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August 25, 2015 – My Barron's column headline said it all – Boom! Today is shaping up for a rip-roaring bounce – as we usually see in bear markets but this is still not an easy market to figure out with "regular" tools. Here is what we wrote yesterday:

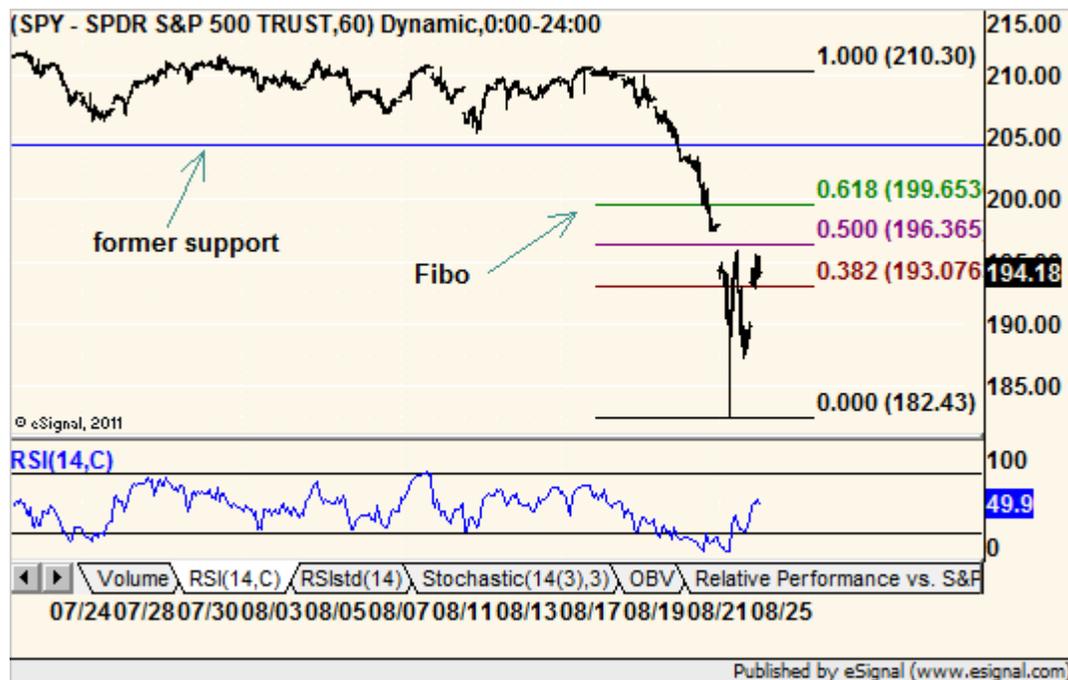
"There is not much else to say today as the market is no longer, for lack of a better word, linear. The chaos of free-fall is the extreme case of a parabolic trend. It could drop another 500 points today, or even 1000, or it could open at its low and rally 500. Or, it could do some combination of the two."

The market did just about all of that but our 91% short portfolio did rather nicely. We will drop the stops but keep them wide because there is no telling how traders will push this market.

We will look for two things today. The first are sectors that bounce weakly. These presumably have little demand and should fold when the market resumes its decline.

The second are sectors that go from worst to first, such as semiconductors if they lead the rebound.

