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Base Morning Technical Report

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(Bloomberg) -- Aluminum held the bulk of an eight-day gain that brought the highest close since February, as traders counted down to an expected rate cut from the US Federal Reserve and tracked moves in the dollar.

The lightweight metal was little-changed above \$2,700 a ton on the London Metal Exchange, after gaining almost 5% in its best run in more than a year. The Fed is due to announce its decision on borrowing costs later Wednesday, with a quarter-point reduction seen as near-certain, although options traders in bond markets are stepping up wagers on a cut twice that size

Metals have racked up gains this month ahead of what would be the first rate cut since Donald Trump returned to the White House, with a Bloomberg gauge of the dollar approaching its lowest level since 2022. Lower rates are seen as a positive for commodities, both because of the implied boost for US growth, as well as the downward pressure on the greenback. At the same time, there have been growing signs of pinched supplies in some metals. Aluminum's one-day spread on the LME spiked to end at the highest since August 2024 on Tuesday, while zinc inventories extended their decline to the lowest in more than two years. In copper, meanwhile, a major mine in Indonesia has suspended operations after a mudflow trapped workers.

Aluminum was down 0.3% to \$2,708 a ton on the LME at 11:50 a.m. in Shanghai. Copper and zinc were both 0.4% lower. On the Singapore Exchange, iron ore futures were steady above \$106 a ton.

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Copper Morning Technical (4-hour)



Synopsis - Intraday Source Bloomberg

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- The RSI above 50 (54)
- Stochastic is below 50
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 10,130
- Technically bullish yesterday, the futures were in the process of reverting back to the EMA support band with the MA on the RSI flattening, implying buyside pressure was slowing. A close below the low of the last dominant bull candle (USD 10,061) would indicate sell side pressure was increasing, warning the Fibonacci support zone could come under pressure. Elliott wave analysis continued to suggest that downside moves looked like they should be countertrend, making USD 9,847 the key support to follow. Below this level the probability of price trading to a new high would start to decrease.
- The futures remained supported yesterday with price selling lower in the Asian day session. We remain 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 10,130 with the RSI at or above 62.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 9,847 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bullish, the MA on the RSI implies that momentum remains weak. the futures are approaching the linear regression line (USD 10,055), making this the near-term support to follow, alongside the low of the last dominant bull candle (USD 10,061). A close that holds below this support area will warn that the Fibonacci support zone could come under pressure. Whilst above this level resistance levels remain vulnerable. Elliott wave analysis continues to suggest that downside moves look like they should be countertrend, making USD 9,847 the key support to follow. Below this level the probability of price trading to a new high will start to decrease.



Source Bloomberg

Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (68)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,709
- Technically bullish yesterday, the upside test to USD 2,705 on the close had created a minor divergence with the RSI, resulting in bids fading in the Asian day session. Due to the divergence we were cautious on upside moves above USD 2,705 whilst it was in play, as it warned that buyside momentum could slow down. However, as noted previously, our Elliott wave analysis did suggest that downside moved look to be countertrend, making USD 2,628 the key support to follow. Below this level, the probability of the futures trading to a new high would start to decrease.
- The futures have seen another test to the upside with the divergence becoming more prominent. We are above the EMA support band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are conflicting.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,709 with the RSI at or above 72 will mean price and momentum are aligned
 to the buyside; likewise, a close below this level will mean it is aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or
 above USD 2,633 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bullish, the futures are in divergence whilst price and momentum are conflicting, meaning we maintain a cautious approach on upside moves at this level. The upside move to USD 2,720 is a small bodied rejection candle on high volume, implying we are starting to see selling interest in the market. The technical continues to look vulnerable to an intraday pullback; however, as noted previously, our Elliott wave analysis does suggest that downside moved look to be countertrend, making USD 2,633 the key support to follow. Below this level, the probability of the futures trading to a new high will start to decrease.

