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(Bloomberg) -- Industrial profits in China fell 0.3% in the first two months of 2025 compared to the same period last year. The decline in profits suggests the recovery in China's economy this year is fragile and may be hurt by rising tariffs and deflationary risks.

A turnaround in profits is essential to lifting business confidence and encouraging companies to invest and hire, which is crucial for Beijing's efforts to boost domestic demand this year.

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(Bloomberg) -- Traders who have been paying dearly to ship copper to America before US President Donald Trump imposes import tariffs on the metal now face a high-stakes race to get shipments there in time.

The global copper market was turned on its head in January when Trump first talked about imposing tariffs on imported copper. Now, there's fresh angst after Bloomberg reported that the US administration aims to introduce levies within weeks instead of months as had been widely anticipated.

Futures contracts on New York's Comex exchange spiked to fresh all-time highs on Wednesday and benchmark prices on the London Metal Exchange traded at a record discount to those in the US. The price disconnect — which has been growing since January — means that on paper traders stand to make a fortune by buying up cheaper international cargoes and shipping them to the US before tariffs are imposed.

But traders face the prospect of huge losses if their copper cargoes arrive on US shores after tariffs land. An accelerated timeline for implementing tariffs would disrupt a market that assumed it would take months for levies to take effect, leaving ample time to ship copper from as far afield as Latin America, Africa and even Asia.

"It's a race against time," Matt Schwab, head of investor solutions at US hedge fund Quantix Commodities LP, said in an interview. "But there is a question of whether there will be a grace period for metal already on water."

Copper Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	9,925	R1	9,994	RSI above 50	
S2	9,879	R2	10,070		
S3	9,802	R3	10,162		

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- The RSI above 50 (53)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 9,994
- Technically bullish yesterday with price holding above the EMA support band. Having traded to a new high we had seen the futures sell lower on the negative divergence in the Asian day session. From an Elliott wave perspective, the upside move looks to be a wave 5 of an extended wave 5, whilst in divergence with the RSI. We were bullish, but did not consider the futures a technical buy, as support levels were now vulnerable.
- The futures sold to a low of USD 9,888.5, before finding light bid support in the Asian day session. Price is above the EMA support band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 9,994 with the RSI at or above 59 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 10,070 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level the technical will be back in bullish territory.
- Technically bullish with a neutral bias, the probability of the futures trading to a new high has started to decrease. The MA on the RSI implies that we have light momentum weakness, whilst the depth of the pullback and the Elliott wave cycle are warning that upside moves look like they could be countertrend. We now have a note of caution on higher moves, as the technical is warning they could struggle to hold.

Aluminium Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	2,611	R1	2,615		
S2	2,589	R2	2,634		RSI below 50
S3	2,571	R3	2,645		

Source Bloomberg

Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is below the EMA Resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (43)
- Stochastic is below 50
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,611
- Technically bearish yesterday, the RSI was in divergence with price on the 4-hour timeframe, warning we could see a momentum slowdown in the near-term, leaving the futures vulnerable to an intraday move higher. However, our Elliott wave analysis did still suggest upside moves should be considered as countertrend, making USD 2,659 the key resistance to follow. If broken, then the probability of the futures trading to a new low would start to decrease.
- The futures moved sideways yesterday before finding light bid support in the Asian day session on the positive divergence with the RSI. We remain below the EMA resistance band with the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buyside.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 2,611 with the RSI at or below 36.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 2,659 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Unchanged on the technical this morning. The MA on the RSI implies we have light momentum support due to the minor positive divergence in play. However, Elliott wave analysis continues to suggest that intraday upside moves should be considered as countertrend at this point, making USD 2,659 the key resistance to follow. A move above this level will be considered as deep into the last bear wave, warning the probability of price trading to a new low has started to decrease.