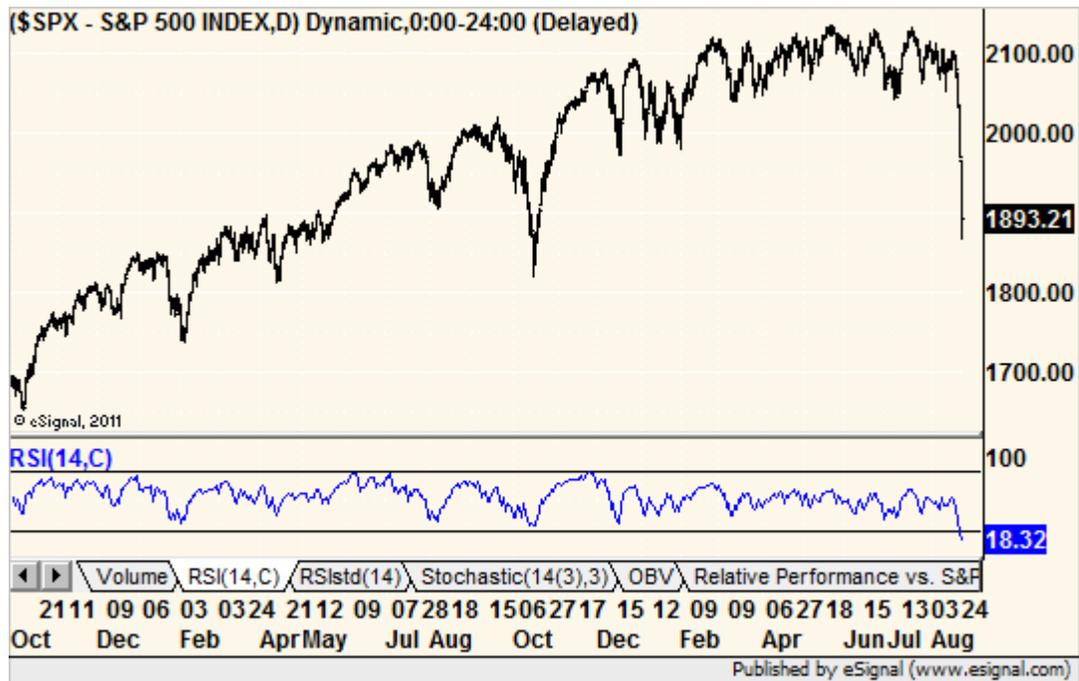
Now the question is how much bounce do we need to get more comfortable with new shorts? Let's go to the chart.



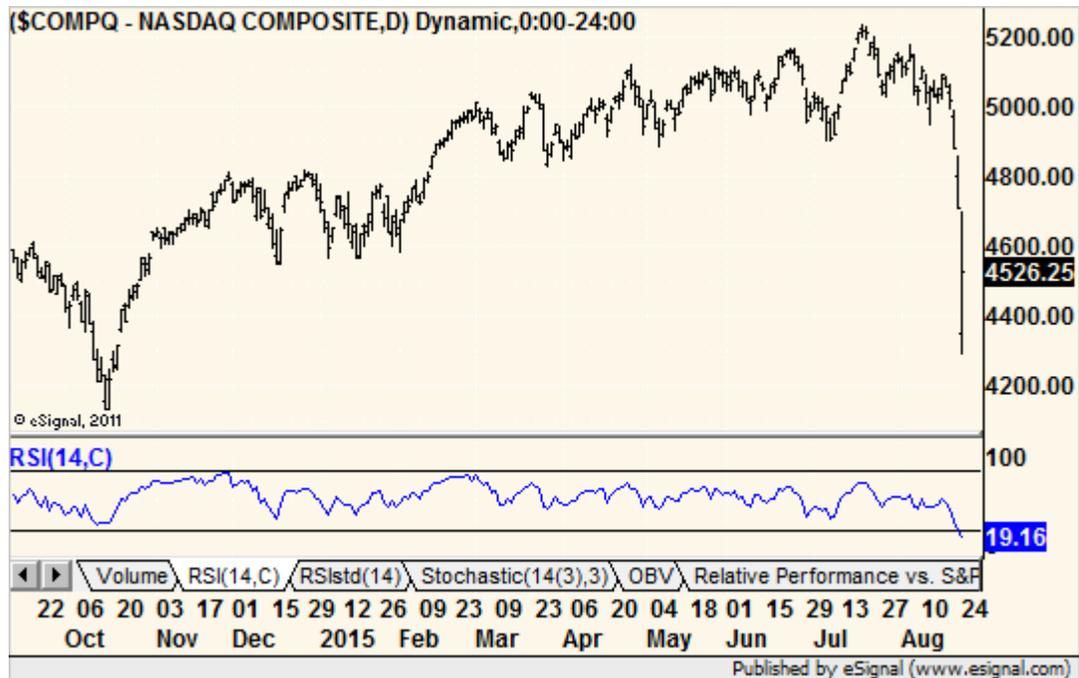
On the hourly chart, the 61.8% Fibonacci retracement of the decline is a good place to set up new shorts. We really do not think it will get back to test the breakdown level although that is based on gut feel, not objective analysis.

