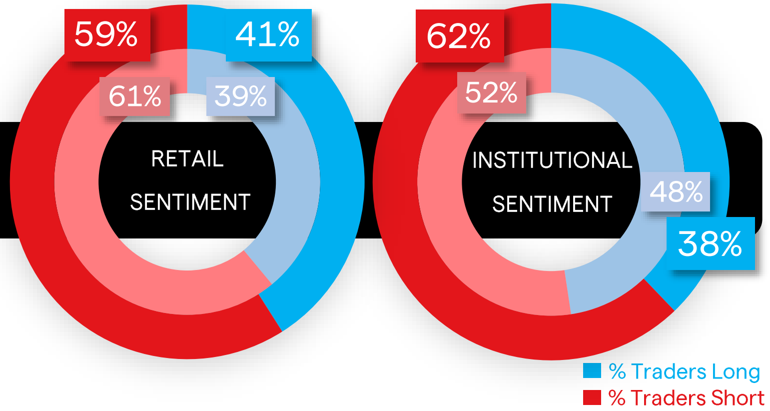
Current Technical Overview	Cautious Consolidation
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Significant Reversal, Buy 1st Support After Significant Reversal
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
S/L for 2nd Resistance	4583
2nd Resistance	4547
S/L for 1st Resistance	4511
1st Resistance	4475
Relative Starting Point	4403
1st Support	4331
S/L for 1st Support	4295
2nd Support	4259
S/L for 2nd Support	4223



See gold's commentary regarding Treasury yields and Fed speak, Wall Street's commentary on US economic data, and US Tech 100 for sector performance.

