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Brent Intraday Morning Technical

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Brent Dec 24 Morning Technical Comment – 240 Min



Synopsis—Intraday

Chart source Bloomberg

- Price is above the 8-21 period EMA's
- RSI is above 50 (60)
- Stochastic is above 50
- Price is below the daily pivot point 79.84
- Near-term price action remained bullish yesterday with the futures holding above the shorter- term moving averages; however, the longer-term Elliott wave cycle remained bearish with the neutral bias, signalling that the probability of the futures trading to new lows had decreased. As highlighted last week, the move above USD 77.20 warned that the USD 81.59 resistance was vulnerable. We noted yesterday that a move above USD 79.30 could create a minor divergence with the RSI, warning sell side momentum could slow; however, the RSI on the 04/10 was above the high form the 18/09, implying downside moves should be considered as countertrend.
- The futures continue to trade higher with the minor divergence highlighted yesterday failing, bringing the USD 81.59 fractal resistance into focus. We remain above all key moving averages with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side, as the futures have sold lower since trading at USD 81.14 on the Asian open.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 79.84 with the RSI at or above 66 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 73.74 will support a near-term bull argument.
- We remain in a bullish trending environment with price above the 8-21 period EMA's. We highlighted in the weekly report on Friday that the USD 81.59 fractal resistance could be tested and broken, if we traded above the USD 77.20 level; this scenario is looking more likely due to the price movement yesterday. There looks to have been some form of manipulation (or a very unfortunate fat finger) on the close last night, as the futures printed at USD 78.05 (closed USD 80.93), creating a negative divergence with the RSI on the open this morning. However, the technical footprint has not changed, downside moves look like they should be countertrend, (this is based on our lower timeframe Elliott wave analysis) with resistance levels remaining vulnerable.

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