Here is the bottom line – even with all the volatility the trend is now down. This is a bear trend. We'll refrain from saying full-fledged bear market for now. Check out the Big Picture chart below to see more.

Index Charts of the Day



We can look at the chart but when the decline is this steep anything goes. In the premarket, it is still below yesterday's afternoon high so this is all just volatility. We'd actually like more rally to set up more shorting.



Ditto Nasdaq.

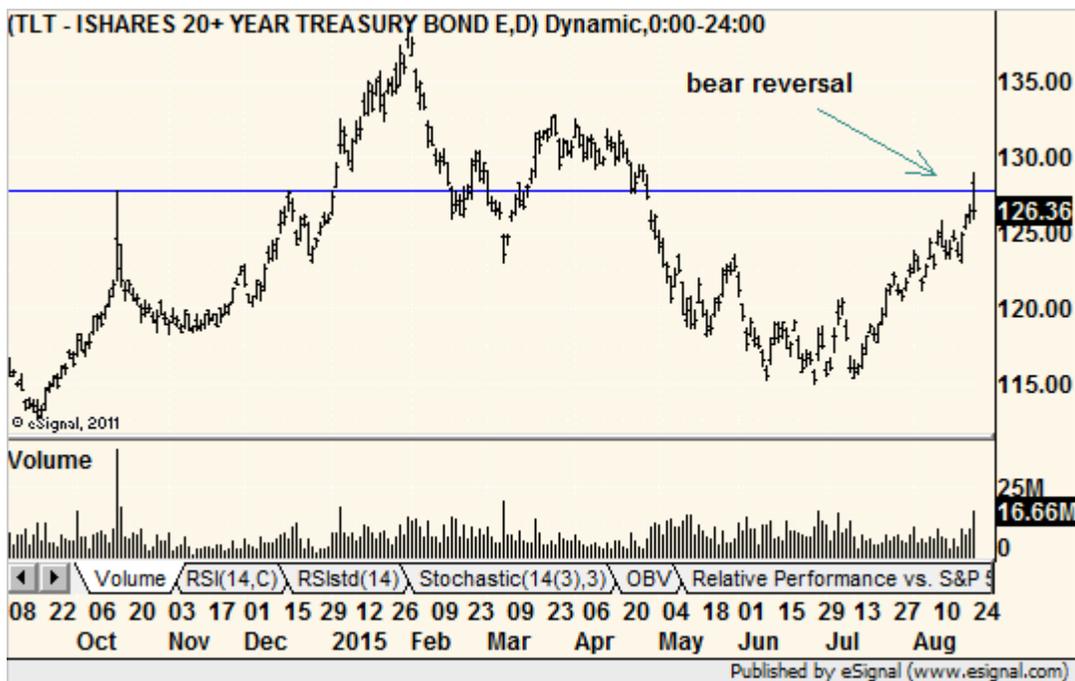
The Radar Screen

