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Copper rose on a better demand outlook in China, as the top metal consuming nation's exports rebounded and a major city removed curbs on home purchases.

Exports increased 1.5% in dollar terms in April from a year earlier, after a fall in March, while imports climbed 8.4%, according to the customs administration.

Hangzhou, a city of about 13 million in eastern China, removed all of its remaining home buying curbs, to add to local government efforts to end a property crisis that's been weighing on demand for industrial metals.

Copper fell Wednesday after the dollar strengthened amid cooling expectations for US interest rate cuts. That trimmed an advance that's seen the metal gain about 16% this year on concerns over supply deficits, with aging mines forecast to struggle to keep pace with rising demand from electrification.

Still, there are some immediate signs of demand destruction in China. Copper fabricators in the country cut runs last month, with those at wire plants falling to 73.4% of capacity, down about 14 percentage points from a year ago, according to a survey from Shanghai Metals Market.

Runs at bar manufacturers declined to 56.8% of capacity, about 5 percentage points lower than a month ago, according to the survey.

Copper rose 0.2% to \$9,925 a ton on the London Metal Exchange as of 12:31 p.m. in Shanghai. Aluminum gained 0.1% to \$2,552. (Bloomberg)

Copper Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	9,909	R1	9,920		
S2	9,673	R2			
S3	9,509	R3			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is between the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- The RSI at 50 (50)
- Stochastic is below 50
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 9,909
- Technically bullish yesterday, the MA on the RSI continued to warn that momentum was supported; however, the RSI was testing the average, if broken and price and momentum became aligned to the sell side, it would warn that support levels could be tested. Conversely, if we held above the RSI and closed above the daily pivot point, we could see another test to the upside. As highlighted previously, above USD 10,208 the futures would create a negative divergence with the RSI, suggesting caution on upside moves. We maintained our view based on Elliott wave analysis that downside moves should still be considered as countertrend, implying the USD 9,739 fractal support remained vulnerable, as we needed to confirm that we had entered the higher timeframe corrective phase.
- The futures sold lower before finding a base in the EMA support band, the RSI is now neutral at 50 with price and momentum conflicting.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 9,909 with the RSI at or above 55 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 9,285 will support a longer-term bull argument, below this level the Elliott wave cycle will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bullish, the futures remain in a corrective phase but are yet to confirm that we are in a higher timeframe corrective Elliott wave 4. We closed below the weekly pivot level yesterday (USD 9,953), implying sell side pressure is increasing; however, at this point there has been no significant move lower. If we close back above the weekly pivot, market sellers will need to be cautious. The RSI is below its MA which is now starting to flatten, suggesting buy side momentum has softened if we close below the daily pivot level on the 4-hour candle, then support levels will start to look vulnerable. We maintain our view that downside moves look to be countertrend with price still needing to move lower to confirm it is the corrective phase we are looking for.

Aluminium Morning Technical (4-hour)



Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	R1	2,550		RSI below 50
S2	R2			
S3	R3			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is below the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (47)
- Stochastic is below 50
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,543
- Technically we remained bullish but in a corrective phase yesterday. The MA on the RSI continued to warn that we had light momentum support; however, the RSI was testing the average, if we started to close below it and price and momentum become aligned to the sell side, we would be vulnerable to an intraday move lower. We remained below the weekly pivot level (USD 2,608), a close above it would imply that buy-side pressure was increasing, meaning the USD 2,631 resistance could be tested. Intraday Elliott wave analysis continued to suggest that downside moves look like they could be countertrend, but the EMA band was now flat and compressed, indicating we lacked directional. This also suggests that the longer-term EMA's were unlikely to be respected. Key support had been revised to USD 2,440.
- The futures traded to a low of USD 2,519 before finding light bid support. We are below the EMA support band with the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are conflicting.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 2,543 with the RSI at or below 45 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side; likewise, a close above this level with the RSI at or above 49.5 will mean it is aligned to the buy-side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,440 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 2,631 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level, the USD 2,688 fractal resistance could be tested.
- Unchanged on the technical today, we remain bullish but in a corrective phase, the MA on the RSI is now flat as is the EMA support band. This continues to suggest the futures lack directional bias. We maintain our view based on Elliott wave analysis that downside moves look like they could be countertrend.

