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Base Morning Technical Report

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Aluminum steadied near the lowest in four months as traders shrugged off China's new emissions reduction plan for domestic smelters, which could lead to capacity cuts.

China will support aluminum producers to use more renewable energy and no longer approve any new coal-fired power generators for smelting, according to a government plan issued Tuesday evening. The strategy also requires capacity to be below baseline energy-efficiency levels, meaning some plants will need to undergo technical upgrades or be phased out by the end of 2025.

"The market isn't pricing in the document" amid the backdrop of "really weak Chinese demand," said Li Jiahui, an analyst with Shanghai Metals Market.

While the document mostly summarized existing policies and the industry has been moving in line with those requirements, implementation of some new measures may be complicated, such as phasing out 200-kiloampere electrolytic baths, Li added. (Bloomberg/WSJ).

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Copper Morning Technical (4-hour)

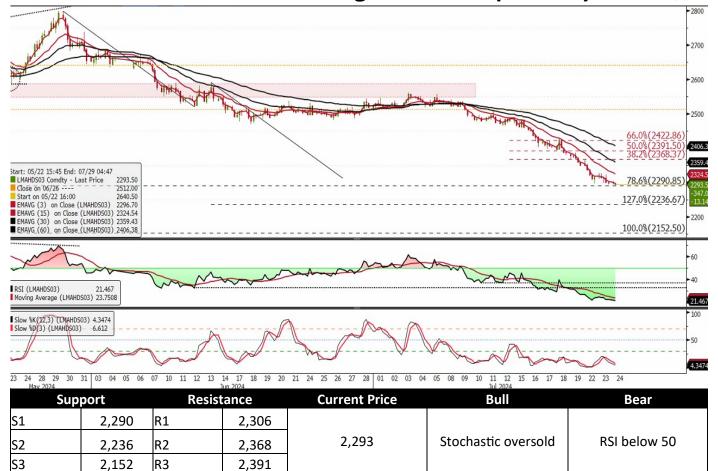


Synopsis - Intraday Source Bloomberg

- Price is below the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)
- The RSI below 50 (26)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 9,180
- Technically bearish yesterday, the MA on the RSI was starting to flatten, implying that sell side momentum was slowing down. The lower timeframe RSI (1-hour) was still in divergence, not a buy signal, it was a second warning that sell side momentum could be slowing. However, as noted previously, we maintained our view based on Elliott wave analysis that upside moves look like they could be countertrend.
- The futures continue to sell lower with price below all key moving averages supported by the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 9,180 with the RSI at or above 30 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 9,643 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bearish, the RSI remains below its average; however, the MA continues to flatten implying sell side momentum is slowing. Although we continue to move lower the 1-hour RSI remains in divergence, again implying sell side momentum is slowing, we now have a divergence on the 4-hour timeframe as well. Intraday Elliott wave analysis continues to suggest that upside moves look like they will be countertrend at this point. We are unchanged on the technical today, we remain in a bearish trending environment; however, due to the divergences in play, we maintain a cautious view on downside moves due to the divergence in play.



Aluminium Morning Technical (4-hour)



Source Bloomberg

Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is below the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (21)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 2,306
- Technically bearish yesterday, the MA on the RSI is implied that momentum remained weak, but the intraday divergence had failed. The close yesterday meant that the futures were now below the daily 200-period MA (USD 2,354), making this a near-term area of resistance. We maintained our view that upside moves look like they could be countertrend with the degree of separation between the short and longer-term EMA's supporting this, as it implied that the intraday bear trend looked stable. If we did trade above the USD 2,423 resistance, then the probability of the futures trading to a new low would start to decrease. The intraday rejection candle on the close yesterday warned that there was support at lower levels, if price and momentum became aligned to the buyside, then resistance levels could come under pressure in the near-term.
- The futures have seen a small move lower with price below the intraday rejection candle. We remain below all key moving averages supported by the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,306 with the RSI at or above 26 will mean price and momentum
 are aligned to the buyside. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 2,421 will leave the futures vulnerable to
 further tests to the downside, above this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bearish, the MA on the RSI continues to warn that momentum remains weak. However, the 1-hour RSI is now in divergence with price; not a buy signal, it is a warning that we could see a momentum slowdown which will need to be monitored, implying caution on downside moves at these levels. Our intraday Elliott wave analysis suggests that upside moves should be considered as countertrend at this point. The daily 200-period MA is still at USD 2,354, making this a near-term area of resistance on the higher timeframe.

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Zinc Morning Technical (4-hour)



Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is below the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (26)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 2,706
- Technically bearish yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was weak, whilst the average had started to flatten a little, warning we were seeing early signs that it could be slowing down. However, the MA on the daily chart indicated that the higher timeframe momentum remained weak, whilst the degree of separation between the intraday EMA's implied that the bearish trend remained stable, indicating resistance levels should in theory hold if tested. Our intraday Elliott wave analysis supported this, as it suggests that upside moves look like they would be countertrend.
- The futures have continued to trade to new lows with price below all key moving averages supported by the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,706 with the RSI at or above 30.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 2,888 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bearish, the degree of separation between the averages continues to suggest that the trend remains stable, as does the MA on the RSI on the daily timeframe. However, the MA on the RSI is now starting to flatten (4-hour), warning sell side momentum could be slowing down. The new low yesterday means that the 1-hour RSI is in divergence with price, also warning we could see a momentum slowdown, whilst we have the daily 200-period MA support at USD 2,646. Intraday Elliott wave analysis is implying that upside moves should be countertrend, with the divergence implying caution on downside moves at these levels.

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Nickel Morning Technical (4-hour)



Synopsis - Intraday Source Bloomberg

- Price is below the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (28)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 16,110
- Unchanged on the technical yesterday, we remained in divergence on the longer-term and 1-hour timeframes, warning
 we had the potential to see a momentum slowdown. however, our lower timeframe Elliott wave analysis suggested
 that intraday upside moves look like they would be countertrend in the near-term.
- The futures have seen a very small move lower, meaning we remain below all key moving averages supported by the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 16,110 with the RSI at or above 33 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 17,061 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bearish, the MA on the RSI is implying that we have light momentum weakness, whilst our intraday Elliott wave analysis is continuing to suggest that we have the potential to trade as low as USD 15,260 within this phase of the cycle. Our lower timeframe Elliott wave analysis is indicating that intraday upside moves look like they will be countertrend at this point, making USD 17,061 the key resistance to follow. Above this level, the probability of the futures trading to a new high will start to decrease. The 1-hour RSI is still in divergence whilst the 4-hour is testing RSI support, implying caution on downside moves at these levels, as we have the potential to see a momentum slowdown. A cautious bear at these levels.

Lead Morning Technical (4-hour)



Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is below the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (28)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 2,069
- Technically bearish yesterday, the MA on the RSI Implied that momentum remained weak. However, the 1-hour RSI was in divergence, warning that we have the potential to see a momentum slowdown. Our intraday Elliott wave analysis remained unchanged with upside moves still looking like they should in theory be countertrend. If we did trade above the USD 2,174 level, then the probability of the futures trading to a new low would start to decrease.
- The futures have seen another move lower with price remaining below all key moving averages supported by the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,069 with the RSI at or above 32 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 2,165 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bearish, the MA on the RSI continues to imply that momentum remains weak, whilst our intraday Elliott wave analysis is suggesting that upside moves look like they will be countertrend. The 1-hour RSI is in divergence, warning we could see a momentum slowdown, which will need to be monitored. We highlight USD 2,028 as an area of interest (support), as this is the 100% projection level of A–B = C-D, an area where market shorts could potentially start looking to cover.

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