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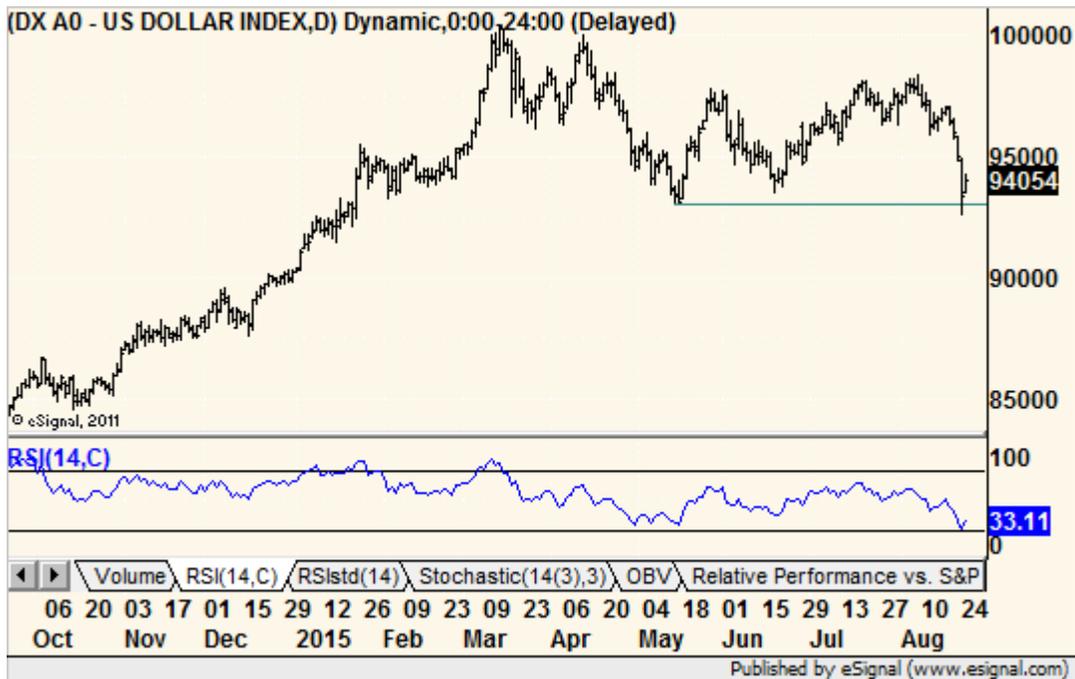
>>> As you can see, the Radar Screen is empty once again.

Bullish Implications		
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Bearish Implications		
none -		
Unknown Implications		
Holding Tank – red shade leans bearish, green shade leans bullish		
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Sector Watch (observations that may spark ideas)		
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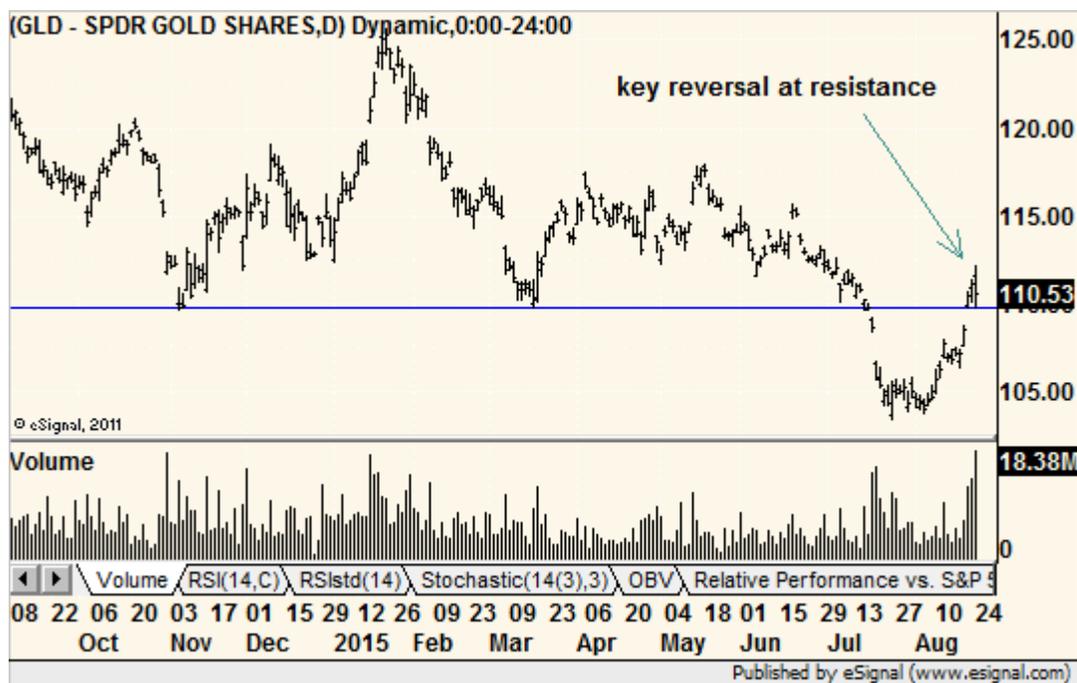
Market Highlights



