

## **US Strategy Report: 24th September 2015**

#### The Day So Far

Risk-off has reared it's ugly head once again this morning following poor Japanese data overnight and the fall in crude oil below the \$45 mark. The catalyst for the sharp fall in crude was the Department of Energy's inventories release, which showed that US output actually rose for the first time in months, demonstrating the resilience of US shale producers even though at current prices many of these wells are unprofitable. Initially, the market responded positively to the headlines drawdown in supply, briefly popping above the \$47 handle before collapsing \$2 to close the session below \$45. So far this morning crude has traded below \$45, but good support lies at \$44. The implications are clear for equities, as falling crude is being interpreted as a bearish signal for the global economy, rather than what it really is, which is a battle between OPEC and the private producers for market share. Crude oil demand has remained fairly steady in recent months but supply has failed to decline thus far.

The other thing rattling markets is the fallout from the VW scandal, with other European automakers now being drawn in as the likes of BMW come under the microscope.

#### The Afternoon View

We'll continue to look for risk-off this afternoon, just initial jobless claims and Durable Goods Orders on the agenda this afternoon and unlikely to hinder the bearish momentum we've been building this morning. Short S&P, short crude, dollar strength and safe haven flows into T notes. Janet Yellen will be attempting to justify her very dovish, cautious outlook at last week's FOMC when she delivers a lecture after markets close. Until then, look for bears to dominate.

## **Key Headlines**

#### Market Sentiment: Bearish

- German IFO slightly better than expected
- VW scandal draws in other European automakers

### **Major Data Releases**

Data	Expected	View
Initial Jobless Claims W/W	272k	inline
Durable Goods Orders (Aug)	-2.30%	Higher
Durable Goods Ex Transportation	0.10%	Higher



# E-Mini S&P 500 (Dec'15) Futures: 24th September 2015

Strategy	Short
Entry	1945.25
1 <sup>st</sup> Target	1928.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Target	1910.50
Stop	1948.75

Key Levels	Comments
1959.25	R2
1948.75	Support of 21st
1945.25	R1
1928.00	Pivot
1914.00	S1
1910.50	Low of 22 <sup>nd</sup>

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# EURUSD (Dec'15) Futures: 24th September 2015

Strategy	Short
Entry	1.1285
1st Target	1.1232
2nd Target	1.1183
Stop	1.1300

Key Levels	Comments
1.1300	Handle Resistance
1.1292	R2
1.1285	Low of 18 <sup>th</sup>
1.1247	R1
1.1232	Low of 16 <sup>th</sup>
1.1183	Pivot
1.1138	S1

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# US 10yr T-Notes (Dec'15) Futures: 24th September 2015

Strategy	Long
Entry	127.215
1st Target	128.005
2nd Target	128.110
Stop	127.175

Key Levels	Comments
128.110	High of 22 <sup>nd</sup>
128.075	R1
128.005	Pivot & High of 18th
127.215	S1
127.175	Support on 14 <sup>th</sup>
127.140	S2

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# Nymex WTI Crude Oil (Nov'15) Futures: 24th September 2015

Strategy	Short
Entry	45.39
1st Target	44.59
2nd Target	44.00
Stop	45.58

Key Levels	Comments
47.15	Yesterday's High
46.36	S1
45.58	Support on 21st
45.39	Pivot
44.59	Low of 18 <sup>th</sup>
44.00	Handle Support
43.62	S1

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