Zinc Morning Technical (4-hour)



Source Bloomberg



Synopsis - Intraday

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

R3

3.049

- RSI is above 50 (68)
- Stochastic is overbought

2,869

- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,985
- Technically bullish yesterday, the futures continued to find resistance two standard deviations above the linear regression line (USD 2,975), whilst the RSI was in divergence with price. Technically, we continued to look overextended to the upside, warning we could enter a corrective phase; however, our Elliott wave analysis did imply downside moves should be countertrend, making USD 2,831 the key support to follow. If broken, then the probability of price trading to a new high would start to decrease.
- The futures traded to a high of USD 3,003.5 before seeing a pullback into the close; however, we are seeing bid support this morning. We are above all key moving averages supported by the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are conflicting.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,985 with the RSI at or above 71.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside; likewise, a close below this level with the RSI at or below 67 will mean it is aligned to the sell side.

 Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,838 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Unchanged on the technical this morning, we remain bullish with price continuing to trade over two standard deviations above the linear regression line, whilst in divergence, with price and momentum conflicting. For this reason we remain cautious on upside moves at these levels, as price is due an intraday pullback. Elliott wave analysis suggests that downside moves should be countertrend, making USD 2,838 the key support to follow. If broken, then the probability of price trading to a new high will start to decrease.

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Nickel Morning Technical (4-hour)



Synopsis - Intraday Source Bloomberg

- Price is between the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is at 50 (50)
- Stochastic is below 50
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 15,414
- Technically bullish yesterday, the futures had entered a corrective phase having traded to a new high previously. When we looked at the lower timeframe cycle that started on the 10/09, the move lower on the open on the 15/09 (USD 15,320) did create a lower timeframe Elliott wave pullback (highlighted—red circle). We noted that if we traded above USD 15,535 from here, then we are looking at a lower timeframe Elliott wave extension (the oscillator cross is marginal). However, at that point, we had a note of cation on moves higher.
- The futures continued to sell lower with price now in the Fibonacci support zone. We are between the EMA support band with the RSI neutral at 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 15,414 with the RSI at or above 59.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 15,218 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- The futures are bullish but in a corrective phase with the MA on the RSI implying that momentum is weak. We have key support at 15,218 and the intraday 200-period MA at USD 15,222, making this a key area to follow. We are currently looking at a 3-wave corrective pattern, if we hold above the support zone highlighted, then we could still see another move higher. If we do, it will signal a potential, bullish Elliott wave extension. Neutral today, as we need to see either support being broken, or bullish price action.

Lead Morning Technical (4-hour)



Synopsis - Intraday

1,982

S3

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

Source Bloomberg

- RSI is above 50 (52)
- Stochastic is at 50
- Price is below the daily point USD 2,004

R3

2,023

- Technically bullish yesterday, the futures were testing the intraday 200-period MA (USD 1,994), meaning we are at an inflection point. A close that held below the average, which breached the USD 1,988 support would mean that the pull-back is considered as deep, at this point the probability of the futures trading to a new high would start to decrease. Our analysis yesterday suggested that downside moves should be considered as countertrend; however, the futures must hold above the USD 1,988 level.
- We held above the intraday 200-period MA (USD 1,994) resulting in the futures trading to a high of USD 2,011.5; however, we are seeing selling pressure this morning. We are above the EMA support band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are conflicting, as the previous candle closed above the daily pivot level.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,004 with the RSI at or above 56.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside; likewise, a close below this level will mean it is aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 1,988 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Unchanged on the technical this morning, we remain bullish having held key support yesterday. The MA on the RSI is implying that momentum remains weak, but price is above the USD 1,998—USD 1,988 support area, a close that holds below the 200-period MA that breaches the USD 1,988 level will mean that the probability of the futures trading to a new high will start to decrease. However, we put more weight on the average; if we breach the USD 1,988 level but fail to hold below the MA, then resistance levels will remain vulnerable. Our wave analysis does suggest that downside moves should be considered as countertrend at this point.

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