WALL STREET

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Consolidation	Neutral	Neutral



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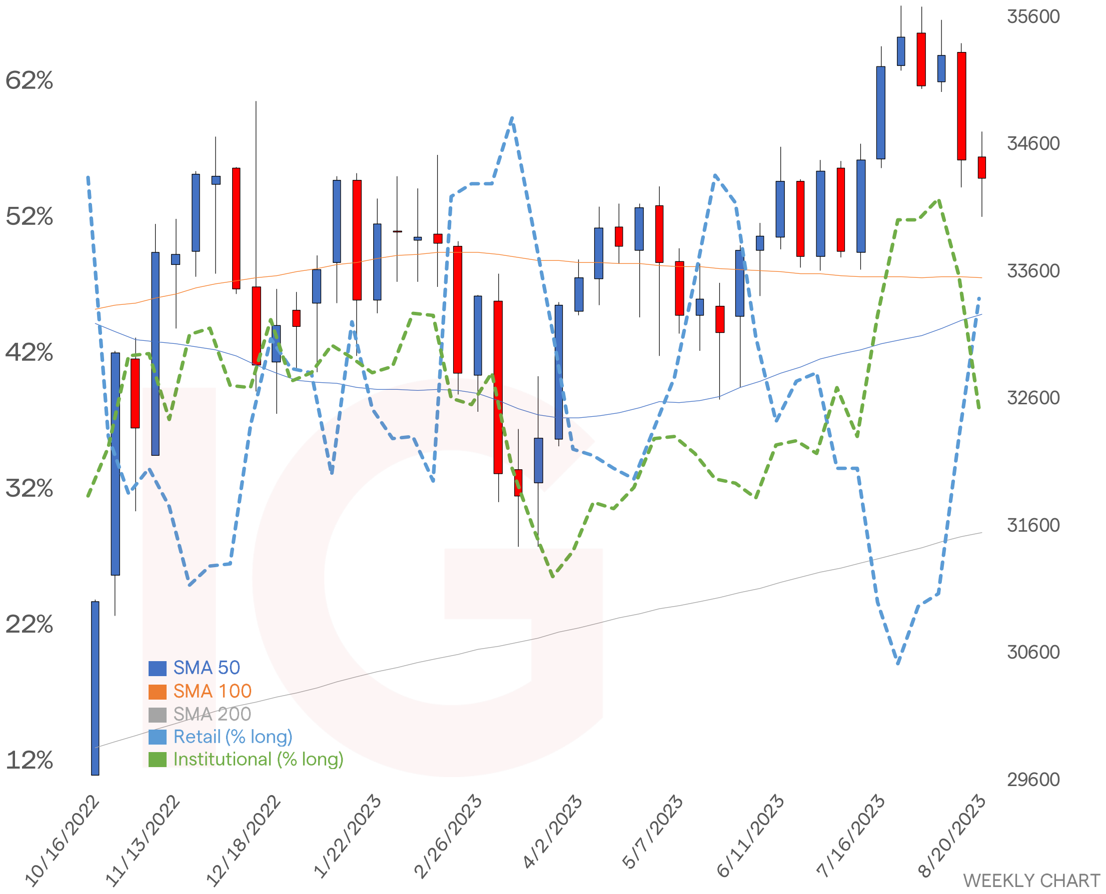
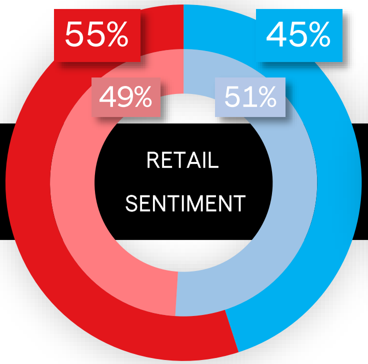
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Significant Reversal, Buy 1st Support After Significant Reversal
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
S/L for 2nd Resistance	35637
2nd Resistance	35377
S/L for 1st Resistance	35116
1st Resistance	34855
Relative Starting Point	34333
1st Support	33811
S/L for 1st Support	33550
2nd Support	33289
S/L for 2nd Support	33029

