Flash Report Fossil





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"Quantitative approach for asymmetric results"



Fossil: time and price relationship for a non fossil position



Figura 1: Fossil monthly chart (ticker: FOSL)

Sometime just glancing at a chart I can see immediately the overall structure of a stock. It is the case for Fossil, above presented in its monthly chart. It is interesting to note how the stock is respecting few bullish channels since 2007. The first one I found was the one with purple lines, then copying and pasting the height of the channel above and below (vertical orange lines) the other were discovered (light blue lines).

The February monthly candle is now arriving at the dynamic support set at 107 usd so a reaction can be expected. However the bullish situation has been compromised with the November 2013 inversion candle and since then the stock has been trading lower. A new bullish trend can be called only with the violation of that candle's high at 133 usd.

If the 106 usd low will be violated it is possible to see the stock arriving at the first target which is the support of the lower channel, in an area between 80 and 87 usd.

The final target however for the stock, is found with the dark blue trendline that is found linking the most relevant low since 2011.

Each point on that blue line gives specific time and price target for the stock, which is at an extreme, a value of 60 usd by November 2014.

Reading the overall picture since 2007 it looks like the stock is now in the process of completing a corrective ABC pattern started after a 5 wave structure has been concluded with the top of wave 5 set at the 2012 all time high.

Since then the stock already moved to the subsequent low in 2012 labelled as a wave A which came in a 5 waves structure, giving a signal that the impulsive structure is now bearish rather than a bullish one.

The wave that followed which topped at the November 2013 high has a main features of a typical wave B: it all retraced almost 100% of the previous bearish movement but concluded with a lower high.

The current situation would call for a double top around 130 usd or even another lower high (giving confirmation that the stock is now in a wave B or 2 of an either bearish corrective ABC or impulsive 1-5 wave structure) before resuming its descent to lower levels.

Final consideration is the Oscillator which is the final nail in the coffin: much lower strength in the latest move up (purple arrow) signalling that the party will be probably over soon.



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