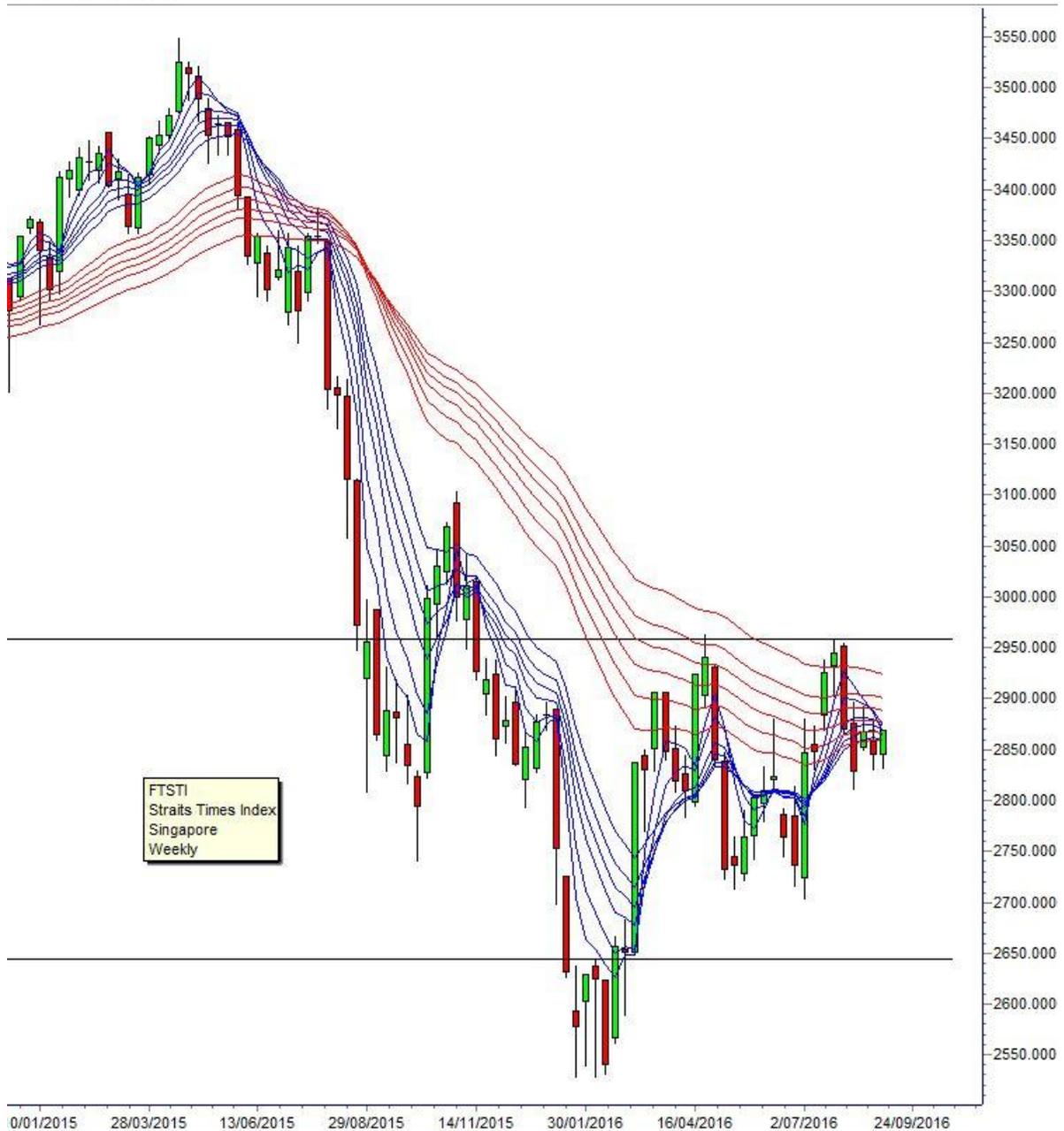


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How strong is the downtrend pressure? Very strong. The combination of the upper edge of the long term GMMA and the resistance level near 2950 again overpowered the market. Is this a trend change as we asked several weeks ago? Not yet, but it has the potential to be the beginning of a trend change. The key feature is the second test of the upper edge of the long term averages in the Guppy Multiple Moving Average indicator. This was a very weak breakout but it did cause some compression in the long term GMMA. This suggests some slight weakness in the downtrend.



The key problems remain. They are:

- The resistance level near 2960. This is a significant barrier.
- The very small degree of compression in the long term GMMA. For a successful trend change it is necessary for the long term GMMAS to compress and turn upwards. Breakouts above a well separated long term GMMA are weak and unreliable.

The recent rally failed as we suggested it would in our last notes. We look for another rally in the context of a well-established downtrend. The key features on this chart are:

- The GMMA relationships. The long term GMMA is well separated.
- The short term GMMA is developing the pattern of rally, retreat and retest rally typical of a trend change. This is mildly bullish but the width of the long term GMMA separation limits the potential for a rally to develop into a breakout.
- The key resistance level is near 2960. This is near the upper edge of the long term GMMA. This provides two strong resistance features.

The conclusion is that the rally and any future rally have limited momentum. Traders are ready to go short on any retreat. Traders watch for breakout patterns to develop after this prolonged fall but this is a long term proposition..

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