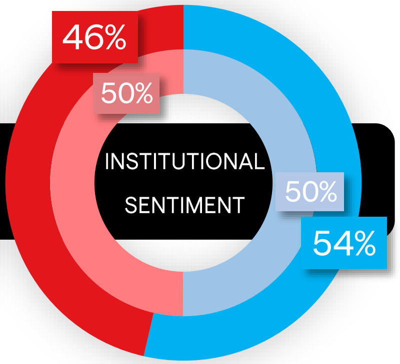


We're closer to the averages seen prior to the July boost, and the moves last week were within its previous weekly 1st levels lacking a play for conformist and contrarian strategies, but for the daily time frame Thursday's 1st Resistance holding but not its 1st Support with a move to its 2nd giving contrarian sell-breakouts the initial win and struggles for even cautious conformist buy-after-significant reversals that had little follow-through and at least a stop-out. Boeing and Intel on top amongst its components by Friday's close, on the other end only a handful suffering very limited losses (see page two of the report for US data). As for sentiment, CoT speculator short bias has jumped from slight sell 52% to 62% (longs -9,331, shorts +2,166).

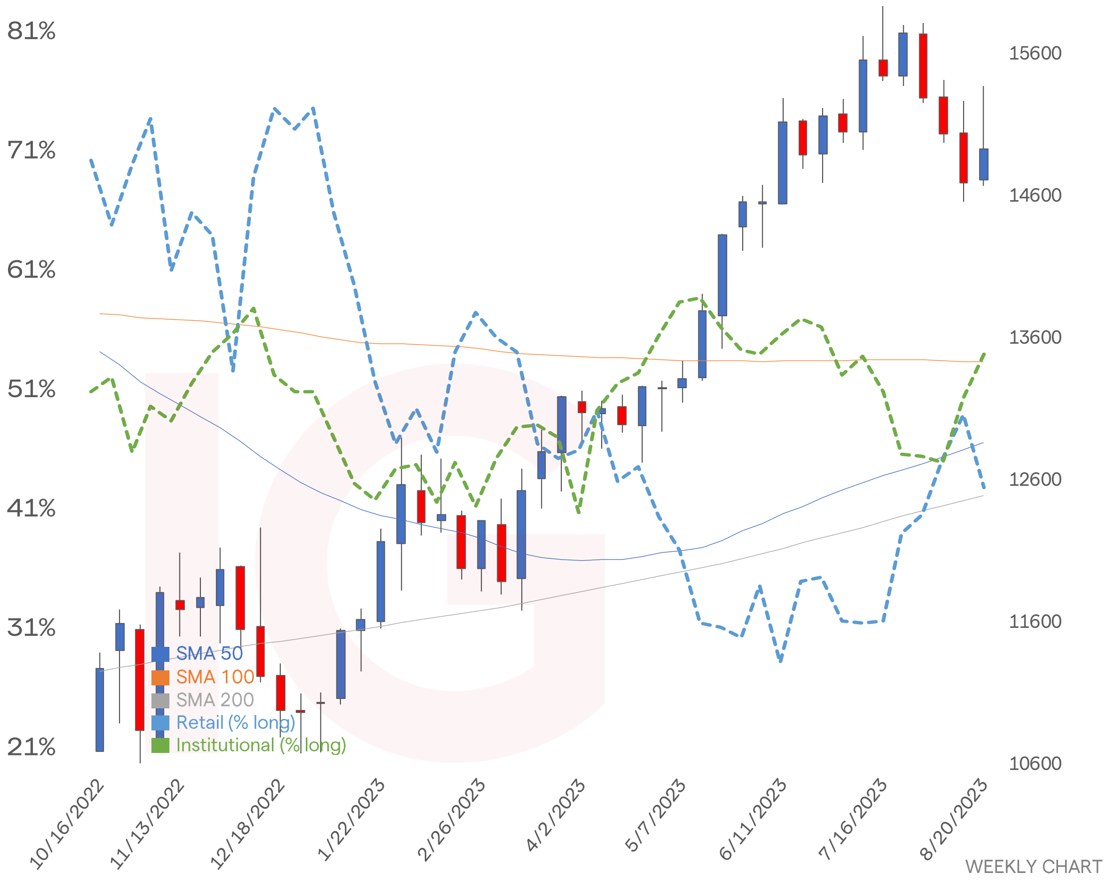
US TECH 100

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Neutral	Bullish	Positive	Trending	Neutral	Neutral





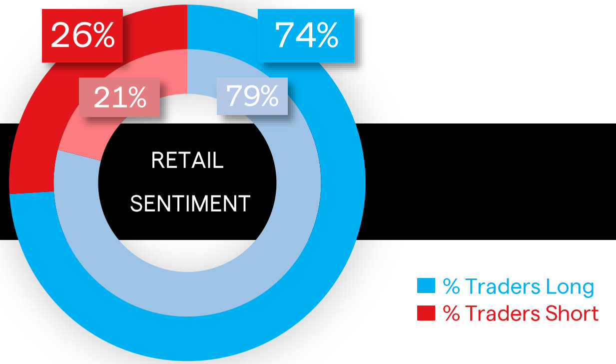
Current Technical Overview	Bull Average
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Buy 1st Support After Significant Reversal, Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Reversal, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
S/L for 2nd Resistance	15738
2nd Resistance	15576
S/L for 1st Resistance	15414
1st Resistance	15253
Relative Starting Point	14929
1st Support	14605
S/L for 1st Support	14444
2nd Support	14282
S/L for 2nd Support	14120



