

China

China's exports jumped at the start of the year, offering an early, positive signal for recovering global demand as the world's second-largest economy contends with trade curbs and geopolitical tensions.

Overseas shipments in US dollar terms rose 7.1% in the January-February period from a year earlier, well above economist forecasts and significantly higher than December's gain. The trade surplus reached a record \$125 billion, while imports grew 3.5%.

"China is moving up the value chain," said Zhang Zhiwei, president and chief economist at Pinpoint Asset Management, adding that the data "will likely strengthen policymakers' confidence in China's economy." (Bloomberg).

Nickel

The global nickel market will remain in surplus until 2030, BloombergNEF forecasts, despite recent mine suspensions from Australia to New Caledonia. Indonesia's domestic challenges are compounding these risks. Issues surrounding the permitting process for ore production quotas threaten feedstock for smelters. As supply risks mount, the battery-grade nickel market is forecast to face deficits from 2028. Even added supply from recycling is unlikely to resolve the nickel sulfate supply shortage. (Bloomberg).

Copper Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	8,539	R1	8,563	RSI above 50	Stochastic overbought
S2	8,498	R2			
S3	8,447	R3			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- The RSI above 50 (56)
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 8,539
- Stochastic is overbought
- Unchanged on the technical yesterday. Intraday Elliott wave analysis continued to suggest that downside moves should be considered as countertrend, whilst a move below USD 8,427 would indicate that the corrective phase is becoming more complex. We maintained or view that resistance levels remained vulnerable based on the breach in the USD 8,546 level previously. The futures traded to a high of USD 8,590 before seeing a small pullback on the US close. 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 candle below USD 8,539 with the RSI at or above 52 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 8,331 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bullish, the move higher yesterday is warning that we are potentially in the early stages of a bullish impulse wave 5; however, we need to trade above the USD 8,608.5 fractal resistance for final confirmation. If we do, then we have a potential upside target as high as USD 8,725. Note: a new high will create a negative divergence with the RSI, not a sell signal, it is a warning that we could see a momentum slowdown, which will need to be monitored.

Aluminium Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	2,228	R1	2,235	RSI above 50	
S2	2,199	R2			
S3	2,175	R3			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (54)
- Stochastic is above 50
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,228
- Unchanged on the technical yesterday, we remained bearish with a neutral bias. The futures were consolidating in a range between USD 2,216.5 – USD 2,248.5 (bullish/bearish rejection candles) with price above the weekly pivot level. We noted that if we closed on the daily chart below USD 2,219 it would warn that the USD 2,216.5 – USD 2,199 support levels could be tested and broken; likewise, a close above yesterday's high (USD 2,241.5) would imply that buy-side momentum was increasing, suggesting the USD 2,248.5 – USD 2,269 levels could come under pressure. The futures traded to a low of USD 2,220 before finding light bid support in the Asian day session. We remain above the EMA support band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are conflicting.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,228 with the RSI at or above 57 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buy-side; likewise, a close below this level will mean it is aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,199 will support a near-term bull argument, if broken, then the USD 2,175 fractal low could come under pressure.
- Technically bearish with a neutral bias, the futures continue to consolidate between USD 2,216.5 – USD 2,248.5 having held above the weekly pivot support yesterday. If we do trade above the USD 2,248.5 fractal resistance, there is a chance that it could create a negative divergence, which will need to be monitored.

Zinc Morning Technical (4-hour)



Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	R1	2,496	RSI above 50	Stochastic overbought
S2	R2			
S3	R3			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (66)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,478
- Technically bearish yesterday, we continued to make new highs but remained in divergence on the 2 and – 1 – hour timeframes, warning we still have the potential to see a momentum slowdown. The futures were supported, as price was above the daily and weekly pivot levels, meaning we could trade above the USD 2,487 resistance. If we did, then the probability of the futures trading to a new low will start to decrease. We may move higher, but the lower timeframe divergences suggested caution, meaning that from a technical point of view, the futures were not considered a technical buy at these levels. The futures continued to move higher with price trading above the USD 2,487 resistance, meaning that the probability of the futures trading to a new low has started to decrease. 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 2,478 with the RSI at or below 59.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,352 will support a near-term bull argument, below this level the USD 2,278 fractal low will start to look vulnerable.
- The upside move above our key resistance means yesterday means the futures although bearish have a neutral bias, the probability of price trading to a new low is decreasing. The RSI is making new highs on the lower timeframes, meaning the negative divergences have failed. The MA on the RSI is also warning that momentum is supported, implying support levels could hold if tested. With the divergences failing, we are now cautious on downside moves.

Nickel Morning Technical (4-hour)



Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	R1	17,690	RSI above 50	
S2	R2			
S3	R3			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (54)
- Stochastic is below 50
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 17,608
- Unchanged on the technical yesterday. We remained bullish with a potential upside target at USD 18,086; however, due to the futures being in divergence, we did not consider them a technical buy at these levels. If we closed below the weekly pivot level on the daily chart (USD 17,565), it would warn that buy-side momentum was weakening, meaning we could see the USD 17,333 support be tested and broken. If it was, then the probability of the futures trading to a new high would start to decrease. Sideways action yesterday with price holding above the weekly pivot level and the EMA support band, the RSI is above 50 with price and momentum conflicting.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 17,608 with the RSI at or above 57.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buy-side; likewise, a close below this level will mean it is aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or below USD 17,333 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Unchanged on the technical again today, we remain bullish with an upside target at USD 18,086 based on the intraday Elliott wave cycle. However, due to the divergence in play, we continue to have a note of caution on upside moves. As noted yesterday, a close below the weekly pivot level (USD 17,565) will imply that buy-side momentum is weakening, meaning the USD 17,333 support will start to become vulnerable. If broken, then the probability of the futures trading to a new high will start to decrease.

Lead Morning Technical (4-hour)



Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	R1	2,080	RSI above 50	Stochastic overbought
S2	R2			
S3	R3			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is above the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (56)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,064
- Technically bearish yesterday, the MA on the RSI was turning higher, indicating we had light momentum support. If we closed on the daily chart above the weekly pivot level (USD 2,060), it would warn that resistance levels could come under pressure. However, based on our longer-term Elliott wave analysis, and the recent RSI low, we maintained our view that upside moves look like they could be countertrend at this point. The future closed above the weekly pivot point, resulting in price trading above the 2,083 level on the Asian open. We are above the EMA resistance band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buyside.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 2,064 with the RSI at or above 46.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 2,116 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically we remain bearish, the upside move above the USD 2,083 level is warning that the near-term technical is bearish but with a neutral bias (the longer technical is bearish below USD 2,116), suggesting resistance levels are starting to look vulnerable. The MA on the RSI is implying momentum is supported whilst the RSI has broken resistance, warning support levels could hold if tested in the near-term.