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Bears may make money, bulls may make money, but pigs get slaughtered



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I am happy being out of the Nikkei. I appreciate the trade. I waited so long and wrote so much about the long side of Nikkei in late 2024 and early 2025. Really interesting how the money I made was on the short side. One never really knows how things get resolved.



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S&P reached its 2X. If it rallies back to its 1X next week I will re-enter.



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I hate when I become emotional on a trade. S&Ps met its 2X target. I am taking profits and running.



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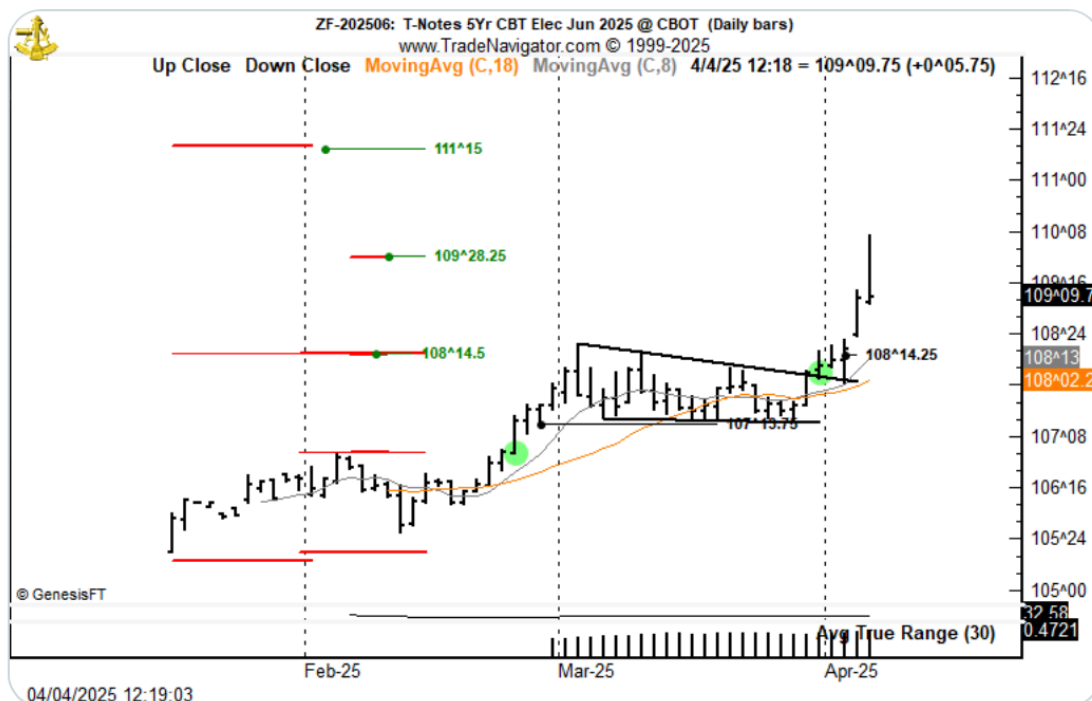
It is days like today during which I have most temptation to over-ride my rules. Fighting emotions is a real deal. Even after all my years of learning not to trust my emotions.



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Head shot coming in T Notes???