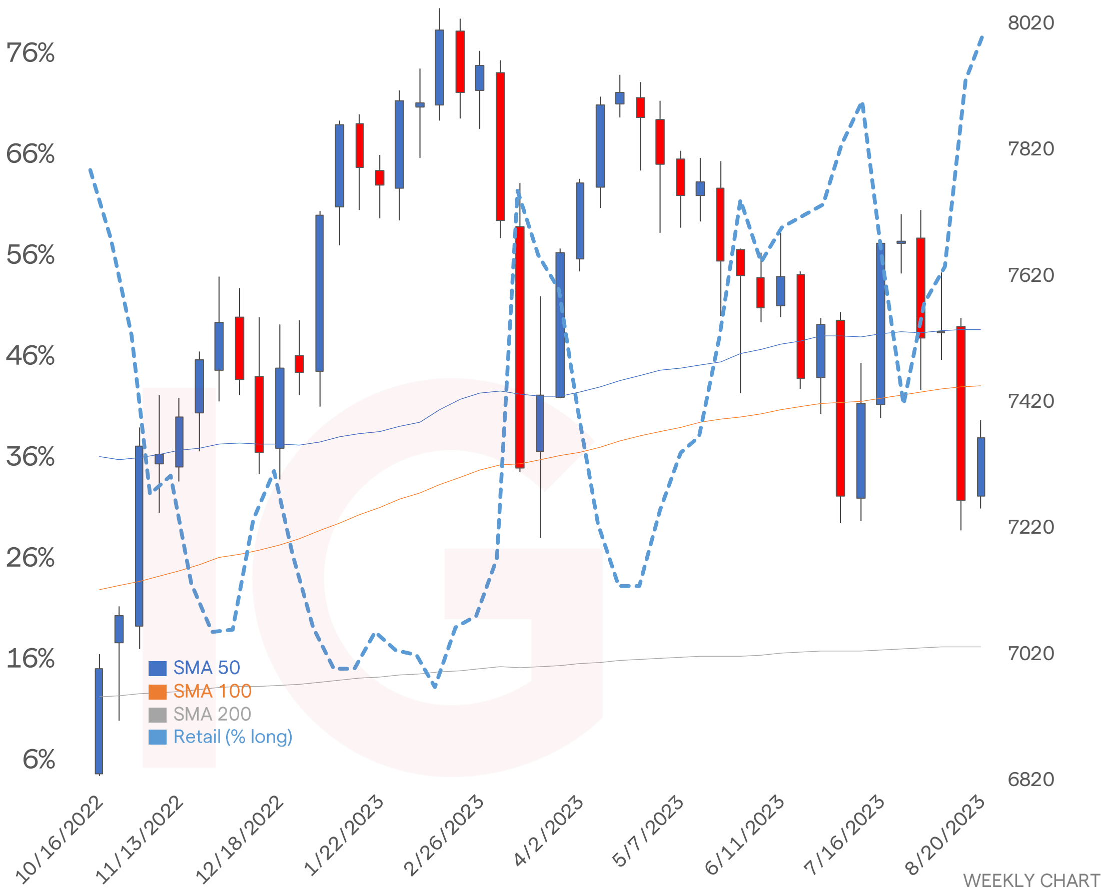
All sectors finished Friday's session in the green, discretionary on top, tech in the upper half, and communication underperforming with only slight gains, with a finish here not too far off both Dow and S&P for the session, but easily outperforming for the week, with a move on the weekly time frame that reached its previous weekly 2nd Resistance level initially favoring conformist buy-breakouts with the overview 'bull average' here before retracing offering a chance at redemption for contrarian sell-after-reversals that were stopped out earlier in the week. The story was messier on the daily late last week, Thursday's 1st Resistance level struggling to hold with a move to its S/L, and on Friday reaching its 2nd Support.

FTSE 100

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Bearish	Neutral	Negative	Consolidation	Neutral	Lower Extreme



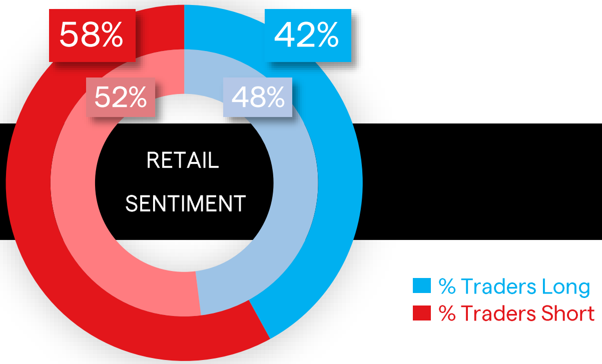
Current Technical Overview	Cautious Consolidation
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Significant Reversal, Buy 1st Support After Significant Reversal
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
S/L for 2nd Resistance	7660.7
2nd Resistance	7601.0
S/L for 1st Resistance	7541.2
1st Resistance	7481.5
Relative Starting Point	7362.0
1st Support	7242.5
S/L for 1st Support	7182.8
2nd Support	7123.0
S/L for 2nd Support	7063.3



