#### Ichimoku Charts

# How to read Clouds for Profitable Advantage

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#### What I will cover

- General Points about Technical Analysis
- Theory, Cloud Construction, Interpretation
- Examples Equity Markets and Stocks
- Scanning
- FOREX
- Short Term analysis
- Further Ideas, backtests
- Summary Points

#### A Bit About My Work

- I do my own investing
- Write and Edit a Website
- Doing lots of Research Work
- Working with Banks & Hedge Funds
- Running the Updata Business

#### Camps of Technical Analyst

#### **TRADERS**

- Smaller Inst Lists
- Shorter Term
- Looking for trades
- Faster Techniques
- Technical's Rule

#### <u>INVESTORS</u>

- Bigger Universes
- Longer Term
- Scanning stocks
- Averages, Rel Strength
- Up against fundamentals

#### What's Your Time Horizon?

	VERY SHORT	SHORT	MEDIUM	LONG	VERY LONG
VIEW	HOURS	DAYS	WEEKS	MONTHS	YEARS
DATA	MINS	HOURS	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHS
P&F BOX	-	0.5%	1%	2%	-

Trend Analysis, P&F, Volume, Indexia Indicators, Optimised Stoplosses

MAs, Ichimoku, Relative Strength, Market Breadth

Oscillators, Candles, Other

## My Preferred Techniques

#### What I Use

- Optimised Stoplosses
- Support & Resistance
- Point & Figure
- On Balance Volume
- INDEXIA Market Tracker
- Flip Charts (inverted)

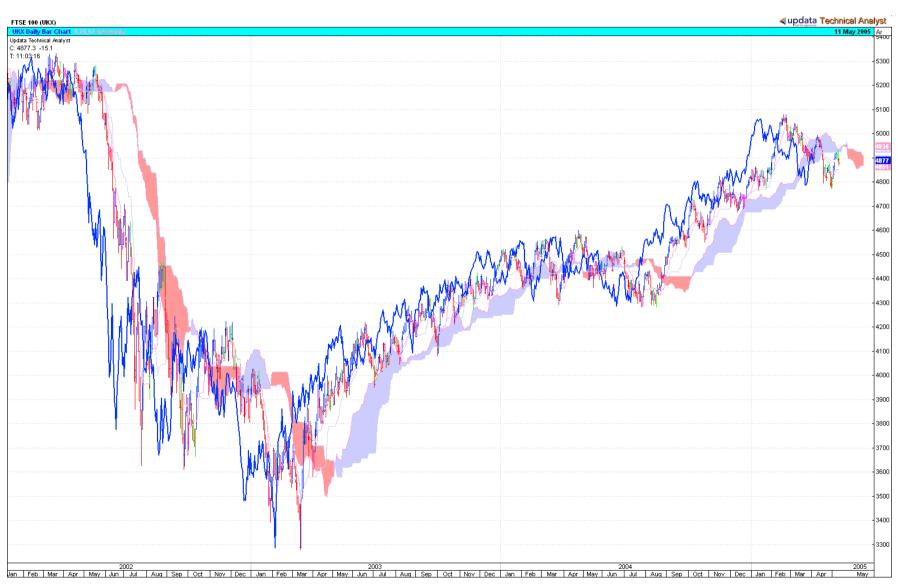
#### **Use Very Little**

- Relative Strength
- Moving Averages
- Candlesticks
- Elliot Wave
- Gann/Swing
- Fibonacci
- Most Oscillators

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## At first glance they are noisy

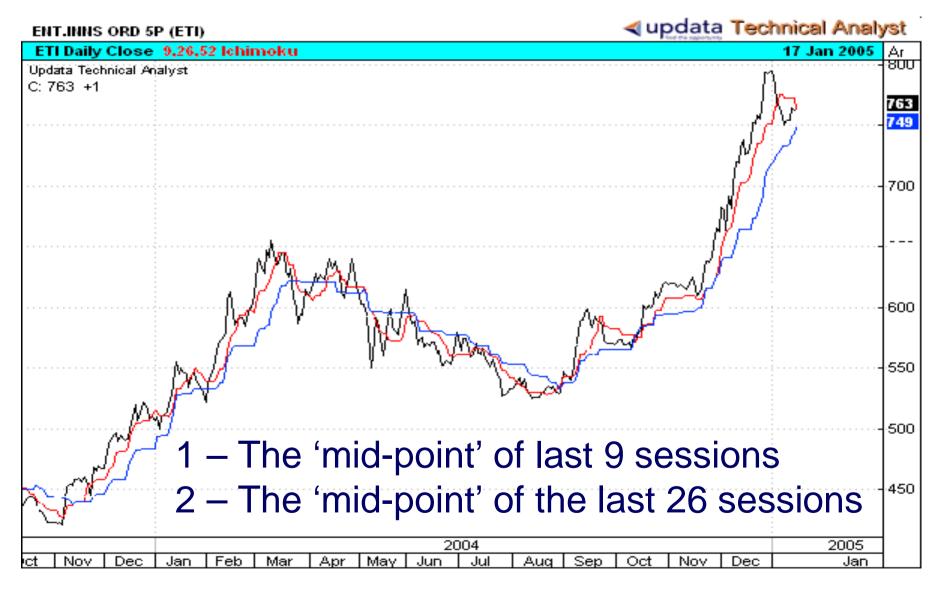


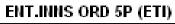
#### Ichimoku Kinkou-hyou - Definitions

- translates from Japanese into English as "one look."
- a glance at equilibrium prices
- analyses the mid-points of historical highs and lows
- are trend following indicators
- can be used in a way similar to moving averages
- allows for wider support and resistance zones
- decreases the risk of trading false breakouts
- conveys a great deal of information on trend existence, direction, support and resistance



# Construction









## Weekly Signals clearer



#### Cloud Construction

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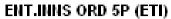
- 1 The 'mid-point' of last 9 sessions
- 2 The 'mid-point' of the last 26 sessions

#### Is to construct the cloud:

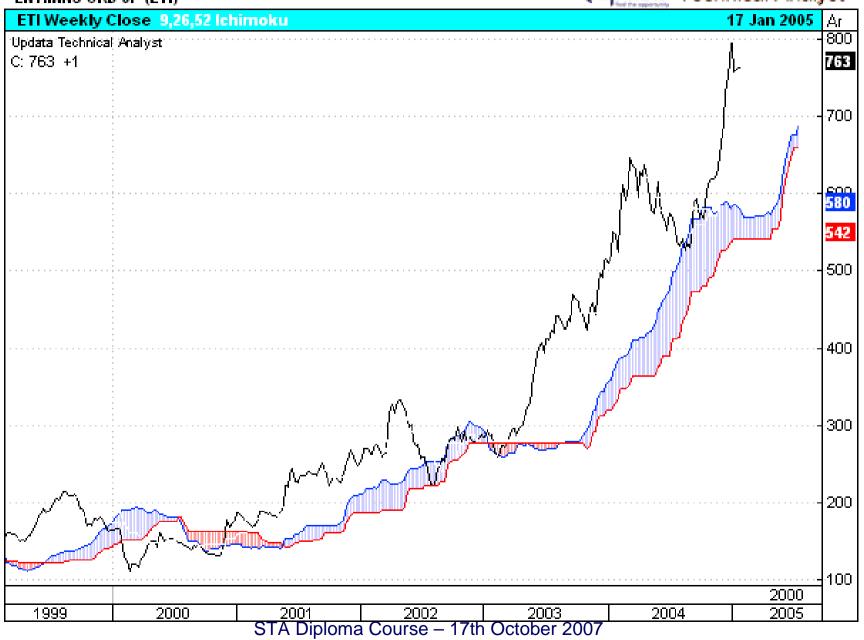
- 3 The 'mid-point' of the last 52 sessions offset 26 bars forward
- 4 The 'mid-point' of Lines 1 & 2 offset 26 bars forward