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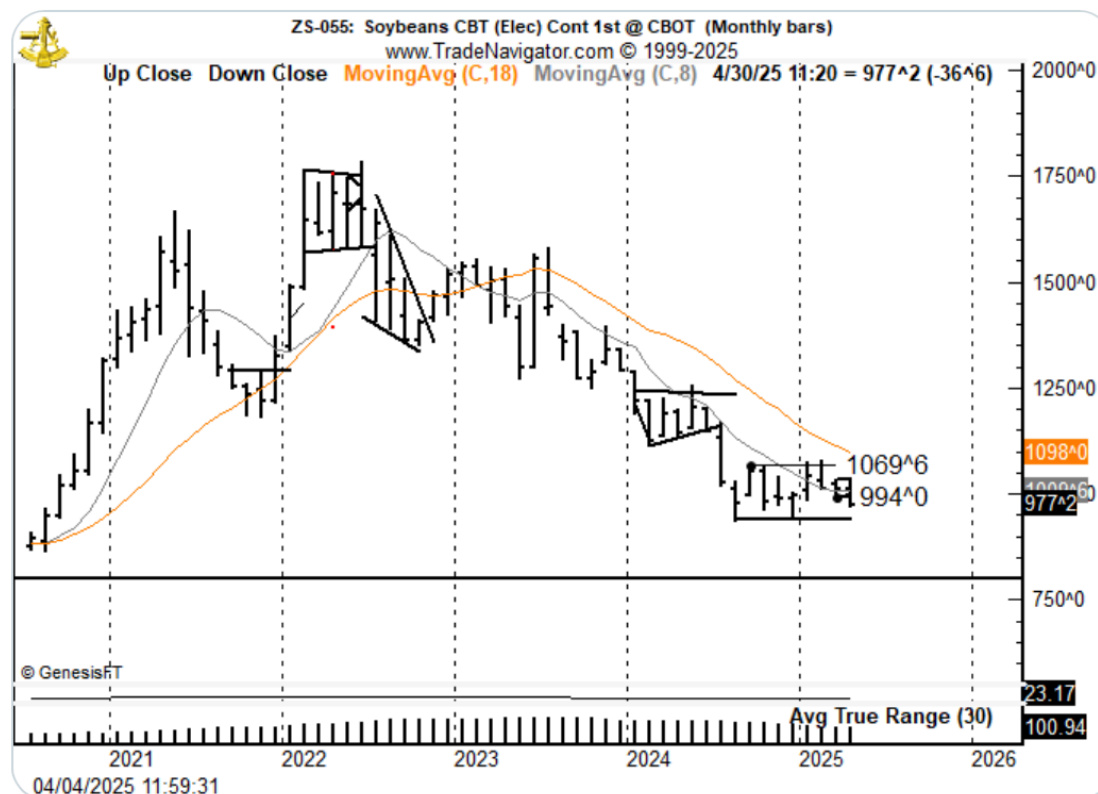
I am being greedy shooting for 2X targets across the board. Greed usually does not have good outcomes.



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Wow, maybe Beans can go to \$8



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Still short S&Ps. I pulled the target order (usually regret doing so a few days later) and right now plan to stay short into the weekend.



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My plan is to head into the weekend with my remaining short position in S&Ps and long the 5 yrs and 10 yrs Notes. London Coffee is closed so I am short this market till next week.



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So it has been a crazy week. Not the craziest I have seen in my 50 years -- not even close. But crazy for sure. I've been lucky this week to have been short stock indexes and long treasuries. I do not owe this blessing to brains but to stubbornness to follow my charts even when my heart was not in it. My heart was in being long Treasuries, but not in being short stock index futures



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Coming into weekend

Long 5-Yr Notes, long 10-Yr Notes, short S&P futures, now short London Coffee. Only order in is rally in Crude Oil



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I am holding what I have on - S&Ps, 5-Yr, 10-Yr, now London Coffee



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Replying to @factor\_members

Peter, what are your thoughts in terms of holding positions vs liquidating and realizing profits into EOD considering windfall profits on a Friday and uncertainty over the weekend? Would you take full or partial profits in this situation?



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I am not flat in Nikkei Dow



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It markets like this week that thins out the herd.

Remember, the long term goal is capital preservation. Opportunities will come along only if capital is preserved. Not losing money is the better part of making money