Zinc Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	2,904	R1	2,975		
S2	2,892	R2	2,991	2,897	
S3	2,866	R3	3,069		

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is between the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is at 50 (50)
- Stochastic is below 50
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 2,904
- Technically bullish yesterday, the new high yesterday created a negative divergence with the RSI, warning we were vulnerable to a momentum slowdown. Countering this, we had closed above the weekly pivot level (USD 2,904) with our intraday Elliott wave analysis suggesting we have the potential to trade as high as USD 3,008 within this phase of the cycle. If we closed back below the weekly pivot level, it would suggest caution, as buy-side pressure would be seen to be increasing. We remained a cautious bull, due to the divergence in play the futures were no longer considered a technical buy.
- The futures sold to a low of USD 2,856; however, a late rally resulted in a close USD 1.00 above the weekly pivot level (pivot USD 2,904). We are between the EMA support band with the RSI neutral at 50, intraday price and momentum are conflicting, as the previous candle closed above the daily pivot level.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,904 with the RSI at or above 56.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buy-side; likewise, a close below this level will mean that it is aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,831 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bullish, the MA on the RSI is suggesting that momentum is starting to weaken having moved lower initially on the negative divergence. As highlighted yesterday, a close on the daily candle below the weekly pivot level will warn that sell-side pressure is increasing. We maintain our view that the futures are not considered a technical buy at these levels, due to the divergence, weakening momentum and Elliott wave analysis, as they suggest that support levels could come under pressure. A move below USD 2,831 will suggest that the probability of the futures trading to a new high has started to decrease.

Nickel Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	18,873	R1	19,050	18,875	Stochastic oversold
S2	18,520	R2	19,505		
S3	17,336	R3	19,775		
					RSI below 50

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is below the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (47)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is above/on the daily pivot point USD 18,873
- Technically we remained bullish but in a corrective phase yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was supported; however, the RSI was below its average with price trading below the weekly pivot level (USD 19,050), a close on the daily chart below this level will warn that sell side pressure was increasing. Intraday Elliott wave analysis continued to suggest that downside moves should be considered as countertrend, making USD 18,336 the key support to follow. If broken, then the probability of the futures trading to a new high would start to decrease.
- We traded to a low of USD 18,585 before finding bid support late on; however, the futures closed below the weekly pivot level. We are below the EMA support band with the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are conflicting, as the previous candle closed above the daily pivot level.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 18,873 with the RSI at or above 52.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside; likewise, a close below this level will mean it is aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 18,336 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bullish, the MA on the RSI is now flat, implying momentum is neutral. The close below the weekly pivot level is a warning that sell side pressure is increasing; however, we are not seeing a strong rejection of the pivot at this point. If we close back above it, the technical will suggest that market sellers should be cautious. We maintain our view that intraday Elliott wave analysis continues to imply that downside moves should be considered as countertrend, making USD 18,336 the key support to follow. 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	2,222	R1	2,222	RSI above 50	
S2	2,207	R2			
S3	2,199	R3			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (53)
- Stochastic is above 50
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 2,232
- Technically bullish yesterday, the futures were moving lower on a negative divergence with the RSI. The MA on the RSI implied that momentum was supported; however, the RSI was testing the average, if broken, support levels could come under further pressure. Due to the divergence the futures were not considered a technical buy, as support levels look vulnerable.
- The futures traded into the Fibonacci support zone yesterday before finding light bid support into the close. We remain above the EMA support bands with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,232 with the RSI at or above 60 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,199 will warn support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- We remain technically bullish but in a corrective phase. However, due to the divergence in play, we maintain our view that the futures are not considered a technical buy at these levels. A close on the daily candle below the weekly pivot level (USD 2,207) will imply that sell side pressure is increasing, meaning the USD 2,199 support could be tested and broken. If it is, then the probability of the futures trading to a new high will start to decrease.

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