



Base Morning Technical Report

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Copper

(Bloomberg) -- Copper steadied as traders weighed an apparent softening of the Trump administration's stance on trade. The metal found support after indications from the US that it may cut tariffs targeting the auto industry and negotiate less stringent measures against China. President Donald Trump also said he had no plans to fire Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, easing anxiety in financial markets.

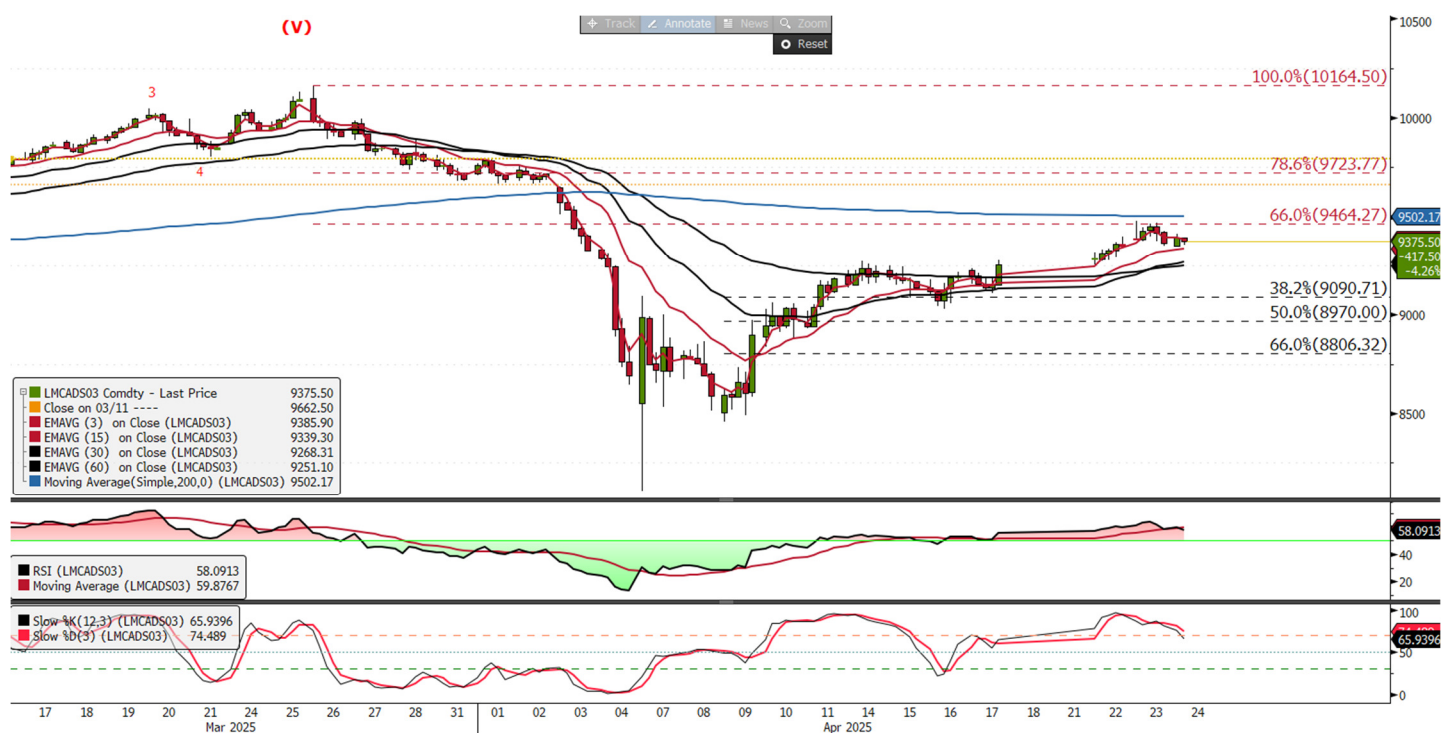
Metals have been whipsawed in April with investors surprised by the aggression of Trump's tariff agenda, which has threatened to hammer economic growth and curb demand for commodities. Earlier this month, an index tracking key London contracts tumbled to the lowest in more a year, before it rebounded as the US rolled back some levy threats.

Traders are on guard for further shifts in policy which have led to wild volatility across asset classes. Later Thursday, they will study a slew of US economic data, including an indicator of manufacturing activity, to gauge the initial fallout from tariffs.

Copper edged up 0.1% to \$9,394 a ton on the London Metal Exchange as of 10:53 a.m. Singapore time. Aluminum and zinc both gained, while lead declined.

Iron ore fell 0.5% to \$99.75 a ton, while yuan-priced futures on the Dalian exchange also dropped. Shanghai steel contracts declined.

Copper Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	9,165	R1	9,405	RSI above 50	Stochastic overbought
S2	9,090	R2	9,464		
S3	8,970	R3	9,723		

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- The RSI above 50 (58)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 9,405
- Technically bearish with a neutral bias yesterday, the probability of the futures trading to a new low had started to decrease. The MA on the RSI implied that momentum was supported with price testing but remaining below the intraday 200-period MA (USD 9,504). A close above that held above the average would signal upside continuation, warning resistance levels would become vulnerable. However, a rejection of the average followed by a close below the daily 200-period MA (USD 9,326) would imply higher timeframe sellers in the market, meaning we could see the weekly pivot point (USD 9,165) come under pressure. The technical remained at inflection point.
- The futures remain below the intraday 200-period MA (USD 9,502) but above the daily 200-period MA (USD 9,323). Price is above the EMA support band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned conflicting.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 9,340 with the RSI at or below 87.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side; likewise, a close above the level with the RSI at or above 62 will mean it is aligned to the buy side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 8,806 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will be back in bearish territory.
- Price remains bearish with the neutral bias. Support is at USD 9,323 with resistance at USD 9,502. A close that holds outside of this range will give near-term directional bias. If we trade below the USD 9,028.5 fractal support, it will warn that the USD 8,806 level could be tested and broken. Yesterdays candle was an upside rejection candle, suggesting we are seeing resistance in the market; however, to be bearish, we need to see price below USD 8,806.