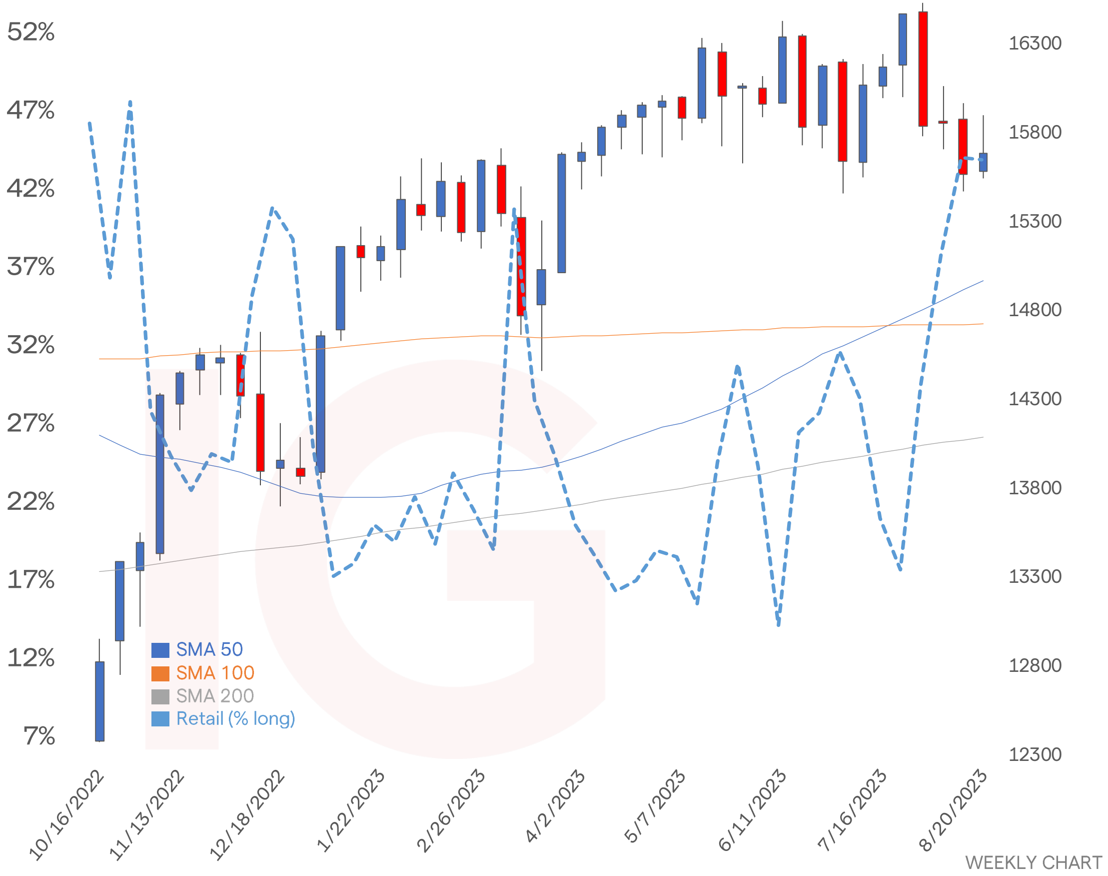
Its previous weekly 1st Resistance level managed to hold on a couple of occasions, though lacked a trigger for cautious conformist sell-after-significant reversals with contrarian buy-breakouts failing, with the technical boxes unchanged in this time frame and so too its overview. For the daily, it's been a struggling for its 'bear average' overview due to the partial lift off the key support level, though cautious conformist sell-after-significant reversals won out in the moves on both Thursday and Friday as its 1st Resistance level eventually held. As for sentiment amongst retail traders, the partial lift helping fresher buys, and taking the bias out of extreme buy territory to a heavy 74% at the start of this week, the highest long bias amongst them in the six.

