

The Tradition "Future HPI"

The leading index of future average UK house prices

Year ahead house price futures drop £13,059 in April

The seasonally adjusted Halifax House Price Index fell £2,563 in April, yet the non-seasonally adjusted version, used as a basis of the derivative market, rose by £333. The average UK house price is now valued at £190,952. However, the small rise in the underlying benchmark failed to boost sentiment among residential property derivative traders in April despite increased activity in the market. The average UK house price future for May 2009 fell another £13,059 in April to £163,264, and is now £27,688 lower than the current average UK house price.

Tradition Future HPI* (House Price Index)

April 2008

HPI NSA	£190,619	190,952	+£333
1 Year	£176,323	£163,265	-£13,059
4 Year	£168,698	£158,490	-£10,208
30 year	£495,609	£473,561	-£22,048



*In association with Strutt & Parker Real Estate Financial Services

Note: Figures refer to the future value of the average house price in the UK

Commenting, Peter Sceats, Director of the real estate division at Tradition, said:

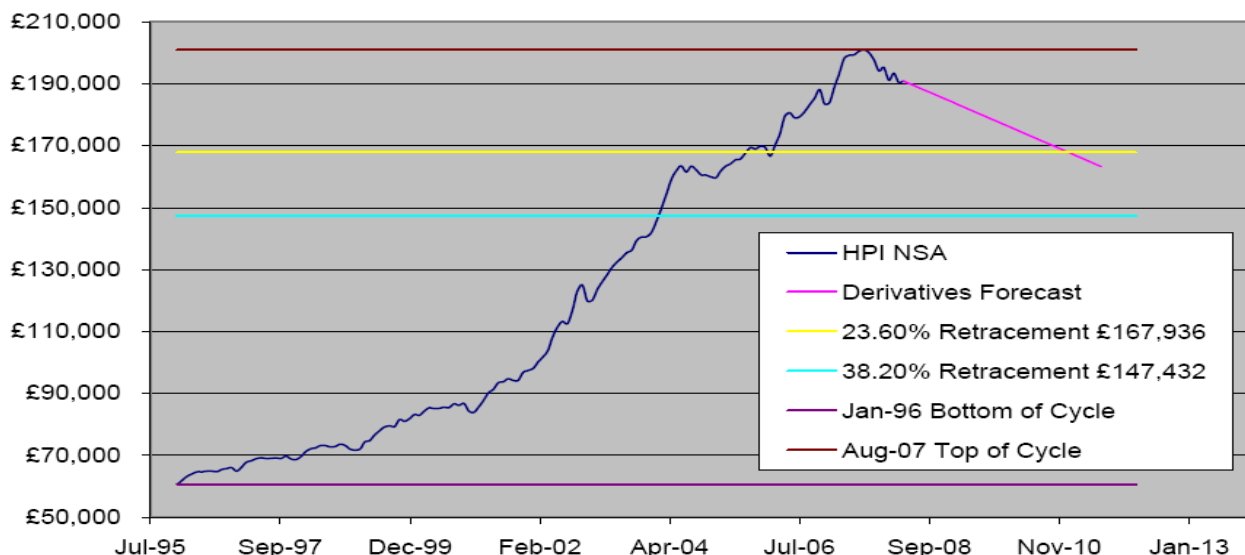
“Residential property derivative prices were marked down in April as shares in house-builders fell and reduced mortgage availability hit the headlines. As a result year-ahead house price futures are currently trading 17% below the current average house price indicating an increasingly pessimistic view of the outlook for the property market.”

Measuring the Potential Market Retracement

The exercise of human nature in markets determines that markets never go up or down in a straight line and, as such, peaks and troughs occur within overall bull or bear trends. Troughs often display a proportional relationship to peaks, and vice versa.

The 23.60% "Fibonacci" figure is widely used as a measure of potential price retracement. After £201,081 was established as the top of the cycle (that started at £60,638), retracement theorists were predicting the HPI index would fall to £167,936

Indeed, residential derivatives have just breached this downside target.



Notes to Editors

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