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Base Morning Technical Report

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(Bloomberg) -- Copper extended gains with industrial metals including iron ore as investors focused on possible trade deals between the US and other countries.

US President Donald Trump's aggressive moves on tariffs have rattled financial markets since he took office in January, fueling concerns over their impact on the global economy, including the possibility of a recession in the US, and commodities demand.

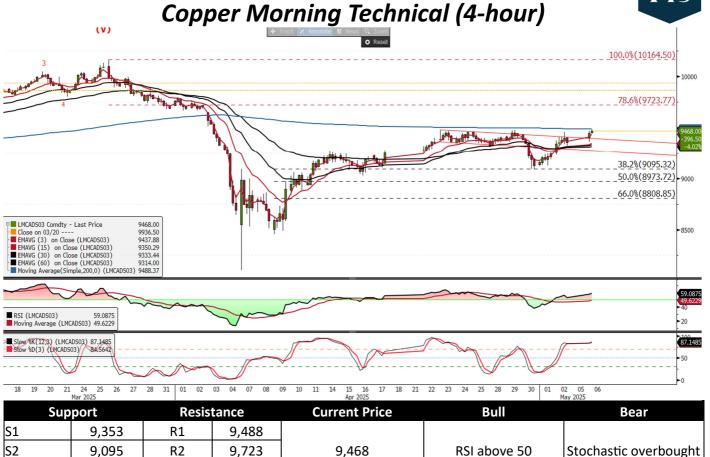
Trump suggested on Sunday that his administration could strike trade deals with some countries as soon as this week, offering the prospect of relief for trading partners seeking to avoid higher US import duties. Still, there's no indication yet that an improvement in relations with China, which has borne the brunt of the tariffs, is imminent.

Investors also await Wednesday's Federal Reserve decision after bond traders dialed back rate-cut bets that had steadily mounted as Trump's trade war unleashed havoc in financial markets.

Copper rose 0.9% to \$9,450.50 a ton on the London Metal Exchanges as of 10:30 a.m. in Shanghai, up for a third session. Nickel, zinc and tin all gained more than 1%. Copper on the Shanghai Futures Exchange was up 0.6% to 77,660 yuan a ton as Chinese traders returned from a five-day holiday break.

Iron ore in Singapore surged as much as 1.8% to \$98.25 a ton before retreating to \$97.15. The yuan-priced contract on the Dalian exchange and Shanghai steel futures fell.





Synopsis - Intraday Source Bloomberg

Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)

R3

10,164

• The RSI above 50 (59)

8,973

S3

- Stochastic is above 50
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 9,353
- We remained bearish with a neutral bias on Friday, intraday price was back above the 200-period daily MA, (USD 9,369) having held Fibonacci support, whilst price was trading back in the consolidation channel; however, we were below the intraday 200-period MA (USD 9,510). We noted that there was an underlying support in the market due to the news out of China, but the technical was trading back between the 2 moving averages (daily/intraday), meaning we were technically neutral.
- The LME was closed on Monday with price opening above the channel resistance (USD 9,396) this morning. We are above the EMA support band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buyside.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 9,353 with the RSI at or below 47.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 8,808 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will be back in bearish territory.
- We remain bearish with a neutral bias, intraday price remains above the 200-period daily MA, (USD 9,313) with price continuing to see bid support after reports from the US that they could see some trade agreements as early as this week. However, we remain below the intraday 200-period MA (USD 9,488), indicating near-term price action remains neutral. If we close above and hold above the USD 9,488 level it will warn that resistance levels could come under pressure. We should note that the 1-hour timeframe has a minor divergence, warning we could see a momentum slow-down, meaning we have a note of caution on moves higher whilst the divergence is in play.