GERMANY 40

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Trending	Neutral	Lower Extreme



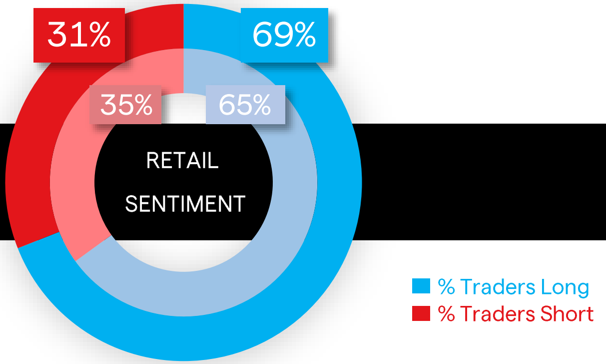
Current Technical Overview	Cautious Consolidation
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Significant Reversal, Buy 1st Support After Significant Reversal
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
S/L for 2nd Resistance	16374
2nd Resistance	16235
S/L for 1st Resistance	16096
1st Resistance	15958
Relative Starting Point	15680
1st Support	15402
S/L for 1st Support	15264
2nd Support	15125
S/L for 2nd Support	14986



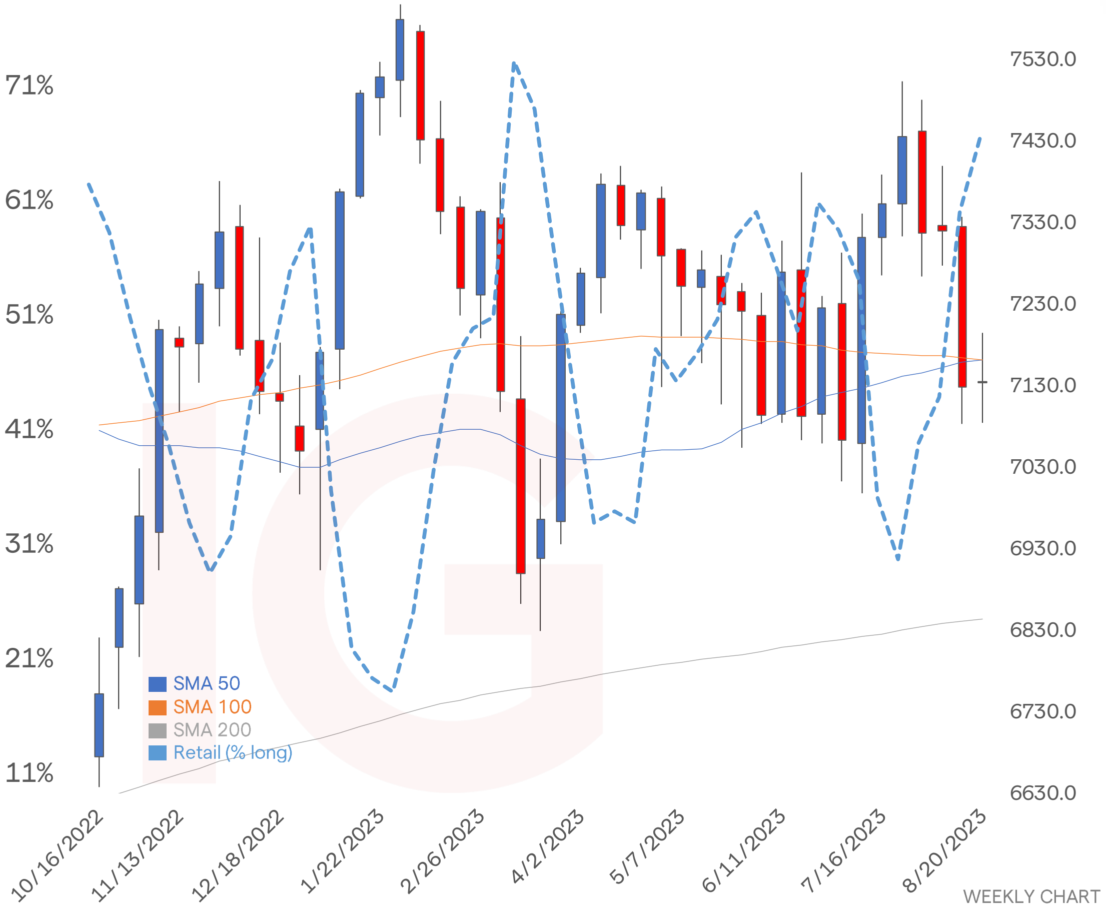
Its previous weekly 1st Resistance level managed to hold favoring conformist sell-after-significant reversals with far less on offer for contrarian buy-breakouts, and the technical boxes generally conflicting here where they aren't neutral, but where the levels have narrowed considerably here and in turn even a small uptick in volatility could test them with greater ease. That sort of test was visible on the daily time frame late last week, with moves that showed Thursday's 1st Resistance level only just hold favoring cautious conformist sells, but causing stop-outs for cautious conformist buys off its 1st Support level that initially failed. Economic data out of Germany was a miss for ifo's readings worsening, and Q2 GDP q/q as anticipated lacking any growth.