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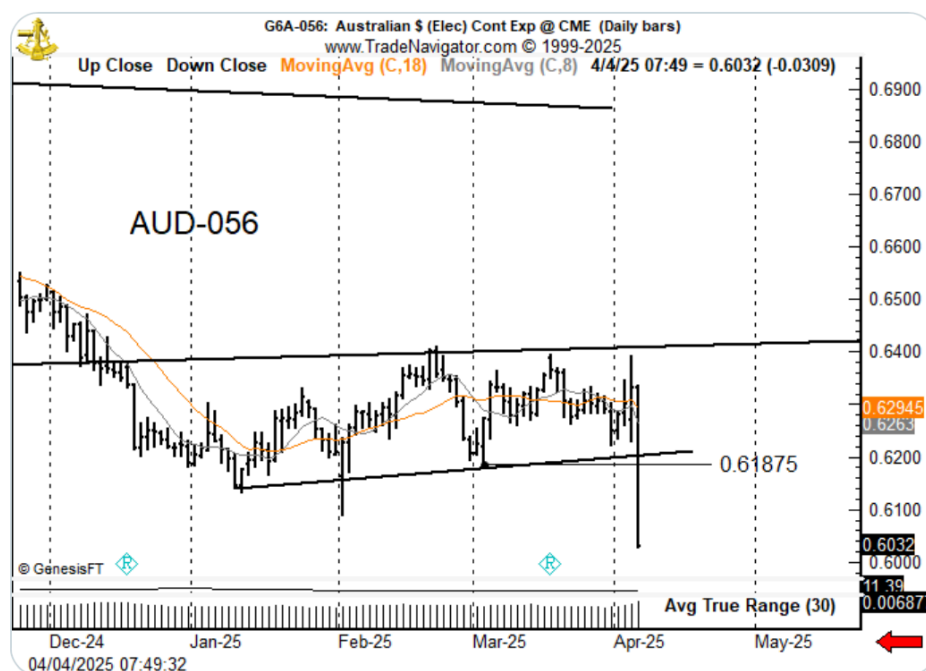
Foxhole mentality. The temptation is to become active thinking that this volatility represents huge profit potential. This is NOT my mentality. When shots start to be fired my mentality is to hunker down with trades that are working and not get involved with new trades



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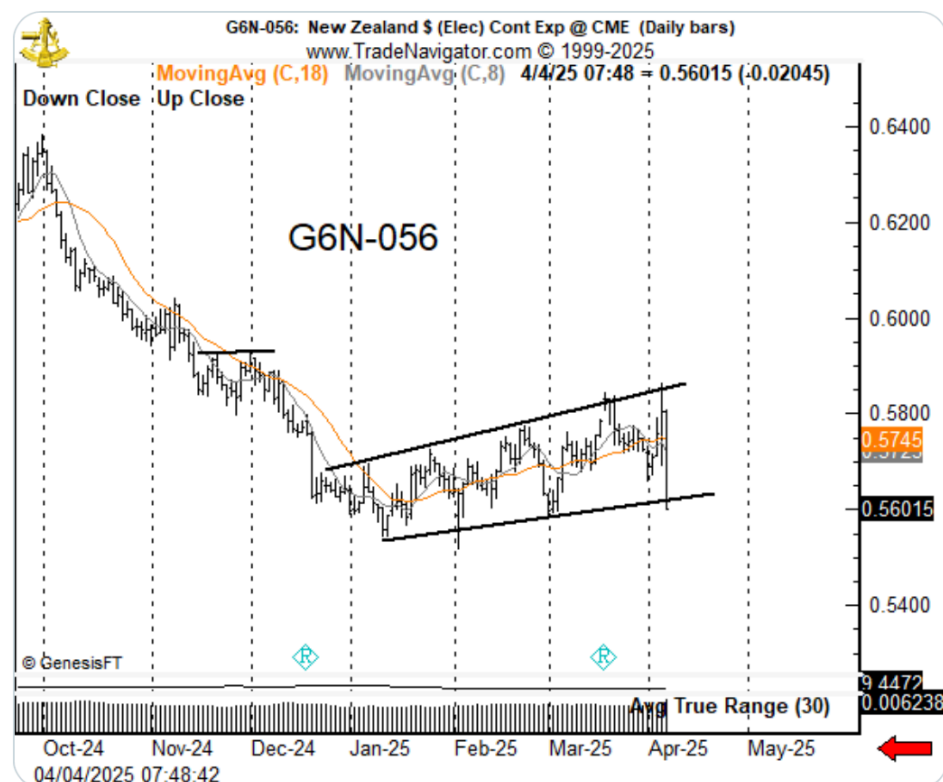
This was a continuation H&S with an out of line movement that confused the chart readers



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This is an expanding triangle





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Not lying folks. Bit down markets hurt. Equity portfolio down almost 100 BPs today



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Backyard rainbow in Tucson, Arizona this morning. This might be a good omen for the market.