Aluminium Morning Technical (4-hour)



Support		Resistance		Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	2,426	R1	2,449	2,437.5	RSI above 50	Stochastic overbought
S2	2,381	R2	2,495			
S3	2,352	R3	2,557			

Source Bloomberg

Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is above the EMA Resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (60)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,426
- Technically bearish yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was supported, warning resistance levels could come under pressure in the near-term. However, our Elliott wave analysis continued to suggest that upside moves should be considered as countertrend at that point, making USD 2,557 the key level to follow. If broken, then the probability of price trading to a new low would start to decrease. We noted that a daily close below the daily 8-period EMA (USD 2,389) would imply that sell side pressure was increasing, suggesting higher timeframe sellers were in the market.
- The futures continued to move higher on the momentum support, resulting in price testing, but remaining below the USD 2,449 Fibonacci resistance. 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 2,246 with the RSI at or below 52 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Upside moves that fail at or above USD 2,557 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bearish, our Elliott wave analysis continues to suggest that upside moves should be considered as counter-trend. However, the MA on the RSI continues to suggest that momentum is supported, whilst intraday price has breached a resistance zone. If we hold above the USD 2,425 - USD 2,415 area, then it will warn that resistance levels could come under further pressure in the near-term. Conversely, a close below it, will suggest technical weakness, leaving the weekly pivot support at USD 2,381 vulnerable. We have a note of caution on intraday pullback whilst above the support zone highlighted on the chart.

Zinc Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	2,641	R1	2,695	RSI above 50	Stochastic overbought
S2	2,601	R2	2,752		
S3	2,552	R3	2,798		

Source Bloomberg

Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is between the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (52)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,641
- Technically bearish yesterday with upside moves considered as countertrend, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was supported, warning resistance levels were vulnerable in the near-term. A close on the daily candle below the weekly pivot level would indicate that sell side pressure was increasing, this would also put price below the daily 8-period EMA (USD 2,621). Near-term price action was supported, but we maintain our view based on Elliott wave analysis that upside moves should in theory be countertrend.
- The futures have seen a small move higher on the momentum support. We are between the EMA resistance band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buy side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 2,641 with the RSI at or below 47.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 2,752 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 implies momentum remains supported, warning resistance levels are still vulnerable. However, we are now testing a prior resistance area between USD 2,688 - USD 2,667.5, meaning we are cautious on upside moves in the near-term, as they could struggle to hold. If we move above and hold above the resistance area, it will warn that there could be further upside within this corrective phase. Our Elliott wave analysis does suggest that upside moves should be considered as countertrend, making USD 2,752 the key resistance to follow. If broken, then the probability of price trading to a new low will start to decrease.

Nickel Morning Technical (4-hour)



Support		Resistance		Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	15,492	R1	15,685	15,655	RSI above 50	
S2	15,390	R2	15,836			
S3	15,079	R3	15,868			

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 15,685
- Technically bearish with a neutral bias yesterday, the futures remained in divergence in the 1-hour timeframe. Price and momentum were conflicting, whilst we had the 200-period MA at USD 15,831 and trend resistance at USD 15,856, meaning we remained cautious on moves higher at those levels, as the technical warned that they could struggle to hold. If we did close above and hold above the USD 15,856 level, then resistance would start to look vulnerable; however, the futures would still be divergent with the RSI.
- The futures have seen a very small test to the upside but remain below trend resistance (USD 15,868). , as the move failed to hold We are 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 15,685 with the RSI at or above 58 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buy side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 14,533 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will be back in bearish territory.
- Unchanged on the technical today, we remain bearish with a neutral bias, meaning the probability of price trading to a new low has started to decrease. However, we have the 200-period MA at USD 15,836 and trend resistance at USD 15,868, whilst the 1-hour RSI is in divergence, meaning we remain cautious on upside moves at this point.

Lead Morning Technical (4-hour)



Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	R1	1,934.5	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 below 50 (53)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is above the daily point USD 1,939
- Technically bearish yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that we have light momentum support; however, price had sold lower previously on a negative divergence on the 1-hour timeframe. Our Elliott wave analysis suggested that upside moves should be considered as countertrend, making USD 2,006 the key resistance to follow; if broken, then the probability of the futures trading to a new high would start to decrease. We maintained a cautious view on upside moves at that point; if we did close on the daily candle below USD 1,916 it would warn that sell side pressure is increasing.
- The futures traded to a high of USD 1,950 before selling lower on a negative divergence with the RSI. We are above the EMA support band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buyside, as the previous candle closed above the daily pivot level.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 1,939 with the RSI at or below 52 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Upside move that fail at or below USD 2,006 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bearish, our Elliott wave analysis continues to suggest that upside moves should be considered as countertrend. The move higher yesterday is failing to hold, due to the negative divergence with the RSI on the 1-hour timeframe. Price is in the lower half of a rising channel, implying buyside momentum is weak; if we close below the support line (USD 1,931) it will warn that the weekly pivot level could be tested and broken (USD 1,916). A close on the daily candle below this level will leave Fibonacci support levels vulnerable. We remain cautious on upside moves.