NOTE: The Offset is the same, helps to you understand the cloud



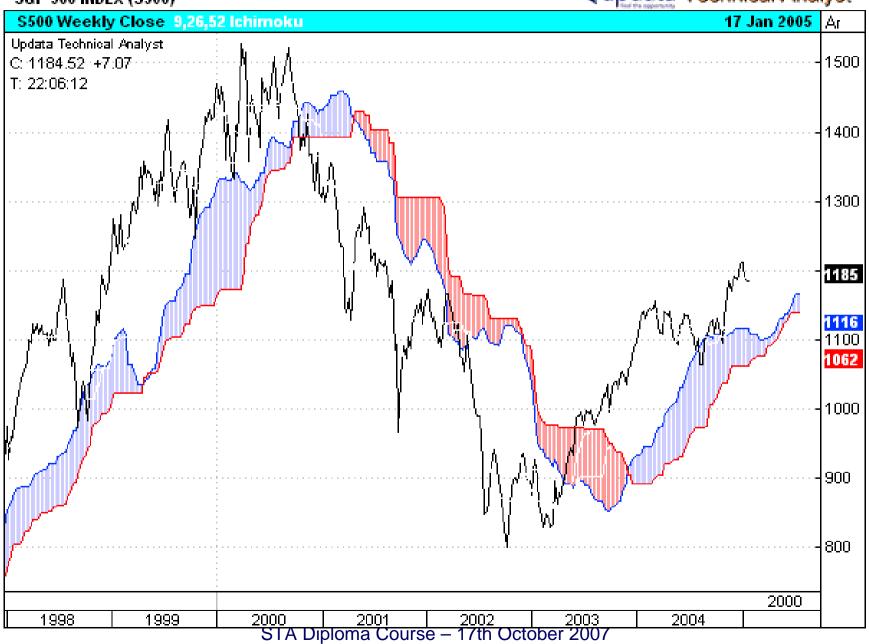






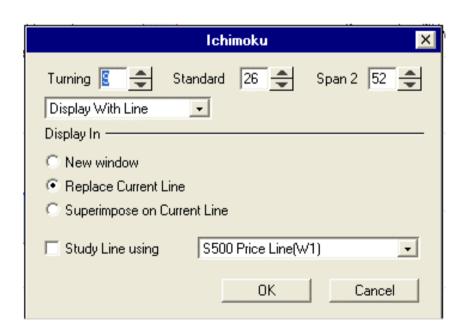


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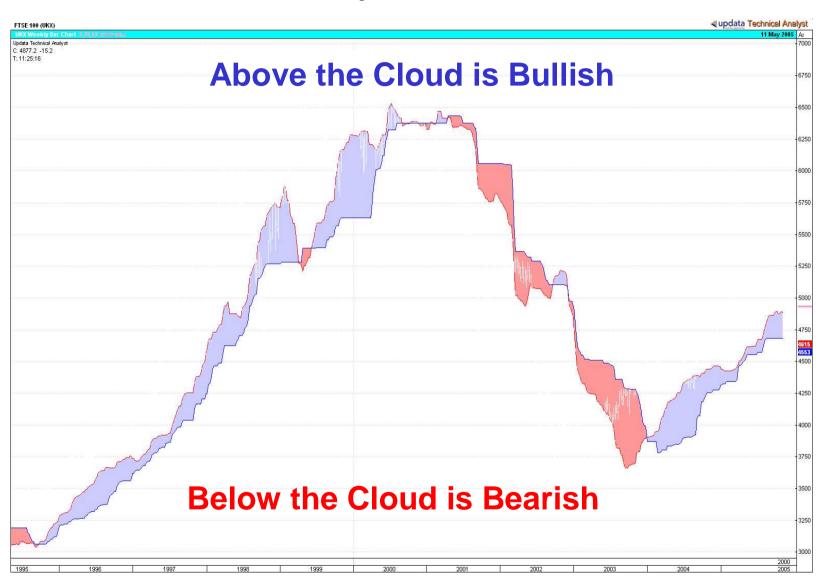


#### You can change the settings

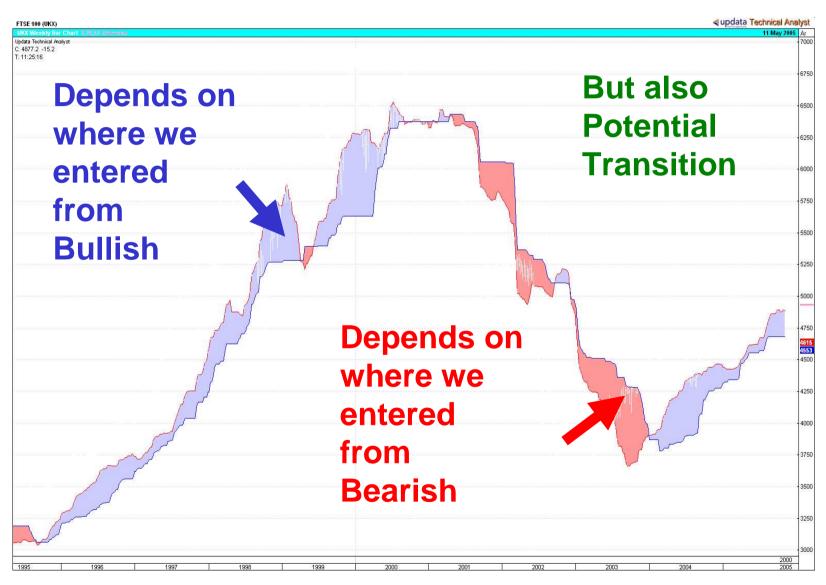
Instead of 9,26,52 - could use 13,34,55
It is argued that Ichimoku is self fulfilling and works because these are the settings used by the Japanese