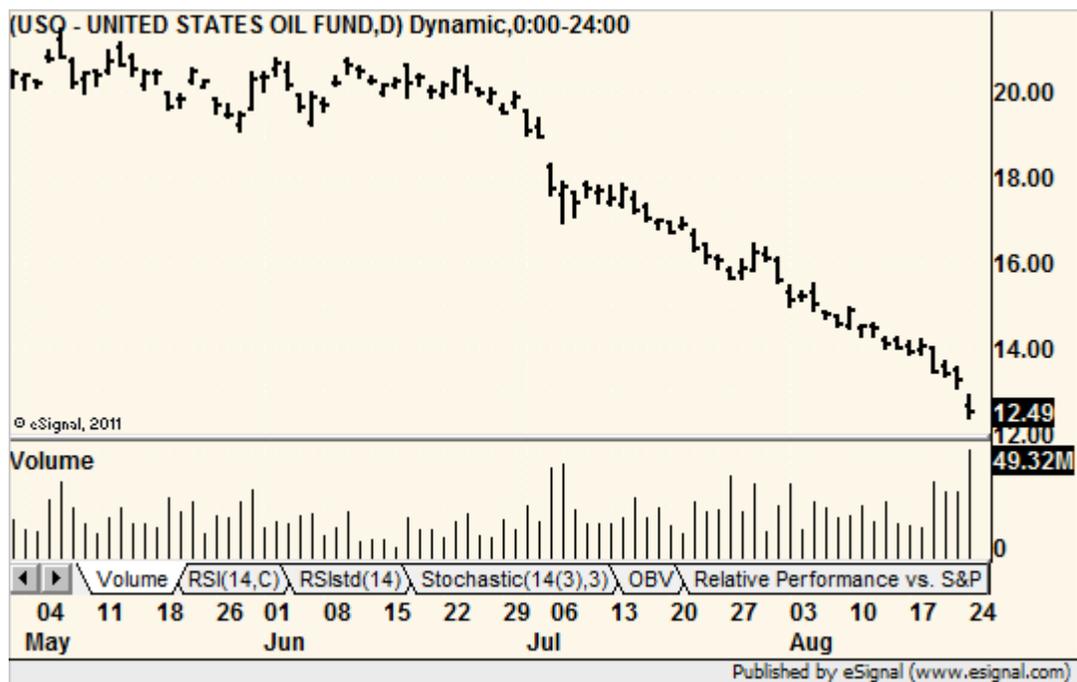
Long T-bond ETF – Failed at resistance yesterday. Or is this just part of the volatility?



Dollar index – Bounced at support.



Gold ETF – We were skeptical that this was a breakout and sure enough it reversed to the downside. It is still volatility so we won't say it is a completely dead trade just yet. But the dollar was crushed yesterday and that makes this failure that much stronger.



Oil ETF – This gap down on big volume and oversold conditions could have been a climax. We will know today or tomorrow and look for a gap up to confirm.