Source Bloomberg

Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (53)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,429
- Technically bearish on Friday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was weak. Price was trading just above polarity resistance, but the current candle was still open, meaning we were at an inflection point. If we closed above and held above it, then the USD 2,471.5 resistance would become vulnerable; likewise, a close below USD 2,415 would indicate that sellers were defending the resistance. Technically, based on our Elliott wave analysis, upside moves should be considered as countertrend. However, we noted that there were signs that China could be willing to speak to the US on trade, if a negation did start, then it was likely to drive prices higher.
- The futures continued to find light bid support, with price trading above the upper polarity support band (USD 2,425). We are above all key moving averages with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buyside.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 2,429 with the RSI at or below 46.5 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, the futures are trading back above the resistance band, warning that the USD 2,471.5 fractal resistance is vulnerable. However, our Elliott wave analysis continues to suggest that upside moves should be considered as countertrend, whilst a move above USD 2,471.5 will create a negative divergence with the RSI. Not a sell signal, it is a warning that we could see a momentum slowdown, meaning we have a note of caution on upside breakouts above this level.



Zinc Morning Technical (4-hour)



Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is above the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (53)
- Stochastic is above 50
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,613
- Technically bearish yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was weak; however, the RSI was in the process of crossing its average, meaning price and momentum could become aligned to the buyside. If it did, then we would look to test the USD 2,690—USD 2,710 fractal resistance zone. Conversely, if RSI rejected its MA, then support levels would become vulnerable. Elliott wave analysis did suggest that upside moves should be considered as countertrend at that point; however, if we closed above the high of the last dominant bear candle (USD 2,638.5), it will warn that buyside pressure was increasing.
- The futures closed above the USD 2,638.5 level resulting in price and momentum becoming aligned to the buyside. We are above the EMA resistance band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum aligned to the buyside.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 2,613 with the RSI at or below 43 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 that we have light momentum support. The futures are testing but remain below the 2,667—2,690 resistance band at this point. A close above that holds above the USD 2,710 resistance will warn that the USD 2,752 level could be tested and broken; if it is, then the probability of price trading to a new low will start to decrease. Price and momentum is aligned to the buyside, but we are below the at this point resistance band still, meaning the futures are at an inflection point. Whilst below USD 2,752 we have a note of caution on moves higher, as our Elliott wave analysis suggests upside moves could struggle to hold. We are seeing market support, but need to see further upside to suggest the USD 2,752 resistance is vulnerable.

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Stochastic overbought

Nickel Morning Technical (4-hour)



15,680

RSI above 50

Price is above the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)

15,923

RSI is above 50 (54)

S2

• Stochastic is overbought

15,180

Price is above the daily pivot point USD 15,445

R2

- Technically bearish with a neutral bias on Friday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was weak. Price was holding above the Fibonacci support zone; we noted previously that for downside continuation, we would need to see a move below the 14,550 support. Likewise, whilst above this level, resistance levels would remain vulnerable.
- The futures held above the top of the Fibonacci support zone, resulting in price moving higher. We are above the EMA support band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buyside.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 15,445 with the RSI at or below 44 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 14,550 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will be back in bearish territory.
- Technically bearish with a neutral bias, the MA on the RSI implies that we now have light momentum support, warning resistance levels are vulnerable. However, we remain below the 200 –period MA (USD 15,804) and trend resistance (USD 16,013); for upside continuation we will need to see a close above that holds above both the longer-term MA and trend resistance. Price action is supported, but until we are above the resistance zone highlighted, we continue to have a note of caution on moves higher.

Lead Morning Technical (4-hour)



Synopsis - Intraday

Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)

- RSI is below 50 (56)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is below the daily point USD 1,945
- Technically bearish on Friday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was weak, but the RSI was in the process of
 crossing the MA. The rejection of the resistance zone due to the divergence in play suggested that Fibonacci support
 levels were vulnerable; however, price action was supported due to potential trade talks. We remained cautious on
 moves higher whilst below the resistance zone, 200-period MA and the USD 2,006 level.

Source Bloomberg

- The futures sold to a low of USD 1,930. We have opened with light bid support but remain below the EMA support band with the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 1,945 with the RSI at or above 52 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. 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.
- Unchanged on the technical today, we remain bearish with the MA on the RSI implying that momentum is weak. The rejection of the resistance zone due to the divergence in play suggests that Fibonacci support levels remain vulnerable; meaning we maintain a cautious view on upside moves whilst below the resistance zone, 200-period MA and the USD 2,006 level.

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