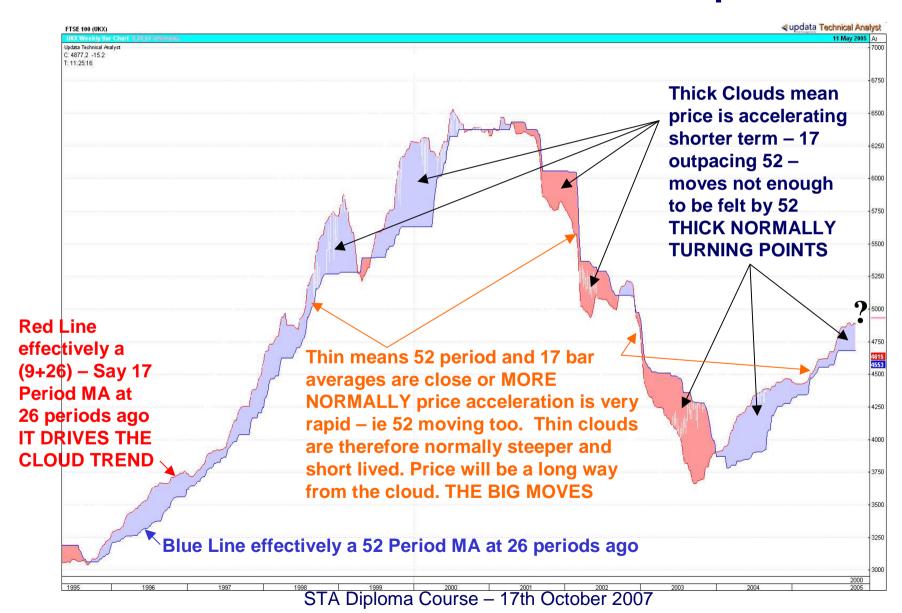
## How you read it



#### What about in the cloud?



#### Cloud Thickness & Steepness

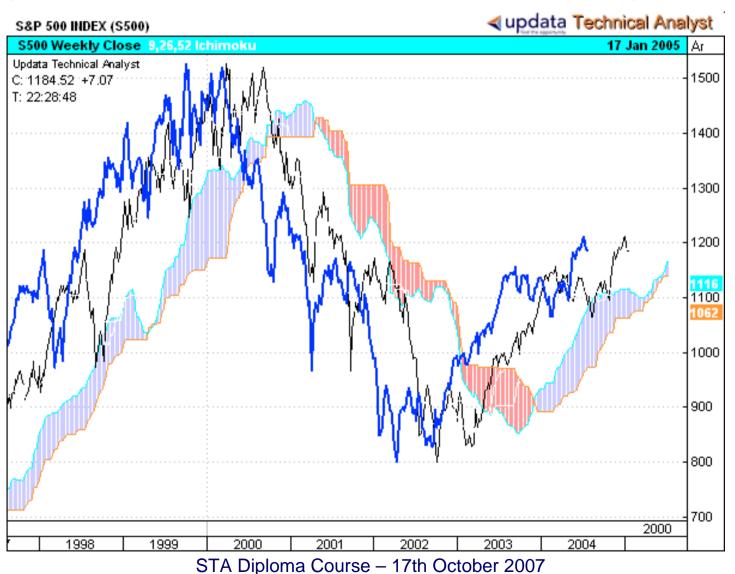


### 4 Big advantages of the cloud

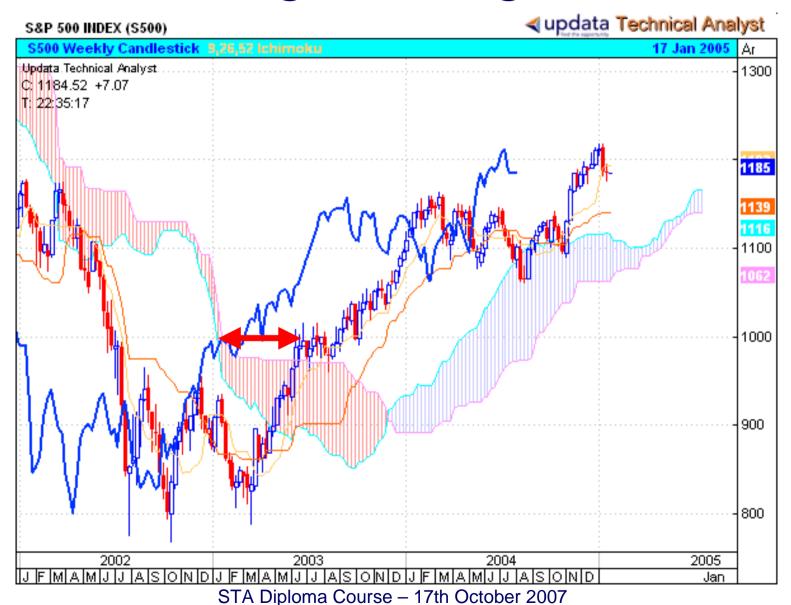
- Gives Resistance Areas, less whipsaws
- Trend position is clear Bull or Bear
- Switch Daily, Weekly, Monthly works well
- Cloud area is projected into future



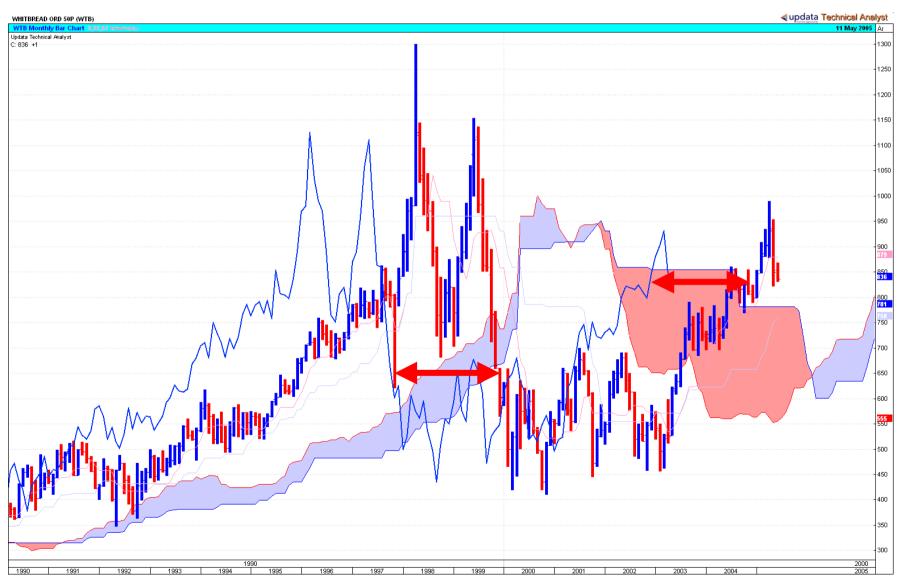
# The Lagging Line 5 – The Price Line shifted back 26 bars



### Putting it all together



## Look for Price Leading

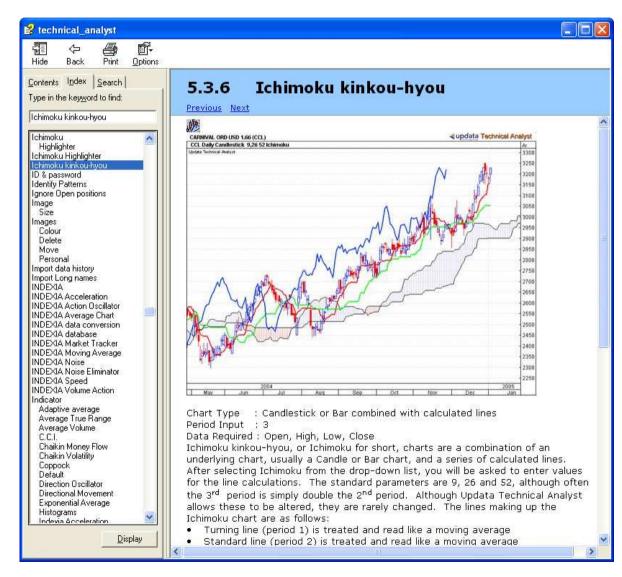


## Some Subjective Judgement



#### Want to remember the lines?

- 1 Turning Line
- 2 Standard Line
- 3 Span One
- 4 Span Two
- 5 Lagging Span

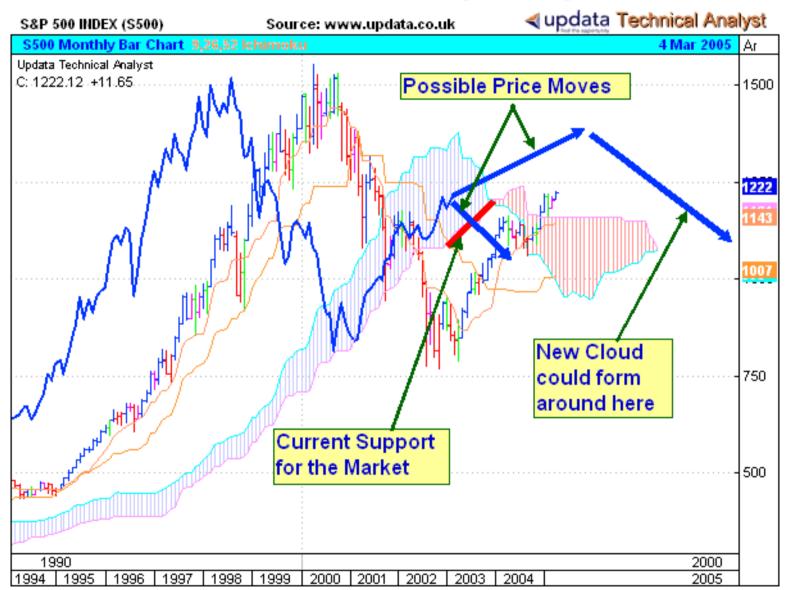


#### The 'Potential' Signals

- The lagging span crossing the cloud
- The price line finding support\* on/in the cloud
- The Price line crossing cloud Earlier/Riskier
- Turning Line & Standard Line Cross extremes
- Spans 1&2 crossing cloud cross
- Wide cloud and narrow cloud & distance from