Utilities – So much for leadership here. Bonds reversed to the downside but utes got clocked.



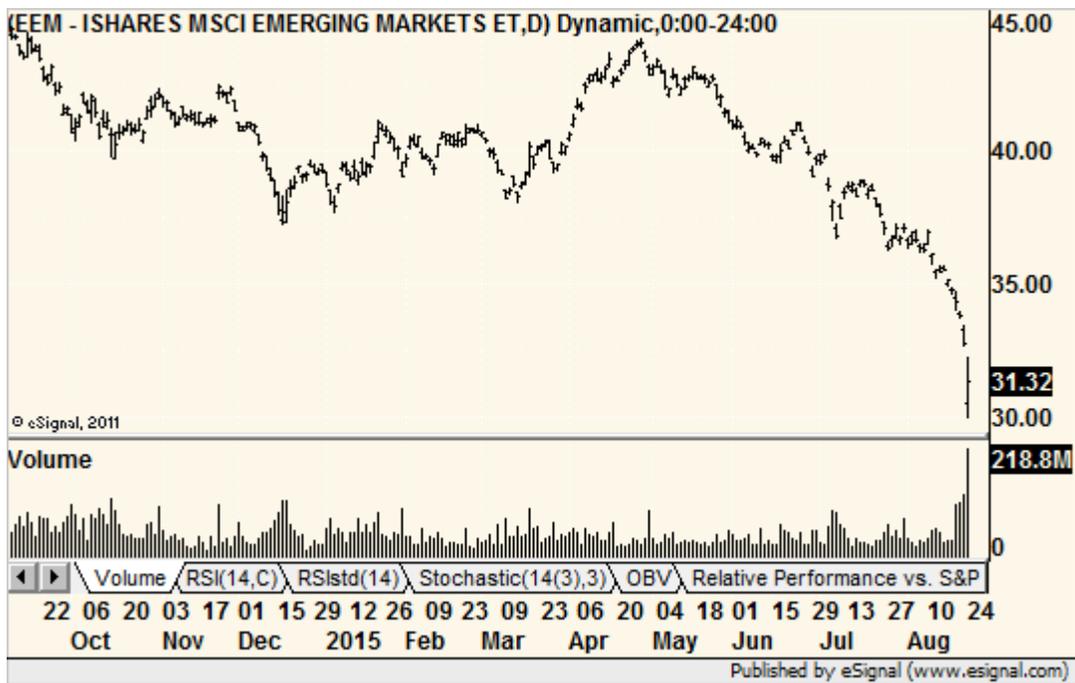
Healthcare ETF – Even though it closed way off the lows, this chart shows that the reign of healthcare is over. That was one huge baby with the bathwater panic to the exit doors.



Semiconductor index – Worst sector. Would love to sell this on a bounce to the 38.2% Fib.



China – The fun continues and this is after an interest rate cut overnight. Now negative for the year after a monster bull market into June.



Emerging Markets ETF – Selling climax for sure but it is already up over 5% in the premarket. Let it go.