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If we get a near retest I may short 50% in CL



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Missed the CL trade as I had entered 'outside of market hours: no'... but maybe a good thing, volatility is very high, it was more of a gamble , but a gamble in the direction of the trend :)





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The pearls before swine analogy from the Bible- is that just your way of saying your message won't be popular

Specifically, you are showing a stock market breakdown and likely market top (pattern confirmed at least), which is pearls before the masses that don't want to accept it?



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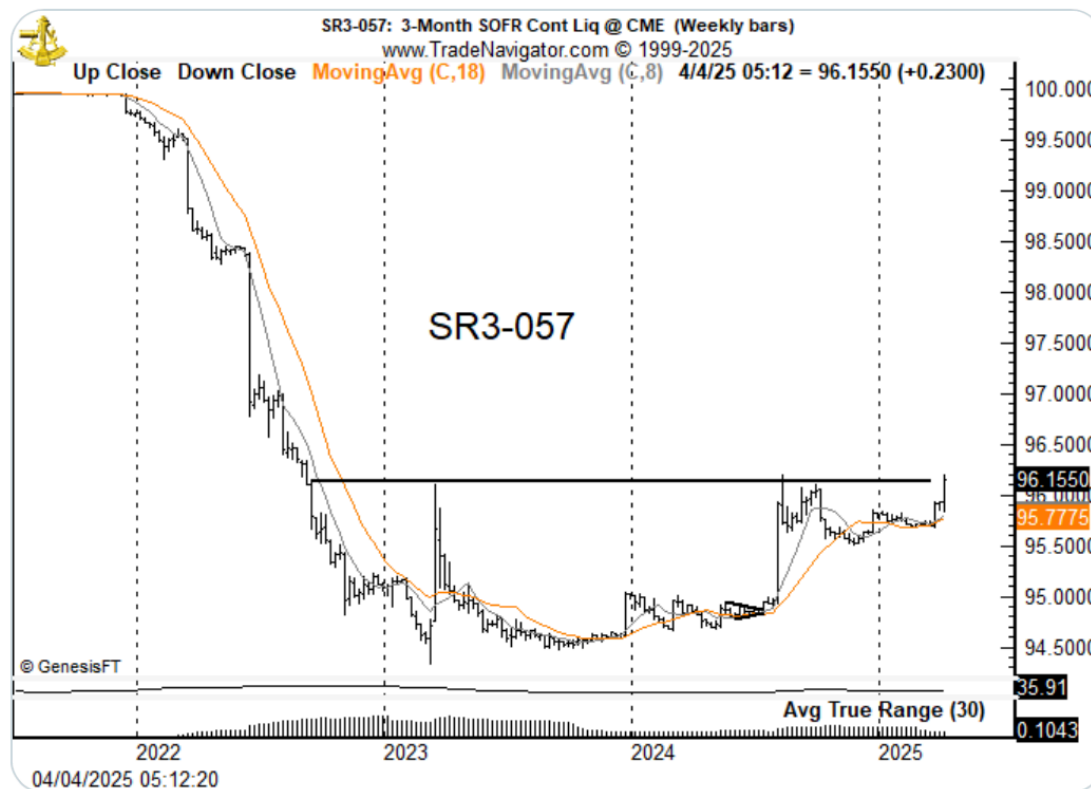
One of the components of trading I have pounded home until my knuckles were bruised is ORDER MANAGEMENT.

When things get crazy it is VITAL to be on top of your order flow. Easy to overlook something or make a mistake, to not move a stop, to not cancel a stop if necessary.

Please be thoughtful and intentional about your order management.



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Lots of questions coming my way -- excuse me but I need to get a handle on things before I answer too many. For now I remain short stock futures and long Treasury futures in prop acct and that is it. Crude flashed a signal but I did NOT take it. First step in process to make money is to keep it.



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Interesting -- seemingly Gold, Treasuries and Swiss Franc are the safe harbors in this world right now.





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My timing is wrong. I have gone flat.



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Chart of positional interest. I have bit the bullet and chased this market beyond the ATR buy level - a trading tranche and a weekly chart tranche. \$G6C\_F