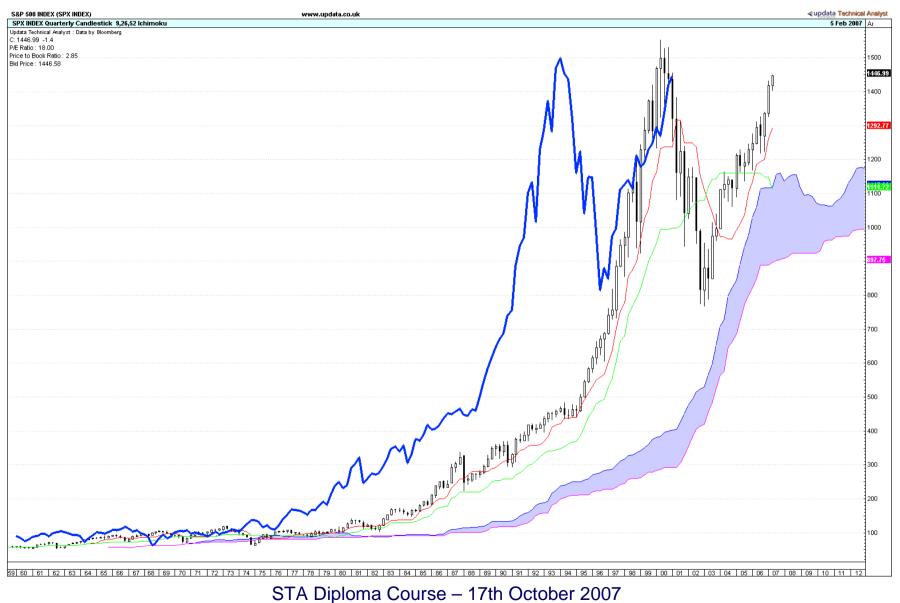
## Great for making Big Calls



#### **US Market**



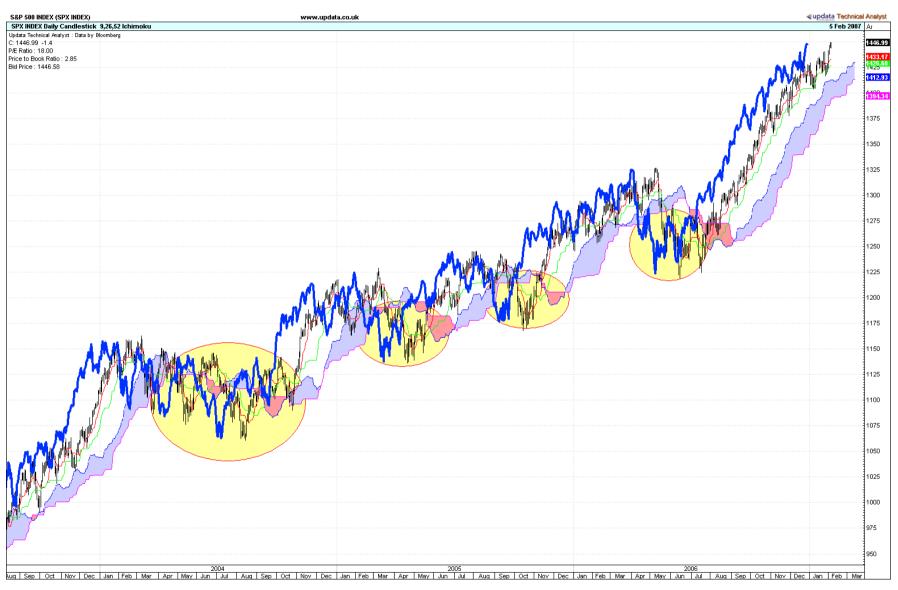
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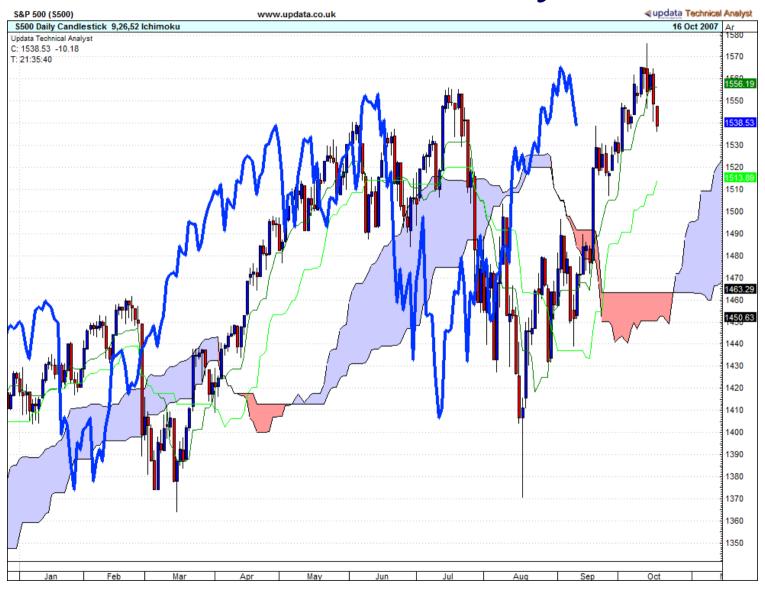
## Weekly – Still a Bull Market