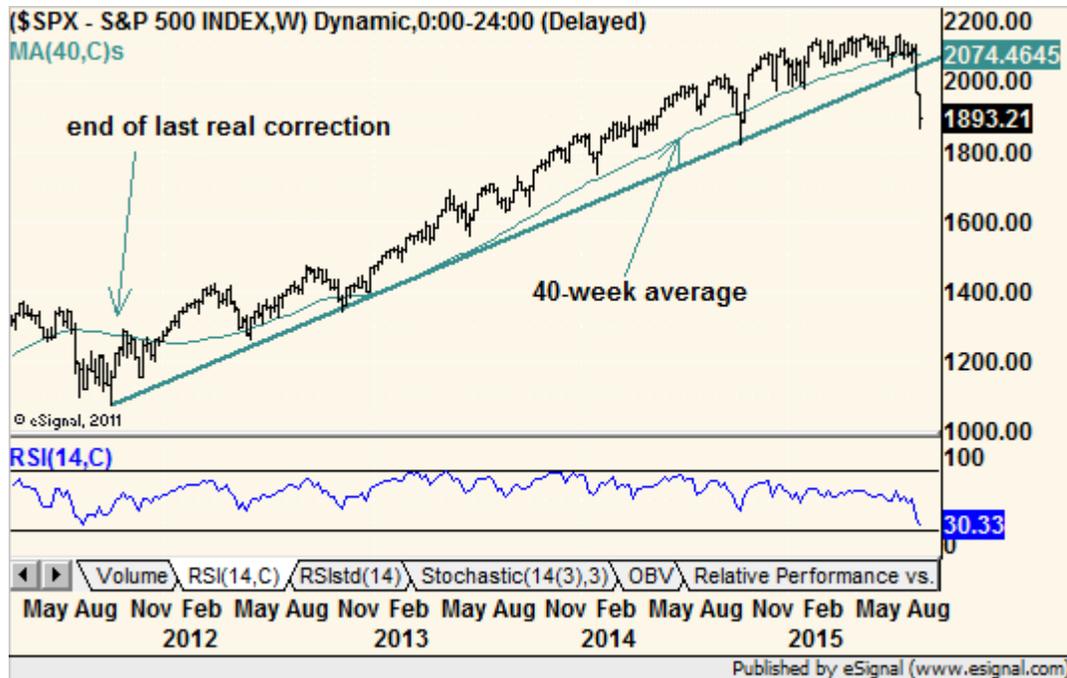


Stoxx-50 – The pan Europe blue chip index is also in a nice little bear market rally. Let it go, let it go 🎵

The Big Picture

In this section, we take a macro look at things.

Charts, no words. The bull is dead.



Advice Tracker

This is a list of stocks that have triggered buys or sells and not a recommended portfolio. We will track them with suggested strategies but specific stops and position closes are up to the subscriber. Symbols in **red** mean that the position was stopped out. Symbols in **green** were closed by us. Stops in **red** were changed. Any position that moves in the desired direction and then reverses by 5% from the extreme that day is an automatic stop out. This is to compensate for the inability of this once per day newsletter to alert subscribers to the reversal.

	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>P/L</u>	<u>Stop</u>	<u>Price in</u>	<u>Date in</u>	<u>#Days</u>
<u>Long</u>	GOLD	RANDGOLD RES LTD	62.45	-0.3%	62.00	62.65	8/14	10
<u>Short</u>	HPQ	HEWLETT PACKARD CO	26.60	14.1%	28.50	30.34	7/17	38
	URBN	URBAN OUTFITTERS INC	28.54	22.6%	31.00	35.00	7/21	34
	NYT	NEW YORK TIMES CO	11.69	12.1%	12.70	13.10	7/27	28
	INTC	INTEL CORP	26.25	9.7%	28.00	28.80	8/7	17
	GS	GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC	179.46	12.4%	195.00	201.70	8/11	13
	BLMN	BLOOMIN BRANDS INC	19.33	12.3%	21.00	21.71	8/11	13
	ADI	ANALOG DEVICES INC	51.67	12.7%	55.50	58.25	8/18	6
	FDX	FEDEX CORP	148.37	10.2%	160.00	163.50	8/20	4
	IBB	ISHARES NASDAQ BIOTECH	324.88	8.0%	350.00	350.82	8/20	4
	CMG	CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC	704.25	2.2%	750.00	720.01	8/20	4

Notes: Dropping stops on most shorts to keep them wide in the 7-8% range.

As for the **GOLD** long, it is close to its stop. Don't forget, we took only a very small nibble here, not a full position.

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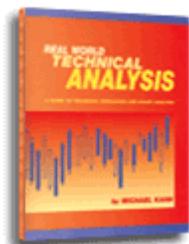
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