Mean Reversion

based on Keltner Channels



Keltner Channel

- use the Average True Range (ATR) to set channel distance above and below exponential moving average.

Bollinger Bands

- use the standard deviation to set the bands

Objectives

System Design



Mean Reversion - Keltner Channel

Objective	Why	Target
High Win rate	Easy to trade	> 70%
Low Draw Down	Easy to keep trading	< 20%
Adequate Return to draw down ratio	Compensated well for risk	> 1.0
Short holding period	Reduced market risk	< 5 Trading day
Trades frequently	Increased Compounding potential	> 15 Trades (m)
Adequate expectancy	Allow for friction costs	> 1% P&L per Trade

Baseline Setup

- In a Uptrend: Price above 230 day MA
- Liquidity: Stock Turnover > \$300k per day & price > \$0.50
- Volatile: ATR > 1.5%
- Short Term Volatility > Long Term Volatility
- Universe: ASX500
- Max Open Positions: 10
- Position Size: 10% per position
- Test Period: IS 2005-2012 / OOS 2013 present

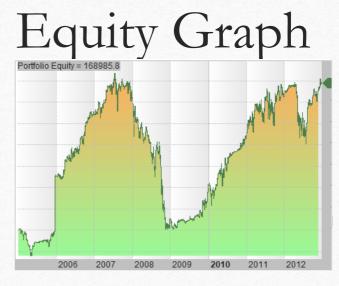
Entry / Exit Rules

- Keltner Channel (20, 1.5) test and optimise
- Enter Long at Close of 3rd below band
 - or with % range of band
 - or oversold STO
- Exit at Close of top band
 - or with % range of top
 - or above centre line
 - or first close above 5day SMA



	Test 1	
Rules	Parameters 1	Parameters 2
MA	230	
Kelt-Ch	20, 2.25	
Enter	Close below band	
Exit	Close > top Band	

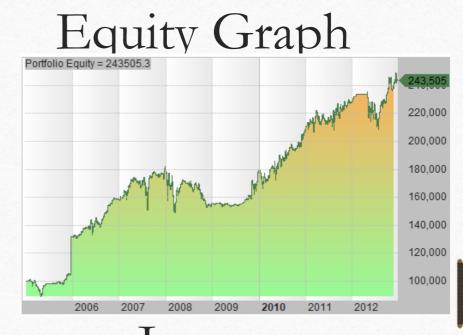
Metric	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4
CAR	6.78%			
Trades pa	26			
Avg Hold	57			
Win Rate	71%			
MDD	42%			



- Low Annual Return (6.%)
- Lack of trade opportunities (26)
- Avg hold time (57d)
- Excessive drawdown (42%)

	Test 2	
Rules	Parameters 1	Parameters 2
MA	150	
Kelt-Ch	15 , 2.25	
Enter	Close below band	
Exit	Close > top Band	

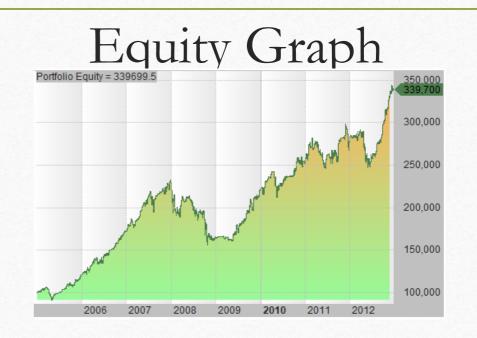
Metric	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4
CAR	6.78%	11.78%		
Trades pa	26	21		
Avg Hold	57	59		
Win Rate	71%	74%		
MDD	42%	18%		



- Low Annual Return (11%)
- Lack of trade opportunities (21)
- Avg hold time (59d)

Test 3					
Rules	Parameters 1	Parameters 2			
MA	150				
Kelt-Ch	15, 1.25				
Enter	Close below band				
Exit	Close > top Band				

Metric	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4
CAR	6.78%	11.78%	16.5%	
Trades pa	26	21	67	
Avg Hold	57	59	24	
Win Rate	71%	74%	72.25%	
MDD	42%	18%	33%	



- Low Annual Return (16%)
- Improved trade opportunities (67)
- Reduced Avg hold time (24d)

Test 4

Rules	Parameters 1	Parameters 2
MA	150	
Kelt-Ch	15, 1.25	
Enter	Close 3 rd below band	15% of lower band
Exit	Close $> 65\%$ of Top	

Metric	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4
CAR	6.78%	11.78%	16.5%	18.5%
Trades pa	26	21	67	118
Avg Hold	57	59	24	13.5
Win Rate	71%	74%	72.25%	73%
MDD	42%	18%	33%	21%

Objectives

Objective	Target
High Win rate	> 70%
Low Draw Down	< 20%
Adequate Return to draw down ratio	> 1.0
Short holding period	< 5 Trading day
Trades frequently	> 15 Trades (m)

- Annual Return only 18%
- Trade opportunities
- Win Rate 73%
- Hold Time 13 days
- Draw Down (21%)

Results

Bollinger Bands

Metric	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4
CAR	4.1%	9.2%	21%	24.5%
Trades pa	29	51	142	168
Avg Hold	73	13	12	6.7
Win Rate	69%	71%	70%	72%
MDD	40%	17%	26%	16.64%

Keltner Channel

Metric	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4
CAR	6.78%	11.78%	16.5%	18.5%
Trades pa	26	21	67	118
Avg Hold	57	59	24	13.5
Win Rate	71%	74%	72.25%	73%
MDD	42%	18%	33%	21%

Summary

Issues

- Keltner Channel may not be the best indicator for mean reversion
- They may be better for identifying pullbacks in trending stock
- Bollinger Bands may be better for mean reversion which volatility
- Back testing results speeak for themselves
 - Keltner Channel (18.5%)
 - Bollinger Band (24.5%)

Opportunities

- Trade Management
 - Need to be focussed and disciplined
- Entry
 - Try adding a oversold RSI/STO
 - Slim opportunities in last few months
- Exit
 - Try DJB Happy Face ?
- In the mean time
 - I am going to trade Bollinger Bands