AUSTRALIA 200

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	Consolidation	Neutral	Neutral



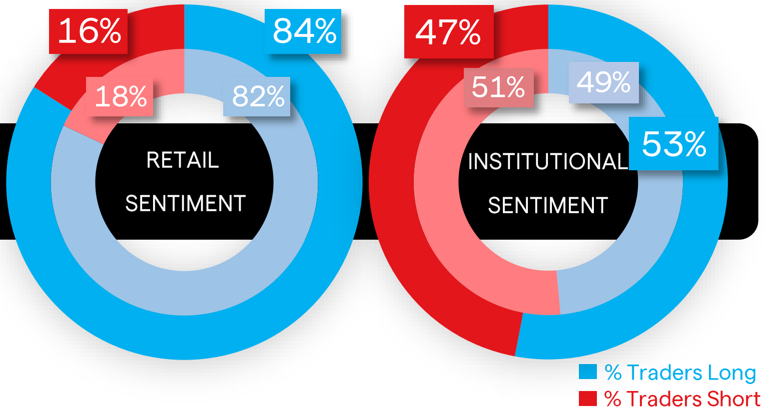
Current Technical Overview	Cautious Consolidation
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Significant Reversal, Buy 1st Support After Significant Reversal
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
S/L for 2nd Resistance	7418
2nd Resistance	7361
S/L for 1st Resistance	7305
1st Resistance	7248
Relative Starting Point	7135
1st Support	7022
S/L for 1st Support	6965
2nd Support	6909
S/L for 2nd Support	6852