Zinc Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	2,940	R1	2,954	RSI above 50	
S2	2,918	R2	2,974		
S3	2,908	R3	2,994		

Source Bloomberg

Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is between the EMA Support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (51)
- Stochastic is below 50
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 2,954
- Unchanged on the technical yesterday, price remained supported with the technical still in bullish territory; however, we were starting to consolidate. Wave analysis was still unclear, we noted that if we traded above USD 2,994.5 it would create a negative divergence with the RSI, suggesting the move would more likely be a wave extension within the existing cycle, rather than a larger bullish cycle coming into play. We maintained a neutral view at that point; however, price was holding above the daily 200-period MA (USD 2,917) , implying the futures were supported at that point. If we close below and held below the average, it would warn that sell side pressure is increasing.
- Price has seen a small move lower but remains above polarity and trend support. We are between the EMA support band with the RSI near-neutral at 51, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,954 with the RSI at or above 56 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buy side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,846 (revised lower in line with a potential larger bull cycle) will support a longer-term bullish Elliott wave cycle.
- Technically bullish, the MA on the RSI implies that we have light momentum weakness; however, price continues to hold above the daily 200-period MA (USD 2,918). The technical is now at an inflection point, as we are testing trend support (USD 2,940) and the polarity support area (highlighted on chart). If we close below and hold below the trend support line, it will warn that the daily 200-period MA could come under pressure. A close below that holds below the longer-term average will indicate that sell side pressure is increasing, warning Fibonacci support levels could be tested. Upside moves that trade above USD 2,994.5 will indicate we are seeing an Elliott wave extension to the upside; however, we remain cautious on upside breakouts, as it will create a negative divergence with the RSI. Likewise, downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,846 will warn that there could be a larger, bullish, Elliott wave cycle coming into play. Price is holding support, but due to the potential divergences at higher levels, we have a note of caution on upside moves at this point.

Nickel Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	15,965	R1	16,205		RSI below 50
S2	15,841	R2			
S3	15,763	R3			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is below the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (49)
- Stochastic is above 50
- Price is on the daily pivot point USD 16,201
- The futures remained bullish but in a corrective phase yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that we had light momentum support. The upside move previously was on the back of a positive divergence with the RSI, whilst intraday Elliott wave analysis suggests downside move look like they could be countertrend, making USD 15,902 the key support to follow. If broken, then the probability of the futures trading to a new high would start to decrease. We noted that we had rejected the EMA resistance band with price selling lower, meaning the USD 15,902 support was still vulnerable at this point.
- The futures traded to a high of USD 16,330; however, price has sold lower in the Asian day session meaning price is back below the EMA resistance band. The RSI is near-neutral at 49 with price and momentum aligned to the buyside, as the previous candle closed above the daily pivot level.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 16,201 with the RSI at or below 45 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Upside moves that fail at or USD 16,502 will warn that there is further downside within this corrective phase, above this level will warn that the USD 16,780 fractal high could be tested and broken. Downside moves that hold at or above 15,763 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bullish but in a corrective phase, the MA on the RSI implies that momentum is supported at this point. The futures are finding bid support on a lower timeframe divergence with the Elliott wave correction looking like it may have completed. However, if an upside move does reject the USD 16,605 resistance, it will warn that there could be a larger, bearish Elliott wave cycle coming into play. We now have a note of caution on downside moves.

Lead Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	2,046	R1	2,083	RSI above 50	Stochastic overbought
S2	2,024	R2	2,097		
S3	2,009	R3	2,104		

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is below the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (55)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is below the daily point USD 2,083
- Technically bullish yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was supported, whilst the move above USD 2,074 warned that the USD 2,104.5 fractal high could be tested and broken. If it was, then price would be divergent with the RSI, waning we could see a momentum slowdown, meaning we had a note of caution on upside breakouts above this level.
- The futures have seen a small move higher with price remaining supported. We are above all key moving averages with the RSI above 50; however, due to a very small move lower in the Asian day session, intraday price and momentum are conflicting.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 2,083 with the RSI at or below 50.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side; likewise, a close above this level will mean it is aligned to the buy side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,024 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bullish, the MA on the RSI continues to imply that momentum is supported, whilst the move above USD 2,074 previously means the USD 2,104.5 fractal high is vulnerable.

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