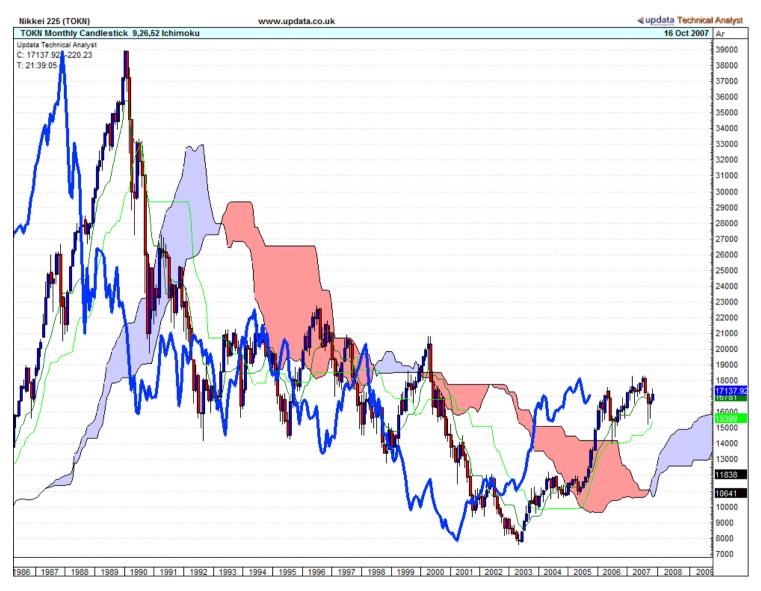
## Risk Points and Weighting



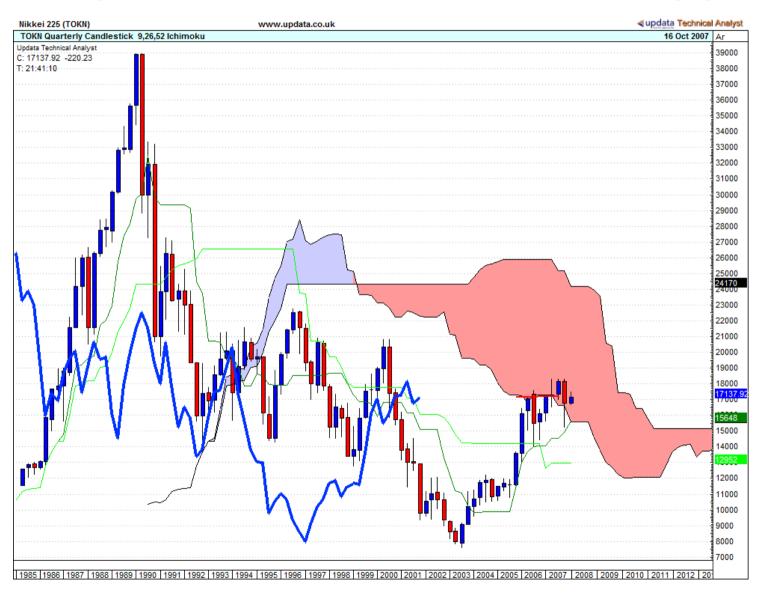
## S&P Recently



## Japan – New Bull Market?



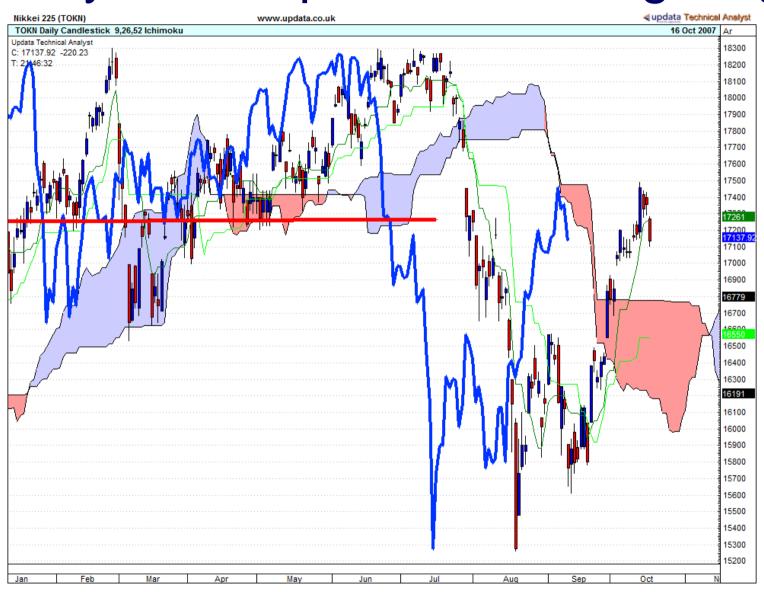
#### Long Term Levels – ST Struggle



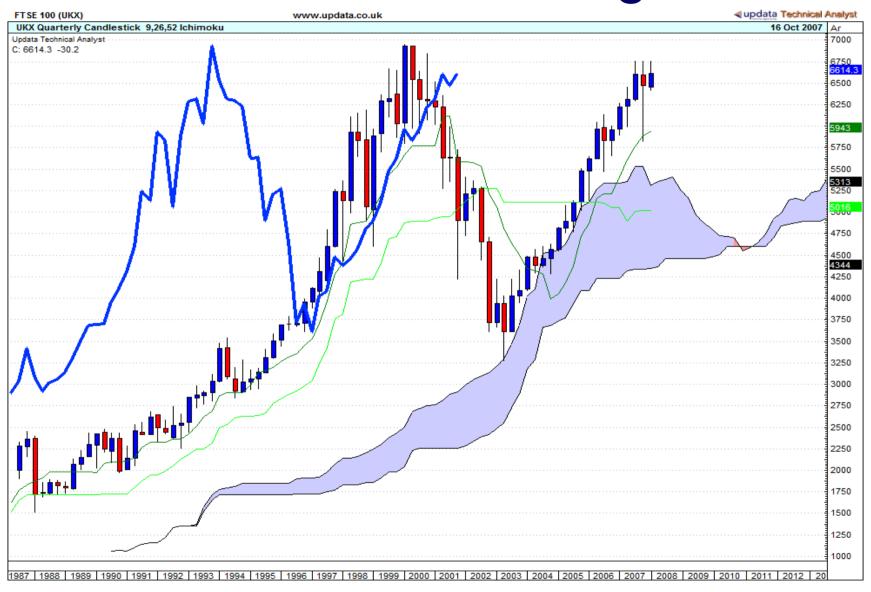
## Weekly found Support



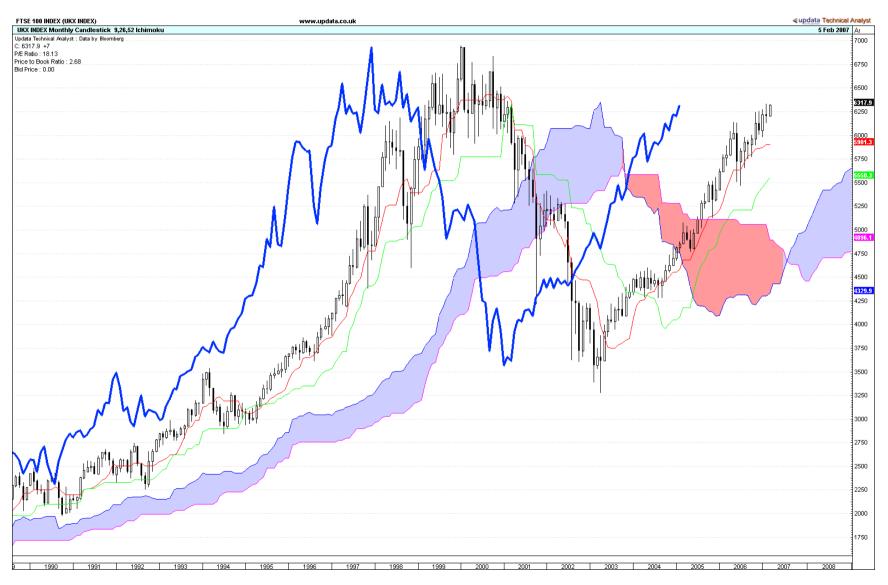
#### Daily for risk points and weighting