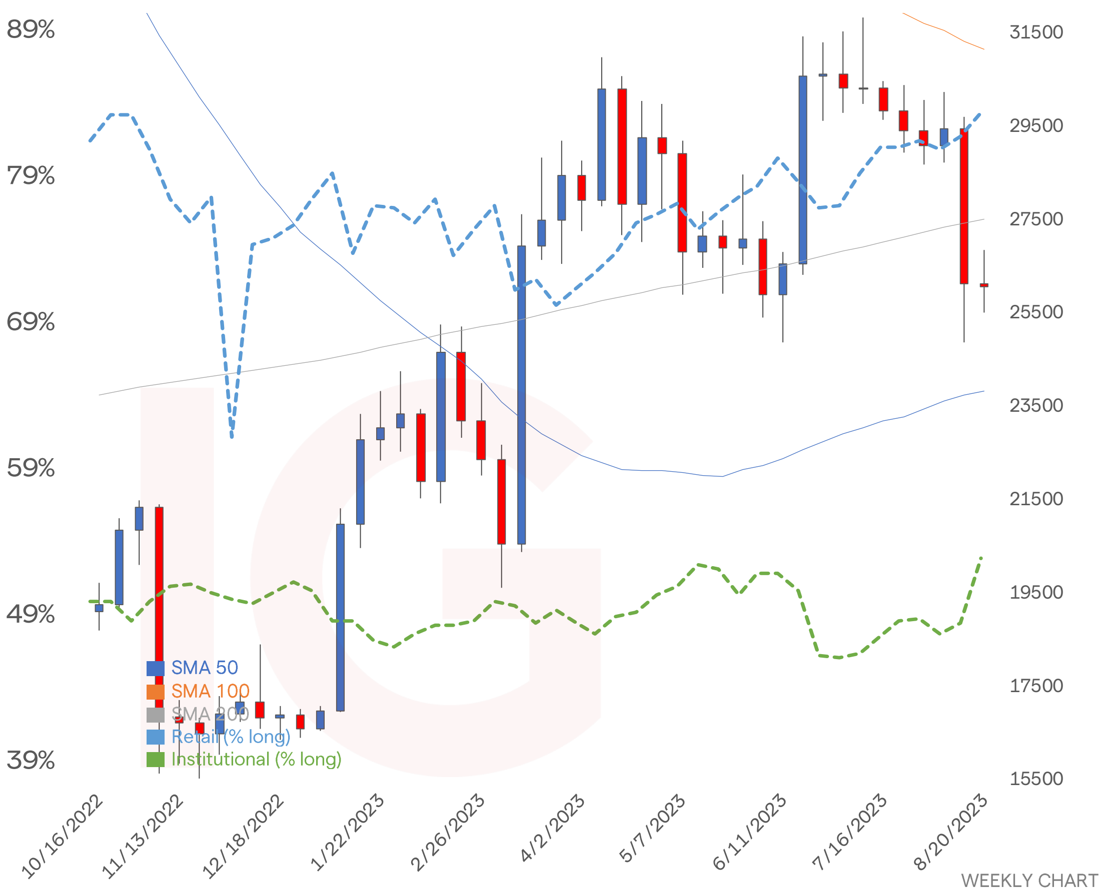
The highs and lows were within its previous weekly 1st levels and translated into a lack of a play for both conformists and contrarians (though it has been a coin toss over the past two months or so in terms of getting an uptick in volatility), and for the daily time frame while closing above Thursday's 1st Support level involved a move to its S/L that stopped out even more cautious buys that only latter managed to offer some limited follow-through, with the overview in both time frames 'cautious consolidation' and nervously eying key technical indicators in close proximity with price. As for retail trader bias, starts off further into heavy buy territory at 69% from 65% at the start of last week.

BITCOIN

MA – Short	MA - Long	DMI	ADX	RSI	Bollinger Bands
Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	Trending	Neutral	Lower Extreme



Current Technical Overview	Consolidation - Volatile
Technical Overview Conformist Strategies	Buy 1st Resistance Upon Breakout From Below, Sell 1st Support Upon Breakout From Above
Technical Overview Contrarian Strategies	Sell 1st Resistance After Reversal, Buy 1st Support After Reversal
S/L for 2nd Resistance	29702
2nd Resistance	28971
S/L for 1st Resistance	28239
1st Resistance	27508
Relative Starting Point	26045
1st Support	24582
S/L for 1st Support	23851
2nd Support	23119
S/L for 2nd Support	22388



Lack of a play last week with the highs and lows within its previous weekly 1st levels, with the technical boxes largely unchanged since the start of last week and so too its overview. Exchange data out of Binance over the weekend showed open interest averaging lower as of late (and so too for The Block's 7DMA), volumes still weak, and a long/short ratio of 70%/30% (top trader accounts close at 69%/31% but on positions a lower 55%/45%). There were some sizable outflows when it came to the weekly CoinShares digital fund flows report, though still a positive year-to-date figure for BTC while very much in the red for ETH and multi-asset. CoT BTC has shifted to slight buy 53% from a previous slight sell 51%, CoT Ether buy 58%.

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