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Brent Intraday Morning Technical

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Brent Mar 24 Morning Technical Comment - 240 Min



Synopsis—Intraday

Chart source Bloomberg

- Price is above the 8-21 period EMA's
- RSI is above 50 (69)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is above the daily pivot point 82.94
- The longer-term technical remained bearish with a neutral bias on Friday. The futures had continued to move higher with the near-term divergences failing, the MA on the RSI continued to suggest that momentum was supported. The close previously had been above the 200-period MA (USD 81.71), if we could hold above this level, it would further support a bull argument. Likewise, if we closed below and held below the average, then support levels would become vulnerable. AOI was flat yesterday, meaning that there was an equal balance of fresh longs and shorts in the market. As noted previously, we will continue to monitor the open interest in case it starts to drop on moves higher. We had seen a small pullback on the open as the RSI had found resistance at its December highs. If we did close on the 4-hour candle below USD 8,166 it would warn that intraday momentum was weakening based on price, if this was supported by the RSI moving below 50, then support levels could come under pressure. We noted that the time and price argument would remain in play until we traded above USD 84.13; however, this would then mean that A-B would equal C-D (Dec Jan projected), a natural technical selling area for CTA longs if there had been no further rise in Red Sea tensions (there are). We continued to have a cautious view on moves higher due to the time price scenario and the RSI resistance but acknowledge that momentum was supported. The futures have traded above the USD 84.13 resistance, meaning the time and price scenario has failed. We also note that the upside move has been on a series of 'events', with further attacks in the Red Sea, alongside the death of three American soldiers in a drone strike in Jordan which is risking a wider reginal conflict due to the proxy war in the Middle East. We are above all key moving averages supported by the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buyside.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 82.94 with the RSI at or below 68 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 79.32 will support a near-term bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- The intraday technical is now bullish due to the break in fractal resistance, the move higher is now greater in price than the move higher in December, supporting a bull argument. We have also seen another rise in AOI supporting the move higher. The RSI is now making new highs whilst the MA on the RSI is implying momentum support, suggesting support levels could/should hold in the near-term if tested.

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