#### **UK Footsie Ultra Long Term**



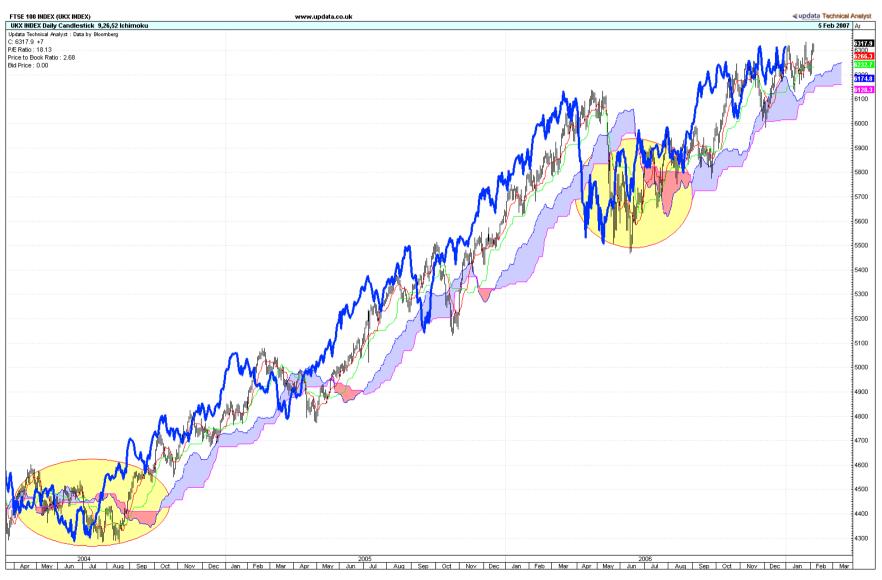
### Monthly - New Bull Market



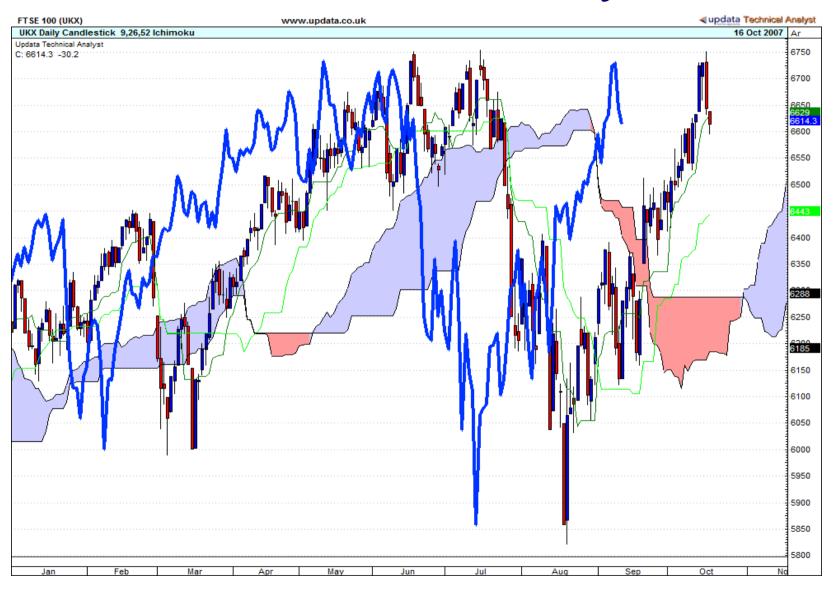
#### Weekly will tell us when we end



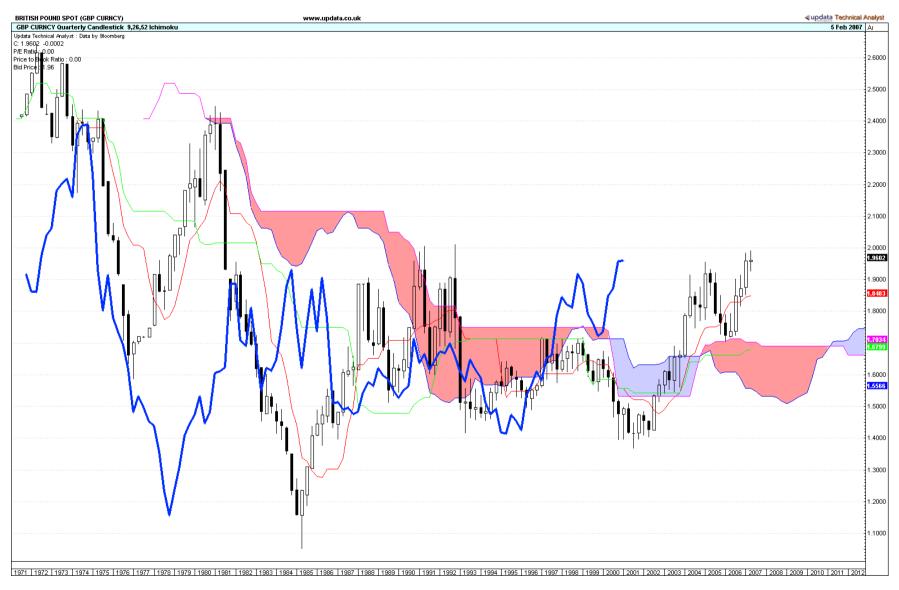
#### Use Daily for Risk Points



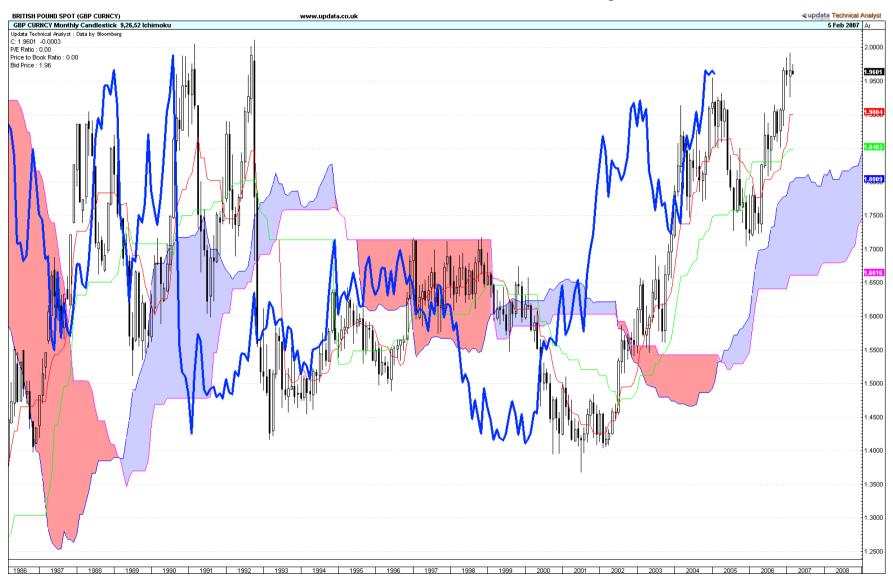
## Footsie Recently



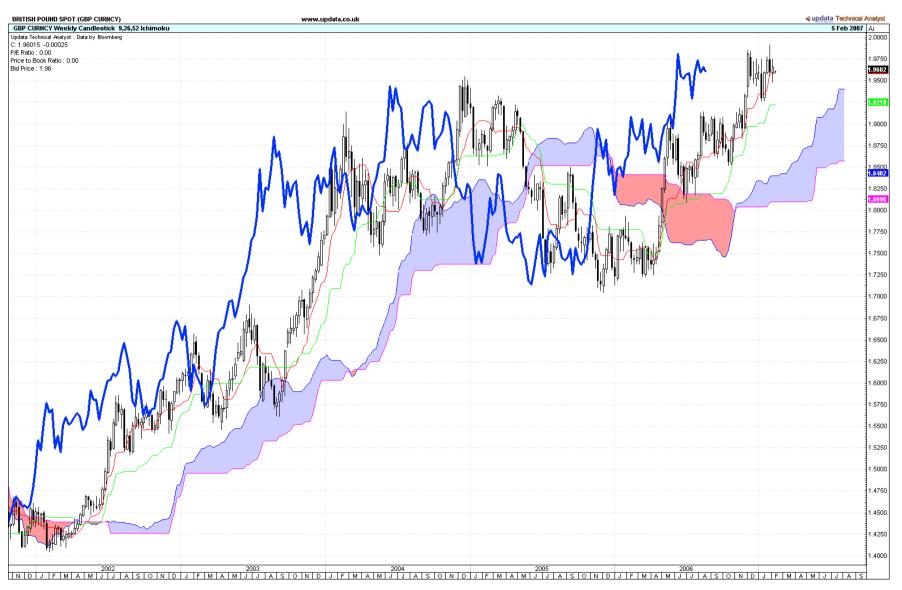
#### Cable – Ultra Long Term



## Cable Monthly



#### A wobble in 2005



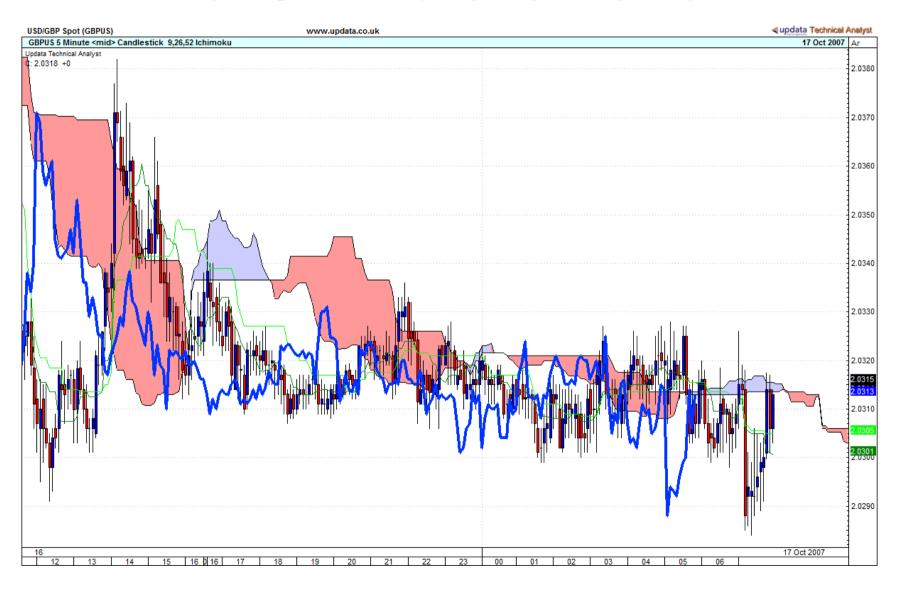
### Daily support is good



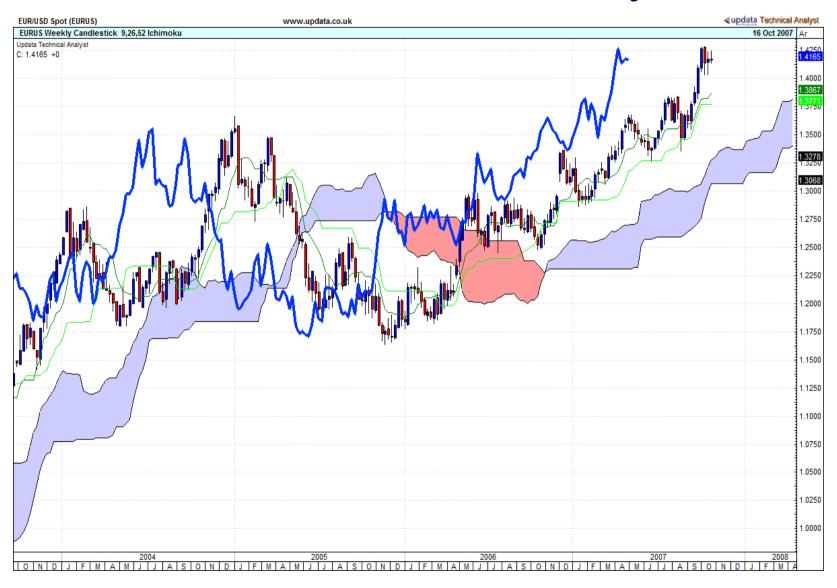
