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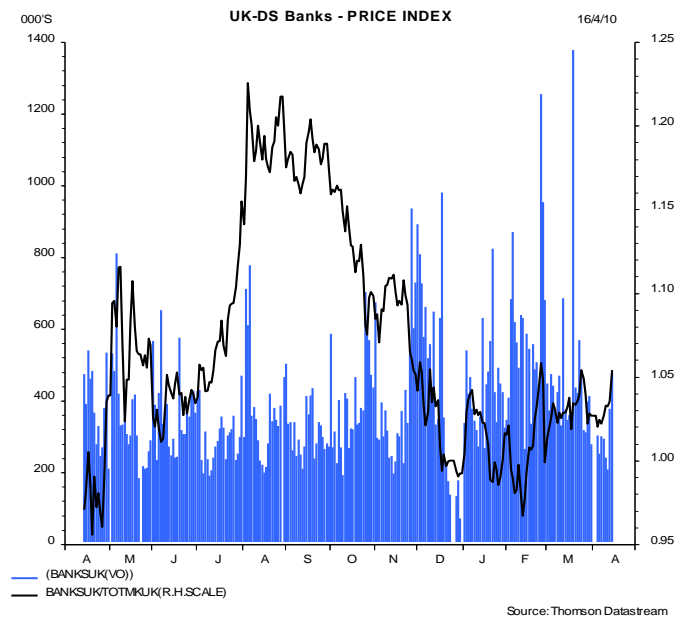
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In an American session of very minimal index change,
plus S&P 0.08%, little overall thematic change.

The Bank sector relinquished a mere 0.3% of its recent
very powerful advance post the mid - January breakout
led by the Regionals sub - sector.

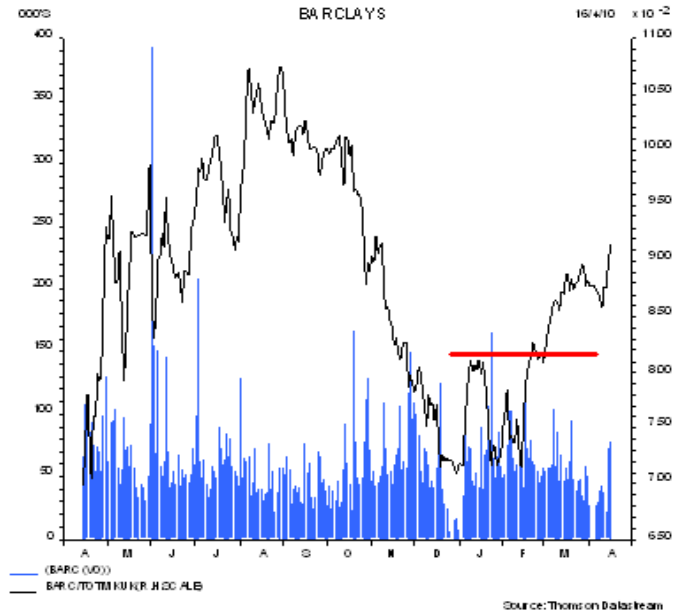


The more interesting feature in yesterday's U.K. session was the powerful leadership in the Banks, plus 2.3% and backed by increasingly committed volume, as can be seen below:

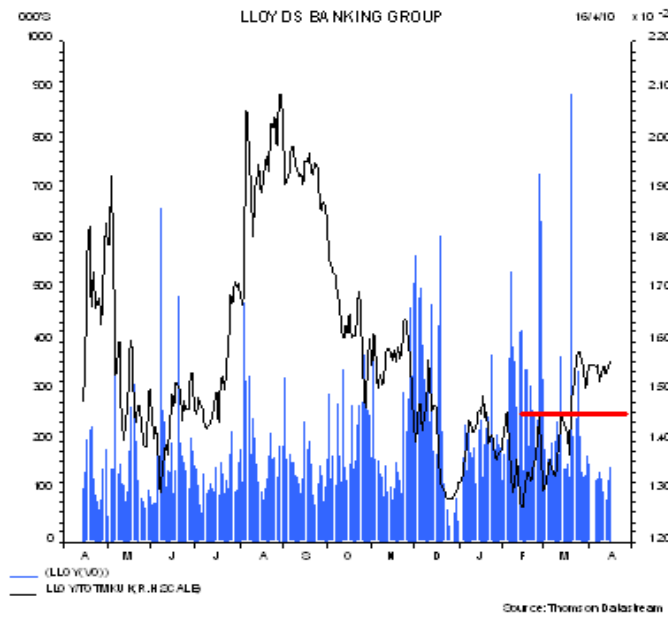




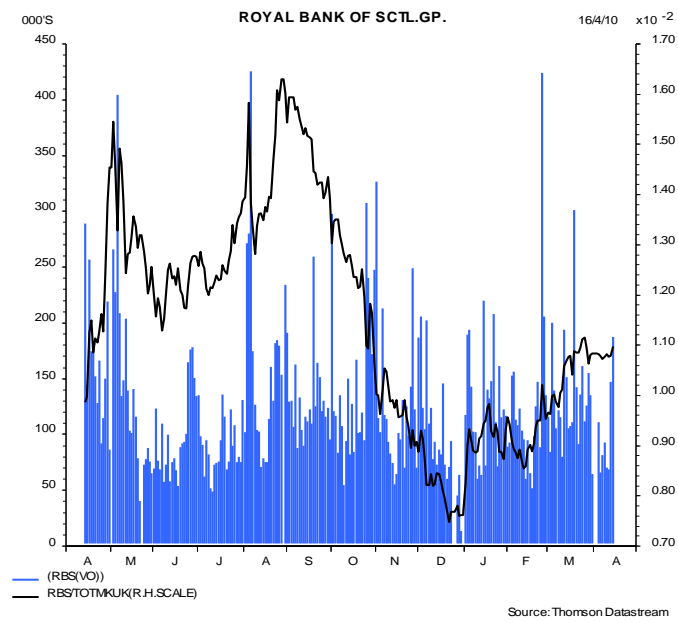
The charts below show the current situation in those technically preferred stocks:



Barclays - up around 1% today



Lloyds - up around 2.5% today



Royal Bank of Scotland - up around 7% today

The trends in all of the above look very strong.

All represent very strong renewed breakouts.

Elsewhere, in the one U.K. Bank "sell" idea,
HSBC, the downtrends of recent months are
reasserting themselves at the time of writing.



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