### Hourly currently choppy



#### But 5 Minute is Bullish



# **Eurodollar Weekly**



#### Daily chart bullish too



## Hourly on Eurodollar



#### Oil !!



## Weekly clearer



#### Gold finding support



# Gold looking bullish on daily



#### **Bund Monthly**



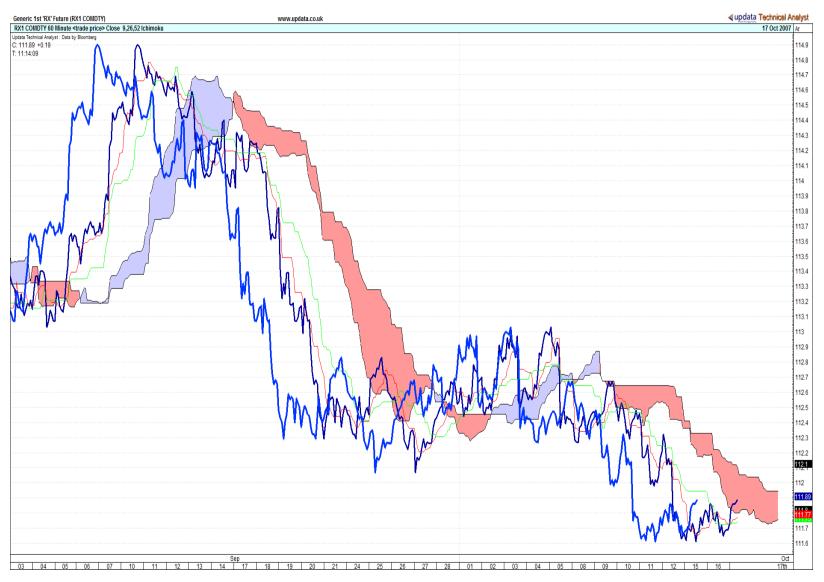
# Bearish on Weekly



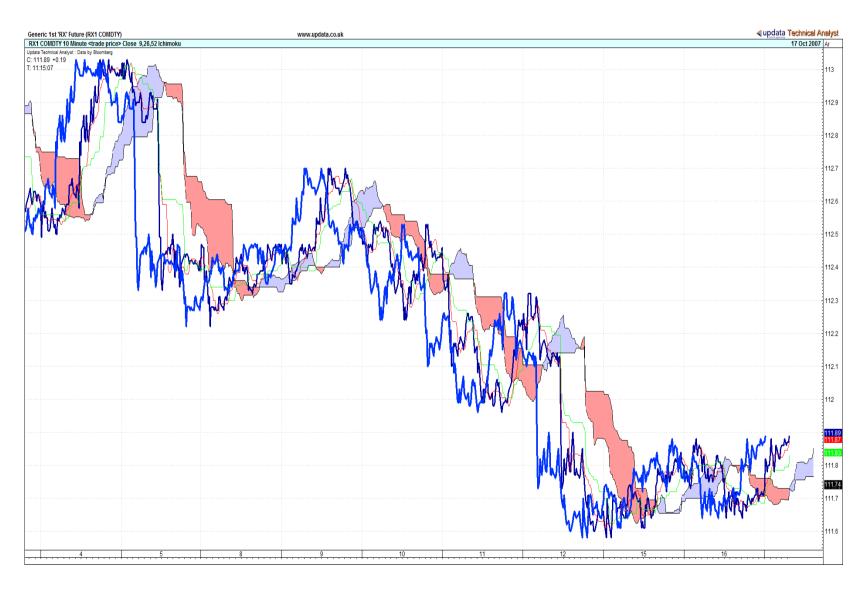
## **And Daily**



# Hourly is Turning



#### 10 Minute Chart



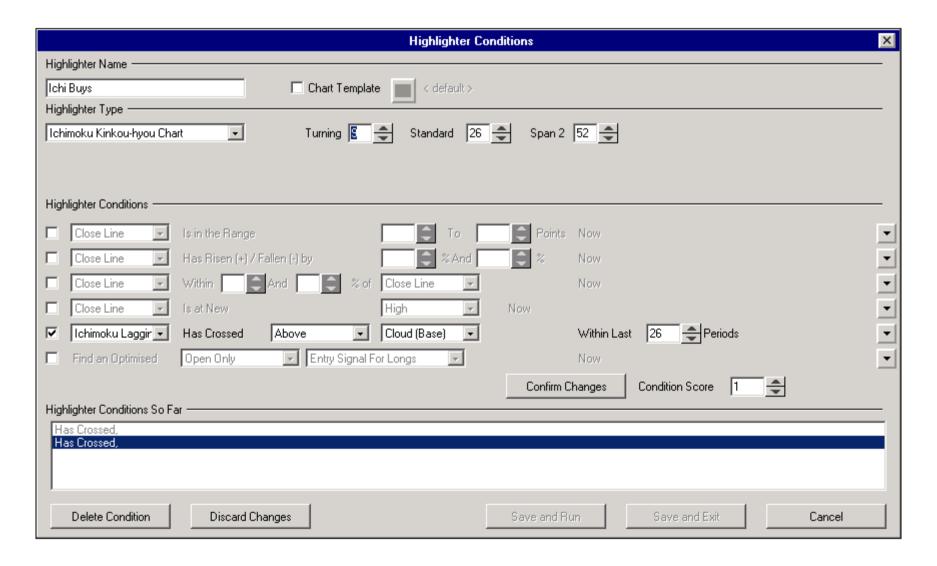
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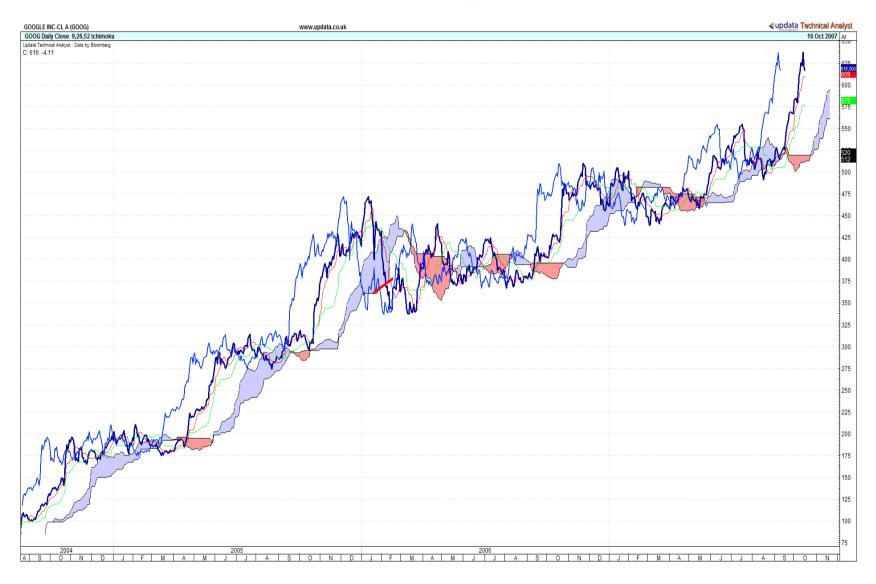
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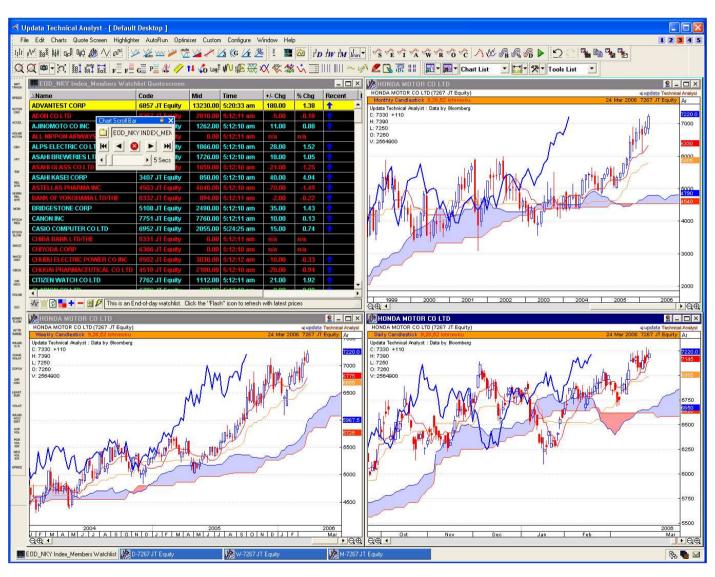
#### **Defining Condictions**



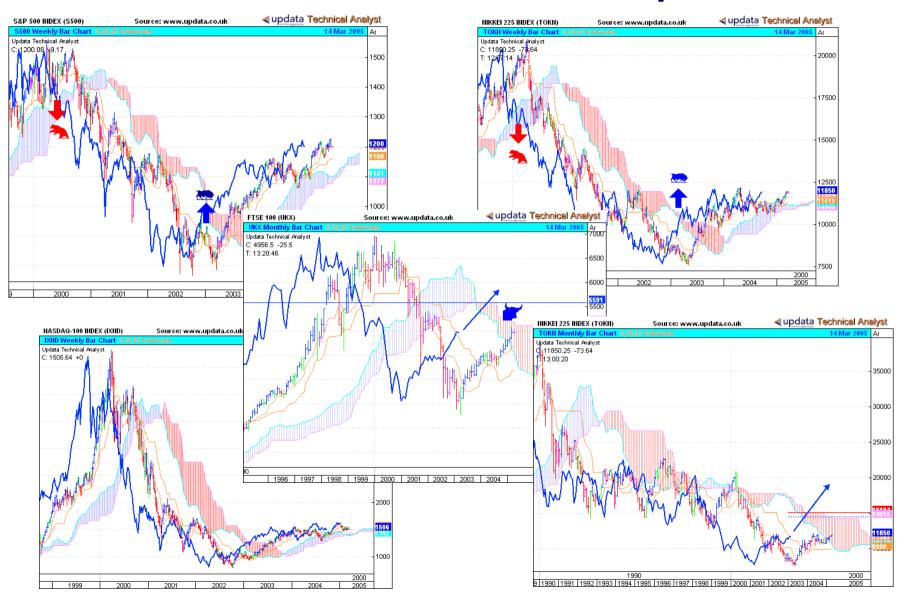
# Google



#### Look at 3 time frames together



#### Good for Market Reports



#### Ichimoku Read at a Glance

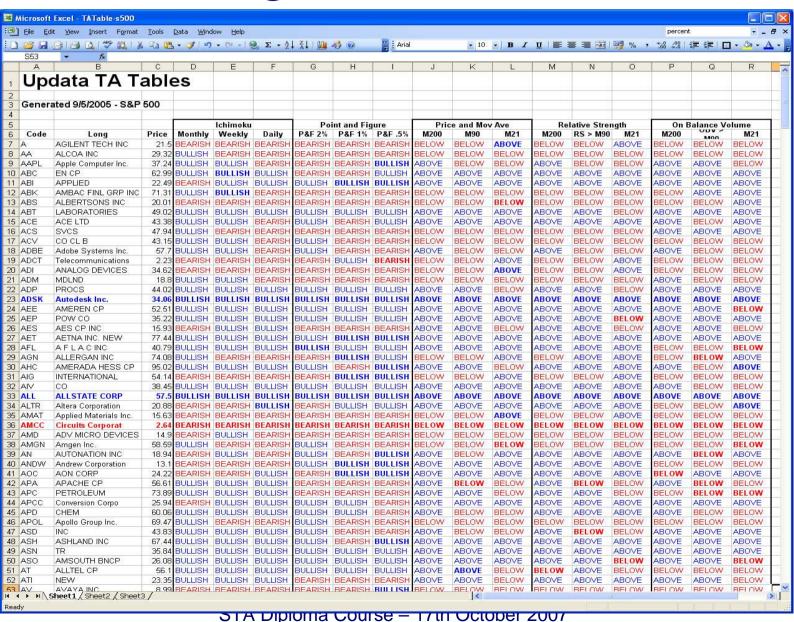


#### Great for Quick TA Assessments

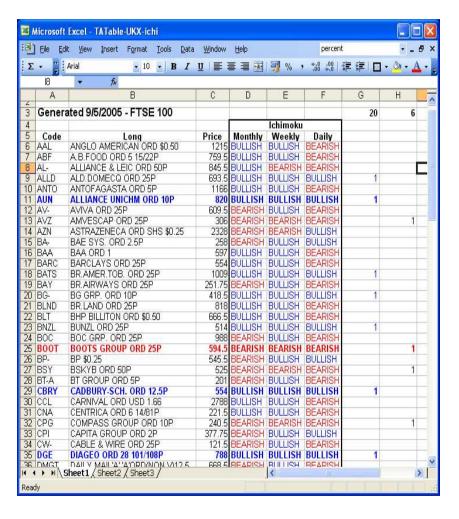
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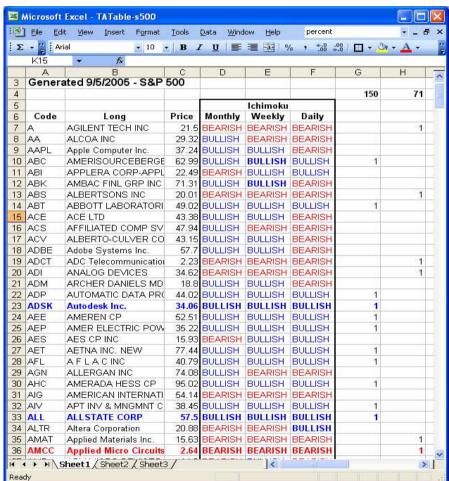
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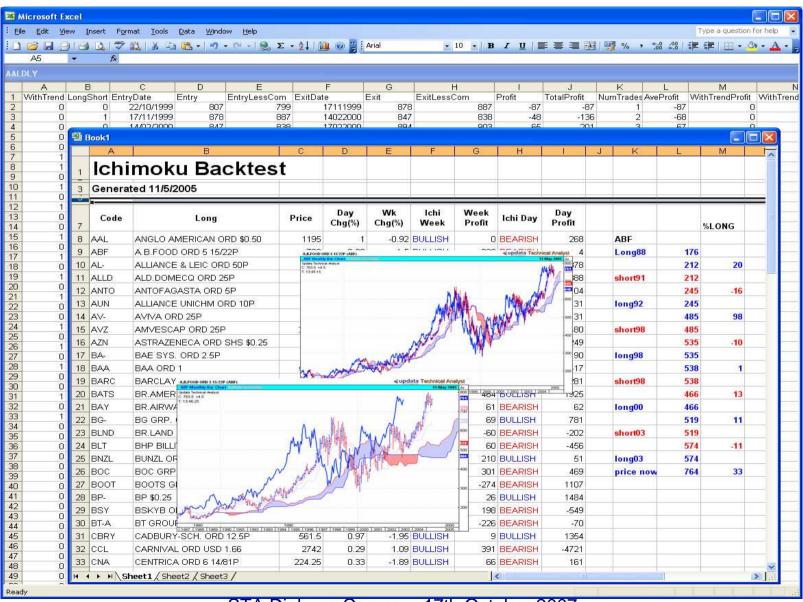


#### Ichimoku Market Breadth?





#### Backtesting



#### Potential Problems

- The charts can be very noisy lots to read
- Daily often too noisy Weekly & Monthly best
- Not meant to work well on Intra-day data
- Not meant to work so well for Small Caps



#### A few pointers

- If hasn't worked well for a chart don't use it
- It's another technique in your armoury
- Look at all 3 Time Horizons Together
- Use Weekly charts most a good change
- Run scans to get to the best charts

Don't tell anyone, they will think you are odd



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